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WILL DEVELOP INTO GREATEST BATTLE OF WAR, STATES MAURICE

Chief Director of Operations at British War Office Makes Prediction Regarding Battle of Arras; People of Germany Still in the Dark

London, April 12.—That the Battle of Arras will develop shortly into the greatest battle of the war, was the prediction made by Major-General F. B. Maurice, Chief Director of Military Operations at the War Office, in his weekly interview with a representative of the Associated Press to-day.

Major-General Maurice declared that the present British offensive was being conducted according to plans completed in February, thereby controverting the claims of the Germans that their retreat had upset the British schedule and that the Teutonic military authorities control the situation.

The British losses during the first two days of the offensive were only half what they had been in the corresponding time in the Somme offensive last July, Major-General Maurice declared.

Copenhagen, April 12.—The Battle of Arras, in the opinion of the German press, is an event of only local importance, lamentable, it is true, but already brought to a standstill and not affecting in any degree the strategic situation. It is interpreted by general consent as part of the plan of the Anglo-French command, foiled in its intentions of delivering a shattering blow on the Somme front, to roll up the new Hindenburg line by assaults on both flanks, at Soissons and Arras. Both attempts already are described as failures, despite regrettable losses in men and probably guns. The British official reports are given scanty notice and are printed in inconspicuous type without headlines. The censorship authorities evidently are assured that the reading public generally accepts the German version, and that the confidence in Field-Marshal von Hindenburg is unimpaired.

Hindenburg's Effort.
An interview between the field-marshal and a Spanish correspondent is given prominence by the German press and above headline honors with the battle of Arras.
In the interview von Hindenburg avowed his confidence in the firmness of the German fronts in the west and east, and expressed a conviction that the submarine campaign will not fail. It has had an effect on public opinion, in which the field-marshal still bulks large as a confidence-inspiring hero. The interview evidently was launched to counteract any feeling of discouragement at the growing dimensions of what the Vorwaerts terms "a world struggle for the destruction of Germany."

JOFFRE MAY COME TO UNITED STATES

May Accompany Viviani; Conference Was Held at Washington To-day

Washington, April 12.—Official dispatches on the coming of the French and British commissions to discuss the possibility that General Joffre may accompany former Premier Viviani of France, but do not give any definite announcement.

An impression conveyed in some quarters that the Entente commissioners would seek to bind the United States to the general arrangement to negotiate a separate peace is generally discounted here. It has been stated that the United States will not enter into an alliance in the old world's sense of the term, but will commit itself to unlimited participation in the war until the aims which President Wilson announced are achieved.

An impression has been created that the United States will feel itself free to judge when that moment has arrived and will not commit itself over and above its own aims in the war to an unlimited liability for territorial aims of the Allies.

Conference To-day.
Vice-Admiral Browning, of the British navy, and Rear-Admiral de Grasse, of the French navy, conferred to-day with Secretary Daniels and Admiral Benson, Chief of Operations, on cooperation between the Entente and American navies for the conduct of the war. Both foreign commanders came to the United States on their flagships.

The first step by the United States navy in taking up its part of the war operations will be to take over the Atlantic and Caribbean patrols hitherto maintained by British and French ships.

No announcement of the results of the conference was made public.

A Thirty-Five-Mile Gain in Palestine by British Troops

Cairo, Egypt, April 12.—The British forces are continuing their success in the vicinity of Gaza, Palestine. Their mounted troops have occupied further Turkish territory to a depth of 35 miles, consolidating strong positions menacing Gaza and making many prisoners.

The losses of the Turks around Gaza are estimated at 8,000, while the British dead, according to the reports received, were fewer than 400. One hundred and ninety British are missing, mostly members of small parties which became isolated in a fog after penetrating the town of Gaza.

BULGARIA IS TRYING FOR SEPARATE PEACE WITH ALLIED NATIONS

London, April 12.—Reports from a Swiss source have been received in Rome that the Bulgarian Minister at Bern has made overtures to the Entente Ministers with a view to the conclusion of a separate peace, says the Exchange Telegraph's correspondent at Rome.

Similar advices regarding Bulgaria are sent by the Exchange Telegraph representative at Lausanne. He reports that the Gazette of that city states it has learned that semi-official Bulgarian delegates are in Switzerland endeavoring to arrive at a basis for a separate peace with representatives of the Entente.

LYDD GEORGE ADVISES STATES TO BEGIN AT POINT AT WHICH BRITAIN STANDS AFTER NEARLY THREE YEARS

London, April 12.—Addressing the American Luncheon Club to-day Mr. Lloyd George said the advent of the United States into the war had given the final stamp and seal to the character of the conflict, which was a struggle against military autocracy.

He was not surprised that the United States had taken time to make up her mind as to the character of the struggle, having regard to the fact that most of the great wars in Europe in the past had been waged for dynastic aggrandizement and conquest. Early in the war the United States did not comprehend what had been endured in Europe for years from the military caste in Prussia. Saying that Prussia was not a democracy but that Kaiser Wilhelm had promised it would be after the war, he added: "I think the Kaiser is right."

Distinguished Gathering.
The luncheon, held to celebrate the entry of the United States into the war, brought together the most distinguished gathering in the history of the club. The guests included Chancellor Bonar Law, Colonel Winston Spencer Churchill, Lord Reading, Lieut.-General Smuts, Lord Derby, Lord Bryce, Rt. Hon. Walter Hume Long, the Italian Ambassador, Marquis Imperiali di Francaville, the Cuban Minister, Garcia y Velez, and Herbert C. Hoover.

Mr. Lloyd George, the guest of honor, delivered the principal speech after a brief introduction by American Ambassador Page. The Prime Minister received a tremendous ovation when he entered the room.

Toasts were drunk to King George and President Wilson.
The Prime Minister said he was happy in the position of being the first British Minister, speaking on behalf of the people of the country, to salute the people of the American nation as comrades in arms. He was glad and proud, he rejoiced as a democrat, he declared, at the event of the United States in this conflict.

Where to Begin.
"In the three years we tried every blunder," said the Prime Minister. "We got into every blunder. But now we are right out into the stroke and we are right out into the stroke."
"It is worth while for the United States to study our blunders and begin where we are now. I am so glad the United States is sending naval and military experts to this country to exchange views with men who have been through the three anxious years of the war."

Absolute assurance of victory, the Prime Minister said, was to be found in the word "ships." He saw that the United States realized this fully and had arranged to build a thousand ships for the Atlantic. Field-Marshal von Hindenburg had declared that the German submarines would put Britain out of business before the United States was ready.

"He does not know the United States," Mr. Lloyd George declared, adding that von Hindenburg's prophecy was "as false as his famous line, which we have broken already."

At Peace Conference.
The United States had the noble tradition of never having engaged in war except for liberty. The present was the greatest struggle for liberty upon which the United States ever had embarked. He rejoiced more in the knowledge that the United States was going to win the right to sit at the conference table when terms of peace were decided than at the resources which would bring to the Allies.

"I can see peace coming now," he declared. It would not be a peace which would mean endless preparation for strife and bloodshed, but a "real peace," such as the old world has never known.

End of War.
Strange things had happened in this war, and stranger things were to come. To-day a devastating war was being waged. To-morrow—perhaps not a distant to-morrow—war might be abolished forever from the category of human crime.

It would have been a tragedy for mankind if the United States had not placed herself in a position to take part in the peace conference, with all the influence and power for right which she was now winning for herself.

GERMANS ARE TAUGHT A TERRIBLE LESSON

Arras Victory Proves What British Organization in France Can Do

War Correspondents' Headquarters with the British Armies on the Lens- Arras Front, April 11, via London, April 12.—To-day, except at one or two points, the battlefield was quiet in comparison with the tumult and confusion of the last two victorious days. There has been some smart fighting northeast of the Vimy ridge, on the extreme left of the British advance, and somewhat stiffer about Monchy, where the enemy has been counter-attacking since early morning with determination. Probably this is no more than a lone attempt to check the advance at the point where it is most threatening, but it will not succeed even temporarily. The counter-attacks in the Vimy ridge region were crushed by the British artillery before they developed.

At two points on the front, between Monchy and Polve and south of the former point, small parties of British cavalry have been in action to-day, but no details are known as yet.

Comparative Inactivity.
After such a blow as the British dealt there must be comparative inactivity for a short time. The first two days' fighting may be regarded as a separate incident. The result of those two days has been the capture of about 12,000 prisoners, besides heavy casualties inflicted upon thousands of the enemy. It probably will be found that the British troops have taken over 150 guns and innumerable machine guns and trench mortars. The figures on these latter in the official communique must be regarded as little more than tokens, the fact being that great numbers of these smaller weapons still are lying among the debris of the battle. Many were smashed by the British artillery fire.

The Germans have received a terrible lesson. The victory is an immense tribute not only to the British, but to the organization behind it. The extent to which the German positions were demolished is most impressive. There are many German dead lying around. The whole nearer portion of what, until two days ago, was enemy ground is almost desolate, being stripped of landmarks, as was the battlefield of the Somme.

MANCHESTER ABOUT TO HONOR BORDEN, SMUTS AND OTHERS
London, April 12.—The council of the City of Manchester has decided to confer the freedom of that city upon Sir Robert Borden, Mr. Massey, Prime Minister of New Zealand; Lieut.-Gen. Jan Christian Smuts, the South African conqueror of German East Africa; Sir Edward Morris, Prime Minister of Newfoundland; the Maharajah of Bikaner, and Sir J. S. Weston and Sir S. P. Sinna, representatives of the various Dominions at the Imperial Conference.

TORONTO BANK CLEARINGS.
Toronto, April 12.—The bank clearings here for the week ended to-day were \$54,630,470. For the corresponding week last year the clearings were \$42,638,392, and \$37,547,278 in 1915.

NORTH OF VIMY RIDGE TWO IMPORTANT POSITIONS WON; GAIN SOUTH OF OISE RIVER

EQUAL GUARDIANSHIP GETS SECOND READING

Hon. Mr. Brewster Makes Convincing Statement in Explaining Bill

MOTHERS ARE REALLY EQUAL BREAD-WINNERS

Legislative Press Gallery, April 11.
The Premier may well be pardoned the pride with which he this afternoon moved the second reading of another bill designed to remove one more of the disabilities under which women have labored in this Province.

For many years he has urged that equal rights of guardianship over their minor children should be given to the mothers, and that the condition which has prevailed in British Columbia, where a woman has been without a shadow of authority or right in the care or education of her children should be abolished.

Like many other reforms this received no welcome from the late Government, and it remained for the Brewster administration to do justice in this regard as in the matter of the franchise, and as it will do in other matters which affect the women of the Province.

The statement of the Premier on the bill was clear, and after he had spoken, the motion for second reading passed without any further debate. Hon. Mr. Brewster said:

Mr. Brewster's Speech.
"This bill is one which has been demanded for a great many years by those who think that the laws of the Province have not been fair insofar as the treatment of our womenkind is concerned," said the Premier. "The equal guardianship law is one which those of the legal profession understand better than I do, and I submit to their judgment in the legal phases of it, but the principle of the bill, I think, all members of this Legislature can readily see is one which is fair and just, and which should have been incorporated into our laws at a much earlier date (hear, hear)."

"This reform has never heretofore reached the floor of this House, and the bill may need improvement in committee of the whole. There is no reason, however, to expect anything but the best from the committee. It is my belief, justice to those who have been placed up to this time in a very embarrassing position."
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GERMANS THINK OF NOTHING BUT FOOD

One-Fourth Less Bread After April 15; What Vorwaerts Says

London, April 12.—The food situation is dominating all other considerations in Germany, according to the Berlin Vorwaerts. As stated in an Amsterdam dispatch to the Central News, the Vorwaerts says:

"Notwithstanding all the big events, the new food regulations which are to be introduced on April 15 form the exclusive subject of discussion in all circles of the people. The nearer the fateful day approaches the greater becomes the tension. A diminution in the bread ration forms serious difficulties for the entire population and causes great pre-occupation."

Some weeks ago the German newspapers announced that the bread ration would be reduced by one-fourth beginning April 15, owing to the scarcity of wheat. It was stated that the potato ration would be continued at five pounds weekly and that 250 grammes weekly would be added to the meat ration. Surprise and consternation were expressed by the press over the prospect, and the Berlin Volks Zeitung declared that it would mean that for many the limits of the bearable would be exceeded.

The bread reduction was ordered, it was stated, as a necessary step to ensure the lasting of the present stocks until the next harvest.

Correspondent Says British Advanced Today Southeast of Vimy and Took Positions Elsewhere; Canadians Pressing Down Eastern Slope of Ridge

London, April 12.—British troops captured early this morning two important positions in the enemy's lines north of the Vimy ridge and are now astride of the Souchez River, according to a report issued by the War Office. A number of prisoners were taken. The statement says the weather conditions continue wet and stormy.

Two German counter-attacks on the northern end of the Vimy ridge were broken up last night with heavy losses to the attackers. The text of the report follows: "The weather conditions in Northern France continue wet and stormy."

"Early this morning we attacked and captured two important positions in the enemy's lines north of the Vimy ridge, astride the Souchez River. A number of prisoners were taken by us."

"During the night two hostile attacks upon our positions on the northern end of the Vimy ridge were driven off by our machine gun fire with heavy German losses. Some progress has been made south of the Scarpe River."

London, April 12.—About 1,000 yards of trenches south of the Farbus Woods, in the region southeast of Vimy, were captured by British troops this morning. Reuter's correspondent telegraphs from the front in Northern France. A hill southeast of Wancourt also was captured.

British troops yesterday took eleven additional guns in the fighting between Croisilles and the Scarpe River. The dispatch reads: "The latest news this morning is that British troops occupied about 1,000 yards of trenches running south from the commandant's house to the southward of Farbus Wood and have cleared the ground to the bank of the Cojeul River. British troops also occupied a German trench running southeast from Neuville-Vitasse and took Hill No. 90, lying southwest of Wancourt."

"Between Croisilles and the Scarpe River British troops captured eleven more guns in the course of yesterday's fighting. The enemy is shelling our new position beyond the Vimy ridge."

British Headquarters in France, April 11.—Via London, April 12.—(From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press).—Some of the hottest fighting along the entire battlefield is taking place at Vimy, where the Canadians are slowly but surely pressing forward down the eastern slope, their patrols scouring the forests which screen that side of the ridge. All efforts on the part of the Germans to shell them off the crest or out of the wood have failed.

Gains by French.
Paris, April 12.—In an attack last night on the new front south of the Oise, between Coucy and Quincy-Basse, French troops drove back the Germans to the southwestern edge of the upper Coucy Forest, capturing several important positions, the War Office announced this afternoon. The Germans were ejected from trenches east of Saignesnil.

The text of the report follows: "Between the Somme and the Oise artillery fighting continued with violence during the night, especially in the region of Trillers. 'South of the Oise our troops, after artillery preparations, attacked the German positions east of the line from Coucy-la-Ville to Quincy-Basse. After a spirited engagement we forced back the enemy as far as the southwestern end of the upper Coucy Forest. Several important points of support fell into our hands notwithstanding the resistance of the enemy, who left a number of dead on the ground and prisoners in our hands."

"In the region northeast of Soissons there were patrol encounters and active artillery fighting, especially in the sector of Laffaux. Surprise Attack. 'North of the Aisne our reconnoitring parties penetrated the German lines at several points and brought back 40 prisoners, one of whom was an officer. 'East of Saignesnil a sharp attack enabled us to expel the enemy from certain portions of the trenches which he had held since April 4, and our line was re-established intact."

"Two surprise attacks by German troops in Champagne, in the sectors of Ville-sur-Tourbe and Butte-du-Mesnil, were broken up by our fire, which inflicted losses on the enemy. 'In an incursion into the German lines in the Woevre northeast of Rommeville, we inflicted appreciable losses on the enemy. 'Patrol encounters occurred southwest of Leintrey."

Intense Fighting.
London, April 12.—A dispatch from the Reuter correspondent with the

London, April 12.—Details of what is known as the "Bryce Scheme" for a league to enforce peace were given out to-day by Lord Bryce, former British Ambassador at Washington. In a letter accompanying his statement, Lord Bryce said the plan had been drawn up by himself and a committee of prominent Englishmen two years ago, but had not been made public previously because "the time for publication did not seem to have arrived," and because opinion in Britain in the midst of the war had been regarded up to now as unfavorable for calm consideration of the future. The plan apparently antedates the proposal advocated by former President Taft and endorsed by President Wilson. Lord Bryce says: "The entry of the United States into the war makes it desirable that the efforts of the American League to Enforce Peace should be responded to by expressions of public opinion here. I therefore venture to lay down a scheme almost identical with that of the American League. It was prepared by a group of men here two years ago."

Tentative Scheme.
"The scheme is tentative, of course, but taken with the American scheme, it may help to draw public opinion to this important subject. Obviously no practical steps can be taken until after the war, but the idea is one which the public may well begin to consider. It has received the approval of the present and late Prime Ministers and Foreign Secretaries of Great Britain."

The Bryce plan as outlined follows closely the lines of the American proposal, but goes a step further in the direction of common enforcement of decisions and in providing for collective action against any non-member nation which refuses arbitration or conciliation or against a member nation which commits acts of aggression without having agreed to submit its difficulties to the international tribunal. It is suggested that each of the greater powers be represented in the international council by three members, to one or two for smaller powers, but Lord Bryce explains that this does not seem a point of fundamental importance, as the functions of the council would be advisory only and not executive.

ABOUT TO CALL FOR 500,000 VOLUNTEERS

American War Department Moving; Committee to Direct Railroad Systems

Washington, April 12.—The War Department prepared to-day to issue instructions to recruiting officers which will be in effect a call for 500,000 volunteers to fill up the regular army and the existing framework of the National Guards.

All recruits enlisted since the declaration of a state of war with Germany and those to be enlisted hereafter will be notified that they will be discharged at the close of the war, putting them in the status of war-time volunteers. A total of 4,355 men already has been enrolled in the regular army. These men will come under such status. That number of recruits was accepted during the first ten days after the passage of the war resolution.

Analysis of the pending administration bill as it affects the regular army and the National Guards shows that provision is made for the absorption of 517,868 volunteers. Of these, 161,519 will be needed to fill up the regular army and 206,349 for the National Guards. As 150,000 men must be withdrawn from these two services within six months of the first 500,000 increment of the selective conscription army, their places must be taken by that number of additional volunteers. By this plan, which will utilize the volunteers of the country, the feasibility of depending entirely upon volunteers will be demonstrated. Army officers are certain that it will show Congress, which has some doubts as to the selective conscription plan, that conscription is necessary to maintain an army adequate to meet the present situation.

Transportation Needs.
The national transportation facilities of the principal railroads of the United States during the war will be merged temporarily and operated under the general direction of a central executive committee of seven, cooperating closely with the Government in handling troops, military supplies and general commodities. This committee, consisting of Patrick H. Harniman, of the Southern Railroad, chairman; Howard Elliott, of the New Haven; Samuel Rea, of the Pennsylvania; Hale Holden, of the Burlington, and Julius Kruttschnitt, of the Southern Pacific, all named yesterday at a meeting of railroad heads here, when the plan was devised; Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio and chairman of the national advisory commission of the Council of National Defense, ex-officio members, and one other to be appointed by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

In Philippines.
Manila, April 12.—Governor-General Harrison issued a call to-day for the immediate formation of three militia regiments with a total of about 4,000 men.

Members of the British colony in Manila are offering their services for insular defence duty.

AUSTRALIAN LOAN TOTALS \$112,000,000; IS OVERSUBSCRIBED
London, April 12.—A Melbourne dispatch to Reuter's says that the total subscriptions to the Australian war loan just raised are \$22,400,000. Loan was launched in January for \$18,000,000 at 4 1/2 per cent. A previous loan of \$10,000,000 was issued in February, 1916, and was over-subscribed.

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BATTLE OF ARRAS MOST SUCCESSFUL BRITISH OPERATION SINCE THE WAR BEGAN, DECLARES FRANK H. SIMONDS

New York Expert Compares It With French Operations Near Verdun and in Champagne; Splendid Co-ordination of Artillery and Infantry Branches of Army; German Morale Breaking Down

New York, April 12.—(By Frank H. Simonds.)—Whatever the subsequent developments may be, it is clear now that the Battle of Arras represents the most successful British operation during the war and one of the most successful attacks in the history of trench warfare.

Naturally it will be compared first with the last of the French offensives at Verdun. In that case the French attacked on a front of seven miles, penetrated the German lines for a little less than three miles and took something over 11,000 prisoners and more than 100 guns.

Judged by this standard, it will be seen that the British in their attack east of Arras captured about the same number of guns and prisoners on a front of twelve miles, as against seven, but advanced something like twice the distance that the French did.

In the case of Verdun, however, the French operation was a local attack for the purpose of clearing the country about Fort Douaumont and enabling the construction of defensive works north of this position. There was no intention of piercing the German lines, and although the German lines were broken and a much greater advance might have been made, the French were not in force to turn to advantage what obviously was a greater success than they had expected.

New Record.

On the other hand, the British, attacking with no limit to their object but to smash through twelve miles of the German front, have done more than any other Entente army on the western front during the war. At Neuve-Chapelle two years ago they gained rather less than a mile on a front of two or three. At Loos they gained perhaps two or three miles on a front of seven or eight. The French in their great attack in the Champagne, nowhere advanced more than

two miles on a front of fifteen miles. In the first days of the Battle of the Somme the British advance was less than two miles and it was not until September—that is three months after the battle opened—that the British had made as much ground as they have now made about Arras. The French attack at the Somme was more immediately successful and gained perhaps four miles.

In Open Country.

Laying aside comparisons, we can say this: In twenty-four hours the British have forced their way through one of the strongest fortified positions of the Germans. In some places they have penetrated through the whole system of defences, which extended back for four miles, and are practically in the open country, notably due east of Arras, along the Scarpe valley. On the other hand they have not made more than a mile at the extreme north near Givenchy.

Hitherto the most successful British attack was at Beaumont-Hamel last Fall, when they advanced some two miles in a sudden push and took nearly 6,000 prisoners.

The fact that stands out before all others in the new offensive is the success of the British in the co-ordinating of their infantry and artillery branches. In the first days of the Battle of the Somme the British lost many of their men by their own guns and many more thousands because their artillery preparation was insufficient. I remember one case that was told me in the British army of a British brigade, 4,000 strong, which in an attack during the Battle of the Somme lost 1,500 killed and 1,500 in wounded and came out 500 strong as a consequence of insufficient artillery preparation.

