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## ANNOUNCED MR. ASQUITH HAS RESIGNED POST AT HEAD OF GOVERNMENT OF GT. BRITAIN

### Outcome of Crisis Caused by Demands in Motherland for More Energetic Prosecution of the War; People Learned This Afternoon of Step Taken by Statesman So Long at Head of Cabinet

London, Dec. 5.—The resignation of Mr. Asquith as prime minister is officially announced.

Right Hon. Herbert Henry Asquith has been prime minister of the United Kingdom since 1908, having succeeded Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman. His regime has been signalised by the greatest strides in domestic reform legislation probably in any similar period in British history. Among the important legislation carried into effect during Mr. Asquith's premiership were the insurance law, the budget, the parliament act, pension law and numerous other measures designed to ameliorate the conditions of the masses of the country. He has been an extraordinarily skilful parliamentarian, peerless debater and a man of great resolution and firmness.



## RAID BY GERMANS FOILED BY BRITISH

### Large Numbers of Enemy Troops Participated South of Loos

## HEAVY BOMBARDMENT PRECEDED ATTEMPT

London, Dec. 5.—"South of Loos, after a heavy bombardment, enemy troops in large numbers undertook a raid. They failed completely," says an official report dealing with operations on the British front in France and Belgium given out this afternoon. "Elsewhere there was nothing to report."

German Claim.  
Berlin, Dec. 5.—British troops attempted to make an advance east of the Albert-Warencourt road, north of the Somme yesterday but were repulsed, says an official statement issued to-day.

## GAIN AT CIK-SERADA ONE OF IMPORTANCE

### Correspondent Describes Success Russians Won on Western Rumanian Front

London, Dec. 5.—"While the momentous events which all the entente countries have been watching have been occurring in the south of Roumania the Russian army has not remained idle," says the Petrograd correspondent of the London Chronicle in a dispatch received to-day. "With strenuous efforts in the mountainous country, where railways are scarce and the roads deluged by autumn rains, Russia has extended her front southward about 120 miles—an operation successfully achieved now, but one which, if dense fogs had not fortunately shrouded it, might have proved singularly risky."

"The Russian troops on the great road from Okna to Cik-Serada drove back the Teutons and reached the valley of the river Trotus just at the time when German pioneers were prepared to blow up the railroad bridge. Here a lieutenant with a small number of men rushed unexpectedly through the mountains into the rear of these pioneers, captured them and prevented the explosion that would have destroyed the bridge. The Russian success at Cik-Serada was of great importance because the railway to Kronstadt was one of Falkenhayn's main lines of communication."

## HOLD TO DELUSION PEACE APPROACHING

### Berlin Papers Still Think Events in Roumania Bringing It Nearer

Berlin, Dec. 5.—Editorials appeared in virtually all the papers here yesterday commenting on the present political situation as influenced by recent military events in Roumania and economic conditions in the entente countries, and stating that apparently the sentiment for peace has been strengthened in those countries. A majority of the newspapers speak of the possible intentions of Ambassador Gerard on his return from the United States and of the rumors that a British ministerial crisis is impending.

"The Vossische Zeitung says: 'We feel the end of the war has been brought considerably nearer by the events of recent weeks. Even statesmen seem to recognize this, although their words lack clearness.'"

Anglo-American Solidarity.  
The Vossische Zeitung says peace negotiations were not discussed seriously in the United States until Great Britain's plight became apparent, and that this was not a coincidence but was due to Anglo-American solidarity, and continues:

"We ought never to forget that it is to the interest of the United States to support Great Britain's position for its own sake at the end of the war. In the United States everybody is conscious of the fact that a settlement of the question concerning the Pacific between the United States and Japan is only a question of time. The natural ally of the United States in the threatening struggle is England."

## PRUSSIAN ANSWER TO NETHERLANDS ON SLAVE RAIDS

London, Dec. 5.—According to a Rotterdam dispatch to the Times, Germany has replied to the Dutch government's protest regarding the deportation of Belgians in words which are tantamount to saying "mind your own business." The dispatch says that a diplomatic discussion is proceeding between the two countries.

## SUBMARINE ATTACK ON MADEIRA ISLANDS

New York, Dec. 5.—News of what is believed to have been an attack on the Portuguese port of Funchal, Madeira Islands, presumably by a German submarine, was received in a cable message to-day to the firm of Sillinger & Magnus, embroidery importers, here. The message said that the offices of the firm there had been damaged by shellfire to the extent of \$1,000.

## NUNGESSER BROUGHT DOWN HIS TWENTIETH GERMAN AEROPLANE

Paris, Dec. 5.—Lieut. Nungesser shot down two German aeroplanes within three hours yesterday, the war office announced this afternoon. These bring up to 20 the number of aeroplanes brought to earth by this aviator.

## MAETERLINCK CALLS ON STATES TO USE FORCE TO PUT STOP TO GERMAN SAVAGERY TOWARD BELGIAN PEOPLE

### Protests of No Avail; Only Force is Understood by Germany, Says Great Belgian Poet and Dramatist; Enslaved Belgians Compelled to Work in German First Line Trenches; Horrible Conditions

Paris, Dec. 5.—(By Fred B. Pitney)—"Tell the American people the whole world calls on them to stop the monstrous inhumanity of Germany. Tell them the whole world is watching to see if they will retain the spirit of their fathers, the founders of their great country."

It was Maurice Maeterlinck, the great Belgian poet and dramatist, who spoke thus to-day. He came to Paris from Nice to-day to send a word to the American people through the New York Tribune, a message in behalf of his fellow countrymen, suffering torture under German tyranny. He is on his way to Spain, but he wired me that he would come to Paris first to send his message to the United States. To-morrow he will go on to Madrid.

"It is only the United States that can act, that can help now," he continued. "The United States is the greatest of all the neutral nations and she has the strength and the power to make her voice heard across the boundaries of Germany. No other country is great enough, Holland and the Scandinavian countries being all too small. Spain, though with the best will in the world, is only a secondary power divided by politics and the church."

Policy of Action.  
"The smaller states have protested; now let the United States act. The time for protests is past. Germany is setting—let the United States act. Let the United States place herself at the head of a league of neutral nations with a policy of action—not to protest but to act, to force Germany to cease her inhuman policies of slavery and death to smaller nations. Perhaps a policy of reprisals would serve. But whatever it is, it must be a policy of action, not merely a weak, formal protest. Germany must understand that there is will and strength behind such a protest. Force is the only argument she will understand or heed."

Indescribable.  
"Does the United States understand what is being done to Belgium and the Belgians? There are no words in the human language to tell the story. There is no precedent in history. One must go back beyond the deluge. What Rome did to make slaves and care for them tenderly and preserve their lives and usefulness. What Germany is doing is wholesale murder. She seeks to destroy a race. Germany is practicing not merely slavery, but death."

"The populace of all Belgium is being systematically starved. Consumption and other diseases stalk through the land. The miserable inhabitants are dying like animals. Women and children are being herded into Germany to make munitions for the German army. Every man between the ages of 18 and 30 is being taken, not to German factories, but to the German trenches."

Work Under Fire.  
"There are 50,000 Belgians under forced labor digging trenches for the Germans back of Soissons. They are half-starved men, seized from the factories and dragged into the frozen fields of winter, clothed often only in a single garment, driven with the bayonet to dig trenches and set up entanglements. The Germans will say that the Belgians are made to work only in the second and third lines of trenches, but we know that they are compelled to work in the first line under fire, with the German slave drivers standing guard over them."

"How we have come to know these things we do not tell. To tell would mean death for some poor unfortunate in Germany. Only last Saturday I received word of the death of one of my friends. He had been seized by one of the German slave gangs and was killed in the first line of the German trenches back of Soissons, where he was being forced to dig a trench for his captors. That is not war. It is murder, butchery."

What of Belgium?  
"President Wilson said last Saturday in a speech at New York that permanent peace could be founded only on the principle of liberty for the whole world. Did he include Belgium? What liberty has Belgium? What rites of war are observed by Germany in her dealings with Belgium?  
"The United States signed treaties with Germany whereby both agreed to abide by the principles of humanity in making war. Germany has broken these treaties, broken her faith, broken her word. Now let the United States act. Let the great republic, at the head of a league of neutrals, force Germany into the road of humanity. No more words will suffice; there must be summary action. All the world knows the friendship the American people have felt for Belgium. All the world has seen what the American people have done for Belgium. Let them now force their will on the government and make the government act."

## STRAVINA FELL INTO HANDS OF SERBIANS; ENEMY DRIVEN FROM THE REGION OF ZOVIK

## TELLS OF TREACHERY OF KING OF GREECE

### Correspondent Describes the Clashes Which Constantine's Duplicity Caused in Athens

## IS A BLACK DAY IN HISTORY OF GREECE

Piraeus, Dec. 5.—December 1 is destined to be remembered as one of the most tragic days in Balkan history. On that day Greeks shed the blood of sons of Britain and France, the two great benefactors and well-wishers of Hellenism. This morning the opening of communication between Piraeus and London enables the telling of the story of events.

During the last interview between the king and Vice-Admiral du Fournet the latter told the monarch explicitly what position the allies intended to occupy. To that statement the king made no reply, and it was arranged eventually that no measure of force should be employed on either side. The French admiral had assurances from the king and government that public order would not be disturbed.

Out of City.  
The first treacherous move was played during the night of Thursday. Strong forces moved out of the city, the impression being conveyed to the populace that this measure was being taken as a precaution and that the absence of troops from the city would prevent any collisions. As a matter of fact, however, these forces were sent deliberately to occupy those positions which the French admiral had informed King Constantine the allies would peacefully occupy. These positions were the heights overlooking the Stadium and Zappelon grounds in which a detachment of French marines already was quartered. Then came the Philippapoli and Observatory hills, near the Acropolis, and in addition small Greek forces occupied clusters of houses on both sides of the Sigros road, leading from the city to Phaleron.

Finally, strong detachments took possession of the Rougas barracks, away from the other side of the Athens-Piraeus railway. Such were the Greek military dispositions early Friday morning.

Lost His Head.  
The allied forces at Piraeus were slightly over 2,000 strong. They proceeded in three sections toward the positions mentioned. A small force of several hundred British sailors reached the Zappelon building unopposed. It was the second force of French marines, directed toward the barracks, which first came into armed contact with the Greeks. This part of the affair was described by a Greek colonel. Two detachments approached one another, each having most strict orders not to fire. However, a Greek officer lost his head and someone fired. Both parties then sought shelter, and the fire from the Greeks being returned, the first fighting of the day began.

This little battle continued for the greater part of the day, till the French force was withdrawn at night. Here it was the fighting began, and here also the last shot of the day was fired, and the losses probably amounted to a dozen on each side.

At Zappelon.  
The most serious struggle took place at the Zappelon building, a vast hall designed for exhibitions, but now used as a military storehouse. What happened there makes it difficult to believe in the existence of anything but a military plot against the allied forces. When the firing began at the barracks Vice-Admiral du Fournet was at the Zappelon building, and without warning fire was opened from the heights. The admiral was standing with a group of officers and men outside the building when a machine gun opened fire and six of the group fell wounded. The admiral had a very narrow escape and the position soon became very serious. The rifle and machine gun fire became heavier every minute and the French and British were forced to return the fire, one of their machine guns being mounted on the roof. Then the treachery was added to. Behind the building lie the gardens of the royal palace, and from there, too, rifles and machine guns opened fire. The fire continued heavily all day, the Greeks eventually using shrapnel from the heights above the stadium.

The third scene of the fighting was on Philippapoli and Observatory hills, near the towering Acropolis rock, familiar to all who are informed of the topography of the classic grounds where are the ruins of the grandeur and glory of Greece of olden times. The advancing force of the allies found the Greeks on the heights in strong positions and here, perhaps, the heaviest losses occurred. For a long time the firing from rifles and machine guns was incessant. A heavy fire was coming from both hills, not only against the allied forces at the foot, but from a cluster of houses several hundred yards away on the right.

Shortly after 1 o'clock the Greeks on Philippapoli hill charged and, as they were in greatly superior force, took a number of French marines prisoner, the number being variously estimated at from 40 to 100.

## King Peter's Troops Carried Stravina by Assault; Zovik Set on Fire; Progress North of Paralovo; Contest West and Northwest of Bucharest; Enemy Troops Nearer the Capital

London, Dec. 5.—Serbian forces won further successes in the Cerna region and carried the village of Stravina by assault, capturing two howitzers, according to an official statement issued by the Serbian war office dated Monday evening.

The statement says that the village of Zovik, five miles north of Grunishite, is in flames and that the Bulgarians are retreating northward.

Paris, Dec. 5.—The Serbian forces are continuing their advance in the Cerna region, it was announced officially this afternoon, and have reached the outskirts of the village of Stravina.

French and Serbian troops have made progress north of Paralovo, in the Cerna salient.

The text of the communication follows:

"East of the River Cerna Serbian forces, following up their success of Dec. 3, have reached the outskirts of Stravina. All the counter-attacks delivered by the enemy have been repulsed with heavy losses on his part. 'North of Paralovo Franco-Serbian troops have made progress.'"

Roumanian Front.  
Petrograd, Dec. 5.—The Roumanians have been unsuccessful in attempts to check the Teutonic forces on the roads to Ploesti and Bucharest, it is announced in an official statement, which says:

"Roumanian front—On the Moldavian frontier, in the valley of the River Trotus and south to the valley of the River Dovlian, engagements still are proceeding. We again captured a range of heights but the enemy is showing stubborn resistance and attempting to restore his possession by counter-attacks."

German Statement.  
Berlin, Dec. 5.—Renewed Austrian attacks in the Carpathians and along the line of the Transylvanian frontier were made yesterday, but did not gain the slightest success. It was announced officially to-day. Teutonic troops recaptured lost positions.

In western Roumania Teutonic troops are pursuing the defeated Roumanians on the front before Bucharest. They are across the railroad leading northwest from Bucharest to Tergovlestes.

In the Danube lowlands Russian attacks were repulsed with heavy losses and the number of prisoners taken has been increased to 12,500.

The text of the statement follows: "Front of Archduke Joseph—Renewed Russian attacks on Capul mountain and northeast of Dorna Watra and in the Putna, Trotus and Urul valleys were without the slightest success. Simultaneously German and Austro-Hungarian troops recaptured by storm and hand-to-hand fighting a height position lost during the preceding fighting which was an important one for us. After these engagements, of which some were very violent, there remained in our hands on the Verchodoby, south of Tartar Pass, more than 100 men and five machine guns and on Mount Nemira, in the northern Citus valley, 350 prisoners and eight machine guns."

