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New York Herald.

WILSON WANTS ALL NATION BEHIND HIM

Waiting for Act by Germany Which Will Arouse Americans

Portland, Ore., Feb. 15.—The Oregonian's correspondent at Washington writes:

I have returned to Washington after an absence of several months to find that the President and those closely associated with him regard war with Germany and her allies as absolutely inevitable. In their judgment it is merely a matter of time, perhaps of days, before the "overt act" which will draw the United States into the world conflict is committed.

Wants Nation United. Before the President appears before Congress to describe the necessity for the use of the forces, Germany must take some step which will cause the entire American people to realize that their honor, their dignity and their interests have been violated. Mr. Wilson does not intend to have any question of the propriety of his conduct. He does not want a divided nation to face Germany and her allies. He wants a united nation behind him. He is seeking the general effect which will be produced if all the American people say that their Government must strike.

Since the new German decrees went into effect 12 ships carrying Americans as members of their crews have been sunk, and some of those Americans have been killed or drowned. Two American ships, one the Lyman M. Law, have been sunk, but with warning. The President will not decree war as a result of any of these acts, illegal as they were. They will be a potent argument, however, when he decides to move.

Virtual Blockade. Of greater consequence to the prosperity and the life of the nation is the fact that the ports of the United States today are in a state of blockade by intimidation. Few American ships dare to leave port. The American liner St. Louis is tied up in New York. The result is a great congestion of freight, a situation facing American manufacturers which may compel them to shut down part of their works. If this condition should continue the United States would begin to suffer. The President can not permit such a state of affairs to become permanent. He is giving the matter serious consideration.

Other Considerations. Here are some of the further facts which are disturbing the administration: German submarines are crossing the Atlantic. One of them, with motorships, was sighted in mid-ocean. German money is known to be behind revolutionary activity in Mexico, and is believed to be responsible for the revolt in Cuba.

The German submarines en route to those shores undoubtedly will be employed in an effort to create a situation such as exists in European waters. They may be able to get some ships issuing from American ports. That they will ever get back, once they begin to operate, is regarded as doubtful. It is pointed out that the revolt in Cuba began at the moment when the situation between the United States and Germany was at the most delicate stage. The purpose was to keep the American fleet in Cuban waters. There it is exposed to attack, particularly by submarines without out-of-the-way places in which to renew supplies, as apparently innocent-looking craft. The Navy Department is taking every precaution to protect the fleet. The Administration is not disposed to withdraw the ships, because it is believed their presence will have a good effect in Cuba. However, other counsels may prevail and the fleet may be brought north within a short time, leaving only

smaller ships to aid the Cuban Government.

It is fully expected that relations will be broken off in a short time with Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey. Little concern is felt for Ambassador Penfield and his suite. The Austro-Hungarian Government will see that they leave without trouble. A different situation may prevail, however, for Ambassador Elkus and the consuls in Turkey.

Different Temper. The Administration is confident that when the president appears before Congress that body will recognize the propriety of his conduct and will declare the existence of a state of war. At the present time there are many members who are willing to swallow almost any indignity to avoid strife. When they begin to hear from the people whose business is affected by the "paper blockade" it is regarded as probable that a different temper will prevail.

While Germany is attempting ruthless warfare on the sea, Great Britain, whose operations have not cost a single American life, is further facilitating American commerce with England, Scotland and Ireland and with Russia, France and Italy. Up to the present time ships under suspicion have been diverted to Kirkwall, where they have been searched. A great deal of delay has followed. Now the British Government has announced that suspected ships leaving the United States hereafter will be taken to Halifax or Bermuda, depending upon the route they are traveling. This will increase the burden on the British navy. The London authorities, however, desire to obviate every ground of complaint on the part of the American shippers; hence their decision regarding Halifax and Bermuda.

Whitlock's Position. As a result of the withdrawal of Mr. Gerard from Germany, it is expected instructions will go to Brand Whitlock, Minister to Belgium, to withdraw from Brussels and assume duty near the Belgian Government, which has headquarters at Havre, France.

There was a conference yesterday between Secretary Lansing and Counselor Polk in reference to Mr. Whitlock's status and the entire Belgian relief work situation, which Mr. Whitlock has aided. As far as possible relief will be got into Belgium through the Spanish and other representatives who remain in Brussels. The Administration prefers that Americans direct the work in Belgium, and if it be true, as reported from London, that Germany has decided to permit them to retain their previous standing, they will stay until a state of war is determined to exist between the United States and Germany, when they will be withdrawn.

SCULPTOR RODIN'S WIFE DIES AFTER ILLNESS

Paris, Feb. 15.—The Petit Journal reports the death at Meudon after a long and painful illness, of Mme. Auguste Rodin, the wife of the famous sculptor. Mme. Rodin, whose maiden name was Rose Beurre, was married on January 25 to the sculptor.

The marriage of Auguste Rodin last January came on the heels of a report that the sculptor, who is 78 years old, was seriously ill. The marriage took place at Meudon and was attended by only a few intimate friends of the bride and groom.

MURDERERS HANGED.

White Sulphur Springs, Mont., Feb. 15.—Three negro murderers, Lealie Fahley, Harry Gibson and Henry Hall, were hanged in the yard of the county jail this morning. The men murdered and robbed Michael Freeman, a white farm hand, on a freight train near Judith Gap on October 6 last.

1,700 HAVE MEASLES.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Feb. 15.—A severe epidemic of measles has broken out in San Juan, 1,700 cases having been reported. Several deaths have occurred.

