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FIGHTING CONTINUES ON YPRES FRONT
British Inflicted Considerable Losses When Germans Attacked on 4,000-Yard Front

London, Feb. 17.—The following official statement was issued last night: "Artillery bombardments by both sides and heavy fighting with hand grenades have taken place in the last 24 hours between the Ypres-Comines canal and the Ypres-Comines railway. The fighting continues. "With the exception of the above the day passed quietly along the whole British front. "The capture of 600 yards of our front line trench was preceded by a heavy bombardment and the explosion of five mines, which rendered our front trench untenable. The attacks, which extended along 4,000 yards of the front, were repulsed everywhere else with considerable loss to the enemy. "The trench captured by the enemy has changed hands frequently in the last year. For this reason it has been called the 'Internation Trench.' "French Statement. "Paris, Feb. 17.—The following official report was issued last night: "In Artois, in the neighborhood of the road to Lille, we exploded a small mine, which destroyed the mine-works of the enemy. Our artillery has shelled re-entraining convoys to the north of Tracy-le-Val, east of the Oise, and in the region of Berry-au-Bac, in the valley of the Aisne. "To the southeast of St. Mihiel, we bombarded enemy organizations in the forest of Affremont. "There is nothing to report on the rest of the front."

BRYAN'S ATTITUDE
Washington, Feb. 17.—William Jennings Bryan will oppose the re-nomination of President Wilson in the Democratic national convention, it is declared. He will base his opposition upon the one-term plank of the Baltimore platform and upon Mr. Wilson's advocacy of preparedness. If he should fail in his mission he will support Mr. Wilson's candidacy—as he did that of Alton B. Parker.

ERZERUM NOW HELD BY RUSSIAN TROOPS
Victory Announced in Telegram From Grand Duke to Emperor

Petrograd, Feb. 17.—Official announcement was made last night that the Russians have captured Erzerum. Grand Duke Nicholas had telegraphed the emperor as follows: "God has granted the brave troops of the army of the Caucasus such great help that Erzerum has been taken after five days' unprecedented assault. I am, inexpressibly happy to announce this victory to your imperial majesty. "The following official statement was issued at the usual time last evening, before word had come from the grand duke of the capture of Erzerum. "In the Riga sector, the fire of our heavy howitzers compelled the descent of a German ship northeast of Riga. The enemy's heavy artillery violently bombarded the Isakur bridgehead for half an hour. "On the Dvinsk sector our fire caused two explosions in an enemy heavy battery. In the Bloukst region we repulsed two German attacks on Garbourwa and in the district north of there. "In the region of the Upper Dvina our artillery put down enemy attempts to bombard our trenches with trench mortars. "On the 14th one of our airships attacked the town and station of Podolice, dropping seven bombs weighing about forty pounds each, and in addition smaller bombs on the town. Enemy aeroplanes were encountered by the airship, but avoided a fight and fled. "An enemy attempt to attack one of our entrenchments, at Uscelco was repulsed. "North of Rolan the enemy exploded a mine, but the crater remained in our hands after a hard grenade action. "Caucasus Front. "On the Black Sea littoral, our troops dislodged the Turks from a series of mountainous positions and threw the enemy across the River Vitseu. "As announced yesterday, our troops captured nine forts of the Deve Boyun position, which covers the fortress of Erzerum, and took about 20 guns in addition to munitions and prisoners. The general staff reports that it is compelled to abstain from mentioning the names of the glorious regiments which dislodged the Turks at the point of the bayonet. "This success is now being developed, notwithstanding the severe cold and local obstacles. The Turks are hurrying up troops from the west and south for the relief of Erzerum. The southernmost part of Erzerum is in flames. "In the Khopy region our offensive continues successfully."

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS
Ottawa, Feb. 17.—The following casualty list was issued last night: "First Battalion—Wounded: Cpl. A. Read, England. "Third Battalion—Wounded: Pte. E. Davie, England. "Fourth Battalion—Shell shock: Pte. John Taylor, England. "Wounded: Pte. R. Macnaughton, Ardrossan, Alta.; Pte. J. H. Sarsain, England. "Fifth Battalion—Wounded: Cpl. C. R. Suckley, Saskatchewan. "Tenth Battalion—Wounded accidentally: Pte. Wm. Earl, Lethbridge, Alta. "Fourteenth Battalion—Died: Pte. F. Handley, England. "Sixteenth Battalion—Dangerously wounded: Sgt. Geo. Neale, England. "Twenty-first Battalion—Severely wounded: Pte. S. Cummings, Gananoque, Que. "Seriously wounded: Pte. Stanley Johnson, England. "Twenty-second Battalion—Wounded: Pte. P. Lagarde, Quebec; Pte. E. Fimet, Montreal. "Twenty-third Battalion—Seriously ill: Lieut. E. S. Mitchell, Truro, N. S. "Twenty-eighth Battalion—Suffering from shock: Lieut. A. E. Pickett, England. "Forty-ninth Battalion—Dangerously wounded: Pte. T. Doherty, Edmonton. "First C. M. R.—Died: Lieut. Cpl. Harold Griddell, Edmonton. "Second C. M. R.—Killed in action: Pte. John Rivet, Bonshaw, W. Ont. "Slightly wounded: Capt. Anthony Temple, England. "Wounded: Pte. D. E. Nettie, Scotland. "Fifth C. M. R.—Dangerously wounded: Pte. A. R. Grant, Scotland. "Third Field Artillery—Slightly wounded: Pte. C. A. Young, St. Catharines, Ont. "No. 2 Canadian General Hospital—Died: Pte. A. Burridge, Calgary.

DIKES OF HOLLAND IN DANGER AGAIN
Amsterdam, Feb. 17.—The north-westerly storm is still blowing with undiminished violence and the situation is described as critical. Reports from various places of the damage which has been done are causing grave apprehension. "Mouffledam has suffered considerably. The water rose a foot yesterday afternoon in that town in the province of North Holland, and is still rushing in. At Volendam twenty houses have been abandoned. The railway embankment between Purmerend and Gouthaal, in the same province, has been destroyed, threatening a fresh catastrophe. "Breaking of the dikes around Westinder Zaken at Asdamer, eight miles southwest of Amsterdam, appears to be inevitable."

RUSE OF SUBMARINE FAILED; SHIP ESCAPED
Germans in Mediterranean Hoisted Sail When City of Marseilles Appeared

London, Feb. 16.—German submarines operating in the Mediterranean are being disguised as fishing boats by hoisting a sail in order to approach their victims unperceived until they are within range. "The narrow escape from one of these craft of the liner City of Marseilles is described by a passenger who writes as follows from Malta: "At 10 o'clock in the morning, after leaving Marseilles, Gale and I were strolling along the deck digesting a good breakfast when he drew my attention to a sail astern away on the horizon toward the coast, which was just visible beyond it. At sea every little craft breaks in upon the endless monotony and is eagerly scanned by every pair of eyes on deck. I could see the sail gradually shifting its position. From astern over the beam it dropped half astern in what seemed to me to be rather a smart time; and I thought I could actually see it move on the waves. "Gale thought it was a country boat about 15 miles away, and said he would go down to his cabin to get his glasses. As he turned to go I noticed from the bridge examining the stranger with unusual interest; and a moment later I saw our helm put over so as to present our stern to the unknown craft. "Shelled by Submarine. "By this time the other boat had come appreciably closer and it was obvious that we were running away from it. Within two minutes, however, all doubts as to her character vanished. Bang! went a gun on board her, and bang! went the shell from it as it exploded over the water not 20 yards from where we were standing. The feared had happened. We were being chased and rapidly overhauled by an enemy submarine. "The cannonade continued. At least two of the submarine's shells burst on board, and I saw others burst over the water a few yards away. Consternation is a mild word for the feelings of all on board, but of panic there was no sign. The saloon from the ship was the most sheltered refuge from the shrapnel; so we all hastened in there, fastening on each other's lifebelts as we went. Meanwhile the boats were being swung out and lowered to the level of the promenade deck in readiness for instant use. The stewards rushed into their boxes of biscuits and other necessary food, and the wireless was going like the engines for all it was worth. "I suppose there wasn't a passenger on board who did not feel that his little course was run. I think we all looked death in the face. Only a few miles east of us the Ancona had been destroyed, and we were being pursued with the same ruthlessness as had been manifested on that awful occasion. "The next half hour or so was the most anxious period of all. Saved from the dangers of shell fire, we had no idea of how fast the enemy could travel under water. Our engines were working as they never worked before, and we were tearing along at 16 knots. If the enemy could travel faster than that we were a doomed ship, and time alone could resolve the doubt. "As the minutes ticked away they brought little relief to that overwrought assembly in the saloon. There a clergyman had extemporized a service, read some prayers, delivered a short address and led the singing of a hymn or two, the noise of which, as we subsequently learned, seriously hampered the business on the bridge immediately above. But I am afraid that the thoughts of few were in the saloon. Those of many of us were 2,000 miles away with the people whom even then we had little hope of seeing again. "During the time of strain the stewards busied themselves with the needs of the children, many of whom were babies in arms, each so hidden under the layers of lifebelt that it could hardly be seen. Some of the mothers were in tears; but the little ones were placidly fed and so fortified against the exposure to which at any moment they might be subjected. If the women as a body behaved well—and they did—the stewards were even better. "Submarine Made Off. "And so on for about an hour, when a message came down from the bridge that the enemy had made off but that lifebelts should not be removed just yet. The relief of it, somebody started the habitual anthem, which was followed by three cheers for the captain, with three cheers more for the women. "The affair is now little more than a memory. The skipper has a collection of shell fragments picked up on board and is to receive a testimonial from the passengers to his pluck and seamanship. "One shell burst right over the bridge and bits of it fell between him and one of his officers. By the greatest of good luck nobody was injured during the whole engagement. "A rumor is current that the submarine discharged a torpedo at us before she started firing shells. But of this nobody is certain. The submarine flew no flag that I could see. "Trooper Steered. "Another submarine chase is described as the experience of Trooper Edwin Thompson, of Horncastle, Lincolnshire, who saved the British transport Merchant from destruction by a submarine in the Mediterranean. "Thompson had never steered a ship in his life before, but he stuck to his post for an hour with the shells whistling about his ears, steering in accordance with arm signals by the captain. The transport was carrying a number of men of the Lincolnshire Yeomanry. As soon as the German submarine was sighted the captain resolved to show a clean pair of heels. But the enemy quickly got the range and a

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Shell swept part of the bridge away, taking with it the steersman. Thompson immediately rushed forward and took charge of the wheel. "Shells Burst Near. "Quite undaunted, Thompson stuck to his post in spite of shells bursting near him, and it was due in no small measure to him that the lives of those on board were saved. Prior to the war he was a groom in the service of the Hon. R. P. Stanhope, brother of Earl Stanhope at Revesby Abbey, Lincolnshire. "His parents, who reside at Herts-castle, have received the following letter from his officer, Capt. R. Wright: "Your son, by taking the wheel under the orders of the captain of the ship and steering during the greater part of the time that we were being shelled, did a great deal toward saving all our lives. It was a performance that anyone might be proud of."

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THE AIR DEFENCES OF THE MOTHERLAND
Balfour, Bonar Law and Tennant State Every Possible Measure Being Taken.
London, Feb. 17.—The debate in the house of commons yesterday on the air defences of Great Britain was chiefly remarkable for the frank admissions made by the cabinet's spokesmen that the present conditions are far from satisfactory. They declared, however, that the government was doing all that was humanly possible.

Even Hospital Treatment For Kidney Disease Failed
Kell-Known Commercial Traveler Says That Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills Undoubtedly Cured Him
News of his recovery from kidney disease will be welcomed by the many friends of Mr. L. D. Griffin throughout the lower townships and the adjoining district of the United States. "Mr. Griffin has traveled this section for 35 years and what he says will be accepted as proven by all who know him best. "He tells in his letter how relief was obtained by treatment in Sherbrooke and Montreal hospitals, but the old kidney trouble returned again and again until by the persistent use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills cure was effected. As he says, these pills "undoubtedly did the work." "Mr. L. D. Griffin, Bulwer, Compton county, Quebec, writes: "I can add one more statement of kidney disease cured by Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. For about twenty years I was bothered more or less with the kidneys, then the disease became worse and I was sick in bed for one year, took doctor's medicine to no avail, and on his advice went to Sherbrooke Hospital, where I was benefited, but the old trouble returned and I tried a Montreal hospital. Got a little better, but the help was only temporary, and I was soon had again. "On the advice of a friend, I began to use Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, and I now thank that friend, for today I am as free from kidney disease as I ever was in my life. I owe the cure to Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, for they undoubtedly did the work. I am 68 years old and have spent 25 years as a traveler calling on the drug trade. Everywhere I am told that Dr. Chase's medicines are the best sellers and give the best satisfaction of any medicines on the market. Shall be glad to answer any questions in regard to my cure if people care to write me." "Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, one pill a dose, 25 cents a box, all dealers, or Edmanston, Bates & Company, Limited, Toronto.