Mackensen's Forces.  
"Army group of Field Marshal von Mackensen—The 9th army during the pursuit of the enemy broke the resistance of the hostile rearguards and crossed the Bucharest-Tergovlestes-Potrosta railroad to the eastward."

"The Danube army, after the victory gained on the lower Argesu river against numerically superior forces, followed the retreating enemy in this sector. In the victory mentioned, the 217th infantry division took an especially glorious part."

"The left wing of the Danube army fought its way beyond the sector. The eastern wing in the Danube lowlands singularly repulsed Russian attacks."

"The number of prisoners reported yesterday has increased to 12,500. To the number captured by the 9th army a further 2,000 and to those taken by the Danube army 2,500 men have been added. The prisoners last mentioned belonged to 22 infantry and six different artillery regiments."

"In Dobruja there have been no major engagements."

## TRIAL OF FRANZ BOPP AT SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, Dec. 5.—The federal jury which is to try Franz Bopp, German consul-general here, and attaches of his office for unneutral dynamiting conspiracies was completed to-day. Opening arguments and introduction of testimony will begin this afternoon.

## ANOTHER CASE FOR PRESIDENT WILSON

### Italian Ship With 47 Americans Torpedoed; American Died of Wounds

Madrid, Dec. 5.—The Italian steamship Palermo, with 22 Americans on board, was torpedoed off the Spanish coast.

One sailor, reported to be an American, was wounded by a shell and died in a hospital at Palafrugell, Spain, where the survivors were landed. Three others were seriously wounded by the torpedo.

The Palermo, of 2,200 tons gross, sailed from New York on Nov. 15 for Genoa and Spezia.

47 Americans.  
New York, Dec. 5.—The Italian steamship Palermo left New York on Nov. 15 for Genoa and Spezia, and was last reported as passing Gibraltar on Nov. 23.—She carried no passengers, but had on board 47 American horse tenders. In addition to horses she carried a general cargo.

## BRITISH COAL FOR BENEFIT OF ALLIES

### Only Entente Ships or Neutral Shibs Serving Entente Guaranteed Fuel

Washington, Dec. 5.—Great Britain has given notice that because of the scarcity of tonnage and coal the government can no longer guarantee coaling facilities at British ports to other than British and other entente ships and neutral owners "who have undertaken to utilize their vessels in some such way that British or allied interests will be benefited."

## TWO NORWEGIAN SHIPS SUNK BY SUBMARINES

London, Dec. 5.—Lloyds' shipping agency announces the sinking of the Norwegian steamships Bost, of 1,452 tons gross, and Draupner, of 1,128 tons gross.

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### AMERICAN SUITS AGAINST SHIP LINES

Washington, Dec. 4.—The department of justice to-day asked the supreme court to dismiss anti-trust prosecutions instituted before the European war against British and German steamship lines for alleged combinations in trans-Atlantic and South American shipping, now dissolved by the war. The New York federal courts held that the suits brought against the American-Asiatic Steamship company, the Prince Line, Lloyds', Paul F. Gerhardt, Francis Zimmerman and others, should be transferred by the war "into an antepost" instead of a determination of a live issue.

The government asks the right to renew prosecutions should the alleged combinations be resumed when peace comes.

### COMING TO VICTORIA

Winnipeg, Dec. 5.—Mrs. R. H. Hadcock and her four children left last night for Victoria to join Mr. Hadcock, secretary of the military Y.M.C.A. work there. They will remain in Victoria until May.

### TWELVE MORE VESSELS SUNK BY SUBMARINES

Five of Crew of Nagata Maru Killed and Five Wounded

London, Dec. 5.—According to dispatches to Lloyds' shipping agency, the Norwegian steamship Hitteroy, of 1,260 tons net, has been sunk; the Norwegian steamship Erik H. Lindoe is reported sunk; the Greek steamship Demitrios Inglessis is believed to have been sunk, and the French sailing vessel Therese has been sunk.

Another dispatch to Lloyds' says that five of the crew of the Japanese steamship Nagata Maru, reported sunk on Saturday, were killed, and five wounded by gunfire.

The Danish steamer Yras, 441 tons gross, and the British schooners Grace and Zeker, small vessels, have been sunk.

Lloyds' shipping agency announces that the British steamship King Hledyn has been sunk. The King Hledyn, of 4,387 tons gross, sailed from New York on November 16 for Havre.

Paris, Dec. 5.—Reports from Bordeaux, Toulon and Brest say the following vessels have been sunk by submarines: The Norwegian steamship Bossi, British steamship Moeraki and the French sailing ship Robinson. All the crews were saved.

The Moeraki was a vessel of 4,341 tons and was owned by the Union Steamship Co., of New Zealand. The Robinson measured 186 feet.

Christiania, Dec. 5.—From the beginning of the war until November of this year, 242 Norwegian ships have been destroyed by acts of war. These included 152 steamships of 281,628 tons. The vessels were insured for 145,000,000 kroner.

New York, Dec. 5.—Information was received here yesterday from Montreal that the 3,250-ton British oil-tank steamship Palatin, under charter to the Standard Oil Co., had been sunk near Havre. The telegram stated that Capt. John G. Paterson and the tanker's crew of twenty-seven men, many of whom were said to be Americans, had been rescued by a British trawler and had arrived in London.

### ZIMMERMAN'S CRY AGAINST THE ENTENTE

What German Secretary Said Regarding Expulsion of Ministers From Greece

Berlin, Dec. 5.—The German government does not consider that the Greek government was at fault in connection with the expulsion from Greece of the diplomatic representatives of the central powers, the Reichstag was informed yesterday by the foreign secretary, Dr. Alfred Zimmermann. The declaration of the secretary, as given out by the Overseas News Agency, follows:

"On November 25 the Greek minister in Berlin, Dr. Zimmermann said, expressed the regrets of the whole of Greece that the ministers of nations with whom Greece was living in friendship and peace had been compelled to leave. The Greek government was unable to resist the pressure of violence, and Greece herself also is suffering in the same fashion. The Greek minister asked that Germany consider her plight.

"Dr. Zimmermann declared that not Greece, but her enemies, were responsible for the outbreak of acts at Athens, and that the fundamental principles of relations among nations had been violated. The entente could give no arguments for the expulsion of the ministers other than guns. The frequent declaration that the entente was defending the independence of small nations and upholding civilization and international law had not deterred them. For the purpose of obtaining further assistance the entente for a year had been pursuing a policy of degradation and thralldom which was unparalleled in history."

### BULGARIANS BEATEN; DRIVEN IN FLIGHT

Serbian Took Strong Positions North of Grunishite and Budimirtsa

Salonica, Dec. 4.—Via London, Dec. 4.—A Serbian official communication issued to-day tells of the capture of heavily fortified Bulgarian positions north of Grunishite and Budimirtsa and east of the Cerat river in Serbia. The text of the report follows: "After sanguinary fighting lasting several days without interruption despite the bad weather and the desperate resistance of the enemy, our troops by a brilliant attack yesterday captured an entire series of powerfully fortified Bulgarian positions in the region north of Grunishite and Budimirtsa. The ruins of the ancient fortresses above Grunishite are in our hands, and the Bulgarians are fleeing northwards, leaving a large number of dead on the battlefield.

"By this brilliant victory we captured numerous trophies, including five field guns and five caissons, many machine guns, a quantity of ammunition and other material, and many prisoners, who have not yet been counted. The number of guns we have captured up to now total 79."

German Statement. Berlin, Dec. 5.—The following official statement was given out yesterday: "Macedonian front.—The loss of a height situated on the east bank of the Cerat, which was taken yesterday by Serbian troops, and the alteration of a part of our position there in this connection, has no influence upon the strokes in Roumania, which are being delivered in an effort to obtain a decision."

### GERMANS PROMISED SOME GLAD TIDINGS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

London, Dec. 5.—Mysterious promises are being made to the Germans about glad tidings to be received by them before Christmas, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to the Daily Mail. The dispatch says that the recent hint of the Bulgarian premier regarding acceptable news for the Germanic powers is supported by a statement by the president of the Reichstag that that body may possibly meet earlier than the date arranged.

### AUSTRIAN STATEMENT

Vienna, Dec. 5.—The following official statement was issued last evening: "Front of Field Marshal von Mackensen.—The Danube has been opened. No approximately correct estimate is yet possible of the extraordinary rich booty captured; it increases hourly. "Front of Archduke Francis Joseph.—Although the Russian attempts to create a diversion in favor of Roumania are not yet concluded, the diminishing yesterday of the Russian attacks showed that the exhausted and strongly reduced enemy urgently needed a pause in the battle.

"Only on both sides of the Trotus valley did Russian forces continue their attacks with undiminished violence. At certain points they stormed as many as ten times, but apart from unimportant fluctuations they were repulsed everywhere."

### ON WAY TO VICTORIA

Winnipeg, Dec. 5.—Dr. Horace Westwood, of All Souls Unitarian church, left yesterday for Victoria in his capacity of secretary of the Canadian Unitarian church. Dr. Westwood will be absent two weeks.

### RELIEF ENDANGERED BY SLAVE RAIDS

Britain, on Behalf of Allies, Warns World Regarding Belgium

London, Dec. 5.—The British government, in conjunction with Britain's allies, has issued a proclamation regarding the "Present state of Belgium," in which a protest is made to the civilized world against "the slave raids" conducted by the German authorities in Belgium, and a warning given to the world "that the work of relief which neutrals have built up is in danger of falling."

The document, after reciting the assistance the allies have given in the past in the work of relief in Belgium, says:

"The allies stipulated only that the Germans should equally draw no advantage from the operations of the neutral commission; that they should not use imported or native supplies, and that the distribution of relief should not be used for the purpose of coercing Belgian workers against their consciences. These conditions, which the Germans were pledged to obey, frequently have been violated. But the infractions in the past have been disavowed by the German government, and the allies have been content to rely upon the neutral commission to watch and enforce the fulfillment of the conditions under which it worked.

All Pretence Abandoned. "Now, however, the situation is changing. The Germans have abandoned all pretence of respecting personal freedom in Belgium. They have become themselves the organizers and co-operators in man-hunts which they pledged themselves at the Brussels convention to put down in Africa. The machinery of Belgian industry has been totally destroyed and exports of Belgian foodstuffs have begun again on a large scale. The allies therefore must warn the world of what is about to take place. The central empires, as their own situation grows more desperate, begin to tear up every guarantee on which the work of the relief commission rests. They intend to cast aside all their promises and use Belgian foodstuffs and Belgian labor to support their falling strength.

"The work of relief which the neutrals have built up for two years is about to lose its foundation and is in danger of falling. Appeal to World. "The allies do not change their policy or desert the oppressed population of Belgium in this most critical moment of the war, but, as it would be impossible for the relief work to continue if its basic guarantees be destroyed, they appeal to the civilized world, not on their own behalf, but in behalf of innocent civilians who cannot protect themselves, to see that this great work of international benevolence and co-operation, which has grown up amidst the war and for which the allies have advanced money, shall not be endangered by treachery or destroyed by violence.

"But they remind the world that the German policy which stands revealed is being carried out, not only in Belgium, but in Northern France and all the occupied territories.

"The allies pledge themselves not to seek in the future any more than in the past, any advantage from the operations of this purely neutral commission."

### JOHN D. ARCHBOLD DIED THIS MORNING

President of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey Succumbed. Tarrytown, Dec. 5.—A noted figure in the world's petroleum industry was removed to-day when John D. Archbold, capitalist, president of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and officer and director in various other enterprises, died at his home here after a two weeks' illness subsequent to an operation for appendicitis. Death came at 4 o'clock this morning. For some hours the patient had been unable to receive proper nourishment and members of his family recognized last night that the end was near.

The funeral services will be held on Thursday. While the services are taking place Tarrytown's industries will suspend operation.

Mr. Archbold is survived by his widow, a son, John F. Archbold, and two daughters. Mr. Archbold was a native of Ohio and was 68 years old. In early life he was an oil refiner and buyer in Western Pennsylvania, and in 1895 he became associated with the Rockefeller interests, a connection that continued until his death. He became president of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey shortly after the dissolution of the "trust" was ordered by the United States Supreme court.

Mr. Archbold's death followed an illness of less than two weeks. He was operated upon for appendicitis on Nov. 23 and for a time seemed to rally. Later he suffered a relapse and the five physicians attending him decided that blood transfusion must be resorted to. Mr. Archbold's chauffeur volunteered as the subject of this operation and transfusion was performed on the afternoon of Nov. 29 by Dr. Edward Lindeman and Dr. George E. Brewer.

### ANNUAL MEETING OF BANK OF MONTREAL

Montreal, Dec. 5.—Two vacancies on the board of the Bank of Montreal were filled at the annual meeting of the shareholders yesterday, when Herbert Molson, of Montreal, and Harold Kennedy, of Quebec, were elected. At a meeting of the board of directors held following the annual meeting Sir Vincent Meredith was re-elected president and the vice-presidency, which had been vacant for some years, was filled by the appointment of C. B. Gordon.

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### CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—The following casualties have been announced:

Infantry. Killed in action—Pte. Thos. Chambers, Quebec; Pte. A. H. Cochrane, Russell, Ont.; Pte. Isidro Cooper, Kemptville, Ont.; Lieut. B. Cottam, London, Ont.; Cpl. D. Crooks, Capital, Sask.; Pte. H. H. Fillmore, Dutton, Ont.; Pte. F. Gagnon, Quebec; Pte. P. W. Gibson, Montreal; Pte. A. Guilme, Cornwall, Ont.; Pte. Charles Holmes, Edmonton; Pte. C. C. Jeffrey, St. Eleanor's, P. E. I.; Pte. T. Kneiler, Walsingham Centre, Ont.; Pte. J. LaBelle, Hawkesbury, Ont.; Pte. J. McKenzie, Cumberland, Ont.; Pte. F. Sikerse, Winnipeg; Pte. W. J. Spratt, Cumberland, Ont.; Cpl. A. D. Thomson, Pembroke, Ont.; Major S. L. Thorne, Toronto; Pte. W. C. Worster, Lennoxville, Que.

Died of wounds—Pte. W. H. Brignall, Odrift, Ont.; Sgt. L. Robertson, San Francisco; Cpl. Wm. West, Brantford; Pte. O. Clairmont, Quebec.