RAIDERS POUNDED BY GUNS OF AMETHYST

Believed British Cruiser Sank One of Three Off Brazil

Rio Janeiro, Feb. 14.—An officer of the British cruiser Glasgow has confirmed the reports of a recent naval battle off Fernando de Noronha, 125 miles off the eastern extremity of Brazil, according to the newspaper Rua. The Glasgow received a report of the fighting through a wireless message from the British cruiser Amethyst, which alone gave battle to the German raiders.

Before six o'clock in the evening the Amethyst sighted some steamships which she signalled to come nearer. They did so. Then it was seen that these vessels—not 160, as at first supposed, but three large steamships—were clearing for action. Almost immediately they opened fire. The Amethyst returned the fire and steamed toward the enemy, whereupon the raiders took to flight, but continued firing. The real fight occurred near Fernando de Noronha. One of the raiders, seriously hit, was observed to be sinking. The others escaped. Night prevented the Amethyst from ascertaining to what extent they had been damaged. One raider is believed to have been beached in a battered condition. The Amethyst suffered slight damage, and had a few wounded and one man killed.

AMERICANS VIA SPAIN TO THE UNITED STATES

Berne, Feb. 16.—The last contingent of the American colony which arrived here from Germany left last night for Paris on the way to Spain and home. The expected arrival of an additional number of Americans from Germany, including American consuls, has not occurred and in consequence reports are rife that they are being detained by the German government.

REICHSTAG COMMITTEE.

Berlin, Feb. 15.—The main committee of the Reichstag will meet next Wednesday, the day before the Reichstag assembles.

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The following letter from farmer Lester adds another link to the great chain of evidence which proves that there is nothing equal to Vinol to create strength for feeble, weak, run-down conditions and after sickness. "I am a farmer 74 years of age and got into a weak, run-down condition as a result of the grippe. Our druggist suggested Vinol to build me up and I noticed an improvement soon after taking it, and it has restored my strength so I can now do a good day's work. My wife has also taken Vinol for a run-down condition with splendid results." H. W. Lester

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CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—The following casualties have been announced:

Infantry. Killed in action—Pte. A. Carley, Tisdale, Sask.; Pte. G. Mitchell, Scotland; Pte. G. Richards, England; Pte. E. Horton, Wardsville, Ont.; Pte. J. Massam, Toronto; Pte. A. Scott, Regina; Pte. J. Steele, Ferris, Ont.; Pte. W. Nicol, Scotland; Pte. J. Scott, Scotland; Pte. T. Miller, Hamilton; Pte. L. Bell, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Pte. F. Overden, Vancouver; Pte. A. Buchanan, Vancouver; Pte. W. Fearon, Edmonton.

Previously reported missing and believed killed; now killed in action—Pte. L. Robins, Simcoe, Ont.; Pte. A. Staddon, England; Pte. E. Gagnon, Haileybury, Ont.

Previously reported missing; now believed killed in action—Pte. F. Walls, England; Pte. J. Foster, Merrickville, Ont.

Died—Pte. C. Gram, Winnipeg; Pte. W. Ross, Atwood, Ont.; Pte. F. Horace, England; Pte. N. Ferris, Brockville, Ont.; Pte. R. Donkue, Burnstown, Ont.; Pte. W. Kennedy, St. John, N.B.; Pte. H. Dowden, Peterboro, Ont.; Pte. H. Cornwall, Montreal.

Previously reported wounded and missing; now for official purposes believed to have died—Pte. F. Driver, England; Cpl. J. Hilton, England; Sgt. H. Lindsay, Transvaal; Pte. R. Dunlop, England; Pte. F. Cowland, England; Pte. E. Woods, England; Pte. A. Shephard, England; Pte. J. Dick, Scotland; Pte. H. Vinor, England; Pte. E. Thomas, Wales.

Seriously ill—Pte. E. Fenison, Toronto; Pte. W. James Haverstock, Halifax; Pte. Joe Pullman, Scotland; Pte. R. Milton, Prosser Brook, N. B.; Pte. H. Magee, Edmonton; Pte. G. Howie, Foam Hill, Sask.; Pte. T. Lomas, England; Pte. H. J. Hanley, Ireland.

Wounded—Pte. C. Spidell, Northack, Sask.; Pte. J. Currie, Renfrew; Pte. A. Lee, England; Sgt. A. McAllister, Ireland; Sgt. R. Gray, London, Ont.; Pte. R. Marenger, Espanola, Ont.; Pte. G. Shields, Okotoks, Alta.; Pte. A. Ogilvie, Scotland; Pte. J. Taylor, Hamilton; Pte. J. Boldam, England; Pte. J. Smith, Victoria; Pte. B. Bollean, England; Pte. A. Retalick, England; Pte. E. Rogers, Bridgen, Ont.; Cpl. L. Luckey, England; Pte. J. Keane, Kentworth, Ont.; Pte. J. Pilkington, Elstow, Sask.; Pte. W. Lane, Prescott, Ont.; Pte. W. Bridgeman, Toronto; Pte. E. Watt, Thornhill, Ont.; Pte. D. McKinnon, Cayton, Ont.; Pte. P. Leneveu, Vancouver; Pte. H. Osborne, Fort Saskatchewan, Alta.; Pte. P. Elston, Peterboro, Ont.; Pte. J. Brookshaw, Buffalo, N. Y.; Pte. F. Stewart, Detroit, Mich.

Wounded, but returned to duty—Pte. W. Heard, Prospect, Ohio; Pte. E. Palmer, Cobourg, Ont.; Pte. G. Pratt, Carlisle, N. B.; Col. R. Lowe, Winnipeg; Cpl. H. N. Neal, England; Pte. A. Vinet, Winnipeg.

