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FORWARD MOVEMENT COVERS WHOLE LINE

AUSTRIAN DEFEAT AT BELGRADE COMPLETE

King Peter and Prince Alexander Entered Capital as Last Stand Was Beaten

DRIVEN ACROSS SAVE AND DANUBE IN HASTE

Abandoned Heavy Guns and Threw Much Equipment Into River as They Flew

Paris, Dec. 18.—Telegraphing from Nish, the correspondent of the Havas Agency says: "Full details of the fighting around Belgrade have not been received, but enough is known to show that there, also, the Austrians suffered a defeat of a fatal nature. After several days of stubborn fighting, the Austrians occupied a line of positions, echeloned from the northeast of Obrenovatz, as far as Kovovina to the southeast of Avala (nine miles from Belgrade). The latter position was carried by the Serbs after several bayonet charges.

On December 13-14 other positions fell one after another until the Austrians were completely beaten on the last hills to the north of Avala. They were beaten on the left flank by Serbian columns debouching from Obrenovatz.

The Austrians retreated precipitately toward the Danube and Save, over which bridges had previously been thrown and on which numerous monitors, lighters and other craft waited to ferry the troops to the opposite bank. While the Austrians were crossing, the greatest haste the Serbians broke the last resistance. The Austrian columns which were left to protect the retreat were thrown into wild disorder and abandoned heavy guns, rifles and other equipment, throwing some of it into the Danube.

Serbian artillery which was rapidly brought up to positions commanding the rivers, shelled and destroyed several bridges. The Austrian losses during the latter days were enormous, and those of the Serbians also were serious. The Serbians captured on December 13-14 about 10,000 prisoners, of whom 67 were officers; 30 cannon, including eight mortars; twenty machine guns, 200 ammunition wagons, twenty field kitchens, numerous horses and a great quantity of supplies. Many Austrians were drowned.

When King Peter and Prince George and Prince Alexander entered Belgrade the fighting was still going on in the lower part of the city between the last detachments of the retreating Austrians and the first columns of the Serbian infantry.

In a dispatch from Nish, Serbia, the correspondent of the Havas Agency says the Serbian authorities have re-established themselves in the vicinity of Podrinje, where the Austrian troops surrendered to them. Prisoners affirm that the Austrian losses in the recent engagement in killed and wounded have been very large and that they exceed the loss in prisoners. Heavy casualties are shown by the innumerable buried remains of Austrian soldiers found on the line of the retreat.

Losnitz, where there had been no fighting recently, was burned by the Austrians.

EGYPT AND SOUDAN ARE ANNEXED BY BRITAIN

Cairo, Egypt, Dec. 18.—A British protectorate was formally proclaimed throughout Egypt to-day. In all garrison towns a salute of 101 guns was fired and the Union Jack was hoisted.

London, Dec. 18.—The British press to-day makes a feature of the annexation of Egypt and the Sudan, which takes from the sultan of Turkey 14,000,000 subjects and 1,300,000 square miles of land. This action, moreover, robs the Turk of his last foothold in Africa, Italy having taken Tripoli from him a few years ago.

The official press bureau issued the following statement concerning the making of Egypt a British protectorate: "His Britannic Majesty's principal secretary of state for foreign affairs gives notice that in view of a state of war arising out of the action of Turkey, Egypt is placed under the protection of his majesty, and will henceforth constitute a British protectorate. The suzerainty of Turkey over Egypt is thus terminated, and his majesty's government will adopt all measures necessary for the defence of Egypt and the protection of the inhabitants and interests. The king has been pleased to approve the appointment of Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry McMahon to be his majesty's high commissioner for Egypt."

EIGHT WARSHIPS IN ENGLISH COAST RAID

Germans Were Pursued by British Vessels Which Kept Up Gun Fire

TRAWLER WAS CAUGHT BETWEEN SQUADRONS

Cassandra Approached by Destroyer Which Was Signalled Away Again

London, Dec. 18.—The Daily Telegraph's Hull correspondent, telegraphing Thursday night, says: "The steam-trawler Cassandra arrived here tonight and brought the story of the naval engagement which followed the German raid on Hartlepool, Scarborough and Whitby, Wednesday morning. "The Cassandra was caught between a German vessel and the pursuing British squadron. One of the Cassandra's crew in an interview said: "We were about 40 miles off Scarborough at 10 or 11 o'clock in the morning when we were surprised to see eight or nine warships approaching at full speed. Our surprise turned to amazement when we found they were Germans and heard shots fired. "One first-class ship passed so close to us that we could see the men working the guns, which were being fired rapidly. One destroyer was sent within halting distance of us, and we thought our last moment had come, but at another signal she steamed away. "When the German vessels had got well away a British squadron came into sight firing as they came. It seemed to me they were ten miles apart. We heard firing for half an hour. "Later on we saw some of the British vessels return and came to the conclusion that the chase was over, but with what result we did not know."

The escape of the German warships Wednesday is accounted as simply the luckiest kind of luck. The British admiralty was well informed of the pending raid and had made preparations for crushing the enemy's squadrons, but fog interfered and the Germans dashed homeward. British ships were ready to take to sea, having been forewarned that a raid was to be made, but when they got within sight of the hostile squadron, the latter, seeing the British force, turned and steamed off at full speed. The fog was so thick that the visitors were able to cover their movements and get away. The navy is confidently waiting for another chance. The general feeling in London is one of hopefulness that the Germans will be encouraged by their success to try again.

London, Dec. 18.—The following are additional casualties that have already been reported as the result of the German raid of Wednesday: West Hartlepool—Ramsey, Charles, Osborne road; Meach, John; Margaret, aged eight; Stanch, John; Woods, Josiah; Woods, Alfred Claude, aged twelve. Hartlepool town—Burns, Samuel; Clark, John; Henly, John; Watt, May; man named Church; Scarborough—Eggle, John-Shields, aged twelve months; Wawa, John, aged nine. Whitby—Graham, William, aged seaman, died of shock.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—It is officially reported that the German vessels which bombarded Hartlepool, Scarborough and Whitby were hit several times by the coast batteries, but that the damage was slight.

FOUR SEATS DRAPED IN FRENCH CHAMBER

Paris, Dec. 18.—There will be a number of empty seats in both houses when the French parliament meets December 22. Those of Senator Emile Raymond and Deputies Pierre Gouyon, Edouard Nortier and Paul Proust, who were killed in battle, will be draped in crepe.

There are a number of senators and deputies in territory occupied by Germany, and the French government has been trying to communicate with them through the Spanish embassy in Berlin, but so far unsuccessfully. Among these members is one of the deans of the senate, the academician, Alfred Meslieres. Others in the occupied territory are Senator Charles Noel; Georges Ernante, Charles Sobline, Joseph Depove, Gustave Dron and Auguste Potie, who are mayors of the cities they represent and stayed at their posts. Deputy Pasqual, a territorial lieutenant in the active French army, is another who will be missing. He was taken prisoner at Maubeuge. Deputy Basly, mayor of Lens, also will be absent, as he is believed to have been shot by the Germans.



THE GREAT ILLUSION
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KAISER—My poor bird, what HAS happened to your tail-feathers?
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KAISER—If it's not for publication.
GERMAN EAGLE—It's like this, then. You told me the British lion was contemptible. Well, he wasn't!

REAL ESTATE MORATORIUM WHEN LEGISLATURE MEETS

Nelson, Dec. 28.—Announcement was made by Hon. W. J. Bowser, at a large Conservative smoker last night that the government proposed at the coming session of the provincial legislature to pass legislation providing for a limited moratorium. It will apply only to overdue real estate payments, for it is not the government's intention to interfere with any other contract.

Debtor Must Present Case to Supreme Court.

The plan is to protect both as to principal and interest, persons who are threatened with foreclosure under mortgages or agreements of sale. It will be arranged that the effect of the legislation will both begin and end by order of the executive council. In order to take advantage of the terms of the legislation a debtor will be required to make out a brief case before a supreme court judge, who will decide upon the measure of relief to which he is entitled.

Mr. Bowser said he had inquired the intentions of all the provinces of Canada on this question. The maritime provinces and Quebec will have no moratorium. Ontario has announced that some legislation to this end will be introduced. Manitoba has one in force and similar enactments, but with provisions differing in detail, have been applied in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

MEXICANS REQUESTED TO MOVE WAR SOUTH

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Major-General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, is making his hurried trip to Naco to ask the gentlemen in Mexico to move their war a little farther south, so it will not annoy the Americans there. Thus the head of the United States army explained his mission to the Mexican border as he waited here last night for a train to carry him to the southwest. General Scott said he would visit the rival commanders directing the fighting at Naco and attempt to prevent the trouble there from developing into any international difficulty. "It was thought that my acquaintance with the Mexican commanders might make it possible for me, in an individual way to see if their troubles might not be brought to a conclusion without injury to residents of the United States," General Scott said.

RECRUITING IN BRITAIN CONTINUES TO INCREASE

London, Dec. 18.—Great Britain is still buzzing with talk about the German raid on the east coast, interest having been stimulated afresh by the latest accounts coming out of Hartlepool. Many of the naturalized Germans arrested on the east coast after the German raid have been liberated.

DENMARK PREVENTING FOOD REACHING GERMANY

London, Dec. 18.—According to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Central News the government has ordered all Danish importers of foodstuffs from America to deposit with the government bills of lading and orders showing the disposal of these cargoes, with a view of preventing absolutely the export of food to Germany.

TROOPS AT SALISBURY PLANNING BOAT RACE AND SIGNING PLEDGE

Toronto, Dec. 18.—A Globe cable from Salisbury Plain to-day says some of the Canadian troops were inspected to-day by the King and Lord Kitchener. The Canadian brigadiers and battalion commanders are going to the Isle of Wight for a short course of training. The Toronto, Ottawa and Winnipeg oarsmen in the expeditionary force are arranging a rowing match for Christmas. Several thousand Canadians have signed the temperance pledge under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A.

TORONTO PEOPLE SEE TEST MOBILIZATION

Toronto, Dec. 18.—The test mobilization this afternoon by the second contingent infantry and the newly-formed Ontario motor league corps was successful. The parade of autos was over four and a half miles in length. Headed by three quick-firing guns, the 2,000 troops left camp on thirty street cars to forty various points where they were picked up by the autos and taken to Queen's park where manoeuvres were held. The next movement was through city streets to High park and was watched by thousands.

BRITISH PORTS BOMBARDED

An enemy's bombs have fallen in British ports and killed some of our fellow-countrymen. Does not this bring the war close home? With

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FLANDERS TRENCHES CHANGING HANDS BY ALLIES' OFFENSIVE

First Line Defences of Enemy Attacked and Conquered Yesterday Near Arras and Artillery Advantages Gained by French on River Aisne.

Three German Battalions Attempting to Move Out Near Four de Paris and Another Infantry Attack at St. Hubert Repulsed

London, Dec. 18.—In the western arena of war no events of great importance have been reported. Foot by foot the allies appear to be forcing the Germans out of their trenches in Flanders and maintaining the pressure elsewhere on the front from the sea to Switzerland.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The French war office this afternoon gave out an official communication as follows: "The day of December 17 was marked, as we said yesterday, by an advance on our part in Belgium, where every counter attack undertaken by the enemy failed.

Kilometre of German Trenches Captured.

"In the region of Arras a vigorous offensive movement made us masters of several trenches. These trenches are located at Auchy, La Basse, St. Laurent and Blangy. At this last mentioned place we occupied a front more than one kilometre long, almost all the first line trenches of the enemy.

In the region of Tracy Leval, on the Aisne, and in Champagne our heavy artillery won distinct advantages.

"In the Argonne the Germans blew up one of our trenches to the north of Four de Paris and endeavored to move out from their position with three battalions of troops. This infantry attack, as well as the one they undertook at St. Hubert, was repulsed.

To the east of the Meuse and in the Vosges there is nothing to report."

Russia and Germany Both Claim Advantage in Eastern Battle

London, Dec. 18.—Again the Germans and the Austrians claim to be on the crest of a wave of battle as the interminable struggle in the east continues. Berlin is gay with flags but Petrograd declines to concede victory to the invaders.

Berlin and Vienna contend that the Russians are falling back along the entire front from the Baltic to the Carpathians, with the invaders' centre less than thirty miles from Warsaw. To the south, where a few weeks ago Russians were pouring over the Carpathians into Hungary, combined Austro-German forces have now forced them back through the passes and it is asserted have advanced two-thirds of the way across Galicia and are nearing the fortress of Lemberg, occupied by the Russians early in the Galician campaign.

The Russian official announcements admit none of this. They dismiss the happenings in Galicia as engagements of no importance and class the operations to the west of Warsaw in the same category. It is claimed, however, that the extreme Russian right near Miawa has thrust the Germans back and that Russian cavalry has swung across the southern border of East Prussia.

Petrograd, Dec. 17.—The following statement from the general staff of the Russian command-in-chief was made public to-night: "In the direction of Miawa our cavalry and troops are chasing energetically the beaten Germans. "Several of our corps already have crossed the frontier. "During the chase we have captured prisoners' guns and war materials. "On the left bank of the Vistula and in Eastern Galicia on December 14 no important fighting took place. "During the past week the garrison at Przemysl has attempted several sorties, all of which were repulsed, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. "During one of these sorties we captured several hundred prisoners and machine guns."

BOTHA CONSIDERS THAT REBELLION HAS ENDED

Premier of South Africa Takes Holiday Before Starting Campaign Against Germans. Capetown, Dec. 18.—General Louis Botha, premier of the Union of South Africa, considers that the rebellion, apart from the rounding up of a few stray bands, is at an end. Accordingly he has gone for a short vacation on his farm before undertaking a campaign against German Southwest Africa.

GERMANY PLANNED TO ANNEX SWITZERLAND

Paris, Dec. 18.—As proof that Germany made plans to annex Switzerland, the Matin prints photographs of German ten and twenty-franc stamps across which are printed in black letters "Schweiz, ten centimes" and "Schweiz, twenty-five centimes." The editor claims that he has stamps of this kind in his possession.

BRITISH DESTROYED TURKISH BARRACKS

Paris, Dec. 18.—The Havas agency has given out a dispatch from its correspondent at Athens who quotes a message from the island of Tenos to the effect that the recent bombardment by a British fleet in the gulf of Saron, in the Dardanelles, destroyed the Turkish barracks on shore and seriously damaged the fortifications. The Turks, panic-stricken, fled to the interior.

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MAJORITY OF 70,000 BERLIN MEN KILLED

Amsterdam, Dec. 17.—Berlin newspapers, reaching here declare that a majority of the 70,000 residents of Berlin who went to the front have lost their lives.

Other statistical information given by these papers is that of the organized workers of Germany, who number 661,000, about 21 per cent. are now in active military service. The German federation of workers has given over \$2,750,000 for the relief of the unemployed and to assist needy women and children.

LAST CASUALTY LIST

London, Dec. 17.—The following list of casualties was issued last night:

Killed—Bacon, Major B. K. W., Worcestershire regiment; Atchison, Lieutenant, King's Own Lancaster regiment.

Wounded—Bush, Lieutenant, Dublin Fusiliers; French, Lieutenant, Dublin Fusiliers; Hawes, Second Lieutenant, Royal Garrison Artillery; Jones, Second Lieutenant, Artillery; Lawrence, Second Lieutenant, Middlesex regiment; Macgrath, Lieutenant, Lancaster regiment; Willett, Lieutenant, London Rifle Brigade.

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Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—Harry Mason, found guilty of the murder of John J. McCole in St. Boniface on October 28, was sentenced this morning by Chief Justice Mathers to be hanged on Friday, March 12. Grace Beggs, who was indicted jointly with Mason for the murder, was found guilty yesterday of manslaughter because the evidence did not show that she knew Mason intended to bludgeon his victim. She was sentenced to serve seven years' imprisonment.

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Large house shown in upper picture was destroyed in German bombardment. Two sisters of E. P. Kay, Victoria, who lived there, are reported to have been killed. The lower picture is the castle keep, Scarborough.

REAR-ADMIRAL FISKE HEARD ON NAVAL RAID BELIEVES WITH SUBMARINES BRITISH COULD HAVE STOPPED GERMAN CRUISERS

Washington, Dec. 17.—An adequate number of British submarines might have repelled the German cruisers which raided the English coast yesterday, Rear-Admiral Fiske told the house naval committee at today's hearing on the needs of the sea defences.

"If the British had had a sufficient number of submarines they could have stood off the cruisers," he said. "If the German vessels were going fast, however, it would be hard for submarines to stand them off. If the British had had a dozen or fifteen submarines at Hartlepool they would have been pretty hard to tackle."

Admiral Fiske thought that, judged by the situation abroad, the United States was as well prepared to-day for control of the sea as ever before.

Leaving aside the fact that Europe was at war, however, he thought the United States navy was not as well prepared, because other nations have been going ahead in naval affairs much more rapidly.

Admiral Fiske thought the real significance of the German shelling of the British ports probably was to draw out and string the British fleet along the North Sea in such a way that it could be attacked by a German fleet.

Replying to questions which covered a long range, including academic questions as to the Monroe Doctrine, Admiral Fiske said that he did not think the United States would have been any more insistent in its dispute with Great Britain over the Venezuelan boundary if it had possessed a more powerful navy.

The navy then was inferior to the present one and the British navy was superior to that of the United States.

The admiral told the committee that whether the United States could take submarines to Japan is doubtful. Immediately, at the instance of several members, the mention of Japan was stricken out.

"In case of an attack on the American coast," said the admiral, "our inadequacy as to mines and aircraft would be very serious. There is considerable development along that line in foreign nations. If we got into war we might expect an attack on our coast, very quickly, possibly in the vicinity of New York."

EIGHTY-TWO KILLED IN TWO HARTLEPOOLS

Number Wounded by German Bombardment is Greater Than First Announced

Hartlepool, Eng., Dec. 17.—An inquest was held here to-day over the bodies of eighty-two victims of the German bombardment killed in Hartlepool and West Hartlepool.

In opening the court, the coroner said that never before in English history had an inquest been held under similar circumstances, and he hoped the occasion would never occur again.

The shelling of the Hartlepoos, he added, afforded a faint idea of what Belgium and France had suffered through the German invasion.

The jury returned a verdict that the men came to their deaths from shells fired from German ships.

TWO KILLED BY FIRE

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 18.—Two persons were killed and a number injured, in a fire which early to-day destroyed a large rooming house here. The dead are: Lucius Alexander and Chester F.

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ZAPATISTAS ARE NOW IN OCCUPATION OF PUEBLA

Provisional President Gutierrez Issues Decree to Stop Political Executions.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The city of Puebla has been evacuated by Carranza and now is held by Zapatistas. A report to the state department to-day says Carranza troops burned the railroad station before departing.

Special Agent Canova, reporting to the state department to-day from Mexico City, said Provisional President Gutierrez had not only issued a decree stopping political executions but had promised to punish any officials responsible for unwarranted executions so far. Canova reported that the execution of which there had been a great number, had diminished.

ANOTHER LARGE LAWSUIT FOR CANADIAN NORTHERN

Rumored That Claims Are to Be Sued for Work on Vancouver Island.

Calgary, Dec. 17.—The Canadian Northern interests, Sir William Mackenzie and Sir Donald Mann, are named as the defendants in a suit brought in the local courts through Loucheed, Bennett and McLaw on behalf of the Phelan Shirley company, railway contractors. Judgment is asked for \$375,000 for work alleged to have been done on the defendant's railway west of Edmonton and damages to the extent of \$50,000.

It is rumored here that other suits are pending, although not yet filed, in connection with railway contracts on Vancouver Island.

JAPANESE GIVE OVATION TO LEADERS OF FORCES

Tokio, Dec. 18.—Lieut-General Kamie and Vice-Admiral Sadakichi Kato, respectively commanders of the land and naval forces which operated successfully against the fortress at Tsing Tau, were given an ovation on their entry into the city to-day.

A three days' festival will be held in honor of their return.

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NEWSPAPER OPINIONS ON RAIDS BY GERMANS

Infamous Crime Against Humanity Not an Operation of War, but Helps Recruiting

London, Dec. 17.—The Pall Mall Gazette, referring to the German bombardment of Yorkshire coast towns, says: "It is worth two army corps to the new army. 'Frightfulness' will produce no effect on the nerves of the country. This outrage on humanity will arouse a stirred, cold anger in the hearts of the sturdy men of the north. Those who have hesitated will hesitate no longer."

Although some disappointment is expressed that the German raiders succeeded in getting away, no disposition is shown by the London morning papers to criticize the admiralty or the government authorities. On the contrary, some papers strongly deprecate any unreflecting clamor for increasing the North Sea patrols, and insist that German action should not influence the strategy of the naval staff, which must be directed toward defeating the German high seas fleet, whenever and wherever opportunity offers.

The bombardment of Whitby, Scarborough and Hartlepool hardly strikes us as an operation of war," says the Morning Post, which argues that attacks on undefended towns are against all the principles of warfare. "As to the object of the German admiralty," adds the paper, "it probably has been for the purpose that German people may hear that some damage has been done to persons and property in England, and they certainly will be delighted and encouraged by knowing that German ships crossed the North Sea and shelled English towns. It will be proof to them that the British navy does not command the North Sea."

"But the British navy does not pretend to command the North Sea. Its attitude is that British ships will use all seas and oceans, except the North Sea, as though the German navy did not exist, unless and until the German navy challenges that attitude by fighting."

The Daily Telegraph in an editorial says: "The Germans have informed America, with its coast line on the Atlantic and Pacific of many thousands of miles, that there is not a seaside village or hamlet into which, if they wish, they will not, should it seem well to them, pour explosive shells from their naval guns."

"This power which claims to be carrying the standard of world culture, issues a similar warning to all other neutral states."

GLASGOW GOT LEIPZIG IN FALKLANDS BATTLE

Fleet That Sent Germans Below Consisted of Eight of British Navy

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 17.—The German cruisers sent to the bottom off the Falkland Islands December 8 apparently were taken unawares by the British at the time when neither side was expecting an encounter. The first detailed account of the battle which reached here to-day from Puerto Gallegos, Patagonia, says that the Germans were on their way to attack the Falkland Islands, a British possession, when they came unexpectedly upon a lone British warship. The other members of the British fleet were taking on supplies from a neighboring island at the time. Before the Germans were aware of the strength of their opponents, three ships closed in on them and the fate of Admiral von Spee's squadron was soon sealed.

The story of the battle was told by passengers on the British steamer Orissa, which arrived at Punta Arenas from Callao. They say that the Germans fought bravely to the end, even the colliers refusing to surrender. Losses of the British were placed at eight men.