FOOD PRICES SOAR IN GERMANY AND AUSTRIA
London, Feb. 17.—According to statistics published yesterday by the board of trade, the retail prices of food in the United Kingdom advanced on an average about 1 1/2 per cent. in January. Flour and bread increased in price about 6 per cent. The average increase in retail prices of food since the beginning of the war has been 47 per cent. "The board of trade states that in Berlin in January the general level of prices of certain of the more important articles offered was 337 per cent. above that of July, 1914. "In Vienna, it is declared, the general level of food prices in January was 112.9 per cent. higher than in July, 1914. "H. B. 'Imperial' Lager Beer, pints, 3 for 25c.

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**VISITED BY STORM**

Number of Shipwrecks Reported; Channel Services Delayed; Lives Lost

London, Feb. 17.—Damage totalling millions as a result of yesterday's windstorm was shown today in reports from all parts of the British Isles and from Holland. Ten fishing smacks, with crews numbering eighty men, are missing. Fourteen persons are known to be dead.

A snowstorm raged in Scotland, while in parts of Wales the roads were flooded to a depth of five feet. Ten persons were drowned when a lifeboat from the Norwegian steamship Hjordis, which had gone on the coast of Norfolk, was swamped. Three were drowned when the smack Narcissus went aground at Port Gawl. At Llanely a woman crossing a bridge was swept off by the wind and drowned.

In France. Paris, Feb. 17.—A gale swept France yesterday and caused serious damage in Paris and in the provinces. A number of shipwrecks have been reported from the maritime districts and the channel services have been delayed.

and at some ports entirely interrupted. Many telegraph wires and many trees have been blown down and several persons were killed and injured in Paris by falling tiles and chimneys. In one district a local torrent forced a river from its banks and flooded the plains lying below. Reports from the front describe the weather for the last 48 hours as the worst experienced since the war began. The gale was particularly severe in the Belgian district, where roofs were blown off the houses, trees uprooted and many persons injured and where a large section of territory was flooded.

**FLED WITH \$400,000 BELONGING TO INVESTORS**

New York, Feb. 17.—Information reached the federal authorities today that Dr. John Grant Lyman, who fled last week with \$400,000 belonging to small investors, is in hiding in Havana. A young broker's clerk who until a week ago was employed in a Wall street office, is said to be with him. The young clerk left the city at the same time Lyman disappeared. A letter received from him by friends today brought the information that a man named Putnam is backing him in a gambling venture. Federal officers are expected to arrive in Havana tomorrow morning.

**BUDAPEST EXCHANGE**

Budapest, Feb. 17.—The stock exchange here will reopen on Feb. 21. The hours of trading will be restricted.

**WOULD BENEFIT ALL COUNTRY'S INDUSTRIES**

Hon. Frank Oliver and T. MacNutt Urge Wheat Be Made Free

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—Thomas MacNutt, Liberal, Saultois, Sask., continued the argument for free wheat when the debate on J. C. Turritt's resolution was resumed in the house of commons yesterday. He quoted the difference in price on the Minneapolis and Winnipeg markets, showing that the former invariably was higher. He said that free wheat not only would give the western farmers better markets and higher prices, but it also would help to relieve the congestion on the railways, which always was serious when there was a large crop and caused considerable loss to the farmers. The only sufferers from free wheat would be the big milling companies, which had made large profits and which, incidentally, would be well able to pay the taxes Sir Thomas White proposed to impose on them. The best way to get people on the land and increase production was to make farming as profitable as possible.

Sir Thomas White. Sir Thomas White argued against the advisability of accepting the free wheat offer in the United States tariff. He thought that the increased prices which the farmers declare they would get under free trade in wheat were largely illusory, that damage would be done to the milling interests, that there would be no guarantee of permanency, that there would be no further development of the milling industry in the west, and that an increase of national interest was not desirable to make any change in the national policy.

Hon. Frank Oliver. Hon. Frank Oliver said that he was very much surprised at the attitude of the minister of finance after having heard him state in his budget speech the day before that the government proposed to do something to encourage agriculture. It appeared, however, that farming was still the industry to be sacrificed in the interest of every other industry which happened to win the favor of the government. Free wheat would mean increased earnings for agriculture, yet the minister had spent two hours to show that the resolution should not be passed. A wider market for wheat would benefit not only the farmers but every other industry in Canada. The only real reason the minister had advanced was that he did not desire to deprive the millers of the advantages they have under the existing conditions.

Hon. Robert Rogers. Hon. Robert Rogers had only just nicely started with his argument when the house adjourned. He intimated that he would have considerably more to say when he continues his speech on Monday.

Incident at Berlin, Ont. After reading a memorandum from Berlin, Ont., dealing with the disturbance in which a crowd tore down German flags on a building there and carried away a bust of Kaiser Wilhelm I, the people having been incited by the language and actions of a Lutheran clergyman, an American citizen named Cappel and a German-born Canadian subject named Amussen, who, whether with good or bad intent, have been acting as semi-apologists for German atrocities and Kaiserism, Maj.-Gen. Sir Sam Hughes stated:

"Lieut.-Col. Lechead, on receiving a telephone message at the barracks, repaired to the locality, when order was promptly restored. An inquiry is being held. The civil authorities also are acting in the premises." "The authorities have been fully informed that soldiers in uniform lose none of their rights or responsibilities as citizens, and therefore are entitled to all the privileges of the law, but are subject to its penalties. "On the other hand it will be observed that enemy aliens have been treated by the Canadian government in the most tolerant and lenient manner, but utterances and conduct that even indirectly encourage sedition, treason or disloyalty will not be tolerated."

Burrard Inlet Bridge. The railway committee of the commons yesterday extended the time for the completion of the Burrard Inlet tunnel and bridge. The bill, which stood in the name of H. H. Steyns, was reported without opposition. The extension is for five years. Norman Guthrie, counsel, said on behalf of the company, that there had been some delay due to the difficulty of financing after war had broken out. The company expected to complete its work soon after the end of the war.

WAR EXPENDITURES. London, Feb. 17.—The chancellor of the exchequer, Rt. Hon. Reginald McKenna, stated yesterday that the British national debt at the end of the financial year, March 31, will be £2,200,000,000. Germany's gross war expenditure at the end of 1915 was more than £1,500,000,000. Credits voted by France between the outbreak of the war and the end of December, 1915, were about £2,240,000,000, and for the first quarter of 1916, £200,000,000.

REPORT UNFOUNDED. London, Feb. 17.—A dispatch from Rotterdam to the Star says that the report that a Zeppelin had been blown adrift during yesterday's storm and wrecked at Berik in Holland, and there seized and interned by the authorities, is without foundation.

**TURKS FACE FAMINE FOR AIDING GERMANY**

Country Stripped of Foodstuffs for Shipment to Teutons; Enver Pasha's Profits

Rome, Feb. 17.—It was learned today from a neutral diplomatic source that Turkey is threatened with a famine and that the Germans are powerless to avert it. Turkey herself is to blame for this, since until recently she extensively requisitioned her local products and sent most of them to Germany under the auspices of War Minister Enver Pasha, the most authoritative and most vicious of the Young Turks.

Immediately after Turkey had joined the central powers a company was formed entitled Societa d'Approvisionnement, the object being to buy up all available foodstuffs, especially in Asia Minor. These foodstuffs were supposed to be sold at cost price to the population. Instead, the products were both profitably exported to Germany and resold to Turkey at prohibitive prices.

Enver Pasha's Profits. In this way Enver Pasha is said to have been benefited to the extent of \$500 daily, this being his share of the profits. The new company built a lavishly furnished palace at Constantinople and invited among others the American ambassador to Turkey, Mr. Morgenthau, to the housewarming event. Meanwhile the people are practically starving. They have no bread and are forced to forego even vegetables, which are dearer than potatoes, which are largely exported to Germany, now cost 20 cents a pound.

Turkey is flooded with useless German wares which are exchanged for foodstuffs. Ammunition and war materials supplied by Germany likewise are exchanged for foodstuffs. The first instalment on the Berlin-Constantinople line served to convey German foodstuffs. The Germans planned regular exportation, but starving inhabitants threatened to wreck the train. Hence the service has now been discontinued.

Troops Poorly Fed. The Germans have depleted Turkey of foodstuffs systematically to such an extent that it is now extremely difficult even to feed the troops, especially since the Russian fleet in the Black sea and the Anglo-French warships in the Aegean have checked the contraband traffic. The situation is exceedingly alarming and the impending famine is apt to lead to a separate peace between Turkey and the allies.

**FERDINAND BLAMED FOR SELLING COUNTRY**

King of Bulgaria Fears a Revolution; Army Disheartened; on Short Rations

London, Feb. 17.—The Daily News has received the following dispatch from its correspondent in Rome: "A neutral diplomat recently returned from Bulgaria says that the Bulgarian losses amount to 150,000 men. The army has been reduced to about 100,000. It is of insufficient size to aid the Germans in an attack on Salonica. "The Bulgarian soldiers are on short rations as the Germans have requisitioned all supplies of wheat. They are disheartened and tired of the war and fear Russian reprisals in the near future. "Ferdinand is blamed for selling the country to the Germans and is becoming unpopular. His journey to Germany and Austria was taken because he feared it would be impossible to avoid a revolution unless the Austrians and Germans organized timely measures. These the king personally urged at Vienna and Berlin."

STATEMENT ISSUED BY TURKISH WAR OFFICE. Constantinople, Feb. 17.—The losses of one of the British expeditions in Mesopotamia in a battle with the Turks near Batha, west of Kurna, amounted to 2,000 officers and men, according to an official announcement given out by the war office under date of Feb. 16. The statement also says that the Russians lost 5,000 in killed in a three-day battle on the Caucasus front. The text of the statement follows: "Iraq front—One of our scaplines flew over the enemy's artillery positions at Kut-el-Amara, successfully dropping 12 bombs which had great effect. "After his defeat in the battle near Batha, west of Kurna, the enemy left many dead on his road of retreat. The enemy losses in that battle, as established up to the present, amounted to 2,000 men and 200 animals. "Caucasus front—In the fighting which has been in progress during the last three days despite cold weather and snow, the enemy lost 5,000 dead and 60 prisoners. "Dardanelles—A cruiser, a monitor and a torpedo boat of the enemy on February 15 fired 20 shells on Tokko Burns and then withdrew before the fire of our coast batteries. The fire of the warships did no damage. "Near Aden, in the woods between Sheik Hosman and Eluas, an enemy reconnoitering detachment was ambushed, nearly all the men being killed. Those who escaped fled in the direction of Sheik Hosman, leaving behind all their baggage."

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**COURTENAY SHOTS KILL SAWBILL DUCKS**

Courtenay, Feb. 17.—The sawbill duck has been creating havoc with the trout in the rivers here lately, but Deputy Game Warden Dawsley and a few other good local shots have managed to destroy about 120 of them. As these ducks have from 15 to 25 in a brood, it will be readily seen how fast they would multiply if not suppressed, and as they are practically no use for food, they are only a menace to the trout. Owing to the deep snow the pheasants in this locality are having a hard time. Eagles and hawks have taken advantage of their weak state to prey upon them. Last week three large eagles were shot by local sportsmen and one killed by poison.

**OPERA HOUSE COLLAPSED.**

Mexia, Tex., Feb. 17.—The number of persons killed as the result of the collapse of the opera house here last night and the resulting fire remained at nine to-day. A. B. Weisner, superintendent of the city schools, Mrs. Weisner and Prof. A. C. Burton were killed when the building collapsed. Two doors from the house six men were killed in a café when the hall collapsed and a gas explosion, followed by fire occurred. A number of buildings were destroyed by fire with a loss estimated at \$75,000.

**NOTICE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DANIEL BAIN, DECEASED. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having any claims or demands against the late Daniel Bain, who died

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on the 22nd day of May, 1915, at Victoria, British Columbia, are required to send by post prepaid, or to deliver to William James Brown and Percival Robert Brown, the Executors named in the Will of the said Daniel Bain, at the office of P. H. Brown, No. 1112 Broad street, Victoria, B. C., their names and addresses and full particulars in writing of their claims, and a statement of their accounts, duly verified, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them. AND TAKE NOTICE that after the first day of March, 1916, the said William James Brown and Percival Robert Brown will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice, and that the said William James Brown and Percival Robert Brown will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person of whose claim they shall not then have received notice; and all persons indebted to the late Daniel Bain shall forthwith pay such indebtedness to the said William James Brown and Percival Robert Brown. Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 15th day of January, 1916. ELLIOTT, MACLEAN & SHANDLEY, Solicitors for the said William James Brown and Percival Robert Brown.

**NOTICE**

In the Matter of the Estate of Ada Louise Prothro, deceased. Notice is hereby given that all persons having any claims against the deceased, who died on the 13th January, 1916, at the City of Victoria, are required to send the same, duly verified, to the undersigned, solicitors for the Executor of the will of the said deceased, on or before the 15th day of February, 1916, after which date the Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to claims of which he shall then have had notice. Dated the 8th day of January, 1916. BASS & BULLOCK-WEBSTER, Law Chambers, Easton Street, Victoria, British Columbia.