Previously reported wounded; now wounded and missing—Pte. H. Dutton, Toronto; Pte. S. Larose, Quebec; Pte. R. Wilson, Toronto.

Missing—Pte. B. Strong, England. Previously reported wounded and missing; now unofficially reported prisoner—Pte. P. Nigh, Seaforth, Ont. Mounted Rifles.

Previously reported missing; now believed killed—Cpl. P. Stoneham, England. Previously reported missing; now for official purposes presumed to have died—Pte. E. McFarlane, England.

Previously reported missing; now killed in action—Pte. C. Ward, Glenborie, Sask. Wounded—Lieut. H. Ganong, St. Stephen, N. B.

Engineers. Died—Sapper F. Colborne, London, Ont.; Sgt. J. Green, England. Wounded—Sapper S. Vatunk, Russia. Previously reported missing; now unofficially reported prisoner of war—Sapper J. Bromley, England.

Services. Dangerously ill—Lieut. Field, England; Pte. A. Harrison, Estevan, Sask.; Pte. H. Stafford, England. Wounded—Lieut. W. Macdonald, Vancouver.

POLISH RELIEF WORK IS TO BE CARRIED ON

New York, Feb. 15.—The Polish Victims' Relief Commission announces receipt of a cablegram from Lausanne, Switzerland, which states that the work of the general commission will suffer no interference as a result of the diplomatic break between the United States and Germany. The general commission sends word that it has received assurances to this effect from the belligerent powers occupying Poland.

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MUST MOVE SOON.

The issue of peace or war has been placed before the President and Congress of the United States by German authority with a frankness that leaves nothing further to be said and no loophole of escape from its consequences for the republic except in humiliation.

Washington does not desire to do anything which might be construed as courting the "overt act" by Germany which inevitably would lead to war, but obviously it must adopt some measure of relief for the present situation in regard to American shipping or it will be confronted with serious domestic difficulties.

VACANT LOTS AND OTHER THINGS.

The farmer in his various ramifications as a cultivator of the soil is being urged to bend all his energies, latent and active, to increased production.

city. The advice is good, and we hope will be accepted and applied with all diligence, because there is no doubt that in this way could our independence of extraneous sources of supplies in certain prescribed lines be achieved.

DISTRUSTS THEIR MORALE.

German military critics have begun to comment more freely than usual upon the prospects of the near future on the battlefield and the tone of their articles indicates that they have been instructed by the authorities to prepare the public for a gigantic struggle and heavy losses.

"From one fact it appears decisively that the morale of the Russian, French and English armies and their leaders has descended to a pitch which, when the history of it is written, will bring the blush of shame to all their successors—I mean the unworthy treatment of war prisoners.

"The whole German nation expects that our army leaders will insist upon it that in some way or other our enemies shall be taught better.

A child can grasp the significance of this outburst. Major Morant, a cool observer, distrusts the morale of the German troops. He knows they have deteriorated in quality, that many of them surrender quickly when in difficulties, and he fears the tendency will become a widespread habit.

This alluring propaganda may have a little effect, but it will not last long. Moral courage is not based upon fear. It must have some other incentive.

Announcement

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may have in store for them. It will not take them long to discover the straw in the German press bureau's scarecrow.

The Chicago Tribune, of the fullness of its knowledge, assumes that out of the terrible evil of the war good may come in the salvation of Britain. That is as it may be. It says: "Before the war England was retrogressing: Her impetus of centuries was visibly diminishing.

Sir William Mackenzie, President of the Canadian Northern Railway Company, is reported in a dispatch from Winnipeg to be on his way to Victoria. One of the objects of Sir William in making his visit is to consider the matter of a car ferry between his system on the mainland and the fragment of his system on this island, in which he is said to be deeply interested.

The All-Highest out of his abundance has lent Mehmed Bey, ruler of Turkey, £70,000,000 in addition to other large sums handed over to the same monarch before and since the war began. The money is to be paid back eleven years after the end of the war.

The Kaiser felicitates his dutiful and duped subjects upon the "sympathy" displayed by the smaller neutrals for the cause of Germany. At the same time he has caused troops to be massed upon the frontiers of Holland and Switzerland and has taken precautions against the "sympathies" of Denmark, Sweden and Norway should manifest themselves in an untoward and inconvenient manner.

The more or less esteemed Kaiser appeals with pride to the achievements of his navy, which he affects to believe is breaking the back of that arch-enemy of Kultur, England. But he will find out, if he does not know it already, that the vertebrae of England is made of tough material.

Commerce on the Atlantic seems to be settling down into its accustomed channels. And Washington is watchfully awaiting that "overt act." There are signs that Germany is doubtful about committing it.

The British Columbia soldiers in the fighting line appear to be wedded to their periodical "lots of rum." Ralph Connor seems to have grasped the status of the situation correctly.

In the meantime the Austrian Ambassador to the United States is fingering the credentials reposing in his pocket.

Everyone who has visited France has been impressed with the wonderful spirit of the people. They have set themselves absolutely to the task of winning the war, and men and women of all ages and conditions are grimly doing their "bit." A recent example of the inconquerable spirit of France is shown in the action of Gen. Gerard Amouric, a commander of the Legion of Honor, who had been retired from the rank on account of old age, in rejoining the army as a private in an artillery regiment. The general is sixty-five years old, but is showing his fellow countrymen that years cannot conquer his spirit—Montreal Journal of Commerce.