Small Cost.

The French attack at Verdun last year was a landmark in successful co-ordination of guns and men, being probably the finest feat of trench war up to that time, but the new British achievement represents a greater gain in territory and a larger success, with losses which probably will be vastly less than the expense of relatively minor attacks during the Battle of the Somme.

Only second in interest is the obvious breakdown of the German morale. Not until the last attack of the French at Verdun has there been disclosed any such readiness on the part of Germans to surrender. When I was at Verdun I was told by officers who had participated in this battle that for the first time the German machine gunners, who are picked men, surrendered before the wave of attackers approached their guns. In fact the French were taken by surprise when the Germans began to surrender in masses. The same thing has happened in the Battle of Arras. The divisions on the front attacked. Accepting this, they had a little more than 30,000 men in line—certainly not over 35,000 and more than 11,000 surrendered, or a full third. As the casualties could not have been fewer, it is clear that two divisions were practically destroyed.

Estimates Correct.

It has been the British theory that under constant pounding the German morale was breaking down, and I was told many times at the British front of the growing readiness of the Germans to surrender. Because of the considerable number of Germans coming in night by night, the British soldiers and officers felt that the Germans were beginning to weaken, and the present battle is far and away the most impressive evidence of the correctness of their estimates.

Looking to the consequences of the Battle of Arras, it is possible to say now only this: exactly east of Arras the British have advanced between five and six miles, and have passed all the German trenches and trench systems which were in existence last January and which are shown on British staff maps which I have of that date. To the north, facing the Vimy Ridge, they have been held up by the rearward defence, including the town of Vimy, which is at the foot of the ridge. Back of this there is a trench system coming southeast of Lens and stretching toward Douai. This may have been extended since January, and if it has been, the British shortly will come in contact with it, and perhaps be held up.

Near Douai.

On the other hand, it is now highly probable that the British advance will go close up to Douai, 10 or 12 miles east of Arras. Presumably it will come in contact with another system of German entrenchments extending from Cambrai to Lille before Douai. This is the site of the so-called Hindenburg line that is supposed to exist—that it does has not yet been established. That dispatches in the last twenty-four hours have talked about the "turning" of the Hindenburg line and this discussion has been based upon the assumption

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KEMP'S CONGRATULATIONS TO CANADIANS OVERSEAS

Ottawa, April 12.—Sir Edward Kemp, the Minister of Militia, has sent the following cable of congratulations to Lieut.-Gen. Sir Julian Byng on the great victory of the Canadians at the Vimy Ridge in Northern France:

"The troops still in Canada awaiting their opportunity to join their comrades at the front, the young Canadians also about to enlist, and the officers and men who have been deprived of the privilege of participating in active operations at the front but who have devoted themselves to the task of raising and organizing the Canadian expeditionary force—on behalf of all these I extend to yourself and the officers and men under your command, my warmest congratulations, in which I heartily concur, upon the splendid and inspiring victory of the Canadian forces at the Vimy Ridge."

GERMAN WOMEN AS BARBAROUS AS MEN

London, April 12 (via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—Appalling revelations of the systematic brutality of women of the German Red Cross toward British wounded have been made to the House of Commons by scores of British soldiers of all ranks released from German prison camps.

On the long journey of the British wounded through Germany it was the common amusement of these women to tempt the men, who were in the last extremity of hunger and thirst, by holding out food and drink to try to make them reach for it, and then snatching it away. Many of the wounded, begging for water, had coffee, water and soup tendered to them, and then at the last moment the "gentle" nurses would spit in the cup or glass. Frequently the women laughed as the wounded drank the defiled stuff.

An equally common entertainment with these women was to offer a wounded man a glass of water and then pour it slowly on the ground. Cases of physical maltreatment of British wounded by German nurses were just as common and systematic as the refusal to give nourishment. The nurses not only refused to attend to the British wounded, but regularly insulted and spat on them. Frequently they even struck or kicked a helpless limb in order to give pain.

"If," says the Times, "the German Red Cross is merely a branch of German militarism, it has prostituted its sacred sign, shamed its name and forfeited all right to be regarded as an organization of humanity."

LIFE SENTENCE FOR EMERSON ST. PIERRE

Cornwall, Ont., April 12.—Sentence was given this forenoon in the case of Emerson St. Pierre, found guilty yesterday of manslaughter in connection with the death of his father, William St. Pierre, shot on February 6 and buried in the cellar of his home, and of Nettie Richmire, companion of the prisoner, who this forenoon pleaded guilty to being an accessory after the fact. Emerson St. Pierre was given life imprisonment and the woman five years.

put their names on the scroll of honor and in this way feel that they acted like men when the freedom and the liberty of their country were threatened."

CHINA ALSO WILL JOIN THE ALLIES

Shanghai, April 10, via New York, April 12.—The delay of the Chinese Government in following the lead of the United States and declaring a state of war with Germany is owing to the necessity of consulting the Chamber of Commerce and some of the military governors who are opposed to war. The Government, however, has decided to join the Entente at an early date.

HELD ON SUSPICION; FREED.

Boston, April 12.—D. H. G. Spiekermann, of Waltham, Mass., arrested by Federal officers last week on suspicion of being a German secret service agent, was released to-day. The authorities announced that there was no evidence on which he could be held.

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ALL SHIPBUILDING YARDS ARE TO AID

Wilson Has Plan to Assist Allies in Crushing Submarine Menace

Washington, April 12.—A colossal campaign to break down the German submarine campaign and keep the Entente nations plentifully supplied with food, clothing and munitions has been determined upon by President Wilson as the first physical stroke of the United States against her enemy.

Unable at present to send an army into the trenches, the President believes the United States can do an even greater service in the common cause against Germany by providing a great armada of merchantmen to invalidate the undersea campaign about which have been rallied the fading hopes of Prussian conquest. For weeks officials have been at work on such a plan, but not until to-day was it revealed on how great a scale the task has been projected or how great importance is attached to it in the Administration's general war programme. Virtually every detail now has been completed and by Fall the campaign itself will be in full swing.

Quickly-built light wooden ships of 2,000 tons and upwards are to make up the fleet of merchantmen, and to insure maximum construction the Shipping Board has enlisted the country's entire shipbuilding facilities. Upwards of a hundred private plants on all the coasts will help, giving the Board's orders precedence over every other class of work except the most urgent naval construction. For the first year production is expected to reach an average of three ships a day.

Goethals in Charge.
 Major-General George W. Goethals, builder of the Panama Canal, has been selected to supervise the construction programme, which is expected to involve within the next year a total tonnage of 3,000,000, or more than now is building in all the shipyards in the world.

The ships will cost about \$300,000 each, will be equipped with oil-burning engines and will carry a crew of about 25 men each. They also will be armed. The first of the vessels are to be ready in about six months, and during the year following the number afloat is expected to pass 1,000.

In their calculations the President and the Shipping Board have had the advice of Entente naval authorities and have computed carefully the ability of the German U-boats to cope with large numbers of merchantmen. They are convinced that by building ships of only 2,000 or 3,000 tons and forcing Germany to pay with a torpedo for each one sent to the bottom, the resources of the German submarine fleet for operation far from its bases soon can be exhausted.

If the blockade running campaign should not actually end the war by destroying Germany's faith in the U boat, to which her reliance was transferred after the hope of decisive victory on land had been abandoned, the Administration is confident it at least will thwart the German threat of

BRAZIL STATES WHY RELATIONS WERE CUT

Official Announcement Regarding Action Against Germany

Rio de Janeiro, April 12.—The breaking off of diplomatic relations with Germany is officially announced by the Brazilian Government in a communication to the press. A combination of reasons is given for this action, the official explanation reading:

"Considering that the inquiry and the conclusions reached by the legation at Paris in the subject of the torpedoing of the Brazilian steamship Parana established the fact that the Parana was proceeding under reduced speed, was illuminated outside and inside, including a shield with the name 'Brazil,' and considering that the steamship received no warning to stop, according to the unanimous depositions of the crew, and further, that the steamship was torpedoed and was shelled five times and that the submarine made no attempt to save life, there, in the presence of such aggravating circumstances and in accord with the note of February 9 and the telegram of February 13 sent by the Brazilian Government to the legation at Berlin, the Brazilian Government severs relations with Germany."

Passports Given.
 A special messenger proceeded yesterday to Petropolis, the home of the German colony, to present to the German Minister, Herr Haack, a note from the Brazilian Government and to hand him his passports. He also was instructed to inform the Minister that Brazil had placed at his disposition the steamship Rio Janeiro, which will transport him, the members of the legation and the consuls to Germany.

Senor Gurgel de Amaral, in charge of the Brazilian legation at Berlin, has been ordered to return from his post. Switzerland will take over the Brazilian interests in Germany.

Argentina.
 Buenos Aires, April 12.—The Government will make no definite announcement of Argentina's neutrality in the war between the United States and Germany, as it considers its note of Tuesday sufficient. This note embodies a declaration that Argentina supports the position of the United States with reference to Germany.

Germans Uniformed.
 Copenhagen, April 12.—The German press so far has passed over the South American situation almost without comment. Dispatches regarding the possibility of Brazil and other Latin American republics joining the Allies are given as little prominence as possible.

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, April 12.—The following casualties have been announced:

Infantry.
 Killed in action—Pte. A. Lee, Quebec; Pte. E. P. Faine, England; Pte. E. T. Trice, England; Pte. R. S. Hudson, Vancouver; Pte. G. Sinclair, Trux, Sask.; Pte. P. Beaumont, Tweed, Ont.; Pte. W. C. Little, Campbell's Cross, Ont.; Pte. F. W. Bloss, England; Cpl. L. L. Randall, Clifton, Kas.; Pte. S. Griffin, England.

Died—Pte. J. Miller, Scotland; Pte. A. C. Bursey, Galt, Ont.; Capt. Chas. Wansborough, England.

Died of wounds—Pte. E. A. Rogers, Welland, Ont.; Pte. R. Vau, Montreal; Pte. T. Mason, Toronto; Pte. J. Anderson, England; Pte. F. O. Austin, Toronto; Pte. V. Chant, South-Yancouver; Pte. A. H. Pitt, England; Pte. W. S. Hart, England; Pte. J. Farrant, Vancouver; Pte. L. Critchell, Montreal; Pte. W. Duncan, Oil City, Ont.; Pte. J. Robinson, Galsby, Alta.; Pte. J. Dupuis, England.

Missing—Capt. F. Spencer, England. Wounded—Pte. T. Hopkins, Edmonton; Pte. T. R. Bennett, Marksville, Ont.; Pte. E. Inquette, Quebec; Pte. W. Whitford, Prince Albert, Sask.; Cpl. E. Broadfoot, Cottonwood, Sask.; Pte. G. Dobbs, North Battleford, Sask.; Pte. W. Fulford, Port Arthur, Ont.; Cpl. W. Hyslop, Smith's Falls, Ont.; Pte. B. Preston, Hillier, Ont.; Pte. J. Skinner, Chatham, Ont.; Lieut. C. Smith, Regina; Major O. D. Heard, Truro, N.S.; Major W. A. Dyer, England; Lieut. E. P. Murphy, Vancouver; Pte. R. Wannemaker, Toronto; Pte. T. Clancy, Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Pte. H. McHarg, St. Cloud, Minn.

Wounded, remaining on duty—Lieut. J. Sinclair, Scotland; Pte. G. Burke, Des Moines, Ia.; Pte. T. Walsh, Stratford, Ont.

Seriously ill—Pte. W. Farquhar, Scotland; Pte. F. Manson, Watrous, Sask.; Pte. E. Berry, Toronto; Pte. F. Hendrick, Montreal; Cpl. A. Walter, Kimberley, Ont.; Pte. H. Chapman, Woodstock, Ont.; Pte. A. Gorda, Winnipeg; Pte. T. Hardman, England.

Artillery.
 Died of wounds—Gar. R. Hillary, Aurora, Ont.

Dangerously ill—Gar. G. Sutherland, Earlton, N. S.

Engineers.
 Died of wounds—Sapper R. Knight, Manhattan, Kas.

Mounted Rifles.
 Died of wounds—Pte. B. Nickerson, Sydney, N. S.; Major J. A. Critchley, England.

Services.
 Died—Cpl. G. Brown, British West Indies.

Seriously ill—Capt. F. F. Keating, Portland, Me.

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TROOPS OF BRITAIN BATTLE IN SNOW

Correspondent Tells of Further Progress on Lens-St. Quentin Front

London, April 12.—The following official report from Northern France was issued last night:

"Snow has fallen heavily and continuously throughout the day, rendering observation impossible and greatly impeding the operations of our troops."

"This morning two German counter-attacks on our new positions in the neighborhood of Monchy-le-Preux (five miles east of Arras) were successfully beaten off. Prisoners taken in Monchy-le-Preux state that they had orders to hold the village at all costs."

"Further south, bodies of our troops succeeded in penetrating a German position in the neighborhood of Bullecourt and secured a number of prisoners. At midday they were counter-attacked by large forces of the enemy and forced back to their own lines. The enemy units attacking troops were effectively engaged by our artillery and suffered heavy losses."

"Our aeroplanes were active again yesterday, and in spite of a strong westerly gale and frequent snowstorms, performed valuable work in co-operation with our infantry. Few hostile machines were seen. Our aeroplanes returned safely."

Further Progress.
 British Headquarters in France, April 12, via London, April 12.—(From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.)—British troops have taken a posse three-quarters of a mile north-east of Monchy, and also Polves, on the bank of the Scarpe. Roux, on the north bank of this vagabond stream, misnamed a river, is now in British hands.

French Report.
 Paris, April 12.—The War Office gave out the following report last night:

"The artillery fighting was quite active around St. Quentin. South of the Oise the enemy pushed back one of our detachments northeast of Veruillous-Coucy. We drove him out immediately from our position by a counter-attack."

"There was marked artillery activity near Berry-au-Bac and La Pompele and along the Champagne front. In the Le Petra wood we effectively shelled the enemy organizations."

German Statement.
 Berlin, April 12.—The following official statement was given out last night:

"Near Fampoux (east of Arras), English infantry attacks and several cavalry attacks near Rouex failed with heavy losses to the enemy."

"On the southern bank of the Scarpe, near Monchy and Rancourt, there have been engagements throughout the day which developed favorably for us. "East of Bullecourt (west of Cambrai) and near Hardecourt, northeast of St. Quentin, a thousand English prisoners, together with 25 machine guns, were captured. "From Soissons to as far as Rheims there have been most violent artillery duels."

WORKING ON RAILWAY LAWS OF DOMINION

Ottawa, April 12.—J. E. Armstrong, Conservative M. P. for East Lambton, Ontario, was elected chairman of the special committee of the House of Commons which met to-day to commence consideration of the consolidation of the Railway Act. Hon. Frank Cochrane, the Minister of Railways; Hon. J. D. Reid, Hon. Charles Murphy and several members of the House were present. All the railways, the Department of Railways, the City of Toronto, the railway brotherhoods and the Railway Commission were represented by counsel.

Mr. Armstrong proposed that when public bodies desire to make representations to the Committee their views should be put in writing. The Committee, when necessary, could give such bodies the privilege of having one or two representatives appear before it. For ratification of the 46 clauses in the bill, this would be necessary if it is to be disposed of soon. In order to facilitate the work of the Committee, sittings will be held when the House is in session.

A MUNICH PAPER ON BORDEN'S SPEECH

London, April 12.—A Munich newspaper, dealing with the speeches of Sir Robert Borden and Lieut.-Gen. Smuts at the House of Commons last night, recently, says: "We must protest against the liberty taken by Sir Robert Borden in giving us advice on how to build up the interior of our house. We shall be less disposed to follow his advice because we knew that Borden's purpose does not differ from that of Lloyd George, who in his peace formula seeks to make Germany for all time England's vassal."

SIX CUBAN REBELS BROUGHT TO STATES

New York, April 12.—Six prisoners, said to be Cuban rebels, arrived here to-day on a Norwegian freight ship from a Cuban port and were turned over to immigration officials from Ellis Island. According to the ship's officers, the prisoners were brought on board at night just prior to sailing, by an officer whom the men on the ship took to be an American. The captain protested against taking the prisoners, but it was insisted he do so. The identity of the prisoners is unknown, but they are unmistakably Cubans.

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- Children's Black Cotton Knitted Drawers, tight knee, 2 to 14 years, at pair, 25c and 35c
- Children's Knitted Undervests, for ages 1 to 14 years, low neck, short sleeves, 25c and 35c
- Children's Knitted Drawers, white, tight and loose knee, 25c and 35c
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OKLAHOMA AND KANSAS GET MUCH NEEDED RAIN

Kansas City, Mo., April 12.—Rains that soaked the wheat and grain belts of Oklahoma and Kansas yesterday saved thousands of acres that would have been ruined had the drought continued a few days more, according to the opinion of agricultural experts.

Frank M. Gault, president of the State Board of Agriculture of Oklahoma, declared last night that if the rain continued to-day the wheat crop in that state would be from 20,000,000 to 23,000,000 bushels in contrast to last year's crop of 27,000,000. The situation in Kansas was summed up by J. C. Mohler, the secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, with a statement that the general rain would save much of the grain and that it had been of "unold value" to the winter wheat. Official messages received told of rains early to-day in south central and southeastern Kansas and Oklahoma.

DANES HAVE SUFFERED.

Copenhagen, April 12.—Since the commencement of the war the Danish state railways have suffered as the result of the depreciation of the German mark, an exchange loss of 1,600,000 kronen in settlements with the German railways.

BRITISH UNDERWRITERS AND END OF THE WAR

London, April 12.—A feeling in some quarters that the war may end before the last of the year is indicated by the fact that in underwriting circles business was done yesterday "to pay total loss if peace is not declared before December 31," at 45 guineas per cent. Some time ago business was done at the rate of 15 per cent. against the declaration of peace within 18 months.

A report in Wall Street that 10 to 1 was being offered at Lloyds that peace would be concluded within 90 days was described as more in the nature of a jocular bet than an attempt to trade. The wide betting odds frequently mentioned are not seriously considered as indicative of market opinion.

TWO MORE BODIES ARE FOUND AT COAL CREEK

Fernie, April 12.—The all-night work of the rescuers at Coal Creek resulted in the recovering last night of two more bodies of victims of the explosion in mine No. 2, bringing the total now recovered to twelve. Those recovered were G. Graconizi and J. Falip. The work is most difficult. After finding a body the work of bringing it over the numerous caves is strenuous, the labor taking hours of time. Added to this is the condition in which the bodies are found, owing to the length of time since the explosion.

AN EXPLOSION IN AMERICAN ARSENAL

Philadelphia, April 12.—An accidental explosion of powder in the detonating department of the Government arsenal at Frankfort, a suburb of this city, where ammunition is being manufactured in great quantities, killed Philip McRally and fatally injured Joseph Miller. Colonel Montgomery, commandant of the arsenal, said the explosion was accidental.

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CARRYING OUT PLEDGES.

The Government is steadily carrying out its pre-election pledges and at the present rate of progress in this direction will be able to submit a highly satisfactory report at the end of the session. The measures relating to mining, irrigation and civil service reform are making good headway through the intricacies of legislative procedure. The will of the electorate as expressed in the referendum on equal suffrage has been translated into law. Before long the House will be asked to consider legislation in the interests of agriculture and land settlement, with special application to the problem of returned soldiers. When the estimates are brought down it will be seen that the Government is also fulfilling its pledge of retrenchment and economy in the expenditure of the public funds.

The financial question is the most difficult of all. It is no easy thing to increase taxation and cut down expenditure, but the Government, if true to the best interests of the Province, can have no alternative. The practice of spending money without regard to revenue, and borrowing the difference at constantly growing rates of interest, could end only in disaster. No sane business man would dream of trying it. After the war we shall have to solve a number of exceptionally hard problems. There will be a heavy immigration to the Province. To accommodate the newcomers and to absorb the soldiers back into civil life there will have to be a great amount of industrial development. Obviously the proper course for the Government to pursue now is to cut down all but necessary expenditures in the ordinary sense, redress the balance between income and outgo, thereby strengthening the Provincial credit, and devote its attention to encouraging the development of our resources.

In the bill providing for a full judicial inquiry into the charges in connection with the Vancouver by-election, introduced by Mr. Brewster yesterday, and the measure insuring equal guardianship of children as between parents, which began its second reading, two further pre-election pledges are represented. The first already has been dealt with in these columns. The second removes a disability which should have been wiped out years ago, a survival of an ancient order of prejudice, intolerance and injustice which is at variance with elementary democracy and the new measure was bound to be a speedy corollary of the extension of the franchise to women. The Government's record in reform and constructive legislation so far has been excellent, notwithstanding the fact that it was handicapped by the tenacity with which Mr. Bowser clung to office for months after it was apparent that the electors had dismissed him.

CASUALTIES NOT HEAVY.

It is gratifying to learn from Ottawa that the casualties of the Canadian troops in the capture of the Vimy ridge were comparatively light. This, no doubt, was the case, in degree, on the front generally and it was due, we presume, to the adoption and perfection of the new method of attack developed by Nivelle in the two remarkable strokes delivered by him at Verdun last year. That method, while simple and logical, calls for the highest order of artillery science and precision. It consists of a tremendous bombardment of the enemy's works and an immediate infantry assault behind a barrage or curtain of fire directed so accurately that it is never more than a short distance in front of the attacking troops. Thus the enemy units which have been able to shelter themselves from the preliminary bombardment are prevented from bringing their deadly machine guns into full use by the barrage

which is no sooner raised than the bombers and bayonet men of the attacking forces are upon them.

Besides this, tanks evidently have been used on a large scale, while some of the press reports hint mysteriously at a "new engine of warfare" which is said to be even more effective. At the same time we should not expect that the proportion of casualties will continue to be as light as it was in the opening days of the new offensive, for in addition to the improved methods and devices the element of surprise should be considered. Nevertheless, it may confidently be predicted that the ratio never again will be as high as it was in the Battle of the Somme last year. The total, no doubt, will be larger because a vastly greater number of men will be employed, but the attacking infantryman will operate under conditions much more favorable in every way. More than that, he is fighting an enemy who cannot or will not react as quickly as the German army of a year ago.

