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REPORTED FRANCE WILL TAKE OVER ALL PASSENGER VESSELS OPERATED BY FRENCH LINE ACROSS ATLANTIC

Persistent Rumor in New York Liners Will Be Requisitioned as They Reach Bordeaux; Four Now in Service Between Bordeaux and New York; Travelers Would Have to Go to France by Round-About Way

New York, Jan. 24.—A persistent rumor was current in shipping circles to-day that all the passenger vessels operated by the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique, better known as the French Line, will be commandeered by the French admiralty upon their arrival at Bordeaux.

If the French admiralty should put this order into effect it would mean that all passenger traffic between the United States and the French Republic would be discontinued. Travelers to France would be forced to go by way of England and across the Channel, or by the Spanish Line to Spain. Either route presents serious inconveniences, since there is only one line of English Channel steamers in operation running between Southampton and Havre, while it requires more than two days by rail from any southern Spanish port such as Cadiz to enter France.

The four French Line passenger steamships now sailing from New York to Bordeaux include the Espagne, Chicago, La Touraine and Rochambeau, all of which are well filled on every voyage. When the Chicago arrived last week passengers stated that they understood that the liner would be commandeered on her return trip to France and placed in the government service. No word yet.

At the offices of the French Line here officials stated that they had received no word from the home office in Paris regarding any admiralty order, and said that until such information was received they would continue booking passengers on their four liners now in operation.

Shortly after the beginning of war the French admiralty commandeered all of the line's finest liners, including La France, the crack vessel of the fleet, which made the run from Sandy Hook to Havre lightship in seven days, has been in continual service as a troopship between French ports and Salonica. La Provence was sunk last spring in the Mediterranean.

The purpose of the French admiralty here is believed by shipping men here that the French admiralty desires to take over the four passenger liners to transport ammunition to France in time for the great entente offensive in the spring.

In order to transform the passenger liners, all the cabins would have to be removed and the saloons transformed into cargo holds.

Members of the French commission held a meeting in the French Line offices to-day, but the subject of their deliberations was not disclosed.

A GERMAN TRADE PLAN FRUSTRATED

Shipments From Switzerland to Certain Dutch Companies is Ditched

St. Gallen, Switzerland, Jan. 23, via London, Jan. 24.—A prohibition against the shipment of Swiss merchandise to certain Dutch companies has been issued, according to authoritative information, as a result of the discovery of a number of forged certificates intended to be used in shipping German goods to America. It was found that the signature of a British consul in Holland had been forged on several occasions. Several arrests already have been made here in connection with the affair, and hope is expressed that prohibition, which seriously affects Swiss commerce, will be withdrawn shortly.

GERMAN CLAIM ABOUT ENTENTE AEROPLANES

Berlin, Jan. 24.—Six entente aeroplanes were shot down yesterday on the western front, the war office announced to-day in the following statement: "The weather was frosty and exceptionally bright yesterday. Over most of the front the fighting was moderately active. The aviators took advantage of favorable conditions for observation. In the course of numerous aerial engagements and as a result of our defensive fire the enemy lost six aeroplanes."

W. T. R. PRESTON APPOINTED.

London, Jan. 24.—W. T. R. Preston, formerly Canadian trade commissioner here, has received appointment as inspector of applications for passports.

AMERICANS COME TO OTTAWA TO DISCUSS NEWSPRINT PAPER

Washington, Jan. 24.—Vice-Chairman William Harris and Commissioner W. H. Parry, of the federal trade committee, it was announced to-day left here last night for Ottawa to consult the Canadian government officials about the recent order-in-council fixing the prices of newsprint paper in Canada.

HADFIELDS, LTD., WILL NOT PRODUCE SHELLS FOR AMERICAN NAVY

London, Jan. 24.—The government has refused permission to Hadfields, Ltd., to proceed with work on the contract for shells for the American navy "so long as the exigencies of war continue."