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A common felon, now you stand, A pariah spurned by every land That honors honor on its shield, Or guards a part in honor sealed.

The murdered youth, the outraged maid, Bear witness to your awful trade, The helpless cripple, full of years, Must die to null the German's fears.

What time your butchers in Louvain, Did rape its folk with might and main, And for a standard bore a child On bayonet points, did you wail, Its market-place, a scene of shame, In God's daylight! Ah! what a name You leave to those who supersede; 'Twill make them blush to know this deed.

What devil's spawn your race must be, To court such immortality! 'Twas fit with Nero you should vie, Tho' hellish honors with you lie, And every year that rolls its length, And every breeze that blows its strength, Shall publish your infamous name, And wait afar your guilt and shame.

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Addresses Stockmen at Their Annual Convention; Election of Officers

In welcoming the members of the B. C. Stockbreeders' Association to convention yesterday afternoon, the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. John Oliver, dwelt on the importance of the livestock industry to the province, and suggested that the difficulties facing it were difficulties which the stockmen could overcome largely by determination and foresight.

There was no doubt, he said, that there were a good many regulations on the statute books which would have to be altered, as, for instance, the testing of milk. The Minister expressed his personal doubts as to the value of the results achieved by the tuberculin test, and said that when made they should be carried out by competent persons.

Professor McLean, of the animal husbandry branch of the Faculty of Agriculture in the University of B. C., spoke on fundamentals in stock breeding, giving a very instructive address.

The subject of wool growing and marketing was dealt with by T. Reginald Ackett, chief of the Sheep and Goat Division of the federal Department of Agriculture at Ottawa. He said it had been asked why B. C. wool did not bring as high a price as the eastern product, and gave as the reason that last year it was not as low in shrinkage, probably due to the previous severe winter.

Captain W. H. Hayward, M. P. P., was given a hearty welcome, and in the course of a short address he regretted that Canadian beef did not form part of the army commissariat, which was composed almost exclusively of Australian and Argentine beef.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—Honorary president, T. W. Paterson, ex-Lieutenant-Governor. President, A. D. Paterson, Ladner (re-elected). Honorary vice-presidents, Dr. S. F. Tolmie, Dominion Livestock Commissioner, and W. E. Scott, Deputy Minister of Agriculture. Vice-president, Alexander Davie, Ladner. Honorary directors, R. M. Palmer, Cowichan Bay; H. E. Robison, Vancouver; D. E. McKenzie, New Westminster. Directors, George Sangster, Victoria; P. H. Moore, Victoria; John A. Turner, Victoria; Capt. James Eskine, Eburne.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY
 Victoria Times, Feb. 16, 1902.

Dick H. Ross has returned to Victoria after an absence of nearly a month, during which he made a tour through California. He paid a visit to the Leland Stanford University, where he met two young Victorians, Ernest C. Hayward and Francis J. Nicholson.

It is the intention to fit up the old Roman Catholic Cathedral as a hall for concerts, dances, lectures, and other social events. The acoustics, light and ventilation are very good.

Mr. Lawrence Kirk, of London, has purchased Mr. H. C. Beeton's interest in the firm of Turner & Beeton. Mr. Beeton's intention is to return to England to reside permanently.

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Clearing House Report.—The report for the week ending February 15, 1917, gives the total bank clearings as \$1,381,415.

VOICES REGRET.

Vancouver Board of Trade Passes Resolution on Death of Hon. Ralph Smith.

At the last meeting of the Vancouver Board of Trade President Nicol Thompson referred to the death of Hon. Ralph Smith as a severe blow to the country.

"We are both Northumbrians," he said, "and I knew him as a young man. We all realize his intrinsic worth."

In moving a resolution of condolence, Sir Charles Hibbert-Tupper, K. C., said that he had known Mr. Smith many years ago in the Federal Parliament and while they were on opposite sides of politics and did not always see eye to eye Mr. Smith was absolutely sincere and commanded respectful consideration of his ideas. His loss was irreparable because he went into office and assumed his responsibilities with a desire to make good.

In seconding, C. E. Tisdall said that Mr. Smith was scrupulously fair to an opponent. He was able and a clean and good fighter.

"A good man has been called away," said Mr. Tisdall.

DOLLAR DAY.—Never before in the city of Victoria were there so many bargains, and one which we would call your attention to is the great special we are offering for Friday and Saturday.—Everything with the exception of packet goods will be reduced 40 cents per pound. Wiper's candles as far as possible are made on the same day that they are offered to the public, so that they may receive them in medals and numerous diplomas awarded a fresh condition. Fourteen gold and silver medals and numerous diplomas awarded for excellence and purity. Wiper & Co., 1219 Douglas street, and 607 Yates St.

Municipal Terms.—Vancouver city intends to ask the Legislature for an amendment to its charter making the term of mayor and aldermen two years instead of one.

Supply of Potatoes.—The City Council of Vancouver seems to be of opinion that there should be a prohibition of export on potatoes grown in this province, and intends to take up with the ministry the question of conservation of tubers for home consumption.

Case Remanded.—The case of the three men—Antonio Cathardi, Antonio Stolare and Pasco Mistrano—accused of attempting to do bodily harm to two sailors—Weston and Kussler of H. M. C. S. Rainbow, in a poolroom on Johnson Street, was remanded in the Police Court this morning for one week. The wounded men are still under care at the St. Joseph's Hospital.

Commercial Course.—The University of British Columbia is establishing a department to be known as the Department of Advanced Commercial Science, as a preparation for business, extending over four years and leading to a degree. The first two years will cover the regular work of the arts course and the second half the special course, with a considerable variation of selection by the student.