It was a formidable British squadron which faced the Germans. Included in it were the battleship Canopus, the battle cruisers Invincible and Inflexible and the cruisers Kent, Cornwall, Carnarvon, Bristol and Glasgow. It far outnumbered in strength the German squadron, consisting of five cruisers, Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Leipzig, Nürnberg and Dresden.

The British squadron arrived at Port Stanley, Falkland Island, on December 7 to take on supplies. The next morning the Canopus, guarding the entrance to the port, sighted a hostile warship. Four others quickly came into view and were recognized as the squadron of Admiral von Spee. The German warships had left the Chilean Islands of Juan Fernandez November 15 for the Falkland Islands to take possession of the islands and destroy the wireless station.

Only the Canopus was visible at first to the Germans, who steamed straight at her. The Canopus opened fire and the other British warships rushed to her assistance. The Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig formed in battle line. The Nürnberg and Dresden, however, dropped back from the firing line. The British warships concentrated their fire on the Scharnhorst, Admiral von Spee's flagship. When it became evident that she was doomed her crew assembled on the forward deck. The Scharnhorst refused to surrender and after an hour's fighting plunged beneath the waves. The crew presented its formation as the ship went down and cheered as the waters closed about them.

The Glasgow engaged the Leipzig and sank her. The Gneisenau went down 80 miles from Port Stanley. The Nürnberg attempted to escape, but after a pursuit of two hours was sunk. The Carnarvon pursued the Dresden, but was not swift enough to overhaul her and the German warship escaped.

After the battle the British picked up 134 Germans, including a few officers. Of these survivors 100 were from the crews of the two German colliers. An opportunity to surrender was offered the colliers, but it was refused and they were sunk.

The cruiser Cornwall was damaged slightly below the waterline. None of the other British warships was damaged.

Funeral services were held December 19 for the eight British sailors who were killed, in the presence of the commanders and crew of the squadron.

The British admiralty report of the battle stated that only seven men of the British squadron lost their lives.

NO LIQUIDATOR YET FOR DOMINION TRUST

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—Contrary to general expectations, no appointment to the liquidatorship of the Dominion Trust Company was made this morning by Chief Justice Hunter.

A. C. Strrett, manager of the General Administration Society and Credit Ponder, in view of his lordship's announcement that he would not appoint any man who was not able to give his undivided attention to the liquidation, notified the creditors' committee last night that he would be unable to fulfill this condition and accordingly withdrew his name. He suggested, however, that the appointment should be made in the name of Ashworth Anderson, the officer whom he had intended to place in undivided control of the liquidation under himself, intimating that he would recommend his companies to advance such monies to the liquidation as Mr. Anderson would require.

The change of name by the committee, without the backing of the general meeting of depositors and creditors, did not meet with his lordship's approval. "I doubt if a sub-committee has the power to substitute the name of Mrs. Anderson for the name voted on by this meeting. I think the matter should go back again to a general meeting of the creditors," said the judge.

AUSTRALIAN OPPOSITION LEAVES HOUSE IN BODY

Melbourne, Dec. 18.—During a stormy all-night session of the federal house of representatives the speaker cited Hon. Joseph Cook, leader of the Liberal party and a former cabinet minister, for gross insults to the chair.

LIONS IN NEW YORK ESCAPE CAUSE PANIC

Policeman Shot in Attempt to Kill Beasts; One Man's Hand Bitten

New York, Dec. 17.—Five lions escaped this afternoon in the Eighty-sixth street theatre on east 86th street. The audience was thrown into a panic. Two persons were taken to a hospital shortly after the escape of the lions. One of the beasts was shot and killed within fifteen minutes.

Police Sergeant Glynn was shot and seriously wounded while half a dozen policemen were firing at the lions. Two other men, names unknown, also were shot. Ambulances from two hospitals were rushed to the theatre.

One of the lions was brought to bay in the lobby of the theatre. Another lion made its way to a photograph gallery in the building.

Angered by the bullets the lions attacked the police who were firing at them. Policeman James M. Craig was caught by one of the beasts which chewed his left hand. Policeman Edward W. Kegan was hurt about the head by another lion and was shot in the right hand by one of his companions who sought to drive the beast away.

One of the lions reached the street. This was the animal that entered the photograph gallery. As it entered the room it knocked down the proprietor who was in the act of taking a picture of a woman. The woman, too, was knocked down. The lion then went upstairs to the tenements above, with twelve or more policemen blazing away at it. The lion was killed.

KAISER WILL RETURN TO BATTLEFIELD THIS WEEK

Amsterdam, Dec. 18.—According to the Telegraaf, Emperor William, who has been detained in Berlin for some time because of illness, will return to the front this week. The emperor, the dispatch says, has just conferred the decoration of the Iron Cross, first class, on Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg.

Phoenix Stout, dozen pints, 75c.

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In silk and crepe de chine. One line at \$3.75, another at \$4.75, and still another at **\$5.75**
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<p>Ladies' Gun-Metal Calf Button Boots</p> <p>These have the high tops. Just the thing for this wet weather. Sold regularly at \$5.00. Sale price \$2.95</p>	<p>Special in Boys' School Boots</p> <p>Heavy soles; will outlast other shoes; will stand hard wear. Sold regularly at \$3.50. Sizes from 1 to 5. Sale price \$2.40</p>	<p>Men's Winter Calf Bluchers</p> <p>These have the Goodyear welt sole. We guarantee this to be the best waterproof boot on the market; the very thing for walking around in during this wet weather. Sold regularly at \$4. Sale price \$4.45</p>	<p>Children's School Shoes</p> <p>Blucher cut, very serviceable. Sold regularly at \$2.25. Sale price \$1.45</p>
<p>Men's Box Calf Bluchers</p> <p>These have the sewn sole; very comfy and lasting. Sold regularly at \$4.00. Sale price \$2.95</p>	<p>Felt Slippers</p> <p>Make a good, sensible Xmas present, whether it be for a man or woman, boy or girl. Men's Felt Slippers. Sale price 95¢ Women's Felt Slippers. Sale price 75¢ Girls' Felt Slippers, sizes 11 to 2. Sale price 55¢ Children's Felt Slippers, sizes 4 to 10. Sale price 45¢</p>	<p>Storm Rubbers</p> <p>The very thing for this wet weather. Guard yourself against colds. The only place in town where you can buy them so cheap. Men's Storm Rubbers. Sale price 75¢ Women's Storm Rubbers. Sale price 60¢ Girls' Storm Rubbers, all sizes up to size 2. Sale price 50¢</p>	<p>Specials in Shoe Polish</p> <p>Including Two-in-One, Nugget and Just Out. Tan and black. Sale price Two for 15c</p>
<p>CHRISTIE SHOES WEAR LIKE IRON. DID YOU EVER TRY A PAIR? GET BUSY RIGHT AWAY!</p>	<p>Big Shipment of Men's Kid Romeo Slippers</p> <p>In black and brown; easy to slip on and very comfortable. Low cut. Sale price \$1.95 High cut. Sale price \$2.35 You can't beat these at this price.</p>	<p>SHOE COMFORT ONLY COMES TO THOSE WHO WEAR CHRISTIE SHOES</p>	

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- Broken Syrup in bulk, per lb. .37
- Butter in bulk, per pint .37
- Utah's Golden, per lb. .35
- Or 7 for 1.99
- Bread, per loaf .15

Smith's Catsup, regular 25c. per bottle; our price .15c.
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RELIEF OF THE NEEDY.

The committee of unemployment and relief which was formed last week will meet to-night to complete organization and devise measures to deal with conditions with which this city, in common with other communities of importance on the continent, is confronted.

BLUNDERS AGAIN.

The evening paper, by exercising a little knowledge of the British temperament in editing the news dispatches it receives through American sources, would serve British interests in a more patriotic way.

From the beginning of the war the Times has beaten it off the boards in telegraph war news. This is due to the difference in time between Victoria and other western cities, and London, the source of the news.

STILL HOLDS THEM.

Dr. H. A. Gibbons, formerly professor of history at Rogers College, Constantine, and an eminent student of European affairs, has just published a book in regard to the war in which he emphasizes an amazing point.

EDITORIAL INTREPIDITY.

All people are not like editors, endowed with faces of brass, hearts of oak and nerves of steel. Ordinary men, such as those recently bombarded in Hartlepool, Scarborough and Whitby, awakening in the morning to find shells bursting around their heads, naturally might be forgiven for becoming panic-stricken, or something very closely resembling such a state of mind.

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that the Teutonic-Turkish alliance will deal magnanimously with the enemies of cultured Germany, Austria and Turkey. It was just a fortnight ago that Belgrade was laid at the feet of Emperor Franz Joseph as a birthday present.

A report says the Kaiser will return to the front next week. Apparently he is not going to get off as easy as we feared. Next week, then, will mark the turn of the tide in Poland.

PASSAGES FROM THE POETS.

Not without fortitude I wait The dark majestical ensuit Of destiny, nor patient rate Calm-knowledged Fate.

I do hear From the revolving year A voice which cries: 'All dies; Lo, how all dies! O peer, And all things too arise! All dies, and all is born; But each rearsurgent morn, behold, more near the Perfect Morn.'

Firm is the man, and set beyond the east, Of Fortune's game, and the iniquitous hour. Where falcon soars site fast. And not indolently interest on a new war debt of about \$5,000,000,000.

THIS WAR'S WORST FEATURE.

The London Statist, in a staid if not cheerful editorial, tells the British that the war is costing them a billion and a half per annum, and that they will have to pay indefinitely interest on a new war debt of about \$5,000,000,000.

THE PRISONER.

From the Boston Post. There is a government official at Washington whose entertainments are rather dull, but who himself possesses a sense of humor.

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On Sale Friday and Saturday at Unequaled Prices

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Chiffon, Marquise and Net Dresses Regular \$10 to \$25 Values \$3.75 Sale Price

The very Dresses you need for Christmas party wear. Smart styles in pale shades and white. Materials include chiffon, marquise, crepe cloth and nets.

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A lovely assortment of Dresses in fancy and plain silks, in mahogany, blues, fancy stripes and blacks. Suitable for afternoon wear.

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100 beautiful Dresses in this assortment and some are most elaborate Evening Gowns, while others are in the plainer styles. All colors and black, and the samples displayed in the View street windows will convince you that these are bargains unequaled anywhere.

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A price that will sell every Coat in a very short space of time, and the ladies who are fortunate in getting one will have one of the best Coat bargains ever offered at the price.

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Balmacaen, belt effects and three-quarter Coats in a good variety of styles and fashionable fabrics.

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REGULAR \$40.00 TO \$65.00 NOVELTY SUITS TO-CLEAR AT \$25.00

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To-day and Saturday

AT 10.30 SATURDAY MORNING

A Special Clearance of Trimmed Outing Hats at \$1

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Two Models in Royal Worcester Corsets to Sell at 95c

This is an exceptionally low price for a Royal Worcester Corset, but we have a few dozen pairs we intend offering at this price to make up a busy afternoon in this department.

We Offer a Big Range of Children's Sample Muslim Dresses at \$1 and \$2.50

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A complete sample range of Children's Dresses, bought at a price that enables us to offer them to you at one-half the regular. This is not only interesting but welcome news to mothers who are now on the lookout for just such Dresses as these for their girls to wear at Christmas and New Year parties.

Silks for Christmas Party Dresses, Waists and Wraps

The greatest interest in the Silk department is centred around the large display of beautiful silks suitable for making up into pretty party and evening dresses, also waists and wraps.

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Ladies' Irish Lawn, 1/2 doz. in box, \$1.25 and \$1.00

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MEET TO-NIGHT

Liberal Association Will Hold Extraordinary General Session at K. of P. Hall; Educational Series.

The Executive of the Victoria Liberal Association has arranged for a series of educational meetings during the winter months. An extraordinary general meeting of the association will be held in the K. of P. Hall, North Park street, this evening at 8 o'clock. A programme of the series of meetings prepared by a special committee, will be submitted for approval. Arrangements will also be made for the election of officers at the annual meeting to be held early in January.

The special committee has outlined a plan for holding a mock parliament during the winter months, which should be of interest to the younger element. All members of the association and others in sympathy with the work of the Liberal party are urged to attend the meeting this evening.

PROGRAMME FROM "MESSIAH"

Special Musical Numbers Will Be Offered at Metropolitan Church on Sunday.

The following musical programme from the "Messiah" will be given at the Metropolitan church on Sunday: Morning anthem, recitative, "Comfort Ye My People," with tenor solo by Mr. Dunford; "Every Valley Shall Be Exalted," chorus "And the Glory of the Lord," offertory, recitative "Behold a Virgin Shall Conceive," contralto solo and chorus "O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion," Mrs. L. Ticker. Evening anthem, "For Behold Darkness Shall Cover the Earth;" bass solo, "The People That Walked in Darkness," Mr. Palmer; chorus "For Unto Us a Child is Born," soprano solo, "Rejoice Greatly O Daughter of Zion," Mrs. G. A. Downard. Offertory, recitatives, "There Were Shepherds Abiding in the Field," "And Lo, the Angel of the Lord Came Upon Them," "And Suddenly There Was With the Angels," Chorus, "Glory to God in the Highest" and the "Hallelujah Chorus." The pastor's subject in the morning will be "The First Christmas Song." At night it will be "The Four-fold Name."

BRIEF NEWS OF THE CITY

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Phoenix Beer, dozen pints, 75c.

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White Sewing Machine Store, 1221 Douglas.

Piano for Rent, \$4. Phone 2507R.

He will appreciate a Hat Scrap for Xmas, which gives him the choice of any hat in our store—only \$2.00. Frost & Frost, Westholme Block.

This War Has Shown the Thinking Canadian that as long as a man has a farm of his own he cannot lose his job, and his food problem is solved for him. A clerk, dependent on the resources of the city in which he lives, when he is thrown out of work feels the ground slipping from under his feet—precisely because it is not his ground. Maude Radford Warren in The Saturday Evening Post.

If you want some ground of your own in close touch with the E. & N. railway in the Nanaimo and Newcastle districts with five years in which to pay for it, write or call on the Vancouver Island Fruit Lands, Ltd. General Agents, Carmichael & Moorhead, Ltd., Belmont House, Victoria, B. C.

Give Cutlery for Xmas.—It lasts long. Carvers in sets \$2.50 to \$9.00; Knives, \$2 to \$6.50 a dozen; Pocket Knives, 15c to \$2.00. R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas Street.

Dry Fir Cordwood, cut to 12 inches, \$5 per cord; \$2.50 per 1/2 cord delivered. Phone 2545.

I.O.D.E. Contributions.—The Gonzales chapter was in charge yesterday at the I.O.D.E. headquarters, Temple building, and, among other things, received 2 bonnets; 1 waist and 2 caps from Mrs. Cousins, an old lady of 75 who is interested in the work of the order. A little girl, Miss Kitty Campbell, contributed 2 pairs of socks and 2 scarves which she had purchased out of her own pocket money. The Gonzales chapter contributed to the I.O.D.E. consignment of knitted articles for the soldiers 13 pairs of mittens, and Mrs. Rowlands sent through a member of the Navy League chapter a set of underclothes and a dress for a child of six years. The Ladies' Guild at Strawberry Vale donated 15 shirts, 5 muffers and 1 pair of child's stockings. Among the recent acquisitions in aid of the emergency fund is a set of doll's knitted muff, gaiters and cap.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, December 18, 1889.

Major C. T. Dupont, late inspector of inland revenue for the province, returned on Monday from Europe after an absence of 18 months.

Mr. Robert F. Ely and Miss Eliza Graham, sister of R. Graham, of Parson's Bridge, were married by Bishop Ridge at the Reformed Episcopal church on Tuesday afternoon. Miss Fulton, of Nanaimo, and Miss Jessie Price, of Parson's Bridge, were bridesmaids, while Mr. W. Mellor, of this city, supported the groom.

The marriage of Mr. Harry Maynard, a popular young man of this city, to Miss Minnie Grafton, will be solemnized this evening at the home of the bride's parents, View street.

Major MacLennan, manager of the company that owned the wrecked steamer Idaho, has, it is understood, expressed his high appreciation of the courteous treatment accorded the officers of that vessel by the customs officials here. He considers they assisted in every way.

BUY AT HOME, SAYS LOCAL FINANCIER

A. C. Flumerfelt Strongly in Support of Purchasing Victoria Goods

"I have always been heartily in sympathy with every movement having for its object the development and advancement of the capital city." The speaker was A. C. Flumerfelt, the well-known local financier, who this morning gave to the Times some of the reasons why Victoria people should buy everything they want within the four corners of their own city.

"In answer to your question," he told the reporter, "as to what advantages accrue through buying if possible in Victoria, I think they are fairly obvious to anyone. Unless we support the merchants they cannot, of course, occupy and provide revenue rising from buildings set aside for these purposes. This in turn decreases the value of all our realty, which is consequently accountable for taxes on a falling scale. Pushed to its legitimate conclusion this means a lack of those street improvements and sanitary comforts which every good city should enjoy."

Mr. Flumerfelt then brought in the manner in which labor conditions would be adversely affected by buying abroad.

"Unless the merchants are able to keep in constant employment their regular staff, the purchasing power of this staff is very materially interfered with and this has its effect on all other branches of trade. If you take away the work from a number of men, you also take away the purchasing power of themselves and their families. Another danger is depletion of population, which in turn entails vacant houses, loss to the owners and a generally depressing effect upon the minds of prospective residents of the city. People do not care to come to a town where there are too many vacant homes and where the prevailing atmosphere is one of financial gloom."

"In my opinion," concluded Mr. Flumerfelt, "we should all feel the very great importance of conserving, and if possible, building up every local industry, and this relates particularly to the manufacturers of the city, to which I think preference should always and at all times be given."

PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

Many Schools Hold Exercises To-day; Will Be Reopened on January 4

To-day the public schools of the province close their doors for the Christmas holidays, and exercises in which the Christmas traditions were to the fore, held the attention of the children throughout the city and vicinity. In the schools of the city and three suburban municipalities 7,000 children are freed from their lessons to-day and are preparing for the holiday festival.

On account of the position in which the Victoria school board is placed, only a bare majority of members being in the city, and those of those being detained by professional duties to-day from attending the exercises planned at the schools, the principal duty of visiting fell on Trustee Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. George Jay and Inspector E. B. Paul.

Almost every school in the city had exercises to-day, although one or two, including the Girls' Central school, held their festivals yesterday. Among those to-day were George Jay, South Park and North Ward; at each of which suitable recitations and songs had been prepared, visitors being invited to attend. The school festivals precede those of the church institutions, and hence many of the children looked forward most eagerly to the Christmas exercises to-day rather than to the school functions of to-day. The teachers' relief fund is being increased next week in order that unfavorable conditions may not affect the children more than is absolutely necessary.

The schools will be closed for two weeks and will reopen on January 1. It is announced that that day will also be marked by the opening of the provincial normal school here, an institution which has been so much desired. The city trustees to-day received an invitation to the opening of the fine new high school at New Westminster on that date.

At present it is doubtful if the Margaret Jenkins school will be ready, as the rains caught the building before the roof was in position, causing some inevitable delay. The contractors, however, hope to be able to turn over the building to the board in the immediate future. Only a primary school is operated in the manual training building there as yet. Beyond a small building at South Park school, the building programme of the school board has been completed for the present. The new King's road school was to have been started, but on account of the state of the debenture market the commencement has been delayed.

FOR CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Concert at Victoria Theatre on Monday Under Auspices of Affiliated Friendly Society Association.

One of the good works of the Affiliated Friendly Society association will be the holding of a Christmas hamper concert in the Victoria theatre, Douglas street, on Monday evening next, starting at 8.10 p. m. The object is a particularly worthy one, as the proceeds are to go toward supplying Christmas hampers for the needy about the city. Tickets will be 50 cents each, both for the lower floor and balcony. The programme will be as follows:

Part I.
Overture—Bagpipes, 5th Highlanders
Song—Boys of the Old Brigade
Dance—Sailor's Hornpipe
Song—Sailor of H. M. C. S. Tainbow
Song—All Mine Alone
D. C. Hughes
Scottish Dance
Miss Mary Shearer, Champion Amateur Sword Dancer of B. C. and U. S.
Song—Who's That a-Calling, F. E. Petch
Sketch—The Awkward Squad
Song—The Dear Home
Sketch—Vaudeville Troupe
Comic Song
Spook Dance
The Misses Bagshaw and Mother and Child
Whistling Coon
W. Williams
Naval Drill
Naval Volunteers Orchestra

Part II.
Sketch—Open Session of the Allied Lodge
1st Officer
2nd Officer
3rd Officer
Secretary
Artists
J. J. Brown, R. Craig, E. J. Overy, L. Meehan, R. Douglas, G. Watson and G. King
It's a Long Way to Tipperary
God Save the King

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Appoint Representatives.—At a special meeting of the Friendly Help society on Wednesday Mrs. William Grant and Miss MacDowell were appointed representatives to the Central Employment and Relief committee.

Call of Fire.—The fire department was called this morning to 1246 Carnesew street, where an automobile was on fire from back-firing. The damage done to the car was small, the outbreak being extinguished with pyrene.



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Cigar Cutter, \$1.75... \$1.35	8-in. Bowl, \$5.50... \$4.15
Flask and Cup, \$10.00... \$7.50	10-in. Vase, \$6.75... \$5.10
Tobacco Box, \$8.50... \$6.40	Quarter Water Pitcher, \$6.75... \$5.10
HALF PRICE	
Fountain Pen, \$4.00... \$2.00	Fern Dish, \$9.75... \$7.35
Tobacco Pouch, \$2.50... \$1.25	Celery Dish, \$6.50... \$4.90
Hand Bag, \$6.25... \$3.15	Carver Rests, \$2.50... \$1.90
Marble Statue, \$150.00... \$75.00	Spoon Holder, \$3.75... \$2.85
Mesh Bag, \$12.50... \$6.25	Sandwich Trays, \$8.50... \$6.40
Scissors Set, \$6.75... \$3.40	Oil or Vinegar Bottle, \$3.95... \$2.85
Percolator, \$25.00... \$12.50	
Egg Boiler, \$16.50... \$8.25	
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Shelled Almonds, lb. 48¢	Lyle's Golden Syrup, bottle 17¢
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Entertainment by A. O. F., K. of P. and other Societies.

Tableaux, "Grand Lodge of the British Empire."

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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

Mrs. E. J. Palmer, of Chemainus, is at the Empress hotel.