Died—Pte. R. K. Norman, Campbellton, N. B.; Pte. F. S. Smith, Clear Creek, Utah.

Missing—Pte. Wm. Howie, Calgary; Pte. J. Jarvis, Milton, Ont.; Pte. N. McDonald, Port Hood, N. S.

Previously reported missing; now killed in action—Pte. W. R. Underhill, Claremont, Ont.

Dangerously ill—Pte. R. Hill, Burch, Ont.; Pte. H. White, Parry Sound, Ont.

Wounded—Pte. R. Cameron, Rob Roy, Ont.; Pte. E. B. Dighton, Winnipeg; Pte. H. Duncan, Kenora, Ont.; Pte. Thos. Henderson, Winnipeg; Cpl. H. Hicks, High River, Alta.; Cpl. J. Maher, Newfoundland; Pte. L. C. Mitchell, Winnipeg; Lieut. W. H. Mitchell, Hillsview, Man.; Lieut. H. Neighbor, England; Pte. W. Park, Toronto; Pte. N. Prickett, Irracuna, Alta.; Pte. H. G. L. Smith, Lackford, N. S.; Pte. H. A. Smith, Sackville, N. B.; Cpl. J. Smith, Mitchell, Ont.; Capt. A. Allan, Turnbull, Toronto; Pte. A. Waugh, Lion's Head, Ont.; Sgt. P. J. Whelan, Newfoundland; Cpl. T. E. Binks, Ottawa; Sgt. A. Harris, Medicine Hat; Pte. A. Mowatt, Harvey Station, N. B.; Pte. Percy Mullin, Ottawa; Pte. E. C. Walters, Paris, Ont.; Pte. F. L. Ward, Ottawa; Sgt.-Maj. J. J. Wilkinson, Ottawa.

Previously reported wounded; now killed in action—Pte. J. A. McArthur, Glace Bay, N. S.

Wounded—Pte. G. B. Maxwell, Picton, N. S.; Pte. H. Sellen, Halifax; Pte. R. Young, St. Marks, Man.

### ARTILLERY

Killed in action—Gnr. Thos. Charbonneau, Sturgeon Falls, Ont.

Wounded—Gnr. A. Irvine, Fibroch, Alta.

### GREEK VESSELS NOT TO LEAVE BRITAIN FOR GREEK PORTS

London, Dec. 5.—The British government has prohibited the sailing of Greek steamships from British to Greek ports.

A Paris dispatch on Sunday announced that an embargo had been placed on all Greek shipping in French and other ports of the entente countries in consequence of the recent events in Athens.

### ENEMY'S EFFORTS WITH PEOPLE OF POLAND

Amsterdam, Dec. 5.—The Polish council of state shortly will be summoned and a recent, chosen from the family of the ancient Polish dynasty, soon will be appointed, according to a Vienna dispatch to the Cologne Gazette. The council also will give an important military post to Brigadier-General Pihudski, of the Polish Legion, in accordance with what the dispatch says is the expressed wish of the Poles.

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### CANADIAN POTATOES FOR UNITED STATES

Washington, Dec. 5.—The department of agriculture has ordered a relaxation of the quarantine against potatoes from Canada. Hereafter Canadian potatoes showing traces of disease will be admitted at any border customs house instead of specially designated ports. This action is expected to bring large quantities of potatoes into the United States to meet the high prices.

### GERMAN BABIES DYING FOR LACK OF SUGAR

London, Dec. 5.—An investigation into the increasing infant mortality in Berlin has established that the rising death rate is due to an insufficient sugar allowance, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. The dispatch says that it has been decided that each child born after Dec. 1 shall receive an additional half-pound of sugar monthly.



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### UPWARD TENDENCY IN THE RECRUITING

Two Weeks Ended November 30 Showed Increase of About 500

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—A slightly upward tendency in recruiting is shown by the figures for the two weeks ended November 30 given out by the militia department to-day. With the returns from Alberta still missing, 2,698 men volunteered during the fortnight, as against 2,379 during the last half of the month, an increase of 319. The Alberta figures will bring the increase up to over 500.

With Alberta for two weeks omitted the November enlistments total 5,072. In October the enlistments totalled 6,035. The Eastern Ontario military district headed the list during the last half of November with 623 enlistments. Manitoba achieved second place with 552. For the other districts the enlistments were: Montreal, 361; Quebec, 38; Maritime Provinces, 266; Toronto, 54; London, 216; Saskatchewan, 247; British Columbia, 222.

The enlistments since the beginning of the war total 377,295. The number of men who have been actually trained for overseas service, however, probably is somewhat smaller, as a considerable number of accepted men, for various reasons, have remained in uniform for a short period only.

The total Canadian casualties up to the end of November numbered 65,660, classified as follows: Killed in action, 19,329; died of wounds, 3,825; died of sickness, 526; presumed dead, 1,072; wounded, 47,187; missing, 2,797. The latter category includes prisoners of war.

Over 70 per cent. of the total Canadian casualties since the war commenced have occurred since the first of June. From that date till the end of November no fewer than 45,527 casualties were sustained. St. Eloi, Zillebeke and the Somme were responsible. The total Canadian recruiting and the total Canadian casualties since the

Month—	Casualties.	Recruits.
June .....	11,797	10,796
July .....	2,884	8,976
August .....	3,379	7,267
September .....	3,061	6,357
October .....	14,321	6,035
November .....	3,595	5,042
Totals .....	45,527	46,202

It is estimated that the casualty depot in England is reclaiming at the present time for further active service about 50 per cent. of the wounded and putting back in the field from these about a battalion a month. In addition quite a percentage go to permanent base duty. The latter go before a board six months later and from them are reclaimed quite a proportion also.

### FERNIE MINES AT FULL FORCE AGAIN

Fernie, Dec. 5.—Eighty per cent. of the morning shift of miners went to work in the mines yesterday morning and the afternoon shift turned out in full strength, so that the mines now are running at full force again. The coke ovens have not been restarted as yet, but this is expected as soon as slack is available for charging them.

International Board Member Rees returned from Ottawa yesterday and has visited the Lethbridge and Coalhurst local unions. He reports these mines are prepared to go to work and that all the mines in District 18 of the United Mine Workers of America will be producing coal this week.

### ASQUITH WILL ASK VOTE OF £400,000,000

London, Dec. 5.—The new vote of credit which the prime minister will ask the House of Commons to agree to on Thursday will be for £400,000,000. This would bring the total for 1916 up to £1,750,000,000.

### FRENCH LAUNDRIES.

Paris, Dec. 4.—Proprietors of laundries in Paris and the neighboring districts have decided to close their establishments on December 20 unless the government guarantees them an adequate supply of coal.

### AIR RAIDS ON OPEN CITIES DENOUNCED BY POPE BENEDICT

Rome, Dec. 5.—In his allocution delivered before the secret consistory here yesterday, Pope Benedict denounced the aerial bombardment of open cities and condemned all those who, he said, had defied the laws of God and man in the present war.

The pope concluded his remarks with a prayer that, as the new code of canonical law would mark a more tranquil epoch for the church, so also the time might come when the spirit of law might again be respected in the world and bring harmony and prosperity to the nations.

### STATEMENT ISSUED BY WAR OFFICE AT SOFIA

Sofia, Dec. 4, via London, Dec. 5.—The repulse of repeated Rumanian attacks in Wallachia and Dobruja is reported in an official statement issued here this evening. The statement tells of intermittent artillery engagements on the Macedonian front.

"The enemy tried an attack on our right wing in Wallachia," says the statement, "but was repulsed."

"Between Turtukai and Czeravoda there was artillery and infantry firing. In Dobruja there was artillery activity on the entire front. After the complete repulse of enemy attacks made for three days against our left wing between Satekeul and the Danube, the enemy today retreated definitely to his former position. Our advance detachments occupied Satekeul."

"Before Hill 234 we counted 600 enemy bodies. Two warships shelled Constanza, without, however, causing loss of life."

### CHURCH BELLS SOUNDED YESTERDAY IN GERMANY

London, Dec. 5.—Church bells rang all Monday throughout Germany commemorating the successes of the central powers in Roumania, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

The Vossische Zeitung says that the Germans now are in possession of 45,000 square kilometers in Roumania, which is double the territory they occupied in France. Between Nov. 29 and Dec. 3, the paper says, 20,774 Roumanians were taken prisoners.

### POPE BENEDICT SPOKE ABOUT SLAVE RAIDS

Also Dealt at Consistory With Bombardment of Open Towns

Rome, Dec. 5.—For the first time since the war began Pope Benedict yesterday held a secret consistory without a German or an Austrian cardinal being present. About 30 members of the sacred college gathered around the pontiff, all of them belonging to nations of the entente.

Pope Benedict appeared stronger and more energetic than ever as he delivered in Latin his allocution, in which special emphasis was laid on the passages concerning the war, the deportation of Belgians and the bombardment of undefended towns. Afterwards he created ten new cardinals, all of them belonging to entente countries.

Pope Benedict also confirmed the following appointments previously made by briefs: The Very Rev. George Mundelein as archbishop of Chicago; Right Rev. Ferdinand Brossart, bishop of Covington; Right Rev. Dennis J. Dougherty, bishop of Buffalo; Right Rev. John Lawler, bishop of Lead, S. D.; Right Rev. Jeremiah Harty, bishop of Omaha; Right Rev. Philip R. McDevitt, bishop of Harrisburg, and Right Rev. Patrick Ryan, bishop of Pembroke, Ont.

Pope Benedict also announced the appointment of Right Rev. Monsignor William T. Russell, of the archdiocese of Baltimore, as bishop of Charleston. Rev. James Coyle, member of the bishops' council of Fall River, Mass., was appointed a domestic prelate. Father Coyle will carry the title of monsignor.

WENT FROM VANCOUVER.

London, Dec. 4.—Sub-Lieut. Howard, of the Naval Volunteers, reported to have died of wounds, was farming near Vancouver at the outbreak of the war. He served in the fighting on the Gallipoli peninsula.

### AN EXAMINATION OF COAL CREEK MINES

Fernie, Dec. 5.—George S. Rice, of Washington, D. C., has arrived in town and in company with W. Fleet Robertson, chief mineralogist of British Columbia; Chief Inspector of Mine Thos. Graham, both of Victoria, and Mine Inspectors Charles O'Brien and Thos. Williams, will make an exhaustive survey and examination of the Coal Creek mines. This action is being taken in pursuance of arrangements made by Hoo, Lorne Campbell when minister of mines, after Mr. Campbell had made a visit to the locality after the severe "bumps" experienced on November 3.

The particular district to be examined is that of No. 1 mine east, and it will take some time, perhaps weeks, to make a complete examination of the areas which have been subject to the frequent bumping. The object of the task will be to find out as much as possible regarding the conditions, the methods of mining and the nature of the different strata, and devise, if possible, some method by which the coal can be mined and bumping prevented as much as possible.

A part of No. 1 mine east has been closed, and it may be that other parts of the same mine will have to be closed also, but it is thought that a considerable portion of the mine can be worked in safety.

### SETTLEMENT OF WILL OF J. MAW AT WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, Dec. 5.—A caveat filed by Mrs. Joseph Maw against the carrying out of the provisions of the will of the late Joseph Maw will be lifted in a few days as a result of negotiations for a settlement now taking place.

Mrs. Maw arrived from California today and, with other heirs, is adjusting matters satisfactorily through solicitors. Unless a settlement should be achieved the matter will have to be settled in the courts, a proceeding which, with its consequent publicity, would be sensational.

Mrs. Maw was the second wife of Mr. Maw and one of her step-daughters is Mrs. Robert Rogers, a daughter-in-law of the federal minister of public works.

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| Very Special Children's Hemstitched Initial Handkerchiefs, in three different colored borders—pink, sky and helio. Each ..... <b>10c</b> | White Lawn Centres, colored Whipena edge and colored embroidered corner. Each, <b>15c</b>                               |
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|  | Lawn Handkerchiefs, with imitation Armenian lace edge. Each ..... <b>20c</b>  |
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### ARTILLERY FIGHTING ON WESTERN FRONT

Paris, Dec. 5.—The following official report was issued last night:

"There was marked activity on the part of both armies on the front north of the Somme and in the region of Vaux and Douaumont, east of the Meuse. Everywhere else the day was calm."

The following Belgian official report was issued last evening:

"There was some artillery activity in the region of Dixmude and in the direction of Het Sas. Calm prevailed on the rest of the front."

British Report.

London, Dec. 5.—"Except for the usual artillery and trench mortar fire along our front," said a communication from British headquarters in France last night, "there is nothing to report."

German Statement.

Berlin, Dec. 5.—The following official statement was issued yesterday:

"Western war theatre—Army group of Field Marshal Duke Albrecht: In the Ypres and Wytschate head English patrols, after blasting, advanced against our positions. Some succeeded in enter-

ing our most advanced trenches. They were either overpowered in hand-to-hand fighting or they were repulsed.

"On the fronts of our other armies there was nothing of importance to report."

### SENATOR KERR DIED IN TORONTO LAST NIGHT

Toronto, Dec. 5.—The death occurred last night at his home here of Senator J. K. Kerr, K. C., formerly a Speaker of the Senate.

Senator Kerr had been seriously ill for 14 months and all hope for his recovery had been given up. He was a member of the law firm of Kerr, Davidson, Paterson and McFarlane.

The only immediate relative with him at the time of his death was his wife. His only son, Capt. Stanley Kerr, is on the Canadian headquarters staff at London, England. His four daughters also are overseas, and their husbands, too, are serving at the front.

Senator Kerr, who was a Liberal, was born near Guelph on Aug. 1, 1841. He unsuccessfully contested Centre Toronto for the House of Commons in the general election in 1891 and was called to the Senate in 1893.

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STILL IN THE BALANCE.

