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## PRINCIPLE OF PUBLIC OWNERSHIP RECEIVES SUPPORT FROM WILSON

United States Postmaster-General Presents Report on Advisability of Congressional Legislation Towards Taking Over Telegraphs and Telephones; Enormous Expense Involved is Reason President Wilson Has Not Yet Pressed It

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Postmaster-General Burleson's declaration for the principle of government ownership of telegraphs and telephones as outlined in his annual report, just made public, undoubtedly will be followed by a Democratic caucus in the house in January, which will decide how far the project is to be made an administration policy in congress.

President Wilson has been giving the project careful study and administration supporters say he has not pressed it on congress at this time because of the enormous expense involved. A parliamentary move will be congressional authorization to the postmaster-general to make a report on the feasibility of acquiring the lines for a government monopoly.

A sweeping declaration in favor of the principle of government ownership of telegraph and telephone lines and an assertion that the postal service is self-supporting for the first time since 1853, are the features of the annual report of Postmaster-General Burleson, transmitted to-day to congress.

Concerning the acquisition of telegraph and telephone lines, Postmaster-General Burleson says that the government has demonstrated its capacity to conduct public utilities, and, from his present information, he is inclined to the taking over by the post office department of the telegraph lines and,

possibly, also, of the telephone lines. Discussing that the postmaster-general says:

"A study of the constitutional purposes of the postal establishment leads to the conviction that the post office department should have control over all means of the communication of intelligence. The first telegraph line in this country was maintained and operated as a part of the postal service, and it is to be regretted that congress saw fit to relinquish this faculty to private enterprise. The monopolistic nature of the telegraph business makes it of vital importance to the people that it be conducted by unselfish interests, and this can be accomplished only through government ownership.

"The successful operation of the parcel post has demonstrated the capacity of the government to conduct the public utilities which fall properly within the postal provision of the constitution.

"Every argument in favor of the government ownership of telegraph lines may be advanced with equal logic and force in favor of the government ownership of telephone lines.

Representative Lewis, who was foremost among the congressional leaders who worked out the parcel post, had prepared a bill on the new subject, but will give way to an administration measure backed by Chairman Moon of the house post office committee.

## STUDY LANGUAGES IS ADVICE OF LAURIER

Sir Wilfrid Tells Students English is Commercial Language of World

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Addressing the students of McMaster University yesterday afternoon, Sir Wilfrid Laurier advised them to study the languages, even the dead languages, and spoke of the benefit he had found in knowledge of Latin to be to him through life.

Referring to the modern languages, he said that everyone should know English, French and German. At an early age he had been sent to an English school, where no one knew any French, his native language. He admitted that those days had seemed hard at the time, but spoke of the great help the knowledge of both languages had been to him, both as a lawyer and a public man.

"The English language," declared Sir Wilfrid, "is the commercial language of the world, the nature of the language lends itself to business. It is more concise and more direct than any other language I know.

"The French language has been the language of Europe for centuries," he continued. "No man's education in Europe is complete without it. For the last three hundred years it has been the language of diplomacy, of art and letters. It has far more flexibility than the English and is more fitting to express shades of thought."

## GRAND DUKE BORIS CHARACTER CLEARED

Testifies in Libel Action That He Was Honored for Fighting in Manchuria

London, Dec. 18.—The Grand Duke Boris of Russia, a cousin of the Czar, testified in rebuttal to-day in the lord chief justice's court to allegations of misconduct and cowardice brought against him in a magazine article. In connection with the article he brought suit for libel against the Frank A. Munsey Company but the suit was settled out of court on December 9. The Grand Duke, however, wished to clear his character publicly.

He swore that there was no foundation for the libel, denied that he had been guilty of misconduct and testified that he had been constantly under fire for a fortnight during the operations in the vicinity of Liao Yang in Manchuria, when the Japanese and Russian armies fought a desperate battle in August, 1904. He had ultimately been decorated by General Kuropatkin with the Order of St. Anne for his courage.

Henry E. Duke, counsel for the defendants, then apologized to the grand duke on behalf of his clients, saying the article had been published without the knowledge of Mr. Munsey. The case was then closed, the defendants agreeing to pay all costs.

## LORD HALDANE REFERS AGAIN TO USE OF WORD FEDERAL AS IT APPLIES TO CANADA

London, Dec. 18.—In giving judgment in an Australian case in the Privy Council, Lord Chancellor Haldane had some further observations to offer regarding the federal system of Canada.

"The British North America act," said Lord Haldane, "commences with a preamble to the effect that the provinces had expressed a desire to be federally united into one dominion with a constitution similar in principle to that of the United Kingdom. In a loose sense the word 'federal' may be used as it is there used, to describe any arrangement under which self-contained states agree to delegate their powers to a common government with a view to an entirely new constitution. But the natural and the literal interpretation of the word confines its application to cases in which the states, while agreeing on the measure of such delegation, yet, in the main, continue to prove their original constitution. The second of the resolutions passed at Quebec in October, 1864, of which the British North America act is founded, shows that what was in the minds of those who

## RUNAWAY TROLLEY CUTS STREET CAR IN HALF

Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 18.—Its air-brakes deranged, a trolley work train sped down a steep grade from Altadena at a mile a minute early to-day, cut a street car in two, jumped the track a mile further on and mowed down a number of huge palms and orange trees on a vacant lot. Only one man was injured, W. W. Imbler, trolleyman on the work train, who remained at his post.

There were no passengers aboard the street car, which was hit, and the crew saved themselves by jumping.

## ANGRY CLAIMANTS CROWD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER TO OBTAIN EXPLANATION OF SUBPOENAS SERVED BY VOTERS' LEAGUE

W. H. Price Insisted on Being Remunerated for His Evidence, but Other Claimants Went Unrewarded—Frequent Appeals Necessary to Maintain Order

In a crowded council chamber this morning, the civic court of revision resumed its session, the interest having been greatly intensified by the proceedings at the last meeting, when M. B. Jackson, on behalf of the Voters' League, gave notice of challenging all names registered through the agency of W. H. Price. When the court came to order some 80 persons were present under subpoena.

Among those present in addition to the officials were Hon. Thomas Taylor, Alderman Fullerton, Mayoralty Candidate Alexander Stewart, W. H. Price, the secretary of the Conservative Association; J. McKean, president, and Clarence Harris, secretary of the Voters' League.

M. B. Jackson appeared for the Voters' League, and H. W. R. Moore for the claimants against whom the subpoenas had been lodged.

Many additional persons arrived as the proceedings continued, and the chamber assumed the appearance more of the hustings than a court of inquiry. Every seat was occupied and many were standing.

Mr. Jackson at the outset said the subpoenas had gone out as if he was personally objecting, whereas the forms should have gone out in his capacity as solicitor.

Calls to Order.

P. C. Webb rose at the back of the hall and insisted on an opportunity to speak. He wished to get away to work and wanted to know what Mr. Jackson had against him; the mayor knew him quite well.

There were some further interruptions made by way of ejaculations, which led the mayor to tell the audience it was not a place to express approval or disapproval, but as much a court of justice as the magistrate's court downstairs.

Mr. Moore explained that so wholesale had been the objections that practically the whole of the staff of the Bank of Commerce were protesting. Alderman McKean considered that the objection to personal appearance that morning of everyone was well taken in view of what Mr. Moore said.

Mr. Moore declared that the claimants were entitled to remain on the list until evidence was presented by Mr. Jackson to the contrary. (Hear, hear.)

The mayor, curbing further interjections, was told by one angry protestant that he had lived here for 29 years.

"You are entitled to consideration," said the mayor, "but the business of this court must go on."

Mr. Price rose to explain how he took the household list in the warehouse district when the mayor told him to sit down, as he had no status there, and must keep his seat.

A list of claimants protested was then read, and called, and the first person present was Arthur Holstead.

Mr. Moore: "I object to the witness being sworn before there is anything to compel the man to make a statement without the objection being lodged."

Mr. Jackson said the court had absolute jurisdiction as to what evidence it thinks fit to receive, and thus to know whether the name should be there.

City Solicitor Robinson said that while the act gave the court power to subpoena witnesses, he did not think if the witness was present, and refused to answer, that there was any power vested in the court to have him committed for contempt.

The mayor expressed the opinion that they were acting there merely to clear the lists, and from what they had already unearthed there had been some things which required to be sifted and corrected, and if they were to certify, correct and legal, then it was their duty to clarify the lists as they were doing.

Mr. Jackson observed that if the witness was in court and declined to give evidence, then it was suggestive evidence that he was entitled to explain his reasons or be removed from the list.

Mr. Moore said that the proceedings were an outrage, to summon all these legitimate voters on the suggestion that Mr. Price had not taken the declarations properly.

A Question of Fees.

It was agreed then that Mr. Price should be called, and Holstead was released from attendance without being examined. The witness at once asked for his fee of \$2 for attendance. Mr. Moore said he was entitled to the fee immediately.

Mr. Robertson, on being appealed to, answered that Mr. Price was entitled to his fee, and to be paid by Mr. Jackson. (Laughter.)

Mr. Jackson was arguing further

when Mr. Price left the witness chair, and said he did not intend to give evidence.

Mr. Jackson insisted on the witness giving evidence, and personally produced \$5 for the payment, remarking as he did so: "I have a \$5 bill myself even in these hard times."

A Voice: "Where did you get it?"

Mr. Jackson: "I came by it honestly, as I hope you get yours."

City Clerk Dowler then swore Mr. Price. He said that to the best of his knowledge all the declarations except one, which was taken during his attendance at the telephone, were made before him personally, and to that one he did not attach his seal.

Asked by the court why they had evidence at the last session from certain men that they had made declarations in the office without Mr. Price being present, the witness did not remember any occasions. In his absence another qualified official had taken declarations.

An attempt was made at this stage to find the declarations of the men who had testified at the last hearing, but they were not available, nor could the officials remember what had become of them.

A man then came forward and asked to leave.

This started a discussion between counsel as to who was to pay for the time of men brought there, and Mr. Moore declared that the men were entitled to some payment for loss of their wages. They were not entitled to suffer from the spleen of the Voters' League. (Renewed applause.)

The mayor: "We must have order here. This is a court, and we always attach a respect for British law and order in a court."

Mr. Moore: "The subpoenas have the signature of the mayor, and naturally these people respect it, and they are entitled to get their money. The words are: 'You are hereby required to attend.'" (Cheers.)

The mayor: "The notices are merely worded on the advice of the solicitor."

Mr. Moore: "If the Voters' League will put up the money we will be prepared to go ahead."

Mr. Price then desired to make a statement. He started out by saying that there had been a great deal of feeling between the mayor and himself.

The mayor: "You must not bring in personalities."

Mr. Price continued, and said he would not press that phase of it, but some four or five years ago the mayor had compelled him to show that he was a notary public, while all the time he knew he was.

How Names Were Obtained.

It appeared to have been brought out in the evidence of certain persons that persons had registered at his office without appearing before him personally. This he denied emphatically. It was a direct result of the attitude of the mayor, in not giving sufficient opportunity for registration that they had not an adequate voters' list in the city. There were about 15,000 persons entitled to get on the voters' list, whereas only about half that number actually appeared on the list. Not one mayor had given adequate facilities for registration, and so he had been asked to register the name of clerks in city offices and in the warehouses, and now it appeared that this was a direct endeavor to punish these people for his act. He might mention that the manager of the Bank of Commerce had personally asked him to register his men, and there were other instances of this character. Even some of the city officials had preferred to register with him, nor could it be expected that in such cases questions would be asked whether men were license holders or householders, so long as the necessary amount of tax had been paid. For his part he roundly condemned this wholesale issue of subpoenas, and termed it the smallest piece of business that he had ever seen by a political machine.

The mayor said that the evidence before him on the previous hearing had compelled them to take the declarations that they had already done, in that some of the declarations were obviously in order. In the four or five hundred names protested they had spared neither friend nor foe. He believed there were many of either party.

Mr. Price: "They may have been before the proceedings of this court."

The Mayor: "There is nothing personal in this. No discrimination has been shown. We had no personal animus in the matter."

Mr. Jackson, after a conference, decided not to proceed further in view of Mr. Price's statement. Mr. Price observed finally that these declarations were made in his own offices and not in the Conservative rooms.

There was a loud and angry gathering at the rails, insisting on being paid for coming, but the mayor told them the court had nothing to do with that. One man said he had been born here, and there were similar ex-

## BORDEN MUST HAVE FREE TRADE PLANK

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London, Dec. 18.—The Daily News (Radical) commenting on the visit of the western farm delegates to Ottawa says: "It is highly significant to observe the energy and success with which the free trade campaign is being pushed in Canada, not only by the Liberals, who are more or less definitely committed since the reciprocity negotiations opened with the United States, but by Conservatives.

"The government's faith in protection is almost openly wavering and it is extremely doubtful whether Mr. Borden's government can afford to face a general election without the support of the free trade west.

"The example of the United States under the Wilson tariff is likely to force Canadian statesmen to return to the paths of common sense and justice, from which the power of monopoly masquerading as imperialism has long and unhappily forced them."

Exhibition in 1915.

A large representative gathering under the presidency of the Lord Mayor of London to-day cordially endorsed Lord Strathcona's proposal for a huge all-British exhibition at the Crystal Palace in 1915. Lord Strathcona was not well enough to attend.

Speakers supporting the proposal included the president of the London chamber of commerce and several agents-general for the overseas dominions.

Offers Frank Advice.

Deputy Minister Scott, of British Columbia, offered some very frank advice to the intending investor or immigrant at the Royal Colonial Institute luncheon to-day. "Don't expect one hundred per cent profit without risks," he said; "many Englishmen bought land without the slightest idea of land values."

He had even heard people declare that any foot could farm. There is not the slightest doubt that Vancouver would eventually rival San Francisco, although things were rather slow just now. It is absolutely necessary to get money for legitimate improvements," he concluded.

MINORS WITH LIQUOR  
CAUSE DISTURBANCE

Rosland, B. C., Dec. 18.—A charge of supplying liquor to minors was laid against Michael Mickelson, aged 17 years. The liquor caused a disturbance on the streets, participated in by four boys. Mickelson was fined \$20 in the police court for the offence. Mickelson and James Ross were fined \$5 each for causing a disturbance. Two other boys charged, Spencer Merry and Gordon Nichols, left the city.

BOMB INJURES BABY.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Windows in buildings within a radius of a block were shattered early to-day when a bomb was exploded under the front porch of a two-story frame building in West Twenty-third street, injuring a four-month-old baby and wrecking the front of the structure. Three Italian families occupied the home.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—Whether common potatoes from Canada, Newfoundland, Great Britain, Ireland and continental Europe shall be barred from the United States because of the danger of importation of dangerous plant diseases, or shall be admitted under the same restrictions as apply to nursery stock, was the subject of a hearing to-day before the federal horticultural board at the direction of Secretary Houston.

T. P. Gill, secretary of agriculture for Ireland; Dr. H. T. Gussow, an expert of the Canadian department of agriculture, and G. F. O'Halloran, deputy minister of agriculture of Canada, were among those who spoke in favor of the admission of foreign potatoes. Representations have been made to the American department of agriculture that in view of the short

## FINANCIAL STRINGS ARE TIGHTENING IN MEXICO

Dispatch of Rations From Presidio Leads to Belief That Mercado Will Lead Federals in Attack on Villa Forces. Constitutionalists Offer Permits for Opening Up Mining Enterprises.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The efforts of the Mexican government to raise money in Europe in order to meet the interest on its obligations falling due in January have been futile thus far. The Paris and London banks, which took \$20,000,000 of the loan authorized by the Mexican congress in the spring, and an option on the unpaid remainder, decline to exercise their option even for a few millions.

Mexico City, Dec. 18.—A presidential decree making the state bank a legal tender throughout the republic, a guarantee found to be subscribed by the state banks and deposited in the National Bank, and finally a government guarantee of the bank notes, is the programme decided upon by a committee of five bankers, representing the National Bank, the Bank of Mexico and Mexico, and two or three other concerns, which met yesterday afternoon with the acting head of the finance department.

No difficulty is expected in having President Huerta issue the decree, the bankers deeming this the only means of maintaining in circulation a sufficient amount of medium of exchange.

The management of the National Bank exhausted yesterday the reserve deposit funds of only three more state banks, by adroit delay in paying and by refusal to accept more than 20 per cent of the bills offered for redemption.

The report published in the United States that a new note had been sent by the United States government to Provisional President Huerta is untrue, according to Querubien Moreno, the Mexican foreign secretary, and Nelson O'Shaughnessy, United States charge d'affaires.

Would Resume Mining.

Hermosillo, Sonora, Mex., Dec. 18.—Mine owners in territory under control of the Mexican constitutionalist government may resume the operation of their properties whenever they see fit. It was announced to-day by Ignacio Bonillas, secretary of industry in the Carranza cabinet, that if mining men desiring to work mines located in the states of Sonora, Chihuahua, Sinaloa and Durango would apply to the constitutionalist department of fomento, colonization and industry, located here, they would receive the necessary permits to resume operations.

Under Mexican mining laws, mining property may not be worked until formal permits to do so have been issued by the federal government. It was said that many Americans and other foreign mining men holding property in the territory mentioned had found it impossible to secure the proper authorization from the government at Mexico City, and for this reason the mining industry in the north was in a state of stagnation. Secretary Bonillas' announcement was made to remedy this evil.

Preparing For Attack.

Ojinaga, Mex., Dec. 18.—The dispatch of large quantities of rations across the border from Presidio to-day, following the recent receipt of urgent messages from the war department at Mexico City, and for this reason the Mercado to take the offensive against the constitutionalists, gave rise to a belief that the federal troops which have been entrenched here since their retreat from Chihuahua, are preparing to attack the Villa forces. Mercado had stated previously that unless the rebels attacked Ojinaga soon, the federal troops would leave for the interior.

It was announced that he would try to recapture Chihuahua, but it is believed here that should he actually assume the aggressive, he would more

likely move toward Juarez, which is less strongly defended than it was before Villa took a large part of his army to Chihuahua.

Some of the federal officers to-day expressed the belief that Juarez would be more advantageous to the federal cause than Chihuahua, on account of the importance of the former place as a port of entry.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 18.—A special train bearing 500 more refugees from Chihuahua reached El Paso to-day. Among them were the employees of industries owned by foreigners in and near Chihuahua. They repeated stories told by earlier arrivals that conditions in the Mexican city since its occupation by General Villa, the rebel commander, were such as to warrant the departure of all foreigners.

A story that a new revolution was to be started against both Huerta and Villa by Emilio Vasquez Gomez was not credited here. The supporters of Gomez have been constantly in evidence on the border and their issuance of a proclamation in the name of Gomez was regarded merely as a repetition of former occurrences that have never led to anything. The newest proclamation promised the support of General Pascual Orozco and General Ynez Salazar, who are now in the federal army, and of Felix Diaz, none of whom are here. The whereabouts of Gomez is not known here. It was said that Maximino Castillo, at present operating with a band of bandits south of the New Mexican border, was to form the nucleus of the new revolution.

Vera Cruz, Mex., Dec. 18.—The Russian minister to Mexico, Dr. Alexander de Stalevski conferred here to-day for some time with John Lind, the personal representative of President Wilson.

PAROLE SYSTEM IN  
CANADA SUCCESSFUL

Of 5,495 Prisoners Released in 14 Years Only 169 Have Been Again Convicted.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—That the Dominion parole system is working admirably is the report of Parole Officer A. P. Archibald. In fourteen years since the act has been enforced 5,495 prisoners have been released on ticket-of-leave, and of this number only 169 have been returned on conviction. One man is earning \$5,000 a year as a civil engineer, and another is getting \$8,000 from the firm in whose employment he was at the time of his conviction.

CITRUS GROWERS GET  
WARNING OF FROST

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Frosts were recorded in California this morning, with temperatures varying from thirty to thirty-four degrees. Frosts are predicted the length of the state for tomorrow morning with temperatures dropping to 28 degrees and lower, and warnings were sent out this morning by the weather bureau to all citrus growers.

Forecaster Wilson said to-day that he did not look for a true freeze, but that the danger point might be reached.

TO WED WILDE'S SON.

London, Dec. 18.—Vivian Holland, the younger son of Oscar Wilde, will be married in London next month to Violet Craigie, daughter of an officer of the Royal Dragoons.

POTATO CROP SHORT IN UNITED STATES  
WANT FOREIGN PRODUCT THERE THIS YEAR

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—domestic potato crop caused by last summer's drought, the exclusion of foreign potatoes would go far toward raising prices in the United States.

At the outset, Secretary Houston said the question under consideration was not the lifting of an embargo against diseased potatoes, but whether a quarantine should be absolute, or administered in such a way as to admit the entry of potatoes properly passed on by government experts.

Dr. Gussow declared that United States experts had not made a sufficient investigation of the potato crop in his country on which to base a recommendation that the whole crop should be barred from this country because of disease. He said American agents had gone into Canada to investigate potato disease conditions without co-operating with him.



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**HID GEMS IN ORANGES.**

Jewel Thieves Had Ingenious Scheme of Concealing Loot.

Naples, Dec. 18.—Some time ago a dealer in precious stones in this city, Signor Gasparo Boecario, was robbed of jewelry valued at \$100,000, and although the suspicion of the police was directed toward two brothers, who kept a fruiterer's business, a search of the shop failed to reveal anything of an incriminating nature.

By chance a policeman observed some boys playing in the gutter with what proved on examination to be some of the stolen stones. The boys, who were quite unaware of their value, confessed that they had found the stones secreted in some oranges and citrons which they had purloined from the shop of the suspected brothers.

The shop was again raided by the police and the brothers were arrested. It was discovered that on the previous visit of the police the whole of the stolen property was hidden in oranges and citrons from which the pulp had been taken.

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**REVOLUTIONISTS IN ECUADOR TAKE TOWN**

Present Strife is Continuance of the Alfaro Revolution of 1912

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—News of the capture by revolutionists of the important seacoast town of Esmeraldas, in northwestern Ecuador, has just reached here and leads to the belief that the government of President Plaza may be severely taxed to maintain itself in that section of the country, although owing to the geographical conditions it may be impossible for the rebels to follow up their success at Esmeraldas by a march to the capital.

The present revolutionary movement is understood to be purely personal and a continuation of the Alfaro revolution of 1912. In August of that year General Alfaro, who had been president of Ecuador and was in exile in Panama, returned to head a revolution started by General Pedro Montoro, then in command of the government garrison at Guayaquil. The revolution lasted six weeks, when Montoro was captured at Guayaquil and six of his generals, including Alfaro, were killed and burned by a mob in Quito. General Concho was one of the few survivors of the rebel army. He made his escape into the north and has been ever since fighting the government in the mild mountain and jungle country. It is understood that he is receiving considerable financial support and many recruits from the coast towns, whose inhabitants are said to be opposed to President Plaza's government because of the long standing jealousy between the people of the lowlands and the Sierras.

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**POLITICAL ELECTION IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

National Progressive League New Party Opposed to Machine Politics

Sydney, New South Wales, Dec. 18.—The Holman government is just bringing a very stormy session to a close, and before the House meets again an election campaign has to be faced, which is sure to make a marked difference in the personnel of the assembly.

Many important measures hurriedly rushed through amidst strenuous all-night sittings have been rejected by the legislative council. A bill consolidating the land laws of the state has passed both houses, and should prove a very useful measure in the simplification of the huge mass of legislation dealing with land.

An offer made by a large British firm, Norton Griffiths, to finance and build railways to the extent of £2,000,000 was taken up by the minister for works, who tried to get the scheme adopted by parliament. The offer met with a good deal of opposition from both sides of the House, and was dropped by the minister.

During the session serious charges were made by the leader of the opposition against the minister for works, and the government appointed a royal commission to inquire into these charges. The leader of the opposition shirked the issue, and he has come in for a good deal of adverse criticism in consequence. It has damaged the chances of the Liberals winning at the coming elections, and also the fact that Mr. Wade led no less than 14 assaults in the ministry by way of votes of censure, every one of which failed, must count against victory under his leadership.