W. M. Hayes is registered at the Empress hotel from Penikese.

C. R. Dipple is registered at the Empress hotel from Vancouver.

W. G. Rowe is here from Vancouver and is at the Strathcona hotel.

H. W. Maynard is a Vancouver resident now at the Empress hotel.

Mrs. Morrison and family, of Vancouver, are at the Empress hotel.

W. Timney, of Vancouver, is among the guests at the Strathcona hotel.

F. R. Sebait, of Regina, is a guest at the Strathcona hotel while left.

Mrs. Vincent Schwabé, of Cobble Hill, is staying at the Empress hotel.

H. E. Eldsen, of Vancouver, is among the guests at the King Edward hotel.

T. J. Grant is here from Vancouver and is a guest at the King Edward hotel.

L. Bricker is in the city from Winnipeg and is registered at the Empress hotel.

A. McKillop has arrived from Calgary and is registered at the Empress hotel.

Leslie H. Wright, of Vancouver, is among the guests at the Empress hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, of Essondale, B. C., arrived at the Dominion hotel yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Brown, of Vancouver, are registered at the Strathcona hotel.

A. A. Hale is among the Vancouver people who are guests at the Strathcona hotel.

George Arliss, starring in "Disraeli," and Mrs. Arliss are staying at the Empress hotel.

Members of the George Arliss theatrical company who are staying at the Strathcona hotel are: George Jenner, Chris Logan, William Stenger, V. C. Hayfield, V. Sternoyd and H. J. Carvill, of the George Arliss company, are registered at the Dominion hotel.

R. Chambers, the well-known cannerman of Albert Bay, who was a former resident of Victoria, is staying at the Dominion hotel. Mrs. Chambers accompanies him.

Amongst the visitors from the prairies who registered yesterday at the Dominion hotel were: A. B. Newton, Souris; Mrs. J. Ziegler, Souris; J. E. Marples and Miss Marples, Hartney; W. Fallow and Tom Russell, Medicine Hat; Robert McPherson, Calgary, and M. M. Harper, Brandon.

Heartly congratulations are extended to R. H. Walker, senior sergeant of the city police force, who this month completes twenty-five years of faithful service to the city and to the department. During most of this time the officer has done night duty, and his record stands high with the force. Victoria has been his home for the past thirty-one years, during which time he has enjoyed almost unabated good health, which, it is hoped, may continue to be his for many years to come.

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Christmas Gifts in Needlework and Fancy Goods

At the Art Needlework department we are offering a good number of effective new patterns in 18-inch centres, which are stamped on good quality linen. These are fine values at 25¢ each. Among other new things for gifts, we would mention new oval Pillows, shapely Library Scarfs, and white linen Sets of Doylies, Oval Tray Cloth, Tea Cosy, Centrepieces and Lunch Cloth. Also a large assortment of practical novelties.

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Special Prices in Japanese Cotton

18 x 27—Regular 35¢ for	20¢
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18 x 45—Regular 65¢ for	35¢
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Size 24 x 24—Regular \$4.00 for	\$2.00
Size 24 x 24—Regular \$5.00 for	\$2.50
Size 24 x 24—Regular \$6.00 for	\$3.00
Size 18 x 27—Regular \$3.50 for	\$1.75
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Those With Permits From Military Authorities Being Admitted; Future

Tsing Tau was opened to commerce the day before the Sado Maru, which berthed here yesterday, left Yokohama. Only those armed with permits from the military authorities are being admitted.

"Tsing Tau as it is at present is believed to be not so promising as it was given out by some of the writers on that subject," says a Japanese newspaper. "Only with the railway connection with the Peking-Hankow line completed can the value of that place be fully realized. The Germans have been trying to make this connection, but the work is now to be carried out by Japanese. There is no doubt that it will be effected in time, and in order to do so the Japanese should first renounce anything and everything calculated to cause distrust or suspicion in the minds of the native population. No efforts should be too great on the part of the Japanese for impressing on the minds of the Chinese that Japan's presence among them means more employment to them, together with a great deal of material benefits to the local interests by developing natural resources."

"The Tsing Tau-Tsinanfu railway and its extension is believed by some to be in conflict with British interests, but the authorities deny this as groundless. But at this moment they refrain from giving reasons in detail to explain their assertion. It may be surmised under the circumstances that there may be an understanding already arrived at between the authorities of the Kasumigasaki and of Downing street on this point.

"The British government had already declared in the interest of Belgium that until that country should be adequately indemnified peace should not be entertained. A similar case may be thought only proper to open to Japan which has stood up for Great Britain in pursuance of the terms of the alliance. In Tsing Tau-Tsinanfu railway by Japan may be already considered to be assured."

FOR GAMES' COURT

Entertainment to Be Given This Evening at St. George's School in Aid of Games' Fund.

The following entertainment will be given this evening at St. George's school in addition to the closing exercises held last evening, the proceeds from which, as those of this evening, are to be devoted to the games' court fund. The programme this evening, which is to commence at 7:30, will consist practically entirely of the operetta, "King Winter's Carnival," which is to be performed by members of the school.

The programme for the evening is as follows:
Piano Solo M. Tennant
Operetta—King Winter's Carnival Ice Sprites.
King Winter D. Norris
Jack Frost L. Macklin
Borras D. McDermid
Blink M. Campbell
Gitter H. Anderson
Glean K. Muir
Fairy.

Queen Summer D. Macklin
Puck K. Collison
Zephyr A. Suttie
Twinkle M. Miller
Attended by Fairy, Ice Sprites and Flowers—Tune—Midwinter Place—The North Pole. Scene—King Winter's Ballroom.
Dutch Dance D. Waters, M. Campbell, C. Corker, L. Norris, D. Norris, M. Miller, A. Sherwood.
Recitation—Bravo (Weatherly) L. Macklin
Indian Dance C. Vincent, V. Springs, V. Mogg, J. Tennant, P. Higgins, K. Wilson, J. Christie, A. Sherwood, D. Macklin, L. Macklin.

OUR LETTER BOX

Letters for publication in Daily Times must be received at the Times Office not later than the day before the day of publication. When received later they will be held over until the following day. While unobjectionable anonymous communications will be printed, the name and address of every writer of such letters must be given to the editor.

POSTAL DEFICIENCIES.
To the Editor: In a city of the importance of Victoria, it must strike residents of such outlying districts as Fowl Bay that Victoria in its postal arrangements is very badly served when correspondence stamped in Seattle 5:30 p.m. cannot be delivered in Fowl Bay before 4 p.m. the following day. And although the mail for Vancouver does not close until midnight, the letter has to be posted here before 3:30 p.m. to catch it. And furthermore, a letter posted at the corner of Cook and Fort streets before 10 a.m. cannot reach Maywood (which is only thirty minutes' ride by car) until the following day.

DORIS ASHDOWN.
Dec. 6.

CIVIC MANAGEMENT.

To the Editor:—I notice the remarks of Mr. Lansberg, re the future of Victoria. He is quite right when he speaks of the various institutions doing such good work. Then he speaks of the cost of cleaning and scavenging. Now I do not see that the wage of the men ought to be reduced, but I do think half the amount might do the work if they would only work instead of idling away their time. Cleanliness is very necessary. But there might be a way

of reducing the expenditure of Victoria and that is by asking an independent to put up for mayor entirely for the love and glory of being mayor and also one who would not require the newspaper or any of the councilmen to run it for him. Again, why not councilmen on the same basis? This is a suggestion. I should like to hear others on this. Perhaps Sir Richard might say a word or so, he being so helpful on the unemployment question!

A. C.
December 16, 1914.

Question of Supplies.—"So your daughter married that handsome young poet who stopped with you last summer, eh, Farmer Havrick?" "Yes, she married him." "And she's going to be very happy, of course?" "Well, I dunno. Maudy's got a powerful appetite."

The Store With the Christmas Spirit



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Sale of Fine Millinery

Reg. Values to \$12.50 **\$2.90**
Friday special
Only a few at this price, so get in early.

Cushion Cases and Runners Make Useful Xmas Gifts

Cocoa Linen Cushion Cases, finished with fringe; neat conventional designs; size 16x22, price, each **\$1.75**
22x32, price, each **\$2.00**

Cocoa Linen Table Runners, natural shade with handsomely worked designs; size 16x63 inches; Tapestry Runners in rich Oriental styles; size 16x63. Each **\$2.25**

A Warm Muffler is a Seasonable Gift

We have them nicely packed in fancy boxes. You can select from silk and cotton and all-wool. These come in a large variety of colors at prices up from **50¢**

Waist Lengths, Practical Gifts

One of the most practical of gifts is a Waist Length of dainty delaine, silk or viyella. These are neatly placed in pretty boxes that are decorated with holly. We have a large variety for you to select from, and the prices are very low. The prices are **\$1.50, \$1.75** and **\$2.50**

Many Bargains in Suits, Coats and Silk and Cloth Dresses

—First Floor

Christmas Ribbons and Braid

We are now showing a full range of Xmas Ribbons in narrow and medium widths, and in a variety of designs, at prices up from, per yard **5¢**
Braids for tying Xmas parcels; colors green or red; 10 yards to the card. Price, per card **10¢**

A Merchandise Scrip is a Practical and Useful Gift

Christmas Gift Gloves

T of usse G gloves are specially recommended as gifts. They represent the best in workmanship and material, and will give lasting satisfaction. A Gordon Glove Scrip will solve the question.



Saturday Sale of Children's Winter Coats

AT **\$3.75**—We have only half a dozen. They are made of diagonal stripe coatings of a tan color, and are trimmed with black velvet. These are remarkable values. Reg. price is \$6.75.

AT **\$5.25**—You can choose from warm coats of astrachan, pony cloth and fancy curls, in black, navy and brown. These sell in the regular way at \$8.75.

AT **\$7.25**—We have a number of coats that are exceptionally smart and well made. The materials are fancy curls and astrachans in tan, cardinal and navy. They were all good value at the regular price of \$13.75.

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To-morrow we will give to 500 children one of these amusing novelties. Of course, we can only give one to each child. The only condition is that the children must be accompanied by an adult person. Now don't forget, children. To-morrow morning, from 8:30 until the 500 have all been given away.

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Saturday Special From Toyland

Doll Houses, White Poddies with long hair, Books for Boys and Girls, Dressed Dolls (unbreakables), Kid Dolls, Mechanical Smoker, Musical Cuckoo, Collapsible Hardwood Varied Tables, and numerous others too numerous to mention. These will be on display in our window to-day, and you should be here sharp at store opening Saturday if you want to secure one of these good toy values. Reg. \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 to \$2.25 values. Saturday, each, only **75¢**

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See our special display to-day of many new Neckwear novelties, any of which will make dainty gifts. We will pack them neatly in a fancy Xmas box.



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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

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ANCIENT AND MODERN CIVILIZATION

(A. A. Freeman.)

That celebrated American general, William Tecumseh Sherman, has been credited with saying, "War is hell," but war as well as peace has its code of civilization.

War, if not hell, is an evil, and so considered by all civilized people; and it follows that by all civilized people its rigors are to be mitigated by all possible means consistent with the purposes for which it is waged.

None but savages mistreat prisoners or non-combatants. Even among the ancients, respect was paid in time of war, to the persons engaged in non-military pursuits. Plutarch informs us that Cyrus sent a message to the king of Assyria, advising him that he would not molest any one em-

ployed in the tilling of the soil. Dio-dorus bestows great praise on the Indians who forebore "destroying, or even hurting, those employed in husbandry, as being common benefactors of all." Grotius informs us, "The Romans, when investing towns, always accepted offers of capitulation, if made before the battering ram had touched the walls."

Continuing, this great writer on the laws of peace and war, says: "And in modern times it is the usual practice, before shells are thrown, or mines sprung, to summons places to surrender." Now if it be remembered that this doctrine was laid down just three hundred and ten years ago, for Grotius wrote his great work in 1604, we shall be able to calculate by the affair at Scarborough and Hartlepool the strides which German civilization has made since that time.

Let it be remembered also that Grotius was speaking of fortified towns

the duty of allowing non-combatants the opportunity of escaping from a town about to be attacked has prevailed universally among all civilized peoples for more than three hundred years. There is not a single instance during that period of the shelling of a town by a civilized belligerent, without first giving warning—not one instance for the conduct of the Germans at Scarborough and Hartlepool is not an exception to the rule mentioned. I am referring to civilized warfare.

Country doctor (superintendent of Sunday school): "Now, children, who can tell me what we must do in order to get to heaven?" Bright boy: "We must die." Country doctor: "Quite right, but what must we do before we die?" Bright boy: "Get sick and send for you."

We can do what we ought to do; and when we say we cannot we will not.



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<p>Men's "Albert" Slippers</p> <p>The easy "stay-at-home" Slipper beloved of the average man. What more valued gift could he have? Black or brown kid. Per pair..... \$1.45</p>	<p>Ladies' Julietts</p> <p>We have stocked too heavily in a beautiful red and brown line of Felt Julietts, worth \$2.00 a pair, and will dispose of these to-morrow at this great reduction.</p> <p>Ladies' Dainty Gifts</p> <p>Nothing could please her better than a pair of these beautiful Boudoir Slippers: felt-lined suede uppers and soft padded soles. Black, grey, red and pink, etc..... \$1.50</p>	<p>Children's Felts</p> <p>Make excellent gifts for a big family. Here's our little favorite in pink or blue felt. 30¢</p>
<p>Pullman Slippers</p> <p>With elastic sides. A great favorite and well worthy of it. Flexible soles, easy fitters. Wear one year. Black or brown. Per pair..... \$2.00</p>	<p>Hockey Players</p> <p>We desire a complete clearance of every pair of Hockey Boots in the store, and will sell any pair, men's, women's or boys', including the famous Lightning Hitch, at a reduction for to-morrow only of.....</p>	<p>In Fancy Boxes</p> <p>Please the children with a pair of the red felt "Jack and Jill" Slippers. The newest thing for the kiddies yet, with ankle straps.</p> <p>Sizes 3-7..... 55¢ 8-10..... 65¢ 11-1..... 75¢</p>
<p>The "Everitt" Style</p> <p>A Canadian made, hand turned Slipper, with the high front and patent inset. A Slipper worthy of a gentleman. Per pair..... \$2.50</p>	<p>This is a Money Saver</p> <p>A great variety in all sizes and styles: flexible soles. An Evening Slipper at half what you usually pay. To-morrow..... \$1.95</p>	<p>Children's Julietts</p> <p>They last from Christmas to Christmas, by far the most sensible gift on your whole list. Heavy felt tops in red or brown, flexible leather soles. 7-10..... 95¢</p>
<p>Real Fur Topped Julietts</p> <p>An extra Special Slipper that is the last thing in style and wear. Stocked in corded poplin, red or black felt and in many patterns. To-morrow's price..... \$2.00</p>	<p>6x4in Vo'vet Poplin Pumps</p> <p>A splendid line of English Carpet Slippers specially imported. Keep the girl man at home nights with a pair of these. To-morrow..... 95¢</p>	<p>Men's Carpet Slippers</p> <p>A splendid line of English Carpet Slippers specially imported. Keep the girl man at home nights with a pair of these. To-morrow..... 95¢</p>

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A FASCINATING PLAY FINELY PRESENTED

George Arliss in "Disraeli" is One of the Best Attractions of the Season

It is almost four years since L. N. Parker's "Disraeli" had its premiere in Montreal. While from the point of view of true success for the stage and the artists such a long run in one character and play is to be generally deprecated, Victoria playgoers have reason to be pleased that George Arliss has continued to appear in it long enough for them to see him in what is undoubtedly the artistic triumph of a long and honorable career.

Mr. Arliss is one of the chief character actors of the present day, and has a lengthy list of parts to his credit, in all of which he has had success. But never has he achieved such distinction as he has in the part of the great Jew who became prime minister of the United Kingdom and who exercised such an influence on its policy. He is an actor of fine power, with keen insight into human nature and the moving springs of public and private action, and he has a positive genius in make-up, which peculiarly fit him for this role.

The production being made at the Royal Victoria theatre for the latter part of this week brings to the city not only this great artist of the British stage, but a supporting company which is largely made up of men and women of the homeland. Just as there is an air of distinction about the play, so is it acted with distinction. Mr. Arliss is far too fine an artist, too consummate a master of detail in his own work, to permit an inadequate cast to mar the finish of the performance. Hence it is that there is found presenting "Disraeli" here one of the most even, adroit and well-cast companies of principals and support that it has been the fortune of Victorians to see for many a day.

Parker has chosen the period of the acquisition by Britain, through the countless and far-sighted policy of Disraeli, of the controlling interest in the Suez canal for the central action of his play. He has a gift for creating the historic atmosphere of a period, but as the play does not profess to be historic in any except a broad sense, one can forget such anachronisms in it as the appearance of Lady Beaconsfield as still alive, and the bringing in of the Bank of England as a sort of focus, because the opportunities they give Mr. Arliss. There are such flaws, too, in the play as the hackneyed use of the female spy who overhears conversations that in actual life she could have no chance to listen to, and the suspected male spy who nevertheless gets the sun of state documents which no minister would leave lying loosely about in an outer room. The sudden change worked in the character and ambition of young Deford, while it affords a glance into the result of the magnetism of Disraeli, and pleases one, for Clarissa's sake, is too rapid to consort with probability.

But if the play needs a few apologies to the artistic conscience the acting of Mr. Arliss and his comrades requires none. It holds the attention of the spectators throughout its four acts and extracts from them admiration for the great statesman as the actor conceives him, no matter what their estimate of him on the side of actuality may be. Mr. Arliss brings the eminent imperialist, the man who in his time was thought a vain dreamer by many, to life again. One sees one of the finest of the character actors of the day calling to the memory of the older among the present generation, by what is a likeness complete in its fidelity, probably the most unique and fascinating personality who ever graced British public life. So perfect physically is the portraiture, so carefully worked out is the reproduction of the wonderful and commanding mental power of the man, that once seen the mind slips from the belief that here is the man himself to the thought of the artist behind the portraiture.

There are deft touches all through the play which illuminate the many-sided nature of Disraeli. He is seen in contrasting phases of his daily life, and the play of his mind on those around him is brought out in striking incident and apt dialogue. One is enabled to see from moment to moment the cool, self-contained statesman of exceeding political insight and intuition; the man of imperial aspirations who safeguards India by the control of the canal and then makes his sovereign empress of that vast domain; the brilliant wit and litterateur, dropping epigram and Jew-depart as he passes; the man, keenly alive to the beauty of the world, attracted by pretty women; by flowers, absorbed in his garden; and as the adoring and devoted lover of his wife, to whom he ever showed a tender courtesy no matter where or in what company they were. All these sides of the character of Disraeli does Mr. Arliss give glimpses of. The whole conception and execution is one that appeals to all, whether those who take the theatre seriously or those who go to it for the entertainment it affords.

Worthy to rank with her husband's work as the central figure is the delineation of the character of Lady Beaconsfield by Mrs. Arliss. She portrays the self-forgetting, devoted and tender wife that history tells Disraeli had, and in the short intervals she has on the stage she never fails to make her conception of the part tell.

Miss Ernita Lascelles is a lovely and an appealing Lady Clarissa. With the sure and quiet instinct and the equipment of a finely trained actress she makes of that fine character what Parker intended, and in all her scenes she puts before the spectator the figure of the true woman who will not be satisfied with anything but the exercise of his best abilities. The man she honors with her love. As the object of Clarissa's affection Arthur Deford as Deford is effective through-

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out, and in make-up effects a change of appearance to accord with his changed character after the interview with Disraeli.

A subtly charming spy and adventurer is Miss Margaret Dale as Mrs. Travers. Exceedingly good at all points, Miss Dale is at her high best in the last scenes with Disraeli, when her plotting and spying is frustrated by his courage and daring. A bit of work that should have mention is that of St. Clair Bayfield as Disraeli's gardener, and the great postman—Herbert Ranson.

The setting of the play is deserving of every praise. The four scenes in which it is laid are all put on with attention to every detail, and as to three of them with glimpses of out-of-door that add to their beauty. The costumes of the period have their share in the picture, and the closing scene is one of great impressiveness. "Disraeli" will be seen at the Royal Victoria this evening and to-morrow evening.

MEETS TO-NIGHT

Central Employment and Relief Committee Will Gather at City Hall; More Representatives.

The mayor is in receipt of the credentials of four more delegates to the Central Employment and Relief committee, the Trades and Labor council having appointed A. S. Wells and John Bay—two of its officers, to represent it, and the Friendly Help association having named Mrs. (Capt.) Grant and Miss McDowell. It appears that some of the organizations have not met since the central body was established and there has been no authorized election of the representatives.

His worship, however, is anxious that every society which desires to participate in the work of the association should be represented at the initial meeting, which will be held to-night, in the council chamber, city hall.

It is only by securing the co-operation of the leading organizations that the acts of the central body will receive the full measure of approval from those who are able to come to the relief of the distressed at the present time.

It is apparent from the outset that its operations will be important and therefore it is hoped that the fullest support will be given by all organizations.

A Sunday School teacher had been impressing upon his pupils the ultimate triumph of goodness over beauty. As the close of the story, in which he flattered himself that this point had been well established, he turned confidently to a ten-year-old pupil and inquired, "And now, Alice, which would you rather be, beautiful or good?" "Well," replied Alice, after a moment's reflection, "I think I'd rather be beautiful—and repent."

(b) Authorizing the Council of the Municipality when a work is to be or has been done either under the Municipal Act or Local Improvement Act when a frontage rate is incapable or difficult of determination, to charge an equitable proportion of the cost of any such work against any area or areas whether subdivided or not, and whether the same has or has not any frontage on any street; and to assess such charge by a special rate.

(c) To take over, alter and improve any waterworks, mains, pipes or plant heretofore or hereafter constructed, and to assume all liability in connection therewith, and particularly to exercise its jurisdiction, with the rights provided by Subsec. 103 of Sec. 54 of the Municipal Act, and all rights to be granted by the Act to be obtained.

(d) Authorizing the Municipality to borrow any amount for fire protection purposes.

(e) Validating the Marjold and Blackwood Local Improvement By-Law and additional By-Laws affecting the same to be hereafter passed defining the areas set out in said By-Laws and fixing the assessments and permitting the Municipality to assess and collect the actual costs of the works.

(f) And for such other powers as may be necessary or convenient in connection with the above.

Dated this 1st day of December, 1914.