The fate of Bucharest still trembles in the balance with the odds in favor of the enemy. Russian troops, it is true, have checked the dangerous encircling movement south of the capital, where the Bulgars and Turks, after mounting guns for the bombardment of the city, were ejected from their positions in disorder, losing their artillery supplies and considerable prisoners

It is certain, also, that a strong second line of defence has been established northeast of the capital, possibly from Bodas Pass, in the corner of Transylvania, in a straight line southeast to the Danube at the western end of the Czernavoda bridge. If such a line were established and reached by the bulk of the Roumanian forces, in the event of Bucharest falling, it would greatly shorten their front besides bringing them closer to Russia, which must be their base of supplies

We do not overlook the fact that Roumania's predicament increases the responsibilities of the allies by lengthening the main Russian front, but there is no analogy between them and the enemy in this respect. They have ample numbers for new demands while the Teutons have not. The forced labor bill, the enslavement of Belgians and French civilians and the desperate attempt to enrol Poles in the Teutonic armies show how difficult it is for the enemy to bear the new burden to his groaning and creaking machine

pressing engagements elsewhere. During the winter the comparative inactivity on the other main fronts, due to inclement weather, may enable him to make some useful readjustments, but what is he going to do next spring and summer, when the man-power of the central empires will have been diminished by more than 1,500,000 through the ordinary process of winter wastage?

SERBS PRESSING FORWARD.

While the Roumanians assisted by the Russians are making a gallant effort to save Bucharest, the allies in Macedonia again are pressing forward. On Sunday the Serbs operating east of the Cerna, that is, northeast of Monastir, after several days' desperate fighting in the most unfavorable weather, captured a whole series of powerfully organized positions from the Bulgars, who are now retiring northwards

At this point the campaign has developed an interesting outlook, and one of very important possibilities. The Serbs are undoubtedly moving northward in an attempt to establish themselves behind the Babuna Pass and cut off the Bulgar right wing, north and northwest of Monastir, from the Bulgar centre, and northeastward along the Cerna, with the object of striking the railroad at Krivolak. In regard to the first movement, it may be explained that the Babuna Pass is the break between the two chains of mountains running north and south, east of Monastir. Through it runs the highway which connects Monastir with Veles, on the Vardar. Before the pass and twenty miles northeast of Monastir is Prilep, Babuna Pass, however, is easily defended. Indeed, it probably could be held indefinitely against a frontal attack from the army which occupied Monastir. But the Serbs who are operating east of the Cerna, in the region of Sovik, the town the Bulgars are reported to have just evacuated, are on the other side of the mountain barrier of which Babuna Pass is the gateway. They are between the mountains and the railway, and should they succeed in their northerly penetration the pass would be attacked on both sides and would be rendered untenable

That was what happened when the Serbian army retired from Uskub and Veles on the Vardar railway last year. They reached the Babuna Pass, the gateway to the Monastir plain, and organized themselves there, hoping to form a junction with the French, who had advanced into Macedonia to their assistance. Not more than thirteen miles separated the two forces, but they never came together. The Bulgars penetrated the gap and threatening the rear of the Serbs in the pass compelled them to abandon it. The Serbs now are trying to apply similar measures to the Bulgars. By working their way behind the barrier they hope to force the Bulgars to abandon the pass without a defence, and through it would pass the army which, after occupying Monastir, is endeavoring to advance beyond the plain

In conjunction with this operation the allies also are endeavoring to force their way to the Vardar, some thirty miles northeast of them. If they succeeded in this before the Bulgars confronting the allies north of Salonica were able to retire along the railroad, the latter's main communications would be cut and they would be forced across the mountains into Bulgaria just as the bulk of the Serbs last year when that same line was cut were squeezed southwestward into Albania. Moreover, the parallel would hold good in other respects. The whole of southern Serbia would be cleared of the enemy, who would be cut into two fugitive columns just as the Serbs were, cut into two retreating columns a year ago. Likewise Bulgaria would be exposed to invasion from the west and south. These are some of the possibilities of a continuation of the Serbian advance east of the Cerna, and if they are realized the allies will have gained successes which will more than offset their adverse fortunes in Roumania

UNCLE SAM'S RAILROAD PROBLEM.

Although Congressional intervention, at the instance of the President, averted the threatened railway strike in the United States a short time ago, it did not settle the question. It only postponed the crisis over the election campaign. The constitutionality of the President's action is now being considered by the Supreme Court, and if that body decides that Congress has no power to fix the hours of labor on the railroads, the situation will become as acute as it was before the much-discussed measure was enacted. It is the obligations of "strict neutrality" that compel him officially to dissemble his love

men by the companies operating the roads.

The distribution of authority between the national and state governments in the republic is the reverse of the system adopted in Canada. In the United States certain specific powers are delegated to the central body and beyond these Congress cannot go without first securing an amendment of the constitution, a difficult process requiring the approval of a large majority of the states. In Canada the specific delegation of powers is to the provinces. The railroad presidents contend that there is nothing in the instrument defining the powers of Congress that permitted the adoption of a law fixing the hours of labor on railroads or in any other public utility. The Adamson Bill, the title of the legislation which Congress passed, is to become operative on January 1, if the United States Supreme Court does not declare it unconstitutional in the meantime. It is not considered likely that this body will give a decision before the new year, although it possibly may be done. If the law is thrown out and both contending parties stick to their guns a very serious state of affairs which unquestionably will affect the whole continent will arise

THAT DRYDOCK.

Some years ago the government press, with a wealth of illustration and editorial eulogy, informed us that the largest drydock on the Pacific coast was going to be built at Esquimalt. Plans and specifications were drawn up and described in detail, and the gratified community was assured that work would be "commenced immediately" after the site was secured, and that it would be "rushed to completion." An engineer was instructed to recommend a site. Then another engineer was sent out to examine the situation in the light of a great illumination which had bathed Mr. Rogers after the first report was made. Finally, a site was secured after the usual strategical manoeuvres behind the scenes. Next parliament was asked to vote \$250,000 for preliminary work. Three—nothing else was done

This was two or three years ago. Every session since then parliament has solemnly re-voted the \$250,000 for the magnificent dock to be built at Esquimalt, but not a move is made by the Public Works Department to carry out the programme. The result has been the loss of a great amount of business by this port owing to the lack of accommodation for the docking and repairing of ships connected with the naval service, which are compelled to go to Prince Rupert or Hongkong. This is something that the Board of Trade might very properly take up, especially with a federal election hovering on the horizon. At least it might be able to elicit an answer to the conundrum: why vote the money if there is no intention of spending it?

New York Sun: Frightfulness is of itself sufficiently hideous to shock the civilized world, but when allied to efficiency it becomes a monster of such appalling aspect that the darkest pages in the history of mankind's past become light, entertaining, delightful reading compared with contemporary cable dispatches from Belgium. The high cost of turning a nation of free-men into slaves has led Germany to increase its tax levy on the Belgians from \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000 a month. Not merely are hundreds of thousands of Belgians expatriated as slaves, but their fellow countrymen are compelled to pay in cash for the perpetrated outrage. As a subjugator of alien peoples a century ago, Napoleon, the so-called Corsican ogre, appears in the light of recent events as a philanthropist and humanitarian, a merely experimental amateur in the high art of uniting theoretical savagery with practical efficiency

Comet B, a giant after its kind, is approaching the sun at the rate of more than a million miles a day. It will be visible to inhabitants of this planet about midsummer. It has been suggested that the advent of this great celestial visitor synchronizes with a change of government in this province, but it is a little too late to be accepted as a portent in that matter. Possibly it may be accepted as a warning of a pending change in the political affairs of the Dominion. It is announced from Ottawa that the Borden government will appeal to the country just about the time it will make its appearance

There is no doubt whatever that if Germany had had to deal with Constantine of Greece she would have handled him without gloves. The allies are merely tapping him gently with gloves that weigh sixteen ounces, or more. Perhaps a change in the British government may result in a revision of the rules

President Wilson's ex-officio utterances are said to indicate that at heart he favors the cause of freedom and of the allies. We take it, therefore, that it is the obligations of "strict neutrality" that compel him officially to dissemble his love

The war situation is not by any means cheerful at present. But let us not forget that we were repeatedly

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO PATRIOTIC AID FUND

Provincial Branch Received \$58,068 During Month of November

Contributions received by the Canadian Patriotic Fund, British Columbia Provincial Branch, for the month of November, 1916, amount to \$58,068.19—the sum of \$48,561.67 from provincial points and \$9,506.52 from Victoria city.

IS ON FURLOUGH

United States Prosecuting Attorney in China Passed Through Victoria Yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Holcomb, of Philadelphia, arrived on the Montague yesterday from the Orient and proceeded on the Seattle boat to the Sound, en route east.

Mr. Holcomb is the prosecuting attorney for the American court for China, for like the British, the United States has an extra-territorial jurisdiction in the republic for the trial of American prisoners. The headquarters are at Shanghai, and all except minor cases, which are taken in consular courts, come before the resident judge. "One quarter of the total number of cases," said Mr. Holcomb, "have been sent to us in the past year and a half, as showing how the work is growing. As American interests develop in the country, so will our work. It looks as if the effort which is being made to push American interests will have a material effect on our duties."

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occurred in the club and social life of the foreign residents in China owing to the war, the Germans and Austrians being ostracized now by the other nations. He proceeds later to Washington, D. C.

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**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY**  
Victoria Times, December 5, 1916.

The Upton liner Zambesi, from Oriental ports, via Honolulu, arrived at the outer wharf this morning, with a full cargo of tea, rice, oranges, matting, sugar, and sundries. She made the run from Honolulu in nine days. She leaves to-morrow for Portland, where she will discharge her tea, and load flour for the Orient.

The long contested lawsuit, Bowker versus Lammeister, has been brought to a close in the supreme court of Canada in the victory of the latter. This involves a tract of land 60 acres in extent, on part of which is situated the Victoria Jockey Club's driving park. Accordingly a general meeting of the club will be held when Mr. Rithet returns, to consider the situation.

It has been decided by the department of militia to move the powder magazine in Beacon Hill park, as soon as the new magazine is built.

**MAYOR AND ALDERMAN DIFFER ON MOTION**

However, Police Commissioners Will Reconsider Sunday Trading Resolution.

"If it ends in the tobacco stores in Victoria being closed on Sundays, it will be the fault of the police commissioners," said Alderman Johns in the city council last evening in submitting a motion, eventually adopted, to close up retail grocers on Sunday, whether they sold exempt or non-exempt articles on that day.

The motion asked the police commissioners, on the ground that the former resolution had been misinterpreted, to take steps to stop Sunday trading by all grocers, irrespective of whether they sold exempt articles in the way of food on Sundays. This latter point is the crux of the discussion, since the police commissioners have reported that only one grocer sold a non-exempt article on the Sunday that a watch was kept.

Alderman Johns in introducing the motion had started to criticize the commissioners for a vacillating policy, when the mayor intervened.

His worship: Be careful of what you say about me, or I will jump you on the spot.

Alderman Johns stated that while he had no desire to close the tobacco stores on Sunday, the conduct of the grocers by the commissioners would force him to take a position which might have that result, and for it the commissioners would be responsible.

The alderman complained that the test of the stores had been made after public warning, and the people put on their guard. He then dramatically produced a can of tinned peas which he said was bought the previous day at a Chinese grocery on Douglas street.

The mayor did not appear to be surprised. He said: "You can buy these things at any store, and bring them here, and claim that they were bought on Sunday."

The alderman: "Then you suggest that I am not telling the truth. Let me mention the name of Mr. Grant, of Pandora avenue. He mentions a case on November 28 when a man bought shoes, groceries and clothing on Sunday from Chinese."

Alderman Johns said he intended to work for the protection of the white storekeepers, against the Orientals, Greeks and others, who used unfair competition to get the business.

Alderman Todd could endorse what had been stated, and said the city's legitimate traders who contributed to the city revenue and were desirable citizens must be protected.

There was further argument between the mayor and Alderman Johns about the future of the former resolution, each putting a different construction upon it. The council finally agreed to adopt the proposal.

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Police Salaries.—The police commissioners have sent the police department petition for restoration of salaries to the council, who in turn at last evening's meeting forwarded it to estimates committee.

Soldier Arrives.—There was one returned soldier on the Vancouver boat which came in at 2 o'clock this afternoon. This was Sgt. A. Scott. Representatives of the Welcome Club and the Cheering Club were at the wharf to meet him, and from the Military Convalescent home there were others.

Hockey Club Dance.—The success of the Victoria Ladies' Hockey Club ball to-morrow night at the Alexandria club is now assured. About two hundred tickets have been sold and to avoid over-crowding special arrangements have been made. The orchestra is preparing special music for the affair and the programme is arranged so that while the supper is being served, extras will be played. The dance is in aid of the Returned Soldiers' Association.

**LIBERALS TO HAVE A CO-VOTERS RALLY**

Women and Men, Electors in Prospect and Fact, to Gather This Evening.

This evening the members of the five Liberal ward associations in the city, and their women relatives and friends, will meet together in the Alexandria Club at the first reunion of voters and prospective voters of the city.

As the women are now practically electors of the province, on an equality with the men, who have voted to extend the franchise to them as from March 1 next, it is felt to be fitting to provide opportunities for the two great branches of the electorate to get together as one for the consideration of public questions, and a meeting which would be partly social and in part educational was decided upon.

The earlier portion of the evening will be given to a musical programme, followed by some short addresses. Hon. H. C. Brewster, the new premier, will speak to his constituents and those who will be his constituents after the next revision of the lists. Mrs. J. W. deB. Farris, of Vancouver, a very fine speaker and prominent in women's activities in her home city, has consented to come over and deliver an address, especially to the women in the audience.

Refreshments will be served later on, and for those who wish provision will be made for dancing for a couple of hours.

**COUNTY COURT CASES**

Dates Set for Trials to Come Before Judge Lampman This Month.

The following dates have been set for county court cases to be tried this month before Judge Lampman: Cameron v. Ash, day to be arranged; Fleish v. Oak Bay Garage; Pooley v. Campbell, Dec. 6, 10.30; Goran v. Singer Sewing Machine, Dec. 11, at 2.30; Kirby v. Fairall et al., Dec. 18, at 2.30; Toms et al. vs. Bellard; Luscombe v. Ferris, Dec. 11, at 10.30.

Cases set forward from last month: Leonard v. Reid, sine die; Hickey v. Gray et al., sine die; Fullerton v. Rafts, settled out of court; Grayson v. Morrison Co., Dec. 18, 10.30 a. m.; Dickinson v. Lacourriere, day to be fixed; Gough v. Murray et al., Dec. 14, 2.30 p. m.; Lloyd v. Wales, Dec. 12, 11 a. m.

**OAK BAY COUNCIL**

Difficulty in Securing Street Lamps From Holland During War.

There was a short meeting of the Oak Bay council last evening with Reeve Gordon presiding, and Councillors Burdick, Jameson and Brown present.