AUSTRIA DRIVEN TO EXPEDIENT OF SEIZING FOURTH PART OF PEOPLE'S HOLDINGS TO GET FUNDS FOR FIGHT

Unprecedented Measure About to Be Carried Out by Vienna Government in Desperate Attempt to Bolster Up Tottering Finances; Proposal is to Give People Mortgage Bonds in Exchange

Paris, Jan. 24.—Austria has decided on an extraordinary measure to stave off "imminent bankruptcy," according to the Petit Journal's Geneva correspondent. The correspondent says that a decree is about to be submitted to the emperor whereby a fourth part of the real and personal property of all the subjects and inhabitants of the empire is to become the property of the state in exchange for a kind of mortgage bond. This bond, according to the correspondent, the state binds itself to redeem when the financial situation permits.

GOLD CARRIED BY SHIPS FOR RAIDER

Reported Three Vessels Which Left Baltimore Had Funds Aboard

TO TRANSFER GOLD AT SEA WAS PLAN

Baltimore, Jan. 24.—It was reported in local shipping circles to-day that three steamships which left Baltimore recently presumably with coal also took out several million dollars in gold eagles and half-eagles. The shipments of gold, it was reported, were to be transferred at sea to the German raider in the South Atlantic.

The report is based on the departure on December 24 for Norfolk of the steamship Au Sable. The vessel is known to have cleared with coal and about \$2,000,000 in gold. She left Norfolk in December for Buenos Ayres, but her arrival has not been reported. She was followed on December 29 by the Maumee, also carrying a heavy consignment of gold for Buenos Ayres. She has not been reported. The Winnebago sailed on January 7 for the same port. The three steamships are under American registry and have been bought by a new enterprise which is said to have steamships on the British blacklist.

Maurice B. Carlin, agent for the steamships here, admitted to-day that the ships had taken large consignments of gold, but refused to say for whom it was destined. A member of the consular service of one of the South American countries admitted that gold was on board the three steamships, but refused to discuss the matter.

ENEMY STRIVING IN RIGA REGION

Russians Fell Back Mile and Half at Certain Points

Petrograd, Jan. 24.—German troops in the Riga region have succeeded in repeated attacks in strong force in pressing back the Russian lines about a mile and a half in the Tirul swamp and the region of the river Aa, and east of Kainezem, the war office announced to-day.

German Statement. Berlin, Jan. 24.—Renewed fighting has broken out in the Riga region on the Russian front, the war office announced to-day. The result of the engagements has been favorable to the Germans, says the official statement, which reads: "Eastern front.—Front of Prince Leopold: On both sides of the river Aa and south of Riga engagements developed which took a course favorable to us."

HUNGER IN GERMANY DOING ALLIES' WORK

Italian at Milan From Hamburg Says Enemy's Resistance Weakening

FOOD CRISIS NOW IS AN OBSESSION

Milan, Jan. 24.—An Italian gentleman who has lived fifteen years in Hamburg has arrived here. He left Hamburg a week ago. He states that the food crisis has become an obsession in Germany and that all excepting the wealthy classes are feeling the pinch of hunger. So far as Hamburg is concerned, he states, the British blockade already has won the war, for there coffee, sugar and fats can not be had at any price. The bread is absolutely unpalatable and is growing scarcer. Marmalade and jams helped until recently, when the government ordered the sequestration of all fruits, fresh and preserved, for the army.

Many food riots have taken place in Hamburg, especially at Christmas, when the shops offering fowl, game and geese at 325 were everywhere rified. The police were unable to do anything. He states that every sort and condition of man now is accepted for the army. The last straw was the dissolution following Germany's peace proposal. The city, which had been flagged and hopeful, sank into grim melancholy, which was not broken when he left.

"I, who watched the change during thirty months of the war, maintain that there is no comparison between the resistance of Germany to-day and that three months ago," this Italian declares. "Hunger is doing it."

SAY LETTERS SHOULD NOT BE PUBLISHED

Attitude of the Higher Canadian Officers Overseas About Promotions

London, Jan. 24.—Nobody holding a responsible position in the Canadian forces feels at liberty to discuss the letters which have been appearing in the Times alleging that the higher Canadian ranks have been passed over in promotions. The Canadian Associated Press is authoritatively informed that the appearance of such letters is regretted by the very class whose grievances they are supposed to ventilate, the emphatic opinion being that publication of them does no possible good. The Times to-day suggests that the Duke of Connaught should be entrusted with the task of investigating "this and other matters which appear to show differences in the treatment of the Imperial and Dominion forces."