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NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next Session by the Corporation of the District of Saanich for an Act to be entitled "Saanich Municipality Act, 1914":

(a) Authorizing the Council of the Municipality in addition to all powers contained in Subsec. 103, of Sec. 54 of the Municipal Act to pass a By-law charging the owners or occupants of any house, property, tenement, lot or part of lot, or both, in, through, or past which any water main or pipe shall run, a reasonable rent or charge for the use or opportunity of use of the water, whether such owner or occupant shall use the water or not, or is connected or not with the water main or pipe, and for charging the owner or lessee of each vacant property, lot or part of lot, fronting on any street in, through or past which any water main or pipe are to be placed, provided the pipe or main runs in, through or past the said property, lot or part of lot, with a

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SPORTING NEWS

PORTLAND CALLED TO WIN TO-NIGHT CITY LEAGUE MATCHES AT ARENA

Local Amateurs Will Provide Double-Header This Evening; Ross May Be Re-instated

Portland's fast stepping Rosebuds will attempt to take a fall out of the Vancouver septette at the Terminal City to-night. The Vancouver team doubled the score at Portland last week, but the latter club has shown greatly improved form since then and are picked to win. Victorians will pull strongly for Portland as a victory for the Vancouver club will give them a big lead, and once this aggregation gets off to a flying start it will take a lot of real hockey to head them off. Portland will rely upon their hard checking and speedy forward line to bring home the bacon, while the Victorians base their attack upon team work.

A big crowd is looked for at the arena to-night when a city league double header will be played. Bankers and McGill meet at 8 o'clock, with the high school-short, Hill & Duncan match as the feature of the night. Both games will be productive of a lot of real hockey, and the clash between the Jewellers and Students will be of the major-league variety. Upon the

VANCOUVER BOXERS ENTER LOCAL BOUTS

All-Star Card Will Be Given at Victoria Theatre Next Wednesday Night

Another gigantic boxing tournament, much the same as that staged at the drill hall some weeks back, will be held on December 23 in the old Victoria theatre under the auspices of the Vancouver Island A. A.

To date Billy Davies, superintendent of the V. I. A. A., has been assured by a number of Vancouver clubs that they will send boys to compete. Along with the Terminal troupe will be George Ross, who beat Al Davis a week or so ago. The boys have been re-matched. Albert has been training faithfully with the Sir John Jackson club boxers, and is confident of regaining his lost ground. Ross is a boy with a terrific wallop, and is being heralded by his mainland supporters to be a coming champion.

Each night the boxers to compete in the coming tourney are going through their workouts. Scott Cropper and Jack Larrigan, who will oppose Vancouver entries, are in the best of shape, having trained for some time with Cyclone Scott. Larrigan, according to the Cyclone, is a coming champion. Joe Bayley and Scott have bouts in sight, and are training out with the amateurs in the club headquarters.

Daily new members are signing up. Sid and Tom Winaby, two of the best known athletes in the city, have joined the club and a number of soldiers are also joining.

The Davies-Ross return fight will not be the main event. Billy Davies has his eye on a pair of phenoms who he thinks will furnish a real live curtain raiser.

With the lid about to close on the fight game in California, Jack Kearns is starting east with Fighting Billy Murray and Red Watson, two prospective world's champions. Murray recently knocked out Sailor Ed. Petrosky in two rounds, a trick which Jimmy Clabby was unable to turn in two fights of 20 round each, and which George Chipp also failed in the last time he tried. Aside from Murray the only man who ever stopped Petrosky was Chipp, and he did it on an occasion when the sailor was undoubtedly a sick man. Jack Dillon and Frank Klaus (when the latter was champion) have tried to stop Petrosky, without success.

Clabby, who was in San Francisco when Murray stopped Petrosky, turned

result of this game will depend the league leadership, as these clubs have won their opening games.

Mothead, Dec. 18.—President T. Emmett Quinn of the National Hockey association, has issued notices calling a special meeting of the association for Friday night at the Windsor hotel here. At this meeting reinstatement of Art Ross to organized hockey will be considered.

League Standing. Goals. Vancouver... 2 0 11 6 Portland... 1 1 11 10 Victoria... 0 2 7 11

Individual Scoring Record. Games. Goals. Harris (Port)... 2 4 Malten (Van)... 2 3 Mackay (Van)... 2 3

SALT LAKE SECURES COAST LEAGUE BERTH

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—The directors of the Coast league decided yesterday to take Salt Lake City into the league in place of Sacramento, which was unable to support a club.

New York, Dec. 17.—In spite of the decision of the National league to cut each club's roster down to 25 players by May 1, the New York Nationals purchased two more minor league players today, bringing their list up to 53. The new players are Pitcher Flanagan, of the Muscatine, Iowa, Central Association club, and Infielder Holloway, of the Springfield, Ill., Three I League club. The new players will receive a tryout at the Giants' camp at Marlin, Texas.

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Bill James, one-time Nap, who was abjured to the Pacific slope, and later recovered by the St. Louis Browns, was the pitching hero of the barnstorming trip of the American and National league all-stars through the western states. All told 25 games were played. The Americans won 17 and the Nationals 16, while two games were ties. James won eight and lost three games, leading such stars as Grover Alexander, one of the best pitchers in the country, Bill James, the Boston star, who, based in the recent world's series, and White Mitchell.

BONDS WINS OVER CALIFORNIA HEAVY

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 18.—Joe Bonds, the sensational Tacoma heavyweight, avenged his former defeat by Al Norton in but a short time ago by gaining a four-round decision over Norton at the smelter here last night. Bonds was a slight leader, and although he was given the decision many fans thought a draw would have been a better one. In the semi-final, George Ingie, the California boy, showed that he is a good scrapper by defeating Freddy Vaise from Seattle at the end of four rounds.

Casey Jones kept up his winning streak by knocking out Bauer in one short round. Earl Connors, the Tacoma boy, defeated Billy Vetro, of Seattle, in a whitewind encounter. Steve Gardner, the Seattle 128-pounder, disposed of his opponent, Dempsey, in a good battle. Harry Anderson, of Vancouver, and Calhoun, of Portland, boxed an interesting four-round mill to a draw.

BOAT-BUILDER DIES

Oxford, Eng., Dec. 18.—The death is announced here of Frederick Roush, the most famous builder of rowing shells. He was 56 years old. He had been in failing health ever since his boat-house was burned by suffragettes three years ago.

REMARKED ON THE SIDE

Younger Players Will Make League.

The reduction in the salary limit and the cutting down of the Coast league reserves will help the smaller leagues and the Northwestern circuit will benefit immensely by the lighter wage. Class B baseball does not call for a salary of more than \$200 for the best men in the league. The Northwestern league teams, in days gone by, have approached the \$5,000 salary limit, but it would be hopeless for the clubs to continue this move and throw their coin away upon veterans who are a drag upon the league. Younger ball players, with a chance for a sale and lighter wages, will be the making of the Northwestern league this season.

Rebuild the Representative Team.

Secretary Nicholson also has some very strong views as to the make-up of a representative team. He says that the team should be rebuilt every season to allow the younger players a chance of earning their caps, and says that four veterans alone are necessary to build a team around. "Victoria abolished test matches this season, which proved a splendid step, and it is very likely that next season they will advance another peg and infuse a lot of new blood into the representative fifteen, depending more upon speed and youth than weight and experience.

Baseball owner complains that he spent \$4,000 for baseballs last season. Well, let him try playing the game without baseballs.

Walter Johnson, Rankin Johnson, Chief Johnson—the Federal league seems bent on cornering the Johnson market.

N. H. A. HOLDOUT



Former Victoria hockey star, who is a holdout this season. Smith claims that he is worth the same money that he drew down a year ago and says that he will remain out of hockey rather than sign a cheaper contract.

JACKSON'S AFTER TWO SOCCER TITLES

Victory To-morrow Against Thistles Will Give Albert Head Club a Clear Lead

It is a busy week at the Sir John Jackson camp. Their boxers who have entered in the coming tournament are going through their paces, while the football team, despite the frozen ground, are chasing the pigskin about the pitch, in preparation for their league match with the Thistles, Saturday. Jackson supporters will not be satisfied with the winning of cup or league, but want both titles. Saturday they have a tough job on their hands to take the measure of Archie Muir's fighting eleven, and to look at them working out they must realize this.

Speaking to Archie Muir, the little centre of the Scots is very confident of victory. "It is probable that the Thistles will have back on the lineup Pickering and Whittaker, but even should these men be absent they will make Sammy Duffy's hopes travel. Should the Thistles win, the Wests will take the lead in the senior league race by one point; but if the Jacksons triumph they will be three points in the lead.

Sizing up the intermediate games, the Fairfield vs. C. P. R. game should be evenly contested, while the West vs. Civic Service clash should also provide a thriller. From the late reversal of form, Lally's hopes, the Empires, are picked to win from Oak Bay. However the Bays are confident of surprising their opponents.

It looks like a playoff between the Wards and Wests for the junior title, both of these teams are picked to win their games Saturday. North Ward clash with M. C. A. at the Ward park, and High School meet Victoria West at Beacon Hill.

The Oak Bay team for their game with the Empires to-morrow afternoon at the Oak Bay grounds: Goal, Baker; backs, Fields and Heyland; halves, Martin, Davis and Poole; forwards, Potter, Daniels, Miller, Murrell, Webb; reserves, Mayocek and Chatter.

The Victoria West team for their game with the High school to-morrow afternoon at the new Beacon Hill grounds: Goal, Menzies; backs, Taylor and Quinn; halves, Thompson, Fleming and Gosnell; forwards, Tooby, Irving, Rickerson, Slater and McClusky.

The Victoria West Intermediates will take the field as follows for their game with Civic Service to-morrow afternoon at Beacon Hill: Goal, Davies; backs, Ord (capt.), and Grimes; halves, Mosher, Youson and C. Brown; forwards, McKenzie, Merryfield, James, Petticrew, Carmichael. Reserves, Bridges, Miller and Harris.

FROZEN GROUNDS CAUSE OF INJURIES

Victoria Fifteen Badly Cut Up as Result of Hard Turf; Rep. Team to Practice

The impossibility of playing rugby football on frozen ground was clearly demonstrated at Vancouver last Saturday, and the story is yet to be written of how the two teams who were engaged in the great game at Brockton Point emerged from the field when the referee's whistle finally blew declaring the game a draw. Manager George Nicholson, who had charge of our representative fifteen, states that never during the whole of his football experience had he ever seen fifteen men walk off a football ground in such a pitiable condition as did Victoria's representatives at Vancouver last week. The ground at Brockton Point is under the shade of the giant pines in Stanley park and the turf, as a result of several days continuous frost, had become frozen hard and to make matters worse it had been considerably cut up through playing in the mud on previous Saturdays, and in consequence this cut up mud was also frozen hard and to fall on was worse than sharp metal. Every time a man was brought to earth in a tackle whatever part of his body first touched the ground would be terribly cut, and every man left the ground bleeding either at the knees, shoulders, thighs or elsewhere.

The Vancouver officials showed every consideration to the Capital boys and all were enabled to get a good hot bath at the Rowing club immediately after the game. With lots of hot water, liniment and bandaging, the players were greatly relieved. Supporters who met them at the boat Sunday-morning could not help but notice that there was not a man but did not limp a little. But the frozen state of the ground was the only cause of the hurts, for the game itself was admitted to be one of the fastest and cleanest rugby games played in the Terminal City for many a long day, and as a matter of fact not a single player on either side was hurt from any incident of the playing, but it was certainly pitiful for the players to be brought down in a hard tackle on a ground like that.

So dangerous was the ground that in the Vancouver league's letter to the Victoria union setting forth details for the return game provision is made for the postponement of the game in the event of the ground being frozen. For the Vancouver players suffered just the same as did the champions. As it was the Victoria team were very reluctant to play on the ground at the start but no other ground could be obtained at the last moment.

The Victoria union has called a practice for the representative team at Oak Bay to-morrow afternoon to get the players in good shape for the great game with the Willows camp which is to be played between Xmas and New Year. A second team will be picked to play against the representatives and it is expected they will give them lots of good training. Great interest is being taken in the test game between the Rugby union's pet selection and the ex-representatives' fifteen from the camp, and the Patriotic fund should benefit considerably from the record crowd such a game is bound to draw, for so the old players are confident of playing at their real old-time form, just so much are the younger players confident they can run rings round the veterans. But they too are by no means idle and they too are also arranging a practice game at the Willows to-morrow and they have arranged the same time to practice only at a different ground, so that the civilian players won't be able to get a line of their form. Spencer, the full back, will probably captain the soldiers' team. Secretary Nicholson has notified the Vancouver league that the date submitted by them, the 26th, is too soon, as it will interfere with the big patriotic game here, and the union will probably suggest early in January as the best time for the next trip to the mainland. Also by that time the representative team should be in good form.

RIBBON WINNERS

Complete results of the Victoria Kennel club show are given below:

Clumber spaniels—Novice dogs: 1. H. A. Spencer, Baldy Cranston; 2. Jimmie. Novice bitches: R. R. Watson, Wiggles. Cocker spaniels—1. J. G. Fenwick, Mutt. Field spaniels—1. D. T. McNeill, Sharkey; 2. Mr. Parsons, Mike. Springer spaniels—Novice: 1. J. H. Mel-dram, Bismarck. Puppy: 1. Mrs. Bifish, Wee McGregor. Bienenheim spaniels—1. Mrs. McKinnon, FITE.

CLOSE MATCH IN BILLIARD LEAGUE

Richardson's won a close match from the Westholme cue artists at the Richardson parlors last night, when the home team won three out of the five matches. A number of splendid breaks were registered, the players being at top form. The results were: Marshall, 25; Cameron, 23; S.M.E., 14; Smith, 29; Askey, 23; Ashworth, 22; Ralston, 24; Marshall, 23; Robertson, 26; Scott, 13.

Standing of Teams. Won. Lost. Pt. Broad Street... 5 0 10.0 Richardson's... 7 2 14.0 St. James... 2 3 4.0 Westholme... 3 4 6.0 C. & C... 1 0 2.0

The Brussels gain is one of the most spirited of Europe's little vulgar boys, and he is not taking the German occupation lying down (says a correspondent of the Manchester Guardian). One of his favorite amusements when there is a German in sight is "going to Paris." It consists of doing the goose-step, but not marching—only marking time. And if you ask him why he does not march he explains with glee, "I'm going to Paris! that's why I'm not moving!" He lets himself go, needless to say, in inscriptions chalked on the walls. One of his cheekiest and therefore one of his favorites is "La Belgique est fermee a cause de l'agrandissement!" ("Belgium is closed for extensions.")

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ROCK BAY'S STATUS BEFORE THE COURTS

Upon Whether It Was Part of Harbor Prior to Confederation Depends City's Power

Before Mr. Justice Morrison yesterday afternoon, in the supreme court, there opened the hearing of a friendly suit having for its object the obtaining from the court of a declaration as to the status of Rock Bay in relation to the harbor. Upon this will depend whether or not the Taylor Mill company, limited, and the Lemon-Gonson company, limited, can receive a lease from the city of half an acre each of waterfront on the bay which lies between the properties on which their respective mills stand.

For the mill companies, which are the plaintiffs in the action, Thornton Fell, K. C., is appearing; F. A. McDiarmid is acting for the city, as the matter is one which began when he was city solicitor, and with him is city solicitor Robertson, K. C., and H. A. Maclean, K. C., holds a watching brief for interests which may be affected.

Mr. Fell, in outlining the case, said the action was for specific performance of an agreement to give grants, or in the alternative, for damages, for breach. A map attached to the agreement between the city and the plaintiffs showed the water at the north-east end of Victoria harbor, Rock Bay,

with a bridge across it on the west side, and as a means of identification the bay had been called and was known as Rock Bay. On the southern side was the plant of the Victoria gas works, operated continuously since 1881. Next was the Taylor mill property, adjoining that the piece in dispute, about one acre in extent; to the north the Lemon-Gonson property, and further to the west and ending at the bridge, is the old tannery, not in use now but in use at confederation, and for many years after.

The properties on which the mills stand are held under grants from the Dominion. In 1905 the companies required to extend their premises and applied to the Dominion for grant of the property in dispute, the Taylor mill for the southern half and Lemon-Gonson for the northern half. These applications were proceeded with favorably until near completion, when the government notified the city, out of courtesy more than anything else, and asked if it had any objection. The city took the matter into consideration, but instead of answering by objection or consent applied for a grant of the land itself as part of the harbor of Victoria. This met with considerable opposition, and ultimately the city was informed that the grant would not be made to the companies.

Then the city entered into negotiations with the companies, continued, and the latter agreed to withdraw their applications and sustain that of the city, the city in consideration of this abandonment and assistance to grant them leases for ten years at the nominal rental of \$5 a year, reserving the right to fill in as a dump behind a bulkhead, continue a sewer out and run a roadway through the centre to the waterfront. Resolutions were adopted by the council carrying

out this agreement, and then Mayor Barnard and the city clerk were instructed to sign the draft leases. Thereupon Ottawa was notified and in consequence the mill companies' applications were rejected and the land was granted to the city.

There was meanwhile a change in the mayoralty, Mayor Morley refused to carry out the undertaking and the companies were unable to get their leases. Later the city applied to the provincial government for a grant of the same lands and obtained this in which the bay was again described as part of the harbor of Victoria. It was then agreed by the parties to have a trial of the present issue, which was, first, were these lands part of the waters of the harbor of Victoria at confederation; and second, whether or not the city had the right to execute a lease as set out in the claim of the companies? If the lands were part of the harbor at confederation they passed to the Dominion; if not, they passed to the province. Mr. Fell stated that when the case came on in May last Mr. Justice Clement adjourned it for the purpose of having it ascertained whether or not the attorneys-general of the Dominion and province would enter any appearance, but he now had letters stating that neither intended to intervene.

Mr. Maclean said he held a watching brief for owners of considerable property in the vicinity who considered that it would be detrimentally affected by the grant of the leases or privileges, and who had always opposed it on the ground that their right to access to the water would be injured by giving a grant to the companies to monopolize this piece of ground for ten years.

Mr. McDiarmid stated that Mr. Fell had left out the fact that there was no evidence of refusal of council to conclude a lease, so far as he could see, prior to the provincial government taking a hand in 1908. In the grant from it to the city the use of the property was strictly limited to public purposes, and the city therefore felt it was necessary to have a decision by the court as to whether Rock Bay was part of the harbor, or whether it was to be treated as under the control of the province, and whether these lands could, under the provincial government grant, be given in derogation of navigation rights. Mr. McDiarmid said he wanted to remove from the mind of the court any idea that the city was acting fraudulently.

"I am not going to assume yet that the city was acting capriciously," replied his lordship.

Mr. Fell remarked that the city's attitude so far had always been a negative one; it would not grant a lease.

Alex. G. Lindsay, a draughtsman in the office of the lands and works department of the province, produced a number of maps and plans by direction of the surveyor-general. The first was an official plan of Victoria and district, made in 1858, with Rock Bay shown without any bridge, a bridge at the foot of Johnson street, the town limits ending south of the bay, and a tannery crossing Government street into the bay.

A tracing of the official map of the

town of Victoria of 1858 came next, showing the town limits bordering on the south side of Rock Bay. The lot on the south side of Rock Bay is designated as No. 1548, and is that on which the Gas Works company erected its plant. It shows Rock Bay at that time extending up to Pembroke street, with no bridge crossing it but a bridge over the harbor at the foot of Johnson street, which Mr. McDiarmid pointed out was part of the Esquimalt road.

A tracing of a map of Victoria and bearing no date was, Mr. Fell observed, of earlier date than the last, as it showed no bridge at James Bay, as did the other. There was no bridge at Rock Bay or Point Ellice. A map of the town of Victoria in 1861 showed a bridge at James Bay, a bridge at the foot of Johnson street, but no bridge at Rock Bay.

A plan of the district of Victoria, bearing no date, showed a bridge at James Bay, none at Johnson street, none at Rock Bay, school and military reserves and some lot numbers. A map of Victoria district, dated 1861, showed the Johnson street and James Bay bridges, but none at Rock Bay.

The seventh map put in was one of the city of Victoria in 1863, which is the first map showing the bridge at Rock Bay and the disappearance of the bridge at the foot of Johnson street. It also shows the James Bay bridge, lot 1548, as occupied by the Victoria Gas company, and a wharf and jetty built there, and the sub-division of the point of land situated between Rock Bay and Point Ellice bridge.

Mr. McDiarmid explained that the Johnson street bridge had only been discontinued as part of the Esquimalt road when a new road was laid out over Rock Bay and Point Ellice bridges.

Mr. Fell put in a map published by the Hudson's Bay company in 1855, which showed Victoria harbors comprising all the waters adjacent to the harbor, without any bridges.

William H. Bone, of the Hibben-Bone company, came here in June, 1863, and entered the service of the Hibben firm in 1871. He identified as having been issued by the firm in 1872 a map of the city, prepared by W. D. Patterson, a land surveyor of repute. He explained, however, that the firm had never issued what was properly a survey map. This map showed the James Bay, Rock Bay and Point Ellice bridges, the gas works plant, the tannery at the northwest end of the bay and inside the bridge, the extension of Government street by a bridge over part of Rock Bay, and, between the extension of Government street and the extension of Douglas street, the site of an old dam, "now dry."

Mr. Bone says he knew Rock Bay in those days well, as he went swimming there. His first recollection was a vivid one, as he had got covered with tar floating from the gas works and had to go home to scrub himself off. He had no knowledge of how the gas works got its coal.

To Mr. McDiarmid Mr. Bone said the first bridge was a low one, from which one could clamber down to the rocks. He could not remember ever seeing the

bay so that one could walk across at low tide.

Capt. Charles E. Clarke, harbor master and port warden of Victoria, and Esquimalt since the fall of 1894, has been here since 1874 and visited the port in a vessel a year earlier. He has a recollection of Rock Bay from 1875, and of an opening in it to allow of the passage of sailing scows with coal for the gas works. At a later date, in the eighties, he remembers coal scows passing through for the tannery, among them the Eliza and the Isabella, but has no recollection of scows with tan bark entering.

Captain Clarke produced from his office admiralty charts of Victoria harbor made in 1859, 1861 and 1862. The former was made by Captain Richards, of H. M. S. Plumper, and shows bridges at James Bay, Johnson street, Rock Bay and Point Ellice. That of 1861 showed bridges at James Bay and Johnson street only, and this led the court to remark that evidently the charts were better evidence as to the water than the land. Captain Clarke gave his jurisdiction as extending to high water of all tidal waters in the area frontage. He had exercised his authority in Rock Bay always without question from the provincial government or anyone else. There was an opening in the bridge, a sort of trap-door.