Timber Sales.—The Minister of Lands is calling for tenders for the purchase of five timber licenses. Under License X850 may be cut 416,000 feet of Douglas fir and 250,000 feet of cedar on an area situated on Jervis Inlet; under License X839 may be cut 8,725,000 feet of Douglas fir, cedar, hemlock and balsam on Upper Pitt River; under License X828 may be cut 25,000 lineal feet of Douglas fir piling and 10,000 Douglas fir ties on an area on the North Thompson River; under License X852 may be cut 327,500 feet of pine and fir on Okanagan Lake, northeast of Arwana; and under License X826 may be cut 25,000 lineal feet of Douglas fir piling and 10,000 Douglas fir ties on the North Thompson River.

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TRIPLE MEMORIAL TO LATE BISHOP

Synod of Columbia Concludes Sessions; Religious Education in Schools Discussed

The Synod of British Columbia concluded its sessions yesterday after passing a resolution endorsing the proposal of the special committee regarding a memorial to the late Bishop Scriven and also a proposal favoring the introduction of religious education in the public schools. The memorial is to take a triple form, first, a simple memorial in Christ Church Cathedral; second, an annuity of \$1,200 for the late Bishop's widow; and, third, a pension fund for retired clergy in need.

In connection with the last-mentioned part of the memorial it will be recalled that the late Bishop Scriven was a very warm supporter of the proposed pension fund for retired clergy. The report of the special committee recommended that there could be no more fitting memorial to such a life of Christian activity, devotion and service than the collection of sufficient funds to form such a pension, to be known as "The Bishop Scriven Pension Fund."

The statement had the endorsement of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Schofield, who said that in its triple form the appeal would surely find a response in every true heart. An appeal was made by His Lordship asking every clergyman, on receipt of the necessary material, at once to take steps to organize and canvass his parish, and then stand behind the work until it was completed and the returns sent in.

"I hope that there will be a wholesome rivalry between parish and parish as to which shall more nearly secure every man, woman and child within its border as a subscriber to this memorial fund," he urged.

The following committee is to be in charge of the fund: Chairman, W. C. Ward; Vice-Chairman, E. Crow-Baker; Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, F. F. Fatt; Messrs. J. J. Shallock, A. S. Barton, G. F. Matthews, R. E. Brett, E. E. Wootton, J. W. Church, E. W. Beale and F. W. Blankenbach.

The resolution re religious education in the public schools was a sequel to a suggestion sent out by the Women's Auxiliary and forwarded to the Synod for consideration by the special committee on Religious Education in the Public Schools. The report brought in expressed the hope that in the course of time some definite religious instruction would be given in the schools of the Province.

RECI-TAL RETURNS

Red Cross Will Benefit to Extent of \$676 From Joy Calvert Concert.

The following is the financial statement in connection with the Red Cross recital given recently at the Empress Hotel by the young violinist, Miss Joy Calvert. This shows that \$676, the balance after the payment of all expenses, will be given to the fund on behalf of which it was held. Receipts from the sale of tickets were \$38:

Empress Hotel	\$35.00
Colophon (printing)	18.99
Fletcher Bros	10.00
Car service for artists	16.00
Illuminated card for violin	1.25
Total	\$81.24

MAXIMUM PENALTY

May Adams is Given Heavy Fine or Two Months' Imprisonment.

In the Police Court this morning May Adams was given the full extent of the law's penalty when she was fined \$100 or two months' imprisonment for being found in premises classified as an opium joint.

The accused was arrested on February 14, together with a girl by the name of Georgina McDonald, by Sergeant Blackstock, in a room of the building situated at 537 Plegard Street. On entering the premises the police found the two girls and an old man. The room was full of opium smoke and the opium lamp was burning, while the rest of the smoking paraphernalia had plainly been in recent use.

Georgina McDonald was given suspended sentence, and owing to the fact that she is yet very young and this was her first offence, she will be cared for by the local W. C. T. U. home authorities.

In pleading not guilty May Adams stated that she went to the premises to take food to an old man, an inmate of the place, who is helpless and is allowed to smoke opium on a legal permit of the authorities.

Magistrate Jay, in sentencing the prisoner, called attention to the fact that as long as opium was smoked in the premises the place was a disorderly house; that the prisoner had been found in the house and that she had been in court over a year ago on a similar offence. The full extent of the law was passed against the prisoner.

Won Dump Cart.—This holder of Ticket No. 13, the winning number in the drawing for the dump cart raffled by the Red Cross, was Mrs. Sinclair, one of the workers at the Red Cross headquarters rooms. A boy was called in from the street to draw the ticket, the drawing taking place yesterday at the C. P. R. offices, Government Street, where the prize has been on view for several days. The sum of \$57.50 was realized for the Red Cross from the raffle.

Drawing Monday.—The drawing is to take place on Monday for an 18th century picture on silk hand-painted and hand-worked, presented by F. Letts. The proceeds go to the Cloverdale Red Cross Committee. The picture is on view in W. H. Wilkerson's store.

New Companies.—Letters of Incorporation under the Companies Act have been issued to the following: Dominion Film Corporation, Limited, head office in Victoria and capital, \$500,000; Elburne Clear Cedar Mills, Limited, Vancouver, \$50,000; Fort Steele Lumber Company, Limited, Fort Steele, \$25,000; Mineral Resources Exploration Company, Limited, Vancouver, \$500,000; Vancouver Forge Company, Limited, \$25,000. F. F. Dalley Company, of Hamilton, Limited, has ceased to transact business in this province.