COAL CRISIS IN SWITZERLAND NOW

Situation Caused by Germany's Action Increasing in Gravity Daily

CENSUS OF STOCKS IS TO BE TAKEN

Any Concealment Will Be Punished by Imprisonment and Fine

Berne, Jan. 24.—The coal crisis which has arisen from the decision of Germany to abrogate the convention in regard to imports is increasing in gravity daily in Switzerland. The political department has decided to take a census of all stocks of fuel, and any concealment will be punished by imprisonment and a fine of 20,000 francs.

The federal council has authorized the gas plants to fix the amount of gas each consumer may burn daily and the iron and steel trade henceforth will be under the supervision of the political department.

A Berne dispatch under date of Jan. 21 said that considerable excitement had been caused throughout Switzerland by a German measure prohibiting all importations into Germany save by special licence. The dispatch said that the Swiss government would protest to Berlin, as the entire economic situation of the country was affected.

LOAN OF VICTORY EXPERIENCED BOOM

Subscriptions Poured in When British Learned What Wilson Had Said

MANIFESTO BY ENEMY POLITICAL LEADERS

London, Jan. 24.—(By Francis W. Hirst, former editor of the Economist.)—Following the receipt here of the text of the speech President Wilson made before the Senate at Washington on the conditions which he holds should underlie world peace, there developed an immediate boom of the "Loan of Victory" here yesterday. Many business men even borrowed from their banks in order to subscribe substantial amounts. This sudden acceleration in war loan investment was taken to indicate that financiers were disposed to grant the importance of Wilson's speech.

The practice of borrowing from banks to finance war loan subscriptions is countenanced by the Cambridge professors of political economy, I am informed, provided the sums borrowed are paid out of the savings of the investors within a limited time. In canvassing plans for dealing with the national debt problem I find a strong undercurrent of anxiety here as to the revenue which will be required merely to take care of the interest. The issue of trade protection is said to be coming to the front again under the patronage of Hodge, the new Labor minister, who recently announced his conversion to this doctrine.

Silver Shortage. Silver is attracting speculative attention, although it must be remembered that the rising is due really to the depreciation of gold. Since the war began silver has had more stability than gold, its purchasing power in the east having been fairly well maintained. A Shanghai correspondent informs me that before Christmas stock silver there shrank from a normal 50,000,000 to approximately 17,000,000 ounces. Money changers and almost every business man in China are said to be threatened with famine. The silver shortage is attributed mainly to purchases by the entente and the failure of production in Mexico. One of the curious results of this situation is that Europeans now in China wish their salaries fixed in gold.

"LEAK" INQUIRY IS ADJOURNED FOR TIME

New York, Jan. 24.—The House rules committee in executive session to-day decided to adjourn the "leak" inquiry for an indefinite period. The members of the committee, who planned to return to Washington to-day, will hold a meeting there late in the week to decide when they will resume the hearings here. Announcement of this plan came while the committee still was in session with representatives of the stock exchange trying to agree on a new form for submission to the committee.

ENEMY FORCED BACK FROM POSITIONS IN NORTHERN DOBRUDJA

Berlin Admits Withdrawal From the North Bank of Arm of Danube North of Tultcha; Large Force of Russians Holding Enemy; Optimism Is the Rule in Army Circles At Petrograd

Berlin, Jan. 24.—A withdrawal of Teutonic forces in the region along the Danube north of Tultcha was announced in an official statement issued here to-day, which reads:

"During the severe cold prevailing there have been only local lively artillery and advance guard engagements. The north bank of the southern arm of the river north of Tultcha has been abandoned again."

Petrograd, Jan. 24.—From well-informed army sources it is learned that in spite of the recent reverses in Roumania, the military situation on the whole is regarded as satisfactory. The difficulties of communications that hampered the Russian forces in Roumania have now been overcome and a large force is holding the Teutons on the Sereth line, which is believed to be the limit of their advance.

In spite of rumors to the contrary, no danger threatens Odessa. All sections of the western (Russian) front are abundantly supplied with men and material, and the output of munitions is increasing steadily. The quantities of certain arms now available are simply amazing to those who remember the conditions that prevailed during the early stages of the war. The munitions campaign has been a distinct success, and the work of the ministry of war in conjunction with the great national unions has created in the army a new feeling of confidence as regards material resources.