Mr. McDiarmid Capt. Clarke said he had sailed the Discovery, Junia and Alert on this coast, but had never taken them through Rock Bay bridge or above Point Ellice bridge. While there were no soundings shown on the charts in Rock Bay, James Bay or above Point Ellice bridge, this meant nothing, as there were many navigable waters in the province which had never

been sounded. Capt. Clarke was shown a photograph of Rock Bay bridge decorated by the city council for the visit of Earl Dufferin, and bearing the historic motto, "Carnarvon Terms or Separation." Mr. McDiarmid wanted the witness to point out the draw, but Captain Clarke said he could not recall just where it was.

Testifying further on the point of shipping, Capt. Clarke told Mr. Fell that he had seen the Alert, 26 tons, and the steamer Shamrock above Point Ellice bridge, but he had no clear recollection of passengers going up the Gorge on Queen's Birthday by steamer or scows towed by steamers. He did recall that cordwood had been brought from Portage Inlet in scows.

Hon. Eli Harrison, a resident of Victoria since 1885, nearly all the time on his property at Spring Ridge, and for many years judge of the county court of the county of Nanaimo, had no distinct recollection of the lift span of Rock Bay bridge. He explained, though, that in traveling between the city and Esquimalt people took the Johnson street bridge and crossed the

reserve, that being shorter and more convenient. Wilcox's hotel was at the foot of Johnson's street and facing the bridge. Later on the naval authorities, in conjunction with the government, laid out a new road to Esquimalt around-by Point Ellice and Rock Bay bridges.

Mr. Harrison said that the inner part of the harbor had always been used extensively. In early days the miners had traveled very largely in boats, chiefly what was known as a plunger, with one mast and a centre-board. They were to be seen all along the harbor and he had seen boats in Rock Bay and James Bay. He remembered when a lad going up the Gorge in boats to a picnic at Gardiner Point, before 1862, with the boys of the Collegiate school, Archdeacon Woods, principal of the school, and his brother, Mr. Woods, registrar of the supreme court, had residences along there. Very often, Mr. Harrison said, he had seen scows and barges laden with coal in Rock Bay and the upper waters from 1864 and onwards.

The case is continuing to-day.

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GAZETTE REGULATIONS FOR MOVING PICTURES

Six Pages of B. C. Gazette Filled With Rules; One Local Company

For many months the number of new companies incorporated in any one week has not been so small as the number announced in the B. C. Gazette this week. One is a local concern, the

Edwin Larson Company, Ltd., with a capital of \$25,000. The following is the object for which the company has been incorporated: To acquire and take over by purchase or otherwise the patent rights for the Dominion of Canada from Edwin Larson and Boyd N. Rogers, their respective executors or administrators, on an invention known as the "Eye-glass exhibitor and eye-testing apparatus," the invention of the said Edwin Larson, and which is particularly described under patent number 132804. The other company is Robertson & Partners, Limited, Vancouver, with a capital of \$25,000. The Parksville and District Poultry association has been incorporated. Six pages of the issue this week are occupied with the gazetting of the regulations under the moving pictures act. The following appointments are gazetted: Charles E. Duke, of Pouce Coupe,

to be a Justice of the peace; O. Phillips, of Merritt, and Stanley Kirby, of Nicola, to be members of the board of directors of the Nicola Valley General Hospital until May 1, 1915, in the place of A. N. B. Rogers and H. H. Matthews. Notice is given that the time limited by the rules of the provincial House for the presentation of petitions for private bills expires on February 1. Private bills must be presented to the House not later than February 11. Reports of committees on private bills will not be received by the House after Thursday, February 12. The General Administration society, a new incorporation, with headquarters in Vancouver, A. C. Strutt being attorney.

contrary to the provisions of the civil code: "Generally to act in the name of mandators or in its own name on account of mandators, companies, firms, or persons being mandators, as agent or attorney for the transaction of business, the purchase, sale, or building of immovables, the investment and collection of moneys, rents, interests, dividends, mortgages, bonds, bills, notes and other securities; to act as agent for the purpose of registering, issuing and countersigning the transfers and certificates of stocks, bonds, debentures, obligations, and other securities of the Dominion of Canada, provincial, British, foreign, or other public securities, or those of any corporation, association, or municipality, and to receive and manage any sinking fund therefor on such terms as may be agreed upon." There are 306,000 more women than men in Germany.

OAK BAY THEATRE.

This fine little theatre is now one of the most popular houses of entertainment in Victoria. Mr. Harry Collins, who is at the head of affairs, is putting on fine programmes, using Universal films exclusively. The "Trey o' Hearts" serial, which is shown every Monday and Tuesday, has a very large following and is now in the eleventh episode. Further big attractions are being booked to follow this. For to-night and to-morrow a splendid film entitled "The Coward" will be shown. Mr. Collins also announces a special Christmas matinee for children on Saturday afternoon. Ten prizes will be given away and each child will receive some candy free. For the matinee a special three-

reel feature film entitled "The Amazing Adventures of Captain Kidd," will be shown. The management is giving away a turkey on Christmas Eve. Coupons are now being given to every patron. Little Toddie's shining nose only just reached the grocer's counter. He laid his penny on the counter deliberately. "Two separate reports of dates, please," he said. "Why don't you have a pennyworth?" asked Mr. Sandymann, the grocer. "Cos one a'port is for my bruvver Dickie!" replied Toddie. "But you could have had a pennyworth and divided them." "Yes," said the boy; "I know I could. But you see, there might be a hodd'un!" Heligoland was exchanged in 1880 for Zanzibar in East Africa. We took it from Denmark in 1857.

At the beginning of the hunting season an enthusiastic nirod named Smith telegraphed an hotel friend in the game region for reservation, and at the appointed time he was "ready on the job." "Hello, Harry!" he exclaimed, saluting mine host, as he dragged his dogs and guns to the hotel veranda. "Everything all right?" "Couldn't be better," was the prompt response of mine host. "How about the game?" returned the sportsman eagerly. "Are there any quails around?" "Well, I should say so!" declared mine host. "Every time the cook throws a refuse piece of toast out the back window, four or five fat quails fight to see which one shall lie down on it. The great thing in the world is not so much to seek happiness as to earn peace and self-respect.—Haxley.

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Patent Leather, Button or Lace Boots, black or brown Louis, Kidney or Cuban heels, daintily tapering plain toes. This is the greatest opportunity any woman ever had of securing, at a real bargain price, a really stylish Shoe. Come in today and make a pair of them your own. Remember the price to-day is only **\$3.95**

To-morrow we are going to make one of our periodical "CLEAN-UPS." Many hundreds of our customers know that this is A CHANCE EXTRAORDINARY, which they cannot afford to let pass. We have reduced the prices to the lowest possible point on all our high-class stock, and they will go quickly as they have always done in our previous "CLEAN-UPS." REMEMBER, the early shopper has the largest selection to choose from.

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All sizes up to 1s. Children's English Carpet Slippers, 60c. Leather soles and heels; reg. \$1.00. Men's Rubbers at Half-Price. Usually sold at \$1.50. Now, only **75¢**

**ASTRONOMICAL CENTRE
CHOOSES OFFICERS**

Victoria Branch of Astronomical Society Holds Annual Meeting

A. W. McCurdy is the new president of the Victoria Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, having been elected at the annual meeting last

evening at the society's rooms, Courtney street.
F. Napier Denison, retiring president, occupied the chair. The secretary's report, presented by E. H. Cotterell, was read and adopted. Touching reference was made to the late W. J. Sutton, who had been instrumental in forming the centre. The report gave an account of the work accomplished and the work of the various meetings.

It is the intention of the society to arrange a progressive course of lectures during the coming year, the first of which will be an illustrated lecture by Dr. L. F. Houghton on "Mars" on January 15.

The officers elected were: Hon. president, Hon. H. E. Young; president, A. W. McCurdy; vice-president, E. H. Cotterell, C.E.; secretary-treasurer, Dr.

L. F. Houghton; executive committee, G. Atken, W. S. Drewry, C.E.; J. L. Lethaby, L.L.B.; F. C. Swannell, B.C.L.S.; J. B. Umbach, assistant surveyor-general; G. Gray Donald, C.E., and Augustus Symonds.

A letter from the new president, who was not present, was read. In connection with the new astronomical observatory, he said he had been officially informed from Ottawa as follows: "The plans for the dome and building are completed at the chief architect's department and the elevations look very well indeed, so that the effect of the big dome 66 feet in diameter and 75 feet high on the top of little Saanich hill will be quite imposing. The contract for the walls and pier are to be let as soon as the money is voted. The plans

for the other buildings are well under way.

"The boring for water has been successful and there is a flow of at least 8,000 gallons per day. The building of the tank, pump-house, pump and connecting pipe has just been authorized by the deputy minister of public works, and this will be proceeded with at once.

"The grinding of the big mirror is going along successfully. The large steel castings and forgings for the mountings are now under construction and are expected to be completed some time this month. The mounting is to be ready next October, and the construction of the buildings should start in April in order to give time to get them completed in time to receive the telescope."

SCHOOLS SEND GIFTS
Friendly Help This Morning Received Several Contributions From Children of Victoria.

The Friendly Help has not been forgotten in the multitude of interests of the present year, and all this week Miss Lawson has been receiving gifts of money and groceries which will be useful in fitting out the hampers which it is intended to send out next week to the needy families of Victoria. Among the usual contributors to the work are the schools of the city, several donations from which came in this morning, consisting of gifts of toys and groceries together with fifty plum puddings from Victoria West school. Three live chickens were also contributed, and will no

doubt find their way to some useful place. Any donations of money, groceries, fuel, toys, new clothing, or other kind will be particularly welcome this year owing to the exceptionally large number of families that are being cared for, and these may be sent to Miss Lawson, Friendly Help room, Market buildings.

OBITUARY.

The funeral of Velisarios Steamatra took place Wednesday afternoon. Service was held by the Rev. P. Anagnostopoulos, of Portland. There was a very large attendance, and the casket was covered with floral tributes. Interment took place in Ross Bay cemetery. The pallbearers were: Messrs. G. Theodore, P. Vasilou, V. Frauskas, G. Cleands, N. Keppar, G. Frankus.

Sale of Work.—The Ladies' Aid of Oaklands Methodist church is making elaborate preparations for a big sale of home-cooked especially adapted for the Christmas season. There will be in addition to this many articles of sewing and novelties for children. The sale will open to-morrow in the Scott building, corner of Douglas street and Hillside avenue. Patrons will find a large choice of Christmas necessities.

To Speak Here.—Pastor C. E. Heard, of Vancouver, who is completing an extended lecturing tour, will preach in the Victoria theatre, Douglas street on Sunday evening at 7.30. His subject will be taken from Revelation, 1:18: "What will Christ do with the keys of hell and death?" Pastor Heard is well known in Victoria, having lectured here several times in the past few years.

Relentless and Remorseless Price-Cutting Sale

In Boots, Shoes and Slippers at THE OLD COUNTRY BOOT STORE

Owing to business conditions we are entirely overstocked with Boots, Shoes and Slippers. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19TH, AT 9 O'CLOCK, we shall commence a

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which will last for 15 days. These sensational prices will be on everybody's tongue and will be the talk of the place. Never in the history of the city has there been such a reckless, relentless and remorseless cutting of price. It will pay you to get the money and buy one or two years' supply of Reliable Footwear, as these prices never can be duplicated.

We want your business. We want you to help us reduce our stock. We want to get new customers.

Thousands of Boots, Etc., have been thrown into bins and baskets, so that you can see the goods, handle them, and examine them for yourselves.

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<p>MEN'S SATIN CALF BLUCHER BOOTS Dull kid leg, double sewn soles. Reg. \$3.50 value. \$1.95 Sale price</p>	<p>MEN'S BOX CALF LEATHER LINED BOOTS Double soles, splendid wet weather boots. Reg. \$4.50. \$3.25 Sale price</p>	<p>MEN'S TAN CALF BUTTON AND LACE BOOTS Double soles, Goodyear welted. Reg. to \$6.00. \$2.45 Sale price</p>
<p>\$1.25 RUBBERS FOR 25c 300 pairs Men's Everstiek, first quality Rubbers. Reg. \$1.25. Sale price</p>	<p>MEN'S HIGH FELT ROMEO SLIPPERS Jaeger styles. Reg. \$2.00. \$1.25 Sale price</p>	<p>\$5.00 BOOTS FOR \$3.50 Men's English Velour Calf Blucher Boots; dull calf leg; patent tip. \$5.00 value. Sale price</p>
<p>MEN'S \$1.50 CARPET SLIPPERS 85c Men's Carpet Slippers, rose pattern, with solid leather soles; \$1.50 value. Sale price</p>	<p>Men's \$1.25 Felt Slippers. Sale price</p> <p>Men's \$2.00 Moosehide Slippers. Sale price</p> <p>Men's \$3.00 Box Calf Boots. Sale price</p>	<p>MEN'S SKATING BOOTS In tan, black and green. Values to \$5.00. \$1.95 Sale price</p>

BOYS' STRONG SCHOOL BOOTS, in Boston Calf, Sizes 11 to 13 and 1 to 5. Regular \$2 Value. Sale Price 75c a Pair

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<p>WOMEN'S TAN CALF BUTTON AND LACE BOOTS Goodyear welted soles, wide and narrow toes. Values to \$5.50. \$1.95 Sale price</p>	<p>WOMEN'S HIGH LEG STORM BOOTS In velour calf and tan calf. Splendid winter Boots; \$6.00 values. \$2.95 Sale price</p>	<p>LADIES' VELVET ROMEOS Fur bound, high and low heels, in brown, black and wine color. A splendid Christmas gift. Reg. \$2. Sale price</p>	<p>WOMEN'S FELT COLLAR SLIPPERS Felt and leather soles. Reg. \$1. 50c Sale price</p>
<p>LADIES' STRAP SLIPPERS With hand turned soles; high or low heels. Sale price</p>	<p>CHILDREN'S FELT SLIPPERS Red and brown; very serviceable; 75c value. Sale price</p>	<p>MISSSES' BOX CALF BOOTS In lace and button; \$3.00 values. \$1.75 Sale price</p>	<p>CHILDREN'S BOX CALF BOOTS Sale price</p>

The above is only a few of the lines on Sale. We have hundreds of other Bargains, but call and see these.

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Here's what we are going to do. Starting next Saturday morning at 8.30, OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF MEN'S SUITS will be cut in two lots. Here they are

LOT 1--218 SUITS

Lot No. 1 consists of all new styles and new clothes cut right up to the minute, in all models, short and stout, tall and stout, tall and slender, and regulars in this lot. You have your choice of any Suit. This also includes Navy Serges. Any Suit up to \$27.50 **\$14.50**

LOT 2.-- SUITS UP TO \$40 \$18.50

Lot No. 2. We are showing 231 Suits, Navy Blue and Black Serge, Fancy Tweeds and Worsteds. All our best cloths are shown in this lot. This is the biggest clothing offer we have ever handed out. Get in as early as you can five days. All our \$35.00, \$37.50 and \$40.00 Suits **\$18.50**

Two Prices Will Clear Our Overcoat Stock

Lot No. 1--We have 48 Men's Overcoats, all styles and cloths, semi-fitting and full box; also Balmacaan styles. Values in this lot up to \$27.50. 5-days' price

\$14.50

Lot No. 2 takes in the balance of our stock. If you have not inspected our Coats try and get in early, as it will pay you. Every Coat must go. Values up to \$45.00. Take your choice, 5-days' price

\$18.50

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What We Have To Offer Christmas Shoppers



Men's Neckwear (Boxed) at 50c

Men's Neckwear, put up in fancy boxes, all the new Swiss Silks. Watch our windows. Five-day Special Price **50c**

Neckwear at 75c

100 dozen of the Latest Silks that money can buy, all nicely boxed ready to post. Five-days' Special Price is **75c**

Smoking Jackets

Large range of Smoking Jackets shown in the new checks and fancy stripes. Specially priced \$5.00 to **\$10.00**

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Splendid assortment of Bathrobes, all sizes and lengths and very striking patterns. Prices from \$7.50 to **\$20.00**

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Better Lines of Neckwear

Beautiful range of Neckwear, in knitted and heavy brocade silks, exclusive patterns. Watch our windows. Priced \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 **\$2.50**

Silk Mufflers

Large range of Silk Mufflers, in all colors. Call and inspect our price **50c and up**

Dress Vests

A very suitable Christmas gift is a nice Dress Vest. We have the finest assortment on the coast. Priced from \$2.00 to **\$15.00**

Collar Bags at \$1.25 and Up

Fine range of Collar Bags, in all the new leathers and late shades. \$1.25 to **\$5.00**

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Tie-holders, made in the new folder style, absolutely dust-proof. A very fine Christmas gift. \$1.25, **\$5.00**

Dress Suits Make a Fine Gift

You can't beat a nice Dress Suit for a Christmas present. We are going to make a special offer for the next five days. Any Dress Suit in the store up to \$50.00, Five-days' Special Price **\$25.00**

Gloves at All Prices

Deit's and Fowne's Gloves, in suedes, capes and dogskins, made in cavets and regulars. Prices, \$1.25 to **\$3.00**

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DISRAELI FORETOLD THE GERMAN MENACE

George Arliss, in Interview, Gives a New Insight Into Historical Figure

"Disraeli saw this war coming. Even as far back as 1890, before ever Germany was an empire, his far-sightedness discerned, as a speck on the horizon, the coming time when her need of expansion would lead her into a war with Britain. To him Germany was already a menace."

The speaker was George Arliss, the famous English actor who is now appearing at the Royal Victoria in the part of "Disraeli" in the play of that name which he has presented with unvarying success for four years. In a short interview with the Times at the Empress hotel this morning he told something of his conception of the great historical figure whom he has presented with such vivid reality to the playgoers of two continents.

"He must have been a very great man," he continued, "to have overcome the general prejudice against the Jews to such an extent that he rose step by step into the highest position in the realm from a place of comparative obscurity. The younger generation of today can scarcely appreciate the bitter and concentrated hatred of that nation among Englishmen of his day. That he could triumph over that rooted national trait is the clearest indication of the strength and greatness of his character."

Mr. Arliss remarked that one of the most remarkable features of his tour with the play is the number of people whom he has met, who have either known, or have been in some way connected with Disraeli. Flashes of insight into the complex character of the statesman have been given him by many people, and all these things have helped him to make his characterization more faithful.

"It is a tempting character to an actor," he said. "His appearance was so distinctive that he forms an excel-

lent central figure. It was not easy to write a play about him, however, for the dramatic part of Disraeli's life was telescopic. If you can understand me, he had a dramatic life, but one has to be right through it to get the effect, a thing not easy to do on the stage. One can hardly put on the boards a great statesman making impassioned speeches in parliament. It was very clever of Mr. Louis N. Parker to take the Suez canal incident and weave his play around that. I was with him during a good part of the time it was written, and as you can believe, it was a great help to me."

Referring to his tour through the States, Mr. Arliss remarked that the country had felt the effects of the war more markedly than most people imagined. Many of the natural products for the factories had been entirely cut off. The copper industry, among others, had received a very severe check. But the future looked, he thought, particularly rosy for this continent, and he predicted a great change in conditions immediately after the new year. The obvious reason was that the great majority of the European factories had been put completely out of business, and consequently jobbers would have to run to America for their supplies.

WOULD HAND OVER SCHOOL

Island Arts and Crafts Club Wishes Its School to Be Part of City System.

A meeting of the school board will probably be held on Tuesday afternoon next to consider a proposal from the Island Arts and Crafts club. This is that the board take over as part of the night school system established by the trustees the school operated by the club, and move the equipment from its location to the high school. The club has in the past received a government grant. It will be suggested by the club that the officers of the society should be appointed as an advisory committee to the board on this branch of its work, a course which has already been provided for by statute. The board will not be called upon to assume any additional financial responsibility, the club having funds in hand

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to prosecute this portion of the work. It will merely supplement the work of the art course.

Christmas Service. At the Holywood Presbyterian Sunday school, Wildwood avenue, Fowl Bay, a special Christmas service will be held on Sunday evening at 7.30. Preacher, Rev. W. Fortune will preach and Mrs. D. E. Campbell will be soloist.

Emmanuel Services.—Special services in anticipation of Christmas will be held at Emmanuel Baptist church on Sunday evening, when there will be special music under the leadership of Fred. Parfitt. The pastor, Rev. William Stevenson, will preach in the morning on "The True Spirit of Christmas," and in the evening on "The Finding of the Christchild," a modern interpretation of Christmas.



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ISSUES WARNINGS FOR CHRISTMAS SEASON

Chief Davis Draws Attention to Bulletin of National Fire Protection Association

The dangers of flimsy Christmas decorations have been the subject of warning through successive years, but scarcely ever the great season of festivity goes by without some sacrifice of child life due to carelessness, either carelessness of the children themselves or lack of forethought on the part of elders.

Chief Davis wishes to renew the warnings he has issued on previous occasions, and to draw attention to the Holiday Fire Bulletin of the National Fire Protection Association of Boston.

Mass, a body formed of the leading organizations engaged in the saving of life, the fire underwriters, the explosive manufacturers, and many business associations of the United States. Among the warnings are: "Watch gas jets; decorations may be carried against them by air currents. Watch smokers; do not permit them to light cigars inside buildings. Do not make the slightest change in electric wiring without consulting an electrical inspector."

"Do not decorate your Christmas tree with paper, cotton or any other inflammable material. Use metallic tinsel and other non-inflammable decorations only, and set the tree securely so that the children in reaching for things cannot tip it over."

"Do not use cotton to represent snow. If you must have snow, use asbestos fibre."

"Do not permit children to light or relight candles while parents are not present. They frequently set fire to their clothing instead."

ment with them. They imitate their elders. "Do not allow trees to remain inside buildings after the holiday. The tree itself ignites readily when the needles become dry. A large number of fires usually occur in January from this cause."

"A House of Merriment is better than a House of Mourning."

Tabernacle Church.—The Rev. Dr. Cameron will close his series of sermons on "The Return of the Lord," on Sunday morning. He will deal specially with what the Advent will mean to the nations, to the Jews, and to the created world. The Christmas festival for the Sunday school will be held Monday evening, December 23, at 8. A very interesting programme of singing and recitations will be given, and a Christmas tree is to be provided for the children and their friends. The usual refreshments will be served to all comers.

The General Wholesomeness add to the desirability of the selection of the Merchants' Lunch, 25c, at the Blanchard Inn, next Public Library.