Exceptionally bad weather conditions are hampering the attacking forces on the new active front, but the forward movement is continuing. The Canadians are driving the Germans down the eastern slopes of the Vimy ridge, incidentally repulsing a number of strong counter-attacks. North of the ridge the British have captured two important positions, which places them astride of the Souchez River. West of Cambrai and northwest of St. Quentin they appear to have met with reverses, strong German counter-attacks throwing back units which tried to advance. Berlin claims a thousand prisoners and twenty-five machine guns.

The main outlook, however, continues to be most promising. As far as the German line is concerned the situation cannot remain stationary. Either the British must be thrown back east and north of Arras or the Germans must soon retire their front to a line before Douai and Lille. If the enemy tried to maintain his present front the whole so-called Hindenburg line would be outflanked, which would spell a disaster of the first magnitude.

Extra satisfaction will be felt in the British ranks over the defeat of the Bavarians between Arras and Lens, for it is appropriate to recall the celebrated proclamation issued by Prince Rupprecht to his troops two years ago in which the "degenerate English" and "Canadian savages" were vividly pictured as about to be beaten by the "invincible Bavarians" in forty different ways and to be "punished" without the slightest mercy. Indeed, Rupprecht's threats of what he was going to do to his foes were positively the most ferocious of any emanating from the Hun command.

KULTURI.

While Entente governments already have formally thanked former Ambassador Gerard for his humane services to their soldiers held by Germany as prisoners of war, it would be impossible to express adequately the full measure of their gratitude. Mr. Gerard's recital of the suffering and indignities inflicted upon our helpless men by the agents of German kultur makes one wonder how such moral degeneracy can possibly exist in a country which possesses at least a first-hand acquaintance with civilization. The black chapters of Germany's treatment of prisoners outdoes the worst record attributed to primitive savagery anywhere else. It shows how the minds of even little children have been debauched by the devilish system against which the world is now in arms. Is it any wonder that Mr. Gerard was unable to force himself to think neutrally and finally ceased to make any concealment of the loathing he felt for the savages by whom he was surrounded?

SHOULD START NOW.

If it is decided to restore Esquimalt as a naval base through the co-operation of the British and Dominion Governments, no time should be lost in commencing the construction of the new dry-dock at Esquimalt. Months ago The Times called attention to the necessity of an early start with the work, pointing out that following the war there would be in all probability a resumption of the Canadian naval programme, interrupted six years ago, as part of a scheme, in which Great Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand would be represented, for naval defence and patrol in the Pacific. Australia in particular has been on the matter, and just before the outbreak of war was anxious to have another conference to discuss it. The Commonwealth not unnaturally resented Canada's repudiation of the arrangement agreed upon with the Admiralty in 1909, which has had so striking a vindication in the war.

Four years ago an appropriation of \$250,000 was made by Parliament for the commencement of operations on the construction of a new dock at Esquimalt. At one time we were assured that tenders for the work were about to be invited. Nothing, however, was done. The sum was re-voted each succeeding session, but this became a meaningless formality. Meanwhile,

Announcement

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naval work of the most necessary character was seriously handicapped. Patrol vessels too large for the present dock had to go elsewhere for repairs. Had the Laurier scheme, now evidently about to be carried out in its main essentials, been proceeded with six years ago, the new dock would have been ready for service before the war broke out.

The German press is unable to agree in its description of the Battle of Arras. The military expert of the Kolnische Zeitung yesterday said it was the "decisive battle" of the war. That is to say, if within the next few days the British do not "break through" and start a marathon for the Rhine, Germany will have won the war and peace will be signed on July 1. To-day the battle is described as a "local affair." Evidently the Hun commentators are not so sure that the British will not make their offensive good, as they were yesterday, and anticipate further reverses. Otherwise, the "decisive battle" would not now decline into a "local affair." Eleven thousand prisoners and more than a hundred guns are pretty substantial toll for a local affair.

The dispatch from Washington which states that the United States is in a "dilemma between the policies of the Allies, the exigencies of the war and its own view of international law" seems somewhat far-fetched. The protests lodged by the United States against British interference with American trade were based upon Washington's interpretation of neutral rights. The United States is not now a neutral. It is a belligerent and will be as anxious to prevent supplies reaching the Central Empire as its Allies are. The forthcoming important visit to Washington of Mr. Balfour, M. Viviani and their colleagues will have to do with matters of much more vital concern than the so-called dilemma.

A Swiss newspaper says Germany has won in Europe but lost all outside of it, including the friendship of the world. We are not disposed to grant event the first proposition. For example, there was the Battle of the Marne, the incident of Verdun, the struggle at the Somme and the assault of the "Hindenburg line" at Arras. In every one of these engagements Germany suffered costly and decisive defeats, the latter being admitted by German papers to be lamentable, but involving no diminution of faith in Hindenburg. When the people lose their faith in the hero of the nail-studded statue, the inference is that their last hope of ultimate victory and huge indemnities will be gone.

The Times earnestly endorses the admonition of the morning paper in regard to the urgency of prompt reports of cases of measles. Parents should report these at once, for otherwise not only are the medical authorities seriously handicapped in dealing with the epidemic but the little victims themselves are exposed to serious danger. Measles is not a trivial thing; indeed, it is often the foundation of dangerous ailments. Parents assume a grave responsibility when they fail to report promptly such cases among their children, or permit convalescents to mingle with others too soon. In disregarding these precautions they are not only unfair to the authorities, but they are doing the children an injury.

It would not be an unusually difficult feat for one of the larger German submarines to reach the Pacific. These craft have an operating radius of 6,000 miles and if they were kept supplied by German sympathizers in neutral countries would not have much trouble in going wherever they pleased. If there actually is a hostile submarine off lower California or Mexico it probably is the boat which was known to have accompanied the Past German raider to the South American coast. No doubt it is in the company of a supply vessel, possibly one of the ships captured by the raider. Once it discloses its whereabouts, however, its prospects of escape will become extremely slim.

Two bouquets of flowers graced the desks of Mr. Bowser and Mr. Ross yesterday. They came from the Conservative ladies in appreciation of the services declared to have been rendered by these two gentlemen to the cause of woman suffrage. Said services consisted of the reference of the subject for a referendum, following a resolution of the Opposition, and on the eve of an election. Before that Mr. Bowser always consistently voted against the proposal. But we do not

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begrudge Messrs. Bowser and Ross the flowers; only, we would like to ask why Mr. Cowper was left unnoticed.

Uncle Sam ought to feel proud of the young Texan who, as a member of the Canadian forces, went into action with a small American flag on the end of his bayonet. This incident is likely to become historic, for it gave to the Stars and Stripes its first representation on the battlefield which the New York Tribune rightly describes as the frontier of civilization.

Now we are told that a world league has been formed to accomplish the destruction of innocent, inoffensive, cultured Germany, which set out on a mission for the world's good. The world league will be satisfied with nothing less than the destruction of the elements which have perverted the German mind.

One of the Hun Zeitungs expresses the sage opinion that the Battle of Arras means the dawn of a new and brighter day for Germany. That day already has dawned for about fifteen thousand Germans who have surrendered to the British. The privilege is open to the whole German nation.

Ladies are reminded that the period of registration for the voters' list is now open, and they should take advantage of it. They will have an opportunity of exercising the right which has just been recognized by law before long, but they cannot take advantage of it unless they register.

Vancouver was visited by a furious thunderstorm on Saturday. There was not even the mutterings of a distant storm heard in Victoria. Even the elements seem to be in league against us experiencing any of the great sensations of the great world.

We suppose Mr. H. G. Barnard will see to it that the establishment which is to more than restore the past glories of ancient Esquimalt does not partake in the slightest degree what he once described as a "tinpot navy."

New food regulations are to be brought into force in Germany on April 15. The German people are finding out that the way of the war lords is the path of tribulation.

That Hug submarine seen on the Pacific probably was discovered by the eye of a too vivid imagination.

Washington Post: No longer can the world hope for the return of reason in Germany. For some inscrutable purpose the Almighty has seen fit to endow that nation with industry and skill and bravery, and then destroy its sanity. He has ordained that Armageddon shall be fought between the powers of darkness and the powers of light. The mailed fist of brute force now strikes at humanity, and threatens to destroy liberty if it dares to come to the defence of mankind. The world has only one duty now. It must rise and destroy the German system root and branch. Not a remnant of that system must be left to form another monstrous growth.

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Arrangements have been completed by the committee for the grand gala to be held at the grounds of the Victoria Jockey Club on April 18.

The steamer Rapid Transit with the machinery to be used in filling in the canyons along the E. & N. Railway will be over from the Sound this evening.

The election of an alderman for Johnson street ward, vacant by the resignation of Ald. J. C. Davlin, resulted: Edward Bragg, 167; Andrew Gray, 139.

J. S. Hall, father of Thomas B. Hall, of Victoria, president of Board of Trade, has died in Montreal.

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See Jameson, Rolfe & Willis; page 2.

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City Police Commissioners.

There will be another meeting of the City Police Commissioners on Tuesday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock.

Young People's Concert.

At the Y. M. C. A. Military hut at the Willows last night quite a big audience of the men in camp were present to hear the musical programme given by the St. Andrew's Young People's Society. The chair was taken by A. MacKay, military secretary of the Y. M. C. A. The formal part of the programme was followed by a free-for-all sing-song, and dancing filled in the last hour of the evening.

Belgium's Art and Literature.

In connection with her address, "Some Stidelights on Belgium's History," which the Baroness d'Anethan will give at the Empress Hotel to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock under the auspices of the Belgium Relief Fund, and with the patronage of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Barnard, the Alliance Francaise, and the French Red Cross, there will be reference made to Belgium's great works of art and their fate with the invading of the Hun enemy. Belgium has been under Spain, France, Austria and Holland, and things in her architecture and among her great art collections were reminders of these different dominations. Many of her treasures have been lost in the devastation of war, but it is not improbable that time will discover some at least of the works which have been so greatly prized, not alone by Belgium, but by art-lovers all over the world. The proceeds of Baroness d'Anethan's lecture will go to the Belgium Relief Fund.

INDOOR TRACK MEET

Y.M.C.A. Boys Will Stage Interesting Event on April 16.

The boys' classes of the local Y.M.C.A. are planning to hold an indoor meet on Monday, April 16, under the capable management of Elmer Chave, the physical director, the lads are expecting to stage a very interesting event.

The affair will be run under the regulations of the Canadian Standard Efficiency Tests, so that each boy, regardless of his age, will have an equal opportunity of gaining the points which are offered. After the meet, which will commence at 7:30 o'clock, is over the remainder of the evening will be spent in a social way, a musical programme will be provided and refreshments served.

The association is giving three medals which will be presented to the boys who gain the highest number of points during the evening. This should stimulate interest in the event and bring a large list of entries to the hands of the secretary. In this regard both Mr. Emery, the boys' secretary, and Mr. Chave are very anxious that all members who desire to take part will register their names at the earliest possible date.

The programme, which is a varied one, contains the following events: Standing broad jump, running high jump, standing hop, step and jump; 60-yard potato race, 100-yard sprint, putting the 8-pound shot, the pull-up.

Acknowledge Donation.

The Returned Soldiers' Association desire to acknowledge with thanks the sum of ten dollars sent from the Machinists' General Fund at the navy yard.

Tillamook School.

At the meeting of the Saanich School Board held last evening plans were approved for the new school to be built at the corner of Alma Street and Albin Street, from the designs of C. Elwood Watkins. Tenders will be invited for May 7. The building, as planned now, will be four rooms, with possibilities of extension to eight rooms, as circumstances warrant. The cost will be \$7,500 for the present contract. As the board has only acquired seven of the ten lots in the block, it was decided to obtain the remaining three required.

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"There is a swift paddle-steamer that plies in peace-time from Liverpool to the Isle of Man, 'Mona's Queen,' and she has done a good job of work in the war. She was running from England to France, and was carrying some 1,500 troops. As she reached her destination she was slowing down, but still going pretty fast when a German submarine came up close to her. It is supposed the commander got a bit rattled finding a ship so near him, for the torpedo he fired at her missed the ship. He then tried to put on speed to cross her bow, but found he had underestimated the speed of the ship and could not get across. So he went astern to save himself, but it was too late. He had only just managed to stop himself when 'Mona's Queen' was on him, struck him with the paddle-box guard on the left side, and hit him three blows from her paddle floats, each of which weighed a ton and a quarter. Those whacks settled him, and he has since been found at the bottom of the harbor.

"And a very good place too for all other German submarines," commented the writer.

SUCCESSION DUTIES TO BE MATERIALLY RAISED

New Rates Introduced by the Minister of Finance To-day Will Double Revenue

Legislative Press Gallery, April 11.

By the increase in the succession duties which is proposed in a measure introduced by Hon. H. C. Brewster, Minister of Finance, this afternoon it is hoped to double the revenue from this source—which has been about a quarter of a million dollars yearly. Under the new scale the revenue from succession duty ought to be at least four hundred thousand dollars annually.

The aim has been to adjust the increase in the duty to those best able to bear it and also to make it heavier where an estate is passing out of the family of the testator or going to those who have not been closely related. A super-tax is being imposed where the estate goes to blood relations other than parents, consort or children.

To Close Relatives.

Under the existing Act, on an estate which goes to a father, mother, husband, wife, child, daughter-in-law or son-in-law of the deceased, the duty collected on amounts of from \$25,000 to \$100,000 is 1 1/2 per cent. The new act provides for an additional tax of 1 per cent on estates of from \$50,000 to \$100,000. On estates of \$100,000 to \$200,000 the existing tax is 1 1/2 per cent. for the first \$100,000 and 2 1/2 per cent. for the next \$100,000.

The new act imposes an additional tax of 1 1/2 per cent. on all estates between \$100,000 and \$200,000. On all estates above \$200,000 the present tax is 5 per cent. This is increased by the following additional taxes: On amounts between \$200,000 and \$300,000, 2 per cent.; \$300,000 to \$400,000, 2 1/2 per cent.; \$400,000 to \$500,000, 3 per cent.; \$500,000 to \$600,000, 4 per cent.; \$600,000 and up, 5 per cent.

Graduated Scale.

On estates going to grandfather, grandmother or lineal ancestor, except father or mother, or to any brother or sister, or the descendants of such brother or sister, or to brother or sister of the father or mother of the deceased, the present tax is 5 per cent. on all sums over \$5,000. Such estates are now placed on a graduated scale by the new act brought down to-day, and to this graduated scale is added a super-tax.

The graduated scale under the new act provides for the following rates of taxation: Estates of \$5,000 to \$25,000, 5 per cent.; \$25,000 to \$50,000, 7 1/2 per cent.; \$50,000 to \$100,000, 10 per cent.; \$100,000 and upward, 12 1/2 per cent. To these taxes are added the following super-taxes: On estates of \$25,000 to \$50,000, one half of 1 per cent.; \$50,000 to \$100,000, 1 per cent.; \$100,000 to \$150,000, 1 1/2 per cent.; \$150,000 to \$200,000, 2 per cent.; \$200,000 to \$250,000, 2 1/2 per cent.; \$250,000 to \$300,000, 3 per cent.; \$300,000 to \$350,000, 3 1/2 per cent.; \$350,000 to \$400,000, 4 per cent.; \$400,000 to \$450,000, 4 1/2 per cent.; \$450,000 and upward, 5 per cent.

High for Strangers.

Heavily increased rates are also provided for estates which are left to "any other degree of consanguinity" or "for the use of any stranger in blood." The rate under the present act is 10 per cent. on all amounts over \$5,000. Under the new act the rate will be: On estates of \$5,000 to \$10,000, 10 per cent.; \$10,000 to \$25,000, 12 1/2 per cent.; \$25,000 to \$50,000, 15 per cent.; \$50,000 and upward, 20 per cent.

Will Not Cross Line.—Sir Ernest Shackleton has cancelled his Vancouver engagement on Monday, and after speaking at the Seattle Arena, will leave directly for New York. This intimation is received in a message from the Antarctic explorer, who, however, intends to fill engagements in Portland and Seattle before going East.

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The amount asked for is set within the reach of all, a monthly subscription of from ten cents to one dollar being asked of each and every person residing in the district.

As is well-known, the "GREAT DRIVE" is to commence very soon, with its consequent heavy casualty lists, and as RED CROSS PRODUCTS are mainly wanted at these times of great stress, the Branch hopes that there will be a liberal response to the appeal of the collectors.

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ANNUAL MEETING

Board of Trade Complete Business for Year; Hon. Wm. Sloan to Speak

At 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon the annual meeting of the Victoria Board of Trade will be held. At that gathering the Hon. William Sloan, Minister of Mines, will be in attendance representing the Government. In reply to the reports covering the various activities of the Board during the last twelve months he will address the members. Apart from the Minister's remarks, to which a good deal of interest attaches, there will be the important business of electing the officers and councilmen for the ensuing year. In the closing of this week of the business for the year the Board does so with the satisfaction that its membership has increased by fifteen per cent. over the previous period of twelve months.

The retirement of Mr. C. H. Lugin from the presidency at the expiration of his term of office, which has been enforced on account of ill health, will leave the position open, and it is probable that James Forman, the present vice-president, will fill the vacancy, although there are seven or more nominations for the post. There are indications that the Board will be a considerable shake-up in the membership of the council after the election has taken place.

Fined \$75.—Mable Woods was fined \$75 by Magistrate Jay in the Police Court this morning on a charge of being an inmate of a disorderly house.

School Appointments.—At the meeting of the Victoria School Board last evening it was resolved to transfer Miss Lehman from the Boys' Central School to the High School, and to leave in abeyance any further appointments to re-adjust the staff at that school. Miss King was appointed to the teaching staff, and A. L. Marshall to the staff at the Boys Central School.

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UTILIZE TIMES WANT ADS

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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

Mr. E. Henderson and his daughter, Winifred, went over to Vancouver for the holiday week-end.

The Misses Martha and Minnie Schmelz returned to Seattle on Easter Monday after spending the Easter holidays with their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wood, of Vancouver, who came over to Victoria for the Easter holidays, have returned to their home on the mainland.

In the report of the meeting of the Graduate Nurses' Association mention of singing of two solos by Miss Mattie Fraser was inadvertently omitted. Miss Fraser was accompanied by Mme. Webb.

The event of the Seattle musical world this week is the concert by the New York Symphony artists, under the direction of Walter Damrosch, at the Moore Theatre. This is to be tomorrow night. Several Victoria people are going over in order to be present.

Red Cross work is now the leading interest with the women of Seattle, and because of the amount of work that the Seattle branch has planned funds are necessary to carry on the work. Lady Stirling Chapter, as a part of the Daughters of the American Revolution Auxiliary to the Red Cross is planning a benefit hall to be given on Saturday evening, April 21.

The Vancouver ladies who are giving the April programme for the Victoria Ladies' Musical Club to-night at the Empress Hotel arrived on the afternoon boat from the Mainland today. The party consists of Miss Amy Wilson, Mme. Esté Avery and Mrs. Walter Coulthard, the solo vocalists; Miss Elsie Alexander, solo pianist and accompanist; Miss Kentish, Rankin, pianist; Miss Marjorie Boyd, violinist; and Mrs. Frank Wilson, Mrs. A. DeLong and Miss Vaughan Clare, who will sing in the quartette numbers.

Mrs. Conyers Bridgewater, president of the Victoria Ladies' Musical Club, and other members of the executive committee, were down at the boat to welcome the visiting artists, whose recital is being looked forward to with great interest and anticipation.

All former pupils of the Sprott-Shaw Business Institute are most cordially invited to attend the School Reunion, Alexandra Club Hall, on Friday evening, April 13. Eligibles please communicate with the School.

Mme. Jeanne Jomell, the artist who sang in concert here about two weeks ago, and Mrs. Gertrude Huntley Green, to whom Victoria readers require no introduction, gave a joint recital in St. Andrew's Church, Vancouver, on Tuesday evening. "Those who attended the recital must have felt genuinely sorry for those of Vancouver's music lovers who were not present, for last night's performance satisfactorily convinced the audience that a recital by these performers belongs to the realm of musical art, let the definition of that art be as strict as it may," comments one of the Vancouver papers. Mme. Jomell sang eighteen numbers, displaying what her critic termed "a penchant for surrounding herself with the atmosphere of her work, whether it was tragic, devotional, or in other mood, Her thought was on every word, the shading always sentient and plastic, and always reaching the heart as well as the ear of her audience. Mrs. Green's playing was generous admiration. "She displayed both poetic feeling and fluency of execution, her numbers including Chopin's First Prelude, Waltz in A-flat, Revolutionary Stilly, and Debussy's 'Moonlight'; Rossini's 'Butterflies,' and Liszt's Fourth Rhapsody. There was very general admiration displayed for this artist's brilliancy of execution. She also illustrated and dignified the art of the accompanist. She went hand in hand, mind in mind with the singer, putting mental quality and manual dexterity on the same exalted plane," says the writer of the critique.

AT THE HOTELS

J. W. Whitley, of Vancouver, is at the Dominion.

Mrs. Walters, of Merritt, is at the Dominion Hotel.

R. H. Wood, of Fort Alberni, is a guest of the Dominion Hotel.

Geo. S. Pearson, of Nanaimo, is a guest at the Strathcona Hotel.

Mrs. J. S. Browne, of James Island, is staying at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas of Parksville, are guests of the Dominion Hotel.

A. M. Herring, of New Westminster, is staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

A. H. Smith and Mrs. Smith, of Winnipeg, are at the Dominion Hotel.

Geo. Buckram, of Golden, is visiting Victoria and staying at the Dominion.

Mrs. C. Grassie, of Duncan, registered at the Dominion Hotel yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Barr, from Lady-smith, are guests at the Strathcona Hotel.

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CHILDREN'S AID IS RECIPIENT OF LEGACY

Question of Use to Which Such Money Should Be Put Considered

Owing to the fact that never before has a legacy been left to the organization of the Children's Aid Society at the regular monthly meeting which was held yesterday afternoon were in doubt as to the correct use to which the money should be devoted. The sum in question amounts to \$100 and was left to the society by the will of the late Mrs. J. D. Pemberton, who did not stipulate how the money should be expended.

Attention was yesterday called to the fact that the money had been put in with the other funds of the organization to meet the current expenses of the Society. The general opinion of the members appeared to be that if such sums were set aside as capital to produce an income or for expenses additional ones would be required it might induce other citizens to contribute to the work.