The engineer reported that it was impossible to put in any more street lights until such time as they were able to get the lamps for the ones they had already installed. It was pointed out that the lamps came from Holland, and that it was almost impossible to get them while the war was on. Applicants for new lights will be informed of the difficulty. The report was in reply to an application for new lights on Hampshire road, south of McNeill avenue.

An application was received from a man wishing to lease the boathouse which he said he understood was at present vacant. He offered to pay \$10 a month for three years. He stated that the boathouse needed some repairs to the underpinning to make it safe. A reply was ordered to be sent to the effect that the present occupant had not notified the council of his intention to leave, and so far as was known was still in possession. The engineer was asked to examine the boathouse to see that it was safe.

Reports were received from the water and finance committees and ordered filed, and a local improvement by-law was passed, the council then adjourning.

Police Commissioners Decline.—As indicated in the Times yesterday, a small deputation of retail merchants, comprising J. Wilson, J. Fletcher, W. H. Bone, and W. H. Sweeney, waited on the city police commissioners late yesterday, and asked for the non-enforcement of the Weekly Half-Holiday during the Christmas season. The commissioners, however, were unable to give any undertaking that the law would not be enforced.

Women's Liberal Association.—A large and enthusiastic meeting was held at Cumberland, on Nov. 9, in the rooms of the Cumberland Reform Club, for the purpose of organizing a Women's Liberal Association. Mrs. Alex. MacKinnon presided and the following officers were elected: Honorary presidents, Mrs. J. deB. Farris and Mrs. Edith Smith; president, Mrs. D. E. MacFarlane; vice-presidents, Mesdames James Stewart, Alex. MacKinnon, J. Thompson and D. Pickett; secretary treasurer, Miss Loaring.

Recount for the Islands.—A recount of the ballots cast for the candidates in the Islands electoral district has been applied for and Judge Lampman has granted one, to take place on Friday next at 2.30 p. m. The application was made by Ernest Miller, late president of the council, on behalf of Major F. H. B. O., an affidavit from whom was filed in support of the request. The recount in Esquimalt takes place on Thursday morning. The ballots cast in the Old Country and in France have not as yet reached the office of the deputy provincial secretary, and no advice are to hand as to when or how they were forwarded from London.

**ALBANY STREET SEWERAGE**—The chairman of the streets committee, Alderman Porter, the engineer and health officer has been referred a complaint of some owners on Albany street that others are not making the necessary sewer connections, and septic tanks are overflowing.

**Meeting With Underwriters' Association**—The conference between aldermen and the board of the Vancouver Island Fire Underwriters' Association with regard to the reduction of the insurance rates in the city will be held at the offices of the association on Friday at 2 p. m.

**Rotary Dinner**—The regular mid-week meeting of the Rotary Club will this week take the form of an informal dinner at the Empress hotel, to which the lady friends of the members will be invited. The entertainment committee has prepared an excellent programme of musical events and C. H. French, of the Hudson's Bay Co., will give a talk on "Furs."

**Street Names**—Dr. Ernest Hall has drawn the attention of the city council to the phonetic similarity of names of the streets, like Heywood and Sayward, or Davie and David streets, particularly in receiving messages over the telephone, and suggests changes; also that streets outside the limits bear the same name as those in the city. The subject will be taken up at the next intermunicipal committee.

**New Street Lights**—On the recommendation of the electric light committee the city council last night ordered the installation of electric arc lamps at the following corners: Kings road and Victor street, Lionel and Shakespeare streets, Hillside avenue and Hamilton street, Acton street and Cedar Hill road. The total cost of the work will be \$210, and the city has most of the materials on hand.

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**BOARD OF TRADE**

**COUNCIL MEETS**

**Will Urge Upon Government Desirability of Opening Smelter**

At a meeting this morning the council of the Board of Trade, President C. H. Lugin in the chair, discussed the present status of the Ladysmith smelter. It was decided to urge upon the provincial government the desirability of the smelter opening for business and to suggest that it and all other smelters should be kept absolutely independent of alien influences.

In order to bring the matter to the attention of the government at once, it was arranged that the president and William Blakemore, who are going with the business men's committee to discuss the question of the establishment of iron and steel works with the ministry, shall bring this matter up at the same time. This committee has arranged to meet Premier Brewster and Lion W. Sloan, the minister of mines, this afternoon, so there will be no delay in bringing the matter to the attention of the government.

The attention of the council was drawn to the fact that the Winnipeg Auto Club had omitted Vancouver Island from their resolution regarding the National Highway. This will be brought before the annual meeting of the board.

A copy of a resolution passed in Montreal regarding the care of returned soldiers and their reception was discussed, and it was ordered that a recent resolution of the local board in regard to the same matter be sent to Montreal along with a letter explaining just what is being done here.

The thanks of the board will be forwarded to Fire Chief Davis for a statement received from him showing the fire losses of the city in comparison with those in other cities.

A resolution was passed calling upon the Dominion government to employ interned aliens on public works.

The council of the board decided to support Duncan in its efforts to secure the provincial poultry show at that city next year.

A vacancy on the council was filled by the appointment of C. T. Cross to act until the end of the current year.

In view of the fact that a visit is expected from Premier Borden arrangements are being made for the board to meet him in order to discuss a number of questions.

**THREE MONTHS FOR BEING IN POSSESSION**

**Thomas Griffin Sentenced This Morning by Judge Lampman**

Thomas Griffin, alias Thomas Avery, was this morning sentenced by Judge Lampman to three months' imprisonment for being in possession of stolen goods. The case was tried yesterday and an adjournment taken until this morning in order that the defence might have an opportunity to bring witnesses to prove the good character of the accused. There were two counts, one of being in possession of a launch, the property of Frederick William Patton, to which the prisoner pleaded not guilty, but of which he was convicted. The other was for being in possession of a ship's bell and other trawlerwork knowing them to have been stolen, to which he pleaded guilty. F. J. Stapole, K.C., appeared for the crown and J. S. Brandon for the defence.

In proving the first case, F. W. Patton, the owner of the boat, told of having left it lying on the Indian reserve at the beginning of last winter and of having seen it from time to time. Just after the big snow he missed the boat and later found accused in possession of it on the reserve about three hundred yards from where he left it. The combings had been partly removed and a house built on it, but he identified the boat beyond question.

Alfred John Patton, solicitor, told of having seen the launch tied up on the reserve and of going with Detective Macdonald to identify the one found on Sisters Point. He knew the launch from a patch that he had put in the hull several years ago when he was in possession of it for a time.

Detective Macdonald told a similar story, adding that the witness had said he lived at 3127 Blackwood street with his wife, but that when he visited the house mentioned there was no one there.

Griffin said that he had found the boat on the waterfront at the foot of Washington avenue. He was working for George Powell at that time. He haled the launch out and took it to a place near Cameron's mill, where it lay for two and a half months. Then he took it across the harbor to the place where it was found. It looked to be a pretty old boat and he thought it was abandoned. He had told the police a story about having bought the boat, but that was not true.

Mr. Brandon asked that the case be dismissed as the boat evidently had the appearance of being abandoned and he had made no attempt to hide it. In fact he had brought it back to very nearly the place from which the owners say it had been taken. The boat had not even been painted in order to change its appearance.

His honor said that he was convinced accused had stolen the boat or he would not have lied to the police and acted in the manner in which he had.

The accused then pleaded guilty to

the second offence and Mr. Brandon in defence said that originally there were two men charged, but that the other had been allowed to go. If accused could tell his story he would say that he was not the one who had the goods. While he was guilty he had been led astray and on that account asked for leniency.

Richard G. Foster and E. Henderson this morning testified to knowing the accused and not having known anything unfavorable about him. He was at one time a member of the 8th Regiment here and when the band was

dropped he withdrew from the regiment.

Griffin expressed willingness to join an overseas unit if allowed out on suspended sentence, but Judge Lampman did not think suspended sentence adequate to the offence. He was given three months on each of the counts, the sentences to run concurrently, and prisoner to be allowed to retain his own tools.

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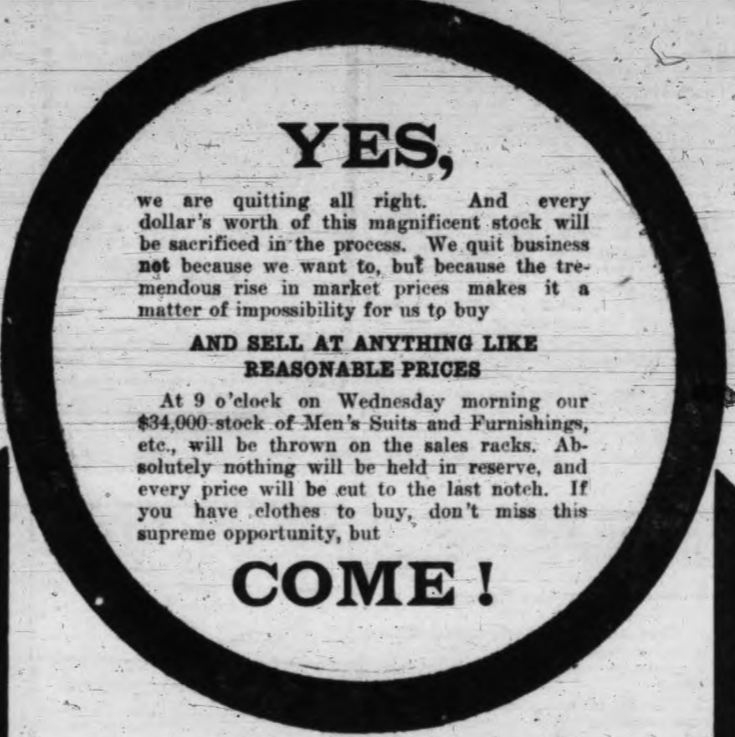
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Helford Estuary, which has been acquired by the Duchy of Cornwall, with the sanction of the Prince of Wales, for the purpose of oyster farming, is admirably suited for reviving an old Cornish industry and supplying a fresh source of "war food." It has a vast expanse of rich mud which makes an ideal feeding ground for fattening Sala's "succulent bivalves." Formerly oysters from this estuary were more highly esteemed by epicures than the best "natives" bred on the London clay. The industry died through lack of enterprise, technical knowledge, and easily accessible markets. Centuries ago Hel-

ford Estuary was renowned not only for oysters, but for pirates who had, according to Carey, "eyes in their backs."—London Chronicle.

"Michael the Brave," before whose statue at Bucharest the Roumanians are displaying their war trophies, is the national hero of our brave allies. Born in 1558, the son of a Wallachian chieftain, he became divan of the province in 1593, partly through the influence of the English ambassador at Constantinople, Edward Barton, but quickly rebelled against his suzeran, the sultan, and, after two overwhelming

victories in 1596 and 1597, freed the Roumanian people for a while from the Turkish yoke. His ambition led to assaults on neighboring provinces which brought the whole Roumanian race under one rule for the first and only time in modern history, but his career was ended by an assassin's blade in September 1601. Michael and his adventures form the basis of a great mass of cherished Roumanian traditions.—London Chronicle.

The prisoner had for the tenth time been convicted for theft and to avoid punish-

ment for his last offence had promised to enlist. The judge was greatly perplexed as to what degree of leniency he should deal out. Addressing the counsel he remarked: "It is difficult to see what use such a man as your client would be in the army." Counsel for the defence, in a desperate effort to say something in the prisoner's favor, replied: "Well, my lord, he might be usefully employed in stealing a march on the enemy."

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Table with columns: Steamer, Master, Tonnage, Agents, For, Due. Includes sections for DEEP SEA ARRIVALS, DEEP SEA DEPARTURES, COASTWISE SERVICES, and For Vancouver/Seattle/Port Angeles.

WORLD'S TONNAGE CLASSIFIED AT LLOYD'S

Register on June 30 Contained 10,032 Vessels, of 23 Million Tons Gross

PLANS OF 742 BOATS PASSED DURING YEAR

In few industries has the effect of the war been more widespread and far-reaching than in the domain of shipping. The annual report of Lloyd's Register of Shipping, the disappearance from the high seas of the merchant fleets of Germany and Austria-Hungary, and the continued losses of allied and neutral shipping, combined with the enormous demands which the war has made upon available tonnage, produced a shortage which has stimulated the building of ships in every country free to engage in ship construction.

WAIKUNA PASSES OUT

Bound for New Zealand and Australia the Union freighter Waikuna passed out from Union bay at 2.30 a.m. today. The steamer carries a big shipment of paper loaded at Powell-River and will complete her return cargo at San Francisco.

ATLANTIC MOVEMENTS

The C. P. O. S. liner Missanabik, from Liverpool, reached St. John, N. B., at 10.30 a.m. yesterday. The liner Ionian arrived at London 6 a.m. December 1.

MONTEAGLE BRINGS REMARKABLE STORY

Liner Tjikembang Believed to Have Sustained Shock From Submarine Volcano

With the arrival of the C. P. R. liner Monteaagle yesterday from the Orient a remarkable story was told of an alarming and extraordinary experience which befel the Java-Pacific steamship Tjikembang, bound from San Francisco to Batavia. When she was to the south of Nagasaki the vessel was shaken violently from stem to stern, and the masts oscillated so greatly that the wireless aeriels broke with the strain. It was feared that the ship's back was broken, but it was impossible to send out an S. O. S. call owing to the wireless being out of commission. Lights were shown as signals to advise other vessels that the Tjikembang was unable to manoeuvre.

WIRELESS REPORT

December 5, 8 a.m. Point Grey—Cloudy; calm; 29.88; 30; sea smooth. Cape Lazo—Cloudy; N. W. light; 29.83; 32; sea smooth. Pachena—Cloudy; E. 29.82; 32; light swell. Estevan—Cloudy; calm; 29.62; 40; sea moderate. Alert Bay—Cloudy; calm; 29.61; 31; sea smooth. Triangle—Cloudy; S. W. light; 29.80; 33; sea moderate. Spoke str City of Seattle, 11.15 p.m., 20 miles north of Cape Calvert, southbound; spoke str Princess Maquina, 12.15 a.m., off Pine Island, southbound; spoke str Princess Beatrice, 3.15 a.m., off Egg Island, southbound. Dead Tree Point—Snow; calm; 29.68; 25; sea smooth. Ikeda Bay—Snow; calm; 29.49; 30; sea smooth. Prince Rupert—Cloudy; calm; 29.55; 31; sea smooth. Point Grey—Cloudy; calm; 29.83; 37; sea smooth. Cape Lazo—Snow; N. W. light; 29.84; 34; sea smooth. Spoke str Valdez, 11 a.m., abeam Cape Mudge, northbound; spoke str Princess Maquina, 11 a.m., leaving Campbell River; southbound. Pachena—Clear; calm; 29.81; 52; sea moderate. Estevan—Cloudy; calm; 29.61; 45; sea moderate. Alert Bay—Overcast; calm; 29.60; 24; sea smooth. Str Princess Beatrice at Alert Bay, 11.15 a.m., southbound; spoke str Prince George, noon, off Pine Island, northbound. Triangle—Cloudy; N. W. light; 29.80; 33; sea smooth. Dead Tree Point—Snow; calm; 29.70; 25; sea smooth. Ikeda Bay—Cloudy; calm; 29.44; 53; sea smooth. Prince Rupert—Snow; S. W. fresh; 29.50; 34; sea smooth. Spoke str Alaska, 11 a.m., Brown's Passage, southbound.