ARE YOU HELPING YOURSELF AND YOUR CITY? Have You Made Up Your Mind To Give Victoria-Made Goods and B.C.-Made Goods a Preference and To BUY IN VICTORIA

FIRST LAST AND ALL THE TIME

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But are you going to let it rest there or are you going to act on the strength of your convictions and put the thing into practice? It will cost a little effort; it will be necessary to use your influence, perhaps, with wife and family. But, if the movement is right and is worth while at all it is worth what it costs.

Now on the question of prices; you will find the merchants represented on this page, and Victoria merchants generally, ready and willing to give you the goods you want at fair prices. Instances are cited by individuals now and then as proof that Victoria merchants charge more than is fair. These instances usually involve a comparison with prices charged in other cities. The same thing applies in every city. Isolated instances can be brought forward to show that merchants in other cities charge more for certain articles than Victoria merchants charge. But that does not alter the fact that the prices asked by Victoria merchants are, with few exceptions, fair and reasonable and compare favorably with those charged anywhere else.

The "Buy in Victoria" movement is already having an effect. Scores of people who formerly thoughtlessly sent much of their money away are keeping that money at home where it helps to make their own burdens lighter; where there is an opportunity for them to get at least a part of it back. What a difference it would make to Victoria if we ALL voted for this movement and followed up our votes with our actions?

Every dollar spent in Victoria this winter will contribute to the general fund against hard times; every dollar sent away will deplete that fund. Every dollar spent in Victoria will help to provide employment for those who need it.

When you send a dollar out of Victoria to buy goods for you, you get the goods and some other community gets the dollar; when you spend a dollar for goods IN VICTORIA, you get the goods, and the dollar as well FOR A PART OF IT AT LEAST WILL FIND ITS WAY BACK INTO YOUR POCKET.

Join the "Buy in Victoria" movement and influence others to join it. Adopt it as a principle and live up to it. If you do Victoria will continue to enjoy sound prosperity in spite of everything.

Points to Ponder

GOOD CLOTHES COST MONEY, no matter where you buy them, and the prices in Victoria are no higher than in other cities if the express and duty charges are added to the original cost.

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Boosting Victoria

There are various ways of "boosting" a city, as it is called, but too often the method employed is more harmful than beneficial in the final analysis.

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HOW AIRSHIP BOMBS FALL.

Camille Flammarion Tells About It; They Drop Obliquely.

The European edition of the New York Herald publishes the following letter from M. Camille Flammarion: To the Editor of the Herald:—I have received the following letter in the name of a group of soldiers in the trenches, who, seeing the "taubes" passing above them and annoying them by their evolutions, ask the enclosed questions, the signer of the letter

being chosen as interpreter for the curiosity of his comrades:

Soldiers' Questions.
"In the Trenches, Oct. 31.
"Mr. Camille Flammarion, will you be good enough to enlighten us on the following points, which perplex us."
"1. Will a bullet sent from a balloon carried along by the wind, during its descent to the ground, partake of a transitional movement equal to that of the balloon, and will it come in contact with the ground exactly under the basket of the balloon?"
"2. By the same principle, will a bullet from an aeroplane partake of a movement of descent and of transition equal to the speed of the air ship, taking

account of the retardation caused by the resistance of the air?"

"3. Is it possible for a bullet sent from a moving apparatus to fall exactly on the point above which it would have been if left to itself?"
"Buried in the trenches for the last month some insignificant soldiers, who are battling for the final peace of the world, have decided to write you and put you to some trouble, not finding elsewhere a solution of their dispute, which is essentially of a scientific order."
"R. ROGER,
"Soldier in the — regiment of Infantry."
Answer is Easy.
It is easy to give the answer, and I

send it all the more willingly, as the same questions have been asked of me more than once since the beginning of the war.

A bullet from a balloon or aeroplane retains within itself the speed acquired by the advance of the aerial apparatus. Therefore it does not fall beneath the spot where it has been let loose, but reaches the ground at a point determined by the combination of its acquired horizontal speed and the length of its fall, which depends on its height. I made the experiment myself one day passing over Orleans. A little stone weighing a note that I let fall above the Place du Martroy followed the track of the balloon as if it had

been attached to it by an invisible thread and fell on the bank of the Loire.

I have also discussed this interesting problem in my "Voyage Aeriens," a work in which the observations made on my aeronautic ascents are given.
Accursed Era!
On the other hand, some of our readers will surely remember the theorem of their college days, which has for its subject "the independence of simultaneous movements," by virtue of which compound movements give birth to a result which is a summary of them.
It is evident that the accursed era of "taubes" which opened with the war

has given to this question a real timeliness, and there is no doubt that the barbarous emissaries of the hostile aerial fleet have received on this subject a good lesson in mechanics from their chiefs, the demolishers of our historic monuments. Happily circumstances have not always permitted them to make the disastrous application that they expected.

How far we are from the dawn of the conquest of the air sung by the poets! The swallows have become bats, the doves have been turned into crows, the celestial butterflies have become birds of death. A sad metamorphosis!

CUT OFF HIS WOUNDED LEG.

Sergeant W. E. Walker, of the 1st Battalion Rifle Brigade, writing from an hospital abroad to his relatives at Yarmouth, England, refers to the fighting on the Aisne, and says: "I was just getting up and turning round to take my platoon to the left, when smack! went my leg—and didn't I jump! It did not blow my leg clean off. It was hanging by a thick piece of flesh, sinews and skin, so I hopped a few yards down the hill under cover, sat behind some straw, and cut my leg off with a penknife. I might mention I had a piece of string round my leg to stop it from bleeding, which saved my life. I was not sorry when I arrived here and saw the nice white sheets. It was like coming out of hell into heaven."

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Along the Waterfront

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IDA ETTA LIKELY TO JOIN FISHING FLEET

May Be Converted Into Gasoline Schooner This Winter; Jessie is Repairing

There is a probability that the former sealing schooner, Ida Etta, will make her appearance in the fishing trade next spring. Her owners contemplate converting her into a fisherman this winter. A powerful gasoline engine will be installed, the interior torn out and reconstructed in order to make provision for a fish locker, and a great deal of minor work, including the shortening of the masts and reducing the spread of canvas she carries and building a wheelhouse on deck.

Several months ago the Victoria Fishing company suffered the loss of the schooner Victoria in the Gulf of Georgia, and they have been prompted to prepare the Ida Etta for the industry. The schooner Jessie is now being overhauled and making repairs and will not likely put to sea until early in February. This famous fisherman had a hard season last year, breaking down several times off the coast, and she requires considerable repair work.

Capt. George Heater, master of the Jessie, wishes that he could put to sea now. The northerly winds which are now prevalent all along the coast mean fine weather, and the captain believes that he could secure a full catch in a very short time. Late in November the vile southeast gales broke over the fishing banks off the west coast of Vancouver Island and in Hecate strait and made fishing practically impossible. Many of the schooners operating out of Vancouver and Seattle, along with the local boats, were tied up as profitable trips could not be made. The Jessie, however, cannot put to sea at the present time owing to the repair work which is in progress. Capt. Heater does not like to see this fine weather going to waste, but hopes that it will be prevalent, instead of southeasters, when he puts to sea in February.

RIPS HULL BADLY ON SAN BENTO ISLAND

American-Hawaiian Freighter Isthmian Bound for New York, Badly Damaged

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 18.—Striking the rocks of San Bento Island, 300 miles south of San Diego, the American-Hawaiian freighter Isthmian, south-bound from San Pedro for New York via the Panama canal, sent a call by wireless early to-day for assistance, and at last reports was proceeding northward at the rate of five miles an hour.

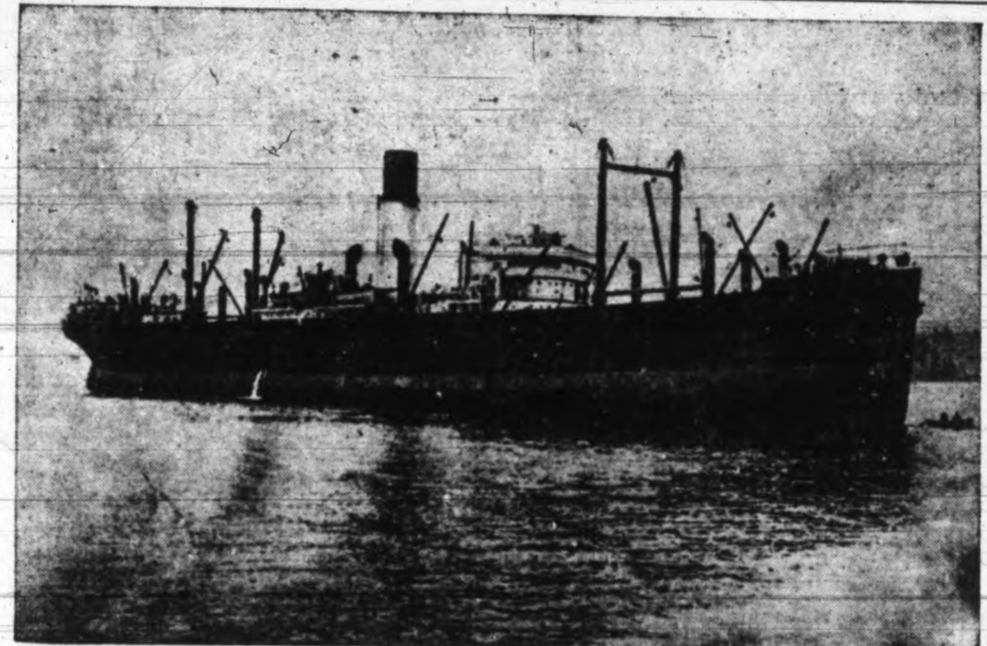
According to radio reports the Isthmian has 26 feet of water in No. 1 hold, which is forward. Consequently, it is

GUNHILD IS SNUGLY ANCHORED IN A COVE

Quarantine Yacht is of No Service and Has Been Taken to an Anchorage

Snugly tucked away in a little cove in Peddar Bay lies the quarantine yacht Gunhild, of little use to anyone in particular and certainly of no use to the service for which she was purchased. The boiler of the little vessel is said to be in need of repairs. About the only thing about the craft which is serviceable and of any account is the set of engines. As the yacht now lies she cannot be used and considerable money will have to be spent on her

BLUE FUNNEL LINER NEARS COAST FROM LIVERPOOL



S. S. ANTIOCHUS. Two days late, this steamship will arrive in Victoria next Monday. She is coming from Liverpool via the Orient and was detained in Far Eastern ports a number of days longer than her schedule called for. The Antiochus has about 1,500 tons of cargo to discharge at this port.

stated, the ship is down by the head and is steering badly. On receipt of the wireless call from the Isthmian, the armored cruiser West Virginia, the torpedo boat destroyer Perry and the navy tug Irigoin cleared for the south at full speed. It is expected the Perry will meet the Isthmian about 4 o'clock this afternoon.

GOVERNOR SAILS TO-NIGHT

At 11 o'clock to-night the Pacific Coast steamship Governor, Capt. Thomas, sails for San Francisco with a large list of passengers and freight.

DISCOVERER IN TO-MORROW

The Harrison liner Discoverer will dock to-morrow morning from Liverpool, via the Panama canal, to discharge about 600 tons of general freight.

The Gunhild made several trips between here and the Head and did a little other work for the station. But finally an order was sent into town for a good stout anchor and the yacht was moored inside the Head. With winter approaching it was deemed advisable to shift the vessel to a more sheltered nook, and she is now anchored in a snug little cove, over which the eye can seldom travel. She has been lost to this port for some short time and judging from her present condition and position she will not likely be seen here for some time.

NEW COASTING MASTER

Seattle, Dec. 18.—Eleven years ago Martin F. Tarpey entered the service of the Pacific Coast Steamship company as a sailor. To-day he is in port as temporary master of the company's freighter Eureka, which has been chartered by W. H. Grace & Company for operation in the Puget Sound-West Coast trade. The Eureka is Tarpey's first command and his associates as well as the steamship company officials have been wishing him good luck ever since the vessel left San Francisco last Sunday on the voyage to Seattle. Prior to taking command of the Eureka, Tarpey had been chief officer of the company's big Seattle-San Francisco liner Congress for more than a year.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Dec. 17. Tacoma, Wash.—Sailed: Str. Ohloan, New York via San Francisco. Arrived: Str. Yosemite, San Francisco via Portland; barque Bickdale, Victoria. Aberdeen, Wash.—Sailed: Willapa, Daisy and Sves, San Francisco; Wilson & Mohony, New York. San Francisco, Cal.—Arrived: Str. O. C. Lindner, Gray's Harbor; Corona, Boston; Br. str. Strathbaine, Seattle; Str. Henry T. Scott, Seattle; Colusa, Vancouver; Sailed: Bhasia, Gray's Harbor; French ship Bonchamps. Portland, Ore.—Arrived: Strs. Northland, St. Helena, San Francisco. Sailed: Str. Hear, San Francisco; Br. str. Stratallan, United Kingdom. Astoria, Ore.—Arrived: Str. Northland, San Francisco; Str. Crown of India, Portland; Sailed: Str. Roanoke, San Francisco; str. Quinault, Knappaon, San Francisco. Seattle, Wash.—Arrived: Str. John Poulson, San Francisco. Sailed: str. City of Seattle, Alaska; motorship Jutlandia, Copenhagen via Vancouver.

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Mariners are advised that the Broughton Strait passage is now open to traffic. The lights on Putney Point and Haddington Reed gas buoy, which were extinguished some time ago, will be relighted as soon as communication can be made with the keepers.

Phoenix Stout, dozen pints, 75c.

POLITICAL CRISIS MAY AFFECT SHIPPING

Subsidies of Japanese Companies Are Big Question Before Diet

The political crisis in Japan, affecting the passage of the budget, may have a serious result on the shipping companies, according to exchanges to hand on the Sada Maru yesterday. The political correspondent of a Tokyo paper wrote on the day before the Nippon liner left Yokohama: "Shipping interests are now believed to be active in preventing dissolution of the lower house. The ship subsidies contract with the government expires with the close of the year, so that the passing of the budget through the lower house within the year is proving to be of vital interest to the great shipping companies like the Nippon Yusen, the Toyo Kisen and the Osaka Shosen. One of the principal motives actuating the government to open the diet a month earlier than at the time of the Saionji and Katsura cabinets was reported to be consideration of the fact that the subsidy contract to the shipping companies expires at the end of the year. With the passage of the budget through the lower house by

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This interesting statement came from the lips of C. E. Jenney, of Vancouver, general agent of the passenger department of the G. T. P., who is in Victoria to-day on a business trip. The announcement came somewhat as a surprise as it was not believed that the company contemplated such a sweeping reduction in the passenger rate.

Effective on Monday. Mr. Jenney stated that the rates will go into effect with the sailing from Victoria next Monday of the steamer Prince George. The fare from Victoria to Winnipeg will be \$45.55, which is the same rate as from here direct to the prairie city via either Seattle or Vancouver. The addition of nearly a two-day sea trip for the same fare is bound to attract a great deal of travel, especially among tourists. Mr. Jenney expects the reductions will bring about immediately, much travel over the new route. In the spring when the tourists commence to move there is no doubt in the mind of the passenger agent that the G. T. P. will be besieged with demands for tickets. The sea voyage will make the route quite popular.

At the present time the company is operating two trains a week from Prince Rupert through to Winnipeg, leaving the northern terminal on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Early in the spring the G. T. P. will place its two big steamers on a semi-weekly service out of Victoria and a faster train service will in all probability be inaugurated. The steamer Prince

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Fairbanks, Alaska, Dec. 18.—The Wells-Fargo office yesterday announced that the season's shipment by express amounted to 174,645 ounces of gold, valued at \$3,109,072.24. Last year the shipments were \$3,650,899.03. Spring this year was a month later and the freighting was earlier than last year. Hot Springs shipped \$200,000 direct this summer. Most of the Ruby output also went out direct through Fairbanks. It is believed the private shipments by mail and carrier would make the Fairbanks output about the same as last year.

Austro-German Voters and a Khaki Election

In all the forty-three Dominion constituencies in the Prairie Provinces, with very few exceptions, there are considerable numbers of electors who were born either in Germany or in Austria-Hungary, who have lived the formative portions of their lives in the land of their birth, and to whom their mother tongue is still the language of their daily use, as it was in the old world.

Being human, they have the old world memories and the racial sentiments and sympathies and traditions of their Fatherland interwoven with the very fibres of their being. They have only recently been admitted to Canadian citizenship in this new world.

And in all these constituencies there are considerable numbers of electors who, while they were not born subjects of Kaiser Wilhelm or Kaiser Franz Josef, are by the closest ties of blood related to native-born subjects of one kaiser or the other, now serving in the armies of their Fatherland.

In about half the total number of western constituencies these electors form the determining factor in election contests. That is to say, their vote cast solidly one way or the other would decide the issue in these seats.

In the districts where the electors of alien origin are numerous the "practical" campaigners, who would have this work in hand would not be Canadians. Necessarily they would be of the same racial origin as the electors whom they would be working to "round up."

These "workers" most of them speaking with authority as government officials would point out in heart to heart talks, that the government at Ottawa were in no way to blame for sending soldiers from Canada to kill Germans and Austrians, but were forced to do it by England.

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These newcomers of alien racial origin, of whom this country is endeavoring to assimilate a greater number proportionately than the United States has absorbed in any period in its history, constitute the most serious national problem which confronts the Canadian people.

Who that knows anything at all about what actually goes on in election contests can have any doubt as to the character of the appeals which would be made to these electors of alien stock?

That this sort of campaigning, of which mere sketches of samples have been attempted here, would be carried on assiduously and ingeniously by "workers" on both sides who, while politics is nothing but a contest in which every device and dishonesty is fair, if it can be "put across," and the one and only thing of supreme importance is victory at the polls, is as certain as that the sun will rise tomorrow.

Would not the result be a setting back for a generation of the work of Canadianizing the people of this country who are among us in this country in their tens of thousands? Would it not mean the poisoning of these people's minds and the preventing of the spirit of British traditions and of the true meaning of British institutions? Would it not mean the increase of political evils in this country, notably in connection with educational matters, through the participation of provincial political machinery in the contest?

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WATCHMAKERS AND JEWELERS
JEWELLERY made to order and repairing. Diamond setting, ring making, etc. English watch repairing our specialty. Lewis & Teifer, 1423 Government Street.

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SONS OF ENGLAND B. S.—Alexandra Lodge, No. 181, North Park Street, meets every Tuesday. Dictator, J. P. Brown, 2516 Shelburne St. President, Jas. T. Temple, 1053 Burdett St. Secretary, J. P. Brown, 2516 Shelburne St.

FOR SALE—ARTICLES

COKE—35-lb. sack, delivered, 60c. Phone 2211.
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WE HAVE THE BEST WOOD and the best delivery. Burt's.
FOR SALE—Muskat lined overcoat, extra good, worn one season; will sell for \$50. May be seen at the store of P. M. Linklater, Broad Street.

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DANCE, Royal Oak, Wednesday, Dec. 23, under management Mrs. Simpson.
PUBLIC DANCE at Connaught Hall every Saturday evening. Gentlemen \$2c, ladies free.

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FOR SALE—Automobiles.

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FOR SALE—5 h.p. Rover, perfect order, all new tires, price \$220. T. Plimley, Garage, 730 Johnson Street.
FOR SALE—Brood sows with suckers; also shoats. 630 Johnson Street.

FOR SALE—Three English bull pups, robust pedigree; excellent Christmas gift. J. Silingerland, Royal Oak—418.

HELP WANTED—MALE
HAVE PEACE in the family by buying our stove wood. Burt's.

MISCELLANEOUS
HAVE YOU CUTLERY that needs repairing, or a clock, typewriter, register, etc.; needing repairs? Experts at James Green, gunmaker and safe expert, 418 Government, Tel. 1734.

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TRY WHITE, the Old Country sweep. Restaurant work a specialty. Any hour of day or night. 1388 B.
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EVERYONE BENEFITS BY EARLY SHOPPING

Clerks Will Be Less Rushed; Customers Better Pleased; Wide Range of Gifts

To the big folk as well as the small half the glamor of the Christmas season is in the cheerily-lit shops, in the long evenings which are always at their longest just before the wonderful day arrives. Now, with the daylight disappearing at four o'clock in the afternoon, there is plenty of opportunity for the faintest of tots to get a foretaste of what the old Santa and his reindeers may have in store for the stockings which are to be hung up on Christmas eve, and despite the much-talked-of hard-fines there are very few little boys and girls who are not privileged to get at least one peep at the toy-realm in some of the big stores of the city.

This is perhaps the first time in its history that Victoria has run right to the eve of Christmas week without some special relaxation on the part of the stores in keeping open late into the evening. But the argument in favor of the regular closing hours when they are closed is a strong one. For often people leave their shopping until the very last thing in the evening just because they know that the stores are open; too often, too, they leave the last gift-getting until the very day before Christmas. Both customs are unfair to the business men and the clerks alike. It is impossible to expect the best service of selecting gifts when they are rushed with customers, as too-often happens at this season, and patrons who complain in this respect are nearly always themselves to blame for apparent inattention or an inability to find just the thing they are seeking. There are just five days left in which to do the Christmas shopping. It is to be hoped that everyone will be busy with selecting gifts until the work of selecting gifts is completely made up as to what is required, and thus save complications and dissatisfaction on all sides.

No one is more pleased than the storekeeper to see patrons, and lots of them! And despite the confessed tightness of money nearly everyone is ready to help out in the way of relief for the unemployed and kindred relief societies. The debentures and cash for the ticket-holders will be distributed in the form of prizes to be drawn for at Victoria, B. C., under the supervision of the press of the province of British Columbia; each ticket will admit bearer to one of a series of concerts, date to be announced on closing of subscription.

The test of whether this is a lottery scheme is whether the receipt of a prize is a matter depending entirely upon chance, and I think that in this case it does depend entirely upon chance. There are cases in the Canadian reports of the nearest guesser of the number of beans in a jar or of the number of votes to be cast at a coming election, in which the transaction was held not to be a lottery because the determination depended to some extent on judgment or skill and not entirely on chance. In this case the drawing of a prize depends entirely upon chance.

I do not consider that the privilege conferred of going to a concert takes the case out of the category of a lottery. No doubt an inducement to the purchase of these tickets is the chance of winning one of the prizes, and such belief would influence the purchaser to pay the price asked for the tickets. In one case the court of appeal of Manitoba held the giving of a chance in a drawing to purchaser of goods of certain value at a shop, and in another case the sale of bonds for a fixed amount payable at maturity and the giving the holder the privilege of participating in prize drawings to be an offence against the section of the criminal code above referred to.