Mr. Beely, leader of the National Progressive League, is contesting a suburban constituency, and the league has about 12 candidates running. Mr. Beely has adopted a clean impersonal mode of fighting, and has a good constructive platform. It is evident that his party will play a very important part in the politics of Australia in the future, and from present appearances he should hold the balance of power between the other two parties. The people are getting very tired of machine politics, and a revolution has set in, which must be expressed in a purer political atmosphere henceforth.

**THIRD DEATH OCCURS IN EGERIA FATALITY**

Man With Broken Hip Who Helped His Fellow Succumbs to Injuries.

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—Herbert McElroy, another of the victims of the Egeria disaster, succumbed to his injuries in the Harbor View sanitarium, North Vancouver, yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. This makes the third death from that ill-fated journey on the evening of November 14, when a party of seven set out to burn the hulk.

The deceased was feeling somewhat better yesterday, and on the arrival of his brother from the interior a specialist was called in from Vancouver, but he pronounced that the doctors in the sanitarium were doing all that was possible for the injured man.

McElroy ranked on a par with Mellows in saving his comrades when the explosion occurred, for it has since developed that his hip was broken in several places at the time he was giving what aid he could to Mellows.

An inquest has been ordered. The deceased leaves a wife and four small children.

**GIUFFREY GAVE FIRST CLUE OF MONA LISA**

Information Was Not Followed Other-wise Picture Would Have Soon Been Found.

Paris, Dec. 17.—The first real clue to the theft of the painting "Mona Lisa" was furnished to the French police by Jean Guiffrey, now curator of the museum of fine arts at Boston, Mass., and formerly assistant conservator of the Louvre.

Pierre Marcel, who is charged with a mission at the Louvre, makes this declaration to-day. He says that Guiffrey at the time wrote giving the reasons why the picture must have been stolen by one of the men employed in the framing of pictures at the Louvre. The director of the French National Museums, Pugelet, was impressed by M. Guiffrey's reasoning and informed the police.

At that time if the clue had been adequately followed the "Mona Lisa" would have been discovered long ago.

Counsel for Vincenzo Perugia, at Florence, charged with abstracting the "Mona Lisa" from the Louvre, has asked that Perugia be given his liberty on the ground that France has not entered prosecution against him in the Italian courts.

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**PHYSICIAN POISONED DURING AN OPERATION**

Newburgh, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Dr. William C. Bartrum, of the staff of St. Luke's hospital, died at his home yesterday with blood-poisoning, resulting from a prick on the finger with a needle while engaged in an operation. Dr. Bartrum was 35 years old and a graduate of Columbia Medical School in 1884. Later he took a course in the medical school of the University of Vienna.

**DEMONSTRATION MADE WHEN MAN IS HANGED**

Forty Thousand Protest Against Execution of Murderer and Reprieve of Accomplice

London, Dec. 18.—The climax of the popular agitation over the execution of Kelly, the Liverpool murderer of Bookseller-Bardley, came yesterday when, as the execution was taking place, a crowd of 10,000 people gathered outside the walls of Strangeways jail and sang "Hang both or none." There were frequent collisions during the night between the crowd and the police, and five of the police were injured in the fight, while many demonstrators wear evidence of the strength of the police clubs.

Kelly was hanged at 8 o'clock, and the first intimation that the people had that the law had taken its course was the hoisting of the black flag on the prison flagpole. Then the crowd dispersed, but there has been more or less disorder throughout Oldham and Manchester all day as a result of the agitation.

The London Daily Mail, commenting editorially on the Manchester execution, says: "These ought not to be classed as demonstrations of maudlin sentimentality." It argues that the motive the people of Oldham had in their minds in the vague and futile hope of rescuing the murderer was not sentimentality but a rugged, if mistaken, sense of justice and fair play. The execution of both criminals would presumably have satisfied them, but the execution of one left a feeling of unfair discrimination.

On November 25 Ernest Edward Kelly, aged 29, and Edward Wild Hilton, 18 years old, were sentenced to death at the Manchester assizes for the murder at Oldham of a bookseller named Bardley, whom they clubbed to death, the object of the attack being robbery. When giving evidence at the trial Hilton said he did not hit Bardley, that he intended to rob and not kill, and that it was Kelly who did the actual killing. Kelly said that it was Hilton who struck the fatal blow.

On Saturday it was announced that the home secretary had reprieved Hilton, but refused to grant clemency to Kelly. The citizens of Oldham at a mass meeting Monday night, at which 40,000, a fifth of the town's population, were present, passed a resolution asking for Kelly's reprieve.

It is said that Hilton's reprieve is due to his youth and mental deficiency, the execution of a boy of 18 being held to be contrary to the public policy of England, and there being no instance of such an execution in modern times. The home secretary states that the crime was a very atrocious one and that Kelly was admittedly actively responsible and participated in the terrible deed.

**ACREAGE STAKED NOW FOR HOMESTEADERS**

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—Speaking at the Progress luncheon yesterday, the minister of lands, Hon. W. B. Ross, said that 1,700,000 acres of land in the province is now staked for the homesteader. The charge is a \$2 entry fee and a fee of \$10 when the homesteader gets his crown grant. In the last three years the government had issued between 5,000 and 11,000 pre-emption records.

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## BOARD SITS SECOND TIME IN HINDU CASE

### Herman Singh Ordered Deported; Habeas Corpus Writ to Be Argued

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—The board of enquiry yesterday agreed on the deportation of Herman Singh, the Hindu who has been occasioning trouble for the department under Malcolm Reid of late. Papers have been issued authorizing his man's deportation.  
 At the first board meeting there were only seven inspectors present, including Malcolm Reid, and on the technicality that eight are necessary to constitute a full board the case was held up successfully and the Hindu remained in Vancouver. A second meeting of the board of enquiry was called, and in spite of the inconvenience which necessitates practically a cessation of all department work during proceedings of the enquiry board as fully constituted, the necessary eight members were present.  
 At the second meeting proceedings were facilitated by the attitude of Herman Singh. He proved ready to help the immigration department rather than to hinder it. He admitted he had been guilty of endeavoring to enter Canada fraudulently, and made no further opposition to the passing of the deportation order of the board of enquiry.

From the insight gained by Mr. Reid into the doings of the Hindus across the water through the case, it becomes evident that there are frequent efforts on foot amongst the turbaned race to gain entry into Vancouver and various other parts of British Columbia by fraud.

Officers of the department are more than ever on the alert now to prevent the ingress of the dark complexioned denizens of India. There are peculiar difficulties in the way of the department in this direction, but with certain advantages gained through recent experiences better opportunities for frustrating their efforts are in sight, and Mr. Reid is confident that it will take a pretty crafty Hindu to enter in future.

Despite these proceedings it is expected that an application which was made yesterday in Supreme court chambers for a writ of habeas corpus for the production of Herman Singh may be argued upon in an effort to stay deportation.

A. H. Macneil, K. C., made the application yesterday, and explained that his contention was that the case was res judicata and the board of immigration had no right to take up the case again and have the man rearrested and tried for the offence.

## TRADE OPPORTUNITY IN SOUTH AMERICAN STATES

Canadian Trade Commissioner Makes Report After Ten Months' Investigation.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—H. R. Piusette, Canadian trade commissioner in South America, after completing a ten-months' journey over 14,000 miles of territory, reported to Hon. G. E. Foster, minister of trade and commerce, yesterday.

Mr. Piusette, whose office is in Buenos Ayres, has been on the South American continent for nearly a year looking for new openings for Canadian trade. He has crossed and recrossed the Andes, has visited Mexico, Chile, Paraguay, Bolivia, Colombia, Peru and the other countries of South America without having seen a revolution or hearing a gun fired.

"I think that there are good offerings down there for Canadian exporters," he said. "They may mean little now, but these countries will grow and trade will grow. There are markets there for Canadian lumber, coal, paper, etc. It would be worth while for Canadian manufacturers to show some interest in the possibilities for trade extension to those countries."

## GUILT ACKNOWLEDGED BY DE LUXE BURGLAR

Man Whose Thefts Total \$100,000 Waits Sentence at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—William Bastian, known in police circles as the "De Luxe" burglar, and whose operations in fashionable homes during the last few years netted him about \$100,000, pleaded yesterday guilty of burglary. He will be sentenced on Saturday.

Bastian's young sister, Josephine, whom he brought from Germany and established in a \$10,000 home from the proceeds of his burglaries, watched the court proceedings. "I will stay with you until the end," she told her brother.

Bastian was captured by a bulldog about a month ago. Rather than shoot the dog he submitted to arrest.

## ORANGE COUNTY REWARDS PARENTS OF TRIPLETS

Santa Ana, Cal., Dec. 18.—The county board of supervisors is on official record today with a standing offer of \$100 reward for each set of triplets born in Orange county. The first reward has been given to Mrs. Otto Summers, of the San Joaquin ranch, who recently presented her husband with three at once. The board of supervisors formally voted Mrs. Summers \$300 and on motion of Supervisor Leek the board decided to make a standing reward for all triplets.

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 Handkerchiefs of Extra Fine Hand-loom-woven Shamrock Lawn, with pretty Val edging. Each.....25c  
 A Delightful Little Handkerchief is of Cross Bar, with lace edging. Each.....25c  
 Pure Linen, Drawn Thread, Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, with tiny edging of real Armenian lace. Each.....50c  
 A Very Sheer Pure Linen Handkerchief, with hand-made Armenian lace edging. Each.....90c  
 Handkerchiefs With Pure Linen Centres, surrounded with very dainty Guipure lace. Each.....75c  
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## ZABERN INCIDENT

### REVIVES OLD QUARREL

People of Alsace-Lorraine Have Always Been Opposed to Prussian Regime

Berlin, Dec. 18.—The clash between the civil authorities of Alsace-Lorraine and the military element which came to a head recently, when the Zabern affair resulted in a vote of lack of confidence in the government by a tremendous majority in the Reichstag, is not of recent origin. The people of the provinces taken from France after the war of 1870 have always been hostile to the Prussian regime.

Ever since the Agadir incident in 1910, which brought Germany and France closer to war than at any other time since the disaster of 1870, there has been a ceaseless agitation on the part of certain French newspapers, with the co-operation of the pro-French agitators in Alsace, which has tended to make the younger elements in the province offensive toward the military.

The Kaiser caused a sensation about a year ago when he visited Strassburg and warned the mayor that the constitution of the province would be taken away if the agitation persisted. Not long afterward came the blow struck by the German government in withdrawing orders from the engine works at Grafenstaden, owned and controlled by pro-French Alsatians and French men, who permitted the employees to agitate, while the manager actively encouraged them.

Nancy and Luneville Incidents. Then followed the Luneville and Nancy incidents, the former regarded as a practical invasion of France, although it was of course not so intended, concerning which the Socialists in the Reichstag always attacked the government.

The word "wackes" used by Lieut. Baron von Forstner in his address to the recruits of the Ninety-ninth Infantry telling them that he "would willingly give ten marks to any German soldier who ran his bayonet through an Alsatian wackes" set the people of Alsace-Lorraine aflame. When used among the Alsatians themselves the word has a half-jocular, half-endearing meaning, but when used by a Prussian in Alsace referring to the Alsatians it may be compared to "hoolligan."

The sessions of the Reichstag this week gave an enormous impetus to the demand for a real parliamentary government for Alsace-Lorraine. It is believed by many that recognition of this feature of the crisis is causing the

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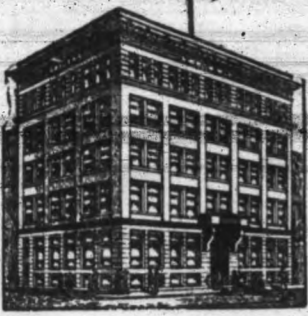
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 Branca's New Theory of Life.  
 Prof. Branca, the famous paleontologist, has advanced what he terms a new theory of the origin of life. He does not accept the theory of spontaneous generation as a scientific solution, nor the Biblical explanation

which presupposes a miracle and is therefore unacceptable. His theory is that life is as old as lifeless matter of which the stars and planets are composed. Life, he holds, has been "vacinated" into the earth by life germs from other planets through meteorites.  
 The scientist maintains that this hypothesis is strongly supported by indications of the existence of life on all the planets. He says:  
 "Life is as old as the universe in which we live. In seeking any hypothesis which seeks to solve the problem of how old it is, we encounter

questions, problems and mysteries about which we may dream, but which we can never solve."  
 The Kaiser's dictum that "every real man wears a mustache" has spread rapidly among the officers of the army. There is many a budding mustache on erstwhile clean shaven faces in the army now, and hair tonics are in great demand. It is probable that the up-turned mustache in the Kaiser fashion, will soon again be the symbol of the German army.  
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ATHIRST FOR INFORMATION. Would the mayor have the city go into the lumbering business as well as into the business of irrigation and distributing foodstuffs? Has the municipality as much on its hands, financially, as it can manage for the present time and for some little time to come? Now if His Worship would talk about the existing status of matters in connection with the proposed Johnson street bridge we all would open our ears to his words. Can he tell us why it is that Sir Richard has not kept his promise to have that structure under way by now and completed within a short time from now? Also why there has been such an unexpected delay in proceeding with the improvement of the Indian reserve? Within a few months the date will have arrived when trains were to be running into what was to be practically a union station on the former Songhees property. Then there were also to be transcontinental railway trains arriving there, crossing the gulf upon ferry steamers, and landing passengers from Montreal and other eastern cities practically at our doors. What about those ferry steamers? Are they under construction? Sir Richard and the Colonist pledged their united words and honors that these things would be. They refuse to discuss them now. The mayor, as the chief representative of the city, ought surely to know what is being done or what is likely to be done. Can he give us any information? The people are eager to know how the matters stand.

TWO LETTERS. Among the letters received by the Times yesterday was one breathing the hopeful and unselfish spirit of the approaching Christmas season and another giving expression to feelings of an altogether different character but still justifiable under the conditions prevailing throughout Canada at the present time. The first communication we print as it was received, as it is worthy of all the publicity that can be given it. This letter was evidently left at the Times office by mistake, but we adopt it as our own, as Santa Claus has been a diligent reader of the paper for many years: "Dear Santa Claus: "Christmas is nearly here again. I am wondering what you are going to give me this year. I hope also all the other little children will have a visit from you. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. "GRACE, "Age Nine."

A model letter, brief and yet comprehensive; anticipatory of gifts from the Saint, yet anxious that all little people may share in her hoped-for season of joy and goodwill. We commend your letter, Grace, aged nine, to all the people of mature years in Victoria. You remind us that it is only as little children that we can enter fully into the spirit of Christmas.

The other letter we cannot print. It is too fierce and sweeping in its denunciation of prevailing business conditions. Besides, we consider that in some respects it is unfair. It makes some statements which are not facts. It is not true that Victoria is the only city in Canada where trusts and combinations are oppressing the people by the extreme nature of their exactions. From every section of the Dominion—and we receive newspapers published in every city and almost every town in Canada—we hear the same story. The cost of living is becoming intolerable, and it is rising. The latest report issued by the labor department at Ottawa shows that it went up a few more points during November. The responsibility for this advance is laid at the door of the United States. The raiders from the other side of the border are continuing their depredations. They have been given their op-

portunity by the removal of taxes from foodstuffs. We Canadians cannot retaliate because we have decided to defend the tariff wall. We are helpless, and our government tells us candidly that no relief may be looked for. It says it is ridiculous to assume that a trifling tax of a few cents a dozen upon eggs, a few cents a pound upon butter, or beef, or mutton, or anything that enters the mouth, can have any appreciable effect upon prices. Which, being interpreted, means that the "interests" which put the government in power are now exacting their pound of flesh and that they must be given an opportunity to recoup themselves for the price they paid the government to elect it. They are doing that. Shylock controls the situation. Therefore it is useless for "residents" to rail against the city council or to blame tradesmen. If there were no duty on foodstuffs and the channels of trade were not artificially obstructed there would be no solid ground for the feet of the trusts and combinations to stand upon. Under such conditions it would be but a matter of time until relief were afforded consumers. The united farmers of Canada brought out that point very strongly at their meeting in Toronto yesterday.

THEY SHOULD REHEARSE. When the premier and attorney-general go fishing together we assume that, like other people, they have the necessary story complete in all its details—time, place, size of fish that got away, thickness of line it broke, and other important circumstances—before they return home. They probably rehearse the yarn from beginning to end so carefully that not the slightest shadow of a contradiction appears in the recounting of their vivid piscatorial experiences. Why do they not adopt a similar course before they go fishing for votes? Sir Richard, discussing the government policy in this city, says one thing; the attorney-general, Vancouver before his constituents in Ancoochee, says another thing, and both claim to be pronouncing the ex-cathedra view on the same subject. Mr. Brewster yesterday drew attention to this absence of harmony between the deliverances of the two in regard to the financial situation. A few weeks ago Sir Richard said: "The expenditure has not exhausted our bank balance, for the province yet has a substantial sum to its credit."

On Monday night in Vancouver the attorney-general, after estimating the deficit in the last two years to be more than \$13,000,000, said: "The government had made plans on account of its sale of lands at 6 per cent, but with the stringency this revenue naturally shrank. The government faced the question of closing down public works, or to accustom people to pay up. It had not been thought wise to do either of these things. It had adopted the same course anyone would pursue—the business man in a case of the kind would go to his banker and might get an overdraft, and the banker, the speaker added, is the most abused man in British Columbia when probably by his actions he has shown kindness. The government had felt it not wise to force the man, nor to stop development, but, as business men they went to London and raised money."

In the same speech Mr. Boyser said: "The policy of the government was not to hoard up money, but to expend it in building up the country. People, he said, think the government should have money in the bank, but on account of the financial stringency which all lines of business have felt, the government could not square both sides of the ledger."

There you are. You pay your money and take your choice. One says the policy is not to hoard up money, but to spend it as fast as it can be obtained. The other declares that rather than disturb the "substantial sum" to the credit of the province in the bank it is advisable to issue treasury notes in London. One says that we have a surplus on hand; the other explains that we have a deficit of \$13,400,000. Why don't they get together some day and rehearse a story which will not admit of such startling variations and contradictions?

IS IT A "MELON?" The announcement of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's latest scheme of raising money has provoked considerable criticism from the eastern press. It also has caused no little disappointment in Europe, but for a totally different reason. The Montreal Mail attacks the proposal on the ground that the company is utilizing its land assets in violation of the spirit underlying the gift from the Canadian people.

The facts are these: Directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway have set aside, as a trust fund, part of the company's land assets. Note certificates to a total face value of \$52,000,000 are to be issued against this security. These note certificates have been offered to stockholders at 80 per cent. of their face value; or in other words, the Canadian Pacific Railway is selling to its stockholders securities with a face value of \$52,000,000 for \$41,600,000. Ten years from now, or earlier, the company will have to redeem these notes at their face value—\$52,000,000.

The Mail asks why the stockholders

should be asked to pay for the company in addition to regular dividends and points out that the public have to pay directly or indirectly every dollar so distributed. Every bonus declared lessens the prospects of a reduction of freight rates, which by the way is one of the causes of the high cost of living in this country. The excuse given for the scheme is that the company needs money for development work. If \$41,600,000 are required the company could have sold the same six per cent. note certificates to be given to the stockholders at 80, in the public market probably as high as 110. In this way the money could be raised at an annual interest charge of \$2,256,000 instead of \$3,120,000, as under the present plan, a saving of \$864,000 a year. Ten years hence the company would have to pay out for the note redemption, if sold at 110, the sum of \$38,000,000, instead of their face value of \$52,000,000 as now contemplated, a saving of \$14,000,000 in principal and \$8,400,000 in interest.

The Mail points out that the company by incurring unnecessarily large interest charges on the notes issued for these land assets will be forced to maintain the cost of transportation at a high level so that profits from railroad operation will be large enough to make up the amount given in bonuses to stockholders. The present dividend is ten per cent. To pay this the public are charged high rates over the system. In spite of this the company proposes to so juggle with the land freely and unconditionally given by the people that another "melon" may be divided. But the disappointment of the foreign investors in London and Paris has nothing to do with the ethics of the manoeuvre. They expected a larger bonus. Last year a very substantial melon was divided among them, for which the public, of course, footed the bill in transportation rates on the increased capitalization involved, and they expected a similar large handout this time. Not seeing anything so easy in the present plan, they are selling their stock in disgust, which accounts for the depreciation of a few points which followed the recent announcement.

THE CARDINAL-STATSMAN. In the death of Cardinal Rampolla the Roman Catholic Church has lost one of its greatest princes. For fifteen years secretary of state under Leo XIII, he was the dominating factor in the administration of papal affairs. He came to his important post free of traditional pre-conceptions and thus was admirably equipped to direct those policies with which the regime of the late pontiff had been associated. He proved himself to be an aggressive and, in many respects, a sagacious foreign minister. He was a diplomatist of high order and his commanding personality, his intellectual power and capacity for work would have made him a conspicuous figure in any sphere.

Rampolla's accession to the secretaryship of state coincided with a memorable change in the papal policy. Previous to that time Leo XIII, had been devoting all his great ability to the recovery of his temporal power in Italy. This had been the mainspring of his whole policy, and it was in the hope of obtaining intervention from Germany in that cause that he made peace with Bismarck and granted concessions which to many appeared excessive. For political reasons Bismarck kept alive this expectation, but subsequently it became apparent that Germany had no intention of assisting in any propaganda to restore the temporal status of the hierarchy.

Then, with the appearance of Cardinal Rampolla on the scene, a transformation took place in the spirit and policy of the Vatican, and with it one of the most momentous changes in the attitude of the church towards the problems of the times and their forces. A rapprochement was formed with France which involved an alliance with what is known as the modern democracy and a recognition of its principles and aims. Italy regarded this attitude with disfavor and divined that the Vatican aimed at the substitution of her monarchy with one or more republics. Whether or not this suspicion was correct, it widened the breach between the Vatican and the Quirinal in Rome. It undoubtedly alienated the Triple Alliance—Germany, Austria, and Italy—whose enmity subsequently was felt in the defeat of Rampolla during the election of a successor to Leo XIII.

The late cardinal has been criticized for playing so active a part in the politics of Europe; for directing the immense potential influence of the church to the side of the growing democracy. This, it was contended, had alienated, in France particularly, the upper and educated middle classes, who more naturally fell in with the monarchical group. But if a mistake was made, it was in participating in a class struggle at all rather than in the direction in which the policy ran. Certainly if one of the two alternatives had to be adopted it was much more to the advantage of the church to support the democracy, which, though it

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weakened the power and influence of the Vatican in Italy or Vienna, extended them throughout the world.

When Leo XIII, died it was freely predicted that his able secretary of state would succeed him. In fact Cardinal Rampolla obtained 29 votes in the election and would inevitably have been exalted to the pontifical throne but for the intervention of the Triple Alliance, speaking with the voice of Austria. The haughty house of Hapsburg could not forget that Rampolla had formed a rapprochement with the democracy of France; that his policy had been to develop the power and influence of this class in the other countries; that, in fact, he had made a common cause with the common people, an unforgivable offence in the eyes of the monarchical houses of the continent. So through one of the cardinals it was intimated that in selecting Rampolla Rome would incur the hostility of Austria and the displeasure of the other two nations in the alliance, and to avoid further trouble Cardinal Giuseppe Sarato was elected pope, assuming the name Pius X. Cardinal Rampolla then went into retirement and though his hand no longer continued to direct the state affairs of the papacy, he remained, perhaps, the most considerable figure in the church next to the pontiff himself up to the time of his death.

Hon. George E. Foster scoffs at the idea of the government appointing a commission to inquire into the high cost of living. In a recent burst of frankness he said: "The Lord knows we have had enough commissions. They are as plentiful as blackberries. Commissions are roaming the country wasting good ink and paper, preparing reports which are on the shelf and nothing done with them. It is not a commission that will right this matter." Unfortunately Mr. Foster, as usual, suggests no alternative, except that we should eat less and wear less. He would not reduce the tariff one iota. He still sticks to that magnificent policy so enthusiastically enunciated by his party two years ago—"Let well enough alone."

A correspondent reminds us that Alderman Gleason moved the resolution awarding the big paving contract to the Canadian Mineral Rubber Company which resulted in the importation of a lot of aliens to work on our streets. But why rake up the ashes of that memorable period? May not the alderman have repented? "While the light holds out to burn, the vilest sinner may return."