TAMBA FROM HONGKONG

W. R. Dale, local agent for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, is advised that the Japanese liner Tamba Maru will arrive here on January 18 from Hongkong. This vessel was formerly in the Kobe-Victoria service, but on her last outward trip was routed through to Hongkong, replacing the Sado Maru. In future the latter ship will ply here from Kobe.

TIDE TABLE

Table with columns: Date, Time, Height. Includes a note: 'The time used is Pacific standard, for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water. Where blanks occur in the tables, the tide rises or falls continuously during two successive tidal periods without turning. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot, above the average level of lower low water.'

JAPAN EXPECTED TO PASS BEFORE SUNDOWN

Conflicting Reports Straightened Out and Liner is Looked for This Evening

With but 30 minutes to spare before official sundown the C. P. O. S. liner Empress of Japan is expected to reach William Head at 4 p.m. today from Hongkong and Yokohama. This time of arrival was confirmed today in a telegram from Capt. Edward Beetham, marine superintendent, to the local agents. Owing to conflicting wireless reports some doubt has existed regarding the time the two-stacker would complete her voyage from the Orient. Yesterday Capt. Beetham advised the Victoria office that the Empress would make the quarantine station at 10 a.m. today, but a later wireless message direct from the ship stated that she would arrive on Wednesday. Captain Beetham immediately got in wireless touch with the Japan with a view to learning something more definite, and Capt. W. Dixon H. Craft sent back another radiogram to the effect that he expected to make William Head by 4 p.m. today. Thus the mystery concerning the arrival of the Empress of Japan has been satisfactorily cleared up.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—Arrived: Br str Newby, from Yokohama; str President, from Seattle; str Maitai, from Wellington. Sailed: Str Adelaide Smith, for Coos Bay. Passed: Str Baja California, from Tacoma, via Seattle and Everett, for the West Coast. Portland, Ore., Dec. 4.—Arrived: Str Tiverton, from San Francisco. Sailed: Str Flavel, for Seattle. Str Northern Pacific, from San Francisco. Seattle, Dec. 4.—Arrived: Str Humboldt, Southern Alaska; str Governor, San Diego, via San Francisco and Victoria. B. C.; str Elhu Thomson, Quartermaster Harbor; str F. S. Loop, Port Gamble; str Colusa, Tacoma; str Alameda, Tacoma; str Trader, Victoria. B. C. Sailed: Str Admiral Selkirk, San Francisco; str Admiral Goodrich, Southern Alaska; str Port Blakeley, str Al-Ki, Southeastern Alaska; str Umattila, Vancouver; str Trader, Victoria. B. C. That resounding termination to so many Greek statesmen's names "opoulis," is merely one of the many "Greek equivalents of our 'son.' The frequency of the ending, varied by "ides," "akos," or "akes," points to an emergency. Before the Turkish domination was destroyed the non-aristocratic section of the Greeks had no surnames, and these had to be found quickly along the lines of our Robinsons and Hendersons. Other ways of creating Greek surnames were tried. Thus, "Metaxas" will have had a father or grandfather who wove silk; while "Petalias" will furnish the surname of a man whose father was a blacksmith, but had no name other than plain Socrates. Higher in the social scale, families were known by their descent, as in the case of the Venetians, who came centuries ago from Venice.—London Chronicle.

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Table with columns: Date, Sunrise, Sunset. Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific standard time) at Victoria, B. C., for the month of December, 1916.

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# SPORTING NEWS

## MAISEL WAS USEFUL PLAYER LAST SEASON

### Montreal Royals Used Him Both in the Infield and Outfield

George Maisei, who is likely to be with Detroit Tigers next season, was one of the most dependable players on the Royals last season, according to the official fielding averages, issued at Montreal. Maisei was used both in the infield and outfield. In the outfield he acquired a fielding mark of .971, while as an infielder his efforts topped the league, and by an odd coincidence, his average there was the same as in the outfield, .971. Joe Wagner, Royals' regular shortstop, had a fielding average of .927. Almeida in his brief stay compiled a short-stopping average of .918, and pitcher Charlie Fullerton, doing duty in times of stress on the same job, had a figure of .829. Royals were sixth in club fielding with .956.

Roy Smythe, the red-topped flash, who will probably be with Brooklyn next season, pulled off a perfect outfield average, being one of the five International players to get by with the 1,000 mark. Shorten, of Newark, was the other regular to field perfectly. Horrie Moran acquires a mark of .967. Ted Cather fielded for .957 and big Paul Smith for .950.

Harry Damrau's erratic play at third landed him very low among the regular hot-corner workmen with .912 as his fielding figure. Jack Slattery led the regular first basemen of the league with .991. Red Smythe while second basing got a fielding average of .951, and Wagner on this position fielded for .929. Midden was the best of the Royals' catchers, with a fielding average of .973, while Bobby Wells had .951 and Manager Dan Howley the same.

Shocker, of the Leafs, led the regular pitchers, Jack Cadore being the most useful Montreal flinger. The averages of the Montreal pitching staff are:

Cadore	43-25	14	.441
Fullerton	33-19	12	.613
Goodbred	37-14	14	.500
Cotwell	31-10	2	.455
Prieste	6-1	3	.250
S. Smith	9	2	.000

## FOOTBALL IS COSTLY

### Outfit of Each Player on Big College Teams Costs No Less Than \$225

Talk about private yachts and polo strings, none of them are in it with the financial strain involved in putting a big college eleven in its first match. It costs not a cent less than \$225 per man to outfit the modern football team. The equipment of the Pennsylvania eleven for the 1916 season, for instance, will include no less than 700 pairs of shoes and stockings of the most expensive sort, as well as jerseys, sweaters, moleskins and other armor by the dozen. Several hundred footballs also have to be laid in in anticipation of a busy season on the gridiron. Aside from the actual equipment and maintenance of the players, here are the salaries of the coaches, rainers and their small legion of assistants. Football expense begins months before the first kick-off in the fall. For instance, there were several men at work all summer at Franklin Field, University of Pennsylvania, rolling the gridiron, raking it for small stones, rebedding it with fresh sand, and getting the field into general first-class condition. This all costs real money.

## BASKETBALL FRIDAY

Two basketball games will take place in the gymnasium of the First Presbyterian church on Friday evening, the first starting at 8 o'clock. An intermediate team from the Congregational church will play the Presbyterian intermediate, following which the James Bay Methodists and the First Presbyterian senior teams will be matched against each other.

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## REGARDS BASEBALL WITH MUCH AWE

### Brighton Journal Replies to Comments Made on Its De- scription of Game

The Brighton Herald of recent date contained the following: "Somewhat late in the day a copy of the Brighton Herald containing a report of the reception given in the summer to some of the Canadian troops that visited Brighton, seems to have reached the Victoria Daily Times, published in British Columbia. Alas for the fame of Howe, the journal states that the Canadians arrived in 'Brighton and Howe.' It is evident, it continues, that the Canadians were given a great day. It then goes on to quote the Herald's description of the strenuous nature of a game of baseball that was played by the Canadians in Preston Park. In the course of the description we said, 'It struck a mere Briton that if Canadians took upon baseball as fun, it is no wonder that they take the dangers of the trenches as lightheartedly.' The Victoria Journal comments at the end, 'That is quite a description of a ball game, but one has a feeling of doubt as to whether the writer was trying to describe the game or to gloat it.'"

"We beg to assure the Victoria Daily Times that we were in no sense intending to gloat the game. We regarded it with far too much awe for that. 'The extract has the characteristic heading of 'Baseball As Seen by English Writer' in heavy black type, and then in subsidiary lines, 'No Wonder Canadians Take Trenches Lightly,' Says British Scribe.'"

## BANTAMS DEFEATED

### Rugby Game at Vancouver Won by 68th Battery.

After a strenuous contest which, generally speaking, featured force to the exclusion of skill, the 68th Battery, of Vancouver, on Saturday proved themselves to be the better rugby team, winning from their visitors from Victoria, the popular 143rd Battalion, by 3 goals (one dropped) and 1 try to nil. The first half had nearly expired before Holland, of the Battery, scored his usual try after his own inimitable style, gathering, outside the Bantams' 25-yard line, and dashing under the posts after a straight, sweeping run that seems to baffle most defenders. He converted the score and half-time arrived with the Gunners leading by five points. Although playing gamely all through the latter half of the contest the Bantams were always on the defence, and after the lapse of ten minutes Kayll increased the Battery's lead, after a fierce forward rush, the kick at goal falling. Although the Bantams lost the game their play was such as to merit great expectations for the work that they will do in matches which are to follow.

## JESS WILLARD WILL MEET CARPENTIER

New York, Dec. 5.—Georges Carpentier, heavyweight champion of France, and Jess Willard, world champion, are virtually matched for a 10-round no-decision bout to be fought in this city within the next two months. While the final signatures of the pugilists have not been secured, the verbal consent of both heavyweights has been obtained and they are now waiting for the articles of agreement to be forwarded to them.

The sum of \$40,000 from the profits of the match is to go to the French war relief fund and it was on account of this arrangement that permission was obtained for the release of Carpentier from the French army. Final contracts for the contest are expected to be signed by Promoter Tex Rickard and the representatives of the pugilists here within a few days. The date and place of the bout has not been definitely decided, but the battle will probably be staged in Madison Square Garden or a similar place.

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## PLAYERS CANNOT JOIN FRATERNITY

### President Fulz Declares That Two Major Leagues Deny Men Right to Affiliate

New York, Dec. 5.—In his annual report to the directors of the baseball players' fraternity, President David L. Fulz states that the organization, which has completed its fourth year, continues to grow in strength and is demonstrating its ability to accomplish benefits for its members. Although two of the major league clubs—Philadelphia and the Cleveland Americans—are not in the fraternity, and the Chicago American club players have shown a lack of interest, the organization has a large representation and is stronger than ever in all the other major league clubs, Fulz asserts.

In the minor leagues, according to President Fulz, the fraternity has made more rapid strides. Three class A clubs—Baltimore, Indianapolis and San Francisco—are not in the organization, but membership of the others is increasing rapidly. Every club in the Southern Association is represented with its entire strength, except the Mobile club, while there is room for improvement in the membership from the Western League. The return of a number of Federal League players increased the active membership considerably during the last season and the total enrollment consists of 1,215 members.

President Fulz states that, according to reports made to him, players have been forbidden to join the fraternity from the Philadelphia Americans, Indianapolis and Denver clubs, and adds if this is true all three clubs have violated the fraternity agreement, which says that there shall be no discrimination against fraternity members.

As to what has been accomplished officially since October 1, 1915, the executive says that in 540 cases advice has been given to players. Monthly financial statements have been furnished to the directors; seven bulletins were sent to the representatives of the forty-four clubs which comprise the organization; forty-seven meetings with various clubs were held at which an average attendance of 80 per cent. of the membership was recorded.

Many claims of players were taken up by the fraternity on formal affidavits during the last year. Of these, eleven were decided in favor of the players by the national commission, which, in every instance, sustained the claim. Out of eleven cases brought before the national board, seven were decided in favor of the players, three with adverse decisions and no action was taken on one claim. Five out of six complaints of players against clubs were allowed and three others which were placed with attorneys for suit, which were adjusted.

## NATIONAL PITCHERS ARE LED BY SCHUPP

Schupp, of the New York Nationals, is, according to the official averages of the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs, the leading pitcher of that organization for 1916, so far as earned runs scored against him are concerned. He took part in 30 games, pitching 140 innings with the average runs earned against him per nine-inning game only 0.96. G. C. Alexander, of the Philadelphia club, who pitched in 48 games, of which 38 were complete, is second in the list with an average of 1.55 runs per nine-inning game against him. He officiated in 389 innings in all.

Meadows, of the St. Louis club, pitched in the greatest number of games, being in 51. Rudolph, of the Braves, won the greatest number of consecutive victories with nine to his credit. Alexander made a new record for shutouts, getting 14. He also had the largest number of strikeouts, with 167. Hughes, of Boston, was the only National League pitcher being credited with a no-hit game during the season. National league pitchers gave 251 less bases on balls in 1916 than in 1915, and struck out 104 more batsmen.

## NAP RUCKER GRANTED UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE

New York, Dec. 5.—Nap Rucker, who pitched for the Dodgers for ten years, and fulfilled his ambition of playing on a pennant winning team, has been unconditionally released. He signed a contract as scout for the Brooklyn team.

Colewell, Goodbred and Miller have been released to Oakland, Cal., under an optional agreement, Charles Ebbs announced. Infielder Kellner has been released to Denver. Ebbs announced the purchase of Infielder Adams and Outfielder Miller from the Winnipeg club and the release of Outfielder Nixon to Beaumont, Texas. The Dodgers' spring jaunt north from training quarters will include games at Tulsa, Okla., Kansas City, St. Joseph, Mo., Davenport, Ia., Peoria, Indianapolis, Washington and Baltimore, according to a schedule announced a few days ago.

## WATER QUESTION WILL GO TO GOVERNMENT

### Esquimalt Council Decides to Send Correspondence to Member

The Esquimalt municipal council, having received no reply from the Esquimalt Waterworks Company with regard to its attitude concerning the request of consumers for a reduction in water rates, last night resolved to place the whole matter before the government.

This controversy about the water rates arose two weeks ago when a deputation headed by A. W. McCurdy, M. P., laid a petition before the council requesting that the matter be taken up with the waterworks company to ascertain if the rates might not be made the same as were charged the consumers in Victoria West. The council acted as desired and a reply was received from the company to the effect that some minor concessions would be granted with regard to the meter rate, but that, considering the amount of water consumed in the district they considered that a general reduction was warranted. This did not satisfy the council, and they then asked for a direct answer, "Yes or no," to the proposals stated in the consumers' petition. To this there was no reply.