I therefore consider the selling of these tickets an offence against the criminal code. In coming to the above conclusion, among other cases, I have relied on the following: *Barelay v. Pearson*, 1882, Ch. D. 154; *Hall v. Cox*, 1899, 1 Q. B. p. 198; *Rex v. Jamieson*, and *C. B. reports*, p. 149; *Rex v. Johnson*, 6 Can. C. C. p. 48; *Rex v. Johnson*, 7 Can. C. C. p. 525; *Rex v. Picard*, 12 Can. C. C. p. 28.

A few of the officers of the Social Service commission met this morning to consider the announcement of the cancellation of the sweepstakes lottery, and were unanimous in their expressions of gratification at the results of the opposition made by the commission. There will be a special meeting of the commission on Monday at 2.30 p.m. at the Y.M.C.A.

German in Custody.—Dr. Louis Rissmuller, a wealthy German resident of the city, has been placed in custody by the police on the advice of the military authorities.

Metropolitan Ladies' Aid.—The Metropolitan Aid society of the Metropolitan Methodist church met on Wednesday afternoon at the parsonage, where Mrs. Scott was assisted in receiving by Mesdames Whittier, Garbutt and Weston. Mesdames Hanna, Edwards and Mason, and the Misses Steinmetz and Olive Moore assisted with the tea arrangements and the sale of home-made candy, the proceeds of which totalled very satisfactory for the fund of the society. The next meeting will be at the residence of Mrs. G. A. B. Hall.

like a gift, and it only remains for the "sweepstakes" to decide whether the bank account is willing to complete the purchase. There are some decidedly "nobby" styles in umbrellas, too, which should appeal in a place which has still to face many weeks of doubtful weather. The latest in this line is a very smart, slim, and tall creation, which, of silks in purple, red and black, rolls up much more compactly than the ordinary "gloria" umbrellas. Some of the stores, by the way, keep an excellent line of tiny umbrellas for children, and when it is recalled that one of these, which in itself would fill a whole stocking from toe to top, can be purchased for about seventy-five cents, it is a very practical outlay.

Houses, hound slippers, handkerchiefs, neckwear, jewellery, dressing-table appointments, and a host of other things might be mentioned as suitable gifts for ladies. But the subject of presents for men has to be approached with less inconsequence. The picture of a man facing the criticism of his fellows in the tie presented to him by his maiden-aunt or other adoring but undiscriminating relative is not a particularly pleasant one. There are men who cannot choose their own ties, but when such a calamitous invention comes to light let the evil be on his own head. Ladies, except in some heaven-inspired and rare instances, cannot select ties for their men-kind. Appropriate, cuff-links, a silk handkerchief, manicure sets, brushes—these are all things which may be chosen with impunity. But neckties and pipes should be treated with a fearful respect, and the advice is to leave them to their users to choose.

Last but not least, there are the children's presents. Santa Clause gives them first consideration, of course, and there is big provision in many of the stores for the gratification of every craving. The latest contrivance, of course, is the mechanical device known as the "Erector," which, with its multitude of pieces, provides endless amusement as well as mechanical instruction for boys and girls. "A manual of instruction" it is quite justly called, as it is much more than a toy. No. 2, for example, has no less than 205 parts, and makes over 120 models of bridges, houses, derricks, and other interesting objects, which are efficiently difficult to keep the youngsters engrossed for hours at a time, and of which they do not tire as they would of a simpler toy. For the smaller boys and girls there are many simpler mechanical devices, such as the man with the grindstone which sends out a shower of sparks as the wheel flips round; the trainman with the pie in his arms which makes a vain struggle after the big clover-leaf teasingly held between the teeth of the former; running ducks, beetles and other things; and all the funny men that turn somersaults, growing dogs that jump viciously, and dolls that can move all over without coming to places or leaking sawdust as the old-fashioned kind were wont to do.

GENERAL MEETING OF LIBERALS TO-NIGHT

Gathering in K. of P. Hall Preliminary to Annual Meeting; Brewster and Ross to Speak

To-night in the K. of P. hall, North Park street, there will be held a general meeting of the members of the Liberal party in the city, when arrangements will be made for the holding of the annual meeting of the Victoria Liberal association, which is to be held shortly after the new year. Plans will also be discussed for the holding of a series of educational meetings during the winter months, when the issues of provincial politics will be considered and discussed. It is probable that a mock parliament will be organized, affording an opportunity to the young members to acquire a facility in speaking and in the discussion of public questions.

A committee which has been at work on the programme of meetings will report and its suggestions will be considered, and if adopted arrangements will be made for carrying it out. H. C. Brewster, leader of the party in British Columbia, will deliver an address on some of the outstanding matters which are before the people of the province. Another speaker this evening will be Duncan Ross, who formerly represented Yale-Cariboo in the house of commons. Mr. Ross is noted as a clear and incisive speaker, and as he will deal with the insolvency of the Dominion Trust company in its relation to the recent railway strike, and with the failure of the provincial executive, it is in any way safeguarded the interests of investors and depositors, what he has to say will be of particular timeliness just now.

The meeting will commence at 8 o'clock, and to it every Liberal in the city is invited.

COURT ORDERS SALE OF THE VANCOUVER WORLD

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—The property of the World Printing & Publishing company is to be sold by the court to satisfy the debenture holders' claims, after a full inquiry has been made into the state of the company's affairs and a report by Registrar A. P. Pottinger of the supreme court has been made. An order to this effect was made by Chief Justice Hunter this morning on application by Douglas Armour on behalf of the debenture holders. The order is for judgment of the debenture holders, an accounting, an inquiry, sale of the property and payment of the proceeds into court for distribution.

Public Dances.—There will be a public dance this evening and also on Saturday at the Connaught hall under the management of C. Goodman. Good music will be provided.

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EVIDENCE HEARD AS TO ROCK BAY BRIDGE

Old Residents Tell What They Know About Structure and Early Use of Bay

The continuation of the case of the Taylor Mill company and the Lemont Gonnason company on the one side and the city of Victoria on the other, respecting the status of Rock Bay, this morning saw the close of the taking of evidence for the plaintiffs, who seek to show that Rock Bay has always been a portion of the city, and that especially before confederation it was so considered and used. In the event of that, view being upheld the city will be in a position, under a grant from the dominion, to lease a piece of land between the properties occupied by the two mills to them. If it should be held that the bay was not part of the harbor at that period it means that it passed to the province at confederation, and that under a grant which the city obtained from the province subsequent to the dominion grant it cannot make any disposal of the land, except for public purposes.

Michael Roarke, a pioneer resident of seventy-eight, who has been here since 1860, entered the service of the Victoria Gas company in 1866, when Charles W. R. Thompson was manager. The coal used in the retorts came from Nanaimo, being brought down in schooners, which in nearly every case discharged at the company's wharf in Rock Bay. At that time Johnson street bridge had disappeared but the Rock Bay bridge was there. Vessels got through the bridge by means of a life about its centre, which was operated by a block and tackle and a derrick. The derrick was kept on a derrick in the Gas company's yard, and when a vessel arrived the captain and crew came for it to use in hoisting the lift. Mr. Roarke had a distinct recollection of seeing the masts passing through the opening as the schooner were dragged in by ropes, but he could not fix this recollection in relation to confederation. The only other wharf he remembered on the bay was at Heathorn's tannery.

Stephen F. McIntosh, formerly engaged as a tanner, came here in March, 1876, and first worked at the Belmont tannery, which was at the time occupied by Hatley park. When he first came here there was an old tannery on the north side of Rock Bay, known as Webster's tannery; which was rather a curiosity than anything else and was long out of use. Mr. Heathorn bought this in 1875 and in 1880 Mr. McIntosh began to work there, becoming manager from 1882 up to the present time. The tannery was a large one, and had been in use in the flat-bottomed schooner "Katie." He had himself brought in the Eliza and the Bonanza. Later on he had seen the flat-bottomed steamer Badger, which could carry fifty tons of coal, enter the bay.

Ex-Mayor Charles Hayward, who came here in May, 1882, was the contractor who pulled the bridge at Rock Bay and Point Ellice in 1879. There was no bridge at Johnson street at that time. The old Rock Bay bridge, which he pulled down in 1872, was an ordinary pile bridge, which ran from Constance street. Mr. Hayward recalled that there was an opening in the old bridge, although scows, passed through in some way. From 1882 to 1871 Rock Bay was navigated by schooners and scows, bringing materials to Heathorn's tannery (then the Webster tannery) and the gas works. He was in doubt as to there being an opening in the old bridge.

J. Stuart Yates, who was born here, but who was away from the city with his parents between 1864 and 1882, was called as to the change in location of the bridge. He said that in 1883 the bridge ran from Constance street, and that the change to Store street was not made until after that.

Mr. Hayward recalled, was shown a photograph taken when the bridge was decorated for the Durfer day. On looking at this he corrected his former statement that the bridge he built ran from Store street. The original bridge rested on a rock in the centre, and as the photograph showed his bridge resting on that rock it was evident it must have been on the same site. To the court Mr. Hayward said the opening in his bridge was rather a crude one, like a book-cover lifting up, but it was an opening to allow the passage of vessels. James R. Anderson, former deputy minister of agriculture, was here first in 1860 and came here to live in 1834. Rock Bay he remembered as pretty well an open harbor, surrounded by arbutus trees, and he had often sailed into it. At the head there was a discharge of water from the neighboring swamps and houses above. He had seen vessels passing into the bay, including the steamer Emily Harris. Mr. McDiarmid said he would not contend that the gas company did not get coal in underneath the bridge; but that there was no opening in the bridge. Fred H. Hewlings, superintendent of the Victoria Gas company, was asked as to the old records of that company,

but he stated that at the time the B. C. Electric railway took over the property he was instructed by C. W. R. Thomson to destroy these. As Mr. Thomson is 86 and very feeble Mr. Hewlings did not think it would be possible to have his present. He himself remembered coal coming down to the company in sailing schooners, but he could not fix this as before or after confederation. He recalled the bridge as lying between Constance and Work streets in 1885, with an opening in it for navigation.

William F. Adams was not able to throw much light on the state of the old bridge in 1871, as he was only five years old at the time. He remembered that the bridge built in 1872 with the opening described was there until 1889 or 1890, when Mr. West built the new bridge for the tramway.

James W. Bland, usher of the supreme court, has been here since 1859, was of opinion that there was an opening in the original Rock Bay bridge, erected late in 1862, but that there was great difficulty in getting it open. The scows with coal for the gas company and hemlock bark for the tannery used to be pulled under. Mr. Bland remembered seeing the steamers Emily Harris and Black Diamond lying outside the Rock Bay bridge, but could not recall seeing them inside. The Black Diamond towed coal-scows down from Nanaimo and the scows were pulled under the bridge to the gas company's wharf. To Mr. McDiarmid Mr. Bland said he remembered the old Johnson street bridge, which was part of the old Esquimalt road, and remained for some time after the new road was open by way of Rock Bay and Point Ellice bridges. When it disappeared a ferry ran across the harbor to the reserve for some time.

Thornton F. Kell, C. for the plaintiffs, closed his case by putting in the leases which the city was willing to execute with the two plaintiff firms before this litigation started.

PERSONAL

At the home of J. C. Elliott, Cook street, a pretty wedding was solemnized on Wednesday, when Joseph Alexander Ogden and Miss Janet Dempsey were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The bride was attended in a charming gown of white silk and carried a pretty bouquet. Rev. Joseph McCoy, of Knox church, performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Ogden will make their home in Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Maynard last evening were the subjects, on the occasion of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, of a delightful gathering of the employees of the Silver Spring brewery. L. Cumberbatch, on behalf of the staff and employees, presented the twenty-five-year-old bride and bridegroom with a silver tea and coffee service on silver-mounted oak tray, the latter expressing, on behalf of himself and his wife, his great appreciation of the gift. The evening was delightfully passed with music and recitations, among those who took part being Messrs. Blackmore, Farey, Mann, Allan, Simpson, and Jack. Mr. and Mrs. Maynard were accompanied by some exceptionally enjoyable numbers, and a delicious supper was served under the direction of Mr. Campbell. The event was eminently successful, and it is hoped, will be repeated early in the new year. Dancing, which commenced at 8 o'clock, continued until 1 a.m., everyone remaining until the end, and many latecomers who had previously attended the performance of "Disraeli" at the theatre, joining the company of the telephonists.

VICTORIA MAN BEATEN UP IN SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—George C. Hodges, of Victoria, B. C., who owns large land interests in Alberta, Canada, was badly beaten and robbed last night at the entrance of the Southern club, on California street, in the fashionable Nob Hill district. One man pinfolded the victim's arms, while another struck him over the head with a bludgeon, causing a broken nose, among other injuries. A third man relieved him of his valuables.

Hodges was unable to reach the club door, but he attracted the attention of a member by tapping on a window. The Bankers' Hockey team will take the ice as follows for their game with McGill to-night at the Arena, commencing at 8: Goal, Cummings; point, McKenzie; cover point, Stady; rover, Kenny; centre, Archibald; right wing, Lustig; left wing, Kerr; Spares, Walton and Brown.

The lineup of Y.M.C.A. Junior against North Ward at 2.45 Saturday is as follows: Goal, W. M. Baker; full backs, R. E. Lawrence and Joe Bertucci; half-backs, R. Marwick, Roy Hatch and Herb Steenson; forwards, Archie McKinnon, Angus McKinnon, R. Rossiter, Art Dowell (capt) and Albert Haggard. Reserves, W. W. Akerman, Jas. McKenzie.

MARKET WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY NEXT WEEK

Christmas Day Will Hasten Time of Weekly Event; Today's Market

People who do their shopping at the city market every Friday are reminded that both next week and the succeeding week the market day will be Wednesday instead of Friday, owing to the falling of Christmas and New Year's on the regular day. All the producers are making special arrangements for extra large supplies of poultry, butter, eggs, flowers, meats, etc., in order to meet what is certain to be an unusually large demand.

An additional facility which will make conducting an easy matter for the consumer was inaugurated to-day, this being the delivery. At two stands those who do their shopping at the market can leave parcels to be delivered at a small charge (five and ten cents according to the size of the delivery), the old difficulty of carrying home all that one wished to buy thus being circumvented.

The market this morning was very busy, and there was a general buzz which signified, like the hum from a busy hive of bees, the activity of the market. Some of the finest poultry seen this season was on view in several of the stalls, and although one saw only a stray turkey or two, those who saw in open crates, there were enormous chickens which might have

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WITH MY OXY-ACETYLENE WELDING PLANT we can weld cracked cylinders, or any broken part of aluminum, and save you money. I specialize on welding and auto repairing. My prices are low, experience, skill, and my prices are right. Harry Moore, garage, Suptor and Meuzes streets. Phone 478.

THE FORWARD, sensational war drama, Oak Bay Theatre, to-night.

WANTED—Girl, for house work. Phone 510R.

GUARANTEED NEW LAID EGGS, delivered, 65c per doz. O. P. Box 1204.

DANCING in St. John's Hall every Saturday at 8.30 p.m. Mrs. Ridgway's orchestra.

WANTED—Cheap, cheap for cash. Apply P. O. 54, city. 421

EIGHT-ROOM HOUSE, with garage and large lot, good locality, Oak Bay Junction, reduced rent \$200. E. White & Sons, 108 Pemberton Block. 422

FISH SALE—Sixty-cylinder, five-passenger, motor—running—In perfect condition, cheap for cash. Phone 61 or 574L. 423

AMAZING ADVENTURES OF CAPTAIN KIDD—Special film for children's Christmas holidays, Oak Bay Theatre, Saturday afternoon, 10 prices; free candy for all. 424

TO LET—Housekeeping rooms, 1, 2 or 3, 1402 Chambers street. Phone 1591L. 425

WANTED—Traveller, who has good connections with grocers, etc., on Vancouver Island, to sell side line good commodities; must be live wire. Apply P. O. Box 1985, Nanaimo, B. C. 426

I HAVE a new, twin-cylinder, 8 h. p. motorcycle, never used, will trade for open car, or cash. Box 683. 427

OAK BAY THEATRE—Always warm and cosy. "Trey o' Hearts," serial, Monday and Tuesday nights, 8 o'clock, from the front. 428

CALENDARS—FREE at Pimley's, 75 Johnson street, to all who give us the correct name and address of a 1915 owner for our directory. 429

SMALL SAVE, almost new, for sale at bargain. Thos. Pimley, 75 Johnson street. 430

PRINTING IS OUR BUSINESS—What is yours? Let us print it. Dugan Printing Co., 104 Broad street (Pemberton Block). 431

FOUND—Pomeranian dog. Owner can have same by proving property and paying expenses. Apply 1346 Fisgard street. 432

WEEK TO XMAS—Get your private picture cards now. We'll hurry it. Dugan Printing Co., 104 Broad street (Pemberton Block). 433

IT'S GREAT—Get this for Xmas: Half-price tin of Forest and Stream, 50 cents. 119 Store street, next E. & N. Depot. 434

A TREAT FOR THE LITTLE ONES—Oak Bay Theatre to-morrow afternoon at 2 special Christmas matinees. 435

WANTED—Young men to learn stove and range building. Apply Albion Stove Works. 436

EXCHANGE—3 small houses in city, price title, for cheap. Ude farm, 122 Douglas street. 437

EXCHANGE—Fine house, 8 rooms, in best part of city of Ladysmith, Alta., cement basement and furnace, mortgage \$11,500, will trade equity for good residence 105 in city. Northwest Real Estate Co., 1212 Douglas street. 438

BUNGALOW TALK—Bungalow to rent, \$15 to \$20, every convenience. J. G. Simpson, Phone 1673. 439

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easy passed for turkeys if they had not had head and feet attached. One of the birds in question weighed no less than eight pounds, and was a magnificent example of what scientific feeding and no work will do even for poultry. The prices were higher on the whole than last week, practically nothing in the way of poultry selling under 20 or 21 cents per lb., while most of the farmers easily secured 25 cents for spring chicken.

Eggs were much cheaper at 55 cents (in most instances) and butter was consistently handled at 40 cents per lb. Orders for twenty turkeys were taken at one stand at 40 cents per lb., and several others who had a few of these large fowl also made arrangements to supply these next week in time for Christmas. Geese, which one might have expected to see in quite large numbers even this far in advance of the festive day, were nowhere to be seen, although two or three farmers' wives stated that they were bringing in some next week at thirty cents per lb.

Some of the other prices included pork at 15 and 18 and 20 cents per lb., according to feeding, cut, etc.; beef, anywhere from 12 to 18 cents; Jerusalem artichokes at 7 lbs. for 25 cents; holly wreaths at 65 cents each, or, by the spring, at 45 cents per lb.; home-grown lavender in attractive blue Japanese basins tied with ribbon, 25 cents; and pot-pourri. The beautiful Neapolitan violets kept at one stand may be obtained again next Wednesday, and are certain to go rapidly. Home-made toys and several very neat and attractive afternoon tea tables and small chairs are being sold at several stands in the market place, and the prices are so reasonable that it is expected that these will go out in great quantities next Wednesday for destinations which will be revealed on Christmas morning to the happy possessors alone.

LOCAL NEWS

Transfer Cases, Trial Balance Books, Coulmar Books, Letts Diaries, 1915, and other New Year Office Supplies, Sweeney-McConnell Ltd., 1010-12 Langley Street.

Vancouver Detective Here.—For the purpose of taking over W. J. Henry, wanted in Vancouver for alleged forgery and for the alleged passing of worthless cheques, Detective Norman MacDonald, of the Vancouver force, arrived in the city this morning. He left with his prisoner on the afternoon boat.

Wipers' Saturday Special.—"Honey Butter," 25 cents per pound; our cold and silver medals, won whilst in competition with the best known confectioners in the world; guarantee the quality of this delicious candy. Wiper & Co., 4310 Douglas Street.

Rifle Scores.—In the report of the final results of the season with the 50th Regiment Rifle association yesterday an error in the totals for A class gave the figures ten less in each case than they should be. Lieut. Fred Richardson got 845, Color-Sergeant Watson 864, and Lieut. Topley and Sergeant Smith tied for third place with 852. In B class the aggregate should have given Sergeant W. Elliott first and Sergeant G. Cooney second place.

Phoenix Beer, doz. pns. 75c.

Milder Weather.—The prospects for the weather for the next few days in Victoria are that there will be a slight rise in temperature. Beautiful open weather has accompanied the cold spell of the past week practically throughout the whole British Columbia coast region. In California the residents are suffering heavy rains, San Francisco having had in the past twenty-four hours one inch rainfall. Fine weather in this district at this time of the year is very often accompanied by the more disagreeable element to the south.

"The Hand of Iron."—Great interest was noticed to-day when the famous military drama produced by Edison's Famous Players and entitled "The Hand of Iron," was depicted on the wonderful dramatic production has been the talk of picturegoers for a number of weeks and it is well worthy of the unusual notice that has been taken of it. Many splendid scenes of a military camp beautifully photographed are the features of this offering, and a fine plot is intermingled which calls forth the admiration of the audiences. "In the Land of Arcadia" is a two-part pictureization the basis of which is the theory that the ideal way of raising children is to isolate them from the world. These splendid offerings together with other films of high class order are to be seen to-day, and to-morrow.

DIRECTORS WITHDRAW THEATRE SWEEPSTAKE

Police Commissioners Advised Sale of Tickets is Against Criminal Code

After receiving a report from the city solicitor on the proposed Royal Victoria theatre sweepstake, the police commissioners determined yesterday afternoon to ask the directors of the theatre to withdraw the proposal, which it is announced has since been done. Mr. Robertson advised that the selling of the tickets was an offence against the criminal code.

In submitting his opinion to the commissioners, Mr. Robertson said: "My opinion has been asked as to whether the selling of tickets for Salomon's Imperial sweepstake drawing to be held at Victoria, B. C., on March 31, 1915, in any way constitutes a violation of the criminal code. This matter is governed by Section 236 of the criminal code of Canada.

"From perusal of the conditions printed on the back of the ticket furnished me, it appears that it is proposed to sell 250,000 tickets at \$1 each, and of this amount \$250,000 will be devoted to the purchase of first mortgage debentures of the Royal Victoria theatre, to be distributed among the ticket-holders; \$50,000 in cash will be distributed among ticket-holders; \$50,000 in cash will be used to provide relief for the unemployed and kindred relief societies. The debentures and cash for the ticket-holders will be distributed in the form of prizes to be drawn for at Victoria, B. C., under the supervision of the press of the province of British Columbia; each ticket will admit bearer to one of a series of concerts, date to be announced on closing of subscription.