On a motion of the Rev. Dr. Clay, the Society appointed a committee consisting of President Porter, Secretary Beckwith and Alderman Andros, to investigate the matter and to report as to what would be the most appropriate and useful manner in which to deal with legacies.

As a result of criticism levied against the society a committee was some time ago appointed to bring under the jurisdiction of the organization children who are being boarded out but who are not legally wards of the society. One case in particular was taken up by the committee, in which three children are being boarded at the home of their aunt for \$20 a month. The lady, however, objected to the interference on the part of the secretary and appeared before the members yesterday to have the matters settled.

Alderman Andros rising, stated that the special committee had gone beyond its rights in dealing with the case. He pointed out that the aunt was boarding the children for an amount far below what it would cost the society to maintain them in the home. He considered that the matter should be left as it was.

In reply Mrs. McPhillips drew attention to the fact that the committee had taken action because of the complaints of the alderman that the society was paying out more money for the keep of children who were not legally the wards of the society. She further said that the committee had no desire to take the children away from their aunt but merely wished to bring the children under the guardianship of the organization.

It was finally decided to allow the case to remain unchanged.

WOULD DODGE RULES TO GET INTO KHAKI

Fine Spirit Displayed by American; Forester and "Red Tape"

Much has been written and told of the spirit of America, before her entry into the war. The Times has told of many eager to do their bit in a just cause. The local units have absorbed many full-blooded Americans during the last six months, while not a few have come many miles from the south at their own expense to get into khaki. The two letters received yesterday at the local recruiting office of the Forestry draft each tell a different tale, the one in particular containing a ring in it that speaks for itself.

Foot Itching. E. Lincoln Ball, of Patton, California, writes to his friend who is now in the ranks of the Foresters in the following terms: "I do not know if this will ever reach you. I saw by the papers that you were going up to Victoria to enlist. I am glad; it is what I should expect of you and that is why I am writing. My feet are itching to see you. I guess we shall see you. The Allies are this reaches you. (His letter is dated April 3). I hope so. Now I would appreciate it if you would make some inquiries as to my chance of being accepted into a Canadian outfit, should I come up there.

Could Stand "Gaff." "As you know, I cannot get into a United States regiment on account of my age. I know I can stand the "gaff" as well as a lot of the younger men and I know a good deal about army work. I am 42 years old and married, and I must see that the wife has a bit to go on with if I go, for probably I should not come back again alive. I understand the Canadian Government makes an allowance for the wives of soldiers, but of course I do not know if they would in a case like mine. Doing Man's Work.

"It is all very foolish I suppose for me to think of such a thing as this, but I do feel that it is a duty that has to be done. These 4000 Boches have got to be put out of business and I think the U. S. A. is going to be right there to do it. I should like to know if you will kindly tell me what you think of my chances. In any case you may be sure I shall often think of you "somewhere in France" doing a man's work, and I should like to hear from you as to what you think of my chances of being accepted for service."

"Red Tape." The other letter is addressed to Lieut. Victor, in charge of the recruiting office on Government Street, and comes from a man at Turgoose, B. C. He says in part: "I am sorry to say that the doctor saw fit to turn me down to-day. I do not boast when I say that I am a very good

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**MIGHT EASILY PICK
TONER FOR JOCKEY**

Undersized Pantages Comedian Butt of Many Jokes; This the Luckiest One Yet

Tommy Toner, the somewhat undersized comedian with the "Fe-Mail Clerks" at the Pantages this week, has a good story to tell in connection with an experience he had while in Sydney,

**VARIETY THEATRE
ALL THIS WEEK
CLARA KIMBALL YOUNG
in
"TRILBY"**

**PANTAGES THEATRE
ALL THIS WEEK
ZELAYA
"THE FE-MAIL CLERKS"
THALEROS COMEDY CIRCUS
BOB HALL
And Other Features.
Matinee, 3 p.m. Night, 7 and 9.**

Australia, not so long ago. Toner has been in every country of importance in the world as a stage performer. He has been the butt of many a jest on account of his small stature, but his Sydney experience had many of the earmarks of an original happening for him.

"I was out at the race tracks," he says, "trying to make capital out of my judgment. After the fourth race a splendidly dressed lady came up to me and said, 'Say, kid, are you riding in the next race?' I took a tumble right away that she had taken me for a jockey, and I made no effort to discourage that supposition. Instead, I whispered the name of something in her ear, and then she blew around the ring taking hundreds to three just as freely as if she could pay back as easily as breathe. I was dead scared for a while, but the thing simply romped home. She was sure an appreciative little lady. She whirled me into town in a benzine wagon, bought me a good dinner with all the trimmings, and wanted to know when I was going out to the running track again. I found out later that she was one of the greatest woman punters in Australia. I am glad I got her a winner. I backed the second horse myself."

The Fe-Mail Clerks is a new musical comedy featuring two funny comedians and a bevy of pretty misses in songs and comedy patter; nice costumes and special scenery give this act the proper atmosphere.

Zelaya, the eminent Nicaraguan pianist, is a popular feature of the current offering at the Pantages, with a delightful repertoire of classic and popular selections.

Bob Hall, who makes songs while

you wait, is proving very popular with his timely songs and local references. Thaleros Comedy Circus offers the speediest animal novelty ever seen upon the stage; two spirited ponies, a score of dogs and monkeys compose the "company"; they go through a routine of tricks with speed and accuracy.

Tuscano Brothers present a sensational number, which consists of juggling Roman battle axes, and Victor Niblo offers a wonder talking-bird act.

"Pearl of the Army" is proving very popular and is developing into the best serial picture ever exhibited here.

**THRILLING SCENE
AT AVIATION SCHOOL**

Exciting Photoplay "On Record" is at Columbia Theatre To-day

The thrilling fall of the aeroplane in the Lasky-Paramount production "On Record," which will be seen at the Columbia to-day, Friday and Saturday, with Mae Murray in the stellar role, was not made by an experienced aviator but by one of the students of a local aviation school near Los Angeles. Hearing that the services of a professional aviator were required to make this sudden drop, a young man who represented himself to be a professional aviator, made the drop in a most thrilling manner, and when it was learned that he had not yet obtained his aviation license, the members of the company were actually shivering at the thought of what might have happened to the inexperienced young man.

**VARIED PICTURES
AT THE MAJESTIC**

Exciting Drama and Intensely Funny Comedy Intermingle This Week

A big programme, with an array of pictures to suit most tastes, will be shown at the Majestic the last three days of this week. Foremost on the bill is a three-act adaptation of Edith Hall's story, "The Heart of Virginia Keep." There are some situations which afford thrills, such as the girl indulging in a pistol fight in the slums and others are intensely dramatic.

The hero is a young millionaire who goes to work as a reporter on his own paper, becomes interested in defending an unjustly accused banker and later falls in love with his daughter. Marguerite Clayton is the dainty heroine, and her experience through part of the picture—in the disguise of a messenger boy—lends a suspense to the story which will thrill any group of spectators. Edward Arnold appears in the masculine role.

The third episode of "Grant, Police Reporter," entitled "The Pencil Clue," is a splendid number of these remarkably exciting adventures. In this picture Grant jumps from a canopy on a level with the first floor of a building into a moving automobile.

Helen Gibson, the fearless railroad film star, again appears in an exciting adventure entitled "The Gate of Death," an adventure of the "Hazards of Helen" series.

"The Frame Up" and "Oh, You Uncle" are two comedies that will really make you laugh, these bringing to an end a well-balanced programme.

**ROMANTIC STORY AT
DOMINION THEATRE**

Farnum Production Showing How Heroine Becomes Manager of Mine and Man

William Farnum in his latest production commences a three-day run at the Dominion to-day. The story of the play is as follows: William Farnum takes the part of a miner, Bruce Burt. Bruce starts out on a hunt for the sister of his former partner in the mining camp, to give her the share of gold dust due her. In the search, he tells his story to another man, T. V. Sprudell, who finds the girl, gives her \$500, which, he says, is the share due her from the mine, and starts the Bitter Roots Mining Co. for himself. Then Bruce turns up. He has learned of the scheme of the unscrupulous financier, and he is determined to foil it. He finds the girl, tells her the true story, and forms a partnership with her. They determine to fight Sprudell, and regain ownership of the mine. A new plant goes up on the Bitter Roots Mining Co. property. It belongs to Bruce and Helen. But it is scarcely completed when a devastating fire sweeps the land, destroys the building, and leaves the place in ruins. Everything has gone against Bruce. At a great sacrifice, Helen goes to Bruce's father, a wealthy ranchman, from whom he has been estranged. The purity and goodness of the girl, and her earnest pleas for the son, win the old man, and father and son are reunited, the Bitter Roots Mining Co. is re-established, and Helen becomes general manager of more things than a mine.

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

**VICTORIA CAPTURED
BY WINNIPEG KIDS**

Juvenile Vaudeville at Royal Victoria Again To-night

The people of Victoria were besieged yesterday by a bevy of tiny tots—the famous R. S. A. Juvenile Entertainers. And the people of Victoria capitulated and gave up their hearts without terms of surrender.

A big audience—unusually big when one considers the short advertising campaign—greeted these clever children at the Royal Victoria Theatre.

The audience awaited the overture with a dubious anticipation.

When the curtain rose and these children, prettily and daintily garbed, were seen seated in a minstrel semicircle on the stage, the audience smiled its approval.

Bing! There was no hesitation or waste of time. Before the audience had time to recover from the first shock of surprise, the first number was on.

From that moment to the final drop of the curtain, it was pep all the way.

Juvenile Vaudeville.

Juvenile vaudeville—that's what it was, vaudeville that will make professionals look to their laurels. On one occasion the audience actually and literally screamed its delight. This, of course, was when Jackie Finestlove (you could put him in your overcoat pocket) entered in evening dress and tall silk hat and poured out his love for his juvenile partner.

But there is more than novelty in this wonderful show; there is genuine talent which lovers of classical music would go far to hear. Bennie Loban, a 12-year-old violinist, played selections that astounded his hearers. His extensive repertoire is printed on the programme and he'll play any number on request—with or without the music.

The same applies to Esther Gotnie, a little girl pianist who, when her fingers first struck the keys of the grand piano, made the audience sit up with a startled surprise.

National Dances.

Lovers of national dances can get their fill of enjoyment from the offerings of Gracie Glimmer and Walter Hall. The Holmes Twins, two sons of a prominent C. P. R. official, are a show in themselves with their songs, dances and drama. Donnie Smith, in a Tuxedo

These Kiddies Own Victoria To-day



The R. S. A. Juvenile Entertainers of Winnipeg who are being feted by Victoria people to-day.

suit, delivers the goods when he tells his childish troubles in elocutionary rhyme. Elizabeth Swanson—well, she must have come from Fairyland, that's all. Cissie Farnsworth has a voice of marvelous sweetness. Helen Huyke is a pretty tot with a winning way and a sweet voice. She is also "filling in" for Lillian Beck, a talented 7-year-old artist, who is unable to appear through illness.

Theatrical Record.

Incidentally the city of Victoria set a new theatrical record last night. Owing to a misunderstanding, Victoria was not booked for the Juveniles. On Tuesday at 12 o'clock noon the booking was made and the advertising started. On the following night the show was on. And the house was nearly filled. Cliff Denham, manager of the Royal Victoria, says the response of Victoria people has constituted a record that will find its way into the biggest theatrical papers of this continent.

Again To-Night.

To-night the Juveniles will give an-

other performance at the same theatre at the same popular prices and—listen to this carefully: they will give an entirely new programme.

To-day the kiddies are being entertained by the Victoria Motor Association and the Rotary Club.

Manager A. H. Smith promised the children he would bring them to Victoria for the work they have done in the past year for patriotism. Now that they are here he is satisfied "even," he says, "though we have to walk back."

Everything above expenses here is being split equally between the Superstitious and the Winnipeg Returned Soldiers' Association.

Comment should be made on the assistance and devotion of certain ladies who are traveling with the Juveniles, these including Mrs. Holmes, Miss Murdoch, Mrs. Swanson, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Farnsworth.

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**LARGE ATTENDANCE
WITNESSES "TRILBY"**

Clara Kimball Young is Great Attraction at Variety To-night

Manager Murdoch, of the Variety, is apparently carrying out his intention of giving the Victoria public nothing but the best in the line of entertainment, judging from the quality of the pictures which have been shown at this popular house during the past few weeks.

The attraction this week is Trilby, from the novel by George Du Maurier, with Clara Kimball Young playing the role of Trilby, and Wilton Lackaye, that of Svengali.

The accommodation at the Variety has been taxed to capacity at each performance afternoon and evening during the first half of the week, which is sufficient guarantee that record business will be the rule for the balance of the week, during which time the picture will complete its showing in Victoria.

The acting of Clara Kimball Young and Wilton Lackaye is without peer in the annals of the motion picture drama. The balance of the cast is also of a very high standard, some clever work being done by all concerned. The photography is perfect, while the production and settings are to the credit of Director Maurice Tourneur, and beautifully carried out. The wonderful possibilities of the photoplay have given an opportunity to reproduce scenes from the novel which would be impossible on the ordinary stage.

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The Heart of Virginia Keep
and
Third Episode of
Grant—Police Reporter
entitled
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AND OTHER FEATURES
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Admission 10c Children 5c

Columbia Theatre
TO-DAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
Mae Murray
in
On Record
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A Drama of the Aviation Field, Police Court and "400"
GOOD COMEDY AND WEEKLY

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Lacrosse and hockey players, we would say, are at their best between 22 and 30 years of age, although there are exceptions. There have been players who have starred after passing the thirtieth milestone but the real star is usually to be found in the ranks of the boys under 30 years of age. On the coast Griffith, Taylor and a few more are over that mark but their most brilliant performances were when they were between 25 and 30 years of age.

Ty Cobb's Star Year.
Ty Cobb's star year was in 1911, when he smashed all records with 241 hits, 147 runs and a grand batting average of .420.

This was the banner year of Ty's career, and in 1911 he was just twenty-five years old. He has been great enough before and since, but the fact remains that the age of twenty-five produced his greatest triumph—a triumph he will hardly repeat, now that he is turning thirty.

Matty's Best Year.
It is a trifle harder to pick out any one year of the sixteen and call it Mathewson's greatest season, but 1905 looks to have something on them all.

In 1905 Matty's record was thirty-three wins and ten losses, and that same season he shut out the Athletics three times in three world series starts—a record that has never been touched.

Matty in 1905 was just twenty-five years old. Like unto Cobb, he reached the crest at this age.

Walsh and Speaker.
The greatest year Ed Walsh ever had was in 1908, when he worked in sixty-six games, won forty, lost fifteen and saved several others for other pitchers.

A record of forty victories is an unusual achievement—one that no other pitcher has beaten in the American League. In 1908, when he was twenty-six years old, just one year beyond the banner age of Mathewson and Cobb.

Tris Speaker's best year was last season, 1906, when Tris had just passed the age of twenty-nine. He had been in the game longer than any of the others before reaching his height. Tris at twenty-nine proved to have a shade on Cobb at thirty—enough of a shade to break up Ty's ten-year drive.

Other Stars.
Hans Wagner's best batting average and one of his great years were established in 1908, when the big Dutchman was just 25 years old. Hans batted .380 that season, the best mark he has ever known—so he qualifies with Ed Walsh at the 26-year mark.

Nineteen hundred and one was the top year for Larry Lajoie, when the Frenchman amassed the astounding average of .422. As he was born in 1875, he, too, was just 26 years old when he reached the top of the peak.

The Younger Mark.
Twenty-five and 26 seems to be the ages—ages far, but—Rube Marquard and Joe Wood bring the limit down.

The tall Rube was just 23 when, in 1912, he won 19 straight and spun the Giants far into the lead.

ness may still exist, but for the average it is at least a lesser greatness. It would be hard to find six greater samples than Cobb, Mathewson, Walsh, Wagner, Lajoie and Johnson—six of the most famous names in the winning history of the game. Four did their greatest work at 26, the other two at 25. This may not be the answer to the original query, but at least it is about as close as we can shoot with the ammunition at hand.

LOCAL FIGHTER HAS NOTABLE RING RECORD

Al Davies Can Stand Against Best Boys of His Own Weight

Al Davies, who will meet Ldg. Sto. Woods, of H. M. C. S. Rainbow in one of the headline contests of the boxing tourney which is to be held at the Princess Theatre on Saturday evening, April 21st, is one of the finest boxers that has ever been developed in Canada. Al is a home product and has done all of his boxing in Victoria or the Coast cities. He has met some of the finest boys developed on the Coast and he has more than held his own. He started exhibition boxing bouts in 1910 and in the Spring of 1911, although only weighing 26 lbs., he entered for the B. C. Boxing Championships in the 105-lb. class, and which were held in Vancouver. He was successful in winning his way into the final, with Bert Hughes of the Vancouver Athletic Club, who at that time held the Pacific Coast championship. Hughes, however, proved to be too heavy and too experienced for the local midget, and received the decision after three of the fastest rounds ever seen in Vancouver.

By Knockout Route.
After this contest W. H. Davies, who has always acted as Al's trainer and manager, decided that it would be wise to give him a rest for a few months so that he would have a chance to put on a little weight, consequently he was not seen in action again until the fall of 1911, when he was matched with Kid Lewis, of the Ballard A. C., of Seattle, who had been cleaning up all of the Coast bantams. This contest was held at the old Drill Hall, before a mammoth crowd of fans who had been watching him work out at the J. B. A. A. Al won the contest in a decisive style by scoring a clean K. O. in the second round. This, however, was just the beginning, as from that date onward until the fall of 1912, when he entered the heavier class, Al proved to be unbeatable, as during that period he met and defeated the best boys that the Seattle A. C., Rainier Valley A. C., Ballard A. C., New Westminster A. C., Multnomah A. C., Vancouver A. C., as well as local clubs, could produce, and most of his victories were scored by the K. O. route.

International Bout.
Al's most prominent victory was the one over Roy Belmont, of the Multnomah A. C., of Portland, whom he knocked out in two rounds. This contest was the main event of an international boxing tourney which was staged at the Old Victoria Theatre before the Multnomah Club and the J. B. A. A. Tommy Tracey, the famous old middleweight, was in charge of the training of the Portland boys, and he had spent a great deal of time in training Belmont for this contest, and he confidently expected that his boy would have little difficulty in winning from the Victoria bantam.

It appeared that Belmont had taken part in several inter-club tourneys held between the Olympic Club, of San Francisco, and the Los Angeles Athletic Club against the Portland Club, and he cleaned up against all of their bantams with the greatest ease. The contest was the greatest one of the tourney, and it was the well-known sporting editor of the San Francisco Examiner, who had witnessed Belmont in action, claimed that he was the best bantamweight boxer, either professional or amateur, that America had produced up to that time, consequently the Portland contingent were absolutely sure that their boy would surely win.

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(SPORTING NEWS)

CRICKET LEAGUE TO HAVE SEVEN TEAMS
Successful Season Looked Forward to in City and District

Present indications point to the fact that there will be seven teams entered in the Victoria and District Cricket Association's Senior League for the Virtue Cup. According to P. C. Payne, president of the association, the following clubs have already entered: Five C's, Victoria, Athlon, Congregational, Garrison. He also feels assured that the Incoqs will be in the running and although nothing definite is stated as yet, it is fully expected that the Navy will also join in the competition.

On Saturday evening of this week a meeting will be held in the school-room of Christ Church Cathedral. All matters of business in connection with the coming season of the league will be dealt with and the schedule drawn up for the Virtue Cup games. After the meeting the secretary will write to the Vancouver League asking for dates for the inter-city games, which will probably be staged for the benefit of the Red Cross Society in accordance with the custom of the past two years.

Prospects are therefore very bright for the coming season, and a successful summer's play is being looked forward to by all followers of the game throughout the city and surrounding districts. Play in the Senior League will likely commence on the second Saturday in May. All entries for the Junior League must be handed in before the coming week-end meeting.

The Pirates delivered a severe blow to the Pressmen's chance of winning the Commercial-League bowling honors at the Arcade Alley's last night, when they defeated them by 2,423 to 2,249, the scores being as follows:

BOWLING NEWS.

Rines	161	149	173	474
Williams	162	136	141	439
Proctor	173	123	198	494
Davidson	138	155	168	461
Miller	167	174	173	514
Totals	602	778	843	2123

Pressmen.

Allen	121	129	167	417
Nute	127	136	121	414
Grant	138	134	115	387
Jameson	162	176	182	520
Bell	136	149	159	444
Totals	624	784	744	2152

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NORTHERN DRIVERS ALL SAFE AT LAST

Was Feared That First Had Perished in Blizzard Which Raged

Nome, Alaska, April 12.—Paul Kjegstad, one of the drivers in the 412-mile All-Alaska Sweepstakes race, which started from Swope on Monday morning, was found yesterday, seven miles from Solomon. Kjegstad had lost his dogs in the terrific blizzard which arose soon after the racers left Solomon. They were all found scattered over the tundra. One was dead. Kjegstad was found by the mail carrier from Council, which lies fifty-three miles northeast of Solomon, which in turn is thirty-two miles east of Nome. The carrier had traversed the route between these two settlements along which the race was supposed to be run without finding any trace of the other drivers.

The dog teams of Leonard Seppala, Fay Deltzene and Victor Anderson, which had not been heard from since they left Solomon Monday noon, on the second leg of the 412-mile All-Alaska Sweepstakes dog team race, arrived safely in Council shortly after noon yesterday, practically together. The three teams, which it was thought for a while might have been lost on the Bering Sea ice, spent the past two days at Topkok, an Eskimo village at the head of Boat Inlet.

The mail carrier, who came into Solomon with Paul Kjegstad, a fourth driver, who lost two days, reported that he had not seen any of the other teams along the trail from Council, but he did not stop at Topkok.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP AT TORONTO THIS YEAR

A dispatch from Toronto says there will be no tennis championships held this year in Canada except the Junior Dominion championship—for boys under 19—which will be held on the courts of the Rushmore Club on Dominion Day, the fiftieth anniversary of Confederation. July 1 comes on a Sunday, so the contest will be held Saturday or Monday, whichever is decided upon as the official holiday.

ONTARIO SENIOR LACROSSE.