At last evening's meeting Councilor Gave introduced the matter and wished to know if any reason had been given by the waterworks company for not replying, as already ample time had elapsed for a communication to have been received.

"I am in favor of putting the question before the government. It ought to be brought to the notice of Premier Brewster; he is the man to settle it," said Councilor Anderson.

By a unanimous vote it was decided that all correspondence between the council and the company regarding the water rates should be sent to Mr. McCurdy to be dealt with in his official capacity.

Municipal Solicitor J. C. McIntosh informed the council that he was endeavoring to have the litigation between the municipality and B. Young regarding alleged overpayments in connection with sewer contracts proceeded with. The case was being held in abeyance owing to the illness of Mr. Young, but he expected that the matter would be commenced before Christmas.

A request was read from Messrs. Warren & Stancombe, that since their work in connection with the sewer system had been completed the bondsmen should be released.

The council decided that before doing so they should secure a report from the engineer.

Engineer H. C. Topp reported that the construction of section "C" of the municipal sewer system was practically completed. He mentioned that the work had cost only \$14,972.30, whereas the estimate had been for \$16,000. The original estimate, which had been reduced, had set the cost at \$19,000.

Attention was called to the unsanitary condition of two houses, the first being on Constance avenue, which Councilor Anderson said was in a filthy condition and not fit for anyone to live in. Councilor Mesher in referring to the other house, which is situated on the corner of Pioneer and Queen streets, advocating sending the sanitary inspector to the place that it might be legally condemned, which course should be followed with regard to both houses. The council decided to adopt this proposal.

J. S. Floyd was appointed to audit the accounts of the Esquimalt school board.

The Colonist Printing & Publishing Company, the lowest bidder, was awarded the contract for printing the voters' list.

The engineer was instructed to look into conditions on Thomas street with a view to installing a sidewalk and lights, and to have the light at the south end of Admiral's road moved nearer to June street, in order that a greater part of the street might be served by it.

The council then adjourned.

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## The WEATHER

Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 5.—5 a.m.—The barometer is comparatively high and colder weather is general throughout the province. Rain has fallen here and on the Lower Mainland and snow is reported on the higher levels. It is now falling in the states of Oregon and Northern California. Fine, cold weather is reported in the prairie provinces.

### Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday. Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and cold. Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and cold.

### Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.95; temperature, maximum yesterday, 41; minimum, 34; wind, 8 miles N. W.; rain, .1; weather, clear.

Vancouver—Barometer, 29.94; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 34; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .15; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.80; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 26; wind, E.; weather, clear.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.80; temperature, maximum yesterday, 30; minimum, 10; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.78; temperature, maximum yesterday, 34; minimum, 22; wind, 16 miles W.; rain, .4; weather, cloudy.

Tatoosh—Barometer, 29.90; temperature,

maximum yesterday, 41; minimum, 36; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .4; weather, clear.

Coquille, Ore.—Barometer, 29.88; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 40; wind, 6 miles N. W.; rain, .2; weather, raining.

Seattle—Barometer, 29.94; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 38; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, .4; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.12; temperature, maximum yesterday, 60; minimum, 46; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, cloudy.

### Temperature.

	Max.	Min.
Nanaimo (Entrance Is.)	42	32
Grand Forks	42	32
Penticton	39	29
Cranbrook	57	47
Nelson	33	23
Prince George	40	30
Calgary	34	24
Edmonton	33	23
Qu'Appelle	38	28
Winnipeg	46	36
Toronto	49	39
Ottawa	32	22
Montreal	36	26
St. John	35	25
Halifax	40	30

Victoria Daily Weather.

Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m. Monday:

### Temperature.

Highest	41
Lowest	37
Average	39
Minimum on grass	34
Maximum in sun	39
Rain, 15 inch.	0
Bright sunshine, 36 minutes.	
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Editorial piece discussing social issues and the plight of the poor.



Letters addressed to the Editor... Correspondence from readers.

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Editorial discussing the suspension of legal proceedings.

COBBLE HILL... Local news and reports from the Cobble Hill area.

Teachers for Alberta... Recruitment notice for school teachers.

NOTICE... Public notices and announcements.

TO CONTRACTORS... Notices for construction and contracting.

NOTICE... Additional public notices.

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH... Official notice regarding municipal corporation matters.

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Teachers with requisite qualifications are still in strong demand for Alberta schools...

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Board of Licenses...

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Notices are required for the erection, rebuilding and heating of tuberculosis wards...

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CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH

Notice is hereby given that the first sitting of the Court of Revision upon the Annual Voters List, 1917...

W. J. LEDINGHAM... A notice or announcement from W. J. Ledingham.

Annual Event Conducted by Cowichan King's Daughters Proves a Success... Report on a local community event.

Christmas Sale... Advertisement for a Christmas sale.

Answers to Times Want Ads.

The following replies are waiting to be called for: 34, 45, 52, 94, 148, 167, 173, 211, 285, 291, 355, 356, 358, 359, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

MINISTER WILL TRY TO HAVE CONFERENCE

South Wellington Miners See Him To-day; Settlement is Hoped For. The situation at South Wellington looks more hopeful to-day, as a result of the entry of Hon. William Sloan, minister of mines, into the negotiations in an effort to mediate between the men and the employers, the Pacific Coast Coal-mines, Limited.

DATES ARE FIXED FOR BY-ELECTIONS

Ministers Will Appeal to Constituents Before Christmas for Re-election. Hon. H. C. Brewster will appeal to his electors in the capital city the week after next, as foreshadowed in the Times yesterday. The nomination date is fixed for Saturday, December 16, and polling, if any, for the following Thursday, December 21.

LEGISLATIVE OPENING HAS TO BE POSTPONED

Delay of Late Government in Getting Out Has Set Everything Back. It was foreseen in advance of the new government getting into office that the date set for the meeting of the fourteenth legislature, January 18, could never stand, Mr. Bowser's action in hanging on rendering it impossible for the new administration to get the business of the session in order in time to meet parliament on that date.

HANDSOME GIFTS FOR PATRIOTIC AID

First Two Days of Campaign Bring Many Liberal Subscriptions. The Patriotic Aid campaign committee almost hourly receives some substantial increase to the fund which opened so auspiciously yesterday with two liberal donations subscribed before the actual canvass had commenced.

LOCAL NEWS

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Fine Specimen of Early French Make on View in Window of W. H. Wilkerson's Store. Loves-of-antique workmanship have an excellent opportunity of viewing a remarkable product of French clock-makers of the 18th century in the window of W. H. Wilkerson's jewelry store on Government street.

THOROUGH AUDIT OF PROVINCE'S BOOKS

It is Expected Work Will Be Done by Price, Waterhouse & Company. It is expected that the legislative buildings that the audit of the provincial accounts will be undertaken by the firm of Price, Waterhouse & Co., chartered accountants.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

SEWING MACHINES—Stop, this is our machine week. If you want a first-class machine, we have them; prices from \$12 to \$25 on all drop-head machines. Sewing Machines—White rotary, New Home, drop-head Singer and other good makes. Prices from \$5 up to \$25. Sewing Machines—I have fifteen sewing machines, must be sold this week to make room for large shipment. Prices from \$5 to \$25. Don't delay. The Bargain House, 1600 Douglas street.

DIED

EDMEADES—On the 4th inst. at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Harry Edmeades, aged 35 years, and born in London, England. The deceased has been a resident of this city for the past ten years, and has been employed by the Victoria Ice Co. for six years, late residence 2318 Blanshard street.

PERSONAL

L. H. White, of Seattle, is registered at the Metropolis hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Merrifield and Miss J. McIver, of Nanaimo, are guests at the Metropolis hotel. J. W. Weart, M.P.P. for South Vancouver, is in the city to-day on departmental business.

OBITUARY RECORD

The death occurred yesterday at the Royal Jubilee hospital, following an operation from which he never recovered consciousness, of Harry Edmeades, for the past six years driver of one of the wagons of the Victoria Ice Company, and a man highly valued by his employer, S. Baker.

PROVINCE CONTRIBUTES

Gives One Thousand Dollars to British Sailors Relief Fund. The province of British Columbia, through the government, has contributed \$1,000 to the British Sailors' Relief Fund, which the local committee has now the gratification of seeing reach the \$10,000 which they set out to raise.

HINDENBURG TO BETHMANN

Berlin, Dec. 5.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg has sent a telegram to Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg congratulating him on the passage of the bill providing for compulsory service of civilians for war purposes. Public Market—Mid-week market will witness a large attendance of growers and full lines of all seasonable produce.

NEW BOOKS

THE COLLECTED POEMS OF RUPERT BROOKE bound in cloth or leather. RHYMES OF A RED CROSS MAN by Robert Service. THE RED WATCH (1st Can. Division) by Col. J. A. Currie. MR. BRITLING SETS IT THROUGH by H. G. Wells.

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HEROIC DEATH OF SGT. MAJOR TAYLOR

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and their brother, W. T. Williams. Educated at the public and University schools, the late Sgt.-Major Taylor was employed in the surveyor-general's office in connection with the water rights department of the provincial civil service at the outbreak of war.

The Thomas Ethelbert Tomba, of Duncan, is listed among those missing. He is a son of Thomas E. Tomba, of the Quamichan hotel. He went to Duncan from Tunbury Wells, Worcester-shire, with his parents three years ago and completed his education at the Duncan schools.

HELPING TO GET MEN INTO UNIFORM

Lt.-Col. Guthrie Visiting Victoria to Stimulate Recruiting

In view of the approaching visit here of Colonel Guthrie, who is to speak at the old Victoria theatre on Friday night, the following extracts from a letter written by Capt. Godenrath to Rev. Dr. Maclean, one of the leading representatives in Victoria of the Clan Maclean, which is the basis of the 25th Battalion of which Col. Guthrie is the commanding officer, may be of interest:

"Col. Guthrie's speech will be along the lines of stimulating recruiting from a national standpoint—not for his own battalion as a unit—and to help to get men into uniform. For this reason I hope O. C.'s of all the units will be present. . . . Lt. Col. Guthrie will be accompanied by Major C. C. Geggie, M. O.; Capt. E. Alban Sturdee, Capt. J. P. McPeake, rymaster, and myself."

DECORATIONS FOR MILITARY SERVICE

Cpl. E. A. Vowel Awarded Medal and Lieut. Hammond Cross

Corporal E. A. Vowel, son of Mrs. A. S. Vowel, of this city, who was killed in action a short time ago, has been awarded the Military Medal for bravery. He was surveyor here prior to enlistment with the 48th Battalion and fought with conspicuous gallantry on several occasions. Word was received of his having fallen directly after the severe fighting at Courcellette. His father went to England to work on the manufacture of munitions, and later was sent to Pittsburgh to superintend the manufacture of shells and other supplies. He is still employed at that work, while Mrs. Vowel resides at McNeill avenue, Oak Bay. Cpl. Vowel, who was 23 years of age, was a close relative of A. W. Vowel, former superintendent of Indian affairs in British Columbia.

The Military Cross for gallant conduct under fire has been awarded to Lieut. Herbert Renwick Hammond, who has been wounded and is in a hospital at Le Touquet suffering from minor injuries. Lieut. Hammond came here in 1913 and purchased a farm at Methosin. A graduate of the Royal Military College at Kingston, he was given a commission early in 1913 and left here as lieutenant, later being promoted to captain. When transferring to the Field Artillery it became necessary to again resume the rank of lieutenant, and after fighting at the front for several months he received the Military Cross. His wife, who is a daughter of Mrs. A. T. Ogilvie, is in London with her three children.

When Lord William Cecil is enthroned as the new bishop of Exeter, he is not likely to spend so much on the ceremony as did one of his predecessors in the See. Walter de Stapledon, whose rule—1307-23—corresponds with the reign of the second Edward, spent a whole year's revenue on the festivities attending his enthronement. He also built Exeter College, Oxford, and a palace in London as well. In former years the See of Exeter, with its thirty-two manors and fourteen palaces, was one of the richest and most attractive in England.—London Chronicle.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE TO COLLECT RELICS

Board of Trade Will Ask Government to Meet Representatives

Arrangements are being made by the board of trade to ask the provincial government to appoint a war memorial committee, whose duties shall be the collection of relics, preparation of a complete roll of honor, and the securing of data in regard to enlistment and memorials of all descriptions of the work of British Columbians in connection with both the present and the South African war.

In order to bring the matter properly before Premier Brewster, a committee of the board has been appointed to prepare a proposal. This committee consists of J. J. Shallock, chairman, J. L. Beckwith, William Blakemore, Beaumont Boggs and G. A. Kirk. The committee will meet to-morrow afternoon at four o'clock when further arrangements will be made regarding the proposal.

At the meeting this morning it was pointed out that such a commission could not be appointed too soon. There were already a number of collections of war relics in the city and these should be, so far as possible, gathered together in one complete exhibit. Scores of letters were being received daily from the front telling of deeds of heroism on the part of local men. Some of these were appearing in the press and others were never published. These records should be preserved.

A collection of relics would be much more easily undertaken now than later on. If some central room were allotted for the purpose by the government and the collection was under government supervision the articles could be properly catalogued and described and preserved for the generations to come as a memento of the great struggle and of the part which British Columbia took in it.

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WILL TRY AGAIN

Amended Resolution on Police Commissioners' Choice, is Posted.

With the words deleted to which objection was taken in the city council last evening, Alderman Todd has posted notice of a motion to be considered at the next meeting of the council, asking that the resolution of March 16 with regard to the direct election by the people of police commissioners, should be forwarded to the premier and attorney general with the request that the necessary legislation to amend the municipal act should be introduced next session.

The words of the former resolution would have asked the government to make provision for the election of commissioners in January, who would come into office when the enabling legislation had been passed. This the majority of the council opposed, and in the new resolution merely formal transmittal of the council's opinion is sought.

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME FUND.

To the Editor: The public have been so quick to respond to our appeal for funds to enable the children of our soldiers to see the pantomime that we think it desirable to close the fund after to-morrow.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to your esteemed paper for opening your columns to receive subscriptions and to the generous public who have helped us.

Yours sincerely, THE LADIES SUPERFLUITIES COMMITTEE, Frances Pitt-Gibbon, Hon. Sec. Victoria, B. C., Dec. 4.