Advanced Commercial Science.—The study of advanced commercial science will be carried on at the University of British Columbia as the result of a decision reached on Wednesday afternoon by the Senate. Several conferences have been held with the Vancouver Board of Trade, and that organization has lent valuable assistance. The course will extend over four years, divided into two-year periods. The first two years will be devoted to the regular arts work, and the remainder of the course will be allotted to specialized business training. It is hoped to grant the first degrees in this department in 1919.

Fletcher's Dollar Day Bargains

Player-Piano Music Rolls Genuine Hawaiian Ukuleles, worth \$7.00 each. Dollar Day \$1.00	Leather Music Satchels Popular and Standard Songs—hundreds of them to choose from—worth to 40c each. Dollar Day \$1.00
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DRYDOCK QUESTION TO BE DECIDED BY BRITISH ADMIRALTY
Ottawa, Feb. 16.—The question of the building of a drydock at Esquimalt will be taken up by Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works, with the Admiralty authorities while he is in England.

VESSELS WILL NOT BE REGISTERED HERE
Owners of Schooners Under Construction at Victoria Decline to Consider Proposal

MIRAGE LURED SHIP TO HER DESTRUCTION
Master of Schooner Kona Could Not Tell Real Shore From Phantom

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GUAYTECAS WILL LOAD LUMBER FOR CHILE
Vessel in Port Fixed for Voyage to Antofagasta; Happy Family Abroad

MINING MEN SAIL TO-DAY ON BOARD PROTELSAUS
But for the fact that a considerable section of the passenger space aboard the steamship Frederik VIII, was taken at the last minute by Count von Bernstorff and suite, bound to Germany at the request of the United States Government, Charles Janin, mining man of San Francisco, and party, would have been en route to Europe aboard the Swedish liner.

SEEKING TO BUILD LINERS ON PACIFIC
Great Cunard Line May Place Number of Contracts on This Coast

SENDING CARGO ON AFTER YEAR'S DELAY
Shipments of Freight Ex-Kenkon Maru Will Be Taken Out by Steamer Strinda

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE
Seattle, Feb. 15.—Arrived: Str Jefferson, Southeastern Alaska; str Ravalli, San Pedro, via San Francisco. Sailed: Str Admiral Farragut, Southwestern, via Southeastern Alaska; str Capt. A. F. Lucas, San Francisco, via Point Wells; str Birdsall, Vancouver, B.C.; str Fulton, Vancouver, B.C.

CALIFORNIA SERVICE
Lv. Victoria (C.P.S.S.) 4:30 p.m. 1st day
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Lv. Portland (S.P.Co.) 8:20 a.m. 2d
Ar. San Francisco " 5:50 p.m. 3d
Ar. Los Angeles " 1:40 p.m. 4th

RETRIEVER TURNS UP
Barquentine, for Which Anxiety Was Felt, Reaches Callam Bay

GOVERNOR TO SAIL
The steamship Governor, of the Pacific Steamship Company's fleet will leave port about 5 o'clock this afternoon with a good list of passengers and full cargo for San Francisco, San Pedro and San Diego.

WIRELESS REPORTS
Feb. 16, 8 a.m. Point Grey—Cloudy; S. W. strong; 29.1; 3; sea rough. Spoke str Admiralty at Farragut, 6.45 a.m. Active Pass, northbound.

C. P. R. HAS AWARDED STEVEDORING CONTRACT
Vancouver, Feb. 16.—It is understood that five firms put in tenders for the C. P. R. stevedoring business covering the regular trans-Pacific liners and the chartered ships of the Russian trade.

DOLLAR LINE BUYS TUG.
The Canadian Robert Dollar Company has purchased the Vancouver tug Superior and will use the vessel in connection with the sawmill the company is erecting on the North Arm of Burrard Inlet.

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9.00 A.M. SUNDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY, 8.00 A.M.
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Blossom Time in the Golden State
A friend just back from Southern California says: "The weather was fine, in fact too warm for heavy clothes. Many were bathing at the beaches. Oranges were ripe in the valleys, while the mountains nearby were covered with snow."
Take a vacation trip now where life is different; where climate surroundings and amusements are out of the ordinary. Spend a different February.
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THE S.S. "Sol Duc"
Leaves C. P. R. wharf daily except Sunday at 11.30 a.m., for Port Angeles, Dungeness, Fort Williams, Port Townsend and Seattle, arriving Seattle 9.30 p.m. Returning, leaves Seattle daily except Saturday at midnight, arriving Victoria 9.00 a.m.

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BELIEVES WILSON IS ABOUT TO ACT

Climax Near, Says Washington Correspondent of New York Tribune

New York, Feb. 15.—The Washington correspondent of the New York Tribune writes:

It would surprise no one here if as early as to-morrow the President should go before Congress with a statement of the wrongs the country already has endured because of the German submarine campaign.

The culmination in the drawn-out crisis between the United States and Germany can not be delayed for long. How long the President will hold out is the only question which interests Washington now.

The decision regarding the arming of American merchant ships may be delayed until the whole problem of hostilities is settled. The very fact that this decision is being withheld is good evidence that the President is about to take an important step.

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1. Some 58 former American consuls still are detained in Germany although all German consuls in the United States were permitted to go with von Bernstorff.

2. American ships are tied to their docks in nearly every American port, fearing to venture forth because the American Government seeks not to offend the terror of the seas.

3. The interviews which German statesmen are giving to signify their utter indifference as to whether or not the United States declares war.

4. Finally, as this Government believes, German submarines are lying in wait and will attempt to "get" the first American liner which ventures within the forbidden "zones."