**NOTICE**

In the Matter of the Estate of Isabella Catherine Hunter, Deceased. NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claims against the late Isabella Catherine Hunter, who died on or about the 25th day of January, 1916, at the City of Victoria, B. C., are required to send the same with full particulars in writing, duly verified, to the undersigned, solicitor for the executor under the will of the said deceased, on or before the 23rd day of February, 1916; and that after the last-mentioned date the said Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice. Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 25th day of January, 1916. H. S. PRINGLE, 208-C Central Bldg., Victoria, B. C., Solicitor for the said Executor.

**NOTICE**

250 Shares of the Producers Rock & Gravel Company, Limited, for Sale. Tenders are hereby invited by the undersigned for the purchase of the whole or any part of two hundred and fifty shares of fully paid up non-assessable stock of the Producers Rock and Gravel Company, Limited, of Store Street, Victoria, B. C., a Company incorporated under the laws of the Province of British Columbia, such tender to be mailed or delivered to the undersigned so as to reach the undersigned by and inclusive of the 25th day of February, 1916. The undersigned reserves the right to reject the highest or any tender, and to accept any part of any tender. Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 5th day of February, 1916. (Signed) NEPTUNE METER COMPANY, 90 West Street, New York City, N. Y., U. S. A.



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MR. BREWSTER'S NOMINATION. The enthusiasm with which Mr. Brewster was nominated, yesterday evening was more than a demonstration of confidence in his leadership

STILL GOING ON. It was a very guileless person, indeed, who believed that the expulsion of von Papen and Boy-Ed would end the campaign of arson and dynamite conducted by Germany on this continent

THE FALL OF ERZERUM. The capture of Erzerum by the Russians is regarded by military observers in London and Paris as the most important event of the war in many months

TRUE ELSEWHERE. It might surprise quite a few young men in Hamilton who have distinguished themselves in various fields of sport to learn that their names are being mentioned, not in dispatches, but all over the city

WORTH WATCHING. Five hundred Germans in Berlin, Ontario, toast the Kaiser and the Kaiser's cause daily. It is all they do Canada can find it, but the five hundred will need watching

ONLY TEMPORARILY. Those Canadian journalists that have been telling President Wilson how to handle the hypern problem, evidently overlooked Berlin, which is in Ontario

GOOD IDEA, BUT WAIT. The talk of abolishing capital punishment is rather premature with the Kaiser still at large

NOT LONDON'S OWN. The Expositor says there is a Bradford man in the Pygmalion company. In which battalion is that?

ONLY LIKENESS. Evidently under orders to find some resemblance, Berlin newspapers have discovered that the Kaiser is "abused like Lincoln"

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## ALLEGED SEDITIOUS WORDS WERE UTTERED

Serious Charge Preferred Against Two Men Formerly Belonging to 67th Battalion

Very serious charges were laid against two former privates of the 67th Western Scots by Chief Syme, of the Oak Bay police force, yesterday, and during the afternoon, and evening the arrests were made of Harry Fallon and George Henry Webster.

The informant in the case is Private Charles S. Simpson, of No. 4 Coy., 88th Battalion, C.E.F. Simpson, he had made in camp came to the ears of Chief Syme, who at once instituted inquiries, and he interviewed Simpson. The latter was in the Willows hotel on Saturday evening last about 7 o'clock when the two accused were there and talking generally in an alleged seditious manner.

One of the things they said was that it was too bad the soldiers at the Willows were not in the basement of the Victoria parliament buildings, and that they had not been blown up instead of the Ottawa buildings. They also said, according to Simpson, that there were so many entrances to the Willows camp that it would be an easy matter to get in there and wreck the buildings.

Warnings were obtained by Chief Syme and Fallon was pointed out in a city bar to Sergeant Fry by Corporal Hyde, of the 67th. Webster was arrested in another bar later in the evening by Sergeant Fry and Chief Syme.

The men were arraigned in the Oak Bay police court to-day and were remanded until to-morrow.

Both men have been out of the Western Scots for some time. Fallon was discharged in November and Webster in December. Since then, it is said, they both have joined other units and been discharged from them. Webster claims to be now in one of the Vancouver battalions, in which case he is absent without leave.

"What do they mean by the expression, 'spilling the beans'?" "It is from the Boston, and means the divulging of information concerning which one should have been more reticent."

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, February 17, 1911.

U. S. Consul Myers has suggested calling together a meeting of the American citizens of Victoria on the day of Gen. Sherman's funeral, for the purpose of expressing themselves appropriately to the occasion. It is considered only right that Americans all over the world should hold as a day of national mourning that on which their country's hero is committed to the grave.

Capt. Clark, auctioneer, to-day sold at the custom house wharf the steamer North Star, and two sloops, all seized for violations of the custom's revenue laws.

Plans of the proposed St. Saviour's church at Victoria West, with several improvements, have been prepared by T. B. Norgate & Co. The first plans have been withdrawn.

Dr. J. L. Thompson, Dentist, now located in New Spencer Block (Arcade Bldg.), View street. Phone 3845.

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Spring is Coming—Use Nustrace Polish in your spring cleaning. 8 oz. for 25c. at grocers. Made in Victoria.

Anglican S. S. Teachers' Class.—The Anglican Sunday School Teachers' Training class will meet as usual to-night at Christ Church schoolroom, commencing at 8 o'clock.

Cafe Chantant.—There will be a meeting of the Girls' Realm Guild at 7.30 to-night at St. Margaret's school, to discuss details of a cafe chantant for the Girls' Realm Guild war fund. A good attendance is expected.

To Hold Dance.—The Daughters of England (Lodge Primrose) have completed the final arrangements for the dance to be held in Connaught hall, on Friday, Feb. 18. Mann's orchestra will render the latest music, from 9 to 1 a. m., and refreshments will be provided.

Social Masquerade.—The Victoria Review, No. 1, Woman's Benefit Association of the Maccabees, invites all their friends to the social masquerade in K. of C. hall, Fort street to-night. Dancing will start at 8.30 p. m. Professor Heaton furnishing the music. Refreshments will be served.

Prohibition Canvass.—The canvass on behalf of submitting the question of prohibition to the people of the province is going ahead this week throughout the town of Esquimalt. The object of the canvass is to secure the opinion of every voter so that the premier may have the facts before him previous to the meeting of parliament.

Prohibition Petition.—The People's Prohibition movement announces that any bona fide voter of this province to whom there has not been presented a copy of the petition now being circulated may have the privilege of signing the same by calling at R. A. Brown's, 1302 Douglas street, at the Y. M. C. A., or at the prohibition rooms, 191-2 Union Bank building.

The Minister's Bride.—An amusing sketch entitled "The Minister's Bride" is to be given in the Naval and Military Methodist schoolroom on March 1. Final arrangements for this event were made last evening at a well-attended rehearsal. This is the fifth entertainment given this winter under the auspices of the Social Service department, and promises to be one of the most successful.

Psychological Society.—The Victoria Psychological Society will hold a series of meetings at the A. O. F. hall in Broad street, commencing on Sunday evening, February 27, at 7.30. Mrs. J. S. Foster will conduct the opening and subsequent services, and the lectures will deal with the basic principles and practical formulas of the new psychology in its relation to life's continuity, and the survival after physical death of the individual human consciousness.

Fifth Regiment Band.—The Fifth Regiment band is very fortunate in having for assisting artists for next Sunday the following ladies and gentlemen: Mrs. Baird, Mrs. J. R. Green and Mrs. Gibson, who will render a trio; and Sgt. Robert Morrison, of the 67th battalion, Western Scots. In all probability this is the last opportunity that Victoria will have to listen to Sgt. Morrison for some time in view of the early departure of the 67th battalion. Bandmaster Smith will play a cornet solo by special request, and among the band numbers will be "Overture to Maritana," selections from "Trovatore," and the intermezzo from "Tropical Palms."

Rumor of Weather Change.—During the past several days the meteorological bureau, Gonzalez Heights, has been besieged with queries from residents who have either read or heard a rumor to the effect that some time between February 17 and 19 there will be another big storm with seven feet of snow. The prediction has been given space in some of the coast papers, but as the local meteorological office refuses to forecast the weather so long in advance the officials at Gonzalez Heights have neither denied nor corroborated the rumor.

Weather Generally Mild.—The mild weather which Victoria is enjoying is very general along the Pacific coast from Trial Island right down to California. At several places in California yesterday temperatures over 70 were reported. Locally the thermometer is showing late spring temperatures, yesterday the mercury touching 47 and this morning a maximum of 41 being reached. The ground temperatures, however, have been lower, and the minimum was 22 at this point. In the prairies this morning the minimum temperatures showed just two degrees of frost, indicating that the warm weather has moved well across the continent eastward. Even at Atlin yesterday the mercury reached the 30 mark, and at Dawson during the past few days it has been only a few degrees below zero.

## MISSIONARY REPORTS SLAVERY CONDITIONS

### Potlatching Still Goes on at Alert Bay Despite Announcement to Suppress Same

The missionary meeting held last night at the Cathedral schoolroom in connection with the session of the synod now in progress attracted such a large congregation as to elicit very general comment both from the chairman, Rt. Rev. Bishop Scriven, and the several other speakers. The hall was, in fact, filled quite to capacity, and the pre-announcement that speakers would be limited to fifteen minutes condensed the matter in a way which considerably enhanced its interest.

In opening the meeting Bishop Scriven, called attention to the fact that the mission work in Canada, and particularly in the Far West, was being carried on by men who had both a love of God and a desire to save human souls.

Alert Bay Mission.  
Rev. F. Conley, of Alert Bay, was the first speaker, and entered at once into a statement in connection with the outstanding handicap under which the missionary in that place has to labor. This was the potlatch. Contrary to popular belief there was nothing romantic about Indian work, and very little to encourage the missionary. A little over a year ago the government had announced its intention of creating the Potlatch. But three or four of the Indian chiefs determined to continue the practice just the same. They were promptly arrested and taken down by the Indian agent to Vancouver to be tried. In every case, however, the judge held that a potlatch was not a criminal offence but merely a misdemeanor, the agent failed to get a conviction, and the prisoners were released. Glorifying in their defeat of the law these men had returned to Alert Bay and were potlatching worse than ever.

Now when the chiefs had gone down to Vancouver they had represented to the magistrate that the potlatch was just as legal as Christmas. But they had not mentioned the fact that the bad elements—the selling of girls into slavery—were carried on in connection with the potlatch.

Marriage Market.  
"We boast under the British flag that there is no slavery," said Mr. Conley. "But what is the difference between the institution which permits the purchase of an Indian girl for \$1,000 and slavery among the tribes of South America?"

Mr. Conley afterwards explained to the meeting that the said \$1,000 was not paid in cash, but in blankets to this value. The potlatch was the Indian's method of doing business. The boy in whom had been the biggest potlatch became the biggest chief. There were potlatches of blankets, sugar, flour, etc. The Indian who gave the potlatch posed as a philanthropist, but for every bag of flour or sugar or potatoes that he gave he expected to get back two. The majority of the Indian people did not see through this, but the fact was that about ninety per cent. of the tribe were very poor and a very few were rich because of the fact. But the very worst feature of the potlatch was the operation of a marriage market in connection with it.

Early Marriages.  
The missionary explained how he had written to the secretary for Indian affairs at Ottawa to find out just where he stood as the guardian of a boy in the school at Alert Bay, a marriage for whom had been arranged. At first he could get no reply to the letter, but ultimately after communicating with Bishop Roper on the matter and getting his lordship's intervention at Ottawa, he received what amounted practically to a promise from the Indian commissioner that whenever a "good case" came up in connection with the marriage of Indian girls and boys he would get it stopped. But in the meantime potlatching was going on—had been going on steadily ever since Christmas—among the six hundred Indians up in the Alert Bay district. If the hopes of the missionary at Alert Bay rested with Ottawa the missionary would be a pessimist. But the hope was not with Ottawa—it was with God.

Mr. Conley told something of the mission school at Alert Bay. The government had given an annual grant of \$120 for each boy and \$100 for each girl in the school. In both the girls' and boys' schools there were two more than the accommodation had originally provided for, and this year they could have had fifty more boys and fifty more girls had they had the room. He had a testimony to the work of the mission quite recently, from the lips of a dying Indian boy whose last words to him were an appeal for the continuance of the missionary work and an effort to stop the potlatch.

"And we are going to petition the government that if the Indians be allowed to retain the potlatch the celebration shall at least be robbed of its bad elements," said Mr. Conley in conclusion.

West Coast Mission.  
Rev. A. L. Todd, of Tofino, made an appeal that the church give some opportunity of promotion to its missionaries in order to encourage men to take up this special and very difficult field of work. Everyone should do some of the spadework. The church could not expect young men, many of whom had probably paid the expenses of their theological training themselves, to take up missionary work away in the backlands of civilization when the encouragement given was so small.

Personally he was quite contented, partly because he had not very hard work, partly because he was where no one could bother him. Mr. Todd then went on to tell with some humor of his work as a missionary out on the west coast, where he had two hundred miles of coast line as a field, and within the limits of which he had to perform all the baptisms, burials, and marriages that took place. He was never at a loss for money. People had been very good to him. But he had two needs: a new dinghy and prayer books. For the former he would require \$55, which he hoped in some way to find before the bishop made his visit in the spring. And thirty or forty prayer books would be most useful for the boys, many of whom had never seen one.