Superintendent (to special, experienced in seaside beach concerts)—"If you ever have to disperse a mob, what will you do? Special who knows—"Borrow a plate and pass it round."

"Splendid troupe de choc, the French staff officer called them," which was very different to calling them chocolate soldiers.

INTERPRETATION OF CHINESE LANGUAGE

Interesting Case Comes Before Court in Connection With Riot Charges

The fine distinctions in Chinese between the construction to be put on words is the basis of the arguments of counsel in the second group of the Chinese-riot cases, the hearing of which was commenced in the police court to-day.

The prosecution, which is laid under the assault definitions of the code, being a private one, the city prosecutor did not appear as on the previous occasion, its conduct being now entirely in the hands of W. C. Moresby. For the defence Thornton Fell, K. C., and J. S. Brandon are appearing.

Three of the accused in the dock to-day, Ho Hee, Tuo Wen Sen, and Lee Gee Gung, have already appeared in connection with the riot charges, and the fourth is a scholarly looking Chinaman, Lee Kung Mow, editor of the Chinese daily here, known as the New Republic.

It is alleged by the prosecution that the accused assailants of Loo Gee Qula (Charley Bo) and Lum Lup Wing, officers of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, were incited to their acts by articles in the New Republic of the issues of September 24 and 25, and that the person responsible for the articles is a writer of the articles identical with Lee Kung Mow, who was arrested after the riot, to whose apprehension allusion is made in the issue of October 29.

The translations of the articles were put in this morning for the prosecution, and cross-examination indicated the line of defence that a "wrong construction had been put upon them by the translator, Harry Chan, who stated he had had the interpreter, Hastings, to help him. It was argued that many of the most offensive words in the passages admitted of more than one meaning, and could be understood in another light.

The principal article presented to the court appeared on September 24, under the non de plume of "But Ping," and stated that the two officers of the Benevolent Association ought to be "punished, killed and exterminated" for having sent, or attempted to send a cable to China, to Premier Tuan, asking him to dissolve the houses of parliament in order to abolish Confucianism as a state religion. "Such dissolution would be, in the writer's opinion, the death of the republic. Ten arguments were marshalled why the two officers had thereby been unfaithful to the Chinese colonists here and why they should be treated as "outcasts" and as "worms." The writer declared that Confucianism had ever been a state religion in China, and declared that the action of the Chinese parliament was in the interests of progress and not menacing to the doctrines of Confucius as a religion. He suggested that the framers were by that act friendly to the royalists, and not to the welfare of the republic. It ended with a suggestion that they should be chastised.

The second article on September 26 amplified the former, termed the framers of the message as "banditti," the writer apparently influenced by having seen the copy of the message meanwhile published in a Chinese paper in Vancouver. It alleged misuse by the framers of the names of representatives of a society on the committee of management of the association who were not consenting parties. In a personal or open address to Loo and Lum it termed them "You illiterate blind worms," and termed them "rebels and traitors" for sending the message without general consultation with the Chinese colonists.

While this letter was being put in, Magistrate Jay commented that it seemed to him like a tempest in a teapot. It was not to be expected that any resolution from Victoria would have any weight with the Chinese administration in a matter of this character, and would have as much effect as a "bunch of fireworks."

A translation from the issue of October 29 spoke of the cruelty of President Loo Gee Qula and his associates in having sent a European policeman to arrest the editor and manager of the paper.

Chang, the young translator who had presented the newspaper extracts, was subjected to an exhaustive examination as to whether he had not translated terms in harsher language than they actually represented, whether the writer had not in mind the Chinese customs of punishment rather than those of Canada, and whether the right construction had been put on some of the remarks used.

Since there were other interpreters present watching the copies of the papers in question, the translator had an anxious time with counsel, and the articles were examined in detail.

The magistrate remarked that it was essential if there were these differences in construction of the Chinese language to have the exact interpretation of the words used. Detective Sgt. O'Leary testified to the search of the premises of the New Republic, Cormorant street, under warrant, and the production of copies of the issues in question.

The case is continuing this afternoon.

Little Margaret lived in a gossipy neighborhood, and, being an observant child, she had got some ideas into her curly head. One day, having done something naughty, she was sent upstairs to confess her transgression in prayer. "Did you tell God all about it?" asked her mother when she came down again. Margaret shook her head decidedly. "Deed I didn't," she declared. "Why, it would have been all over Heaven in no time."



CITIZENS' LEAGUE HOLDS MEETING

F. A. McDiarmid Gives Interesting Talk on Constitution

At the first regular meeting of the newly organized Citizens' League, held last night at the Assembly hall, Girls' Central school, F. A. McDiarmid was the chief speaker. Despite the stormy elements without, considerable interest was shown in the organization and its ideals, and nearly all present demonstrated their sympathy in the movement by becoming members. The chair was taken by the president, Mrs. Baer, and in the course of a brief business session which prefaced the main object of the meeting, notice of amendment was given that the name of the organization be changed from the "Citizens' League" to the "Citizens' Educational League."

Mr. McDiarmid's address was most instructive. His subject was "The Constitution of British Columbia in its Application to Citizenship." The speaker began by contrasting the constitution of this country with that of the United States, showing that while there was a definite democratically formed constitution, the foundation of the constitution of this country dated from the time of Marcus Charis, and was distinctly monarchical in form. This had slowly evolved along with the British race, until to-day it gave the people their present status of liberty and independence.

Wherein lay the distinction between the Provincial and the Dominion constitution was pointed out. Particular instances were cited, the speaker by apt illustration removing much popular confusion. Because Vancouver Island became a crown colony in 1859 it was the only province in the Dominion outside of Nova Scotia that had a divorce court, simply because two years prior to this date the English statutes, which were the basis of the constitution here, had made provision for a divorce law.

The address concluded with reference to the more widespread interest in political economy which had hitherto been reserved to university students. It was a hopeful sign when such organizations as the Citizens' Educational League came into being.

The league, in voicing appreciation of Mr. McDiarmid's address, expressed the hope that he would speak to them again on similar topics.

Limitation of taxi-cabs would, in any case, have lured any surviving hansom men from their retirement, and the next annual returns from Scotland Yard will show what effect the war has had upon the revival of the hansom cab. But there is another excellent reason why what was once absurdly called the gondola of London should enjoy a new lease of life. Many men of the Overseas Forces who are paying their first visit to the Motherland are, it seems, bent on adding a ride in a hansom to their other cherished experiences. Being open-handed passengers, untrammelled by statutory fares, they are highly esteemed by drivers, who act also as guides, and throw in a little of that philosophy for which in olden days they were distinguished.—London Chronicle.

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### WELCOME DATA FOR PROPOSED INQUIRY

#### Powers Under Cost of Living Order-in-Council Are Limited

Action has at last been taken on the Dominion order in council authorizing municipalities to investigate the cost of living. The city clerk reported to the council the receipt of copies of the order in council, which has already been published in the Times.

The Trades and Labor Council asked the council to conduct an inquiry and to have a representative of labor appointed on the investigation.

Alderman Porter explained the limited powers under the order in council which the city possessed, to have preliminary inquiries made, and forwarded to the minister of labor for subsequent action as defined. He therefore welcomed the offer of the Trades and Labor Council to give any information which could be used in the inquiry.

"I think, however, we can do so little, and we would not accomplish much," he observed. "It is a matter for Dominion-wide attention, and the inquiry should be Dominion-wide. The price is not regulated here, it is regulated east and south, and an inquiry by the city council will not extend beyond Victoria."

Alderman Porter observed that necessities, meat, potatoes, vegetables and other commodities, were short not because of poor soil, but from lack of production. He explained the limited support given to the movement when the Victoria & Island Development Association took the matter up, and later the Affiliated Friendly Societies Association had endeavored, with decreasing support this year, to induce people to take up the cultivation of vacant lots.

Alderman Fullerton said that now the procedure was defined. It would be possible to collect such information as might be obtained, and forward it to the minister of labor.

It was decided to notify the Trades and Labor Council that the council will be pleased to receive any information suitable for the investigation.

### DELAY ACTION ON EARLY CLOSING ISSUE

#### Many Letters for and Against Early Closing of Stores Read

The early closing by-law was laid on the table for a week in the city council last evening. The by-law had been introduced one week ago, and laid on the table for the attention of the aldermen. Its main provisions have already been explained.

"A number of letters for and against the movement were read, Alderman Johns strongly urging they should be heard as showing current opinion on the matter. He had conferred not only with the proprietors of stores in the suburban districts within the limits, but with storekeepers in the districts adjoining the city, but outside the limits.

Alderman Todd thought the only solution would be the same system, as he had advocated in the past. Alderman Johns said he would be sorry to proceed if it would collectively work a hardship. Some of the citizens in the by-law, for which he was responsible only as introducer, not for its details, did not commend themselves to him, neither would he enforce compulsory opening at 8 a. m.,

nor compel stores to close on public holidays.

Alderman Porter pointed to some of the difficulties confronting the Aldermen in dealing with a question of this character on account of conflicting interests.

Alderman Dilworth favored a six months' trial, saying it was hard work for the occupiers of small stores to make a living. He was opposed to handicapping the men in the small stores. He was not surprised to learn that the storekeepers outside wanted the change, for it would be beneficial to them.

Alderman Walker agreed with Alderman Dilworth. He thought the restriction would work against the welfare of the city. On Saturday afternoon people frequently went outside the limits to do their shopping.

Alderman Peden voiced his disapproval also to the suggested measure. The solicitor thought that the next legislation might give the powers for a some system as suggested.

However, on a division the matter was laid over for a week for further information upon it.

### EXPRESS SURPRISE AT DAMAGE CLAIM

#### Arbitration Must Follow Pandora Avenue Re-grade Case

On behalf of Kendrick Sharp, F. A. McDiarmid has filed a claim against the city for \$7,500 damages from the re-grading of Pandora avenue, between Fernwood road and Oak Bay Junction. Mr. Sharp had secured the grade from the engineering department a considerable time before the work was carried out.

Mr. McDiarmid demanded an arbitration if the amount was not accepted by the city within ten days, in a letter before the council last evening.

The solicitor advised on the matter, suggesting that an amount should be tendered in compensation after examination, and an arbitrator appointed. He recommended a committee to conduct negotiations.

While not liking to take the attitude of "I told you so," Alderman Todd observed that he had warned the council when the work was commenced. "I think the claim of Mr. Sharp is absurd," he said, "though it should have been attended to when the work was started, to see what compensation is required."

Alderman Fullerton believed that it ought to go before a judge. He was surprised at the remarks made in a letter in that day's Times about the expropriation of Pandora avenue. He opposed hasty action in expropriations.

Alderman Porter said he had heard that Mr. Sharp had offered the whole of his land for \$3,000, yet was asking \$7,500 for what was an improvement.

A committee composed of the chairman of the streets committee (Ald. Porter), the engineer and solicitor was appointed to deal with the matter.

### "A UNION ITSELF"

#### Alderman Todd Does Not Like Underwriters' Expression of Opinion.

"This matter has had entirely too much notoriety," said Alderman Todd at the council meeting last evening, when the letter of the Vancouver Island Fire Underwriters' Association was read, expressing the opinion that the union of firemen which had been established "was a step very much to be regretted," and that the council should give it very earnest consideration as an "unwarranted change."

The letter went on to add that its reasons must be so obvious as unnecessary to set out.

The alderman said that neither the approval or reverse had been expressed by the council. It was a matter for the firemen themselves. "It comes,"

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#### Police Commissioner's Election Resolution is Defeated in Council

The city council defeated by five votes to four a motion last evening on immediate election of police commissioners.

The matter came up in a motion by Alderman Todd to ask the government, through a committee of three members of council, to devise some means by which an election of police commissioners could take place on the occasion of the annual election. The council went on record last March in favor of direct election.

Several aldermen pointed out that it would be impossible for the government to act without additional or amending legislation.

Alderman Todd said his motion merely asked for the choice to be made at the time of the election, and not for the commissioners to take office till the necessary legislation had been passed by the legislature.

The aldermen thought it unwise to press the motion till the House has been in session, and thus the motion was defeated.

The Wylie estate on Selkirk water, which had passed into the city's hands by tax sale, was the subject of a bid for \$2,100 by Elliott, Maclean & Shandley. This is a small advance on the offer of the beneficiaries, and will therefore receive the attention of the committee.

An arrangement has been reached for a basis of recommendation by local Dominion officials concerning the William Head main from Sooke waterworks, to the department of public works. The officials will recommend payment of the whole amount, \$125,000 for construction by the government, and will accept a reduction in the minimum quantity of water used monthly, but an advance in price, ten cents per thousand gallons in price.

The city engineer reported, and the harbor committee sent it on to the council, that the cost of a swing steel bridge at Rock Bay, which he favored rather than one of bascule type, would be about \$40,000.

Alderman Todd considered that the scheme never seemed to reach finality. He thought the council should determine a policy as to how much to spend and then submit a by-law in January. If the conditions of the war improved there would be a drop in the price of steel, and it would be possible to get a lower quotation for the material.

The matter was laid on the table for a week. Alderman Porter believing that the situation could be helped by dumping material at the ends.

Objections were taken by Councilor Tombs of Oak Bay, to the improvement of Medicine street out of general revenue when Cowan avenue, adjoining, had been a local improvement. The mayor showed that the city's contribution to the local improvement would be greater than the vote out of revenue.

Alderman Porter moved a resolution to appoint a committee to wait on the minister of railways to ask him to take whatever steps were necessary to hurry up the Canadian Northern railway in the construction of the Burnside road arch.

He pointed out that the company had a difference of opinion with its contractors because of the plan of the bridge having been objected to by government engineers as not being strong enough. Neither the company nor contractors would give way, hence the delay, to the public inconvenience since June. "The same company gets in a great many tangles," he added. The motion was agreed to.

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cheaper way of getting through could be devised than by the inquiry under sections 47 and 48. However, the city solicitor pointed out that in any other way difficulties would arise, possibly producing a lawsuit.

Alderman Peden said he was not afraid to deal with the situation as chairman of the health committee. At least a rearrangement of the department would be necessary.

Some of the aldermen would have taken that course of leaving the subject for the department to deal with, but since the publicity given to the affair they felt they could not back down gracefully.

The mayor said an investigation could be held under another section of the act, but it would not apparently satisfy Mr. McDiarmid.

Alderman Bell appeared to think that the publicity would give the city something of a black eye, while Alderman

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