The mayor seems inclined to advocate that the city embark in the timber business, besides irrigation. If Victoria wishes to keep her credit undiminished in the money market she will confine herself to disposing of the heavy programme of expenditure now on her hands without encumbering herself with more. It will take more than wind to do that.

The mayoralty campaign has now begun. Adherents of the two candidates are charging one another with unfair and illegal tactics in connection with registrations for the voters' list. This is said to what it will be a few weeks hence.

TRADE WON'T AMERICANIZE US, Toronto Star. Trade will not Americanize us. The more trade the better. The old reciprocity treaty with the United States did not Americanize us. The annexation manifesto was issued five years before the reciprocity treaty was negotiated in 1854. Since then we have heard very little about annexation. The more our American trade has grown, the more annexation sentiment has declined. We do not censure Mr. Borden for allowing our American imports to increase. We are not afraid of being Americanized by buying American boots, or by selling cattle in the United States.

TRADES UNIONISM, Chicago Tribune. Trade unionism pretty generally represents intelligence in the calling and settling of labor disputes. It represents progress, education and orderliness even in the disorders arising between labor and capital. To crush unionism—and making it ineffective by means of undue legal restrictions is as good as crushing it—but to deepen the chasm between capital and labor, to make class conflicts in this country more implacable.

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SAANICH.

Saanich Ratepayers' Central Association have opened committee rooms at Northern Crown Bank buildings, 1236 Government street. Persons holding agreements of sale are invited to call and register on the voters' list before December 22, next. Phone 1650.

Eagles Take Notice.—The Eagles Xmas tree festival and dance will take place at K. of P. hall, North Main street (main hall and banquet room), on Monday, December 22, 8 p. m. Eagles not having received a card are requested to call at secretary's office for card and particulars.

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Address To-night.—An address will be given this evening—"God's Penmen and What They Wrote"—by Henry Clark at the Friends meeting house, Fern street, near Oak Bay Junction, at 7:45 p. m. All Bible students are specially invited.

Closing Exercises.—Closing exercises have been set for to-morrow morning at Spring Ridge, South Park, Victoria West, and the Children's Aid school in the afternoon. Some of the school trustees will attend each of the gatherings. Kingston street school had its function arranged for this afternoon at South Park school.

White Deer Shot.—While on a hunting trip near Colerbrook on Friday last, S. Becker shot a deer which was almost entirely white. It was a buck about fifteen months old and weighed perhaps 65 pounds. The tip of the deer's tail is black, its face and legs are of greyish color and the remainder of its body is pure white. Mr. Becker was at a distance of about 500 yards from the animal and mistook it for a mountain goat.

Williams Players.—In spite of the fact that Christmas shopping and other activities are keeping many people away from the theatres, the Williams Stock Company are playing to excellent houses each night. This week "The Master and Man" is being presented, and thoroughly enjoyed. The management suggest that patrons have their name and address ready written to deposit in the box. On Tuesday the prize was won by Master Tom McGimpsey.

Patronage of Local Industries.—The school board decided last evening to refer to the incoming board a communication from the Manufacturers' Association of the province conveying a request for preference for home-made products in the purchases of the board. This is the policy of the board, but Trustee Riddell said manufacturers would always be placed in a difficult position so long as the price of labor was so high in British Columbia.

Met Lumbermen.—Representatives of timber interests in British Columbia, including owners, license holders and others interested in the industry met yesterday at the offices of the R. C. Lumber and Shingle Manufacturers' Association to discuss with Hon. W. R. Ross, minister of lands, the proposed increase in timber licenses. The proposal to increase timber licenses was brought up before the legislature during the last session and the minister of lands is now getting the ideas of those connected with the lumber industry in the province on the subject.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, December 18, 1888.

The weather is exceptional to-day. Mr. Thomas Partridge, city collector, entered our sanatorium this afternoon with green leaves from his Gloria Mundi apple tree, and a gladiolus grown in his garden which is 14 inches long. Mr. T. J. Dearborn, of Pembroke street, has ripe raspberries on his bushes. The fine weather is likely to continue until Christmas.

Mr. Theo. Davis, Mrs. Davis and daughter left on the North Pacific this morning en route to San Francisco, where Christmas will be spent with relatives.

W. McNulty, a longshoreman employed on the barque Aethelbert, fell from the yard-arm of that vessel and struck the deck. His left arm was shattered and his head badly cut. In falling he struck a rope, and so saved his life. He was removed to the Royal hospital.

Hon. John Robson is returning to the city, having completed his business in Ottawa.

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Turkey Shoot.—The Miniature Rifle Association of the Highland Regiment will hold a Christmas shoot in the Pemberton approximation this evening, the prizes being turkeys.

Phoenix Beer, \$1.50 per doz. qts.

Artists at Concert.—At the usual Sunday afternoon concert of the Fifth Regiment band the following vocal artists will assist the instrumentalists: Mrs. Benedict Bantley, dramatic soprano; Miss Eva Woods, child soprano, and T. Holman, tenor.

Farewell to the Colonel.—The officers' mess of the Fifth regiment will tender Lieut. Colonel Currie a farewell dinner in the mess rooms at the drill hall to-morrow evening, on the occasion of his resignation from the regiment to assume the command of the new Highland regiment, which is being organized in the city.

B. C. Federation of Labor.—The Victoria Trades and Labor Council has selected President C. Sivertz, of the B. C. Federation of Labor, and T. H. Norris, secretary of the council, as delegates to the federation meeting in January, to be held in New Westminster. The Horseshoers' Union has affiliated with the central body, while the council has also appointed Messrs. Sivertz and Martin on the management board of the Day Creche.

Must Make Up Averages.—In order to make up the average rainfall for December there must be a serious change in weather conditions before the close of the month. The average fall for the month is 4.47 in Victoria, and up to the present only about half an inch has descended. The inauspicious signs, however, have not yet made themselves evident at any point on the horizon of the local weather bureau, and neither wind nor storm is suggested in barometer or other instrument of prophecy.

Run on Yates Street.—The fire department was called last evening shortly after 8 o'clock to 951 Yates street, where some hot tobacco ashes had caused a conflagration. Two curtains were damaged by the outbreak. In future the city service truck is to carry a pulmotor for the resuscitation of persons overcome by smoke, gas, or electric shock. This equipment has just been added at the headquarters station, and the firemen will be instructed in its use.

To Continue Packing Schools.—The Provincial Horticultural Convention, which adjourned yesterday, decided to carry the apple-packing schools, which have been conducted for some time past in various parts of the province for the training of the fruit-rancher in this important branch of work, will be continued again during 1914. During the past year 26 schools were conducted in the province, and the results were quite evident in the fruit packed. It was also decided that there would be short courses in conjunction with the livestock branch, while a new departure in experimental work would be made in the horticultural branch in connection with the study of the action of various fertilizers on vegetables.

Florence Nightingale Chapter.—At the meeting of the Florence Nightingale Chapter of the I. O. D. E. on Monday, the regent, Mrs. Bassell, in the chair, it was decided that a dance would be held on St. Valentine's day in order to augment the funds of the chapter. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$117.45, and during the afternoon-Christmas work was discussed, and a letter from Mrs. Croft acknowledged with thanks the chapter's contribution to the fund for a Christmas dinner to some of the poor children of London. Amongst the correspondence read was a letter from the native nurse at the Nankin hospital, India, and one from Mr. Edwards, secretary of the British Campaigners' Association. The next meeting will take place on January 14.

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TELEPHONE UNDER LAKE.

Vernon Board Wants Government to Aid Company to Lay Line Under Okanagan Lake.

The Vernon Board of Trade has petitioned the provincial government to inaugurate a policy of aiding any telephone company in the province in extending its lines to remote and scantily settled districts, where such investment by the company would not pay interest. The interest of Vernon in the project is the desire to have a telephone cable laid under Okanagan Lake for a distance of 11,000 feet and to a depth of 600 feet, from Carr's Landing to Short's Point, to serve the settlers on the west side of the lake. There will not be sufficient subscribers to justify the local company in making the necessary outlay—about \$1,500. The company, however, guarantees that whenever the subscribers make the line self-supporting it will be willing to buy the cable from the government, less ten per cent. for depreciation each year.

LIBERAL CONVENTION.

Delegates Will Assemble in This City on February 25 Next.

A convention of the Liberal party will be held in this city during the session of the legislature. The date has been set as February 25, on which day there will be delegates present from all parts of the province, and discussion will take place on the policy to be followed.

M. A. Macdonald, K. C., Vancouver, president of the Provincial Liberal Association, will preside.

German Fare and Good.—Try a dish of bock wurst and German sauer kraut with a glass of Humber "Imperator" Bock, 12 months old, on the side. "The Kaiserhof."

Fifth Regiment Inspection.—Captain Moore, the district staff adjutant, inspects the Fifth Regiment this evening. Lieut. Colonel Currie wishes that every member of the regiment will be on hand with all the clothes and equipment in his possession. Captain Moore is inspecting the armouries this afternoon, the quartermaster showing him over the premises.

A Pleasant Surprise.—The Ladies of the Macabees, Baxter Hive No. 8, met at their rooms in the A. O. U. W. hall on Wednesday afternoon, several lady visitors from other hives attended. After a short session of hive business, afternoon tea was served, during which Lady Commander Harrison presented Mrs. Dave Williams with a beautiful china afternoon tea set, also an address suitably worded showing the high esteem and appreciation in which she is held by the hive. Mrs. Williams, taken completely by surprise, responded in a few well-chosen words.

Class is Closed.—The fifty-five candidates for ranks in the new Highland regiment, who have been taking the course of instruction to qualify as officers and non-commissioned officers, will have a respite until January 5. They have been since the beginning of the month attending classes every night of the week except Saturday and Sunday, and the tremendous sacrifice which this means illustrates the interest they take in the work. There are 41 non-commissioned officers and 14 officers. Captain Cox, of the general staff, will be here in January to direct the remainder of the instruction.



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- Holy Ghost With Light Divine. (Gottschalk.) Mendelssohn Male Quartette.
- Dream of Christmas. (Rasch.) Stehl, de Jaeger, and Schuetze. Violin, cello and harp trio.
- Christmas Fantasy. (Unbehaun.) Prince's Orchestra.
- Adeste Fideles. (Christmas Hymn.) Chimes, Thomas Mills. Organ accompaniment by Charles A. Prince.
- On a Christmas Morning. Descriptive. (Currie.) Prince's Orchestra.
- Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht. (Silent Night, Hallowed Night.) (Gruber.) Olive Fremstad, soprano. In German. Orchestra accompaniment. Single disc only.
- First Nowell. Invincible Male Quartette.
- Medley of Christmas Carols. Columbia Brass Quartette.
- Ring the Bells for Christmas Morn. (Spence.) Mendelssohn Mixed Quartette. Orchestra accompaniment.
- Arion Carnival March. (Faust.) Prince's Military Band.
- Messiah, The. (Handel.) Hallelujah Chorus. Columbia Oratorio Chorus. In English. Orchestra accompaniment.
- Stabat Mater. (Rossini.) Themes from the Overture. (Mercadante.) Prince's Band.
- Messiah, The. (Handel.) And the Glory of the Lord. Columbia Oratorio Chorus. Orchestra accompaniment.
- Nazareth. (Gounod.) Frank Croxton, bass, and Columbia Mixed Chorus. Orchestra accompaniment.
- Christmas Symphony. (Toy Instruments.) (Chwatal.) Prince's Orchestra.
- Circassian Dance—From La Source Ballet. (Delibes.) Prince's Orchestra.
- Christmas Bells. (Buttshardt.) Stehl and Schuetze. Violin and harp duet.
- Santa Claus' Workshop. Descriptive. (Phillips.) Prince's Orchestra.
- Night Before Christmas. Len Spencer. Talking. With chimes and sleigh-bell effects.
- The Musical Congress of Nations. (Middleton.) Len Spencer and Parke Hunter. Talking. Orchestra accompaniment.
- The Messiah (Handel.) Comfort Ye My People. Reed Miller, tenor. In English, with orchestra.
- The Messiah. (Handel.) Every Valley Shall Be Exalted. Reed Miller, tenor. In English, with orchestra.
- Elijah. (Mendelssohn.) Recitative: Ye People Rend Your Hearts; and Aria: "If With All Your Hearts." Reed Miller, tenor. Orchestra accompaniment.
- Elijah. (Mendelssohn.) "Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth." Reed Miller, tenor. Orchestra accompaniment.
- Uncle Josh Plays Santa Claus. Laughing Story. (Stewart.) Cal Stewart.
- Birthday of a King. (Neidlinger.) Andrea Sarto, baritone and Columbia Mixed Quartette. Orchestra accompaniment.
- Brightest and Best. (Mendelssohn.) Columbia Mixed Quartette. Orchestra accompaniment.
- Christmas Bells. (Stevenson.) Columbia Mixed Quartette. Orchestra accompaniment.
- Adore and Be Still. (Gounod.) Columbia Mixed Quartette. Orchestra accompaniment.

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# Along the Waterfront

## Shipping News from Day to Day

### RUPERT CITY SLIPS BACK ON BIG SEAS

#### Famous Coasting Boat Was 31 Days Crossing to Yokohama; Captain Dobson Returns

Capt. Dobson, the Tacoma navigator who piloted the famous old steamship Rupert City across to Yokohama and Kobe from Puget Sound, has returned to this coast, arriving on the Blue Funnel liner Proteilaus this morning. A very interesting story is told of the trying passage which the former coasting craft had in completing the run across the pond. She was 31 days out from the Sound when the headlands of Yokohama harbor showed up and her average speed for the run had been 5 knots an hour.

The weather throughout the long passage was never of the best, and she encountered several very severe blows. Capt. Dobson has a very interesting way of describing the progress of the good vessel at certain stages of the voyage. The waves were very high at times, and the Rupert City did not seem to be able to steam hard and fast enough to climb over the great combers. The captain says that you could see her going up on one wave and that she would slip back with it. She had to make a number of attempts to get over some of the green mountains.

Delivered in Good Shape. Captain Dobson delivered the Rupert City to the Japanese buyers at Kobe in good shape. Her cargo, which consisted of wheat, flour and general merchandise, had not been damaged in the slightest as a result of the vessel's hard voyage. Thirty-one days is certainly a long time to take in crossing the Pacific. She carried Japanese fishermen and they were very bad stokers. They were inexperienced and caused the engineers to become angered at their primitive methods of tending furnaces.

Mrs. Dobson, who accompanied her husband on the voyage, returned on the Proteilaus.

A. M. Conorton and A. C. Kick, two of the engineers who went across to the Rupert City, came across on the Nippon liner Tamba Maru, which berthed this morning. They reside in this city and disembarked at the outer docks.

The Rupert City is to have her name changed, and it is not likely that this ship which gained considerable notoriety while she operated on this coast will ever again return to British Columbia waters.

### THE DEEP SEA LOG

After having made one of the quickest "turn around" of a Blue Funnel liner on Puget Sound, the steamship Titan, Capt. Read, sailed away for the United Kingdom via the Orient this morning, shortly before noon. She was laden to her capacity with 1,500 tons of freight and had to refuse some of the local cargo which had been billed here.

The Weir liner Oceano was floated out of dry-dock yesterday and steamed for Portland to load a cargo for the Orient. Perim, Dec. 16.—Passed: Str. Belgavia, Antwerp for Seattle and Victoria, B. C. Port Said, Dec. 16.—Arrived: Str. Talythrus, Liverpool for Seattle. Liverpool, Dec. 17.—Arrived: Str. Lord Londale, San Francisco. Singapore, Dec. 18.—Sailed: Str. Merionethshire, from London, via Colombo, for Seattle and Portland, Ore. Kobe, Dec. 12.—Sailed: Str. Den of Airlie, from London for Seattle and Portland, Ore. Perim, Dec. 16.—Passed: Str. Den of Ruthven, from Seattle for Liverpool, via ports.

### TIMES SHIPPING CHART

Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	From	Due
Alex	Thompson	4,478	Dodwell & Co.	Hongkong	Dec. 29
Aki Maru	Noma	3,955	G. Northern	Hongkong	Jan. 1
Albatross	Wright	3,250	Evans, Coleman & Evans	New York	Jan. 2
Albatross	Wright	3,250	Balfour, Guthrie & Co.	Salt Lake	Jan. 2
Cardiganhire	New	3,622	Findlay, Durham & Brodie	Full	Jan. 2
Den of Airlie	Garrucha	3,736	Findlay, Durham & Brodie	Full	Dec. 27
Empress of Asia	Robinson	3,824	C. P. R.	Hongkong	Jan. 7
Empress of Japan	Hopcroft	3,939	C. P. R.	Hongkong	Jan. 7
Empress of Russia	Wastham	3,736	C. P. R.	Hongkong	Jan. 17
Empress of the Pacific	Wastham	3,736	C. P. R.	Hongkong	Jan. 17
Glenrov	Full	3,141	Balfour, Guthrie & Co.	Liverpool	Feb. 27
Galliano	Wheeler	3,736	Fishery cruiser	Glasgow	Mar. 10
Kenra	Turner	3,971	Evans, Coleman & Evans	Hongkong	Jan. 10
Makura	Phillips	4,351	C. P. R.	Sydney	Jan. 20
Merionethshire	Wright	3,622	C. P. R.	Hull	Jan. 20
Nigara	Mowbray	3,736	C. P. R.	Sydney	Feb. 3
Proteilaus	Milnech	3,736	Wells & Co.	Liverpool	Dec. 27
Sanara Maru	Kama	3,874	Sugar	Hongkong	Jan. 25
Tosnoe	Shelton	3,955	R. P. Bisset & Co.	Peru's Pta	Jan. 25
Seattle Maru	Sailo	3,824	H. C. Bisset & Co.	Hongkong	Jan. 9
Stam motor ship	Wright	3,311	John Wasthouse	Antwerp	Jan. 17
Tamba Maru	Teranaka	3,824	G. Northern	Hongkong	Dec. 18
Tender	Yarrow	3,874	Dodwell & Co.	Liverpool	Jan. 17
Tacoma Maru	Hosoda	3,736	H. P. Rithet & Co.	Hongkong	Dec. 18
Walmata	Meay	3,622	C. P. R.	Sydney	Jan. 17

Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	From	Due
Empress of India	C. P. R.	H'k'g.	Dec. 29		
Canada Maru	R. P. Rithet	H'k'g.	Dec. 23		
Marama	C. P. R.	Australia	Dec. 24		
Titan	Dodwell & Co.	Liverpool	Dec. 24		
Tamba Maru	G. N.	Hongkong	Dec. 29		
Empress of Asia	C. P. R.	H'k'g.	Dec. 31		
Tacoma Maru	R. P. Rithet	H'k'g.	Jan. 4		
Aki Maru	G. N.	Hongkong	Jan. 14		
Makura	C. P. R.	Australia	Jan. 21		

Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	From	Due
Aloha	American schooner	from Australia	for Roy I Road	Orders	
Battle Abbey	British barque	Newcastle	N. S. W.	Sailed Oct. 12	
Alliance	Peruvian barque	Quilque			
David Evans	British schooner	from Japan	for Royal Roads	for orders	

### SCOTLAND WRITTEN ALL OVER BIG SHIP

#### Proteilaus Carries Many Bonnie Laddies, Who Can Sing Their Native Songs

"Never before in my life have I heard so much Scotch music, and I'm a Scotchman myself, in a similar space of time, as on our present voyage out from Liverpool," was the remark of Capt. Milnech, master of the Blue Funnel liner Proteilaus, after his command had been berthed at the outer docks this morning. It develops that the fine ship has a fine lot of bonnie Scots on board, and they are well-acquainted with most of the popular songs of the land of hills and braes, so with a banjo, fiddle and a few other stringed instruments the sons of St. Andrew made merry whenever they managed to get together in the saloon.

The greater portion of the officers on the Proteilaus boast of having been born in the land of mountains and pretty lochs. At Glasgow a passenger, J. C. Clark, joined the ship for the round trip to this coast, and it is hardly necessary to say that he was a Scotsman. During the trip another laddie joined the ship. All these Scotsmen proved to be talented men, having evidently been trained in their younger days.

Hunt For Instruments. When these musicians were uncovered and they sang their merry tunes to the accompaniment of some fellow's whistling, some one suggested that there should be a little music to help the exponents of Scottish song along. So the ship was ransacked from stem to stern in an attempt to find some sort of instrument. Soon a violin was produced by one of the officers, and as he was tuning up the ric-pic-it-e-pin of a banjo was heard. When the two instruments were made to harmonize with each other the crowd soared off into heights sublime, and the ship was filled with music, good old Scotch music from deck to keelson morning, noon and night.

### RED CROSS SHIP BATTLES WITH TERRIFIC WEATHER

Port Townsend, Wash., Dec. 18.—Showing the effects of 35 days battling with northern gales, the United States revenue cutter Tahoma reached Port Townsend yesterday. Captain R. O. Crisp stated that during his 35 years at sea the voyage just completed was the roughest he had ever experienced. At three different times the Tahoma was compelled to heave to and the wind's force was terrific.

The Tahoma sailed for Alaskan waters 35 days ago and was sent to relieve the natives of many villages who were undergoing an epidemic of measles. The vessel carried Red Cross supplies, fumigating stores and provisions which were distributed among the sufferers. When the Tahoma reached the infected district the epidemic had subsided and the work was confined to fumigating the affected villages and giving out food and medical supplies. Kodiak, Aleutik Bay, Afognak and Salsburgh were visited, and at these places the deaths resulting from the disease numbered 30. Captain Crisp believes there has been a further mortality in the native villages further to the westward, but these places were not visited by the cutter.

Astoria, Ore.—Arrived: Schooner Winslow, Quimbo; Maverick, California. Sailed: Steamer Breakwater, Coos Bay.

### SHIP'S CREW PICKED UP IN THEIR BOATS

#### Twenty-Seven Men of Dalgonar Are Safe; French Ship to Rescue; Master is Dead

Seattle, Dec. 18.—Given up for lost, twenty-seven members of the crew of the British ship Dalgonar, which was sighted 1,200 miles off the coast of Chile on October 28, dismantled and deserted, are on their way to Dover on board the French ship Loire, which rescued the men from the small boats after they had drifted nearly two hundred miles in the open ocean.

Captain Ibbeter, master of the Dalgonar, and three of his men are dead; but how they perished is not stated in dispatches telling of the rescue made for the round trip by the officers and crew of the big French sailing craft. News that all but three of the crew of the Dalgonar are safe gives a ray of hope to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mattson, 4625 Mead street, Seattle, whose son Emmanuel, was on board the ill-fated ship when she met disaster, but as no names of the dead or rescued are given in the dispatches, they are compelled to await the arrival of the Loire in Dover before the fate of their boy is known.

The first word of the loss of the Dalgonar, which carried a crew of 30, reached San Francisco on December 10, when the French barque Marie put into port.

Sighted on Beam Ends. Captain Morrutz, of the Marie, sighted the Dalgonar 1,200 miles off the coast of Chile on October 28, rolling her keel out of the water with her rigging cut and masts gone. Only the gaunt ship's black cat of orthodox maritime romance was alive. Two of the ship's small boats were gone. The others swung on the davits. Now comes word that the Loire on October 9, a thousand miles off the coast of Chile, picked up the officers and crew, and on December 9 spoke some unknown steamer, which—flushed by wireless news of the rescue.

The news was relayed from vessel to vessel and from land station to land station until finally it reached the owners of the Loire, at Dunkirk, France, who, in turn, communicated it by cable to the owners of the Dalgonar in London. There it was posted on the maritime exchange sent by cable under the Atlantic and thence across the continent to the San Francisco chamber of commerce and finally by wire to Seattle.

The Dalgonar sailed from Callao, Peru, September 28, bound for Taitai, Chile. Nothing was heard of the vessel until the Marie reached San Francisco and reported having sighted the Dalgonar in longitude 95 degrees, 7 minutes west, latitude 27 degrees south, a floating derelict.