If Lloyd George does not win this war it will be through lack of organization. His tremendous organizing ability and driving force were evident in the munition work. Now he has secured two hustling men as his secretaries. One of these is Major Winston Astor, M. P., eldest son and heir of Baron Astor.

One of the most interesting literary centenaries of the year relates not to a person, but to a publication. On April 1, 1817, was issued the first number of the Edinburgh Monthly Magazine, which, on its seventh number bore the name of "Blackwoods" as the leading part of the title.

ESTABLISHED 1873 IMPERIAL BANK OF CANADA CAPITAL PAID UP \$7,000,000 RESERVE FUND \$7,000,000 PELEG HOWLAND, PRESIDENT E. HAY, GENERAL MANAGER HEAD OFFICE: TORONTO A general banking business transacted. Domestic and Foreign Exchange Bought and Sold. Collections made throughout Canada and in Foreign Countries. VICTORIA BRANCH. A. R. GREEN, Manager

PLANS PROSECUTION OF SUGAR COMPANY

Cost of Living Commissioner Gets Permission From Alberta Attorney-General

Edmonton, Feb. 14.—Prosecution of the B. C. Sugar Refining Company, Ltd., in Alberta and British Columbia will be one outcome of the investigations in British Columbia, carried out by W. F. O'Connor, Dominion Commissioner on the High Cost of Living. Permission for this prosecution by way of an indictment under the Criminal Code was granted by the Provincial Attorney-General here to-day.

The charge amounts to criminal conspiracy. The prosecution will be for contravention of Regulation No. 2 of Section 8 of Order-in-Council No. 2777. It is charged that the facts disclosed in Alberta constitute a criminal conspiracy to restrain trade within the province in relation to sugar and also to prevent competition in the price of sugar.

In British Columbia conspiracies are alleged with six different companies, and in Alberta a conspiracy is alleged with Revillon Wholesale, Ltd.

Signed Document. Revillon Wholesale, Ltd., signed and returned a printed document sent out by the B. C. Sugar Refining Company, which, it is alleged, constitutes a contravention of the Order-in-Council. This document is as follows:

Dec. 1, 1916. The B. C. Sugar Refining Company, Ltd., Vancouver, B. C. Gentlemen,—

In consideration of your offer to us of 5 1/2 per cent. from all purchases made during the month of November last, we certify that from the commencement of the aforesaid month to the present time we have not sold nor have we permitted any of our travelers or salesmen or agents to sell, nor have any sugars of yours been actually sold in any way at a lower price than the current price of the refinery as made known from day to day, nor on more liberal terms or credit or discount than agreed upon.

And, further, during period commencing with the month of November to the present time we have bought and sold and dealt in only Canadian refined sugar, and we are entitled under the terms of your offer to the above concession of 5 1/2 per cent.

(Sgd.) Yours truly, Revillon Wholesale, Ltd., Per W. R. Bottom, Sec. Treas.

To 46 Concerns. The return of the B. C. Sugar Refining Company to the Minister of Labor under oath on Jan. 24, 1917, shows that since August 4, 1914, the company has sent out similar printed documents to 46 companies and firms in the western provinces, including five in Edmonton, two in Lethbridge, three in Calgary, two in Medicine Hat, two in Camrose, and two in Red Deer. In Alberta, since Nov. 30, 1915, seven firms, including Revillon Wholesale, Ltd., of Edmonton, have signed and returned these printed forms. Other forms were sent out as well, but had not been sent in by the intended signatories up to the date of the making of the return by the B. C. Sugar Refining Company to the Minister of Labor.

It is said infractions of the law could be established in other provinces as well, but the object of the prosecution is not so much to punish infractions as to establish a ruling of the courts which will become public and lead to a curbing of conditions throughout Canada. In its return the B. C. Sugar Refining Company stated that it would welcome a ruling or order from the Dominion Government abolishing discounts to jobbers and that it would prefer to sell at net prices which would permit sugar to be sold by jobbers at open prices, but that while its competitors in the East follow the practice of giving discounts on a fixed scale price it must adhere to the same policy or be threatened with loss of business. This has been answered by the Commissioner that no such ruling is necessary, as the practice is illegal. The prosecutions instituted are expected to make known a clear pronouncement as to the efficiency of the Criminal Code and of the regulations to abolish the practice.

GEN. PERSHING BROUGHT TWENTY-ONE MEXICANS

Washington, Feb. 15.—Brig. General Pershing reported to the War Department to-day that twenty-one Mexicans captured by his forces while in Mexico and held in connection with the raid on Columbus, N. M., will be turned over to the Department of Justice.

HE'S STILL WAITING



—N. Y. Evening Telegram.

UNABLE TO GUESS POINTS OF ATTACK

British and Canadian Raids Bring Terror to German Troops

With the British Armies in the Field, Feb. 15.—Via London, Feb. 15.—There is one item of news along the British front of immense importance to the history of the war, though it may not find its way into an official communication. It is this: There must be cold terror in some of the German trenches, now that the British raids are on and the British guns are hammering along the line. In spite of their watch-dogs trained to listen and bark at any movement in No Man's Land, the Germans are caught by surprise. How can they know where the attack is coming when, the wire being cut and the trenches battered at many sections of their front, they go to earth in their dugouts while the ground above them heaves under the crash of the British heavy explosives?

In Dugouts. In the great raid made by Canadian troops on Tuesday morning there were not many of the Germans who were up and out of their dugouts to meet the Canadians, and they did not get their machine guns working as they used to at the beginning of the Somme battles.