Chinese Mission.  
Rev. Robert Connell told something of the work of the Chinese mission in Victoria, giving a history of the work which dated back at least to 1861, the second year of Bishop Hill's episcopate here. Just about that time the bishop of London speaking in the English capital had called attention, referring to the Church of England in this colony, to the danger of bringing a large number of heathen Chinese into a Christian country without having some means of christianizing them as they arrived. Bishop Tupper years later had pointed out that in British Columbia there was a strategic point in connection with the christianizing of Oriental peoples.

Continuing Mr. Connell reminded his hearers of the great work done in Chinese missions here by Rev. John Grundy, at one time a missionary near Canton, who brought a peculiarly useful knowledge of the Cantonese character to his task in a Chinese community where most of the people were from that district. Bringing the narrative down to more recent times Mr. Connell gave figures showing the fruits of these missionary efforts, 15 having been baptised in 1915. A tribute was paid to the great help given by the present Chinese missionary, who had been much assisted by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and by the Women's Auxiliary, also by Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Cook. During the past seven years 2,240 Chinese had passed through the mission, and quite a percentage of these men had gleaned some idea of what Christianity meant. In conclusion Mr. Connell begged the consideration of those present for the work of the Chinese mission, as really so little was needed to bring the task to its completest fruition.

## WANTED TO GET EVEN WITH LOCAL DETECTIVES

### Investigation of Charges Laid by Joseph Dubois Started by Police Commissioners

A great deal of the police commissioners' time at the first meeting of the board yesterday afternoon was occupied in hearing a complaint made by Joseph Dubois that two members of the city detective department had accepted money from Chinese gamblers, the evidence when sifted down by the commissioners and the city prosecutor resolved itself into a statement that two Chinamen had told him that they had paid two detectives \$15 a month for protection.

It was alleged during the hearing that the written statements were prepared by Dubois for the Chinese, and one Mah Hing, who was subsequently convicted of theft for which he is now serving a term, signed it, the other affixing his mark. The city prosecutor elicited the fact that Dubois believed he had a reason for endeavoring to get even with the detective department, and had declared that he would do so as soon as opportunity offered.

The commissioners expressed themselves dissatisfied with the evidence before them, but determined in justice to all parties to hear evidence at a subsequent meeting. Dubois had secured summons for some Chinese witnesses and two white men, one a night watchman and private detective, and the other a former special policeman. Dubois had asked for an adjournment for a lawyer to be in attendance, mentioning the name of Gagnon, of Vancouver, a name which does not appear in the B. C. Law society list.

Metropolitan Ladies' Aid.—The regular monthly business meeting of the Metropolitan Ladies' Aid society will be held to-morrow afternoon in the church parlors.

Local Council of Women.—The postponed annual meeting of the Local Council of Women will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, March 1 and 2. The meeting will be at the Alexandra club, and will be open to the public.

Social Dance.—The regular meeting of the Chinese Alexandra, No. 18, will be held this evening at 7.30 sharp, in the L. O. L. hall, Yates street. A social dance will take place afterwards. Members are asked to bring refreshments.

Theft Charged.—John Nesbitt, was arrested last night by Detective Murray and Constable James Owens, of Saanich, on a charge of the theft of a sum of \$497.85, the property of Mary A. Sims. The case was this morning adjourned until Monday, J. Charles McIntosh will defend the accused.

Advised to go Home.—Ambrose Tonne, an Indian who said he came from Everett, was in police court this morning for having liquor in his possession and supplying it to other Indians. He was fined \$5 or five days and advised by the magistrate to get back to his own country.

\$99.60 Collected.—A. J. Morley, who was chairman at the meeting of the other evening, which was addressed by members of the Ministerial Union of the Lower Mainland, has received a communication from President Welch, of the union, stating that the amount of the collection, taken reached \$99.60. He regretted that he had not had an opportunity to thank the people who attended for their generosity. All the cost of the meeting here was donated locally.

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The following were elected delegates to the provincial synod—Clergy: The Dean of Columbia, Archdeacon Colquhoun, the Rev. R. Connell, and the Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick; lay delegates: Chancellor Lindley Crease, Messrs. P. Wollaston, John Harvey and R. W. Perry.

Delegates to the board of governors of the Provincial Theological college in connection with the University of British Columbia. These were the Rev. R. Connell and the Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick; lay delegates: Chancellor Lindley Crease, E. Wootton and Sir Clive Philipps-Wolley.

Officers of the synod re-elected for the next year were: Archdeacon Sweet, clerical secretary; Mr. P. W. Wollaston, treasurer. At the morning session the following visiting clergy were invited to seats on the floor of the house: The Revs. F. H. Fatt, Gilbert Cook, V. Yenables, Ching Comyn and Mr. Fisher.

Selkirk Water Crossing.—The first work on the Canadian Northern Railway trestle across Selkirk water will be undertaken by S. Doe, contractor, who has received a contract for the trestle portion of the work at a cost of \$20,000. The structure is to be finished by May 1. The length is about 2,600 feet, apart from the bascule span, which will be the subject of a separate contract. This span will not be put in hand till 1916, the contract awaiting the return of the district engineer from Toronto. Mr. Doe built the company's wharf at Patricia Bay.

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Wheat Pearls, per large sack, only . . . . .	33c	Butter, Finest Government Creamery, lb. . . . .	38c
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### AT THE THEATRES

#### PICTURES OF FIRE.

As an extra attraction for the last three days of this week the Royal Victoria has been able to secure a series of views of the fire of the Dominion parliament buildings, which were destroyed February 3. These are authentic views secured by special permission.

The feature film, "A Man's Making" is in five acts, with the well-known actor, Richard Bulher, in the star role. The acting in this screen play excites admiration throughout, as there is distinctive class and good form in the representation of all the principal characters. The scenes at the fisherman's home, along the coast, and also on board a smack are not counterfeits, but actual views. The five reels are full of heart interest and would hold any audience.

#### DOMINION THEATRE.

Edna Goodrich, the distinguished American actress and world-famous beauty, will be seen at the Dominion in the Paramount production of the Jesse L. Lasky production of "Armstrong's Wife," a thrilling drama by Margaret Turnbull.

Miss Goodrich has long been considered one of the most versatile actresses and most beautiful women on the English-speaking stage, and in this stirring photo drama she has full opportunity to display her wonderful artistic ability.

The plot of the play has to do with a country girl who is tricked into a false marriage by a professional gambler, and how she returns to her first love. The action of the play occurs in fashionable New York and in the rugged mountains of the Canadian Rockies.

The cast supporting Miss Goodrich is one of unusual excellence, including the well-known Thomas Meighan, James Cruze, Hal Clements, Florence Dagmar, Mr. Lewis McCord, Raymond Hatton and other members of the Lasky all-star organization.

### RED CROSS REPORT

Cash Totalling \$391 Collected During Week Ending Feb. 14; Membership Roll Increased.

The following is the report of the Red Cross society, from Feb. 7 to Feb. 14, 1916: Cash Donations.

By superfluous sales (January) . . . . .	\$300.55
By sub-committee, per Mr. Pinner . . . . .	4.00
Dorothy Nicol and Robert Malcolm . . . . .	5.00
W. B. Spence . . . . .	1.00
By sale of rags . . . . .	2.50
Temple building collection box . . . . .	20.75
G. H. Aylard . . . . .	50.00
Staff of radio-telegraph branch, Esplanade . . . . .	7.50
Total . . . . .	\$391.44

The membership roll has increased during the month of January by eleven life and twenty-one annual members.

Supplies are gratefully acknowledged towards the work rooms as follows: Maxine Island Red Cross—23 day shirts, 4 surgical shirts, 5 pyjamas, 45 pillow cases, 55 wash cloths, 12 triangular bandages, 19 pairs socks.

Albion Patriotic Society—15 pyjamas, 25 shirts, 12 T. shirt, 26 pillow bandages, 60 pillow cases, 40 mouth wipers, 15 towels.

Young ladies of James Bay Methodist church—27 chest and 51 triangular bandages.

Junior High school—42 wash cloths, 12 triangular bandages.

Elk Lake (per Miss Olfendick)—12 hot water bag covers.

Socks, scarves, mitts and wash cloths from Mrs. Blackwood, Mrs. Scheffeld, Mrs. Scholfield, Mr. Rowley, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Gannason, Mrs. Baines, Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Gregg, Miss Roberts, Mrs. Fleet Robertson, Miss Jasper, Mrs. G. W. Wynne, Mrs. T. Lee, Miss

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Now that the severe weather has abated, work is going on as usual at the headquarters, Temple building, and the auxiliary workrooms, corner Fort and Langley.

The motors are a great acquisition to the usefulness of the sewing machines at the Temple building.

### RECEPTION AT ST. CLARE'S MONASTERY, THE WILLOWS

All tertiary members, benefactors and friends of the "Poor Clare Nuns" are cordially invited to be present at a religious procession and reception, to take place at St. Clare's Monastery, "The Willows" on Monday, Feb. 21st, at 3.20 p. m.

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### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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J. Rostein, of Vancouver, is at the Dominion.

Mrs. Armstrong, of Coombs, is at the Dominion.

R. M. Boyd, of Vancouver, is at the Hotel Metropolis.

Mrs. H. F. Kergin, of Stewart, B. C., is at the Dominion.

A. E. Cook, of Seattle, is staying at the Hotel Metropolis.

T. E. Ewing, of Cleveland, is staying at the Empress hotel.

D. D. Buchman is at the Hotel Metropolis from Winnipeg.

W. Leslie Melville, of Somenos, is stopping at the Dominion.

J. H. Barton, of Newark, N. J., is a guest at the Empress hotel.

B. W. Davden, of Seattle, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

J. B. Barton, of Vancouver, is among the guests at the Hotel Metropolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Norman, of James Island, are at the Hotel Metropolis.

C. J. Cunningham, of Calgary, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday.

Mrs. W. J. Watson, of Ladysmith, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

Mrs. J. K. Wills is over from Vancouver, and is registered at the Strathcona.

J. Gorman and J. Shannon, of Weyburn, Sask., are stopping at the Dominion.

Geo. M. Strachan, of Pope, Man., registered at the Dominion hotel yesterday.

Jas. McKenzie and Mrs. McKenzie, of Plenty, Sask., are guests of the Dominion hotel.

F. Geiger, of the Riverside Inn, Cowichan Lake, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. W. E. Armstrong and Miss C. Macy, of Kamloops, are stopping at the Dominion.

Miss Inkster and Mrs. O. W. Hughes, of Salmon Arm, are registered at the Dominion hotel.

Mr. Rupert Adams and Mrs. Alice Cheal, of Shawanigan, are staying at the Dominion.

G. J. Holden, of Espanis, Sask., registered at the Strathcona hotel for himself and Mrs. Holden.

A. H. Haynes, a former Victorian and now of White Horse, is registered at the Dominion hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Erye, came down from Pender island last night, and are registered at the Strathcona hotel.

M. T. Penman, of Wilmington, Del., and Thomas J. Dragan, of San Francisco, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday.

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"The new Liberalism embraces all classes of citizenship: the agricultural class; the industrial class; the laboring class; the merchant class; in fact every class excepting the monopolistic class, which we do not want."

"The evolution of political thought which has developed these new conditions has been slow, and its stages can be marked out distinctly. It could not have evolved under continued and universal prosperity. While these lasted the government took credit for good times and no one could successfully contradict them."

"The first period was that of phenomenal success in speculative prosperity, when nobody cared whether government was good or bad, so long as money flowed freely. There followed the second period of financial and commercial depression, which began in 1913 with its ominous signs a year earlier when people began to notice and inquire why the slowing up was."

"There was the third period of prosperity in 1914-15, during which the people realized that their extreme situation was the direct result of applied unstatesmanship, and that the neglect of essentially basic and fundamental development of natural resources had left them unprotected and without provision for hard times."

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"Beginning with 1903 the province has been passing through remarkable transitions. This was bound to be the case because the tide of immigration, the tide of industrial development and the tide of land settlement moved rapidly westward, spilled over the boundaries of the prairie provinces into British Columbia and, whether we wished it or not, was our fate."

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"Instead, our ignorant or selfish pilots guided our ship of state into tide-rips, shallow waters, dangerous currents, and finally piled it up on the rocks of economic disaster. And though the hull may still be sound enough, it will take wise salvage operations to save the vessel."

"Liberals, who were capable navigators and were passengers in the same vessel, predicted these disasters, suggested a different course, pointed out the danger signals and warning beacons along the tortuous shores. They were scorned and ridiculed by the ship's company and many of their fellow passengers. But when the crash came and the timbers of the vessel quivered and shattered as she struck, when, in fact, it was too late to alter the course, they realized the magnitude of the disaster, and, beginning to investigate, soon fixed the blame."

"Old Crew Not to be Trusted. "I think they are too wise to believe that the same old crew may safely be trusted again with the navigation of the ship. It is these considerations which have given rise to what I have designated as the New Liberalism of B. C., composed of many elements never before allied with the Liberal party."