Three teams have entered the senior series of the Ontario Lacrosse Association, Young Toronto, champions for the last two years; Riverdale of Toronto and the Athletics of St. Catharines. Corbett Donnelly, the well-known hockey and lacrosse player, is living in the Queen City and will play with the Tecumsehs if the latter team is admitted to the N. L. U.

LEIGHTON AND COOK WILL MEET APRIL 19

Returned Soldiers' Association Will Stage Bout at Willows Camp

On April 19 a bout for the heavy-weight championship of the British Columbia Naval and Military units will be staged at the Willow's Camp under the management of the Returned Soldiers' Association. The contestants in the meet will be Russ Leighton, the well-known sporting editor of the San Francisco Examiner, who had witnessed Belmont in action, claimed that he was the best bantamweight boxer, either professional or amateur, that America had produced up to that time, consequently the Portland contingent were absolutely sure that their boy would surely win.

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VICTORIA TAXPAYERS

NEW ORDER RE TAXPAYMENTS
I am authorized by the City Council to accept payments by instalments or by payments from time to time, on account, of the rates and taxes due by any person, or due in respect of any parcel of land.

This authority is extended to include unpaid special assessments and special rates imposed in respect of works of local improvement as provided by Section 43 of the Local Improvement Act.

EDWIN C. SMITH,
Treasurer and Collector of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, B. C.
City Hall, Victoria, B. C., 16th March, 1917.

Fire Engine For Sale
Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 4 p. m. on Monday, April 23, 1917, for the John Grant Fire Engine, and old Wagon Gear. Particulars can be obtained from the Chief of the Fire Department. All tenders must be addressed to the City Purchasing Agent, and marked on outside of envelope "Tender for Fire Engine." The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

W. GALT,
City Purchasing Agent.
Victoria, B. C., April 10, 1917.

POLICE UNIFORMS WANTED.
Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 4 p. m. on Monday, April 23, 1917, for 41 Summer Uniforms for the Police Department. Particulars can be obtained from the City Purchasing Agent, to whom all tenders must be addressed, and marked on outside of envelope "Tender for Police Uniforms." A marked cheque equal to five per cent of the amount of the tender, made payable to the City Treasurer, must accompany each tender. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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Victoria, B. C., April 16, 1917.

BASEBALL RESULTS.

American League.

At St. Louis	R. H. E.
Chicago	7 9 0
St. Louis	2 5 0
Batteries—Williams, Scott, Danforth and Schalk; Hamilton, Koob, Wolfman and Hale.	

National League.

At Chicago	R. H. E.
Pittsburg	3 5 0
Chicago	5 8 0
Batteries—Jacobs, Evans and Schmitt; Vaughn and Elliott.	

Hudson's Bay "Imperial" Lager Beer, 12c per dozen.

CONSTRUCTION OF ALBERNI BRANCH

Information Asked for as to the Work Done on Island Section of C. N. Pacific

Legislative Press Gallery, April 11.

While the Pacific Great Eastern railway is the centre of attraction just now by reason of the inquiry being conducted by a special committee...

- 1. Was all the work of construction done on Alberni branch of Canadian Northern Pacific Railway by sub-contractors?
2. If not, what part was not so done?
3. What are particulars of amount and character of such work not so done?
4. What are the names of sub-contractors on said line?
5. How much was paid to each?
6. How much has been released by Government with respect to construction of whole of said Alberni branch?
7. Was any money paid through Dominion Government loans by way of advances on this line?
8. If so, how much?
9. Was work on this branch done by unit prices?
10. If so what was unit price in each case?
11. What is the total sum paid for each unit of construction by railway company to each sub-contractor?
12. What is total amount released by Government on each unit?

EQUAL GUARDIANSHIP GETS SECOND READING

(Continued from page 1)

barraging position. It purports to remove conditions which have existed too long. I have often wondered why this Province seemed to lag behind all others insofar as giving our women-kind the same treatment and rights as they had received in other provinces.

Should Remove Stigma. "We may have to look back a considerable time to find the reasons for the conditions which have existed, but the conditions which obtained in the early days of the country's history are now removed to almost a complete extent, and therefore we should remove this stigma from the mothers of British Columbia (hear, hear). The active and intelligent interest which our women are taking in public affairs, the part they are playing in our civic, provincial and national life justifies this action. In introducing this bill we are but carrying out, one of our pledges to the people when we appealed for their suffrages.

Endorsed Everywhere. "This bill is endorsed everywhere throughout the Province. It has the approval of the University Women's Club, the Pioneer Equality League, the British Columbia Equal Franchise Association, the Conservative Women's Association of Vancouver, the Women's Liberal Association, the Women's Forum, the Revelstoke Women's Forum, the Women's Educational Club, and many other institutions where the women have taken an active part and expressed their desire to have the disabilities of the mothers of the Province taken away. In all matters affecting their offspring they want equal rights with the fathers.

Has Had No Voice. "It has been a problem to me why the fathers alone should be supreme in the management, training and education of their children. The care of the little ones, their education, their upbringing, their moral training, the fitting of them for the battle with the world are matters which are largely left in the hands of the mothers. In the ordinary family the father goes out as the bread-winner and pays little attention to the rearing and training of his children. But the moment there is any disagreement the men, acting apparently as lords of creation, under our laws have had the right and power to do what they like, quite regardless of what the mother wishes were, and she has had no recourse nor any chance of making a claim to an equal voice as to the future of the children she has brought into the world.

Remove Disabilities. "To remove the disabilities of married women in respect to the guardianship of their minor children we have introduced this measure. While, as I say, it may need amending in some details, it is not likely to meet with any disapproval in principle, because it is founded on the great human and British principle of justice. (Hear, hear). In the first of its sections after the formal ones it makes the father and mother equal, and succeeding sections effectually do away with all the disabilities, and give to the mother all the rights and responsibilities that the father now enjoys and exercises alone in the care and education of their children. No longer can the mother have her will and desire in that regard placed secondary to those of the father.

Team Work. "It may be said that some mothers neglect their children, but I think it is common experience that fathers do so to a greater extent. Another criticism I have heard of this measure is that the mothers should never have the same rights because they are not the bread-winners. As I have always said, I cannot see why the father should be considered as the sole bread-winner. (Hear, hear). In the true home there is team-work. While the father does, it is true, go out to

earn the means of support, we should not lose sight of the fact for one moment that the mother at home is doing probably a greater percentage of work than the father, and therefore she is just as much a bread-winner as he is. (Applause.)

Interests of Children. "Where there is disagreement we are making ample provision, I think, that the interests of the children will be the first consideration. At times there are mothers to be found who are not fitted to have charge of children and the courts are left with discretion to deal with each case as it arises. The bill is one to remedy disabilities and it is made plain, therefore, that the mother shall have no greater disabilities in that way than shall the husband. The parents are made jointly and severally responsible and liable for the care of the children.

Full Citizenship. "By bringing the womanhood of the province into full citizenship and by giving them equal rights of guardianship over minor children they must be ready to accept responsibilities, and I have no doubt are willing to accept the joint liability along with the husbands for the support of their children. "If I move the second reading with more than ordinary pleasure, because for years I have maintained that we have not treated women justly in this and in some other respects. We have asked them to bring up children under conditions which greatly hamper them; even-handed justice was being denied them. I have taken the platform on various occasions, and in this Chamber I have tried to use what influence I have to secure a remedy for these conditions and the removal of these disabilities.

"It is today with peculiar pleasure that, owing to the circumstances which have placed me in the position I now occupy, I am able to move the second reading of a bill which, I believe, will go a long way to remove this cause of complaint, which will give mothers equal rights with the fathers and will make, I am convinced, for better teamwork in the homes of the people of British Columbia." (Cheers.)

LETTER BOX

Letters addressed to the Editor and intended for publication must be short and legibly written. The longer an article the shorter its chance of insertion. All communications must bear the name of the writer. The publication or rejection of articles is a matter entirely in the discretion of the Editor. No responsibility is assumed by the paper for MSS. submitted to the Editor.

CIVIL SERVICE ACT.

To the Editor:—I have not seen a copy of the Civil Service Act now before the Legislature, and my knowledge of its details is derived wholly from what I have read of it in the newspapers. Before it passes its final stages I hope one clause will be added to it, if it is not already in it, to the effect that the Act shall apply to those only who enter the service after the bill becomes law.

To enact a new law and make it apply to those already in the service would be as unjust as it would be unprecedented. That would be practically legislating men out of their bread and butter, and perhaps bringing the wolf to the door of their homes.

To require those now in the service to take the new examination, to test their fitness for the work they are doing, would be equivalent to requiring all dentists now practicing to again pass the Dental Board, all doctors to again pass the Medical Board, all teachers to again pass the educational examination, and all lawyers to again pass the legal examination they once did, to test the fitness of all these for the work they are now doing.

Well, why not, I fancy some one asks. Well, if new laws were passed requiring these tests over again, there would be a great dearth of dentists, doctors, teachers, lawyers, druggists and so on, in this Province for a time. Perhaps one out of ten of these could stand the test without a lot of hard and prolonged plugging, but I doubt if even that proportion could.

The human mind is capable of carrying only a limited number of facts, and as one reaches middle life, or past it, he depends more and more upon his books of reference rather than his memory for the facts that he learned from his text-books during his school or university days. Other things have crowded these out of his memory. To compel those now in the civil service to enter into competition with young men just out of high school or college, for the positions these civil servants now hold, as already stated, would be as unjust as it would be unprecedented. It would also be detrimental to the service.

otherwise the last end of the civil service may be worse than the first. F. ANDREWS, Victoria, April 9, 1917.

MORE FANATICS.

To the Editor:—In reading Mr. Martineau's letter of attack upon Mr. Rattenbury in your paper of yesterday one is forced to the conclusion that before any real progress is made in prohibition a drastic change must be made in the calibre and class of leaders in the movement.

Not long ago we had the president, Mr. Jonathan Rodgers, threaten "Civil War" if the wishes and demands of the minority he represents were not complied with in spite of the result of their own act having been put to the people and turned down.

Now we have the Sun newspaper protesting against threats of "blackmail" if they publish a class of news not in accord with the fanatical views of some.

Then we had that just and well-deserved rebuke in your own editorial on March 20 protesting at the Prohibition Party's savage attack on the press, in which they used the epithets "infamous," "corrupt," "vile," "debased," "degraded," "traitorous," etc.

PROHIBITION VOTE.

To the Editor:—Mr. Foster states in his letter of the 7th that Mr. Rattenbury was extremely simple if he imagines the people will not want to know how it is that the soldier voters voted so overwhelmingly wet while in Canada they gave a majority of only 1 per cent. against the measure. The trouble is, Mr. Editor, that the stupidity does not lie with Mr. Rattenbury or anybody else who has done any travelling at all, but tucks in with me, a celebrity than Walter himself.

Everyone with a grain of common sense knows that the moment the men from Canada get over to England and France their minds are changed to such an extent that they see conditions in a far different light than they ever did in this province. Mr. Bayley, our friends' esteemed representative in London, has made no complaint of the vote taken prior to Sept. 14, when out of a vote of 1,600 odds there was a wet majority of 2,190, and many of these voters had not been in France. On the vote taken since that date practically everyone has been to France, where they had mixed with the French soldiers, who, for my friend's information, I may say, receive one pint of wine a day, consequently the Canadian boys had a further enlargement of their minds' vision. So there is no need for Mr. Foster to worry about the difference in the votes, because if all the soldiers from British Columbia had been able to vote the British Columbia Prohibition Act would have been in the minority by at least 12,000.

We must all appreciate Mr. Foster's generous offer of success to the children of deceased brewery shareholders. I know of three kiddies now in that plight, the father of two others is now seriously ill and not expected to live long, all of which has been caused through worry over this infamous prohibition matter, and when Mr. Foster has arranged with Mr. Rattenbury as to the housing of these children, I should be glad to arrange for these five to be placed in Mr. Rattenbury's care.

I wonder if Mr. Foster remembers that the majority in Victoria on the civilian

vote only was only 214, a majority so small that no Government would dare to act on it. A. GLOVER.

FROM AN OLD FRIEND BUT A POLITICAL OPPONENT.

To the Editor:—I notice there is a change in the ownership of the Times. For a quarter of a century at least you will find my name in some way or other on the books.

Politically we have always been opposed, and so we are to-day, but there is always sufficient reading to warrant my outlay of 50 cents a month, and sometimes six ad. However, Mr. Editor, I have not troubled you for space for a long time, but I am going to ask you now so that I can relieve my chest:

1. Under the new regime I hope we shall have the same splendid war editorials as we have had so long. I don't know who the writer is, but he or she knows the business.

2. Since my last we've had an election. As Conservatives we got a good licking. We took our salts and senna without a murmur.

3. The women have votes now. I was on the winning side then. Those opposing, so far as I have heard, have not squandered.

4. Prohibition was another factor in the last election. It appears the wets have won out, or, to put it properly, the choice of our manhood from British Columbia put a toe-nail in the proposition. No Government, if a million delegations approached them, would dare to throw out or thwart the wish of the British Columbia soldiers. The greatest insult we could present to them would be that they had ceased to be men and could be calmed by any political intrigue to be led up like lambs to be slaughtered, to vote as they were told, purchased or otherwise.

The next and last item is the gathering of Premiers of the Dominions in the acrotis of the British Empire. This will lead up to Imperial Federation. It is no new thing. Sir George Grey, former Premier, was the first man to tackle the subject in the early seventies, in "Odd Fellows' Hall, Christchurch, New Zealand." I was so intensely struck by what he had to say on a future British Empire, that that address has been my guiding star for 45 years. In a very crude way I outlined some of the features in an address in the Town Hall at Ladner, also at Sapperton, in the early nineties, and many letters have appeared in the press since then on the same subject over my signature, but there is no occasion now to enlarge on the subject, as the goal is in sight, an Empire built on a solid foundation, liberty and justice to all. GUY WALKER.

Sidney, April 11, 1917.

ORDER GRANTED

H. B. Robertson Given Leave to Examine Official of Pacific Coast Coal Mines.

Reference has been made on two occasions in these columns to an argument in Supreme Court Chambers recently, dealing with the case of the Wellington Colliery Company versus Pacific Coast Coal Mines. H. B. Robertson, representing the plaintiff company, moved for an order to examine an official of the defendant company, to which W. J. Taylor, K. C., objected, owing denial of access to a privileged document already in and bearing on the case, and a sight of which he considered should be a condition of the order. He likewise considered that he should be allowed to examine H. S. Fleming of the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Limited. Considerable discussion took place concerning the issue and Mr. Justice Gregory at the last hearing reserved his judgment, making the order in favor of H. B. Robertson this morning, entitling him to examine Mr. Wright, the official of the defendant company referred to.

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NIAGARA HAS AN ENORMOUS APPETITE

Big Canadian-Australian Ship Consumes Over 30,000 Barrels of Oil on Round Trip

Few who witnessed the departure of the Canadian-Australian liner Niagara for the Antipodes yesterday afternoon realized the staggering proportions of the fuel cost in the operation of this "giant steamship" on the round trip between British Columbia and Australia.

It was learned aboard the ship yesterday that anything from 30,000 to 35,000 barrels of fuel oil is consumed by the furnaces throughout the trip from Victoria to Sydney and return. The capacity of the fuel tanks on the Niagara is 36,000 barrels, and it is estimated that 25,000 barrels of oil is equal to a ton of coal.

While at Vancouver the Niagara usually takes aboard over 30,000 barrels and on the present trip she carried 27,000 barrels, which, it is interesting to note, is greater than the entire cargo capacity of the tanker Anson, one of the carriers which handle the fuel oil business between California and this Province. However, 27,000 barrels is not sufficient to take the Niagara on the round voyage, so she pumps into her tanks several thousand additional barrels of oil at Honolulu.

With fuel oil running at \$1 a barrel or over, and still going up, a little figuring will give an idea of the fuel cost for the round trip to Australia.

Doubtless the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand has a contract covering several years to guarantee the fuel supply for its steamers, but whatever reduction the company may get on the existing prices it is safe to estimate that the Niagara's fuel bill for the round voyage is in the immediate vicinity of \$30,000.

SLACK TRAVEL SEASON FOR THE ANTIPODES

Liner Niagara Cleared for Auckland and Sydney With Light Passenger List

On her twenty-third southbound voyage the big British liner Niagara, Capt. J. T. Rolle, of the Union Steamship Company's fleet, got away from the Outer Docks at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon bound for Sydney via Honolulu, Suva and Auckland. This is the slack season for southbound travel and the Niagara consequently put to sea with but fifty passengers in the saloon and a correspondingly light list in the second and third class accommodation.

Among the saloon passengers was Major P. J. Walsh, of the metallurgical staff of the Broken Hill Mining Syndicate, New South Wales, who is returning to Sydney after spending several months in the United States and Canada. Major Walsh visited the principal lead smelters of the States with a view to applying the more approved methods in smelting operations in Australia. He spent three months across the border. He continued his investigations in Canada and spent some time in looking over the Trail smelters operated by the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company of Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Holmes are bound for the Antipodes on a six months' tour. Mr. Holmes is a lecturer of repute who illustrates his lectures by moving pictures. He has taken several thousand feet of film in British Columbia and this Province will undoubtedly benefit from Mr. Holmes' activities in Australia.

Members of the Holmes Company went out on the last voyage of the Niagara. It was the intention of Mr. Holmes to accompany them on that occasion, but he was unavoidably detained in the United States.

The famous billiardist, George Gray, accompanied by Mrs. Gray, also sailed by the Niagara for his Australian home.

Capt. A. C. Trousdale, of Vancouver, who was put out of action while fighting with the 102nd Battalion on the Somme, was a second class passenger bound for Auckland on sick leave. Second class passengers embarking here were Mrs. C. D. Miller, accompanied by Miss Miller and Master J. C. Miller, Mrs. Alice Harnston and Miss Marion Broadhurst. The latter lady took along an automobile and is bound for Sydney.

Madame Melba, the famous Australian prima donna, will board the Niagara at Honolulu, and Lady Fitzclarence will also embark at the Hawaiian port for Sydney.

The Niagara took out a capacity cargo of general freight.

FERRYBOAT STRIKE AT SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, April 12.—A ferryboat strike, long threatened, tied up half the trans-bay facilities here to-day. Some 25,000 commuters found their usual connection out of business.

SALVORS HAD LONG SWIM IN ICY WATER

Master and Crew of Sumner Took Harriet G. in Tow After Strenuous Fight

Forced to swim for their lives in the icy waters of the North Pacific after an eight-hour fight with raging seas was the exciting experience of Capt. Martin J. Rolle, master; Randolph Knutson and John H. Rolle, fishermen of the schooner Sumner which rescued the American brigantine Harriet G., dismantled, deserted and adrift 40 miles southwest of Cape Flattery.

It was while Capt. Rolle, Knutson and John H. Rolle were cutting the tangle of rigging from the Harriet G. with an enormous sea running, that they had a narrow escape from death. The deserted vessel was lying on her side with the deckload of lumber resting on an enormous sea running, that they had a narrow escape from death. The deserted vessel was lying on her side with the deckload of lumber resting on an enormous sea running, that they had a narrow escape from death.

The following story was given out at Seattle by Capt. Rolle following the arrival of the Sumner with the Harriet G. in tow:

"We sighted the Harriet G. at 10 o'clock last Sunday morning while we were fishing, forty miles southwest of Cape Flattery. The vessel was lying on her beam ends to starboard. There was a light westerly breeze, but a heavy sea was running. We lowered two dories manned by a total of seven men and went to the wreck. All we could see was the bottom of the Harriet G., as she had turned over on her starboard side.

"I took two of my men with me and went aboard the brigantine. The deckload of lumber was lying on the masts and we immediately began to cut the rigging away on the weather side. Suddenly the masts carried away and the Harriet G. straightened up. We saw in an instant that if we stayed aboard the vessel we would be crushed to death by the deckload and all three of us jumped into the sea. There was not much wind, but an enormous sea was running as a result of the storm just past and the water was so cold that we were instantly chilled to the bone. However, we were able to fight our way through the heavy seas and finally reached the dories, although completely exhausted.

"Because of the heavy seas we were until 6 o'clock in the evening cutting away the rigging and getting the disabled vessel in tow. Seas were breaking over the Harriet G. all the time and we had several narrow escapes from being washed overboard."

Captain Rolle said that while the Sumner had the Harriet G. in tow, bound for the Strait, last Monday night, the heavy steel hawser parted and she went adrift. After considerable difficulty ten fishermen from the Sumner succeeded in getting aboard

FIRST MAST STEPPED IN LAUREL WHALEN

Anniversary of C. W. C. N. Fleet Marked by Completion of First Cargo

With the bowprit and foremast in position a good start has been made in stepping and rigging the masts on the auxiliary schooner Laurel Whalen at the local shipyards of the Cameron-Genoa Mills Shipbuilders, Ltd. The other four masts are ready for hoisting into the hold by the towering shearlegs, and it is likely that all five steers will be firmly wedged to the keel by the early part of next week.

According to word received here the loading of the locally-built schooner Margaret Hane is proceeding apace at the Government dock at Vancouver, and by the latter part of next week this vessel will be ready to depart on her maiden trip to India.

The schooner Mabel Brown is fully loaded at Chemainus with 1,534,903 feet of lumber, and is expected to sail on her maiden voyage to Sydney to-morrow.

It is just a year ago that H. W. Brown, managing director of the Canada West Coast Navigation Company, arrived on the coast to arrange for the building of twelve auxiliary schooners for the British Columbia trade. The anniversary is marked by the completion of the first cargo.

The Mabel Brown was launched at Vancouver on January 27, left for Chemainus on March 28, and completed her cargo in ten working days.

The vessel was designed to carry 1,500,000 feet of lumber, and some interest was attached to her loading as it gives some indication as to the quantity the fleet can carry. The Mabel Brown took her cargo and trimmed well, and Mr. Brown is delighted with the results.

The Jesse Norcross, the fifth vessel of the fleet, will be launched from the Wallace yards, North Vancouver, on April 21. She is to be named after the wife of J. W. Norcross, vice-president and managing director of the Canada Steamship Lines, and who was recently appointed to supervise all Government shipbuilding in Canada.

The Geraldine Weir, the third vessel of the fleet to be launched, is now fitting out at North Vancouver and will run her trials at the end of the month.