JAPANESE CABINET BEING ATTACKED

Majority Groups in Parliament Open Campaign Against Terauchi Administration

A RESOLUTION OF LACK OF CONFIDENCE

Tokio, Jan. 24.—The majority groups in parliament opened their campaign against the Terauchi administration to-day by introducing in the House of Peers a resolution of lack of confidence. Vigorous attacks were made on various points in the addresses yesterday by Count Terauchi and Viscount Motono, the foreign minister. Viscount Ishii, former minister of foreign affairs, protested against any insinuation by the administration that the Okuma cabinet had interfered in China improperly.

Premier Terauchi, replying to his opponents, insisted that the nation could be governed by a cabinet which did not have a majority in parliament. A resolution was adopted by the diet expressing sympathy and admiration for the efforts of the allies "to secure a lasting peace."

The army is looking forward to the spring with hope, more especially as information has been received here of growing exhaustion in Germany. Allowances must be made for surprises, but there is a general feeling in army circles that the spring and summer campaign of the allies will be decisive. On the Caucasian front the position of the Russians is absolutely secure. The Turks are weak and the Russians are energetically improving their communications and constructing posts, roads and railways, and have firmly established their superiority over the enemy.

VICTORY OF ALLIES ONLY SAFEGUARD

French Newspapers Clear in Their Views Regarding Wilson's Speech

Paris, Jan. 24.—The newspapers continue to comment on Mr. Wilson's speech before the Senate at Washington, but there is no change in their views, which all resemble each other regardless of the political color of the organs. "The Figaro" says: "For the last two centuries the Germany of the Hohenzollerns has infected the world like a pirate on the ocean. The independence of all the world and the liberty of the races can be conquered only by arms. Peace without victory would be a victory of the powers of evil, of those who embark in a war not only against men but against the principles of morality and justice that are no less dear to us than to Mr. Wilson."

Stephen Pichon, writing in the Petit Journal, says: "President Wilson's views are worthy of all our sympathy in so far as they are elevated, humane and just to us. They are equivalent to a condemnation of the enemy, against whom we are defending them with indomitable energy. But in order that they prevail it is necessary that we be victorious, that the crimes which have caused us so many deaths and so much destruction shall be punished in an exemplary fashion."

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RAILWAY BUILDERS TO HELP STEWART ON WESTERN FRONT

Winnipeg, Jan. 24.—A number of western railway builders, men who have had sub-contracts in many sections of the west, are in the city on the way to join Col. J. W. Stewart, who is building eight railways along the British front in France. They have been urged to join the service by their old friend Jack Stewart, and have answered the call and will lend their valued experience to the empire this year.

INSPECTOR OF CANADIAN MEDICAL SERVICES

London, Jan. 24.—Major Doherty, now in London with the Canadian medical forces, has been associated with Maj.-General Carleton Jones in his new position as inspector-general of medical services. Lieut.-Col. McComb is being recalled from Canada for an important appointment here.

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GERMANY'S HOUR OF FATE APPROACHING President of the Prussian Upper House Admits This Fact

EXPORTATION OF PAPER. Ottawa, Jan. 23.—Semi-official announcement was made here yesterday that no action will be taken by Canada to reduce the exportation into the United States of newspaper paper made in the Dominion.

AN IRISHWOMAN IN THE SERBIAN ARMY Became a Non-Commissioned Officer; Now Lying Wounded at Salonica

London, Jan. 24.—A correspondent sends the following from Salonica: In a clean and comfortable bed, amidst comfortable and quiet surroundings, lies a comely, motherly-looking little lady.

WOULD CALL FOR GENERAL ELECTION Should Sevigny Be Beaten In Dorchester, Says Ottawa Tory Paper

London, Jan. 24.—An Ottawa dispatch to the Star says the prime minister should not go to England with political problems unsettled at home, and that particular significance is attached to an editorial in the Ottawa Journal-Press, the new Conservative paper in Ottawa, which says: "It would call for an immediate general election should Hon. Albert Sevigny be defeated in Dorchester next Saturday."

Very Dark. London, Jan. 24.—Special dispatches from Holland give stories of the battle between German and British destroyers in the North Sea, but the details, which on some points are conflicting, are mostly and avowedly derived from hearsay and not substantiated.