"Let us briefly notice the difference in conditions at the close of over a decade of so-called Conservative leadership, as presented at this time when Sir Richard McBride has just given up office, with that at the close of a longer period when Sir Wilfrid Laurier gave over his charge into other hands. In the latter instance we had a prosperous country, growing daily more wealthy and increasing in population by leaps and bounds. In the treasury, such was the thriftiness of the administration, was a sum of no less than thirty-two millions of dollars which to ward against the day when world depression might arrive."

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"Is it any wonder that the Hon. Mr. Flumerfelt had his 'inspiration' when he visited the hospital and saw the sick and the maimed, when it was borne in upon him that they represented the body politic of British Columbia?"

leader, we would not have by-elections engineered so carefully for political purposes. "If they are not yet satisfied about the opposition they will meet I can assure them that it will be before polling day. These are simply attempts to divert the scrutiny of the public from the conditions which this government has brought upon them. This is no time for such petty nonsense. Rather it is a time for action such as will better the conditions under which we are living, and the man who is not big enough to put his whole effort into solving the serious problems that face the province to-day is not big enough to be your candidate let alone the leader of a great party."

Constructive Politics. "Liberals for many years have criticized the McBride-Bowser administration on account of its railway, land, timber, mining, labor, agricultural and general policies, as well as its policy of fostering exploitation; its policy of autocratic administration and its general inefficiency. Undoubtedly it was because of the extravagant, neglectful, undemocratic and corrupting character of these several policies that the country has been brought to its present condition."

"I will not undertake tonight to deal with the various mistakes and misdeeds of the government as they have been dealt with in a very graceful manner in this city and elsewhere many times. I prefer to turn to the other side of the question and discuss with you for a short time some of the constructive policies which have always been advocated by the Liberal party. Before I pass to construction, however, let me tell you that had it not been for the persistent exposure and denunciation of the vicious acts of the government by the Liberal press and speakers, the public of this province still would be in the dark as to the true cause of the present deplorable conditions."

Getting Lands Back. "In the matter of an agricultural policy, the first grave condition to be met is that the bulk of our accessible, arable land is now in the hands of speculators, who have been unable to complete their purchase and, while holding them out of production, have allowed the enormous sum of over fifteen millions of dollars to remain unpaid that should now be in the provincial treasury. It will be impossible to establish any successful agricultural settlement plan until we have either the money due us for these lands or the lands themselves returned to the possession of the crown. The Liberal party is not a party of confiscation or repudiation; but I insist that we should have a settlement of this condition and that at once."

"The claim is made that owing to financial depression some consideration should be shown these people who have lost their money into partial payment for public lands, but I submit that they should not be specially privileged over those who are really developing our agricultural areas in this respect. We should say to them: 'You will have so many months in which to pay up the amount due on the property you have taken, principal, interest and taxes, and complete your title. Otherwise the government will take into consideration the amounts you have paid and the expense you have incurred by way of surveys, provided these surveys are of service to the crown and not more expensive than would have been the usual government survey. From these we will deduct the amount in arrears for overdue taxes and interest and then have selected for you the area which at the prevailing price of government lands, would be equitable adjustment. For these lands you will be entitled to receive crown grants, but all the remainder must revert to the crown.'"

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WHALER ORION TO ENGAGE IN FISHING Is Now Undergoing Alteration and May Leave Port Early Next Week The steam whaler Orion, belonging to the Victoria Whaling company, is being fitted out to engage in fishing. The whaler is now in the hands of workmen who are busy making the changes necessary for her new occupation. The work is proceeding rapidly, and it is expected that she will get away at the beginning of next week. A number of alterations have to be made, as her hold will be changed in order to carry catches of fish, and the whale winch and gun will be removed. The Orion will first be sent to the west coast of the island, but no definite plans have been decided upon regarding the future scene of operations. Captain George Heater will have charge of the Orion when she leaves port. The Orion was brought out to Victoria in 1905, one year after she was completed. She was built at Christiania, Norway, in 1904, and was the first of the steam whalers to arrive here. Since her arrival the fleet has been added to from time to time. She is a vessel of 109 tons gross, 94 feet long, 12 feet beam and 10 feet deep. Gray Carries Supplies. The steamer Gray sailed yesterday for the north, carrying supplies for the various whaling stations operated by the company. Arrangements are being made for the resumption of whaling, which probably will be commenced somewhat earlier this year than usual.



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TO CONTINUE SEARCH UNTIL SATURDAY The Dominion lighthouse tender Estevan, Capt. Barnes, which has been cruising to the westward of the Queen Charlotte islands in search of the overdue fishing steamer Onward Ho, has been unable to find any trace of the missing vessel. It is now nearly two weeks since the Estevan left port for the north, and so far her mission has not met with success. The search will be continued until the end of this week, and if the Estevan fails to learn anything of the Onward Ho, she will give up the task. The tender will then proceed to Prince Rupert to carry out some of her regular work in that vicinity. MONTEAGLE FROM HONGKONG. The C. P. R. steamer Monteagle, which arrived at Hongkong two days late, having been held on this side waiting for the mails, got away on her return voyage on schedule time. Advances were received this morning reporting that the liner had sailed from Hongkong at noon yesterday. She is due to arrive here on March 10. GAS BUOY ADRIAT. Information reached the department of marine and fisheries this morning that the San Juan gas and whistling buoy has drifted from its moorings. The tender Quadra, which has been engaged in the Gulf of Georgia, left Nanaimo this morning and will proceed to place the buoy in its position.

Day Steamer to Seattle THE S. S. "SOL DUO" Leaves S. P. R. wharf daily except Sunday at 11:30 a. m. for Port Angeles, Dungeness, Port Willoughby, Port Townsend and Seattle, arriving Seattle 8:30 p. m. Return leaves Seattle daily except Saturday at midnight, arriving Victoria 8:00 a. m. Secure information and tickets from E. E. BLACKWOOD, Agent, 231 Government St. Phone 68.

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"A Most Valuable Food" Extract From "BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL" March 23, 1907. At a time when the preparation of artificial foodstuffs is attracting more attention than ever before, and when new forms of easily assimilable fat to take the place of cod liver oil are being frequently brought to the notice of the medical profession, it is desirable that some of the older forms of administering natural fats should not be lost sight of. Among natural fats, butter, easily takes first place for nutritive value, and when supplied with a suitable soluble carbohydrate, a most valuable food is produced. The BUTTER SCOTCH which Messrs. Callard & Bowser (Duke's Road, Buxton Road, W. C.) have prepared for fifty years is such an article, which has the great advantage of being palatable, so palatable in fact that children are more likely to need nutriment from it than any persuing to take it. This BUTTER SCOTCH is stated to contain 11.7 per cent of fat, and 73 per cent of sugar, and the results of an analysis which we have made recently of a specimen, substantially confirm these figures. Further chemical examination of the fat extracted showed it to be genuine butter fat. This confection, which is recommended not only as a harmless sweet-meat, but also as a very useful addition to the diet in suitable cases. In all the Principal candy stores in Victoria.

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WIRELESS REPORT Feb. 17, 8 a. m. Point Grey - Cloudy; calm; 30.33; 41. Capt Lazo - Misty; calm; 30.29; 41. Thick seaward. Pachenia - Cloudy; S. E. light; 29.58; 40; sea moderate. Estevan - Fog; calm; 30.10; 34; dense seaward. Albert Bay - Cloudy; E.; 30.22; 38; sea moderate. Alaska, str. Admiral Evans abeam, at 5.30 a. m., south-bound. Venture, out at 6.30 a. m., south-bound. Triangle - Cloudy; S. E.; 30.30; 42; sea moderate. Dead Tree Point - Cloudy; S. E.; 29.09; 35; sea moderate. Ikeda - Overcast; S. E., fresh; 29.54; 41; sea moderate. Prince Rupert - Cloudy; calm; 26.11; 34; sea smooth. Noon. Point Grey - Cloudy; calm; 30.27; 40. Cape Lazo - Misty; calm; 30.30; 42; thick seaward. Pachenia - Clear; S. E., strong; 29.53; 50; sea rough. Estevan - Clear; calm; 30.08; 50; sea moderate. Alert Bay - Cloudy; E.; 30.00; 44; sea moderate. Spoke str. Princess Sophia at noon, due 1.45 p. m., north-bound. From Point - Cloudy; S. E. light; 30.14; 40; sea rough. Ikeda - Overcast; S. E., fresh; 29.81; 43; sea moderate. Prince Rupert - Overcast; N. W. light; 30.08; 46; sea smooth. Steamer Prince Rupert passed in at 9 a. m. Seattle fishing schooner in harbor. Laziness travels so slowly that Poverty soon overtakes him. - Franklin.

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE San Pedro, Feb. 15. - Str. Breakwater sailed for San Francisco and Portland. After discharging a partial cargo of millfeed consigned to Balfour, Guthrie & Co., the str. Fair Oake proceeded to San Francisco to-day with the balance of her cargo loaded at Iquique. Lumber carriers arriving from northern ports to-day were the str. Wilmington, from Puget Sound; str. Edgar H. Vance, from Astoria; and str. Hoquiam, from Portland, via Redoubt Bay Beach. The str. Argyll departed by ballast. The str. Olympic sailed for Portland and the str. Pontiac for Eureka. Victoria, B. C., Feb. 16. - Arrived: Str. El Lobo, from Vancouver, B. C.; str. Thode Paigelund, from the West Coast; str. Xals, from Los Angeles; str. City of Paris, from Balboa; str. Dalsey, from the Columbia river; str. Brandon, from Brandon; str. Thomas L. Ward, from Eagle Harbor, via Tacoma; Seattle; str. George W. Pennwick, for Vladivostok, via Tacoma; str. Rentschler, for Portland; bge. Acapulco, from Nanaimo; B. C. in tow of tug Tootook; str. Thomas L. Ward, for San Pedro. Victoria, B. C., Feb. 16. - Sailed: Str. Sado Maru, for Seattle, via Port Townsend. Everett, Feb. 16. - Sailed: Str. Melville Dollar, for San Francisco. Port Natal, Feb. 16. - Sailed: Str. Sahr, Golden State (ex W. F. Garmis), for Puget Sound. Seattle, Feb. 15. - Arrived: Str. Inaho Maru, Kobe; str. Hawaii, San Francisco; str. Bellingham; str. Eastholm, British Columbia ports; bge. Amy Turner, Anvers, B. C. in tow of tug Commodore, Sailed: Str. Victoria, Unalaska, via Best Harbor; B. C. str. Wellsley, San Francisco; str. Crown of Seattle, Glasgow, via San Francisco and the Strait of Magellan; str. Hopnet, Tacoma; str. Sinaloa, Mukilteo; str. Governor, Tacoma; tug Commodore, Vancouver, B. C.

OFFICIALS VISIT CITY. C. E. Jenney, general agent of the passenger department of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway at Vancouver, and H. W. Brodie, general passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway, in the same city, spent some time here yesterday on their way to Seattle and Portland.

INCOMING NIPPON LINER. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Sado Maru, which arrived from the Orient yesterday morning, finished discharging her freight for Victoria in the afternoon and sailed for Seattle at 4 o'clock. The Awa Maru, of the same line, is due to reach Victoria on Thursday.

STEAMER PANAMA MARU. The marine department of the chamber of commerce, the fact that both messages were two days late, indicates that censorship had delayed them and had caused the earlier message telling of the vessel's arrival, to be held until after the one reporting the fire had been sent. The Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner Panama Maru, on which a fire is reported to have occurred while on the voyage from San Francisco to Yokohama, is well known at this port. The Panama Maru formerly was on the run between the Orient and Victoria, and the Sound. She continued in this service until replaced by the new steamer, the Hawaii Maru and the Manila Maru. The Panama Maru was operated from San Francisco in conjunction with the Seattle Maru.

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PRINCIPALS AGREEABLE TO POSTPONEMENT OF BOUT

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Postponement of the Willard-Moran bout, at Madison Square Garden, New York, to March 25, was agreed upon yesterday by all the principals involved except Moran, and it was said he would offer no objection.

MCGARY WON MEET.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Paul J. McGary, of the Chicago Central Young Men's Christian Association athletic team, won the international amateur athletic federation track meet.

HORSE RACING.

Aberdeen, Feb. 17.—Prizes aggregating \$2,500 for racing purposes for the Grays Harbor fair were authorized by the officials of the organization at a meeting.

Highland Cream advertisement featuring 'WILLIAM TEACHER & SONS PERFECTION OF OLD SCOTCH WHISKY' and 'Pither & Leiser, Limited' as wholesale agents in Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.

SPORTING NEWS

INTERNATIONAL BOXING BOUTS WILL FEATURE RED CROSS TOURNAMENT

Entry List Largest Ever Received for an Athletic Event of Its Kind; Ticket Sale is Good

With the largest list of entries ever received for an athletic event of its kind, W. H. Davies, directing the Red Cross Boxing tournament to be held to-morrow night at the V. I. A. A. headquarters, anticipates it will be the most successful tourney ever staged in this city.