EMPLOYEES GIVE LIBERALLY TO FUND

Contributions of C. P. R. Coast Steamship Men Distributed From Ottawa Headquarters

Employees of the British Columbia Coast Steamship Service have and are still contributing largely to the funds of the Canadian Patriotic Society and in this connection it is interesting to record that no less than \$1,237.71 was subscribed by the men engaged in this branch of the C. P. R. service during the quarter ending February last.

Owing to a slight misunderstanding among some of the employees of the coast steamship service regarding the distribution of the moneys contributed to the fund, Lincoln Smith, assistant manager of the B. C. Coast Service, this morning explained the policy of the company in handling the contributions of the steamship employees to this most deserving cause. Mr. Smith explained that the men engaged in the steamship service, as well as in other departments of the company's system, voluntarily contributed a full day's pay four times a year to the patriotic fund. The amount deducted from the payroll at the end of each quarter for this purpose was forwarded to the Ottawa headquarters of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, from which source any amount required by the various Provincial branches was forwarded, and under this arrangement the British Columbia branch benefited to the extent of its requirements from the headquarters fund. Mr. Smith stated that certain employees of the steamship service naturally wanted to know what became of their contributions and some had asked that the money deducted from their pay each quarter be forwarded to certain cities or towns they might hail from within the province.

He explained that it would be impossible to arrange this owing to the tremendous amount of work that it would entail, and therefore the company had decided to put the first place to forward all contributions to the headquarters of the fund at Ottawa.

TIDE TABLE.

April.

Date.	Time	High	Low	Time	High	Low
		h. m.	ft.		h. m.	ft.
1	2:17	7.9	11.5	12:58	2.3	11.5
2	2:18	7.7	11.4	12:58	2.1	11.4
3	2:19	7.5	11.3	12:58	1.9	11.3
4	2:20	7.3	11.2	12:58	1.7	11.2
5	2:21	7.1	11.1	12:58	1.5	11.1
6	2:22	6.9	11.0	12:58	1.3	11.0
7	2:23	6.7	10.9	12:58	1.1	10.9
8	2:24	6.5	10.8	12:58	0.9	10.8
9	2:25	6.3	10.7	12:58	0.7	10.7
10	2:26	6.1	10.6	12:58	0.5	10.6
11	2:27	5.9	10.5	12:58	0.3	10.5
12	2:28	5.7	10.4	12:58	0.1	10.4
13	2:29	5.5	10.3	12:58	0.0	10.3
14	2:30	5.3	10.2	12:58	0.0	10.2
15	2:31	5.1	10.1	12:58	0.0	10.1
16	2:32	4.9	10.0	12:58	0.0	10.0
17	2:33	4.7	9.9	12:58	0.0	9.9
18	2:34	4.5	9.8	12:58	0.0	9.8
19	2:35	4.3	9.7	12:58	0.0	9.7
20	2:36	4.1	9.6	12:58	0.0	9.6
21	2:37	3.9	9.5	12:58	0.0	9.5
22	2:38	3.7	9.4	12:58	0.0	9.4
23	2:39	3.5	9.3	12:58	0.0	9.3
24	2:40	3.3	9.2	12:58	0.0	9.2
25	2:41	3.1	9.1	12:58	0.0	9.1
26	2:42	2.9	9.0	12:58	0.0	9.0
27	2:43	2.7	8.9	12:58	0.0	8.9
28	2:44	2.5	8.8	12:58	0.0	8.8
29	2:45	2.3	8.7	12:58	0.0	8.7
30	2:46	2.1	8.6	12:58	0.0	8.6

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LINES NOW FACING SCARCITY OF CREWS

Acute Shortage of Deckhands Felt in B. C. Coast Steamship Service

At the present time there is a great scarcity of deckhands to man the vessels plying in the various services along the British Columbia coast. It was stated this morning by Capt. C. D. Norcross, marine superintendent of the B. C. Coast Steamship Service, that the situation had reached an acute stage as it was almost impossible to find sufficient men to man the fleet, particularly those vessels plying in the northern coastal trade.

Under the present condition of things the company is faced with the possibility of having to lay up ships as no vessel is allowed to put to sea without a certified number of hands on the ship's articles.

The scarcity not only applies to deckhands, but to stewards and other employees. The British Columbia Coast Service has contributed to the British forces on land and sea, over 300 men having left the service to join up. Every branch of the service is represented in the British army and navy, the steward's department having supplied the larger percentage of men. Sufficient men to man a number of vessels have left the company's service to fight the common enemy, and it is hard to realize the difficulties the management have had to combat owing to the loss of so many of its employees.

With the summer tourist season near at hand, and a number of extra vessels put into commission the company is facing a serious problem owing to the great shortage of labor. The company is doing everything possible to hold its employees and whenever a boat has been laid up during the past winter the crews have stood by on full pay as has been the custom during the slack season.

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S. S. "Chelabig" leaves Vancouver every Friday at 11 p.m. for OCEAN FALLS, PRINCE RUPERT, ANYOX, calling at Powell River, Campbell River, Namu, Swanson Bay, Butedale.

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BOUND FOR CHINA TO BUILD RAILWAYS

W. F. Carey and Party Passengers by the Outbound Liner Empress of Russia

Prominent among the outbound passengers by the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services liner Empress of Russia will be W. F. Carey, of the Siemens-Carey Company, the big railroad contractor of St. Paul, who is bound for China in connection with an important railway construction scheme.

Mr. Carey has made frequent trips to the Orient by Empress liners and it was only a few months ago that he returned to this coast from China via this port to complete arrangements pertaining to the latest scheme in which his company is interested. W. F. Carey is proceeding to the Far East to personally direct the construction of 1,400 miles of railroad for the Chinese government. Half of this mileage will be built in the Province of Huheh, rich in its agricultural products and its coal deposits, while the other half will link up the province with the coast.

With reference to the scheme Mr. Carey states that construction work this port to complete arrangements pertaining to the latest scheme in which his company is interested.

GRAIN BEING TAKEN OVER IN RUSSIA

London, April 12.—A Petrograd dispatch to Reuter's says that the Provisional Government has ordered all reserves of the 1916 harvest of corn and cereals which are fit for fodder to be placed at the disposal of the state. The entire reserves of the 1917 harvest, except what is required for seed and the needs of families of the peasants, also has been expropriated.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

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WELCH'S PROFITS ARE MILLIONS BUT ELUSIVE

Several Calculations but All Disagree; Million Out Does Not Worry

Legislative Press Gallery, April 11.

Patrick Welch made millions out of building the Pacific Great Eastern Railway for himself and his partners, but how many millions seems to be a matter not so easily decided.

Mr. Welch declared that he had not made a cent, and in fact he produced a statement to show that he had lost a hundred thousand dollars or so, but of course that was all imagination.

To-night his chief office man, the man who keeps him straight financially, gave the committee a statement which showed a profit of over five million dollars, but after some differences between railway and contracting witnesses and their counsel the profits may be guessed as being anywhere between five and eight million dollars.

What it will appear after the auditors have gone through the tons of books and papers which three days drew up to the buildings to-day and extracted the actual figures from them the committee will probably know in a few days.

Wanted Freedom From Royalties. S. S. Taylor, K. C., put in a letter from D'Arcy Tate, K.C., to the Minister of Lands, this being a strong plea for relief from the obligation of paying timber royalties on timber cut for construction purposes on alienated lands.

On February 2 Hon. T. D. Pattullo replied: "I do not consider your contention correct and therefore the action of the Forest Branch is upheld by me."

Mr. Taylor, who had put in an opinion from W. J. Bowser as Attorney-General this morning touching the same subject in regard to the G. T. P. now put in one from the same authority in regard to the P. G. E., that royalty must be paid on all timber cut from alienated lands for railway purposes.

Referred to Sir Richard. A letter from Chief Engineer F. C. Gamble to Sir Richard McBride was put in, of date December 2, 1912. This referred to an estimate of \$218,000 for seven miles of the Howe Sound and Northern Railway line, and concluded: "As these prices (P. Welch's) are very much in excess of similar prices prevailing on the coast I would ask for your instructions."

Edward F. White, P. Welch's right-hand man, and F. C. Kaufman, one of his clerks, were examined together. Mr. White produced the statement which the committee asked for last week, and Mr. Kaufman, who prepared the statement, going on the stand with him to coach him on its details.

Mr. White said that personally he would not like to swear that this statement was accurate, but he had confidence in Mr. Kaufman and the statement could be backed up by original records.

Swore to Five Million. Mr. Taylor (to Mr. Kaufman): "Can you swear this is a correct statement?" "I can and do."

Counsel took the first sheet of the ten in the statement, headed "profit and loss," which showed that the profit to P. Welch over the cost of the work was \$5,117,896.77, being the difference between the \$16,475,030.42 received by him from the P.G.E. and the \$11,357,133.65 which the performance of the work cost him.

Mr. White explained that the sixteen millions odd was for what he called grading and bridging. There were further sums received by the contractor for steel and extra bills for track material which were in another account, and on which there was no profit outside the ordinary percentage.

and Mr. Taylor figured out that deducting all these incidental profits the actual cost of the work to Welch was \$13,257,957.06. Some of the items of profit were \$50,577 on stores, \$91,690 on rental of equipment and live-stock, \$5,071 on machine shop, \$9,000 odd on sawmills, \$23,064 percentage on orders, and a number of items, amounting to a total of \$1,227,735.99, making the gross cash profits \$6,345,622.76.

WIDEST SCOPE GIVEN TO THE COMMISSIONERS

Vancouver Election Inquiry; Fernie Explosion; Routine Proceedings in House

Legislative Press Gallery, April 11.

As has already been reported in these columns, the Premier this afternoon brought down the measure providing for the appointment of a royal commission to inquire into the irregularities and illegal practices which are said to have occurred in the course of the by-election held in the city of Vancouver on February 25, 1916.

Hon. William A. Gulliver, of the Court of Appeal, is named as chairman of the commission, with Hon. Denis Murphy and Hon. W. A. Macdonald, of the Supreme Court, as his colleagues. The inquiry will be held in Vancouver and wherever else the commissioners may see fit to sit, either in other provinces or outside Canada.

They are clothed with all the powers required to make a most searching investigation. In the words of the bill, they are to "make thorough, careful and expeditious inquiry into all the facts and circumstances connected with the by-election, into the manner in which it was conducted, whether any irregularities took place or were committed or were attempted to be committed, and all such particulars in relation thereto as may be necessary to inform the commissioners in regard to such practices, and the person or persons guilty of them, or concerned, aiding or abetting in them."

They further are empowered to investigate any facts and circumstances occurring subsequently and connected in any manner with the irregularities believed to have occurred, including the movements of any persons who might have been material witnesses and as to whether any such persons were permitted or advised or assisted to leave the province and remain away so as to prevent their evidence being available, and if so, by whom and under what circumstances and for what consideration; and as to any expenditures or promised payments of money to cover up irregularities, and by whom made.

Immunity will be given to witnesses who truthfully tell what they know, and there is full power to deal with recalcitrant witnesses or to punish for contempt of court. Travelling and maintenance expenses of witnesses may be allowed in the discretion of the commissioners.

Expresses Sympathy. At the opening of the proceedings Hon. Mr. Brewster announced that the Easter holiday had been saddened by the receipt of news of a serious and most lamentable explosion at Fernie. There would be general sympathy with the families of the men who had lost their lives and with the company which had sustained great property loss.

Through the Minister of Mines and himself prompt action had been taken to render all possible assistance, the prosecution of rescue work and the allegation or suffering. The mining inspectors had got to work at once and the late chief inspector, Thomas Graham, had offered his services to the Government and left for Fernie at once. Realizing the necessity for immediate action to relieve distress Mayor Uphill had been authorized to render such pecuniary aid as he found necessary.

The Premier regretted to have to say that the loss of life would be very great. As yet it was impossible to fix the cause, but this would be done at the earliest possible moment. The latest advices from Fernie made it very doubtful if the lives of any of the men in the mine could be saved.

Wholesale Milk. Explaining his bill amending the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act on second reading, the Minister of Agriculture stated that the changes proposed largely dealt with the conditions under which milk is produced in the Province. Hitherto the regulations governing dairies were such as could not be enforced, and in this connection the Minister commented upon the impropriety of having laws on the statute book which officials had to ignore in this way. The proposals now made would be found workable and enforceable. The conditions for securing a Grade B certificate were being modified to some extent, but from an experience of 35 years in the Province he could say that under those to be imposed there would be produced a wholesome and superior quality of milk.

The debate will be continued by Capt. Hayward (Cowichan). At Last Recognized. A belated courtesy from the Conservative Women's Club of Victoria to the two ministers who survived the battle of the ballots on September 14, W. J. Bowser and W. B. Ross, was paid this afternoon, when two handsome baskets of roses were placed on their desks, pink for Mr. Ross and red for Mr. Bowser. Mr. Ross had the additional favor of a big pink-bow on the handle of the basket containing his roses, and a boutonniere as well. Both baskets had cards conveying the thanks of the club for the rather exaggerated reason that they had "secured the franchise for the women of British Columbia." The gift of flowers was the outcome of the feeling of some Conservative members a week ago that an opportunity had been lost then by not offsetting the gifts to the Liberal ministers.

Some small bills were advanced a stage. Prayers were read to-day by Very Rev. Dean Quainton.

A number of questions were asked and answered to-day. Hugh Stewart (Comox) asked the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:

- 1. Has the Government any experimental plots under its control?
2. If so, how many and where situated?
3. For what special purpose are these plots maintained?
4. How many of these plots are on Vancouver Island?
5. What has been the annual cost of the working of these plots?
6. Does the Government pay any rental for said plots? If so, to whom and what amount?
7. Does the Government intend to continue holding these plots?
8. What revenue (if any) has been derived?
9. Has alfalfa been experimented with on Vancouver Island? If so, what are results?

Hon. Mr. Oliver replied as follows: 1. Yes. 2. Twelve demonstration plots in field crops; twenty-seven demonstration and experimental orchards, small-fruit and vegetable demonstration plots, spraying experimental plots, etc. Field-crop demonstration plots located at Armstrong, Chilliwack, Rose Hill, Edgewood, Grand Forks, Rock Creek, Courtenay, Errington, Pitt Meadows, Fort George, Aldermere, and North Nechako. Demonstration orchards at Cowichan, Nanaimo, Hammond, Aldergrove, Salmon Arm, Birchbrook, Willow Point, Shuswap, and New Denver. Experimental orchards at Rossland, Wardner, Waldo, Windermere, Golden, and Nicola. Apple-seab spraying experimental plots at Kelowna, Nelson, Salmon Arm, Vernon, and Creston. Apple-anthrax control experimental plot at Keating, Southern Okanagan Small-fruit and Vegetable Experimental Station at Summerland. Small-fruit demonstration plot at Chilliwack. Strawberry experimental plot at Hatzic. General experimental plots at Terrace, Lawn Hill, and Bella Coola.

3. For the purpose of experimental work in the growing of alfalfa, corn and other soiling and fodder crops, grains, grasses, etc. For the purpose of demonstrating proper methods of tillage and rotation and to find out the varieties of different kinds of crops which are best suited to the different districts. For the production of selected seed and for general experimental and demonstration work. The horticultural plots are for the purpose of demonstrating correct methods of orchard practice; the testing of the suitability of different varieties of fruits for districts; the control of insect pests and diseases; to carry out investigational work in the growing of small fruits and vegetables; to indicate which are the best varieties of each kind of fruit for different districts; what soil-improvement methods are necessary; what fertilizers are required; and generally to carry out educative work in horticultural matters.

4. Five. 5. For the year 1916 the cost, including rent, operating the various plots was as follows: Field-Crop Plots.—Armstrong, \$215.05; Chilliwack, \$317.14; Rose Hill, \$241.60; Edgewood, \$96.15; Grand Forks, \$126.65; Rock Creek, \$169.17; Courtenay, \$27; Errington, \$118.71; Pitt Meadows, work just begun; Fort George, \$205.55; Aldermere, \$215.12; North Nechako, \$340.77. Horticultural Stations.—Cowichan, nothing; Nanaimo, nothing; Hammond, nothing; Aldergrove, nothing; Salmon Arm, \$14.23; Birchbrook, nothing; Willow Point, nothing; Shuswap, nothing; New Denver, nothing; Rossland, nothing; Wardner, nothing; Waldo, nothing; Windermere, \$16.10; Golden, \$49.46; Nicola, \$18.11; Kelowna, \$36.07; Nelson, \$1.50; Salmon Arm, \$66.70; Vernon, \$69.53; Creston, nothing; Keating, nothing; Summerland, \$1,000; Chilliwack, \$171.46; Hatzic, \$159.25; Terrace, \$1,301.05; Lawn Hill, \$861.23; Bella Coola, \$735.51.

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Horticultural Plots.—Hatzic, \$45, paid to T. Catherwood, Hatzic. 7. It is the intention of the department to discontinue some of the field crop lots. Others will be operated till the objects for which they have been started have been obtained. It is proposed to continue the horticultural plots at Wardner, Waldo, Windermere, New Denver, Kelowna, Nelson, Salmon Arm, Vernon, Creston, Keating, Summerland and Hatzic.

Revenue from field crop plots for the year 1916 has been derived as follows: Armstrong, \$6; Chilliwack, \$226.50; Rose Hill, \$175.73; Edgewood, \$75; Grand Forks, \$40.25; Rock Creek, \$98.10. Revenue from horticultural plots as follows: Hatzic, \$3; Terrace, \$26.78.

9. Yes. Results have varied, and on the whole have not been promising up to the present time.

R. H. Pooley asked the Minister of Agriculture the following questions: 1. Was William Manson the first Superintendent of the Agricultural Aid Commission? 2. If so, when was he appointed? 3. What salary was paid him, and for what months? 4. Has he left said service? 5. If so, when? 6. Has a successor been appointed? 7. If so, when, and his name? 8. What age is his successor? 9. What salary is being paid him? Hon. Mr. Oliver replied as follows: 1. Yes. 2. April 25, 1916. 3. An allowance of \$508.33 was made to Mr. Manson upon his retirement. 4. Yes. 5. March 21, 1917. 6. Yes. 7. Mr. Maxwell Smith appointed March 30; effective April 1. 8. Fifty-three years. 9. \$250 per month.

W. R. Ross asked the Minister of Finance the following questions: 1. Is the firm of Price, Waterhouse & Company a joint-stock company or a partnership? 2. If a joint-stock company, was it incorporated under the "Companies Act" of British Columbia? 3. If not incorporated as aforesaid, has it been either licensed or registered under said Act? 4. Who is the registered authorized agent of said company if so incorporated? 5. If not an incorporated company, is it a partnership, either limited or unlimited? 6. If a partnership, has the same been registered under the "Partnership Act"? 7. If so, when and where? 8. If a partnership, who are the members of the same and their respective nationalities and places of residence? 9. Are any or all of the members of said concern, if a partnership, members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of British Columbia? 10. If not members of said Institute of Chartered Accountants, have any or all the members of said concern, if a partnership, passed in any Institute of Accountants recognized by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of British Columbia? Hon. Mr. Brewster replied as follows: 1. Partnership. 2. Answered by No. 1. 3. Answered by No. 1. 4. Answered by No. 1. 5. Answered by No. 1. 6. No. 7. Answered by No. 6. 8. Government not in possession of full information. 9. Seven members of the firm are members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of British Columbia, and the resident manager is president of the said Institute.

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ALL BLACK SOIL and manure delivered. Phone 148.

MALLEABLE and steel ranges, 20 down and 10 per week. Phone 4292. 201 Government Street.

UTICA AUTOMATIC REELS, \$7.50; quadruple reels, only \$1; steel rods, \$2. Get in on these bargains at the Victoria Sporting Goods Co., 1213 Broad Street.

FOR SALE—One spark, one French range, also trunk; 1,000 other bargains at 532 Johnson. Buyers of new and second-hand goods. Phone 4292, 214 1/2 Government Street.

FOR SALE—Cheap, Cyprus incubator, 24, egg, one 10-cup, 1212 Pembroke, a13

FOR SALE—Indian motorcycle, for quick sale only \$24. Apply 1153 Yates St. a13

MOTORCYCLE, going order, \$35; pedal cycle, \$45; auto-sparker, \$17.50; gas pump, \$20. Wanted, gas pump, \$20. 221 Frost & Frost, a13

FOR SALE—Good motor cycle, first-class condition. Apply Dominion Hotel, a13

FOR SALE—Good lawn mower, \$2. 231 Lee Avenue. a12

FOR SALE—Good "Cascade" cook stove, brass coils, nearly new. Phone 210X, 210 1/2 Government Street. a13

FOR SALE—No. 14 visible Remington typewriter, nearly new. Box 154, Times. a13

FOR SALE—Edison Pireside Phonograph and about 10 records, in good condition. \$40. What offer? Phone 221L, a13

WALNUT BEDROOM SUITE, easy chair, washing machine with rubber wringer. Phone 3761L. a13

BOATS, CANOES AND LAUNCHES for hire, sale and charter. If you want anything on the water or to sell, call us. Causway Boat House, Phone 345.