German Version. Berlin, Jan. 24.—One British destroyer was sunk and another was observed to be in a sinking condition in an engagement in the North Sea, the admiralty announces. One German torpedo boat put in at Ymuiden in a damaged condition. The others returned with slight damage.

BRITISH SCATTERED GERMAN DESTROYERS Sank One Off Dutch Coast; British Lost Destroyer Elsewhere

Landed at Ymuiden. Ymuiden, Holland, Jan. 23, via London, Jan. 24.—An encounter occurred Tuesday morning in the North Sea between 11 German torpedo boat destroyers and a British flotilla.

London, Jan. 24.—According to a Hague report to the Exchange Telegraph Co. two German ships were sunk and three others badly damaged in the North Sea fight.

MENTIONED FOR BRAVERY. Paris, Jan. 24.—In a second commendation in army orders the second American automobile ambulance section, commanded by Richard Norton, has several of its members mentioned individually.

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CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS Ottawa, Jan. 24.—The following casualties have been announced: Killed in action—Pte. Harry Inningford, England; Pte. Fred Harrington, Montreal; Sergt. J. T. Ross, Montreal; Pte. Joseph Foucault, Hawkesbury, Ont.; Pte. J. R. Ballingal, Scotland; Pte. Russell Brown, Melita, Man.; Pte. D. E. McGregor, Scotville, N. S.; Pte. D. D. Robertson, Whitewood, Sask.; Pte. A. P. Wilkins, Regina.

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IN MILITARY AFFAIRS OF DOMINION PATRONAGE RAMPANT, MACDONALD, OF PICTOU, POINTS OUT AT OTTAWA

Has Throttling Effect on Work of Recruiting Men to Fight for Cause of Freedom; Canada Must Do Utmost, Says Hon. Frank Oliver; Government Has Allowed Uncertainty to Exist Regarding National Service

Ottawa, Jan. 24.—E. M. Macdonald, Liberal, Pictou, N. S.; H. H. Stevens, Conservative, Vancouver; Hon. Frank Oliver and D. D. MacKenzie, Liberal, Cape Breton, spoke in the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon and last evening.

Coming to the question of the extension of the life of parliament, E. M. Macdonald said that Sir Robert Borden had been unfortunate in his reference to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's statement that he did not desire to open the door of office with a bloody key. Had not Sir Robert himself on two or three occasions tried to open the door of office in this way? He had inserted the key in the lock more than once, but had had to withdraw it because members of the administration and others were opposed to a war-time election. Sir Robert also had experienced quite a change of heart in regard to the soldiers' vote. Apparently he had heard that the boys in the trenches would vote against him.

Mr. Macdonald charged that Sir Robert Borden had inspired an article in the Halifax Herald, charging Sir Wilfrid Laurier with disloyalty because he had said that there would be difficulties in the way of taking a vote of the soldiers.

"That statement is untrue, absolutely untrue," said the prime minister, citing to his feet.

Mr. Macdonald replied that if it were untrue Sir Robert should have asked Senator Dennis, the proprietor of the Halifax Herald, to withdraw it.

Patronage Still.
Mr. Macdonald pointed out that patronage is still rampant in connection with the administration of the military affairs of Canada. It was useless to appeal to the men to fight for freedom when they knew that things were being run by Conservative patronage committees. He referred to the breaking up on the other side of the Atlantic of the Nova Scotia Highland brigade and the Irish Rangers of Montreal, despite promises made that they would be sent to the front as military units, declaring that failure on the part of the government to keep its promises tended to discourage recruiting.

Borden-Hughes Letters.
Dealing with the correspondence between Sir Robert Borden and Sir Sam Hughes, Mr. Macdonald said that never in the history of the British empire had a minister of the crown made such distinct charges against his colleagues. Sir Robert could tell the country why he had dismissed his minister of militia. He had declined to do so in the course of his speech yesterday. Apparently Sir Robert thought he had a divine right to rule.

The country was looking for leadership in regard to the matter of conscription. Last session Sir Robert had stated that at the opening of the war he had announced that he was opposed to conscription and that he was of the same opinion still. The country wanted to know whether or not Sir Robert still holds to that opinion.