### WIRELESS REPORTS

Dec. 18, 4 a. m.  
Point Grey.—Cloudy; calm; 30.12; 40.  
Cape Lazo.—Cloudy; calm; 30.16; 35; sea smooth. Spoke, 12.15 a. m. S. S. Humboldt, through Seymour Narrows, northbound.  
Tatoosh.—Part cloudy; E, 3 miles; 30.19; 40; sea moderate.  
Pachena.—Cloudy; calm; 29.98; 34; sea moderate.  
Estevan.—Cloudy; calm; 30.01; 41; sea moderate.  
Triangle.—Cloudy; N. W.; 30.13; 40. Spoke, 9.20 p. m. S. S. Spokane, Queen Charlotte sound, southbound; 1.30 a. m. S. S. Robert Dollar, 1900 miles from Triangle; 2.10 a. m. S. S. Empress of Asia, 8 p. m. position 56.52 N., 161.50 W.  
Ikeda.—Cloudy; S. E.; 30.10; 34.  
Prince Rupert.—Clear; N. E.; 30.10; 24. Out, 10 p. m. S. S. Prince Albert, southbound.  
Dead Tree Point.—Raining; S. E.; light; 30.01; 34; sea moderate.  
Alert Bay.—Raining; S. E.; 30.08; 28; sea smooth.  
Noon.  
Cape Lazo.—Clear; calm; 30.17; 43; sea smooth. Spoke, 9.30 p. m. S. S. Princess Beatrice through Seymour Narrows, southbound.  
Point Grey.—Cloudy; calm; 30.17; 42.  
Tatoosh.—Part cloudy; E, 6 miles; 30.20; 42. In, 10.40 p. m. S. S. Raiter. Out, 8.50 a. m. S. S. Beuna Ventura; outside, bound in, 4-masted schooner.  
Pachena.—Clear; calm; 30.04; 43; sea moderate.  
Estevan.—Clear; calm; 30.04; 43; sea smooth.  
Triangle.—Overcast; S. E.; 30.14; 43; sea smooth.  
Ikeda.—Cloudy; S. E.; 29.94; 48; sea moderate.  
Prince Rupert.—Cloudy; N. W.; 30.06; 40; sea smooth.  
Dead Tree Point.—Cloudy; S. E.; 30.12; 45; sea smooth.  
Alert Bay.—Cloudy; calm; 30.05; 43; sea smooth.

### WEIR AT 'FRISCO.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Andrew Weir, one of the largest individual shipowners in the world, arrived in San Francisco yesterday from London. He is accompanied by Mrs. Weir and daughter and his secretary. Mr. Weir is here in connection with his recently acquired oil interests. His firm recently took over the General Petroleum Company of California for approximately \$75,000,000.

### LONGSHOREMEN TO DINE.

Tacoma, Dec. 18.—Tacoma's army of longshoremen will join in the general celebration of Christmas by a big Christmas day lunch at noon in the I. L. A. headquarters at 109 Pacific avenue. Between 250 and 300 men will participate in the dinner. Secretary August P. Selva of the association said last night that the feast will be given free to all members and, that about 300 would be served.

### PROTEILAUS BEATS PORT TO PORT TIME

#### Blue Funnel Liner Eclipses Her Former Record by Small Margin; Splendid Feat

#### ACTUAL STEAMING TIMES WERE EXACTLY THE SAME

#### Captain and Chief Engineer Satisfied "She's the Best"; Made a Slow Record

Beating her own previous record for the voyage from Yokohama to Victoria, and equalling her former performance for actual steaming time, the big Blue Funnel liner Proteilaus, with Capt. Milnech on the bridge, has scored another triumph and added one more blue ribbon to her beautiful collection. The Proteilaus was piloted into port this morning at 8.30 o'clock, 23 days and 8 hours out from her last port of call in Japan. Favorable weather enabled the great flyer to come to her dock here with a new record to her credit, and one which will take a great deal to beat.

It was explained after the great ship had been safely berthed here this morning that the Proteilaus had beaten her former record from port to port. When the great ship arrived here on her third inward trip she reported her actual steaming time as 32 days 5 hours and 21 minutes, but for the run from port to port she was three hours longer. For a couple of hours she had to lay off the entrance to the Strait in a dense fog. The officers deduced this last time. On her present inward trip the Proteilaus steamed through from Yokohama to the Outer Docks in 12 days and 8 hours, which equals the actual steaming time of her previous run through the fact that the latter time was taken from Yokohama to William Head, and it took the ship 25 minutes to come up from William Head.

#### A Splendid Average.

During the lengthy run across the pond the Proteilaus averaged 14.34 knots, which is a splendid and excellent tribute to the power of her massive engines, and also to the master hand which guides them. Chief Engineer C. E. Collins, in conversation with the Times Marine Editor this morning, the chief told of the Proteilaus making 354 miles as her best day's run, and that her poorest 24 hours was made three days ago when she was in the grip of a howling storm and she reeled off 307 miles. Capt. Milnech said that the weather was very favorable to the making of a speedy run. Out of the 12 days the Proteilaus was at sea, only one entry was made in the log of heavy weather. Three days before reaching Victoria the great ship ran into a W. N. W. gale with a tremendous sea. For 24 hours the weather lasted. It was on this day that the vessel had her poorest run and had not been for the storm she would have made a still better record. The time of the Proteilaus for the run from port to port shows that the Proteilaus has just about reached the limit of her speed. She was driven hard all the way across the pond and the weather for the greater part of the trip was favorable and pushed her along.

Capt. Milnech and Chief Engineer Collins are extremely gratified at the performance of the vessel under command and are resting contented that there is nothing sailing the Pacific outside of the C. P. R. Empresses that can eclipse the record which is entered in the log of the Blue Funnel liner Proteilaus.

#### Has a Slow Record.

While the Proteilaus came in with a speed record to her credit, it also brought with her another record and it was for slow steaming. On the run from Hongkong to Kutchinotua, a Japanese coaling port, the big steamship fell in with head winds and Capt. Milnech says that they were the hardest head winds he has ever known. She was staking her bow under the great seas which were running, and for the trip her average speed was 10.53 knots, the slowest speed she has made since she was launched. And we would remind her for all she was worth," said the skipper.

The weather on the other legs of the voyage out from Liverpool was fine, and the officers have no complaint whatever to make about the kind of treatment they received from the weather gods.

A light cargo was brought in by the Proteilaus and instead of drawing about 25 feet of water forward, the usual draft, she was up to 15.6 feet. The Vancouver imports have fallen off lately. For Tacoma and Seattle she has much cargo, and here she will put off about 1,000 tons. There is a large shipment of hemp consigned to American ports, and her silk is worth about half a million dollars.

The passenger list of the Proteilaus was exceptionally light. For Victoria she had 19 Chinese and for Sound ports 13 the number.

Either Sunday or Monday the Proteilaus will return to Victoria to discharge the cargo consigned to local merchants.

### GOOD WEATHER VIA SOUTHERN PASSAGE

#### Nippon Liner Tamba Maru in Port From Yokohama After Fine Run; Few Passengers

Through following the southern passage of the Aleutian Island and an occasional snow flurry, the passengers were not affected.

The Tamba cleared from Yokohama three days ahead of the Blue Funnel liner Proteilaus, but was unable to hold her long lead, being overhauled outside the strait late last night. The huge freighter tied up about two hours before the Japanese steamship.

#### Travel Is Light.

Passenger travel from the Orient to this coast on all lines is very quiet at the present time. The saloon-busyness has fallen off remarkably, and the number of Orientals coming in steamer has shown a phenomenal decrease within the past six weeks. The Tamba Maru brought in a small list of passengers. In her saloon there were: W. S. Muir, a Hongkong paper manufacturer; Dr. W. B. A. Moore, of a Hongkong hospital, accompanied by his wife; Miss N. Fairbrother, from Yokohama; Mrs. W. E. Gordon and two children, from Manila; Dr. J. R. Taylor, from Shanghai; and Miss S. Levine, a missionary from Shanghai. There was a light stowage list.

The cargo for Victoria amounted to nearly 400 tons, including oranges, tea, rice, sugar and general merchandise. She left late this afternoon for Seattle. Her silk cargo for New York is worth \$750,000.

### HUGE WINDJAMMER FLEET HANDLING GRAIN CARGOES

Portland, Ore., Dec. 18.—Nearly 1,200,000 bushels of grain will be taken to the European markets by the fleet of nine windjammers now at Portland. It is the largest number of sailing vessels under charter for the same purpose assembled at any port on the Pacific coast. The last of them was taken off the idle list yesterday when M. H. Houser chartered the Norwegian ship Clyde.

The other eight are the Asgerd, Kassel, Crocodile, Langdale, Hinemoa, Inverurie, Philadelphia, and Thistebank, all of which by the British flag except the Norwegian and the Kassel a Belgian. The Hinemoa has completed her cargo, consisting of 187,000 bushels of wheat, and she will leave down for the sea to-day. The great bulk of the cargoes to be taken out by the fleet will be made up of wheat. Several of them will clear with some barley.

Five other sailing vessels are en route to Portland to load grain for the United Kingdom. Among them is the British ship Inveravon, which is out 72 days from Callao, and her arrival may be expected any day. The passage has been completed this season in 20 days' less time. The French barque Noemi, La Rochejaquelein and Bretagne are scheduled to show up for January-February loading. The Noemi and La Rochejaquelein are in San Francisco, and will come to the river in ballast. The Bretagne is en route from Honolulu.

### SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Dec. 17.

San Francisco, Cal.—Arrived: Steamers Arline, Eagle Harbor; Grace Dollar, Bandon; Georgian, Seattle; Yellowstone, Astoria; Gray's Harbor, Gray's Harbor. Sailed: Steamers Wilhelmnia, Honolulu; Rose City, Portland; Klamath, Astoria; Santa Monica, Willapa Harbor; barque General Faldherpe, Tacoma via Port Townsend.

Port San Luis.—Sailed: Santa Rita, Vancouver, B. C. Tacoma, Wash.—Sailed: Steamer Titan, Seattle.

Eagle Harbor.—Arrived: Barquentine James Tuft, Vancouver via Port Townsend in tow tug Tye.

San Pedro, Cal.—Arrived: Steamers Yosemite, San Diego; Yucatan, San Diego. Sailed: Yosemite, Portland via San Francisco; Tallac, Puget Sound; Governor, San Diego; Yucatan, Portland via San Francisco.

Seattle, Wash.—Arrived: Steamer P. H. Leggett, San Francisco; Catania, Port San Luis; Titan, Tacoma; Canada Maru, Tacoma; Leon, Vancouver; Prince Rupert, Prince Rupert. Sailed: Steamers Watson, San Francisco; Alki, Southeastern Alaska; Prince Rupert, Prince Rupert.

### SIAM GETS CHARTER.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—It was announced here yesterday that the Danish motor ship Siam, 3,211 tons, has been chartered by Parrott & Co. to carry general merchandise from San Francisco and Puget Sound ports to the Orient. The Siam sailed from Antofagasta on Monday for San Francisco and the North Pacific.

### ASIA SPOKEN OFF COAST.

The inbound C. P. R. liner Empress of Asia, Capt. Robinson, was reported by wireless last night and was about 1,500 miles out at sea. If this position is correct she will not be in before Saturday night, in which case she will not have a new record.

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**TO MOVE MOTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION**

**Alderman Cuthbert Would Stay Leech River Purchase; Douglas Street Widening**

The reappearance of Alderman Cuthbert as a member of the city council since his illness will be signalled by the attempt to rescind the motion of the city council on Monday to introduce a by-law for the acquisition of the Leech river watershed on the new terms offered by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway.

Notice was posted this morning by the alderman of his intention to move for reconsideration, and as the majority follows the same lines as that at the last meeting then the alderman's motion is carried, as it would then result in a tie vote, which would negate the original resolution. However, as Alderman McCandless' support of the resolution was given on the ground solely of an opportunity to give the citizens a chance to express their opinion on the bill, the expectation of getting the by-law through is doubtful at the present time. Meanwhile, however, it is being redrafted for submission to the city council on Monday.

The committee, consisting of Aldermen Dilworth and Porter, who are to meet owners of property on Douglas street south of Humboldt street, with a view to a settlement of their claim, is to convene on Monday, when the subject will be determined upon. Some time ago the council decided to abandon a proposal to widen the street, but it was discovered that notice of expropriation having been served, the council is liable for damage should property be adversely affected in its sale by the notice. So that claims in this connection may be avoided an endeavor to arrange a pacific settlement with Wether Brothers and others will be made.

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Secure your tickets and information from  
E. E. BLACKWOOD, Agent,  
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**'FRISCO'S MARINE NEWS**

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—The schooner Sophie Christensen, at Gray's Harbor, has been chartered by the Mohs Commercial Company to load lumber there for Callao. The schooner Lottie Bennett, at Payta, Peru, has been chartered by Balfour, Guthrie & Co. for lumber from Puget Sound to a direct port on the west coast. The rates on these two vessels are not made public, but are supposed to be about 50c. Owners of sailing vessels are asking 52c. for February or March loading to the west coast, but there is no demand at this figure.

The British steamer Rothley has arrived here from Newcastle, Aust., with 5,675 tons of coal for G. W. McNear. She has just been fitted outwards by the same firm for lumber from Eureka and Columbia river to Australia.

Both the Rothley and Lord Sefton were supposed to have been fixed outward by McNear and C. H. Gibbon, who recently organized the Douglas Fir company, but this business apparently fell through. These vessels were to take care of all from this port and paper and general cargo from Astoria for Melbourne. The Lord Sefton has cleared from here for Comox, and in view of the secrecy surrounding her, it may be that she will still go out on this business.

The Japanese tramp steamer Bankoku Maru has arrived here from Meji with 6,500 tons of coal for Balfour, Guthrie & Co., who will send her back to Japan with cargo from the Columbia river.

The French barque General Faldherpe has sailed for Puget Sound to load grain for Europe for Balfour, Guthrie & Co.

**WARNING TO HOUSEHOLDERS.**  
Sneak Thieves Are About and Several Houses Have Been Entered by Use of Key.

The chief of police issues a warning to householders that there are sneak thieves at work in the city, and that it is well to fasten all doors and windows when a house is left without anyone in it.

Houses with common locks which can be opened by almost any sort of a key are very much at the mercy of these gentry, as the cases which have been reported to the police within the past couple of days are those in which entrance has seemingly been obtained by the use of a key.



# BIG REDUCTIONS ON XMAS GIFTS

BY  
**RICHARDSON & STEPHENS**

Read carefully our list of real useful Christmas gifts at prices that ought to clean up our stock within the next three or four days. These prices are good until December 24

<p><b>Collar Bags</b> We are showing a complete range of Collar Bags in plain and fancy leathers. All the latest colors; <b>\$1.00 to \$4.00—Less 25%</b></p>	<p><b>\$2.50 Neckwear, \$1.50</b> 42-dozen of our best Silk Neckwear, made by the best makers in the world. Patterns all exclusive. Sold regularly at \$2.00 and \$2.50. Christmas reduction ..... <b>\$1.50</b></p>	<p><b>50c Silk Neckwear, 25c</b> Our stock is complete in light and dark colors, both in patterns and plain shades. Reg. 50c. Christmas clearing ..... <b>25c</b></p>	<p><b>\$2.75 Traveling Bags for \$1.50</b> Just half a dozen of this line left. Beautifully made and absolutely waterproof. Regularly sold at \$2.75. Clearing price, only ..... <b>\$1.50</b></p>
<p><b>Gloves</b> Gloves are undoubtedly one of the most useful gifts. We have them in suede, cape and dogskin. Put up in fancy box; \$4.00 to ..... <b>\$1.00</b></p>	<p><b>\$1.50 Neckwear, \$1.00</b> 50 dozen Neckwear, both in fancy and knitted silks. All the latest colorings. Values up to \$1.50. Christmas clearing ..... <b>\$1.00</b></p>	<p><b>Silk Scarves</b> We have the finest stock of high-class Silk Scarves in the city. Prices from \$2.00 to \$10. <b>Less One-Third Off.</b></p>	<p><b>\$5.00 Tie Holders for \$3.50</b> 5 only, Tie Holders made of real seal leather, very nicely lined and finished right up to the minute. Will last a lifetime. Regularly sold at \$5.00. Christmas reduction ..... <b>\$3.50</b></p>
<p><b>House Slippers</b> Not only useful but real solid comfort for around the house. We have 14 pairs, sizes 5 to 8, the very best quality. Regularly sold at \$3.50. Clearing price <b>\$2.00</b></p>	<p><b>\$1.00 Neckwear, 75c</b> All latest patterns in \$1.00 Neckwear showing New York's newest. Christmas clearing..... <b>75c</b></p>	<p><b>Music Case</b> 6 only, Music Cases, made of beautiful black pebble leather; \$5.00 quality..... <b>\$3.75</b> \$7.00 quality ..... <b>\$4.75</b></p>	<p><b>Pyjamas Reduced</b> Big stock of Pyjamas in silk, taffeta wool, also in fancy cotton with silk finish. Values from \$2.00 to \$10. Christmas clearing—<b>Less 25%</b></p>
<p><b>All Men's Sweaters at \$5.00</b> Our entire stock of Men's Wool Sweaters in the best makes in colors of white, grey, cardinal, tan, red and green. Values to \$10. Christmas clearing ..... <b>\$5.00</b></p>	<p><b>EXTRA SPECIAL</b> <b>Smoking Jackets Half-Price Bath Robes Half-Price</b> All Our Smoking Jackets and Bath Robes Will Be Sold Friday and Saturday at Half-Price</p>		<p><b>\$7.00 Silk Shirt, \$4.50</b> Fine line of Men's Silk Shirts in tans with silk-embroidered stripe. Sizes 14 to 16½. Regular \$7. Christmas clearing ..... <b>\$4.50</b></p>
<p><b>Silk Hose</b> We have a complete stock of Silk Hose in plain colors, also in elastic rib fancy. Prices \$1.00, 75c and ..... <b>50c</b></p>	<p>If You Don't Know the Size He Wears, We Sell Scrip <b>RICHARDSON &amp; STEPHENS</b></p>		<p><b>\$5.00 Silk Shirts, \$3.50</b> Another line of Silk Shirts, made of fine Surah silk with assorted stripes, beautifully finished. Regular \$5. Christmas clearing price..... <b>\$3.50</b></p>

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# SPORTING NEWS

## COAST HOCKEY LEAGUE WILL

### ELIMINATE ROUGH TACTICS

Offenders Will Be Fined Heavily; Champions Must Take a Brace

President Frank Patrick, of the Pacific Coast Hockey Association, states that steps will at once be taken to eliminate rowdy hockey from this league. The Vancouver mogul says that if necessary the offenders will be brought before the league and fined or suspended if they do not discontinue their rough checking. President Patrick says that the public are not paying to see one player club another and he is determined to clean out the rough-house players. It is likely that several other matters will be brought before the league when the clubs next meet, including the penalizing of Dunderdale for kicking the puck in the Victoria-Westminster game on December 12.

For the first time in two years Victoria is reclining at the bottom of the Coast Hockey League standing. The defeat of the champions at Vancouver on Tuesday night landed the locals in a heap and from now on it will be a hard and tough climb for the title holders to regain their position at the top.

Westminster now lead the league, Vancouver being a bang up second, with Victoria counting a couple of losses to one victory. Vancouver has a grand chance to go into the lead on Friday night, when the Terminals play at the Royal City and a win will place them in a nice position, to make themselves solid for a time at the top of the ladder.

This afternoon's workout of the champions was no fancy drill. The players were sent through a hard hour's plugging and Manager Patrick will take no more chances on "off" nights. Walter Small and Bob Genie came in for a lot of schooling in holding down their defensive stations, the coach impressing upon this pair the necessity of affording Lindsay every protection. There may be a switch in the make-up of the forward line, the players changing about a bit. Frank Neighbors worked havoc with the Victoria attack on Tuesday night and Skinner Poulis will probably be given the job of watching the former Toronto star.

Tickets for next Friday's game with Vancouver will be placed on sale at Rowe and Pugh's on Monday morning. A number of Vancouver supporters have asked for reservations, and the biggest crowd of the year is anticipated.

## SIGNS UP AGAIN



PUG BENNETT

Vancouver's veteran second baseman, now playing winter baseball for San Jose, whom Bob Brown says he will again have back with the Terminals next year. Bennett and Kid Mohler, of the Portland Club are running a neck and neck race for the veteran medal of the Northwestern League, and there is little to choose between the pair.

## MANY ENTRIES AT PARLOR DOG SHOW

Over eighty dogs were entered in the parlor dog show that was held under the auspices of the Victoria Kennel Club in the Moose hall, last night. A number of the finest dogs in the capital were entered and the officials in charge were highly pleased with the splendid support their show received from the local owners.

The King Edward hotel cup for the best toy terrier in the show was won by Mrs. D. G. Irving's Sunny Dean. Medals for the best in each breed in which there were four or more entries were won as follows: English bulldogs, Honey, Mr. C. Tucker; collies, Prince, Mr. Heaton; miniature Pomeranians, Sunny Dean, Mrs. Irving; pointers, Victoria Quail, Mr. J. Wolfenden; field spaniels, Lady, Mr. J. Aeldram; English setters, Bell IV, Mr. J. A. Robb; Gordon setters, Bell V, Mr. J. A. Robb; German spitz, Beauty, Mr. Shilcock; fox terriers, Foxem Foam, Mr. Large (the decision in this class was considered very questionable); Boston terriers, Roxana II, Mr. C. G. Clute.

The winner among Mexican toys is owned by Mrs. Walls. Besides the medals, ribbons were presented for first, second and third in each class.

Phoenix Stout, \$1.50 per doz. qt.

## PACIFIC COAST HOCKEY LEADERS

Club	GAMES			GOALS			Pts.
	Won	Lost	Pct.	Agst. West.	Agst. Van.	Agst. Vic.	
Westminster	2	1	.667	0	7	16	16
Vancouver	1	1	.500	5	0	11	10
Victoria	1	2	.333	11	2	14	12

## BASEBALL TOLL FOR 1913 SEASON

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Fifteen deaths constituted the toll in baseball games during the 1913 season, according to figures compiled and published here to-day. The reports show that the greatest death toll was in Chicago, where three persons were killed by pitched balls.

## MANY GAMES IN Y. M. C. A. LEAGUE

The complete schedule of the Y. M. C. A. House Basketball League is now announced, as follows:  
 Jan. 7—Shamrocks vs. Business Men; Giants vs. Blacks.  
 Jan. 14—Law Students vs. Business Men; Giants vs. Shamrocks.  
 Jan. 21—Law Students vs. Giants; Blacks vs. Shamrocks.  
 Jan. 28—Business Men vs. Giants; Blacks vs. Law Students.  
 Feb. 4—Business Men vs. Blacks; Shamrocks vs. Law Students.  
 Feb. 11—Shamrocks vs. Business Men; Giants vs. Blacks.  
 Feb. 18—Law Students vs. Giants; Blacks vs. Shamrocks.  
 Feb. 25—Business Men vs. Law Students; Giants vs. Shamrocks.  
 March 4—Business Men vs. Giants; Law Students vs. Blacks.  
 March 11—Blacks vs. Business Men; Shamrocks vs. Law Students.  
 The first game each Wednesday night begins at 8 o'clock and the second follows immediately afterwards.

## AMATEURS CAUSING TROUBLE IN TENNIS

It is not expected that the special committee appointed to draft a new amateur rule will offer anything at the meeting of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association as drastic as that suggested last February.

It was only too evident at that time that the clubs holding tournaments wish to exercise the liberty of paying the expenses of a star competitor, and anything that aims at this independence of action is sure to meet with disaster. As one of the leading players recently frankly put it: "So long as a player is not connected commercially with the game, and does not play for its pecuniary advantage, that is all we care."

Is there no "pecuniary advantage" in having one's hotel bill paid at the end of the week?

## THREE STRAIGHT FOR THE RAMBLERS

Ramblers won three straight games from the Wholesalers in a league match.

Player	Wholesalers			Rambler		
	1st	2nd	3rd	1st	2nd	3rd
Bulls	125	133	125	145	135	145
Murray	138	138	144	145	135	145
Shively	146	135	148	145	135	145
Peters	148	137	147	145	135	145
Hulbig	151	161	164	145	135	145
Totals	722	744	735	788	822	785

## CARPENTIER WILL FIGHT IN ANTIPODES

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 17.—Promoter "Snooky" Baker announced yesterday that George Carpentier, the European champion, had accepted terms for three contests in Australia. He will come here in Easter. The terms were not disclosed. He will meet the winner of the Smith-McGoody bout for the middleweight championship.