FOR SALE—Lyon & Healy hand, \$7.50; trombones and case, \$12.50; 15-cup water pistol, 50c; Henry's magnet, \$1.50; new auto tire covers, \$1.50; sailors' canvas bags, 75c; bicycle pumps, \$2; bicycle oil lamps, \$2; tires, outer, any make, \$2.50; bicycle cement, \$2; pedal pump, \$2; set of 10 cills, \$1.50. a13

FOR RENT—HOUSES (Unfurnished)—FOR RENT—HOUSES AND APARTMENTS, furnished and unfurnished, in all parts of the city. Lloyd-Young & Russell, 1012 Broad Street, ground floor. Pemberton Building. Phone 4292. a13

FOUR ROOMED HOUSE in Fairfield, Apply 1413 Harrison. a13

TWO COTTAGES, close in. Apply 1152 Yates Street. a13

FOR RENT—415 Niagara Street, close to Beacon Hill. Phone 3033L. a13

FIVE ROOMED HOUSE, near High School, moderate rent. Apply Hendry's Grocery, Fernwood Road. a13

TO RENT—Two seven roomed houses, Niagara Street, one block from Beacon Hill, and Gladstone Avenue, just above Belmont. Phone 338L, mornings. a13

TO LET—3 roomed house, 318 Quebec. Apply 1213 Montrose. Phone 4292. a13

TO LET—House, 6 rooms, 102 Quebec St. Phone 216L. a17

TO LET—Four room cottage, modern conveniences, Davida Street, Gorge. Rent, \$5. Apply F. Higginbotham, corner Robert and Davida. a13

FOR RENT—HOUSES (Furnished)—FOR RENT—Furnished house, 3 rooms, Fairfield; 3 rooms and summer kitchen, furnished, Rockwood. Rent, \$25. Apply: house at Willows gate, Willows Road, with range; cottage, 4 rooms, at Willows, all modern. Phone 681L. a13

TO LET—Wm. furnished, new, 3 roomed house, plans, \$25 per month. Dalby Lawson, 615 Fort. a13

HOUSES TO RENT, furnished and unfurnished. We have a large number of houses to rent, several new ones. The Griffiths Company, Hibben-Bone Bldg., a13

TO RENT—Furnished house, 5 rooms, all modern, piano, etc., garage, at 574 Head Street. \$20. Apply owner, 300 King's Road, Phone 2993L. a13

FOR RENT—MISCELLANEOUS—TO RENT—12 acres, good house, 8 rooms, 6 acres broken, ready for crop this spring, good well, pump, fruit trees, fruit trees, hen houses, barn for 4 horses, Happy Valley, main road, 11 miles from city, rent \$15 per month. Douglas Mackay & Co., 28 Arcade Bldg., entrance 613 View or 112 Broad St., Phone 617.

ONE AND TWO ROOM OFFICES to let in Times Building. Apply at Times Office. a13

FURNISHED FLAT in private house, nice sunny rooms, modern; reasonable rent; adults only. 634 Garbally Road, close to Douglas. Phone 2761L. a13

BRUNSWICK HOTEL, 50c, night and up, 25 weekly and up; best location, first-class, no bar; few housekeeping rooms. Yates and Douglas. a13

88 CORMORANT, nicely furnished housekeeping room; hot and cold water, gas range, bath, light, phone, laundry; \$15 per week. 1120 Douglas Street. a13

124 MICHIGAN—Furnished housekeeping room, front. 21418L. a13

FOR SALE—AUTOMOBILES

FOR SALE—Several different types express and stake delivery bodies, new and second-hand. Pimley's Garage, Johnson Street. Phone 418.

FORD ROADSTER BODY, \$40. Phone 2622L.

SECOND-HAND CARS FOR SALE—1914 Overland, 5-passenger, electric starter and lights, good order, price \$25; one 1915 Buick, 5-passenger, extra new, very little used, price \$20; one Apperson, 5-passenger, good order, price \$20; one 1915 Overland, 5-passenger, body, one extra truck with large express body, price \$150. Pimley's Garage, Johnson Street. a12

FOR SALE—1915 Ford touring car, all new tires and in splendid condition, price \$245 cash. Phone 275 between 3 a. m. and 6 p. m.

FOR SALE—Hup, 5, 4-passenger; will trade for larger car. 707 Fort St. a12

WANTED—AUTOMOBILES—WANTED—Good Ford touring car; will pay cash. Phone 275 between 3 a. m. and 6 p. m.

FOR SALE—LIVESTOCK—FOR SALE—Horse, also top for express wagon, in good condition. Phone 3175L. a17

POMERANIANS CHEAP—One thoroughbred black male and one small sized white female (both thoroughly house broken) also one black puppy. 219 Ridge Road. a13

FOR SALE—POULTRY AND EGGS—PURE BLACK MINORCA EGGS, \$1 a setting. Friend, 521 Obed Ave. Phone 243 cash. Phone 571. a13

BOGS FOR HATCHING—From pure bred prize stock. \$1.00 up. 422 Dallas Rd. Phone 4631L. a17

TWO prize winning Partridge Wyandotte cockerels, weighing 3 to 4 lbs., price \$3; one 1915 Buick, 5-passenger, extra new, very little used, price \$20; one Apperson, 5-passenger, good order, price \$20; one 1915 Overland, 5-passenger, body, one extra truck with large express body, price \$150. Pimley's Garage, Johnson Street. a12

WHITE WYANDOTTE, Black Minorca, Rhode Island Red, Leghorn, Game, all good stock, \$1 per setting. 1541 Chestnut Avenue. Phone 1892L. a13

FOR SALE—Single comb R. I. Reds, Orpingtons, Game, all good stock, \$1 per setting. 1541 Chestnut Avenue. Phone 1892L. a13

RHODE ISLAND RED EGGS, 75c. for 12, 1911 Belmont. Phone 7531L. a13

MISCELLANEOUS—TIMBER LICENSES should be protected from cancellation by being surveyed this year. Swainson & Angus, Campbell & Co., 219 Government Street. Phone 571. Logging roads and mineral claims surveyed. m11

INSURE YOUR CAR against breakdowns this season by having it properly insured. Special rates on Ford repairs. Arthur Dantridge, 219 Gordon, near Weller Road. a13

WILL PAY FOR \$5 for gentlemen's diamonds, antiques, old gold bought and sold. Mrs. Aronson, 1907 Government Street, Swainson & Angus, Campbell & Co., 219 Government Street. a13

BEST PRICES paid for Kent's cast-off clothing. Give me a trial. Phone 2007 146 Street. a13

AT BEDDING (Excess) for horses, cattle and sheep, giving any free. Prices \$2.50 per week; housekeeping rooms; \$2.50 per week. Phone 4541L. a13

CHAIRMAN, 1917 Craigdarroch Hotel. First-class boarding house, ladies and gentlemen. Phone 2318L. a13

WANTED—ACREAGE—FARM of about 30 acres wanted, at least 20 under cultivation, Spanish or Duncan stock preferred; no fancy price. City Districts, 206 Union Bank. a13

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS—WILL PAY CASH for few rooms of furniture and household effects; no dealers. Box 1908, Times. a13

WANTED—For cash, launch \$9 to \$5 ft. 1906 Times. a13

WANTED—Furniture of four or five roomed house at once; will pay cash. S. H. J. Mason, Hillside and Quadra. a13

WANTED—2x4 or 2x4 Clincher timbers. 707 Fort Street. a12

WANTED—Five-room house of furniture. Phone 1573. a13

ATTENTION—Sell your second-hand clothing or anything you want to. We buy all parts of the city. Lloyd-Young & Russell, 1012 Broad Street, ground floor. Pemberton Building. Phone 4292. a13

OPEN TO BUY furniture for cash. Phone 1879. a13

I WANT SOME FURNITURE for my home, give any fair price for whole or part cash down. Magnet, 650 Fort. a13

FERRIS will pay cash for any quantity of furniture. Ring up and we will value you. Phone 1879. a13

WANTED—Old copper, brass, zinc, lead, tin, nickel, rubber, etc., etc. We buy and sell everything and anything. Phone 1223, City Bank Co., B. Aronson, 555 Johnson St., cor. Oriental Ave. a13

HOUSE OF FURNITURE wanted for cash. Phone 272. a13

CASH PAID for old bicycles and parts in any condition. 1747 Victoria Cycle Works, 514 Johnson St. a

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AMERICAN SCHOONER SUNK BY SUBMARINE

In Mediterranean; No Casualties; Spanish Ship Sunk Without Warning

Washington, April 12.—The American schooner Marguerite, of New York, was captured and presumably sunk by a submarine 35 miles southwest of Sardinia on April 4, and her crew, including one American, exposed for 48 hours in open boats. A dispatch to the State Department to-day from Ambassador Sharp, at Paris, forwarded the information from the American consul at Tunis. The ship made no attempt to escape or resist and was refused all aid by the submarine.

Washington, April 12.—The American schooner Marguerite, of New York, 1,553 tons, Cagliari to Algeria, in ballast, reported captured and probably sunk by a submarine, unknown nationality, 35 miles southwest of Sardinia, April 4, 8 p.m.; no resistance or attempt to escape. No ships in sight. Ten minutes notice; strong wind; open boats. Forty-six hours in open boats; picked up by French torpedo boat and landed at Bizerta; no casualties. Papers held by submarine. Total crew of 12 shipped to Marseilles.

Paris, April 12.—The Spanish steamship San Fulgencio has been torpedoed without warning, according to a Madrid dispatch to the Havas Agency. This is the first Spanish ship sunk by the Germans without warning.

London, April 12.—The Spanish Government, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Madrid, has made a strong protest to Germany with reference to the torpedoing of the steamship San Fulgencio. The San Fulgencio was of 1,588 tons gross.

San Francisco, April 12.—Warnings that German submarines are operating in the Pacific were sent to all steamship captains at sea late yesterday by wireless on the authority of Lieutenant E. C. Woods, of the 12th Naval District here.

San Diego, April 12.—Reports from San Francisco that German submarines are operating in the Pacific were received with interest in naval and shipping circles, and added force to rumors current recently that one or more undersea boats had been prowling in the Gulf of California.

Nozales, Ariz., April 12.—The warning sent out from San Francisco that German submarines are operating in the Pacific served to renew interest in the story related here Sunday by a man who claimed he had seen a German submarine last Saturday near Guaymas, Sonora, in the Gulf of California.

San Francisco, April 12.—Leading marine insurance underwriters here suspended today risk quotations for a few hours to-day pending confirmation of the situation developed in Pacific Ocean shipping and announced by the Navy Department late yesterday that German submarines were operating in the Pacific. Reports that marine insurance rates had broken wildly were denied by heads of the larger underwriting firms.

ARE TRYING TO FIX CAUSE OF EXPLOSIONS

Clester, Pa., April 12.—Experts to-day are analyzing powder in the shrapnel shells at the works of the Eddy-stone Ammunition Company, Eddy-stone, with the hope of establishing beyond doubt the cause of the series of explosions which killed 122 persons at the plant on Tuesday. There is a theory that if a plot existed, as officials of the plant maintain, an acid capsule might have been dropped into a shell in the charging room. The investigation by the experts includes a probe into the possibility of a defect in the explosives with which the shells were loaded. So far there is no definite evidence that the disaster was the work of alien plotters. The authorities have been told, however, of an anonymous warning said to have been sent workers in the plant and of other notes and letters said to have forecast the tragedy.

CANADIAN COLONEL KILLED.

London, Ont., April 12.—Lieut.-Col. Wood Leonard, who went to the front at the beginning of the war with a London battery, was killed in action. He won promotion and the Distinguished Service Order for gallant conduct.

WILL ALLOW ALLIES TO RECRUIT FIGHTERS IN UNITED STATES

Washington, April 12.—With the approval of Attorney-General Gregory, Chairman Webb, of the House Judiciary Committee, will introduce tomorrow a bill to allow the Entente Governments to recruit their citizens in the United States. Chairman Culbertson, of the Senate Judiciary Committee, will introduce the same bill.

CARRANZA WILL KEEP HIS HANDS OFF OIL

Washington, April 12.—General Carranza has given positive assurances to the United States that oil supplies from the Tampico fields and other Mexican sources will not be denied to the United States or Great Britain. Mexican oil is the principal fuel for the British and French warships.

MORE TROOPS CALLED UP IN UNITED STATES

Washington, April 12.—Seven companies of National Guard coast artillery troops were called into the Federal service to-day for police purposes. They are: First Company, New Hampshire; Fifth, Eighth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Eighteenth, California.

AUSTRIAN TEMPORARY MINISTER OF WAR

London, April 12.—Field-Marshal von Scheffer, chief of the War Control Department, has been appointed temporary Minister of War for Austria-Hungary, according to a Vienna dispatch to the Central News by way of Amsterdam. Field-Marshal von Scheffer succeeds General von Klobault, who recently resigned.

CUBA BARS SENDING OF CODE DISPATCHES

New York, April 12.—The Cuban Government has prohibited the use of code in dispatches to any part of the republic, the Commercial Cable Company announced to-day.

ECHO OF BOMB OUTRAGE.

San Francisco, April 12.—A warrant for the arrest of Frank G. Osmann, of Durkee, Ore., principal witness against Thomas Moore, convicted of murder for participation in the bomb explosion, during a preparedness parade here, is sought to-day by Edwin V. McKenzie, attorney for Moore. The warrant will allege attempts to influence testimony.

INDICTED AT NEW YORK.

New York, April 12.—The News Print Manufacturers' Association and seven members of its executive committee were indicted to-day by a Federal grand jury here charged with violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.

Winnipeg, April 12.—The bank clearings here for the week ended to-day were \$46,941,249. For the corresponding week last year the clearings were \$23,614,087, and \$23,777,546 in 1915.

RUSSIAN FRONTS

Petrograd, April 12.—On the western (Russian), Rumanian and Caucasian fronts, the War Office announced to-day, "there was scouting reconnaissances and reciprocal firing."

ANOTHER PLOTTER IS SENTENCED IN STATES

Jersey City, April 12.—Fritz Kolb, a German convicted of having bombs in his possession, was sentenced to-day to not less than three years and four months nor more than five years in the state prison. Kolb was arrested on March 5, 1917, in Hoboken. It was charged that he and Hans Schwartz plotted to cause a second ammunition explosion on Black Tom Island. The jury which convicted Kolb could not agree as to Schwartz.

SNIPING ON BORDER OF STATES AND MEXICO

El Paso, April 12.—Mexican snipers fired on United States army patrols late yesterday near Fabens, Texas, 33 miles below El Paso, the American patrols returning the fire and hitting one Mexican soldier, according to reports received here to-day. Sniping has been in progress on the island near Fabens for the past three days, it was said, one Mexican laborer on the American side being killed.

GUNS AND "TANKS" DID GREAT WORK

Correspondent Describes Some Incidents in British Operations Near Arras

War Correspondents' Headquarters with the British Armies in Northern France, April 11—via London, April 12.—(By Philip Gibbs)—The Battle of Arras, which began on Monday at dawn and will be remembered through all history, is too big to be told in the brief telegraph messages which I write with haste, so that the dispatch riders may carry them on their far journey. In a hundred years not all the details will be told.

The fighting was very stiff round Bligny, the suburb of Arras where the enemy troops were in the broken ruins of houses and behind garden walls, strongly barricaded with piled sandbags, but the British troops smashed their way not only through, but through and on. The troops of old English regiments were checked a while at a strong German works known as The Horn, Holt, Hamel and Hargest Pans, and at another strong point called The Church Work.

"Tanks" Did Well. It was at these places that the "tanks" did well on Tuesday, when they had had going because of the slim mud. After a journey of over three miles from their starting point they knocked out the German machine guns and so let the infantry get on high ground to the north.

At a point known as Railway Triangle, east-southwest of Arras, where the railway lines join, Scottish troops were held back by machine-gun fire. The enemy's works had not been destroyed by the bombardment and the British barrage had swept ahead of the troops. News of the trouble was sent back and presently back crept the barrage of British shellfire, coming perilously close to the Scottish troops, but not too close. With marvelous accuracy the British gunners found the target of the Triangle and swept it with shellfire, so that its defenses were destroyed. The Scots surged forward over the chaos of broken timber and struggled forward again to their goal, which brought them to Feuchy Well, and to-day much further.

Scored Bullets. A "tank" helped the men at Feuchy Chapel. Chased by the Scots as it came into action, it scorned machine gun bullets. So the English and Scottish troops pressed on and gathered up thousands of prisoners. "These were so tame," said one British soldier, "that they ate out of our hands." So ready to surrender were the Germans that a brigadier and his staff who were captured were angry and ashamed of the men, for in great numbers without their being a single wounded man among them.

Some of the enemy gunners never left their pits after the British bombardment became intense four days before, and were suffering from hunger and thirst. Trench mortars and machine guns lay everywhere about in scores, smashed, burst, flung about by the ferocity of the British shellfire.

With Good Humor. German officers wearing Iron Crosses I saw below the Vimy ridge yesterday. The British troops treated them with the greatest good humor, throwing chocolates and cigarettes into their enclosures and crowding round to speak to the men who knew the English tongue. There seemed no kind of hatred between the men. There was none after the battle had been fought, for in their British way the Tommies can not harbor hate for a beaten enemy when, as individuals, they are there broken and in their hands. Yet a little farther away the fighting was fierce and there was no softness and no mercy in the hearts of the British until the enemy threw up his hands.

AUSTRIAN RULING CLASSES ALSO SEEM TO BE FRIGHTENED

London, April 12.—There are reports that the Austrian Government intends to follow the German Kaiser's lead in promising electoral reform. The Austrian statesmen have a more complicated problem to solve than the Prussians, owing to the acute racial difficulties which will arise if any attempt is made to reform the system of government.

TO-DAY'S BASEBALL

Table with columns for American League and National League, listing teams and scores.

REPORTED ALL FOUR CANADIAN DIVISIONS SHARED IN VICTORY

London, April 12.—"We hear from direct sources," says the London Standard, "that the whole four Canadian divisions went over the Vimy ridge. The capture of this key position, no matter how lucky, is purely a reward of skillful preparation by the leaders, backed up by incomparable troops."

CONDUCT OPERATIONS TRUE TO SCHEDULE

Developments Prove British Plans Not Upset by Germans, Says Maurice

London, April 12.—Major-General Maurice, Chief Director of Military Operations at the War Office, said to a representative of the Associated Press to-day: "We have heard a great deal about the von Hindenburg retreat. It has been claimed the retirement was according to plan and that as a result the British calculations had been upset and the Germans were in a position to give battle whenever they desired."

"Let me tell you how much the British plans were upset. On February 1 I was in France, and at that time saw on paper the plans for the very offensive which the British now are carrying out, including the assault on the Vimy ridge. Arrangements had been made at that time to begin the attack on April 8, but this was postponed until the ninth on account of the weather. This shows that we are conducting our affairs according to schedule. Things are going well and the prospects look bright."

"That the Germans had not only swept their line in this section, but had strengthened it, is apparent. I call your attention to the fact that we took 10,000 prisoners in the first twenty-four hours, which is the greatest number we have taken in a corresponding time and is indicative of the strength of the German forces there."

Maj-Gen. Maurice's attention was called to the fact that the German military experts were claiming the Battle of Arras to be the decisive conflict of the war.

"I suppose the experts have got to have something to write about," said the General with a laugh, "but it is impossible to say at this time that the battle will be the decisive one. It may be stated with certainty, however, that the Battle of Arras will have a far-reaching effect."

BRAZIL WILL NOT ISSUE DECLARATION AT PRESENT TIME

Rio de Janeiro, April 12.—It is believed here that the Government will confine itself for the present to the severance of diplomatic relations with Germany and that a declaration of war will not be issued, at least in the immediate future. A decision as to whether the German ships in Brazilian harbors has been postponed.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE WAS PROROGUED TO-DAY

Toronto, April 12.—Ontario Legislature was prorogued this afternoon with the usual ceremonies. In his prorogation speech Sir John Hendrie, the Lieutenant-Governor, expressed his satisfaction at the unanimous declaration of the House of the determination of the people to do their utmost to bring the war to a successful conclusion.

CHICAGO MAY WHEAT SCORES NEW HIGH LEVEL

Chicago, April 12.—Wheat soared again to-day, May passing all previous records. Shorts covering and light offerings of foreign wheat helped to bring the market up with a spread of 211-300 and sold up at the close to 218. July and September both were strong. July selling near the close at 189, a gain of over nine points above the high of its opening spread of 194-178. Corn showed the same strength as the wheat, passing its previous high mark. May sold near the close at 135, a seven-point rise above yesterday's close. Oats closed with a gain of over two points.

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LAND IN CANADA FOR EX-SOLDIERS

Details of Plan Submitted to Empire Land Settlement Committee

London, April 12.—The Canadian Associated Press is informed that the memorandum submitted by Canada to the Empire Land Settlement Committee, embodying the Dominion's proposals for the settlement of ex-soldiers in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, proposes the following plan: The Canadian Minister of the Interior would reserve suitable land areas in the prairie provinces for the settlement of ex-service men. The administration of these lands would be in the hands of a settlement board. It is proposed to grant to approved ex-service men 160 acres each of Crown land.

The following persons would be entitled to participate in the gift land: Honorably discharged soldiers and sailors who enlisted for active service in the naval forces of Canada during the present war; soldiers and sailors domiciled in Canada at the outbreak of the war and afterwards engaged in active service; soldiers and sailors not domiciled in Canada, but engaged on active service; widows whose husbands died on active service.

In addition to the 160 acres, the settlement board would be empowered to grant a loan of \$1,500 to approved persons, to cover the cost of houses, barns, implements and stock and of preparing the land for cultivation. The loan, constituting the first charge on the homestead, would be advanced at a low rate of interest for repayment within 15 years.

All applicants would be required to have sufficient farming experience or training before considered eligible for grants. Inexperienced agricultural workers would be trained on Government demonstration farms to enable them to apply for grants. On the demonstration farms practical work would be provided for large numbers of pupils and there would be unlimited opportunities for inexperienced men to get farm experience. It is intended that the reservation of Crown lands shall lapse after three years, but it is intended also to encourage prospective Canadian farmers to make entry for homestead lands as soon as they place themselves under tutelage.

MAY WHEAT MAKES NEW RECORD AT WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, April 12.—Wheat reacted a little from the new high record made when May touched \$2.15. The market closed strong with May showing a gain of 1/4c, July up 1/4c and October 1/4c better. Oats gained 1/4c in May, 1/2c in July and 1/2c in October. Barley was up 1/4c. Flax gained 1/4c in May and 1/2c in July. A strong market developed to-day after a opening only fractionally changed. The Highness of Chicago May was the feature, and from this the other months drew their strength. The crowd were rather bearish in the morning and inclined to go short. When they came to buy the market was void of offerings. Wheat went up 6 cents before the advance stopped. American interests bought here, representing all the outside buying of the day. Spreading when Chicago was about 1/4c over Winnipeg. May made Winnipeg firmer. In the local cash market the spreads were unchanged because of the light offerings. The demand was good, with the Government interests buying. Cash oats was in very good demand. Barley and flax were dull.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

MONTREAL STOCKS

Table of Montreal stock prices including Brazilian Traction, C.P.R., Can. Cement, etc.

NEW YORK CURB PRICES

Table of New York curb prices for various commodities like Artz, Copperfields, etc.

VICTORIA STOCK EXCHANGE

Table of Victoria stock exchange prices for various stocks and bonds.