"The test of whether this is a lottery scheme is whether the receipt of a prize is a matter depending entirely upon chance, and I think that in this case it does depend entirely upon chance. There are cases in the Canadian reports of the nearest guesser of the number of beans in a jar or of the number of votes to be cast at a coming election, in which the transaction was held not to be a lottery because the determination depended to some extent on judgment or skill and not entirely on chance. In this case the drawing of a prize depends entirely upon chance.

I do not consider that the privilege conferred of going to a concert takes the case out of the category of a lottery. No doubt an inducement to the purchase of these tickets is the chance of winning one of the prizes, and such belief would influence the purchaser to pay the price asked for the tickets. In one case the court of appeal of Manitoba held the giving of a chance in a drawing to purchaser of goods of certain value at a shop, and in another case the sale of bonds for a fixed amount payable at maturity and the giving the holder the privilege of participating in prize drawings to be an offence against the section of the criminal code above referred to.

I therefore consider the selling of these tickets an offence against the criminal code. In coming to the above conclusion, among other cases, I have relied on the following: *Barelay v. Pearson*, 1882, Ch. D. 154; *Hall v. Cox*, 1899, 1 Q. B. p. 198; *Rex v. Jamieson*, and *C. B. reports*, p. 149; *Rex v. Johnson*, 6 Can. C. C. p. 48; *Rex v. Johnson*, 7 Can. C. C. p. 525; *Rex v. Picard*, 12 Can. C. C. p. 28.

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Financial News

BULLISHNESS RESUMED IN SEVERAL OF LIST INTERSTATE COMMERCE BOARD RENDER CASE

General Bidding for Portland and Coronation; Normal Feeling Prevails

When Stocks Were at Low Mark Released Decision Gave Quick Upturn

The disposition of prices this morning was not unlike Thursday. There was a renewal of buying force in Portland and Coronation, in the former issue of a concerted type, continuing insistent throughout the morning session.

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)
New York, Dec. 18.—It was announced that the freight rate increase has been granted to eastern roads. There was no incentive, however, to promote any broad upward movement in the stock market, the favorable decision having been largely discounted by advances since the re-opening of the exchange.

Blackbird Syndicate	37.00
R. C. Refining Co.	37.80
B. C. Copper Co.	39.70
C. N. P. Fisheries	39.70
Coronation Gold	94.10
Lucky Jim Zinc	92.70
McIntyre Coal	13.10
Nugget Gold	92.70
Portland Canal	94.10
Rancher Cariboo	92.70
Red Cliff	92.70
Standard Lead	1.00 1.30
Snowstorm	14 21
Stewart M. & D.	92.70
Slocan Star	92.70
S. S. Island Creamery	6.75
Stewart Land	1.50
Clanville Creek	62 66
Island Investment	22.00
Union Chlor (de)	30.00
Western Can. P. Mills	130.00
Portland Tunnels	63 67
North Shore Iron	30
Athabasca Oil	70
Booke Waterworks	20.00

Alaska Gold	24 24 1/2
Am. Copper	67 67 1/2
Am. Tel. & Tel.	118 118
Atchafalaya	202 202 1/2
B. & O.	70 69 3/4
B. R. T.	80 80 1/2
C. P. R.	153 153 1/2
Central Leather	261 261 1/2
C. & O.	14 13 3/4
C. M. & St. P.	90 89 1/2
Erie	21 20 1/2
G. N. Pref.	112 111 1/2
G. N. Gen. Svc.	37 36 1/2
Inter-Metro	122 121 1/2
Lehigh Valley	153 152 1/2
New Haven	52 51 1/2
M. St. P. & S. S. M.	106 105 1/2
Mo. Pacific	101 100 1/2
New Cons.	12 11 1/2
N. Y. Central	84 83 1/2
N. P.	104 103 1/2
Pennsylvania	103 102 1/2
Pressed Steel Car	124 123 1/2
Reading	141 140 1/2
Rock Island	11 10 1/2
Sou. Pacific	82 81 1/2
Union Pacific	117 116 1/2
U. S. Rubber	54 53 1/2
U. S. Steel	54 53 1/2
Utah Copper	49 48 1/2
Westinghouse	67 66 1/2
Granby	61 60 1/2

MUCH WHEAT SOLD FOR EXPORT AT WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—Liverpool cables were 14 higher this morning, which caused a firmer opening on the wheat market here. Wheat opened 16 to 17 higher, oats 1/2 higher for May, and flax 1/2 higher. The advance was not maintained owing to a heavy profit taking which offset a decidedly active trade in exports. One firm sold early this morning around 120,000 bushels, and later it was claimed that around 500,000 bushels were sold for export. Terminal elevator companies, Ontario millers and exporters were all in the buying. Wheat closed 1/2 up on all months. Oats unchanged to 1/2 up, and flax 1/2 to 3/4 higher. There was a fair demand for all grades of rye wheat, quite equal to the offerings. There was also a fair inquiry for cash oats and flax, while for all grades of barley the demand was active.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET

WHEAT	Open	High	Low	Close
July	117	117 1/2	116 1/2	116 1/2
Dec.	104 1/2	104 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2
May	124 1/2	124 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2
July	71	71 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2
Dec.	64 1/2	64 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2
May	79 1/2	79 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2
July	48 1/2	48 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2
Dec.	52 1/2	52 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2
May	18 1/2	18 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
July	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Dec.	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
May	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2

MAY WHEAT \$1.30 AT SEATTLE.

Seattle, Dec. 18.—The highest price obtained for May wheat on the Seattle market this season, and what probably is a high figure for the past five years, developed yesterday when 5,000 bushels of May bluestem changed hands on the merchants' exchange at \$1.30 per bushel. The asked price was \$1.25. This is an indication of an exceptionally strong market, and a further rise may result during the next few months.

LONDON FINANCIAL RATES.

London, Dec. 18.—Bar silver, 23d. per ounce. Money, 11 per cent. discount rates, short and three months, 2 1/2 per cent.
The Quick Services Merchants' Lunch, 25c, at the Elmshead Inn, next Public Library.

DEPRESSION GOOD FOR PROVINCE EVENTUALLY

Horne Payne Says Cost of Labor Has Throttled Industry and Checked Investment

London, Dec. 18.—In a speech to-day at the annual meeting of the British Columbia Electric Railway company, Horne Payne said: "Our present disappointments are a direct outcome of the war. I think it is reasonable to expect some form of improvement from the final extermination of the enemy's cruisers in the Pacific and South Atlantic and from the good prices of wheat and the large crop in the prairie provinces. Either of these factors would immediately resuscitate business in British Columbia. Whenever the revival comes it will, I feel sure, be found that this period of depression has been for the permanent good of the province and that in several important ways new conditions have been established enabling sounder and more rapid development. I think the cost of living, especially in the matter of rentals, will have considerably decreased, and that a lower basis of wages will be in force, which will remove what hitherto has been the greatest obstacle to the prosperous development of the country.

"The high cost of labor is throttling, and has throttled, undertakings of advantage to the province; has prohibited the establishment of many industries and checked the investment of capital in productive works, which, in turn, has tended to keep up the high price of living. If one looks back on the last ten years, there can be no doubt that but for the cost of labor, which has rendered it impossible to compete with other parts of the world, British Columbia would have become a beehive of industry, and capital for industrial purposes would have flowed freely into the province, thus providing a prosperous living for double the present population.

CANADIAN TROOPS TO JOIN OTHER BRIGADES

Distribution Among British Forces is Reported as Probable Plan of War Office

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Though the authorities here have not been informed officially in connection with the cabled report from England this morning to the effect that it is the purpose of the war office to merge the various units of the Canadian expeditionary force with other British brigades, little surprise would be felt here if such were the case. The contingent is now under the imperial authorities, who will decide on their disposition.



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Bankrupt Sale Price.....
A Line of Model Suits, this season's. Reg. up to \$115.00. **\$37.50**
Bankrupt Sale Price.....
- STREET SKIRTS**
Serges, voiles, marquisettes, etc. Reg. up to \$15.00. **\$4.90**
Bankrupt Sale Price.....
- SERGE HOUSE DRESSES**
In all shades. Reg. to \$8.00. **\$3.50**
Bankrupt Sale Price.....
Another line with the tunic effect Regular to \$9.50. **\$4.90**
Bankrupt Sale Price.....
- EVENING GOWNS**
Dainty Little Gowns of satin, crepe de chine and chiffon. Reg. to \$35.00. **\$5.00**
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Gowns of silk crepe, satins, lace, etc. Regular to \$65.00. **\$10.00**
Bankrupt Sale Price.....
Imported Model Evening Gowns in rich materials and trimmings. Reg. to \$200. **\$25.00**
Bankrupt Sale Price.....
- DAY DRESSES**
In the very latest cuts, mostly silk and silk crepes. Reg. to \$25.00. **\$10.00**
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- OPERA AND RESTAURANT CLOAKS**
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30 Winter Coats. Reg. to \$15.00. **\$5.00**
Bankrupt Sale Price.....
- MILLINERY**
All Pattern Hats. Reg. up to \$10.00. **\$2.50**
Bankrupt Sale Price.....
Pattern Hats. Reg. up to \$15.00. **\$5.00**
Bankrupt Sale Price.....
Imported Trimmed Hats. Reg. up to \$20. **\$7.50**
Bankrupt Sale Price.....
Imported Parisian and New York Hats, such as Rawak's Georgette and Vogue. Regular up to \$35.00. **\$10.00**
Bankrupt Sale Price.....
Children's and Misses' Little Novelty Hats. Reg. to \$3.75. **95c**
Bankrupt Sale Price.....

- SCARFS, MUFFLERS AND VEILINGS**
Opera or Restaurant Scarfs in chiffons and silks, in all colors. Reg. prices \$20, \$25. **\$5.95**
Bankrupt Sale Price.....
Another line similar to above. Regular \$8.50 to \$15.00. **\$3.25**
Bankrupt Sale Price.....
Warm Woolen Mufflers, with one dome fastener. Regular 50c. **15c**
Bankrupt Sale Price.....
Black and Red, and Black and White Silk Mixture Fringed Mufflers. Reg. \$1.75 to \$3.75. **90c**
Bankrupt Sale Price.....
White Silk Mufflers, heavy quality. Regular \$6.25 to \$8.00. **\$2.95**
Bankrupt Sale Price.....
- HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF GLOVES**
Ladies' Gauntlet Gloves in mocha and cape finishes, soft and stiff cuffs. Regular to \$1.75 \$3.50 per pair. Bankrupt Sale Price..... **\$1.75**
Long Chamois Gloves, 12 button. Reg. \$1.50. Bankrupt Sale Price..... **50c**
Kayser Silk Gloves in all colors except black and white. Regular price 75c. Bankrupt Sale Price, 3 pairs for..... **\$1.00**
Perrin's Celebrated Olga Kid Gloves, in all colors. Regular \$1.50. Bankrupt Sale Price..... **95c**
Woolen Gloves and Mitts, black and white and colored. Regular price 25c. Bankrupt Sale Price, 2 pairs for..... **25c**
- BLOUSES AND WAISTS**
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Imported Waists, beautifully trimmed with Maltese and Irish laces. A few silk waists. Regular price up to \$14.00. Bankrupt Sale Price..... **\$3.75**
Black Saten Blouses, White Washable Blouses, in fancy and plain styles. Regular up to \$2.25. Bankrupt Sale Price..... **50c**
Delaines, Crepes, Voiles, Fancy material, Pique, Cashmere, also Flannel Waists. Regular up to \$5.00. Bankrupt Sale Price..... **90c**
- SEASONABLE HOSIERY**
Ladies' Black Cashmere, Lisle and Plaited Silk Hose. Regular to 75c pair. Bankrupt Sale Price, 3 pairs for..... **\$1.00**
Children's "Little Darling" Hose, in black, tan, cream and other colors. Reg. per pair 15c 25c. Bankrupt Sale Price..... **25c**
Ladies' Penman's Hose in black only. Regular per pair 25c. Bankrupt Sale Price, 2 pairs for..... **25c**
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SOLDIERS ARE VISITED BY DUKE OF CONNAUGHT

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 18.—His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught inspected the 21st Overseas battalion and 22nd battery at the cricket field this morning. At the army the Governor-General presented Major D. H. Maclean, of the Governor-General's Foot Guards, with a long service medal. This afternoon the Duke visited the prisoners of war interned at Fort Henry and inspected the officers' training corps at Queen's University.

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Flanders, which seems to constitute a new German defence line."
London, Dec. 18.—A dispatch from Percival Phillips, special correspondent of the Daily Express, dated yesterday, from the Belgian frontier, says: "One feature of the present German defensive, of which few authoritative details have become known, is the large number of troops who are employed solely in the preparation of various defence positions between the Bruges and Courtrai line, on the extreme west, and on the eastern Belgian frontier, in order to enable the retiring army to gain the maximum of resistance and the maximum of delay as it falls back towards the Rhine."
"The most elaborate defence works in Belgium are apparently along the northern France line of the Meuse, embracing the reconstructed forts at Liege and Namur, and thence eastward through Verviers and Aix la Chapelle."
"These laborious preparations along the whole line indicate that the Germans expect to make a long and desperate stand before they are finally forced to relinquish the last Belgian stronghold."
PATRICIA REGIMENT IS LEAVING ENGLAND TO-DAY
Montreal, Dec. 18.—Private cables from England brought the news this morning that the Princess Patricia's regiment is sailing to-day, presumably for the battle-front in Flanders and in Belgium are apparently along the northern France

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Chains, Lodge Pins, Buckles, Locketts,
Carving Sets, Cutlery, Hand Bags,
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INSURANCE CONGRESS

Development Association Hopes to
Influence Movements of Delegates
Who Will Go to Frisco.

A bulletin containing a list of the
delegates to the great world's insur-
ance congress in San Francisco next
year has been received at the offices
of the Victoria and Island Develop-
ment association. R. W. Douglas, of
this city, is mentioned as the dele-
gate of the Vancouver Island Fire
Underwriters' association to the gather-
ing, which is being organized under
the auspices of W. L. Hathaway,
a prominent insurance man in the
city of San Francisco who was the
leader of the Flying Legion which
visited this city in August, 1912.

Copies of suitable literature are being
sent out by the development associa-
tion to the officers named in the
bulletin in order that they may be
attracted to Victoria when going to
or coming away from the Golden Gate.
This congress is one of the biggest
conferences of a great conference
year and if Mr. Hathaway shows the
interest in Victoria he did at the time
of the Flying Legion visit and on a
subsequent personal visit, he can send
hundreds of leading insurance men
homeward-bound this way. But the
development association is not taking
any chance of a slip at the last mo-
ment and useful preliminary work is
being done in getting in touch with
each of the delegates before they
leave home.

The great gathering is now very
close as another two months will see
the exhibition at Harbor View open
its gates to the public and the pal-
aces representing every style and idea
of the designers' art will begin to re-
sound with the moving activities of
thousands. The conventions alone
are expected to bring 600,000 people
to the city of San Francisco.

FOUR REASONS INDUCE

ALDERMEN TO MEET

Council Holds Special Session;
Interview With Civic Re-
trenchment Association

For a fourfold purpose the city coun-
cil met this afternoon, the principal
object being to hear a deputation from
the recently-formed Civic Retrenchment
association, a body which has been
created to urge a reduction in
city expenditures. The aldermen felt
that the officials of this organization
should have some opportunity to state
their views as some practical sugges-
tions as to economies in various di-
rections might be offered.

Secondly, it was necessary to pass a
by-law, consolidating some stock
issues for expropriations so that the
debtors under the by-laws may be
secured at the same date and that the
whole list may be floated at the same
time. It is hoped that the by-law will
have its final reading on Monday
next. The city comptroller was un-
able to be present to-day on account
of indisposition.

Thirdly, there was up for final pas-
sage the further amendment of the
city closing by-law, which is to ex-
tend to an unlimited hour the time
during which stores may remain open
in the Christmas shopping season. The
measure was passed through its earlier
readings yesterday. An attempt was
made yesterday to limit the closing
hour to 11 p.m. but this suggestion
was not acted upon.

The other cause of the aldermen's
meeting together was that they might
sit, as usual each week, at the streets
committee. There will not be much
business done at the committee meet-
ing as no expenditure will be made
during the balance of the year that
can possibly be avoided. The city en-
gineer states that the frosty mornings
have somewhat delayed completion of
the paving which has yet to be finish-
ed on Gorge road and Blackwood
street. It is expected, however, that
the work will be finished shortly,
bringing to an end the paving pro-
gramme of 1914. Already tentative
plans have been made for 1915. These
will be entirely dependent on the
financial conditions next year.

There are quite a number of streets
upon which the council has expended
a large sum of money where the work
called for in the by-laws is still in-
complete. Until the work has been
done, the assessment cannot be made.
Several more streets can be assessed
after the meeting of the court of re-
vision on Thursday next, when work
representing a large total will come
under review. Probably as a result
of the auction sale yesterday, which
advanced the ultimate settlement of
Pandora avenue expropriation mat-
ter, an attempt will be made shortly
to hold a court of revision and levy an
assessment.

How to Neutralize Dangerous Stomach Acids

Few people besides physicians realize
the importance of keeping the food con-
tents of the stomach free from acid fer-
mentation. Healthy, normal digestion
cannot take place while the delicate lin-
ing of the stomach is being inflamed and
disturbed by acid and while the result
of fermenting food in the stomach. To se-
cure perfect digestion, fermentation must
be stopped or prevented and the acid
neutralized. For this purpose, physicians
recommend getting a little bisulphate
magnesium from the druggist and taking
a teaspoonful in a little hot or cold
water immediately after eating. They
recommend bisulphate magnesium because
it is pleasant to take, has no disagree-
able after-effects and instantly stops fer-
mentation, neutralizes the acid and
makes the sour acid bland, sweet and
easily digested.

The regular use of bisulphate magnesium
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the cemetery. The agent shook his
head. "He was afraid he might not
get the full value of it," he explained.
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some time!" exclaimed the superin-
tendent. "That's what I told him, but
he only answered—'Suppose I should
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School Board Declines to Re-
duce Salaries; Leaving Pol-
icy to New Board

Sitting last evening to prune ex-
penditure and present tentative esti-
mates for the annual civic budget of
1915, the city school board made a
cut of about eight per cent. on the
figures of 1914, adopting an estimate
figured at \$274,790, as against \$297,487
for 1914. To this sum the government
contributes \$78,000 towards teachers'
salaries.

The board declined to take any ac-
tion on the salary reduction question,
leaving the issue with the board of
1915. The trustees recognized that
there will be so much new blood on the
board that a decision of that import-
ance can well wait.

By comparison with those of 1914, the
figures adopted are: Salaries, \$260,000
(decrease \$3,410); janitors' salaries,
\$20,000 (decrease \$25); fuel, \$12,750 (in-
crease \$750); board expenses, \$2,150
(decrease \$50); printing and advertis-
ing, \$1,050 (decrease \$105); furniture,
\$5,000 (decrease \$2,000); supplies, \$5,000
(decrease \$1,271); repairs and altera-
tions, \$12,000 (decrease \$10,351); insur-
ance, \$1,800 (decrease \$1,600); miscel-
laneous, \$7,900 (decrease \$1,375); books,
\$1,900 (decrease \$1,150); cartage, \$1,000;
playground, \$5,990; total, \$274,790.

On the recommendation of Inspector
Paul, who stated that Principal Willis
approved the appointment, A. B. Tait,
who holds an academic honor from
Mount Allison university, New Brun-
swick, and has been acting temporarily
in place of J. H. Maxwell, a Latin
master at the high school, was ap-
pointed to the position, Mr. Maxwell
having resigned.

James Paterson was appointed a
janitor at the Margaret Jenkins school
on ballot.
The trustees adopted a suggestion
from the secretary of the teachers' re-
lief fund and voted an extra \$100, to
add to an extra \$100 voted by the
board in order to put on men, par-
ents of children in the schools, to
work next week. This course is pro-
posed to tide them over the Christmas
season. The work is carried out under
the direction of the works superin-
tendent wherever it may be needed
on school grounds, etc.



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\$5.40 and \$5.85
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and \$1.58
Ink Wells, \$1.80,
\$2.25 and \$5.40
Paper Weights,
at 58c
Paper Knives, 58c,
\$1.35 and \$1.58
Calendars, 90c
to \$2.70
Book Racks, \$3.60,
\$4.50
Tie Racks, at
\$2.50 to \$4.50
Photo Frames,
\$2.25 to \$3.60
Mirrors, \$2.70
to \$3.15

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Vic-
toria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 18-5 a. m.—The bar-
ometer remains high over this province,
and fair, cold weather extends from
Cariboo to southern Oregon, while in the
far north milder weather has appeared.
Milder weather is also general in the
prairie provinces, accompanied by snow.

Forecasts.
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Saturday.
Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate
winds, generally fair, stationary or high-
er temperature.
Lower Mainland—Light to moderate
winds, generally fair, stationary or
higher temperature.

Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 30.17; temperature,
maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 31;
wind, 4 miles N.; weather, fair.
Vancouver—Barometer, 30.18; tempera-
ture, maximum yesterday, 35; minimum,
24; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, clear.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.35; tempera-
ture, maximum yesterday, 13; minimum,
8; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.
Barkerville—Barometer, 30.29; tempera-
ture, maximum yesterday, 16; minimum,
4 below; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Tatoosh—Barometer, 30.15; temperature,
maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 28;
wind, 15 miles E.; weather, clear.
Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.20; tem-
perature, maximum yesterday, 34; mini-
mum, 24; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, clear.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.18; temperature,
maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 30;
wind, 4 miles N. E.; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.20; tem-
perature, maximum yesterday, 45; mini-
mum, 46; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, 1.66;
weather, cloudy.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.05; tem-
perature, maximum yesterday, 36; mini-
mum, 34; wind, calm; rain, .31; weather,
cloudy.

Temperature	Max.	Min.
Panleton	21
Nelson	15
Calgary	26
Edmonton	25
Prince Albert	16
Winnipeg	12
Toronto	24
Ottawa	22
Montreal	20
St. John	23
Halifax	30

Victoria Daily Weather.
Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5
p. m., Thursday.
Temperature.
Highest 33
Lowest 21
Average 31
Bright sunshine, 4 hours 48 minutes.
General state of weather, fair.

Talkative Passenger—"I see that the
young Earl of Harbors' has just done
a very plucky act at the front."
Rabid Socialist (indignantly)—"Well,
so he ought."

The Umbrella Shop, 610 Pandora St.