On the left of the Canadian attack, which was on a 400-yard front or thereabouts between Souchez and Givenchy, one or two machine guns got to work and brought down several men. What was surprising was the absence of machine gun fire elsewhere. It seems that the bombardment must have buried the German emplacements. It was not a preliminary bombardment in the old style. It was a long continued and deliberate hammering for many days, and the Canadians who went over saw the awful effect of it. It had blown the strong system of trenches to chaos.

Wild Turnout. Nearly 50 prisoners came back. They were men of the Elventh Bavarian Regiment, which is a body of picked troops who have been at Verdun, in Russia and on the Somme. They can make nice comparisons between one kind of hell and another and they say they never have been put into such frightful "trenches" as those to which they came last Sunday.

Five hours later Canadian troops made a second raid farther south and did great damage. On Wednesday the Saxons had their turn of tragedy, and many of them were taken on a front of 200 yards near Conclincourt. So it goes on, and the enemy is having a bad time, losing many men in killed and wounded. He is saving his ammunition with most rigid economy, and is self-denying with his ordnance for days when he hopes it will do more damage. That is the absolute truth, but it is ridiculous to pretend that his artillery is inactive. He has quite enough guns and enough ammunition, even with economy, to make the British front extensively unhealthy at times.

RUSSIANS REPULSED ENEMY'S ATTEMPT ON FRONT IN GALICIA

Petrograd, Feb. 15.—The Teutonic attack in Galicia, east of Lemberg, on Wednesday, was repulsed, the War Office announces. The text of the statement follows: "The enemy's attack against our position south of the village of Kadaravitz, southeast of Zlochoff, mentioned yesterday, was repulsed. "Rumanian front—Infantry firing is proceeding."

FRANCE WILL MEET GREATEST DEMANDS

Patriotic Populace Will Do All Government Asks, Says Ribot

Paris, Feb. 15.—Referring to the growing expenditures of the French Government, M. Ribot, the Minister of Finance, said in the Chamber of Deputies today:

"The greatest of our tasks is not to raise money at home for the growing expenditures. It is to reduce the loans made abroad to pay for foreign purchases. We must utilize our own forces of production better and put an end to all importations that are not rigorously necessary.

"We should have confidence in France. We should talk frankly to the people and show them the difficulties and sacrifices that are indispensable. With sincere talk and order in our methods and vigor in our actions there is nothing we can not obtain from this noble country, which is resolved to do everything and to suffer everything required to conquer and secure a peace that will preserve it from fresh aggression.

Explaining the situation in the treasury, M. Ribot pointed out that the receipts had been increased by 30,000,000 francs in 1916 over 1915 from direct taxes and by 610,000,000 francs from indirect taxes. The total receipts had been 2.4 per cent. below those of a normal year.

FOOD MEASURES BY SWEDISH GOVERNMENT

Stockholm, Feb. 15.—The Government is taking vigorous measures to regulate the food supply. Orders have been issued providing for expropriation of barley, barley flour, half of all supplies of oats and all oatmeal and wheat grist. The government has forbidden the use of potatoes as fodder and the peeling of potatoes before cooking.

The official decrees now cover breadstuffs except corn meal and corn, which are expressly excluded. The daily bread ration probably will be reduced by 50 grams.

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, Feb. 15.—Wheat closed 1/2 cents lower after fluctuations of 3/4 to 1/2 cents. Oats closed unchanged to 1/4 cent higher after fluctuations of 1/4 to 1/2 cent higher for May.

Table with columns for various commodities like Wheat, Oats, Barley, etc., and their prices.

NEW YORK CURB PRICES

Table listing various metals and their prices, including Copper, Lead, Zinc, etc.

METAL MARKET

Table listing various metals and their prices, including Tin, Iron, Steel, etc.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Table listing various cotton grades and their prices.

NEW YORK SUGAR

New York, Feb. 15.—Raw sugar nominal; centrifugal, 5.40; molasses, 41.52; refined firm; fine granulated, 5.00.

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MONTREAL STOCKS

(By Burdick Brothers, Ltd.) Montreal, Feb. 15.—There was no material change in market conditions or in the news affecting the market and trading was stagnant. There is practically no speculative trading, nearly all buying being of an investment character. The war loans are favorite in this respect, with quite a large quantity of bonds changing hands in small lots between 25 and 38. The stock markets generally have exhibited a much improved tendency during the past few days and the consensus of brokerage opinion is that the most important movement will be on the constructive side.

Table listing Montreal stock prices for various companies like Bell Telephone, Canadian Pacific, etc.

COPPERS ADVANCE WITH METAL PRICE

Stocks at New York Had Slight Rally Near Close To-day

Table listing New York stock prices for various commodities like Alaska Gold, Copper, etc.

ADVANCE FOLLOWED BY REACTION AT CHICAGO

(By Wise & Co.) Chicago, Feb. 15.—The wheat market opened with but little change, may open with a range of 1/2 to 1/4. During the early part of the session May sold down to 172. Later the market rallied considerably, advancing about two and three-quarter points, but towards the close sold off, May closing around 172. Corn and oats both closed about three-quarters of a point lower. Broomcorn, Liverpool: Wheat dull and easier with larger Argentine shipments and improved prospects for shipping. Corn firm with moderate arrivals and meagre export offers. Oats quiet with increased arrivals and more liberal American offers.

Table listing Chicago stock prices for various commodities like Wheat, Corn, Oats, etc.

VICTORIA STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing Victoria stock prices for various companies like Blackbird Syndicate, Can. Copper Co., etc.

Bonds

Table listing various bond prices and yields.

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