Baker is trying to bring "Gunboat" Smith, the California heavyweight, here for a series of three contests. He has offered Smith a guarantee for a twenty-round bout with Carpentier, to take place next July.

## WELCOME TOURISTS.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—President Ban B. Johnson, of the American League, and a party of Chicago baseball enthusiasts, will travel to New York on a special train next March to welcome back to this country the world's touring Chicago White Sox and New York Giants. The party will leave here on March 5, arriving in New York the next day in time to meet the tourists on their arrival.

## TO MEET WALKER.

Walter Miller, world's welterweight wrestling champion, will probably meet George Walker, of Vancouver, on the coast in January. Walker and Miller wrestled two hours to a draw in Fort William last summer, and both are anxious to hook up again.

## HOLIDAY RUGBY.

Wanderer Rugby Club has completed arrangements to bring the Vancouver Crusaders here for an exhibition match at Oak Bay on New Year's Day.

## TERMINAL ELEVEN SUGGESTS DATES

Island League Meeting on Dec. 29; Want More Grounds

Vancouver may send a representative eleven over to the Capital this season, but the matter will not be taken up until the Island League gets under way. This was decided at a meeting of the City and District Football Association, which was held last night. The Vancouver League suggested February 14 or 21 and March 14 or 21 as the probable dates and the Mainland league will receive a definite answer before the New Year. The organization meeting of the Island League will be held on December 29, and it is just possible that several of the Island teams, including Sidney and Duncan will be admitted to the different series.

Every effort will be made by the local soccer clubs to have the playing pitches improved and the number increased. Messrs. Stewart and Gleason, the majority candidates, will be approached on this subject, and there is a likelihood of the council taking up the matter. The deputation will consist of the president, vice-president and secretary of the Victoria and District Soccer Association.

An English-Scottish game for Christmas Day morning was arranged, the proceeds of which will go to Captain Thomas, of the North Ward champions, who broke his leg in a match last Saturday. The following committees will select the teams: English—Messrs. Kerley, Savage and Pilkington; Scottish—Messrs. Walker, Newlands and Muir.

## BAYS WON EASILY FROM ALGERINE

Aided by a number of law students, the James Bay fifteen defeated the Algerine Rugby fifteen at Oak Bay yesterday afternoon in easy style, the Bays crossing the sailors' line for five tries, while the tars were unable to score. The Bays look very strong for their game on Saturday against the Victoria Welsh club, and the outcome looks like a win for the rejuvenated Bays.

## MUSICAL DRILL.

A number of local riding enthusiasts took part in last night's musical ride at the horse show building. An excellent programme of musical drills, bending and staked races was carried out, and was followed by a jumping competition. Many well known people were present, including pupils from the riding schools and members of the Hunt and Polo Clubs.

## AFTER BOUT.

Johnny O'Leary, the Seattle lightweight, who is now in California, writes that he would like a match in Vancouver with Joe Bayley.

## HAD TO STOP WORK FROM THE PAIN

### Suffered Ten Years Until "Fruit-a-tives" Cured Him

"St. Thomas, Ont., May 22, 1913. "I was troubled for ten years with the most distressing Constipation and Indigestion of the worst form. "No one could have been worse with these troubles than I was for this long time. "The pain from indigestion was so severe that many times, I have had to stop work and lie down until the acute spasms passed away. "I took a lot of medicine—in fact, I guess I took about everything that was advertised—and gave them all a fair test—but got no relief. About a year ago, however, I was advised to try "Fruit-a-tives." I am mighty glad I did so for they seem to be made exactly for me. "They gave results in a very short time and I am now free from these diseases and enjoying perfect health. "My wife also used "Fruit-a-tives" and we both think they are the best medicine ever made. "Z. J. EDGEWORTH." 50c a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. At all dealers or sent on receipt of price by Fruit-a-tives, Limited, Ottawa.

quested to be on the Beacon Hill grounds at 2:15 o'clock.

North Ward Team. The North Ward soccer team for Saturday's game against the Empires at North Ward park: McKenzie, J. Ord and N. Ord; Tunnicliffe, Ord and Drake; Thomas, McDougall, Pike, Baker, Cummins and Jones.

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## TINKER SALE NOT YET RECOGNIZED

Owner Herrman Fails to Notify League; Other Deals Approved

New York, Dec. 18.—Cincinnati's sale of Joe Tinker, shortstop and ex-manager, to the Brooklyn club has not yet been officially recognized by the National League. President John K. Tener's announcement yesterday of the latest contracts and releases contained no mention of the \$25,000 deal between Herrmann and Ebbetts, although the Pittsburgh-St. Louis and New York-Cincinnati trades that helped to furnish a sensation at the league's annual meeting last week are all approved.

John A. Heydler, secretary of the league, explained last night that the Tinker deal was not promulgated because no word had been received from Herrmann that his former manager has been sold to Brooklyn. Ebbetts notified the league's officers but a deal cannot be approved until both sides have been heard from, Secretary Heydler said.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Long distance hitting was a feature of batting in the American Association during the 1913 season, according to the official averages issued by President Chivington here to-day. Premier honors among the sluggers went to Riggert, of St. Paul, who made a total base count of 256—leading the league in home runs with an even dozen and making twenty-three triples, also a year's record.

Chappelle, of Milwaukee (later with the Chicago Americans), was the virtual leader of the hitters with an average of .349 for eighty-five games.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 18.—Cleveland will not be in the Federal Baseball League for the season of 1914, unless something unforeseen develops, it was revealed yesterday. Charles K. Zimmerman, former president of the local club and still a member of the board of directors, said the club had failed to procure new grounds for the coming year, without which they will be obliged to surrender their franchise.

The Spokane club is trying to land Walter Cartwright, formerly a member of the Inland Empire's team, but now with San Francisco. Mike Lynch expects the deal to go through.

Joe McGinnity, president of the Tacoma ball club, wants the league to schedule his team for the opening game in Seattle. He has forwarded this request to Fielder Jones.

## VICTORIA CLUB LOSES MASCOT

When the Victoria hockey club left for Vancouver on Tuesday afternoon, they departed without a mascot. A little kitten that was owned by one of the boys at the Arena was presented to the club upon their return from Vancouver, and this little animal was petted in great style after the champions had beaten the Royals. It was kept in the hockey room, but managed to get out on Monday night and was found Tuesday morning, entangled in one of the massive wheels of the ice-making machinery, stone dead. Perhaps it was the fate of their little mascot that dampened the ardor of the champions against the Millionaires, and this alibi is offered as a reason for their poor showing.

Have You Tasted It?—The finest Christmas back that was ever imported into Canada. Straight from the famous Humber brewery at Furrth, Bavaria. "The Kaiserhof."

# SWAMPED!

\$8.50 and \$10 Suits	\$1.98
15c Corn	5c
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# SPORTING NEWS

(CONTINUED)

## MORAN TO MEET JOE BAYLEY IN BOUT FOR EMPIRE TITLE

Pair Clash at Steveston on Dec. 9; Local Boy Through With Frenchie Vaise

Owen Moran, former holder of the English lightweight title, has agreed to meet Joe Bayley in a fifteen-round bout for the 133 lb. championship of the British Empire. A wire was received from Moran yesterday afternoon in which the noted Briton asked for transportation from Frisco, and also agreeing to January 9 as the date of this contest. The fighters will weigh in at 133 lbs. ringside, and the bout will take place at Steveston. Morris Condon announces that he will appeal to Tom Flanagan, donor of the Canadian lightweight championship belt, asking for his decision on the refusal of Frenchie Vaise to defend the Canadian title at 133 lbs. Vaise is holding out for 134 lbs. four hours before the fight.

The promoters of the Steveston contest are very anxious to have Bayley stacked up against one of the top notchers as a final trial, before he goes into the California fight game. Moran wires that he lost to Azevedo on a doubtful foul, and that he is very keen on winning from Bayley in order to clear up his title of the best 133-lb. boxer in the British Empire. He recently returned from Australia, where he fought a number of bouts.

Bayley is now in training for the Moran contest and he expects to win just as decisively as he did over White and Welsh. The former champion is right now at the top of his career. He realizes that a win over Moran means a number of good bouts in California, and will leave nothing undone to enter the arena in the very best of condition.

Frank Barreau, the Vancouver youth, who was knocked out by Bud Anderson in ten rounds at Los Angeles, is out with the story that Anderson butted him in the final round, cutting a big gash in his forehead and momentarily stunning him. Several of the Los Angeles writers state in their accounts of this bout that the Caneuk did not like the punishment any too well.

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JOE BAYLEY

Former lightweight champion of the Dominion, who will meet Owen Moran at Steveston on January 9 for the 133-pound championship of the British Empire.

### TO-DAY IN PUGILISTIC ANNALS

1888—Bob Fitzsimmons knocked out Jim Ellis in third round at Sydney, Australia. Fitz then weighed less than 150 pounds, and his opponent had a weight advantage of nearly twenty pounds. Ellis was a New Zealander, and the claimant of the middleweight championship of that island. It was on the strength of this victory that Freckled Bob, who was then a blacksmith and a fighter only as a side line, was matched with Jim Hall, then the Australian middleweight champion.

This first Hall-Fitzsimmons bout, in which Fitz was knocked out in the fourth round, was denounced as a fake, although Hall always insisted that it was on the square. Hall left for America a little later, and Fitz annexed the Australian middleweight title.

1888—Jack McEuliffe knocked out Sam Collyer in second round at Williamsburg, N. Y.

1901—Joe Walcott defeated Ruben Ferns in five rounds at Fort Erie, Ont.

### FEDERAL LEAGUE HAS

### CHANCE TO WIN OUT

Fielder Jones Says All It Requires is Financial Backing to Make Good

Fielder Jones, president of the Northwestern League, and an exponent of organized baseball, has a warm spot in his heart for the Federal League, the new organization which is outside the pale of organized ball and which plans to buck the two major leagues. Fielder says that if Eddie Collins of the Athletics turned down an offer of \$50,000 for almost a year's work in the Federal League he was a fool. The prey figures \$50,000 as a lot of money and he remembers how the American League in two years leaped from an obscure organization into a worthy rival of the National, and he figures that history might repeat itself in the case of the Federals. Fielder was one of the men who jumped from the National to the American in 1901, hopping from Brooklyn to the Chicago White Sox. Joe McGinnity, now president of the Tacoma club in organized ball, was another. Joe jumped from Brooklyn to Baltimore. Others who took the leap that year were Lajoie, Jimmy Collins, Hugh Duffy, Clark Griffith, Jimmy Callahan, John J. McGraw, Wilbert Robinson, Mike Donlin, Cy Young, Lou Criger and practically all of the St. Louis team, including Bobby Wallace, Jess Burkett and all the stars. In 1902 forty more good players of the National hopped over to the American and for several years the American League was looked upon as stronger than the National. For the latter had to fill its ranks with youngsters from the minors. Jones figures that if the Federal League has money enough to coax some of the stars of the National and American and is strong enough financially to build big league parks and stand the fight that will be made upon it, there is a chance to win. He figures there is room enough for a third big league and that it will be a good thing for the ball players. When the American League expanded into a major league salaries were boosted, for before that time few players in the National got more than \$2,000 per year.

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## REMARKED ON THE SIDE

### Hockey Rivalry Increases on the Coast.

While hockey was more or less of a novelty on the coast for the first couple of seasons it is really wonderful how the enthusiasts of Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster are taking to the game these days. The crowds are larger in proportion and the success of the great winter game on the coast seems assured. Lacrosse owed its great popularity to the feeling that sprung up between Vancouver and Westminster as to the relative merits of the different teams, and now that the sporting-followers have taken to hockey, it is a certainty that the game will have long and continued prosperity. All that is now necessary is for the hockey to the height of fame in these sections is for the winner of the P. C. H. A. championship this season to go eastwards and bring back the Stanley cup.

### Northwestern League Annual Next Week.

Victoria ball fans will follow with interest the dope that is being written with regard to the coming annual gathering of the Northwestern League club owners at Portland next week. Several important announcements are to be made by the league executive, President Jones, and it is just possible that the allotment of games will be changed a bit. Tacoma is after more home dates, while Spokane, Victoria and Vancouver will insist that they receive the same number as they did last year. Seattle is raising a howl for continuous baseball, but it is not likely that the Tillamooks will be given much more than their full share by the league. Spokane and Victoria have developed into rabid baseball towns, while Vancouver divides with Seattle the honor of the largest crowds. Portland, as in former years, will be made the goal, and the Colts will be lucky if they get seven weeks baseball on their home lot.

## SPORTING GOSSIP OF THE DAY

Vancouver expects to win over Westminster Friday night.

Skinner Poulin may be reported to the league for his aggressive tactics.

Joe Tinker may not have been a success as a manager, but he is apparently a highly valued short stop.

Art Menard will be seen in the first race for the Wilkerson cup during the intervals of the pro. match on December 26.

Toronto is going to honor the Capitais, a Junior Rugby team, for winning the Canadian title.

Jack Britton did made 135 pounds in his recent walk with Packer McFarland, the old nightmare will return to paw at the bedside of a few who have been trying to sidestep him.

A benefit match for St. Thomas would meet with popular approval, and

it is up to the league to take this matter in hand.

A city basketball league, with four clubs entered, will fit in nicely with the other winter sports.

Joe McGinnity has ten recruits signed for next spring, but he is still after an experienced short stop.

Wayne Barham was one of the best touted youngsters in this league last season, half-a-dozen minor league clubs wanted him.

Victoria Wests state that they will go right after the Island League football title and they expect to win.

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Mrs. George Rogers, who has for some months past been visiting in the prairies, returned this week to her home, Carey road.

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The acme of animal intelligence is reached this week in Merlan's dogs who are heading the current week's bill at the Emperor theatre in the pantomime, "A Spoiled Honeymoon." There are about twenty canines in the troupe, and they play their parts without any scaxing or prompting. The story unfolded in the pantomime commences as a comedy, but ends as a domestic tragedy, and is so well and completely told in a forcible manner that no programme or descriptive matter is needed to enlighten the audience.

WEATHER BULLETIN
Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.
Victoria, Dec. 18-5 a. m.—The pressure is largely increasing on the North Pacific slope and the weather is becoming colder; rain has fallen on the coast and snow is falling and on the higher lands of the plateau districts. In the far north in the Yukon a decided cold wave prevails which extends southward to the Atlin district. East of the Rockies fair, cold weather continues in the prairie provinces.

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.
Victoria Meteorological Office.
Dec. 10th to 16th, 1913.
Victoria—Bright sunshine, 8 hours 55 minutes; highest temperature, 52.1 on 10th; lowest, 32.2 on 10th; rain, 1.1 inch.
Vancouver—Bright sunshine, 1 hour 12 minutes; highest temperature, 48 on 16th; lowest, 34 on 10th; rain, .64 inch.
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NO ALTERNATIVE?
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The man seemed hurt. "Why not?" he said. "What's wrong with it?" With delicate irony the librarian explained, "Well, we don't spell 'reference' like that." "How do you reckon it should be spelt, then?" demanded the toiler sceptically, and the official went to a shelf, brought down an imposing dictionary, and showed the word in its more usual form.

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# LIBERAL LEADER GUEST OF FRIENDS

Members of Liberal-Reform Club Do Honor to Mr. Brewster

## FINANCES OF PROVINCE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION

Men of Neighboring Constituencies Join in the Welcome.

On the eve of a tour of the province, H. C. Brewster, the leader of the Liberal party in the province, was last night given a warm-hearted and enthusiastic send-off by the Liberals of the city and the district.

There were present in the Liberal Rooms, Cormorant street, at the meeting of the Liberal-Reform club, not only a large attendance of members but also members of the party from the neighboring electoral districts of Esquimalt, Saanich and The Islands. All the speakers were generous in their praise of the work done by the leader both as a member in the House, as leader of the opposition there, as president of the Provincial Liberal Association and, since May last, as leader of the party.

E. S. Woodward, who presided in the absence of the president of the club, F. W. Dempster, spoke warmly of the self-sacrificing labors of the leader in the interests of good government and clean administration of public affairs, and of his services to the party which, in the words of John Gower, stands for righteousness, honesty and progress, first, last and all the time.

Mr. Brewster was received with cheers that left no doubt of the esteem and affection in which he is held here in his own city. He modestly deprecated the personal element that the meeting seemed bound to attach to the event and said he was there simply to encourage a movement in which he had a great deal of confidence, that of the banding together of the men of liberal and independent political faith for the attainment of better government in this province. He welcomed the representatives from the surrounding districts, and urged them anew to the duty of organization.

A campaign of education was necessary in the province, he said. By the government control of practically the entire press of the province, the publication of matter exalting the members of the cabinet and what they did, and the withholding from the people of much that they had a right to know, there was a tremendous amount of ignorance as to the true condition of affairs. As soon as the elections began to think things-out, on being called to their attention, there would begin a change in the sentiment of the people towards the McBride-Bowser administration that would gather force like an avalanche and sweep it from power. (Cheers.)

There was a great outcry from the Conservative speakers and press against destructive criticism on the part of the Liberals. It appeared to hurt the government and its supporters very much to have any reference made to what the cabinet was doing, and it was alleged that any criticism of its actions was injuring the province. No criticism based on facts could do any harm, but must result in good, and that was the only sort of criticism that any Liberals were indulging in regarding this government. If the party had done nothing else for the people it had forced ministers who had remained dumb to begin to tell the people something about the condition of the treasury. It was true that the ministry had not told much yet, but it was being made to see that the electors could not be kept in the dark any longer as to the facts.

The mention of rumors of an empty treasury, and a rapidly emptying treasury, and questions as to what the facts were, had been met by the usual answers—that this was hurting the province and that it was destructive criticism. Secrecy remained until a little cable

item from the old land, where the people did not understand a government would keep the people in the dark regarding their own business, conveyed the news that the McBride-Bowser government was borrowing a million and a half. Immediately the premier and other ministers had to begin to make explanations. It was claimed that the province had a substantial balance yet in the bank and that it had large sums, dig, A, which were as good as cash in the bank. Thirteen million dollars were due from speculators—the premier did not call them that, but spoke of agreements for sale—and this was bearing 6 per cent interest. But the premier did not tell the people that no effort is being made to get this in; that in this as in so many instances, "big interests" are getting special consideration while the small man, who is actually aiding in the development of the province, is not thought worth the government's notice.

As might be expected, Mr. Bowser, who was minister of finance for a time and was the master of the administration, had his share in the making of explanations. His explanations did not agree with those of the Premier. The people had either to accept what he said and discount what Sir Richard had stated in explanation, or they had to accept the Premier and come to the conclusion that Mr. Bowser did not know what he was talking about. In an interview in the government paper in the capital, the premier had said that the province had a substantial bank balance, but the night before (Tuesday), in Vancouver Mr. Bowser had spoken to a Conservative association and had made statements that did not bear this out. He was reported as saying:

"The revenue in 1903 had been \$2,000,000, and the expenditures \$3,300,000. The revenue in 1912 had advanced to \$10,700,000 with expenditures of \$11,189,000. Since April 1, 1912, as would be seen by the estimates of 1912-13 and 1913-14, it had not been policy for the government to hoard large sums, but rather to utilize money judiciously on expenditures which would develop the province. The estimates for 1912-13 showed expenditures of \$16,200,000, with a revenue of \$10,300,000, leaving a deficit of \$5,900,000 for the year. The estimates for 1913-14 showed expenditures of \$17,800,000 and revenues of \$10,300,000, or a deficit of \$7,500,000, the total deficit from expenditures over revenues for the two years being \$13,400,000. The total amount that had been expended on public works during those years was: 1912-13, \$8,200,000, and 1913-14, \$9,600,000, or a total of \$17,800,000. In other words, the expenditure of amounts on public works had been fifty per cent of the total sums voted."

Mr. Brewster drew particular attention to what the Attorney-General said following this. Mr. Bowser was quoted in the government papers as saying: "It has been found necessary recently to issue six months treasury bills for \$10,000,000, which had netted the province about \$1,400,000, and would no doubt enable the province to complete its programme of expenditure. The reason for doing this was that while the province had money coming in from agreements for sale and other sources, it was not considered wise to press these payments, but like private business men, to go to the banks and raise it."

"The Premier says we have a substantial amount yet in the bank," continued Mr. Brewster. "The Attorney-General tells us that they had to take treasury notes to get money to finish the expenditure to the end of the fiscal year. Who is right? Which of them is wrong? Mr. Bowser tells us that like wise business men they thought it well to go to the banks and raise money instead of pressing their creditors. Let us look at it as business men. If our credit is as good as that of banks as it should be, as we would expect it to be with the substantial balance of a great surplus that we are told is still there, why can we not negotiate a small matter like a million and a half through them instead of going to London to float treasury bills, which are the last resort of a government? You will note that the amount to be spent for the year, an expenditure which in the first place was fixed at seven and a half millions more than it was anticipated the revenue of the year would be.

"I am not in a position to bring proof of the fact, but it looks to me as if there were a great big overdraft that we do not hear a word about. If it is not so, why are we raising on treasury bills found for us through the banks? To my mind that is the reason we

have to issue treasury bills, and it affords but another reason why the people should have men in the legislature who would ask questions and insist on the province being given the information it should have on all these financial matters." (Hear, hear.)

Apropos of criticism of his figures on the land question, Mr. Brewster pointed out that the members of the government do not agree as to the value of the land available for the settlement, although they are able to get the information accurately, if it exists. Mr. Bowser said the province had 103,000,000 acres to put the settler on. A little later at Ganges Harbour the premier gave the area as 93,000,000 acres, and then came along Mr. Ross, in whose particular charge such matters were, and he gave the figures as 107,000,000 acres. Mr. Ross claimed to have put fifty thousand people on the soil in the last four years as pre-emptors, but the last budget speech of the minister of finance showed a positive falling off in the production of the things which these people would be engaged in producing—if they were there.

As demonstrating the need for organization and attention to the voters, Mr. Brewster pointed out that the purpose of "cleaning them up," according to Mr. Bowser—Mr. Brewster instanced the case of Ward five in Vancouver, where a systematic and thorough canvass has revealed the startling fact that of nearly five thousand names on the new lists, there are close on twenty-seven hundred of men who do not exist. There are vacant lots with names registered from them—and men registered in workshops who are registered at their home in other places.

"If the people of the province could get a thinking of all these things, the McBride-Bowser crowd would not last twenty-four hours," said Mr. Brewster amid cheers. "It is my mission when I go out through the province in a few days to bring these things to the attention of the people who do not know of them. I say to you as I will say to them—clean the government out, for it is time it went." (Cheers.)

F. A. Pauline, representing the Saanich electoral district, and Andrew Munro, North Saanich, and Alex. McDonald, Sidney, representing The Islands, spoke briefly in support of the leader and his work. Messrs. Munro and McDonald, on behalf of the Liberals and independent men of their riding, thanked Mr. Brewster for the work he had done during the late bye-election campaign, and promised that with better organization they would be able to report a different result at the general election.

W. W. Baer, in the course of one of his excellent addresses, cited several instances he had met with in a tour of the province earlier in the year where thinking Conservatives of weight in their districts had expressed their pleasure at the choice of Mr. Brewster as the leader of the Liberal party and voluntarily had pledged their support at the next elections in order to rid the province of what they admitted to be a most unbusiness-like and mismanaged government.

"It is absolutely essential that the doings of the McBride government be conveyed to the people," said Mr. Baer. "Once the people are led to think of what this government has done and the much more it is left undone, and what its existence long in going to mean in the dragging-down of the credit of the province, the trick will be turned. That information cannot be conveyed to them better than in the calm, philosophical and indisputable manner in which Mr. Brewster always deals with public questions and issues. When the electors are faced with the facts regarding the extravagance, the profligacy, the favoritism that is plunging the government into an abyss of corruption, they cannot fail to be aroused against the most corrupt government we ever had or could have."

"You could not get another half dozen men and put them in the place of the McBride government, which would out-class them in corruption. You cannot get another half dozen men who would be awake nights studying up new methods of iniquity." (Laughter and applause.)