UPSETS IN SUNDAY SCHOOL LEAGUE RACE

Met. 'B's' Defeat Met. 'A's' and Knox Surprises Champions; Other Results

Sunday School league basketball matches, fielded two unexpected results in the Senior Men's league last night. One of the biggest surprises of the year was sprung when the Metropolitan 'B' team scored a 23 to 12 victory over the Metropolitan 'A' team.

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PRO. CHARGES AGAINST THREE OREGON ATHLETES

Eugene, Ore., Feb. 17.—The future of the University of Oregon track team hangs in the balance today because of charges of professionalism preferred against Chester Fee, Glen Wheeler, and Glen Dudley.

MAJOR LEAGUE MEETINGS.

New York, Feb. 17.—With meetings of the American league and the National commission in this city to-morrow and Friday and a special session called by President Gilmore to wind up the affairs of the Federal league at Chicago on Saturday, the annual winter season devoted to major league legislation probably will close this week.

O. H. A. RESULTS.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—Last night's amateur hockey results: O. H. A. seniors: Riversides 5, T. A. and R. C. 3. Intermediate: Barrie 7th 4, Midland 3; Bolton 11, Brampton 14. Northern league, senior: Elmwood 8, New Hamburg 13.

CREELY STAYED THE LIMIT.

Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 17.—Johnny Creely, of Cincinnati, fought on the defensive all the way and managed to stop the full ten rounds with Johnny Kilbane, the champion, here last night. Kilbane boxed until the gong sounded for the tenth round, when he went in and fought hard to stop Creely.

MORAN CONFIDENT.

New York, Feb. 17.—Before leaving for Saratoga, where he will do his preliminary work for his battle with the champion, Frank Moran declared that he intends to tear right into Willard from the first second of the fight until it is ended.

FOX TO DRAW.

Portland, Feb. 17.—Billy Mascott, of Portland, and Jimmy Fox, of San Francisco, featherweights, went six rounds to a draw decision at Portland last night. Mascott floored Fox twice in the early rounds, but Fox made up for this by a whirlwind finish in the fifth and sixth. Jack Grant refereed.

GIBBONS SHADES CHRISTIE.

Portland, Feb. 17.—Tommy Gibbons of St. Paul shaded Gus Christie, of Milwaukee, in a twelve-round bout at Winniegate last night in the opinion of newspaper men at the ringside.

CLEVER JAPANESE WRESTLING AND FENCING TROUPE



Contestants for the Japanese wrestling and fencing competition, one of the novel features to be staged at the Red Cross tournament under the auspices of the V. I. A. A. on Friday night. Along the bottom row are the wrestlers: K. Nambu, R. Yamahita, N. Kano, and Y. Takahashi. The fencers are seen in the top row: Trainer, E. Kano; Y. Fugemori, T. Joys and J. Kase.

winners, while Miss McIntyre was the individual star for the Mets. St. Andrew's Presbyterian won an easy victory over the Congregationalists in the second Ladies' league fixture of the evening, the final score being 36 to 4.

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WANDERER'S AFTER LAJOIE.

Montreal, Feb. 17.—Wanderers, still looking for defence men, have tried very hard to acquire Lajoie, the great defence player of the Laval team, who has been with the East End University aggregation for the last three years.

TAYLOR NIGHT.

Vancouver, Feb. 17.—'Cyclone' Fred Taylor, the whirlwind rover of the Vancouver Hockey club, will be the star attraction at the final scheduled league game of the season at the local ice palace Friday night between the Millionaires and the Metropolitans.

JAKE STAHL PRESIDENT OF AMATEUR LEAGUE

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Garland (Jake) Stahl, former manager of the Boston American league club, was chosen president of the Chicago association of Amateur Baseball leagues at a meeting of the association last night, according to an announcement yesterday.

MCGRATH REINSTATED.

New York, Feb. 17.—Matt McGrath, former star athlete, has won back his rank as a sergeant in the Metropolitan police, following a five-year fight resulting from McGrath's killing a man on Christmas eve, 1910.

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KNOCKTON HERE TO BID HIS FRIENDS FAREWELL

Pte. Tommy Knockton, the clever local 125-pound boxer, is in the city today bidding adieu to his host of friends. He is now attached to the machine gun section of the 62nd Battalion of Vancouver, which is to leave for the front shortly.

DUNN POSTS FORFEIT.

Cleveland, Feb. 17.—Jimmy Dunn, manager of Champion Johnny Kilbane, has posted a forfeit of \$1,000 in Cleveland for Kilbane to meet Geo. Chane, the Baltimore fighter, in a fifteen-round go in Baltimore on March 17 for the featherweight championship title.

MINNEAPOLIS GETS ACOSTA.

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 17.—Out-fighter Acosta, of the Washington American league club, has been purchased by the Minneapolis association club, according to announcement made to-day by President Cantillon.

VICS. WON EASILY.

Regina, Feb. 17.—In one of the most one-sided games of the season, so far as scoring went, Victoria defeated the 128th Battalion, Moose Jaw, here last night, by a score of 8 to 0.

LEG WILL BE AMPUTATED.

Madison, Wis., Feb. 17.—Axel Hendrickson, who has defied death a hundred times in looping the loop on skis while 100 feet in the air, yesterday submitted to the amputation of his right leg above the knee. He was injured last Friday.

HAGEN VS. COHEN.

Centralia, Feb. 17.—Arrangements are under way for a six-round bout to be staged in the local armory next Tuesday night between Leo Cohen, a local middleweight, and Romeo Hagen, of Seattle.

School Teacher.—If you had four-choice, Willie, would you rather be my wife or Solomon, as argat, as Julius Caesar, as rich as Croesus, as eloquent as Demosthenes, as tall as Goliath, or as good as the prophet Elijah? Willie: 'I'd rather be a drummer in a brass band.'

Augustus.—I want a prescription, doctor. I can't eat, can't sleep, can't stand the theatre, and girl-simp. Doctor: 'Propose to her, my boy.'

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### VICTORIA BOY SCOUTS.

F. Napier Denison Will Give Lecture to Scouts on Astronomy; Proficiency Badges Awarded.

At the monthly meeting of the executive of the Victoria Boy Scouts association at the headquarters, rooms, Brighton street, a letter was read from F. Napier Denison, superintendent of the Gonzales observatory, very kindly offering to give an illustrated lecture on Astronomy to the Boy Scouts. This offer was gratefully accepted, and the lecture will take place at an early date, due notice of which will be given.

A. K. N. Oxenham was appointed scoutmaster of the 44th (University School) Troop, on the nomination of the headmaster. It was proposed to start a patrol leaders' council and a scoutmasters' council, meetings to be held every month. Meetings of both have been summoned to inaugurate the said councils.

E. P. Ward was elected to the post of honorary treasurer in addition to that of honorary secretary; the late treasurer, Mr. V. G. Meakin, having declined.

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**BALLIN FEARS BREAK WITH UNITED STATES**  
Head of Hamburg-American Line Expressed Pessimistic Opinion in Interview

London, Feb. 17.—An Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company says the manager of one of the greatest German shipping companies in an interview in the Bremen Tageblatt expresses a most pessimistic opinion concerning the effects of a possible breach of relations between Germany and the United States. This manager, who is Albert Ballin, director-general of the Hamburg-American line, is quoted as follows:

"A breach of Germany's relations with the United States would have a most serious effect. All the money and munitions of the United States would be at the disposal of the enemy powers. We should have to take over the feeding of the Belgians, and the attitude of the United States probably would induce other neutrals to attack us. All our ships finally would be interned in American ports. This would represent taking away enormous wealth from us. Our plight would be most difficult."

**COMMISSION ON COST OF LIVING REPORTS**

**Land Settlement, More Mixed Farming and Better Distribution Suggested**

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—An important cause contributing to the high cost of living has been the general demand for an improvement in the conditions of living, arising through the spread of the commission on the high cost of living, tabled in the commons by Hon. T. W. Crothers, minister of labor. "You can't educate people and expect them to live under the old conditions."

The report does not deal with the conditions arising out of the war, but goes to the root of the other causes. "The advance of prices in Canada," the report says, "has been stimulated greatly by the enormous expenditure on railroads and public works, and by large investments in non-productive lines incidental to the development of a young country such as Canada, great in territorial area, rich in resources and occupied by a people most optimistic regarding the development of these great resources."

After pointing to the manifold forms of extravagance and waste, public, individual and social, which are abroad in the land, the report points out that another contributory cause is the loss through expenditure on a rising scale of luxuries, and through wasteful methods in the household.

"But," the report goes on, "the main factor in restricting supply and enhancing the cost of commodities is the withdrawal of the population from the land, which has decreased the proportion of people engaged in the production of food supplies."

The commissioners look for improvement through land settlement, greater attention to mixed farming, increased production with standardization and improvement of quality in farm products, together with co-operation in distribution.

Amongst other matters upon which the commissioners lay stress as likely to assist in decreasing the cost of living are the extension of the parcels post system and the building of good roads throughout the country. These would contribute towards a reduction in the cost of producing the staple commodities of the farm.

The growing demand, more especially west of the Great Lakes, for cheaper and more accessible "working capital" is pointed out. This would assist the farmers to develop their farms and enable them to supplement the growing of cereals by the production of meats and dairy products, which are found to be among the most important items in increasing the cost of living.

The commissioners suggest that the teaching in the public schools should be supplemented by vocational training, and they are firmly convinced that such action on a proper scale would tend to promote and maintain industrial efficiency, and thus serve the best interests of the country.

The above are the views of John McDougall, J. U. Vincent and C. C. James, but R. H. Coats, the fourth commissioner, has other views, which also are set out in the report. He declares that the great rise in prices is found to centre largely in the new distribution problem which has been created by the lessening of local food supplies during an era of heavy expenditures on capital account. He agrees with Sir George Paish that the rise in prices has come from the remarkable credit world has enjoyed in the last ten years and the greatly increased consumption of the nations that were able to borrow. This, he says, has been manifested to a profound degree in Canada.

**EACH AIR-RAID WILL COST GERMANS MORE**  
London, Feb. 17.—Earl Kitchener said in the house of lords to-day: "As to the present hostile air invasion of England which has had no influence whatever on the military conduct of the war, and regrettable as is the loss of citizen life and damage to private property, I do not believe the people desire to give too great importance to these attacks nor to allow them to affect military operations."

"It must be realized that in war it is not always possible to insure safety everywhere and some risks must be accepted in order to be strong at important points."

**BRITISH IN MEXICO.**  
Washington, Feb. 17.—British property in Mexico valued at \$4,000,000 has been seized during the past four years, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, told Secretary Lansing to-day in making a protest.

**REJOICING IN RUSSIA CAUSED BY VICTORY**

Petrograd Papers Point Out Importance of Capture of Erzerum

Petrograd, Feb. 17.—The public rejoicing over the capture of Erzerum is reflected in the comments in the newspapers on the fall of the fortress. The Novoe Vremya considers the capture to have enormous importance. It points out that Erzerum is a centre of road and railway routes and has immense deposits for ammunition and supplies.

The French says that the taking of Erzerum means all Asia Minor and even Constantinople.

The Bourze Gazette believes that the capture will have an effect upon Athens and Bucharest as well as upon Persia and Afghanistan.

**AGREEMENT MUST COVER ALL POINTS**  
States Wants Germany to Extend Assurances to All Merchant Ships

Washington, D.C., Feb. 17.—Secretary Lansing said late today that the United States would accept nothing short of a full and complete agreement under the submarine controversy with Germany covering the points for which it has contended as to the past and assurances for the future.

He declared that the United States considered the announcement of the new submarine campaign inconsistent with assurances previously given and that the United States considered a merchant ship with defensive armament and one without guns not at all in the same class. Assurances were "altered" would be extended to all merchant ships.

**ALLIES' DETERMINATION PLAIN TO COL. HOUSE**  
Paris, Feb. 17.—In an interview published to-day, M. Clemenceau, former premier, says:

"It is significant that previous to Col. House's visit to Berlin, President Wilson was so adamant in his demand for a disavowal of the sinking of the Lusitania, whereas immediately after the receipt of Col. House's report, he figuratively speaking, fell on Ambassador Bernstorff's neck."

"Authoritatively we can say that Col. House sounded the allies on the subject of a Wilsonian peace mediation and returned immediately a negative reply."

**BUILDINGS BURNED: PLANT WORKING ON WAR ORDERS**  
Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 17.—Fire of a mysterious origin destroyed three of the five buildings of the Farist Steel company last night. The loss is estimated at \$400,000. The fire followed an explosion in the rolling mill and spread with amazing rapidity. Two firemen were seriously injured.

The Farist company was busy on war orders for the allies.

**LOSS OF \$10,000 IN FIRE IN BELLINGHAM**  
Bellingham, Wash., Feb. 17.—Fire in the Sunset building, one of the finest business blocks in the city, caused damage estimated at \$10,000. Frolic & Campbell, clothing, are the heaviest losers. Three hundred people sat in a moving picture theatre in the building while the fire was raging and did not know of the danger until driven out by the police.