COVERING BY SHORTS ADVANCES STOCKS

Liquidation in Stocks Seems to Have Subsidized at New York

New York, April 12.—Interior liquidation in stocks had subsidized and Wall Street shorts were nervous to-day and covered freely, causing the market to have an upturn in most of the issues. United States Steel and Republic Steel had at one time an advance of over a point above their openings. Marine preferred again came to the fore and at one time during the day showed considerable strength, advancing three points, but losing a point at the close. The copper were quiet and followed the trend of the market. The rally was firm. The heavy sale of Union Pacific yesterday seemed to be the cleaning up of a block of European stock which has been in process for some time. To-day the stock acted with a show of strength, closing with an advance of three-quarters of a point above yesterday's close.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Table of New York cotton market prices for various grades of cotton.

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BOWSER COLLEAGUE SHARED IN PROFIT

May Have Been the Channel for P. G. E. Campaign Contribution

MEMBER OF LEGISLATURE INTERESTED IN CONTRACT

Trio Loaned People's Money to Friendly Industrial Concern in States

Legislative Press Gallery, April 12.

The more the relations between the Province and the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company are gone into the more evident it becomes that the three men who figure as owners of the line, contractors for its construction, and in various other guises considered the moneys received from the Province as theirs with which to do what they liked; to play fast-and-loose with.

At a time when the railway promoters were professing inability to put any of their own money into the enterprise, and their associate, D'Arcy Tate, K. C., was sending S. O. S. calls to W. J. Bowser for money to pay wages, Foley, Welch & Stewart were able to lend money out of provincially guaranteed bonds to an American lumber firm in which they were interested.

Macgowan's Profits. The sensation of this morning's hearing, however, was the revelation that A. H. B. Macgowan, one of the Vancouver members for some years prior to September 14 last, was interested in a contract and counsel suggested him as an apparent intermediary between Foley, Welch & Stewart and the McBride-Bowser campaign fund.

White and Kaufman. Edward F. White and F. C. Kaufman, from P. Welch's office, were again on the witness stand to-day, and were taken by S. S. Taylor, K. C., counsel for the Department of Railways, over a summary of the figures of profits given last night. Despite the heated reports in the Vancouver press of Welch's poor financial result from this contract he received from the P. G. E. \$5,117,000 more than he paid to sub-contractors.

Mr. Taylor—"Are you a British subject or an American citizen, Mr. White?" Mr. White—"I am an American." Mr. Taylor—"And you, Mr. Kaufman?" Mr. Kaufman—"I am an American citizen."

Salary and Profits. Mr. White said further that he is a director of the P.G.E. and was interested in several sub-contracts. His salary from P. Welch, apart from contract interests, is \$500 a month. He gave his profits from contracts in four years as between \$24,000 and \$25,000. One of the sub-contracts he was interested in was that of Kellett and Rankine. Asked if he had to divide his profits from contracts with anyone Mr. White stated that on the Kellett and Rankine contract he had to divide with Mr. Macgowan, a then member of the Legislature. The arrangement to make this division, he said, was made by Kellett and he knew nothing about it until afterwards.

Mr. Taylor—"But I understand that on this sub-contract you had to divide your profit with A. H. B. Macgowan, Vancouver?" "Kellett made the arrangement." "How much did he get out of this sub-contract?" "Out of that particular one, which was the only one he had an interest in, he got in the neighborhood of \$9,000."

"I don't know. No one ever told me." "Had you ever a discussion with Mr. Welch on the matter?" "Just informally."

"Informal or otherwise, what did he say to you about it?" "Well, he told me Macgowan and Merichson came to him—Merichson is a contractor—and asked him for a contract, and he had nothing left to give them, and later on Kellett came to him and told him he had agreed to take Macgowan in with us on that first contract."

"Were you not told why he was to be taken in?" "No."

"Were you never given a wink?" "No."

"You knew, didn't you, that it was for political purposes?" "Well, I would not have any further than he being a member of the Legislature."

"I put it to you straight, you being on oath; hadn't you some intimation that the money was to be used for political or campaign purposes for the Conservative party?" "No, I hadn't."

"Do you give away interests in your business to people because someone says they must come in, although they render no services, and invest no money, and allow them to get, as in this case, \$9,000 out of \$24,000, without some person telling you the reason for it?" "I was told no reason for it."

"Did you make out the cheques personally to Mr. Macgowan?" "Personally to him and signed P. Welch."

"These cheques were sent for and were filed as exhibits. There are six of them, ranging in date from August 7, 1914, to January 11, 1915, and aggregating \$7,509.69. These are, as witness said, made out to A. H. B. Macgowan by P. Welch, drawn on the Union Bank, Vancouver, and are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Date and Amount. August 7, 1914: \$1,000; October 3, 1914: \$1,500; November 4, 1914: \$1,500; December 2, 1914: \$1,500; December 29, 1914: \$1,750; December 29, 1914: \$1,759.

By the way, the contracting firm is a shareholder in the Royal Victoria Theatre, so that thus indirectly the Province is interested in this enterprise.

Merichson never worked on the P. G. E., he never met him and he knew nothing about him, White said.

Strange Proceeding. Mr. Taylor remarked that it was strange that Macgowan was interested in S. Merichson, and had written to Sir Richard McBride on June 14, 1912, "acting on your kind suggestion," that he had addressed Welch with regard to Merichson and his associates taking a considerable contract on the P. G. E., up to twenty-five miles for a start and the nearer to Vancouver the more preferable.

Sir Richard's Letter. Letters to Welch on the same subject were read and these letters from Sir Richard:

To Mr. Macgowan, on June 14, 1912: "I have written Welch that you would call on him. I have asked him to give his best consideration to the matters you will bring before him."

To Welch on the same day—"Mr. Macgowan, one of the members of the Legislature, is desirous of meeting you and will call on you in Vancouver. I would ask you to kindly give the matters he will bring before you your best consideration."

"No mention of a railway contract in those," observed Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Macgowan will be given an opportunity to explain, if he can, and all Welch's cheques will be gone into.

Mr. White stated that no cheques were issued to George A. Fraser but there were some to his son-in-law, Farrell, given to him personally for small sums. He was absolutely sure that no other cheques were ever given to any other members of the House.

Quarter Million Loan. In reply to questions put by E. P. Davis, K. C., Mr. White and Mr. Kaufman explained an item of \$240,000 in the statement submitted last night as representing a loan made on June 28, 1915, to Elodeell, Welch and Stewart, a lumber concern in Bellingham, Wash. in which they were interested, secured by a note, on which \$150,000 is owing. Mr. White said he simply had instructions to give them this money and accept their note.

Referred Back. Chairman Farris referred back to the evidence to a letter written by Mr. Tate to the Government on May 29, 1915, a month earlier, stating that if the Government did not "come through" the work would be shut down in toto. Seemingly, he remarked, the men who could not carry out their own contracts were able to lend money out of the country.

Mr. White told the committee that he had spent a quarter of a century in hard work for Mr. Welch, early and late, and had never done so with any idea that he would remain as a mere salaried employee. The \$24,000 or \$25,000 he had made in four years was not too much for the work he had done in 25 years.

Allens and Pro-Germans. G. S. Hanes brought out the fact, not for the first time, that practically all the employees of P. Welch as contractor and as operating the P. G. E. are Americans. A letter from the then Minister of Railways a year ago drew Mr. Tate's attention to complaints that ten men named were aliens and that two men in the blacksmith shop were not only aliens but strongly pro-German. Mr. Hanes added that he was informed the office staff were mainly aliens.

Mr. White admitted the fact so far as his office was concerned and left it to A. P. Sperry to speak for the operating staff.

Pooley Approves. R. H. Pooley (Esquimalt), who is so well remembered for his intimidation of the workmen of that town on nomination evening last year, complained that in the Times report of yesterday forenoon's proceedings he had been made to approve of the exorbitant rates charged on shipments of potatoes by the P. G. E. instead of his

refusal to quote rates on logs. He appeared to be exceedingly peeved about the matter, and cited the transcript of the evidence to bear out his complaint that he was talking about logs and not potatoes, as the very much condensed report of the evidence might seem to infer.

However, this leaves the point untouched that he approved of the arrogant attitude of the company, as expressed by General Manager Sperry, that it would not refuse to quote a rate on logs but would make it so high that a shipper could not take advantage of it.

Mr. Pooley's explanation in this case seems to be on all fours with that in the case of his denial of the Times report of his Esquimalt outburst of August 3.

BAKERS HEARD ON BREAD LEGISLATION

Municipal Committee Has Both Sides Before It To-day

Legislative Press Gallery, April 12.

Arguments for and against night work for journeymen bakers were presented to the Legislative Municipal Committee this morning by delegations representing the master bakers of Vancouver and Victoria and the bakery employees.

The master baker deputation comprised J. Stevenson, Stevenson Bros., Vancouver; W. E. Finchin, Ramsay & Finchin, Vancouver; W. C. Shelly, Shelly Bros., Vancouver; J. T. Taylor, Rennie & Taylor, Victoria; A. Johnston, Vancouver; J. Hamilton, secretary Bread and Cake Manufacturers of B. C.; D. W. Hanbury, J. J. Jessup, Victoria, and H. A. Dibble, secretary Victoria Bread and Cake Manufacturers' Association.

The journeymen were represented by V. R. Midgley, J. W. Kievel and M. D. Leathworthy, the latter being president of the Vancouver Union.

The master bakers were anxious to have a new bakeshop act passed by the Government to apply in the whole Province, and to remedy existing situations where in some municipal districts there are bakeshop regulations but in others there are no restrictions whatever. It was felt however that there was not sufficient time to provide a new act this session, and in the meantime it was suggested amendments might be made to the bakeshop sections of the Shops Regulations Act so as to meet the most important problems now existing.

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Zimmermann, the present Foreign Minister, believed for a moment that England would enter the war. Zimmermann alone felt and expressed the certainty that England would do so.

"From the instant England entered the war, Germany saw herself suddenly forced to depend chiefly on her stocks in hand and what she could produce. This was a very severe shock to the Government, who at once saw the great danger that the civil and military machines might fall from lack of the first essential; namely, food.

Food Dictator's Failure. "Supplies from near neutrals were at first brought to large amounts, though such supplies were well below half of the actual quantities needed. From that moment the food shortage became a perpetual and ever-present menace and food supply flourished. Importers, shippers and agrarians set themselves to bleed the townfolk unmercifully. Prices went ever higher, until in the course of a few months the Government seriously feared the consequences and took the matter in hand. I will not trace the gradual tightening of the food supply, for enough is known outside Germany to support my statement.

"From scarcity things went to a worse pitch, and riots followed. There have been many stories of rioting, and I can say from actual knowledge that these have taken place at Cologne and Kiel, where they were especially violent; also at Dresden, Dusseldorf, and Leipzig. What is not known outside Germany, so far as I learned, is that the Kiel and Leipzig riots afforded the first actual signs that the notorious German discipline was not stronger than human nature can stand it as a truth that at both places when the soldiers were ordered to fire upon half-starving crowds they refused to do so, and not a single shot rang out after the order to fire.

"In another and, for Germany, an even more dangerous direction, a crisis suddenly arose last December in the very heart of Germany's munition works, namely, at Krupp. Food had become so scanty and lacking in nutritive qualities that the workmen in the great factories at Essen could not stand the strain any longer. They chose a deputation from among themselves, and waited upon Herr Krupp himself. They declared that unless more and better food were supplied they would be forced to lay down tools and cease work after a week's notice. They added that they took this course not from any ill-will, nor for a rise of wages, but because on such food as they were receiving they were unable to hold out any longer. Their working hours had increased from 10 to 14, and even 16 every day, and many men at the ovens and furnaces and in the foundries had been ill during the last few days of their work-only from lack of nourishment.

"Herr Krupp, knowing well the justice of the men's attitude and fearing a general breakdown in the output of munitions, sent an urgent telegram to Headquarters at Berlin, and within the shortest possible time General Ludendorff arrived at Essen, having been ordered thither by his chief, Hindenburg, on receipt of Herr Krupp's message of distress. Having seen the state of affairs at Essen, Ludendorff hurried back to Berlin to inform Hindenburg and the Government. So urgent was the matter that on the day following Ludendorff's return to Berlin an order was issued allowing extra rations for men doing 'heavy' and 'heaviest' work.

"There are now three grades of rations supplied to those who do 'light,' 'heavy' and 'heaviest' sorts of work. So far as the laborers are concerned these rations only deal with potatoes and mangold wurzel.

Summary of Present Situation. "The situation at the moment may be thus summed up: Until two months ago the industrial population was in a condition of serious shortage of needful food to keep them alive, for though wages were never so high, supplies were never so short, but the new graded rations have slightly improved matters for a time. The middle classes, consisting of the masses of the people other than manual laborers, are very badly situated, many families normally well off now being restricted to a meal of dry bread in the morning with two other meals during the day of mangold wurzels boiled in water. The rich can still obtain irregular but ample supplies at enormous prices.

With such conditions it is not surprising that conversation all day is of food, food, food.

"There are still quantities of potatoes in the hands of the farmers, who will not bring them out because they know the maximum prices must soon be raised. These stocks, however, are limited, and whatever maximum price is fixed there will be a supply of potatoes to last till the next crop is harvested. Early next month even mangold wurzels will become too hard with keeping for use as human food, but just before I left Germany I heard of efforts being made to dry these mangolds in order to preserve the substance to help with potato flour in making bread.

Anxiety of Authorities. "Germany is not wasting anything. When this source of food runs out the Government must either force the agrarians to bring out their hidden stocks or else admit failure to provide the population with food. What the results of such an admission might be it is useless to speculate, but compulsory measures against agrarians would also be a dangerous proceeding. It would mean the German house divided against itself, which would not help matters, though it might be the lesser of two evils in the eyes of the Government. It is certain that the urban populations are all underfed, and this robs them of much of their grit and fighting qualities.

"The problem of the Roumanian booty has a bearing on this question. Some weeks ago Batoeki said that no illusions should be based on supplies from Roumania, for these supplies were much smaller than had been estimated. This statement is repeated by many as untrue, but as calculated to cause the agrarians to make greater efforts to produce food, but it appears that the three-sevenths of the Roumanian booty which is Germany's share will not suffice to make up the expected shortage of home supplies.

"In consequence of these difficulties

the German authorities live in constant anxiety of what the next few months may bring forth. They expect the crisis will be reached between the end of March and early in May, as by that time continued under-feeding of the masses will have reduced the latter to a condition in which they will be destitute of moral fortitude or the physical power of further endurance.

Fear of Disaster. "Can you wonder that Germany is desperate? It was largely popular feeling—fed and urged on by extremist propaganda and all sorts of underground influences, including anonymous letters and mysterious pamphlets, all declaring that the unrestricted use of submarines would soon bring the war to an end, and bring fresh supplies of food—that caused the Government, hesitatingly and against its own judgment, to issue to the world the notorious ruthless submarine war proclamation of January 31. Throughout all the German people there exists a confident belief that the Central Powers cannot be subdued by force of arms; but there is also a deep-seated fear that hunger will force them to admit defeat. To avert such a disaster every possible effort is being made, and one fact will show how the danger is being met. In Roumania the harvests are earlier than in Germany. Knowing this, the Germans are arranging to plant vast areas of the conquered portions of Roumania with potatoes as soon as this can safely be done. To save as much seed as possible, instructions are being issued for potato planters not to plant whole potatoes, but to cut each seed potato into sections containing 'eyes,' as this is sufficient to produce full roots of new potatoes."

If Garrick had had no more than his salary as an actor he would have had little to leave at his death. He made his fortune as joint-proprietor (and for a time as sole proprietor) of Drury Lane Theatre, so that the amount set down to himself as salary was practically nominal. When he retired from the stage in 1776 he sold his share in the theatre for £35,000. He was probably the only actor who consistently made Shakespeare pay, and like Shakespeare he was actor, author and proprietor. We may recall with satisfaction to-day that Garrick (who had no amies outside his own profession) was the grandson of a Frenchman exiled at the revelation of the Edict of Nantes, and that his father was a captain in the army.—London Chronicle.

Prince Rupprecht, who is in command of the German forces on the Western front, is likely to have his military reputation suffer within the next few months. He is a Bavarian Prince and was generally credited with being one of the ablest of Germany's generals. The Western front has been the graveyard of German military reputations. Von Moltke, Von Kluck and others being placed on the retired list because of their failure to break through to Calais and Paris. Prince Rupprecht has been in charge for the last year and a half, or almost since trench warfare commenced. The progress made by the British and French last fall indicates pretty clearly that when the weather clears up they will be able to shove Prince Rupprecht and his cohorts back to the Rhine. Here's hoping, anyhow!—Montreal Journal of Commerce.

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VACCINATION IS TO BE ADVOCATED

School Health Officer Recommends That Circular Be Issued to Parents

At the City School Board meeting last evening, the trustees agreed that Dr. Watson, school health officer, should prepare a circular, for distribution among the parents, advocating vaccination of children.

He drew an argument from the spread of measles recently, and pointed out that the epidemic originated from two brothers taking the disease to the Margaret Jenkins School. The object of the circular will be to explain to parents the dangers which might follow a case of smallpox introduced into the schools.

Dr. Hudson, who has already moved in the matter, supported the proposal, which was adopted. The trustees alluded to the number of cases in Vancouver, and pointed out the opportunities which would exist for the spread of the disease here.

Cadet Development. The board decided to purchase 200 additional dummy rifles for cadet drill, and also to repair some of the rifles which are damaged.

While the City School Board has declined to restore salaries in 1917 to the level they were before the cut, Trustee Dr. Hudson asked the board to go on record last evening to recommend such restoration to the 1913 board.

He alluded to the feeling, which he stated occupied the minds of teachers, of the burning sense of injustice at the reduction, added to the steadily increasing cost of living. They could not do their duty by the pupils under present conditions, without any encouragement. He pointed out how little he thanks the average teacher got, the strenuousness of routine, and declared the teachers needed some cheering up in the matter. He was afraid the city would lose good teachers unless an advance was made, since other cities were raising salaries. On an assessment of \$2,000 the extra taxation required to place the salaries to the old scale would be, he was informed, only 33 cents per annum.

Major Riddell supported the proposal, stating that unless something was done to encourage the staff, the best teachers would be lost. Some inducement must be held out to them.

Mrs. Jenkins pointed out that when the cut was made, the assurance was given that it would only be temporary. Trustee Deaville thought it would have been much wiser to have left a resolution of that character over till the board was about to leave office. In the fall they would know very much better how things were going to be.

Trustee Dr. Hall said the conditions might be much worse next winter than of recent months, and at any rate he would like to see the resolution laid over for re-drafting.

Eventually, though, some were in favor of pressing the matter to an immediate division. Trustee Hudson agreed to have it remain on the table till the next meeting. The Chairman (Trustee Jay) did not express himself on the principle, and Trustee Hay was absent.

AN OPTIMIST. "What's an optimist?" "An optimist is a person who'll go into a restaurant without a cent in his pocket and figure on paying for the meal with the pearl he hopes to find in the oysters."—Illinois Siren.

FURTHER DETAILS OF DISAPPEARANCE CASE

Dr. O'Connor Often Spoken of; Couple House Hunting Last Thursday

Upon the authority of what had the appearance to an ordinary mortal of unimpeachable information, there appeared in Saturday's issue of the Times a statement chronicling the death of Captain Douglas Morton in Seattle on Friday last. A telegram was received in this city, presumed to have been sent by one Doctor O'Connor, announcing that death was due to cardiac failure. Captain Morton's fiancée received the wire and the Times was permitted the knowledge of its contents.

Exhaustive Inquiries. As a natural consequence and as demanded by such circumstances inquiries followed. Friends and acquaintances of the young lady most immediately concerned resident in Seattle, took the matter in hand with the aid of the police upon telephoned instructions from Victoria. Those investigations brought to light three apparent facts: There was no Doctor O'Connor in Seattle; no record of death of anyone answering to Captain Morton's description; the officer, moreover, could not be traced. That was the position, in spite of the most diligent inquiries by a host of friends and officials in Seattle, who the bride-to-be discussed the matter with the Times last night.

Still Hopeful. Upset to the point of distraction, the young lady still clings to the belief that her lover will yet turn up. She alluded to the nervous breakdown of a month ago, since which time he had been resting. She described some of the peculiarities of that attack, gleaming therefrom a measure of support to her theory that some lapse of memory, or reason, is responsible for the distressing uncertainty. She told of how he would sit before the open fire and jump, as if possessed, at the sparks-or-if-the-flames took on a different hue. So much would this affect him that he would be obliged to get up and walk away. There were moments discernible when his actions appeared to be those of a vacant mind.

Unconcerned Attitude. On the other hand the unhappy young lady declares that the day he left her she had never seen him looking more fit or in a happier frame of mind. More striking is that also when, coupled with the fact that up to 3.15 on Thursday last the couple were house-hunting together, filling in the time to the last minute prior to his departure by boat. She recalled an incident at the luncheon table the day previous, Wednesday, for he had made up his mind to go that day. They had lunched later than usual and he had remarked, "I don't think I will go to-day, I'll run over to-morrow afternoon." He did so.

Well-Known in Seattle. Captain Morton was no stranger in Seattle, in fact he was well-known. Only two weeks ago he had made a visit there. His trip this time was a matter of no urgency; he felt well enough to go—and went. His only mission was to talk over relatively unimportant details with the gentleman who was to be groomsmen at the forthcoming nuptials on the 28th. He was to have returned to Victoria on the boat reaching the city in the early afternoon of Good Friday.

Telegraph Clerk's Statement. Absence of specific details as to the nature of the inquiries made in Seattle, or any impressions gained thereby, has merely widened the field of conjecture for the moment. All communications have been by telephone and in consequence limited to bald statement. Nevertheless, one circumstance seems to have been established and possesses the appearance of reliability. A friend of the young lady residing in Seattle closely questioned the relatively unimportant details with the gentleman who was to be groomsmen at the forthcoming nuptials on the 28th. He was to have returned to Victoria on the boat reaching the city in the early afternoon of Good Friday.

Complete Mystery. It should be noted that the young lady has no knowledge whatsoever of any eighty thousand dollar house, to which reference was made in one of the press reports in a newspaper on the mainland. The whole affair is a complete mystery while a crop of theories remain to add to the complexity of the situation.

On raising the question from a medical point of view as to the feasibility of a man sending a telegram unconsciously while in a state of "nerves," no opinion could be offered unless the subject was either known to or examined by the doctor whose opinion was sought.

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—Neckwear, Main Floor

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