"We have a man in the position of leader who has the unwavering confidence of the Liberals of this province," (Cheers.) "We have a man in that position by the unanimous voice of the party in convention assembled, who has the confidence of a very, very large number of the leading electors in the Conservative party in this province. (Hear, hear.) His election to the leadership was the dawn of a new era for this province, and the sooner the time comes that he will be directing the affairs of this province as its premier, the better for the province and its people." (Cheers.)

The meeting broke up with cheers for the leader and the singing of the National Anthem.

### CURIOSITY WON OUT. C. N. R. Pays Fees of Arbitration Board and Award Made in Bradshaw Case.

The curiosity of the representatives of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company led yesterday afternoon to their paying the fees of the arbitrators, \$675, and with this substantial open sesame they were able to find what the figure was that the board thought the company should pay to C. W. Bradshaw in recompense for the portion of his lands at Crescentboro' at the head of Portage Inlet, which it is desired to take for the construction through them of the company's line to Patricia Bay.

The finding of the board—Judge Howay, of New Westminster, R. S. Day, for the company; and James T. Reid, for the owner—is that the sum of \$13,000 will repay Mr. Bradshaw for the land to be taken, for the detrimental effect on the remaining property of the proximity of a railway line, for the change in level of the lots on Eaton avenue which will be necessary, and for all the other causes of loss to the owner.

Mr. Bradshaw estimated that his loss would be in the neighborhood of \$100,000, and produced evidence along that line before the board. In making an order for the arbitration, Mr. Justice Murphy instructed that the company pay into court \$62,000 to cover the

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To the Editor:—Will you be kind enough to give publicity to the enclosed letter?

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Sir:—In further reference to your letter of the 26th ult., I beg to acquaint you that your appeal to the Honorable the Council of Public Instruction, with respect, first, to your alleged illegal dismissal from Cache Creek last June, and second your illegal forced retirement from the Sayward school, has been carefully considered by the Honorable Council of Public Instruction, and I have been instructed by the minister of education to acquaint you that they have concluded they have no jurisdiction in the matter. The minister requests me to state that only in cases in which a teacher has been suspended or dismissed on a charge of gross misconduct can such teacher appeal to the Council of Public Instruction for a reversal of the decision of the trustees. I am further instructed to point out that if you consider yourself illegally treated by either the board at Cache Creek or the board at Sayward you may appeal to the courts of the province which exist for that express purpose.

I have the honor to be, sir, Your obedient servant, ALEXANDER ROBINSON, Superintendent of Education.

### A WOBLING ALDERMAN.

To the Editor: When Alderman Gleason drew up his platform, which is now being published in the papers, he put this plank in it: "I am opposed to borrowing any further sums of money excepting for the Johnson street bridge and what is absolutely needed for the school board. Taxation must not be increased."

At Monday evening's council meeting he voted to submit a by-law to borrow nearly a half million dollars more for the purchase of the watershed of Leach river. I wonder if the rest of the planks in his platform, are as fragile as that one.

Possibly when the alderman drew up

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Toilet Creams, 25c to ..... **\$1.00**  
Sachett Powder Pads ..... **50c**  
Crown Smelling Salts, 25c up to ..... **\$2.00**  
Perfumers, \$1.00 to ..... **\$7.50**  
Ebony and Parian Ivory.  
Hair Brushes, 50c to ..... **\$6.00**  
Cloth Brushes, 50c to ..... **\$3.50**  
Military Brushes, from \$2.50 up to ..... **\$12.00**  
Manicure Pieces, 25c to ..... **\$1.00**  
Mirrors, 25c to ..... **\$5.00**  
Brush, Comb and Mirror Sets.  
Manicure Sets up to ..... **\$10.00**  
Ladies' Scissor Sets up to ..... **\$5.00**  
Travelling Cases up to ..... **\$3.50**  
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Safety Razors, \$1.00 to ..... **\$5.00**  
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## FEDERAL SYSTEM IN CANADA

### Canadian Confederation Declared by Lord Chancellor Not to Be a Federal Union

On Dec. 7 before the privy council, and during argument on an Australian case respecting the powers of royal commissions, the lord chancellor made some interesting observations in regard to the system under which the Canadian provinces united at the time of confederation. We quote:

Lord Chancellor: With deference to a great many people who talk on the platform just now of "the federal system"—in Canada there is no federal system. What happened was this: An act was passed in 1867 which made a new start and divided certain powers of government, some being given to the parliament of Canada and some to the parliament of the provinces. The provinces were created de novo. The provinces did not come together and make a federal arrangement under which they retained their existing powers and parted with certain of them, and an imperial statute has got to ratify the bargain; on the contrary, the whole vitality and ambit of the Canadian constitution was a surrender if you like first, and then a devotion.

Sir R. Finlay—A dealing, if one may say so, with the powers which had previously been exercised by the individual colonies.

The Lord Chancellor—You know that is where the difficulty comes in. It was contemplated under the Canadian constitution that there should be more states and other states; instead of upper and lower Canada, with a single parliament, there was a splitting up; there were new states constituted, and provision made for their boundaries and relations and so on.

Sir R. Finlay—One thing that was done was to separate Quebec and Ontario.

The Lord Chancellor—Yes, so that really was not a federal arrangement at all. The meaning of federal arrangement is that a number of states come together and put certain of their powers into common custody, and that is the federal constitution in Australia, but in Canada not at all.

Sir R. Finlay—Yes, my lord; but at the same time the British North America act was the result of general consent in Canada, to which effect was given by the Imperial act.

The Lord Chancellor—Yes, it was. Sir R. Finlay—And I think Sir John Macdonald for many years worked for an incorporating union of the various colonies in North America; failing in that, he took up the prospect of this form of government embodied in that act.

The Lord Chancellor—I am sorry to say that even the legislature did not know the meaning of words, because the word "federal" occurs in the Canadian act, but it is as clear as can be that it was not "federal" at all.

Sir R. Finlay—Of course, if "federal" is confined to a combination between fully sovereign states, that is undoubtedly so.

The Lord Chancellor—Not necessarily fully sovereign but fully self-governing states. Ontario and Quebec were one state practically—or rather they were two states under one parliament.

Sir R. Finlay said that they were so discordant in their elements that they could not get on together, and they were separated.

Lord Moulton said one could not imagine Canada's accepting such a surrender as the lord chancellor had described of all rights they possessed. It was impossible to make the present rights of the Canadian colonies, out of their past rights. There was a sur-

## SPRINTING STAR JOINS NEW CLUB



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Well known Victoria athlete, who has signified his intention of joining the Victoria Amateur Athletic Association and will probably wear the colors of that organization in the different track meets next summer. Beasley is looked upon as one of the most promising candidates for the 1916 Canadian Olympic team.

## MRS. RICARDO IS GOLF CHAMPION

## Defeats Miss Violet Pooley in Final at Oak Bay

For the second time in three years Mrs. W. H. Ricardo, of the Victoria Golf Club, captured the ladies golf championship of British Columbia and the Flumeret cup on the Oak Bay links yesterday afternoon, defeating Miss Violet Pooley in a very close and exciting final. The winner played a surprisingly good game and richly deserved the honors, while Miss Pooley did not show her best golf. Quite a gallery followed the pair over the links, the weather conditions being excellent, though the turf was a little soggy from the recent rains. The match was a repetition of last year's final in the Pacific Northwest championship, when Mrs. Ricardo was again successful in vanquishing Miss Pooley.

The Flumeret cup competition has been carried on for nine years, having been won four times by Miss Pooley: 1906, 1908, 1909 and 1910; twice by Mrs. Ricardo: 1911 and 1912; twice by Mrs. Langley: 1906 and 1912; and once by Mrs. Harvey Colmbe: 1907.

The first hole was won by Mrs. Ricardo 5 to her opponent's approximate 6. The next four holes were halved with 5's and the sixth with 4's. Miss Pooley won the seventh, getting a 4; and at the eighth a 3 won for Mrs. Ricardo. The ninth and tenth went to Mrs. Ricardo with 4 and 3, and the eleventh to Miss Pooley with a 5. The twelfth and thirteenth were halved with 5's. At the fourteenth Miss Pooley was the winner, her score being 3; at the next, both players got a 3; and the last two played put Mrs. Ricardo 3 up, her scores being 4 and 6.

## CAPT. GOLLOP LEADS

## Civilian Riflemen Turned Out in Good Numbers to Sponon Competition Yesterday.

There was a first-class attendance and some excellent shooting at the Civilian Rifle Association's miniature range. Captain Gollop again took the lead in class A with a fine 98. A. E. Ashe was a close second. The scores:

Class A.	
Capt. C. J. Gollop	98
A. E. Ashe	97
G. Grassby	91
E. Macdougall	86
R. S. Greig	84
M. Lohrman	83
W. H. Doniphan	75
Class B.	
E. E. Hardwick	98
W. J. Tanner	96
H. Burton	94
P. Hutchinson	91
H. W. Oliver	90
Class C.	
D. Macdougall	96
W. H. Wood	94
P. Macdonald	93
F. Butterfield	91
A. A. Codd	91
E. Rutan	87
G. W. Harper	80
F. G. Sheffield	79
F. C. Carter	78
H. M. Harper	45

## ANOTHER LIPTON BOAT.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Capt. John Barneson, chairman of the yachting committee of the Panama-Pacific exposition, received yesterday a cable from Sir Thomas Lipton announcing that the English yachtsman will build a twelve-metre yacht to compete in a big regatta here in 1915.

## CANUCKS WIN.

London, Dec. 18.—The Oxford University Canadian team defeated the Princess Ice Hockey Club by 7 to 1.

Digger Pitre, when he gets going right, will be one of the brightest stars on the Vancouver club.

In all the Swiss universities women are admitted as matriculated students, and share the same privileges as men. Similar treatment is meted out to them in France; in Russia, by a recent decree, no more women are to be allowed to matriculate; but there is a different spirit in Finland, where about 500 women students are in attendance at the University of Helsinki, and are on an absolute equality with men. In Denmark, Norway and Sweden there is no barrier against women.

## UNION BANK KEEPS BILL BURTON CLAIMS

### Judge Lampman Holds That the Plaintiff Does Not Prove Alleged Property in It

The thousand-dollar Dominion of Canada bank note which John Burton, of Vancouver, claimed was his and tried to get from the Union Bank of Canada will remain in the possession of the bank until it is paid out to some one else in the course of business.

This was the decision of Judge Lampman yesterday afternoon after he had heard what the bank witnesses had to say about the matter. Included in this was the evidence of three members of the city detective force. They all contradicted the statements of Burton and his witness Hazel, that they had not been asked in the detective office to give the number of the note.

Detective Carl, who was present when the complaint was first lodged, said he had asked for the number, but neither man could give it. Detective Sergeant O'Leary stated that he had asked Burton if he had not taken the number of the note in view of its large amount, and the plaintiff told him that unfortunately he had not.

Detective Frank Murray, who made the inquiries in the case, made the same statement. On the Tuesday night Burton said he thought that Hazel could give the number, and on Wednesday the latter came around with him and began to figure on it, finally giving 11,091 as the number. This was found to be the number on the bill which Burton claimed to be his from the folds in it when it was shown to them in the bank.

To the detective Hazel had explained his facility in the remembering of numbers as due to his former service in railways, taking the numbers of freight cars. Yesterday morning in court he ascribed it to his service in a railway ticket office watching for the numbers of tickets reported as "scalped."

Sidney J. Winsby, paying teller of the Union Bank on September 27 and 28, testified as to the thousand dollar notes handed by him that day. He had been handed over two by the receiving teller, Smith, one of which was the bill of the old issue taken in on the Saturday in a deposit from David Doig, and the other, the new issue bill, taken in from a Chinese customer.

H. A. Maclean, K. C., addressed the court for the bank, pointing out that the only note of that denomination taken in had been traced back to two holders in each case, and that it would be an extremely unsafe thing to say on the evidence offered by the plaintiff that this was the note he had been in possession of for a few hours.

Hon. Joseph Martin, K. C., M. P., for the plaintiff, maintained that the evidence of the bank officials and witnesses was not clear as to the actual notes that were taken in, and that the note lost by Burton was proven by his folds and the remembrance of the number by Hazel.

His honor did not think that the plaintiff had established that the note number 11,091 was the one he had lost. The young teller, Smith, had given his evidence very clearly, and had not been shaken at all on cross-examination. He was quite clear that the bill he took on the Monday was a new issue. The old bill produced was not taken in that day and therefore could not be the one that Burton had lost some where about 10 o'clock that night. It had been proved to his satisfaction that the bill was taken in on Saturday, and the plaintiff must fail.

The teacher of a large school in Newcastle sent one of her scholars to buy a pound of plums from a fruit-vendor outside, and as she handed the little girl sixpence, said:

"Be sure, Mary, before buying the plums, to pinch one or two, just to see that they are ripe."

In a little while the girl returned with flushed face and a triumphant look in her eyes. Handing the teacher the bag of plums, she placed the sixpence on the desk, and exclaimed:

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# Our London Letter

## The War Traders

By Arthur Seafie, J. P.

London, Dec. 2.—Under this heading the National Peace Council have published a most interesting pamphlet by George Ferris, a well-known journalist, which lays bare the outlay made by the nations in the race for superiority in armaments. At the Guildhall banquet the other night the first lord of the admiralty foreshadowed the necessity for a further increase in naval supplies for the coming year. The average man grows and grumbles at the enormous sums spent on armaments towards which he is forced to contribute, and asks himself what profit there can be in maintaining such frightfully expensive and unproductive machines as the army or navy, and if profit there be to whom it goes. The answer is to be found in the recent announcement that Messrs. Krupp, the great German armament firm, have declared the biggest dividend in its history, viz., fourteen per cent. At first sight one would imagine that the firms who manufacture the means of offence and defence were actuated by patriotic motives, and would give them credit for desiring to assist their own country by arming it against foreign aggression. It is only on closer inspection that one finds that their patriotism is of such an extremely cosmopolitan kind that they are willing to supply the needs of any country besides their own which is able to pay the price they ask for the commodities they furnish.

The whole business of armament manufacture is nothing more than a great commercial combine. The men who are at its head have no country, they have no politics, except what they make for their own purposes. Their business is to keep alive the spirit of distrust between the nations, to increase the size and cost of the various war equipments, and to obtain a sufficient amount of "trapping" goods so that new orders may be forthcoming, and at all times and at all hazards to suppress the growing desire for universal peace.

At almost any time of the year it will be found that one of the various big firms in England has an order from some foreign country. Sometimes these orders are so numerous that the ministers that a warship cannot be laid down at the scheduled time owing to the congestion in the dockyards.

"Patriotism" this with a vengeance. What is more "patriotic" still is that the foreign yards of British firms are maintained solely for the purpose of arming our rivals and against ourselves.

In Italy there are two British yards, one at Pozzuoli, in the Bay of Naples, the other at Genoa, both of them belonging to Messrs. Armstrong. The former is the chief source of supply for Italy (the second power in the Triple Alliance) and several cruisers for Italy and minor vessels for Turkey. Armstrong's also have works in Japan, and are interested with Vickers and John Brown & Co. in the Spanish works at Ferrol. Vickers, of Otero, of Genoa and Orlando, of Leghorn, also contribute substantially to the fleet of Italy.

Since the Japanese war Russia has made a determined effort to reorganize and rebuild her fleet. It speaks volumes for the "patriotism" of the British armament firms that they have together managed to secure in one way or another the lion's share of the profits. But small as well as big fish are caught in the net. Impetuous Portugal with a small income and an enormous debt has been persuaded that she, too, must put her armaments house in order, and again it is a matter for congratulation that these patriotic Britishers have secured the contract to supply her with weapons of defence.

We in England are used to the periodical scares concerning our undefended state in the Mediterranean. Yet it

is clear that were it not for the patriotic efforts of these British firms we could all rest assured of our safety.

Supposing for a moment a war ever broke out between the Triple Alliance and the Triple Alliance. The profits of these firms might well leap from 14 to 140 per cent. The Italian ships that were battered by English guns would be repaired in private British dockyards abroad. If the Russian and Spanish fleets met, the damage done would be made good by the same ubiquitous concerns. In the same manner, if Japan makes a demonstration against China the armaments combine has a hand in the supply of materials. We read of gun-running in the Persian Gulf, of raids on the northwest frontier of India. Who supplies the weapons which take the lives of our soldiers and sailors? British patriots.

Not only do these patriots supply all the arms and munitions of destruction but they have a complete organization of agents whose sole business it is to create distrust and suspicion amongst the different nations. To fan the flame of patriotism until the peoples cry out for stronger defences; for more men, for improved weapons, wars and rumors of wars are the bread and butter of these firms. Those who have shares in Krupp are agreeably surprised at the increased dividend. They wonder why it is so. The reason is plain. The Balkan trouble bringing, as it has done, untold misery and suffering to the peasantry of eastern Europe, has reaped a rich harvest for the war traders and their shareholders. The ordinary man who is a most peaceful person; who would tremble with horror if one accused him of fostering the spirit of militarism and destruction. It is because he does not look to the way in which his profit is secured but only to the profit itself which makes it possible for these combines to exist, and indirectly is the cause of the enormous levies made in the name of national defence.

In the main then the whole of the civilized world is duped into the belief that the sole way to keep the peace is to spend enormous sums on armaments. It speaks well for the astuteness of the controllers of the combine that they have succeeded in raising the annual expenditure of the world on armaments by millions.

It is of no use ministers of any country making offers of compromise. So long as the armaments firms hold the enormous power they do, so long must the peoples continue to dance to the tune they are pleased to call.

No peace society in the world has a chance of any success while people know that by investing their savings in these firms they will receive a 14 per cent dividend. The whole raison d'être of the present intolerable state of taxation for armaments purposes lies in the fact that no check is put upon the ramifications of these companies. Enforce a regulation that no company may make arms and sell them at a profit; that no company building for one country may build for another, then the first and longest step will be taken towards sanity and a fair measure of universal peace. Until then the people must grumble and pay, and the shareholders of the various firms will smile and receive 14 per cent dividend.

### THE RETORT CUTTING.

Richard Harding Davis, the author, was terribly annoyed, says the British Weekly, to hear that a brother author had spoken unfavorably of his witlings. Coming upon this brother author at the Ritz Carlton, he said: "My boy, I hear that in a house where other people were kind enough to consider me witty, you declared that I was not so. Is this true?" "No, not a word of truth in it," the other answered cheerily. "I was never in a house in my life where anybody considered you witty."

## QUEEN ELENA MAKES ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIND

### Discovers Skeleton of Boy in Ancient Necropolis Near Ostia

Rome, Dec. 12.—Queen Elena has made an interesting archaeological discovery in the neighborhood of Castrum Porziano, where she has been extensively exploring the remains of ancient Latin towns on the coast near Ostia.

The Queen discovered the skeleton of a child in a necropolis of a very remote period recently excavated.

A bronze coin, not yet identified, was found between the teeth, proving that the custom of giving the dead "Charon's fare" to pay for the passage of the Styx is much more ancient than has been believed.

Another very important feature of the discovery was the finding of a fragment of ancient pottery with Chinese copper glaze, undoubtedly of Chinese manufacture. It is believed to have been made about the year 3000 B. C.

The discovery of Chinese porcelain in a Latin tomb is unprecedented. How it came there cannot be explained by archaeologists.

### Exploring for Ten Years.

Since 1903 the king and queen have been exploring the area where the most ancient towns of the Latins were situated. The Queen does all the excavating under the direction of King Victor Emmanuel, who knows as much about archaeology as he does about numismatics. The royal excavations are carried out along strictly scientific lines, and with great care and patience the queen analyzes the stratifications of the soil, collects and catalogues every fragment she finds, sketches the area under exploration and keeps up to date the so-called diary of excavation.

Occasionally some well-known professor of archaeology like Lanciani, Pigorini and Vaglieri, the director of the excavations of Ostia, is invited to see the Queen's work, which is naturally kept secret. The territory under exploration was densely populated in antiquity.

The remains of over thirty Roman villas, including those of the younger Pliny and the Emperor Commodus, have been discovered along the coast between Ostia and Nettuno, while fourteen important Latin cities, with 130,000 inhabitants, are known to have existed in the neighborhood.

### Laurentius Interests Queen.

The Queen's work is now limited to the site of Laurentum, one of the most ancient towns of the Latins, according to Virgil was the residence of King Latinus, a contemporary of Aeneas. Latinus, according to tradition, was the son of Faunus and the nymph Marica and the father of Lausus, whom he gave in marriage to Aeneas. The discoveries made by the Queen consist of remains of prehistoric walls—conteries and weapons of Aeneas' origin. Prof. Lanciani says the discovery of weapons which undoubtedly were imported from the Aegean Sea almost confirms the tradition of Aeneas' visit to Italy, and that consequently the Latins were in part immigrants from Greece.

Prof. Pigorini is of the opinion that such weapons were imported by the Latins, but that it does not follow that Aeneas and his followers colonized this portion of Latium or even settled in it, as it is well known that in remote antiquity the Latins traded with the peoples who inhabited the coasts of the Aegean Sea. The remains of ancient cemeteries of vast extent, however, confirm that the region was thickly populated.

The Queen's explorations will be shortly extended to other sites and notable discoveries are bound to follow. Some years ago in excavating the remains of a Roman villa the Queen discovered a marble statue of a disk thrower, besides fragments of other statues, mosaic pavements and other valuable marbles.

She now intends exploring the remains of the villas of Hortensius, the orator; of Mucius, Marius' father-in-law, and of other prominent Romans, which existed in the neighborhood.

### PARIS POLICE POORLY PAID.

Maximum Salary They Can Obtain Is \$360 a Year.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The Paris police some of whose members have fallen into disgrace, are poorly paid. The maximum salary attainable by a "sergent de ville" is \$360 a year. In view of the high cost of living in Paris, this amount is inadequate to maintain a family in any degree of comfort, and the married members of the force have frequently to supplement their incomes as best they can. Some of them earn a few francs by working as market porters during their time off duty. Others do boot repairing, and there is one who does odd tailoring jobs.

Still, in spite of these hardships, there are always plenty of men eager to join the force, about ten candidates being available for every vacancy that occurs.

### 32,250 UMBRELLAS FOUND.

84,876 Lost Articles Sent to Scotland Yard in Year.

London, Eng., Dec. 18.—Carelessness seems to be a growing habit in London, for the report for 1915 of the commissioner of police just issued shows that the lost articles sent to Scotland Yard numbered 84,876, an increase of no fewer than 11,258 on the previous year. The articles included: Bags, 10,164; jewelry, 2,239; opera glasses, 748; purses, 3,423; sticks, 2,002; umbrellas, 32,250; watches, 365. Of these 36,665 articles, valued at \$200,260, were restored to their owners.

## WHY HE LEFT THE SALVATION ARMY

### BALLINGTON BOOTH AND OLD CONTROVERSY

### Revived by Recent Meeting With the Present Head in New York

New York, Dec. 18.—The recent meeting of Bramwell and Ballington Booth after an estrangement of many years has led to the making public of many versions of the controversy which culminated more than 17 years ago in the withdrawal of Ballington Booth from the Salvation Army. But the truth appears to be that he resigned rather than leave America. He had contracted an affection for the country which made a permanent residence elsewhere intolerable to him. Mrs. Ballington Booth shared his sentiments and stoutly supported him in his determination to remain in "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Early in the year of 1896 the authorities at London decided that the two able leaders of the Salvation Army in America could do invaluable service in another country. It was said, however, that they showed symptoms of wanting. They were notified to "farewell." This warning came as a shock to the young Booths and their American friends.

Of course when Ballington Booth was "sworn in" he promised to obey his superior officers, to accept without demur or question of any kind any assignment that might be given him and to acquiesce in the promotion of the cause. This oath is taken by every man and woman commissioned to serve the organization. The children of the founder were expected to adhere even more tenaciously to the principles inculcated by the Salvation Army than those who were not connected by the ties of blood with the General.

But Ballington Booth thought the "signing" of the American constitution would justify a departure from the rule of unquestioning obedience which was established when the Salvation Army was in its swaddling clothes.

A number of his influential friends represented to him that to leave the country at that time would be to invite disaster for the entire movement in America. He appears to have accepted this view of the situation and London was urged to rescind its decision.

In London it was believed that the work was so well established in America as to make it safe to leave it in the hands of a man not quite so prominent in the Salvation Army as Gen. Booth's son.