**TO REPRESENT JAPAN AT SAN FRANCISCO**  
Tokio, Feb. 17.—Masano Hanifara, chief of the telegram section of the foreign office and formerly attaché of the Japanese embassy to the United States, has been appointed consul-general at San Francisco.

Rokuro Nara, first embassy secretary at the foreign department, has been appointed consul-general at Honolulu.

**VIENNA STATEMENT.**  
Vienna, Feb. 17.—An official statement issued here under date of Feb. 16 announces that the eighth attack by Italian outposts on the Austro-Hungarian positions at Javereck was repulsed.

**GERMAN CROWN PRINCE.**  
Paris, Feb. 17.—Crown Prince William Frederick is now in command of the German forces in Lorraine and Alsace as well as the Argonne district, according to the Echo de Paris to-day.

**TOM SEYMOUR IS DEAD.**  
Boise, Idaho, Feb. 17.—The body of Tom Seymour, a former National league ball player, was found Monday on a trail leading from Valley West to the mountains, according to word received here to-day. He started from his home ten days ago to go to a mine in which he was interested. Death was due to exposure. He was forty-seven years old and came to Idaho last year.

**TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT.**  
London, Feb. 17.—Mr. Samuel, the home secretary, announced in the house of commons to-day that a woman spy had been tried in the Old Bailey court by a jury and three judges and sentenced to death. She had appealed and the sentence had been commuted to life imprisonment.

**GREEK FUNDS PUT IN NEW YORK BANKS**

Estimated Athens Government Has Transferred \$75,000,000 From London to States

New York, Feb. 17.—The government of Greece has been transferring millions of dollars of its funds from London to New York in the past few months, according to New York bankers, who estimate that \$75,000,000 of Greek funds are on deposit in a large number of banks here. The action is regarded by bankers as a precautionary move in case of a break in the relations of the Greek government with the entente powers.

Another protest. Athens, Feb. 17.—Premier Skouloudis, interpellated in parliament to-day regarding the landing of twenty regular Italian carabinieri on the island of Corfu, announced that a protest had been sent to the entente powers.

**TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET**  
Winnipeg, Feb. 17.—Winnipeg dropped 16c. May closing at 177 1/2 and July at 178. Both prices were near the low points after a fluctuation of nearly two cents. Koen demand for oats was lacking and prices fell in sympathy with the wheat. May was down 1c. closing at 48 1/2, with July the same at 44. Flax was 1/2 and 1/2 down, closing at 214 and 215. Barley was at 76c. without trade. The export trade was only fair this morning and this was reflected in the late weakness. Cash trade was changed little. Little with the spread narrowed to 2c. and 2c. under. The good weather is bringing out the stuff, but it is not affecting the cash market.

Wheat—Open. Close. July 177 1/2 177 1/2. Oats—Open. Close. July 48 1/2 48 1/2. Barley—Open. Close. July 76 76. Flax—Open. Close. July 214 214. Cash prices: Wheat—1 Nor., 125 1/2; 2 Nor., 124 1/2; 3 Nor., 123 1/2; 4 Nor., 122 1/2; 5 Nor., 121 1/2; 6 Nor., 120 1/2; 7 Nor., 119 1/2; 8 Nor., 118 1/2; 9 Nor., 117 1/2; 10 Nor., 116 1/2; 11 Nor., 115 1/2; 12 Nor., 114 1/2; 13 Nor., 113 1/2; 14 Nor., 112 1/2; 15 Nor., 111 1/2; 16 Nor., 110 1/2; 17 Nor., 109 1/2; 18 Nor., 108 1/2; 19 Nor., 107 1/2; 20 Nor., 106 1/2; 21 Nor., 105 1/2; 22 Nor., 104 1/2; 23 Nor., 103 1/2; 24 Nor., 102 1/2; 25 Nor., 101 1/2; 26 Nor., 100 1/2; 27 Nor., 99 1/2; 28 Nor., 98 1/2; 29 Nor., 97 1/2; 30 Nor., 96 1/2; 31 Nor., 95 1/2; 1 Dec., 94 1/2; 2 Dec., 93 1/2; 3 Dec., 92 1/2; 4 Dec., 91 1/2; 5 Dec., 90 1/2; 6 Dec., 89 1/2; 7 Dec., 88 1/2; 8 Dec., 87 1/2; 9 Dec., 86 1/2; 10 Dec., 85 1/2; 11 Dec., 84 1/2; 12 Dec., 83 1/2; 13 Dec., 82 1/2; 14 Dec., 81 1/2; 15 Dec., 80 1/2; 16 Dec., 79 1/2; 17 Dec., 78 1/2; 18 Dec., 77 1/2; 19 Dec., 76 1/2; 20 Dec., 75 1/2; 21 Dec., 74 1/2; 22 Dec., 73 1/2; 23 Dec., 72 1/2; 24 Dec., 71 1/2; 25 Dec., 70 1/2; 26 Dec., 69 1/2; 27 Dec., 68 1/2; 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# WEILER'S DAILY STORE NEWS

## Attractive Display of CARPETS

for Dining-Room, Den Parlor, Living-Room and Bedroom

With the advent of spring house-cleaning comes the consideration of a new rug or two to replace the dingy and worn floor coverings that have done duty for several years. Our special showing of Carpet Squares at particularly attractive prices will enable you to obtain bright, fresh and comfortable-looking floor coverings for a very small cash outlay.

### Bedroom Rugs

You'll be delighted with these beautiful, artistic and durable Squares at specially attractive prices, which make ideal bedroom rugs. Permanent beauty, resulting from fast dyes and skilful weaving, and the wide range of designs have made this line extremely popular.

CASH PRICES	
9 x 9 ft. ....	\$9.00
9 ft. x 10 ft. 6 in. ....	\$11.25
9 x 12 ft. ....	\$13.50
10 ft. 6 in. x 12 ft. ....	\$15.75
10 ft. x 13 ft. 6 in. ....	\$18.90
12 ft. x 13 ft. 6 in. ....	\$21.50

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CASH PRICES	
6 ft. 9 in. x 9 ft. ....	\$24.75
9 x 9 ft. ....	\$28.80
9 ft. x 10 ft. 6 in. ....	\$23.75
12 x 9 ft. ....	\$43.65
12 ft. x 11 ft. 3 in. ....	\$50.40
12 ft. x 13 ft. 6 in. ....	\$58.50

### Brussels Carpet Squares

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CASH PRICES	
6 ft. 9 in. x 9 ft. ....	\$15.75
9 ft. x 9 ft. ....	\$16.65
9 ft. x 10 ft. 6 in. ....	\$24.75
9 x 12 ft. ....	\$27.00
11 ft. 3 in. x 12 ft. ....	\$29.25
11 ft. 3 in. x 13 ft. 6 in. ....	\$31.50

### Tapestry Squares

Brighten up your rooms and make your home look its very best. It's so easy to give your bedroom or dining room a bright, warm, cosy appearance with one of these good, rich-looking Tapestry Squares in floral or Oriental designs, in soft, beautiful colorings. Another point in their favor: they are noted for long service.

CASH PRICES	
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9 ft. x 10 ft. 6 in. ....	\$10.35
9 ft. x 12 ft. ....	\$13.50
10 ft. 6 in. x 12 ft. ....	\$15.75
10 ft. 6 in. x 12 ft. ....	\$22.50



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## J. A. MARA PRESIDENT OF CANADIAN CLUB

### Annual Meeting Held Last Night and New Executive Elected

The annual general meeting of the Canadian club was held at the Empress hotel last night, the proceedings consisting of a brief farewell address by M. B. Jackson, the retiring president, who occupied that office for two years, the election by acclamation of J. A. Mara to succeed Mr. Jackson, and the election of other officers for 1916. Frank J. Sehl, honorary secretary and treasurer of the club, read the annual report and the financial statement, which were adopted. Following was a discussion among the members as to plans for this year.

Less than twenty members were present at the meeting out of a membership at the close of the year of 247. In his retiring speech Mr. Jackson advised that more vigorous interest be taken in the affairs of the club by individual members. He spoke of the very pleasant day that had been his for two years, and said he retired with many pleasant memories. He emphasized the importance of the club undertakings, spoke of its national significance and wide sphere of action, and again asked that members should give more support.

Essay Competition. In the absence of Mr. Mara, the chair was taken on Mr. Jackson's retirement by W. J. Shortt, who was elected second vice-president. He requested members to express their views on matters that should occupy the club during the year. Kenneth Ferguson, literary secretary, introduced the question of an essay competition under the auspices of the Canadian club. In the public schools for a prize given by the club, the subject of the essay to be written was "The Canadian Club." The proposal was after some discussion by those present, approved, and it was decided that a communication should be sent to the board of school trustees asking when the competition could be held and requesting an expression of the board's views on the conditions.

A tribute was paid to the retiring executive of the club by R. W. Perry, who referred to the activity displayed by the executive during the year in creating new matter for the club members to act upon. Reference also was made to the several luncheons that had been held during the year and to the excellent speeches heard at these. There will be a general move to secure new members for the club, but Mr. Jackson and other speakers said this was not so important as the regular attendance of those who already are members.

Officers Elected. The officers who are to serve the club during this year, as elected last night, are as follows: Hon. president, Lieut. Governor Barnard; president, J. A. Mara; first vice-president, John Cochran; second vice-president, W. J. Shortt; literary secretary, Kenneth Ferguson; hon. secretary-treasurer, Frank J. Sehl; executive committee, M. B. Jackson, John Hart, C. H. Lunnin, H. T. Croft, A. E. Foreman, R. W. Perry, and Dr. W. E. Hume. Mr. Sehl's report showed that while there were 351 members the previous year, there are now 241. Twice as many luncheons had been held as in the previous year. The balance in hand was almost as large as in the previous financial statement. The report stated that the medal offered by the club for a debate by the students at the Victoria High school is to be competed for before the close of the present school term. Mention was made of the intention of the club to support the Veterans' club movement in its endeavor to open and maintain a social club for all returning soldiers and for sailors.

Sympathetic reference was made to the deaths of the following members during the year just closed, the regret of the executive being appropriately expressed: Capt. J. Herrick McGregor, John Brydon, R. L. Drury, R. B. McKinnon, Philip E. Nation, Duncan Ross and Col. R. L. Wadmore. Special mention was made of the loss the club occasioned in the death of Mr. Rose, and of his untiring energy in the interests of the club.

An expression of thanks was accorded the press, to George McCandless, for auditing the accounts, and to Messrs. Cochrane, Hibben, O'Connell and the Great West Permanent Loan company, for conducting the sale of tickets for the luncheons.

The financial statement was as follows: Receipts—Membership fees,



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4464; lunch tickets, \$438.76; sundries, \$10.30; balance from 1914, \$64.79; total receipts, \$977.84. Expenditures—Luncheon, \$486.60; printing and stationery, \$267.55; sundries, \$161.84; balance in bank, \$61.75.

Mr. Ferguson, literary secretary, read a comprehensive report of the activities of the club. The following speakers had been heard during the year: J. M. Dent, Dr. Sarpola, Harry Brittain, N. W. Rowell, Col. J. A. Currie, M. P.; Dr. J. G. Rutherford, the Earl of Aberdeen, and Dr. Hughes.

Mr. Ferguson was complimented by Mr. Jackson on the completeness and excellent language of his report.

### WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.  
Victoria, Feb. 17—5 a.m.—The barometer remains high over the province, accompanied by fair, mild weather. Fine and decidedly mild weather extends southward to California, and in the prairie provinces only a few degrees of frost are reported.

Forecast.  
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Friday, Feb. 18.—Fresh to strong northerly and easterly winds, generally fair and mild, with showers.  
Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, generally fair and mild, with occasional rains.

Reports.  
Victoria—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, maximum yesterday, 57; minimum, 41; wind, 4 miles N. E.; rain, .01; weather, cloudy.  
Vancouver—Barometer, 30.26; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 29; wind, 4 miles S. W.; weather, clear.  
Kamloops—Barometer, 30.52; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 24; wind, 4 miles W.; rain, .01; weather, cloudy.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, maximum yesterday, 56; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, fair.  
Seattle—Barometer, 30.54; temperature, maximum yesterday, 54; minimum, 41; wind, 8 miles N.; rain, .02; weather, cloudy.  
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, maximum yesterday, 72; minimum, 56; wind, 4 miles N. W.; weather, clear.

### WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT.

Victoria Observatory.  
From 9th to 15th Feb., 1916.  
Victoria—Total amount of bright sunshine, 15 hours and 30 minutes; rate, 1.32 inch; snow, 3.20 inches; highest temperature, 59 on 15th; lowest, 32 on 9th.  
Vancouver—Total amount of bright sunshine, 11 hours and 18 minutes; rate, 2.56 inches; snow, .75 inch; highest temperature, 51 on 14th; lowest, 32 on 9th.  
Kamloops—Total amount of bright sunshine, 5 hours and 48 minutes; snow, 4.50 inches; highest temperature, 42 on 14th; lowest, 4 below zero on 9th.  
Nanaimo—Total amount of bright sunshine, 14 hours; rate, 2.50 inches; highest temperature, 49 on 14th; lowest, 29 on 11th.  
New Westminster—Rain, 3.44 inches; snow, .20 inch; highest temperature, 50 on 14th; lowest, 29 on 9th.  
Port Moody—Rain, .20 inch; snow, 4.60 inches; highest temperature, 49 on 15th; lowest, 15 on 9th.  
Nelson—Rain, .20 inch; snow, 15.00 inches; highest temperature, 42 on 11th; lowest, 39 on 9th and 13th.  
Cranbrook—Snow, 10.00 inches; highest temperature, 47 on 11th; lowest, 3 on 13th.  
Barkerville—Snow, 5.80 inches; highest temperature, 40 on 14th and 15th; lowest, 10 below zero on 9th.  
S. Fort George—Highest temperature, 48 on 14th; lowest, 13 below zero on 9th.  
Prince Rupert—Rain, 2.24 inches; snow, 6.00 inches; highest temperature, 50 on 14th; lowest, 24 on 11th.  
Atlin—Snow, 5.60 inches; highest temperature, 39 on 12th; lowest, 15 below zero on 11th.  
Dawson—Highest temperature, 24 below on 12th; lowest, 59 below zero on 11th.

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## PEPS

## SERIAL BOND SYSTEM DEBATED BY COUNCIL

### Aldermen Appoint Committee to Deal With Subject and Make Report

After discussing for an hour the best method of future financing for local improvement work, the city council yesterday afternoon appointed a committee composed of Aldermen McNeill, Todd, Bell, Johns and Cameron, with the comptroller and city auditor, to draft a report.

The matter was introduced in a resolution of Alderman McNeill, chairman of the finance committee, to the effect that the council should go into a committee of the whole on the subject. Serial bonds, a class of security particularly popular in the United States, were advocated as a simpler method than the present one.

City's Debt. Alderman McNeill, in introducing his motion, emphasized its importance. He hoped the council would not come to any hasty decision. The system had a twofold object, namely, the plan of financing the issues, and, secondly, the method of bond disposal. In recent years a limit had been set on the expenditure to be made on local improvement. There was still a credit of \$10,000 on this work. He thought the time had come when the city debt increase must be checked. The actual debt to date was \$18,640,000, including assessments to be confirmed immediately. Of this debt general (including waterworks) was \$10,877,782, and that for local improvements, \$7,762,218. There were other public works, like the Johnson street bridge, which shortly would have to be financed, and some stop must be put to the increasing debt on these works by avoiding sinking fund. The cost under the present system represented some 20 per cent of the money actually spent. He was prepared to state that \$2,000,000 of debt was only discount and expenses of securing money. In the future the engineering cost of local improvement works must be reduced, and also when work was started it must be finished and not allowed to drag on, thus adding greatly to the expense.

The alderman then passed on to the remedy. He recommended the serial plan, and for purposes of comparison had circulated an estimate on the cost of re-financing Johnson street with an asphalt dressing and the cost by the serial scheme. On the engineer's basis of \$4 a foot he had figured what it would represent under each plan to the owner of a 60-foot lot on the street. The ten-year plan would cost \$352, including costs against \$319 on the serial plan. These figures had been estimated on a yearly basis, at six per cent. It might be necessary to obtain power to make an assessment on the serial plan, the Municipal act only providing for the sinking fund plan. These figures, which he had quoted, were without any allowance for the city's share of the work and were therefore less favorable to the owners.

With regard to securing money for works, they could either invite lenders or borrow from banks. He would like to see the sinking funds used for the purpose of acquiring the city's short term bonds.

He then moved for the appointment of a committee to bring in a report covering the whole question.

Issues at Par. Alderman Todd, who seconded the motion, said he always had hoped the time was ripe for action. Foreign cities had been able to get better terms than cities on this side by using the serial system. He quoted statistics to show how these figures helped the cities and municipalities to take advantage of better terms.

"I think that the main thing is to carefully think out our plan, and then to apply to the legislature for necessary powers," he said, "and to use long term sinking funds to buy back short-term issues." The policy should be to insist on selling bonds at par, as was done on the American side. That would mean that when extensive works were contemplated it would be known at the start what premium would have to be paid for the money. The citizens would understand better if the issues were sold at par at six per cent. interest, and in that way encouragement would be given to sales over the counter, particularly if the issues had a definite rate of exchange for transfers. He still believed that the city would have financed its own undertakings, if a different plan had been adopted in the past.

Alderman Fullerton reminded the council that prior to 1911, when a large

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amount of work had been commenced, by-laws were financed individually, and it was not till large works started and the by-laws came to be consolidated that it was necessary to have an agent to handle their financial interests. Alderman Cameron doubted whether the change would enable the city to obtain money more readily. "The question is," he said, "will the lender lend?" The inducements to the local man, to the outside investor must be good enough to obtain the money. The resolution was then agreed to, without comment.

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## LAND REGISTRY ACT.

To the Legal Representatives of John Smith, Assessed Owner of Lot Nineteen (19) of Suburban Lot Twenty-Four (24), Esquimalt District, and

To the Legal Representatives of Frederick Ring, Registered and Assessed Owner, and Eleanor Copland, Beneficial Owner of Lot Sixteen (16) of Said Suburban Lot.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made to register Lauretta B. Gould as the owner in fee simple of the above lands under a Tax Sale Deed from the Assessor of Victoria District, and you are required to contest the claim of the Tax Purchaser within thirty (30) days from the first publication hereof.

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In the Matter of the Estate of Ryland Dixon, Deceased, and in the Matter of the Administration Act.

Notice is hereby given that under an order granted by the Honorable Mr. Justice Macdonald, dated February 15, 1916, I, the undersigned, was appointed Administrator of the estate of the above deceased. All parties having claims against the said estate are requested to forward particulars of same to me on or before March 15, A. D. 1916, and all parties indebted to the said estate are required to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith. Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 15th day of February, 1916.  
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## BANTAMS' O. C. TO TOUR THE PROVINCE

Leaves Within a Day or Two for Recruiting Centres; More Men Join

Recruiting is proceeding well in the new Bantam Battalion, Lieut.-Col. A. Bruce Powley, officer commanding. The type of men offering is very high, the general physique of the Bantams who have been enrolled to date promising well for the appearance of the battalion. Fifteen more men are now on the way from Kamloops to join their comrades at the temporary barracks established at the Prince Rupert hotel—a pioneer building of the city, the rooms of which have been occupied in the years long past by many men now prominent in local life.

Units of the Canadian Expeditionary Force in various organizations throughout British Columbia are sending forward notification of men signed by them of Bantam size—5 feet 4 inches or under—who have been signed by them in anticipation of their being transferred to their own unit, and it is expected that very shortly a full company will be ready to parade. The Engineering Corps from Work Point, under command of Capt. Ritchie, R.E., on Monday will begin the construction of the barracks to be built for the Bantams at Beacon Hill. This work will be carried forward speedily, and it is expected that in a short space of time the 103rd Battalion will be provided with quarters which will be with those of any units in the Dominion. In an ideal location between the two roads leading from the railway to the park, a group of buildings will be erected, planned for the comfort and convenience of the troops to occupy them. Each half-company will have a building to itself. The parade ground is most extensive, covering practically the whole of Beacon Hill park, and the rifle range is in close proximity.

Lieut.-Col. Bruce Powley expects to leave within a day or two to make a tour of the military district to organize recruiting centres and confer with the various officers commanding C.E.F. units throughout the province with regard to recruiting, and another officer of the battalion is to leave for points on Vancouver Island to make preliminary arrangements regarding recruiting at island points. That the Bantam idea is an extremely popular one is being shown daily. Prior to the formation of the 103rd Battalion no place had been provided for the men whose stature did not admit his joining the various battalions already formed, or in process of formation. These battalions asked for men over 5 feet 4 inches in height, and the man whose height was less than that required, willing and anxious though he was, and physically and in every way as capable of doing his bit for freedom, was not provided for. The authorities have now made provision for him by organization of the Bantam Battalion.

### 103RD NEARLY COMPLETE.

The 103rd Battalion is now at strength with the exception of the base company of one hundred men. The figures given at headquarters this morning show that there are 951 men in barracks, and the remainder are attested and have to report within a few days, making the total battalion strength of 1,053, including the band.

The battalion received mobilization orders November 18, 1915, but did not start active recruiting until December 19. Since that time the majority of the men have been handled through the recruiting station on Fort street.

### Silver Spring Beer, 2 qts. for 25c.

A small special constable while on top of a tramcar was requested by the conductor to come down to deal with a man who was inclined to be abusive. Reluctantly, the special constable complied with the request, but found himself confronted by a huge navy about six feet six inches and four feet broad. "There he is," said the conductor. "He won't pay his fare." The small constable reflected, and then remarked sadly: "Well, I suppose I must pay it for him."

### The most prominent surface-marking on Mars is called "Kaiser Sea."

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## ZAM-BUK

Over 1,000 men in ten weeks is the record set up by the recruiting staff of the "Timber Wolves" work of which its energetic members have every right to be proud. The campaign to secure men for this battalion was carried out along original lines, which proved very effective.

## 222 SOLDIERS HAVE RETURNED FROM FRONT

Provincial Bureau is Keeping Alive Interest Throughout British Columbia

According to statistics on file in the office of the bureau of the provincial returned soldiers commission two hundred and twenty-two soldiers have returned from the front to British Columbia. Of these about 88 have come to Victoria, a large number to Vancouver, and the remainder have gone to various towns in the province. There are now twenty-nine organizations working on behalf of the returned soldiers in various parts of the province, and the provincial bureau, in charge of J. H. Hill, is in touch with forty-two other places where it is proposed that organizations for the assistance of the returned soldier will be formed. In addition to the 222 soldiers stated, there were perhaps a dozen others returned before the bureau was begun. From all points where soldiers have returned Mr. Hill has received reports that they have been well looked after, and many have found employment through these organizations. The scope of the provincial bureau reaches from Victoria to Atlin, and from Queen Charlotte City to Fernie.

For the purpose of keeping interest in the proposals on foot for the benefit of returning soldiers alive in the minds of the public, the provincial bureau is sending out a communication to the various branches of the bureau outlining the full scope of the work, and laying particular emphasis on the fact that the bulk of the work is yet to come. In the future hundreds of men will be returning, and it is then that the public interest and enthusiasm will have to be shown, the letter explains. The branch bureaus are asked to obtain as much newspaper publicity as possible for the work, and in all other ways to keep the public interested. Reference is also made to plans for future employment and technical instruction, which are proposed on behalf of the soldiers who will need it after their duties at the front are completed.

Of the soldiers who have returned to the province the official figures to January 26 show that one hundred and fourteen made application at the various branch organizations for work, and that seventy-nine had obtained employment. Many returned men do not apply to the bureaus, and some go to convalescent and other hospitals for treatment on arrival.

### MILITARY ITEMS

Major Seely-Smith was the guest of the officers of the 67th last night when he lectured on "Military Law" and "The Army Act."

For the purpose of obtaining funds to buy new pipes for the pipe band of the 67th there will be a concert by the band at the old Victoria theatre February 23rd. Pipe Major Wishart promises an exceptional programme.

The silver band instruments for the 102nd which have arrived are said to be the best obtainable for a military band. Bandmaster Weir is engaging the members of the band.

### AN APOLOGY.

The Following Letter Has Been Sent to the Times for Publication:

"I would like to apologize to the officers and men of the 103rd battalion, for darting through a gap in their line, at Belleville and Government street corner, as they were marching towards Beacon Hill on Wednesday afternoon. "I was in a hurry and did not stop to consider at the time whether it was 'comme il faut' or not. "I regret that it happened, as it may seem discourteous to our soldiers, as well as setting a bad example to others."

### LOYAL BRITISH WOMAN.

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## RECRUITING STAFF AND GUARD OF 103RD BATTALION



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## VETERANS' CLUB IS STEADILY GROWING

Members to Join Welcome Committee in Meeting Returning Soldiers Here

The members of the B. C. Veterans' club, recently formed through the activity of Lieut.-Col. Haggard and Major Rowlinson, are forming plans to make themselves self-supporting, and to take care of their own interests, believing that first help in personal matters is of the greatest importance to the success of their organization. The club held a well-attended meeting last night in the rooms on Langley street. It was reported that there is now a bank credit of about one hundred dollars, with prospects of the club soon being on a sound working basis. One of the principal matters discussed was the proposal of the members to be ready when there are large numbers of soldiers returning from the front at the end of next summer to have their own welcoming committee. Those who compose it will join in the work of the local welcome committee, and will escort the returned men direct from the boat to the club and there take care of them for a time. To make this proposal successful it was recognized that there would have to be hearty co-operation of the members. This was promised enthusiastically by all the men last night. Lieut.-Col. Haggard addressed the club briefly, asking for the support of all the men in making the organization a strong one for the work that will be found to be done as time goes on. He explained that the present activities were as nothing to the amount of work that would follow, and that the strength of the club because the greater will be its force in going after things needed for the benefit of all members. There were speeches made by nearly all the men present, and all were along the same lines, promising to support the work that is being undertaken. It was reported that the men are receiving employment, and no complaints were made. The difficulty over back pay that arose some time ago has been straightened out, and the money received.

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