A committee of citizens and well-wishers of the Salvation Army, headed by Chauncey M. Depew, who was then in the heyday of his popularity, petitioned London to permit Ballington Booth to retain his American command. But Gen. Booth, who was supported by his cabinet, was obdurate. He said the decision was not the result of caprice, it was not hastily arrived at and that it was irrevocable.

Bramwell Booth, who was then chief of staff, communicated the decision of his father to Senator Depew. In the letter he assured Mr. Depew of his and his father's appreciation of the sympathy shown by Americans for the cause, but he said no exception to an imperative rule could be made in the case of any member of the Booth family. They occupied the same relation to the organization as the humblest officer in it. Bramwell Booth said:

"From past experience Ballington Booth knew to attempt to change a decision of his father's when it was once announced would be as difficult as to obtain the revocation of a Median-Persian decree. The truth is to have done so would have been to create a breach equally as serious as the withdrawal of his son, with the vast influence, from the Salvation Army. The rank and file would look with extreme disfavor on any measure that would make any member of the Booth family the object of 'privileged legislation.' In other words, worldwide discontent and distrust may have followed a reconsideration of the General's decision."

In the Salvation Army Gen. Booth insisted on the retention of Ballington as a superior to a subordinate officer, not that of a father to a son. To have assumed any other position would have been subversive of discipline and probably destructive to the very fabric of the organization itself. It was realized as soon as Ballington issued what might be termed an ultimatum that his loss to the movement would be enormous. But his father was immovable. He said he exacted obedience from the lowly officers and he could not exempt those in exalted commands, even though they be his own sons or daughters.

He was urged to compromise or do something to save Ballington and his brilliant and devoted wife to the movement. He was told that their secession would mean the complete overthrow of the Salvation Army in the United States. But these gloomy predictions failed to move him. He insisted on obedience. He may be wrong, his judgment may be defective, but there was no middle course. Ballington was a soldier and he who would command must be ready and willing to obey.

The friends of the then commander in the United States urged him to resign and organize a new movement which would be democratic in its government. They said it could be utilized as a recruiting station, for the churches. They insisted that the United States needed such a movement and he was well qualified to lead it. After much anxious thought he consented and brought into being "The Volunteers of America."

For several weeks he searched for an appropriate name for this organization. One day he shouted "Eureka," and said he would call it "God's American Volunteers." But after some

thought he doubted the propriety of appropriating to appearing to appropriate the title, and decided to modify it by giving it the title under which it was later incorporated.

It was a gloomy time for the Salvation Army in America. The property of the organization was held in the name of Ballington Booth, and even the War Cry bore the name. The War Cry was an official Gazette of the Salvation Army, Ballington Booth, proprietor. The Salvation Army was not at that time incorporated. After his accession he relinquished his title to the property and did all possible to facilitate the transfer. His successor had the army incorporated and its property so safeguarded that it can never be alienated from the movement or used by some designing person for his own advantage.

But when Ballington retired from the command it was feared by some who did not understand his character or appreciate his innate probity that he would carry the property with him. Not being a corporate body, the Salvation Army's property was subject to spoliation by a possibly unscrupulous leader. Although there have been several splits in the United States, and these splits occurred before it obtained articles of incorporation, no attempt has ever been made by those responsible for the schism to alienate property.

In those days Mrs. Maud Ballington Booth by her gracious manners, her engaging disposition and her genuine sympathy for the homeless and lost won a place in the hearts of many cultured and wealthy citizens of New York. She and her talented husband were made welcome in many drawing rooms. They succeeded in reaching and influencing a class that none of their predecessors in America could get within hailing distance of. These people helped to finance the Salvation Army, and by setting the seal of their approval on its work widened its sphere and broadened its influence.

But a curious fact, supported by history, is that the men Ballington took with him when he abandoned his command—the Salvation Army—were nearly all Englishmen, the Americans, Germans, Scandinavians and others stood loyally by the parent institution. General Bramwell Booth remarked a short time ago that the American officer was the "most loyal and efficient worker in the Salvation Army."

### A QUEEN'S GRACIOUS ACT.

A day or two ago a fine motor car stopped in the Bois, in Paris, and two ladies descended. The younger, wrapped in furs, was a little pale, and leaned on her companion's arm as she walked a few paces in the November sunlight. A ragged little boy passed, carrying in his arms a baby that cried. "Is that your little brother?" asked the younger of the two ladies. "Yes, madame," was the reply. "And why does he cry?" "Because he has whopping cough, madame."

"Whopping cough! And you take him out with you?" "I can't leave him alone at home, madame."

This short dialogue over, the lady (says the Telegraph correspondent) opened her gold chain purse, took out a blue banknote, and thrust it into the child's hand, saying with jesting severity, "And now home with you, little one! And as the urchin stood open-mouthed, too astonished even to say "Thank you," the Queen of Spain entered her motor car just in time to bark the ubiquitous photographer.

### AN APOLOGY.

A North Dakota paper offers the following apology to one of its readers: "We wish to apologize to Mrs. Orland Overlook. In our paper last week we had as a heading 'Mrs. Overlook's Big Fete.' The word we had ought to have used is a French word pronounced in the same way, but spelled fete. It means a celebration, and is considered a very Tony word."

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## ASKING CONFISCATION OF ALLEGED POACHER

### Admiralty Court Hearing Evidence of Capture of American Schooner Valiant

In the admiralty court to-day Mr. Justice Martin, local judge in admiralty, is hearing the action of the king v. Valiant, in which the crown seeks an order for the confiscation of a Seattle power fishing schooner which was caught fishing within the three-mile limit on the halibut grounds at the north end of the island, it is alleged by the officers of the fisheries protection service.

The defence, led by K. C. Vancouver, is representing the federal government in the matter, and A. H. Macneil, K. C., Vancouver, is acting for Captain John Courage, the master and owner of the Valiant. The case is being watched with interest both here and across the line.

The defence claims that the schooner was not fishing within the line, that she was within the line, if at all, for purposes of repair, and that the fish found on board were caught outside the limits. The question of how long a halibut can live out of the water will come up in the course of the presentation of the defence case, it being claimed that it is nothing out of the way for them to live on ice for sixteen or twenty hours after being caught. It is claimed for the crown that this is ridiculous, and that the fish found on board at noon on May 11 last, uncleaned and alive among the ice in the hold, had not been there from six o'clock the night before, as Captain Courage contends, but had been thrown in there in a hurry when the schooner had to fly from forbidden grounds.

Captain Holmes Newcombe, of the fisheries protection service, and senior officer in that service for the past ten years, detailed his experience as sailor, fisherman and protection officer. On May 10 last he was in charge on board the William Joffile, which was coaling at Union Bay and steamed north during the night. During the forenoon the vessel was steaming in the channel close to shore around the north end of the island. At 11.35 a. m. he saw the schooner "Valiant" close inshore of West Haycock Island. As soon as they raised in to pull he took bearings to establish the position of the Joffile and of the schooner. He figured out the distance of the Valiant from the Joffile as 6.44 miles, which brought her about one mile and a half from West Haycock. On seeing the cruiser the schooner headed off to the northwest, and when crossing the line of bearing she was one mile and a half from land. Her courses were Triangle, Island gear her still close in. Going in pursuit of her the Joffile overhauled her about five miles offshore.

The Valiant was found to be equipped for halibut fishing, which is carried on thereabout for practically the whole year. Her dories were being lifted and there were two or three "skates" of gear met and apparently just out of the water. There were several other "skates" of gear on the deck, dry but baited with herring. Capt. Newcombe said he met Captain Courage on board and asked why he had gone inside the three-mile limit. "He denied it and then said he had gone in to get his bearings, although it was a fine day and there was no need to have gone in for that purpose. He then said he had just come on from Seattle and had not been fishing yet. The witness asked to see down into the hold, where Courage said there was only ice and fish.

On the hatches being opened, Capt. Newcombe noticed the tail of a large halibut sticking out of the ice and asked if halibut grew on board. To this Courage replied that he had been fishing the night before at six o'clock. This fish was about forty-five pounds weight and alive, but two awkward to throw up on deck.

"I took hold of another halibut which was very much alive," continued Captain Newcombe. "It was bleeding freely from a wound apparently made by a gaff. I asked Captain Courage if it was his custom to put fish in the ice alive and without cleaning them. He said they had all been working about five to ten to clean the fish. The fish I threw up on deck flopped around there quite lively between the captain's legs. I threw up another halibut, also alive, and then told Courage he would have to come to Triangle Island while I made more inquiries. I pointed out to him that far from the fish looking as if they had been on the ice for eighteen hours they looked as if they had been there for eighteen minutes. None of the fish were alive when we reached Triangle."

At Triangle Island the lighthouse-keeper said he had noticed the schooner close in to West Haycock Island. The witness said he came to the conclusion that the law had been broken and told Courage he would have to go to Vancouver. Courage said he would be taken dead but Captain Newcombe told him not to be a fool. The quantity of fish seed was 2,660 pounds, and was sold at Vancouver.

Mr. Macneil was very anxious to know why Captain Newcombe had not taken bearings on the Emma H. that morning before he had discovered that she was a Canadian schooner, and spent ten minutes hammering away at that point.

Captain Thomas Thomson, master of the Joffile, gave evidence corroborative of Captain Newcombe of the bearings taken and of the chase of the Valiant.

The case is continuing this afternoon.

F. Napier Denison returned this afternoon from Seattle.

W. J. Sutton, who has been visiting in the northern part of the island, returned to Victoria this morning.

## OBITUARY

The death occurred last night of John Thomas Buckley, 39 months old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Buckley at their residence, 2384 Florence street, after a very brief illness. The deceased was born in this city. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Dr. Campbell will conduct the service. Interment will be made in Ross Bay cemetery.

The funeral of the late Ruford A. Heath took place this morning at 11 o'clock from the B. C. Funeral Parlors. The funeral was strictly private. Rev. W. Boyle conducted the services. Interment was made in Ross Bay cemetery.

The remains of the late Isabella Clark, beloved wife of Mr. Joseph Clark, were laid at rest yesterday afternoon in Ross Bay cemetery. The funeral took place from the residence, 1952 View street. A large number of friends of the deceased were present, and the floral offerings were numerous and beautiful. Rev. Leonard Clay officiated. The pallbearers were: J. Tagg, J. Boulanger, W. Stewart, D. Parcell, W. Juxta and P. Savage.

The death occurred yesterday morning at 10 o'clock of the late Mrs. Barbara Le Clair took place yesterday morning from the Victoria Undertaking Parlors at 8 o'clock, proceeding to the Roman Catholic cathedral, where Father McDonald read the mass, and Father Silver officiated at the grave side. The pallbearers were: R. Shadwick, R. Lang, E. White and C. LeVeve. Interment was made in Ross Bay cemetery.

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### BLAMES POSTAL DELAYS

Mr. Galt Says Letter for Goldstream Went Twelve Thousand Miles Round to Destination

Water Commissioner Rust paid a visit of inspection to-day to the water-works in order to see how construction is progressing. In connection with the delivery of mails to the camps, Purchasing Agent Galt has a serious grievance. He blames the postal officials for failure to deliver mail containing invoices, and similar matter to the timekeepers on the work. In consequence of which he is seriously hampered in keeping check on stock, and also with the usual arrangements to keep tally with the merchants from whom the city is buying goods.

He mentions that a letter addressed to a timekeeper at Goldstream, B. C., "Sooke Lake Waterworks Supply" marked on the envelope, went to Coldstream, Scotland, and then back again, while they were wondering what had become of the papers therein.

### ELKS ARE FESTIVE

First Ladies' Night at Local Club-rooms Proves Big Success; Excellent Entertainment.

The first ladies' night at the Elks' club, Campbell building, was a distinct success. The only discord in the whole evening's entertainment was Mack's dog, Rover, which was so much in evidence that it was put out of the room for disorderly conduct and "Mack" was fined for possessing such a "bark." Professor Barnum did the "stunt," incidentally changing a gent into a boy. Prof. Turner's orchestra discoursed sweet music throughout the evening. At 11 o'clock the "Elks" absent member service was held, the ladies joining in the ceremony.

N. B. Maysmith again pleased those present with his various sleight-of-hand tricks. L. W. Biek made a hit with his "Yiddish as spoken in Ireland," making a large number of the members wonder where he acquired such a fluent knowledge of the language.

Mr. Wise, who was in charge of the dining-room, served a delicious meal at 11 o'clock, after which the "horn" and their ladies repaired to the billiard-room, where the latter were given their first lessons in three-cushion billiards by the "two sharks," Deppe and Mauvais.

Mr. Gowen rendered several vocal solos which evoked much applause. Mr. Oliver Harbell, the "youngest" horn in the herd, read a very entertaining paper on "Insects." W. M. Allan rendered a most pleasing recitation entitled "The Courtship of Henry V."

An impromptu dance brought to a close a most enjoyable evening. The most important feature of the entire evening was the request made by the "suffragette" Elkeses that they be given the use of the clubrooms every Wednesday afternoon, which request was readily granted by the board of governors.

### CONVICTED OF MURDER

Denver, Colo., Dec. 18.—Harry E. Hellen, who recently confessed a series of hold-ups in various parts of the country, was convicted of first degree murder last night for the killing of Thomas J. Chase on October 24. The jury fixed hanging as the penalty.

### SALESMAN SHOOTS BRIDE

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 18.—John F. Conrad, 31, salesman for a local fish company, shot and fatally wounded Mrs. Catherine Conrad, nineteen, his bride of nine days, at their apartment here to-day.

Conrad told the police he shot his wife because she had threatened to leave him.

A correspondent sends to the British Weekly a rare bit of English. It was written by a woman in excusing her tardiness in answering an inquiry that had been addressed to her: "I would have written before but I have been sick with a dog bite in the centre. The man that owns the sawmill's dog bit me in the road." The excuse was accepted as sufficient.

# KARLUK BELIEVED LOST WITH THOSE ON BOARD

## Stefansson the Explorer With McConnell and Two Others Who Were Left on Shore are Safe at Point Barrow.

Seattle, Dec. 18.—Captain Robert Bartlett, commander of the exploring vessel Karluk, the man who navigated Peary to the North Pole, together with his crew and a number of scientists who joined the Stefansson expedition, have disappeared into the great maul of the Arctic and will never be seen again. They have joined the phantom fleet of more than 100 ships, which float at the mercy of wind and tide in the dread wilderness of ice that surrounds the North Pole. Stefansson, the founder of the expedition, together with McConnell and two others with whom he left shortly before the boat was carried into the outside ice, are safe ashore at Point Barrow.

This is the news brought to Seattle this morning by Captain Louis L. Lane, of the Polar Bear, who, together with Eben Draper, Dunbar Lockwood and Will T. Hudson, munched from the shores of the Arctic to Valdez, and then came to Seattle by the steamship Northwestern.

"Nobody can say for certain that the Karluk is lost," said Lane, "but of more than 100 ships that have been carried into the outside ice from Point Barrow only one—the whaler Navard—was ever picked up. From the others never a word was heard, nor was ever one of the crews reported.

"The Karluk was anchored away off shore when the big blow came in September and carried her into the outside ice and there, in the opinion of every whaler and every native on the arctic coast, she will find her finish. The vessel has not been seen since."

## WILL HEAR COAST VIEW OF ASIATIC EXCLUSION

Monuments on Boundary Are to Mark One Hundred Years of Peace

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Pacific coast citizens will be heard on the subject of "exclusion of Asiatics" when a House committee resumes consideration of the pending immigration bill on January 22. Witnesses are expected from San Francisco, Portland, Seattle and other cities.

A monument in each state along the Canadian boundary to mark the line and commemorate one hundred years peace between the United States and Great Britain, was proposed in a bill to-day by Senator Jones, of Washington, which asks a \$500,000 appropriation for the purpose.

Secretaries Garrison and Daniels completed their report to-day on the satires at the recent Carabao dinner conducted by army and navy officers. It contains certain recommendations, but whether it will lead to a reprint or court-martial was not divulged. Secretary Garrison expected to confer late to-day with the president.

## HEAVY REVOLVER IS CLUE TO IDENTITY

Auburn, Wash., Dec. 18.—That the man who was killed Tuesday by either Deputy Sheriff J. F. Payne or City Marshal McCumber on Muckleshoot Hill in a pistol fight between the officers and two men was one of the burglars who, on the evening of November 29, shot Percy Thorne, a 13-year-old boy, in the leg in the home of Ole Myking, near Sumner, is the belief of the officers who have been searching the woods for the dead man's accomplice. Young Thorne was shot with a bullet from a heavy calibre revolver. The man who is now in the morgue was attempting to draw a heavy 35-calibre Colt's revolver from his hip pocket when he was shot in the breast.

## WILSON GIVES CABINET DINNER FOR FIRST TIME

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—President Wilson will give his first cabinet dinner, to-night at the White House. A few invited guests outside the cabinet will be present, among them, John Purroy Mitchell, mayor of New York. It will be the first function of the season and will be followed with dinners by cabinet members to the president and the usual official receptions.

The New Year's reception will not be held this year as the President is going away for the Christmas holidays.

## RARE LAW BOOKS SOLD.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 18.—A rare set of law books printed by Benjamin Franklin were purchased here yesterday by the New York State Library for \$415. The documents, which consisted of 17 folios executed between 1779 and 1784 were part of the collection of Robert F. Skutch, of Baltimore, and are considered among the best specimens of Franklin papers in existence.

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## GOVERNMENT OFFERS INFERIOR STRUCTURE

### Second Narrows Bridge Deputation Not Well Pleased With Interview

In response to an invitation from the executive council a deputation of directors of the Second Narrows Bridge Company, of Vancouver, waited upon the government this morning expecting to get an answer to their request that the government take over the construction of the bridge. The deputation was bitterly disappointed when Sir Richard informed them that he would not have an answer for them until the legislature sits.

The Premier stated that owing to present financial difficulties and the large obligations that the government has to carry out he was not in a position to commit the government as to what it would do. The public works department engineer was present at the interview, and at the government's suggestion submitted for the approval of the directors a plan for a much cheaper and inferior bridge than the one which the company was incorporated by the different municipalities to construct. The directors were asked to think over these plans, but were not well pleased with them. The members of the deputation were unwilling to discuss the government engineer's scheme very fully.

The deputation's request was that the government should take over the \$750,000 raised by the municipalities, the \$350,000 donated by the Dominion government and the \$400,000 already given by the province and add another million dollars and erect the \$2,500,000 bridge which the municipalities feel is only sufficient to meet the needs of the communities affected. The directors present at the interview were: President Carter Cotton, Mayor Baxter and Alderman Wordside, Vancouver; Mayor Haynes and Alderman Vance, of North Vancouver; Messrs May and Councillors Bridgeman and Louel, of North Vancouver district, and Reeve Lawson, of West Vancouver.

## B. C. E. R. DEMANDS \$50,000

### Government Can't Keep Promise to Sell North Vancouver Rice Lake Lands.

Little satisfaction was obtained by the deputation from North Vancouver which met this morning in its request that the government live up to its promise to give the city Rice Lake and

## LOCAL NEWS

### Motor Vehicle Numbers

The motor vehicle numbers for the year 1914 are white with the numbers in black. The monogram of the province is to the left of the number, with the year in a line below the intertwined letters.

### Frank Clugston Suggests as Gift

a solid gold eyeglass chain. Special price, \$1.25. Usually sold at \$2.00, or gold-filled chains, special at 50c to \$1.00. The Optician at 854 Yates street (corner Douglas), Suite 8.

### Missing Declarations Found

The declarations of men who had sworn at the court of revision on Friday that they had not been personally attested before W. H. Price, and which were missing this morning when required by counsel, have since the rising of the court been found.

### After Church Concert

Roland's band will give their usual concert in the Victoria theatre at 8.45 Sunday evening. The Sancta Cecilia Mandolin Club under the direction of Prof. E. Claudio will assist. A portion of the collection will be handed to the Christmas poor fund and all seats will be reserved.

### Free Samples of Candies and Chocolates

will be given away at Wiper & Co.'s store, 1210 Douglas Friday and Saturday next, from 7 to 9 p. m. when medals and diplomas awarded for confectionery are to be displayed.

### Light Police Court

There were only half a dozen cases before the police-magistrate this morning, which was a relief after the prolonged sessions of the court that have been the rule this week. These were all for the offence of being drunk on the streets, and the usual fines were imposed.

### Collided With Motor

It was reported to the police to-day by Fred A. J. White, that as he was passing the corner of Government and Belleville streets at 9.15 he was run into by Harry Jones, 1924, Maple street, and that he took the man to his home, where he was found to be unhurt. He does not explain what he means by being run into by a pedestrian, if Jones was afoot.

### Fresh Air Needed

There has been a fan installed in the alley between the police station and the main portion of the city hall block for the purpose of drawing out the foul air from the treasurer's department and from the cells of the city jail. This is now working and this morning it was humming away in good order. If any part of the building is in need of fresh air the court chamber is the place and it is not too late to amend this by running a pipe in from the fan.

### Accidental Death

Accidental death by drowning was the verdict of the coroner's jury this forenoon in the case of Mrs. Cefer, who met her death by falling off Spratt's wharf at midnight on Tuesday. The evidence showed that however she came to wander to that spot she had accidentally fallen over the edge of the wharf. Appreciation was expressed of the prompt action of the crew of the tug Pilot in getting the old lady out of the water, and in trying to resuscitate her by artificial respiration.

### STENOGRAPHER wanted

by financial institution, must be capable and experienced. Apply by mail giving references, to Accountant, P. O. Box 182, 429.

### FANCY DRESS COSTUMES.

THE PARISIAN COSTUMERS of Vancouver, B. C., announce that they have opened a branch show-room in the Strathcona Hotel, Room 120, first floor. Costumes for fancy dress balls, masquerade, ice carnivals, etc. for sale on hire at reasonable rates. Catalogues and all information on application. Phone 872.

### CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. Thos. Donovan and family, Vining street, desire to thank their many friends for their kindness and sympathy shown in the recent bereavement, and also to the Bricklayers' Union, City Hall staff, Parliament Buildings, Weller Bros., and their many other friends, for the beautiful floral offerings sent.

### CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to tender my sincere thanks to the many friends who so kindly assisted at the funeral and during the illness of my late brother, ALPHONSE.

JOSEPH H. ROY.

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8-room House, furnished, Dallas Road, near Beacon Hill Park, at, per month **\$75.00**

8-room House, 1033 Pandora St., modern, at, per month **\$30.00**

2-room House, Constance Ave., Esquimalt, waterfront, at, per month **\$10.00**

8-room House, 652 Battery St., James Bay, at, per month, only **\$30.00**

10-room House, corner Queen's Ave. and Cook St., at, per month **\$50.00**

3-room House, Easter Road, at, per month **\$8.00**

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## FOR SALE—LOTS.

ACRIFICE SALE—Lots twelve and thirteen, block two, corner Haultain and Scott, 10x110; price \$2,800. one-quarter cash, balance six, twelve and eighteen months; interest seven per cent.; one week only. Write or wire owner, W. J. Hill, Regina, Sask. 429

WATERFRONT LOT on Hollywood Crescent at \$1,000, from owner, 1-3 cash, balance arranged. P. O. Box 1307. 425

NYBODDY who wants a "snap," I have a lot of Dunley street, near Iplands, on car line, only \$1,350; cash \$280, balance over 2 years; gave \$1,000 for it 6 months ago. Box 278, Times. 429

AIRFIELD—Close to Dallas road, on Howe street, \$2,500, builder's terms; one of the best homesites in Victoria. 429

## FOR SALE—HOUSES.

THE WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION is the cottage built for two, and being five rooms allows for good measure. We have it, just newly finished, with all the charming new conveniences, furniture, fireplace, light fixtures, window shades, cement basement, paved streets, close in, Fairfield, specially priced, only \$2,800, nice easy terms. You should talk with Cole to-night, office evenings 8 to 10, 321, 524 Sayward Bldg. 4

5 CASH and \$25 monthly, including interest, buys new, 4 roomed house on Indent avenue, next George waterfront. Apply at house. 429

MODERN—5 roomed bungalow, corner lot, 52x118, only \$3,500, \$250 cash, balance arranged; house cost \$2,500 to build; only 100 yards from Burnside car. Box 429 Times. 429

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

OR SALE—Thoroughbred young Jersey family cow, very gentle and milking, with her Jersey heifer six months old; price, cash, \$115. Box 1228, Times. 418

OR RENT—One suite of Southgate street apartments, furnished, \$35; one suite, unfurnished, \$25. Apply Victoria Plumbing Co., 162 Pandora. 429

RE-EMPTIONS—I can locate you nearest to Victoria on map. First come, first served. Box 1228, Times. 429

PARLOR—FOR RENT—rooms, bath, gas range, hot and cold water, hot water heating supplied free, over Fernwood Pharmacy, end of Fernwood car line, rental \$9 per month. Phone 255. 429

OST—On Burnside road, Saturday, 6th Dec., a young wire-haired fox terrier bitch, Howard upon return to Broughton street. 429

LARGE ASSORTMENT of Xmas trees, 25c up. Special arrangements for decorations. Trees over 75c delivered free. Foxford, 3905 Douglas. Phone 78. 429

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HEAVY ENGLISH MAIL. EXPECTED HOURLY. Parcel Post Due To-night or To-morrow Contains 2,050 Packages. The mails continue to grow heavier every day, and the post office has added several new clerks to the sorting and indoor staff during the past week or so. Extra carriers will be put on within the next few days, as the incoming mails are expected to reach a climax this evening or to-morrow with the arrival of the English parcel post and letter post, which is also expected to be a big magazine mail of Christmas numbers of the English papers. Lists arrived yesterday from Liverpool announcing that there would be in the expected parcel post, due to-night or to-morrow morning, no less than 2,050 packages. Yesterday a parcel post containing 1,225 packages arrived, and in addition to these is the usual complete number of letters which form such a heavy part of the mails at this season of the year. Ordinary packages at this season of the year come through without having

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KEENER MARKET FOR INTERNATIONAL COAL

STOCK IS NERVOUS. Issues Generally Showed Firmness but Foreign Favorite Declines. Corotation More Stable and List Resilient in Tendency This Morning. The list was resilient in tendency and although somewhat quieter maintained yesterday's improved feeling. Demand in International Coal is such as to betoken a keener market for the shares and both locally and in Vancouver renewed bidding is making itself felt. Corotation Gold is reaching gradually a position of more stability and while price action this morning on the exchange was unchanged from yesterday, outside interest is growing. Because of the fact that stock of the Great West Permanent Loan Co. is non-transferable until the end of the year, the bid was withdrawn to-day with offers at 120. B. C. Refining continues very strong with hardly an offering procurable in the shares. Bid. Asked. Balfour Patents, pref. 75 75.50. Blackbird Syndicate 125 125.00. B. C. Trust Co. 100 100.00. B. C. Packers, com. 115 115.00. B. C. Refining Co. 110 110.00. B. C. Copper Co. 200 200.00. Crown's Nest Coal 100 100.00. N. P. Mines 100 100.00. Can. P. S. Lumber Co. 200 200.00. Can. Cons. S. & R. 90 90.00. Corotation Gold 100 100.00. Dominion Trust 100 100.00. G. W. Perm. Loan 130 130.00. Granby 65 65.00. H. C. & C. 100 100.00. McGillivray Coal 15 15.00. N. P. Mines 100 100.00. Portland Canal 18 18.00. S. S. Island Creamery 120 120.00. Victoria Phoenix 120 120.00. American Marconi 80 80.00. B. C. Coal & Oil 100 100.00. Canadian Marconi 100 100.00. Glacis Creek 100 100.00. Island Investment 100 100.00. North Shore Ironworks 100 100.00. Bakeries, Ltd. 110 110.00.

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—The market opened in a lively way this morning and was steady and dull most of the time. There has been no very bearish sentiment, but a fair demand for No. 2 Northern and No. 3 Central. Receipts are fast running down, and to-day they were 705 cars in total. Higher grades of wheat are scarce. No. 1 N. W. No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

NEW YORK COTTON. (By F. W. Stevenson & Co.) New York, Dec. 18. Open High Low Close. Jan. 12.41 12.41 12.31 12.38-39. March 12.61 12.61 12.55 12.58-59. May 12.81 12.81 12.75 12.78-79. July 13.01 13.01 12.95 12.98-99. Sept. 13.21 13.21 13.15 13.18-19. Nov. 13.41 13.41 13.35 13.38-39. Dec. 13.61 13.61 13.55 13.58-59. Total sales, 287,000 shares.

LOSS OF ONE CENT IN WHEAT ON CLOSE. (By F. W. Stevenson & Co.) Chicago, Dec. 18.—It was not difficult to get the May price in this trade away from the 92 cent point, as has been recently the case. There was a natural decline and from thereon a dragging market ensued with over a cent loss on the close in each case. The trade took more notice of the Washington crop figures. A very high condition of wheat was bearish in effect and bear forces in the market took encouragement. Most of the important news for the session was on the side of sellers. The Liverpool market closed half lower, although Minneapolis reports big milling interests buying. Wheat—Open High Low Close. Dec. 92 92 91 91.50. Jan. 91 91 90 90.50. Feb. 90 90 89 89.50. Mar. 89 89 88 88.50. Apr. 88 88 87 87.50. May 87 87 86 86.50. June 86 86 85 85.50. July 85 85 84 84.50. Aug. 84 84 83 83.50. Sept. 83 83 82 82.50. Oct. 82 82 81 81.50. Nov. 81 81 80 80.50. Dec. 80 80 79 79.50. Pork—Jan. 20.70 20.70 20.60 20.60. Feb. 20.60 20.60 20.50 20.50. Mar. 20.50 20.50 20.40 20.40. Apr. 20.40 20.40 20.30 20.30. May 20.30 20.30 20.20 20.20. June 20.20 20.20 20.10 20.10. July 20.10 20.10 20.00 20.00. Aug. 20.00 20.00 19.90 19.90. Sept. 19.90 19.90 19.80 19.80. Oct. 19.80 19.80 19.70 19.70. Nov. 19.70 19.70 19.60 19.60. Dec. 19.60 19.60 19.50 19.50.

CANADIAN STOCKS ON THE LONDON EXCHANGE. London, Dec. 18.—Application has been made for a setting day and quotations for the Dominion of Canada 4 per cent, Canadian Northern Railway 5 per cent, and to allow the city of Saskatchewan 5 per cent to be quoted in the official list. Recent high condition of wheat in the province of Alberta, 2 1/2 discount; Dominion of Canada, 7-16 discount; city of Montreal, 1 premium; city of Ottawa, 2 1/2 discount; city of Prince Albert, 3 1/2 discount; city of Saskatoon, 1 premium; city of Toronto, 1 discount; city of Vancouver, 1 1/2 discount; and Western Canada Mortgage, 2 1/2 discount.

METAL MARKETS. New York, Dec. 18.—Lead quiet, 32.50. Tin, London, 217 1/2. Spelter steady, 3.15. In London, 221 7/8. Copper steady, standard spot and December offered at 34.25; January offered at 34.50; February offered at 34.75; March offered at 34.90; April offered at 35.00; May offered at 35.10; June offered at 35.20; July offered at 35.30; August offered at 35.40; September offered at 35.50; October offered at 35.60; November offered at 35.70; December offered at 35.80. Iron quiet, unchanged.

LONDON MARKET. (By F. W. Stevenson & Co.) London, Dec. 18.—London opening was result of weakness abroad, particularly in Paris, where a condition of semi-demoralization was said to exist. The market was flat and unattractive, and the bears' market was above parity.

MAKE DONATIONS FOR SWEET CHARITY'S SAKE

Collections Were Made To-day in City Schools; Gift to Children of Striking Miners. To-day, in order to catch the schools before the closing exercises, the Friendly Help Society made the usual calls round the various public schools for donations to the poorer inhabitants of the city. This course is taken in order to enable a more comfortable and enjoyable Christmas for the poorer inhabitants, whose straitened circumstances make the problem of living a difficult one, and who can only hope, in the words of Inspector Paul, in a circular addressed to the teachers, "for a little extra comfort at Christmas only through the kindness and consideration of their fellow-citizens to whom Christmas brings not only the necessities of life but a certain degree of luxury."

Both the city council and school board have authorized grants in aid of the excellent society, the appeals with the present state of unemployment being a considerable drain on the limited resources of the society. Preparatory to the Christmas season, but of a different character, was the donation of \$605 voted by the Trades and Labor Council last evening to make the children of the striking coal miners brighter and happier next week. This sum has been collected among the members, and will go to buy food and presents for the children of the miners in the area affected.

CHURCHES TO SPEND MILLION AT OUTSET

University Governors Convey Information About Theological Colleges to Executive. Rev. S. D. Chown, D. D., general superintendent of the Methodist church of Canada and head of the Methodist college which is to be affiliated with the university of British Columbia, came over from Vancouver this morning to confer with the board of governors of the university before the body met in a deputation to wait upon the provincial executive to-day. Dr. Chown's mission was as representative of all the churches, which propose to do theological work in connection with the provincial university, to convey to the board of governors information as to the amount of land which will be required to accommodate the different colleges, and also the amount of money they are prepared to expend at the beginning of the development of the work. The churches which Dr. Chown represented were the Roman Catholic, Church of England, the Presbyterians, Congregationalists and Methodists, all of which bodies intend to avail themselves of the facilities of the new university to train their clergy in this province. Dr. Chown was able to inform the governors that the denominations were prepared to spend a million dollars on buildings at the very outset of their career, and he also stated that this sum would be largely augmented in the development of the colleges under their care. It has been arranged that the denominations occupy each a separate plot of ground which will be chosen by mutual consent from the area set aside by the government for theology. Dr. Chown expressed himself as well pleased at the unanimity with which the denominations were working together in this matter, stating that four or five joint meetings have been held, and that on one occasion the denominations appeared in a body before the governors.

POWER PASSES C. P. R. IN MONTREAL BIDDING. (By F. W. Stevenson & Co.) Montreal, Dec. 18.—C. P. R. was down four and a half points from yesterday's price of 124.50, closing at 120.50, but at the noon closing it was a shade better at 121 and very active. Power was still more so, and touching 214. Otherwise the market was fairly steady and active and the news generally good. Ottawa Railway, 10; Shawinigan, 130; Dominion Bridge Co., 113; and Brazilian, 82.

MEETINGS. St. George's School—St. George's school, 1249 Rockland avenue, will hold its Christmas entertainment to-morrow evening when the Venerable Archbishop Scriver will distribute the certificates for the year. The proceedings are to be of an unusually entertaining character. Children's Aid Home—The closing exercises of the Children's Aid school, Pembroke street, will take place at 2.30 to-morrow afternoon. The Christmas tree will be shown at the same time. Annual Meeting—St. Andrew's and Caledonia Society will hold their general meeting in A. O. F. hall, Broad street, on Tuesday, December 23, at 8 p. m. All members are requested to be present. Business, nomination and election of officers.

SIX PER CENT INCREASE SHOWN IN IMMIGRATION. Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 18.—Total immigration during the first eight months, April to November of the current fiscal year, was 346,589, made up of 132,461 British; 86,272 American; and 127,856 from all other countries. During the eight corresponding months of the last fiscal year the total number was 271,053, composed of 136,813 British, 108,935 American, and 25,205 from all other countries. The increase is 6 per cent.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next Session on behalf of the City of Victoria for an Act to the effect following, viz.: 1. To confer upon the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria power from time to time to make, alter and repeal By-Laws for any of the following purposes or in relation to matters coming within the classes of subjects hereinafter mentioned, that is to say: (1) For regulating the location, construction and use of bus, shack, sheds, garages, barns and other buildings, which, if unrestricted as to location, tend to reduce the value of assessable property; (2) For prohibiting, licensing and regulating the use of such structures for the construction and use thereof in the City of Victoria, and in any parts or areas of the said City; (3) For permitting areas or openings to be constructed in or under any sidewalks and streets in the City of Victoria, and to make and collect an annual charge for the use of any such areas or openings previously constructed or hereafter to be constructed; (4) For compelling owners or occupiers of lumber factories, sawmills, slaughter houses, shoddy mills, crematories, tanneries or bone works, laundries, electric light works and carpet cleaners, and of any other place where any manufacture or trade process whatsoever is carried on in connection with the operation of which smoke, dust or effluvia is caused or produced, to install and maintain such chimneys or other apparatus as shall consume the smoke, dust or effluvia, or prevent the same from fouling the atmosphere or being blown or carried otherwise to other shops, houses or premises, to the inconvenience or injury of the neighboring premises or residents therein; (5) For regulating the distance from the centres of the street of all buildings hereinafter mentioned, and for prohibiting the erection of any such building except at such distance from the centre of such street in any specified area as the Council may deem advisable; (6) For regulating the measuring or weighing of any article, such as butter, bread, potatoes, milk and other articles of food, and for selling and forfeiting the same when of weight or measure, and for imposing penalties for light weight or short cut or short measure in any article, such as firewood, coal, oil, fuel, and other articles of food; (7) In the event of the Council of the said Corporation of the City of Victoria undertaking any work of Local Improvement the opening, widening or extending of any street within the City of Victoria, and for such purposes as may be necessary for the Council to enter upon, appropriate, take and use any lands or real property within the City of Victoria, and for the purposes aforesaid, in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, and the amendments thereto, the said Corporation will be entitled immediately upon issuing the notice mentioned in Section 22 of the Municipal Act to take possession of any and enjoy the said real property or interest therein, and shall not be under any obligation to pay the compensation hereof to the respective owners in a lump sum, but at the option of the said Corporation to be paid in equal instalments and in the manner provided in Section 22 of the Municipal Act, and the said Corporation shall be entitled to take possession of any and enjoy the said real property or interest therein, and shall not be under any obligation to pay the compensation hereof to the respective owners in a lump sum, but at the option of the said Corporation to be paid in equal instalments and in the manner provided in Section 22 of the Municipal Act, and the said Corporation shall be entitled to take possession of any and enjoy the said real property or interest therein, and shall not be under any obligation to pay the compensation hereof to the respective owners in a lump sum, but at the option of the said Corporation to be paid in equal instalments and in the manner provided in Section 22 of the Municipal Act.

men for the said Municipality shall be held in the month of December (commencing in December 1914), and the nomination for Mayor and Aldermen shall be held on the Wednesday immediately preceding the day of the election in December in each year (commencing December 1914), from twelve o'clock noon to two o'clock p. m. and the polling (if any) shall be held the following Monday from nine o'clock a. m. to seven o'clock p. m. 9. The Municipal Elections Act in so far as it affects the Municipality of the City of Victoria, but not otherwise, is hereby amended in manner following, viz.: As to Section 5 and all amendments thereto: By striking out the word "October" and substituting instead thereof the word "September". As to Section 15 thereof: By striking out the words "thirtieth day of November" and substituting instead thereof the words "thirty-first day of October", and also wherever the word "December" occurs therein by striking out the same and substituting instead thereof the word "November". As to Section 21 thereof: By striking out the word "January" therein and substituting instead thereof the word "December". As to Section 23 thereof: By striking out the word "December" therein and substituting instead thereof the word "November". 10. The Public School Amendment Act, 1911, in so far as it affects the Municipality of the City of Victoria, but not otherwise, is hereby amended in manner following, namely: By inserting at the end of Section 4 thereof, the words following: "Provided, however, that the said estimates shall be prepared and laid before the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria by the Board of School Trustees of Victoria, and the said estimates shall be subject to the nomination and election of a Mayor for the said City of Victoria as hereinafter in this Act provided."

11. It shall be the duty of the City Comptroller and City Engineer of the said Corporation to prepare before the 1st day of December in each year, to submit to the Council a detailed estimate of all expenditures which in their opinion are necessary to be made during the next current year. 12. It shall be the duty of the Council of the said Corporation in the month of December in each year (and not later than the 15th day of December) by resolution to adopt and approve an estimate of all expenditures of Municipal and all extraordinary and Local Improvement expenditures which in the opinion of the said Council are necessary to be made during the next current year, and it shall be the duty of the Comptroller and Solicitor of the said Corporation to prepare an Estimate of Expenditure for the said year based upon the said estimate adopted and approved by the said Council, and the said Estimate of Expenditure shall be considered and approved with all such amendments as the Council may deem necessary, and the Council during the said month of December. The said By-law, however, shall not be in force until the 1st day of January in the next year. It shall be the duty of the Comptroller and Solicitor of the said Corporation to prepare an Estimate of Expenditure for the said year based upon the said estimate adopted and approved by the said Council, and the said Estimate of Expenditure shall be considered and approved with all such amendments as the Council may deem necessary, and the Council during the said month of December. The said By-law, however, shall not be in force until the 1st day of January in the next year. It shall be the duty of the Comptroller and Solicitor of the said Corporation to prepare an Estimate of Expenditure for the said year based upon the said estimate adopted and approved by the said Council, and the said Estimate of Expenditure shall be considered and approved with all such amendments as the Council may deem necessary, and the Council during the said month of December. The said By-law, however, shall not be in force until the 1st day of January in the next year.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA IN PROBATE. In the Matter of the Estate of Janet Drever, Deceased, Intestate. ALL PERSONS having claims against the estate of Janet Drever, who died on the 22nd day of September, 1913, and who is deceased, are hereby notified that the same, duly verified, to the undersigned on or before the 31st day of January, 1914, and all persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay such indebtedness forthwith to the undersigned. After the 31st day of January, 1914, the administrator of the said estate, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice, will distribute the estate of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice. Dated the 3rd day of December, 1913. BOWELL & LAWSON, Solicitors in Administrator, John David Drever, 918 Government Street, Victoria, B. C.

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT. NOTICE is hereby given that A. Pulice and M. Pulice, carrying on business under the name and style of "Pulice, Grocers and Confectioners," have by Deed of Assignment dated the 18th day of December, 1913, assigned all their personal estate, real estate, credits and effects, which may be seized and sold under execution, to me, George W. Anthony, of Suite No. 407, Jones Building, Victoria, B. C., Accountant. And further take notice that a meeting of creditors will be held at my said office on Tuesday, the 30th December, 1913, at 2.30 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of discussing the affairs of the said firm. All creditors are requested to file with me particulars of their claims, and the names of securities, if any, held by them, pursuant to statute. Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 18th day of December, 1913. GEORGE W. ANTHONY, Assignee.

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### ISLAND ALPINISTS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

W. W. Foster, M. P. P., Re-Elected Chairman; Year's Work Discussed

It was with the heartiest unanimity that the Island section of the Canadian Alpine Club, at its annual meeting last evening in the Alexandra rooms, re-elected W. W. Foster, M. P. P., to the chairmanship of the branch, other officers being elected as follows: Vice-chairman, A. B. Morrell; secretary, Miss McCulloch; treasurer, Miss N. G. McCulloch; Miss Cowell, H. Westmorland, W. S. Drewry and R. D. McCaw. In the absence of the chairman, W. W. Foster, A. C. Wheeler, director of the Alpine Club of Canada, presided, and gave an interesting report of the work of the club during the past year. There are now, he pointed out, 600 members in all, and the season just past had been in every respect the best experienced by the organization. The Lake O'Hara camp had been attended by 195 of the members, this being the largest camp in the history of the club. The Robson camp was a great success, and the achievement of the party of three which made a complete ascent of the peak had been recorded among the greatest feats on the club annals.

Referring to the work done on the interprovincial boundary, the director said that this would lead to great development of interest in Alpine features, and went on to describe the Simpson Pass and Assiniboine country, where, he hoped, the club would hold a camp in 1915. This country he had gone to survey immediately on leaving Robson camp, and of all the beautiful Alpine tracts that he had seen in the Rockies there was nothing to compare with it.

Simpson Pass was accessible from Banff, by way of Healy Creek, and was open air-land in a rough about two miles wide. In the neighborhood were the pyramidal Pharaoh Peaks, Egypt Lake, Scarab Lake, Mummy Lake, Shadow Lake and other beautiful spots. From Simpson Pass they divided their survey along the Great Divide until they reached Assiniboine, the position and height of which had at last been definitely fixed, while a magnificent glacial amphitheatre had been found on the east side of this. In the neighborhood were many lakes, and taken all together he had soon no place to surpass it as a site for a camp. Later he hoped to give an illustrated address of the Assiniboine country.

During the evening there was some debate on the subject of a programme for the club meetings during the next few months, and although no definite plans were drawn up it was decided to have illustrated lectures by some of the leading alpinists of the local or any other section of the club.

Notes of thanks were passed in behalf of the energetic secretary, Miss McCulloch, and Director Wheeler, who had so capably filled the chair in the absence of the chairman, while, on motion of Mr. White, of Sidney, the secretary was instructed to extend to Mr. Foster, in behalf of the meeting, the congratulations of the society on his election to parliament.

### "MESSIAH" PERFORMED

Musical Event Takes Place in Nanaimo Before Large Audience.

One of the most interesting events that has ever taken place in the musical history of Nanaimo was the performance there last Tuesday evening of Handel's Messiah by the Musical Club of the city assisted by a number of well known soloists from Victoria. The oratorio proved a great attraction, and a crowded church listened to the excellent programme prepared.

Not only was the chorus at its best, but the orchestra played splendidly, and the soloists won general praise for the artistic manner in which they performed their work. Those who went from Victoria to take part in the proceedings were Mrs. Macdonald Fahy, soprano; Mrs. Gideon Hicks, contralto; Gideon Hicks, basso; and J. P. Jones, tenor, all of whom were in fine voice and rendered their various solos in accordance with the best standards of the work.

**GRAZING.**  
 A veteran, talking to his great-grandson, a little lad of eight or nine years, remarked: "Two generations ago my head was grazed by a bullet at the battle of the Alma." The little boy looked at the old man's head thoughtfully and said: "There isn't much grazing there now, is there, sir?"

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**January Sale Prices**  
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### Finch & Finch Ladies' Outfitters

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To shop at Finchs' this month means a great money-saving event.

### OBITUARY

The death occurred yesterday morning at St. Joseph's hospital, of Ernest James Elder, aged 41 years. The deceased, whose death followed a short illness, had lived in the city for the past twenty years, having for some time been employed as engineer at the Law Courts. He is survived by his widow and one child in Victoria, and by his mother, a sister and a brother in England. He was a member of the Y. M. C. who will take charge of the funeral arrangements, and who will attend the services in a body. The funeral will take place to-morrow morning at 8.45 from the Victoria Undertaking Parlors, and fifteen minutes later from St. Andrew's Cathedral. The deceased was a member of Court Vancouver A. O. F.

The death occurred yesterday morning at the family residence, 1716 Bank street, of Eunice Annie Marks. She deceased was 23 years of age, and a native of Newmarket, Cambridgeshire, England, where her parents, two sisters and one brother still survive. She came to this city in 1912, and her father, for the past ten years she had lived in this city, for the last five of

which she had made her home at the above address. She is survived here by her husband, Isaac Ernest Marks, and three children; also by two sisters. She had been ill but for a short time. The funeral will take place on Saturday at 2.30 from the B. C. funeral chapel.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Barbara LeClair took place yesterday morning at 8.45 from the Victoria Undertaking Parlors, and fifteen minutes later from St. Andrew's Cathedral. There were many beautiful floral emblems, and a large number of friends were present. Fathers Macdonald and Silver conducting the services. The following were pallbearers: Messrs. R. Chadwick, R. Lang, R. White and V. LeClair.

### MUSICAL RIDE

A crowded Liverpool tramcar (says the Liverpool Daily Post) was treated to a shrilly-whistled version of every tune in the abominable repertoire of ragtime. We would have had more had it not been for a burly, red-faced Irishman, who mounted the car in Pembroke place. He leaned over and sweetly asked the whistler, "D'ye mind me singing seconds to that chune? Bogob, it 'ud go better." The whistler stared, then there was a loud and grateful silence.

### CONSCIENCE.

G. P. Neale, for many years traffic manager of the London & North-western railway, in his "Reminiscences," gives some examples of "conscience money" sent to railway companies. A young under-graduate in 1884 (he writes) insisted on paying the railway 50, which he calculated to be due for the freight of the books which he had carried regularly among his luggage to and from college, and which he had ascertained were not considered legitimately to be passenger's luggage. Another correspondent sent in, "as reparation for going into a first-class waiting-room at one of the stations with a third-class ticket."

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