As to the Bruce report on the condition of the Canadian medical service in England, Mr. Macdonald said either it was true or not true. If true how could Sir Robert expect young men to take the risk of such conditions? He was suspicious of the fact that Dr. Beattie, who had overturned the Bruce report, had been promoted since. Both reports should be submitted to a committee of the House for consideration and inquiry.

Stanfield Incident.
Mr. Macdonald referred to the absence from the House of John Stanfield (Cochester, N. S.), former chief Conservative whip. The minister of railways had received a great deal of praise because of his attitude in regard to the complaint of Mr. Stanfield. It was to be remembered, however, that no man could secure a position of any kind on the Intercolonial Railway unless he had a letter from a Conservative member or a defeated Conservative candidate recommending him. The real issue between the minister of railways and Mr. Stanfield was as to whether or not there could not be found in the employ of the Intercolonial some men capable of managing the Halifax terminals.

H. H. Stevens.
H. H. Stevens, Vancouver, who followed Mr. Macdonald, spoke very briefly. At the outbreak of the war, he said, no one had believed Canada would have to send more than 100,000

men, but after the people have witnessed what they have done, and what required to be done, they must concentrate all their energies on the one object, that of winning the war. Petty criticism was out of place at this time. There was no sacrifice too great for Canada to make in aiding in winning the war. No matter how great the sacrifice, it must be made. This country would emerge from the conflict a great nation.

Hon. Frank Oliver.
Hon. Frank Oliver, who followed, said that while Mr. Stevens was prepared to endorse all that had been done or left undone by the government in regard to the war, he was not prepared to endorse what had been left undone in respect of the smelting industry of British Columbia.

Mr. Oliver was not able to agree with all that had been said by Sir Robert Borden as to the progress of the war. If the allies were not in a better position, he said, it was largely because the facts had not been looked in the face.

"We have tried too much to win the war on paper and by arguments, rather than by blood and sacrifice," he said. It was not possible to exaggerate the gravity of the situation when one read that the beautiful parks of England were being plowed up for the production of food, that the people of Great Britain must eat black bread, and that the prime minister of Great Britain had called upon the people for unlimited sacrifices.

government had made no attempt to explain its meaning.

As to Sevigny.
Mr. Oliver declared that in Dorchester county, Quebec, Hon. Albert Sevigny, a minister of the government, seeking re-election, was telling the people that their duties were duties of peace, and that they should produce harvests. Mr. Sevigny was declaring that in this war no one was forced to go and no one would be forced to go.

"It is not my loyalty that has been questioned," said Mr. Oliver. "It is the loyalty of the honorable gentlemen who have pledged themselves to raise 500,000 men, and have failed to the extent of 170,000."

At this point a difference arose between Hon. Robert Rogers and Mr. Oliver, the former claiming that Sir Robert's figures given yesterday showed that 434,000 had been raised already.

Mr. Oliver declared that this included reservists, munitions workers and wastage.

Mr. Rogers intimated that the promise made included all classes raised for war purposes in Canada.

Mr. Oliver contended that this was not the understanding that the people had of Sir Robert's words. They understood it to mean that Canada was going to raise 500,000 men for the fighting line in Europe. He also declared it was unfair to include in the figures men who had enlisted and been enrolled but who had been found unfit before reaching the firing line.

Much Harm.
Mr. Oliver declared that the uncertainty existing in the minds of the people concerning the real meaning of national service had done a great deal of harm, and provoked a great deal of unfavorable discussion.

The government of to-day was the mind of the people of over five years ago. The government had been elected when there was no thought of war. If Canada were to get an effective administration the government must go back to the people and ask a fresh mandate, with the consent of the people as absolute as in the days of the Commonwealth. With 70,000 casualties and with 29,000 of the pick of the manhood of Canada killed, the people of the Dominion were not the people of a year ago. They had different ideas, and they had a right to express these ideas. The government should go to the people and seek a mandate.

The debate was adjourned by D. D. MacKenzie (Cape Breton).

In the Senate.
The debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne was commenced in the Senate yesterday.

Senator McLennan, of Sydney, N. S., moved the reply, which was seconded by Senator Sharpe, of Manitoba, who said it was astounding to think that Canada to-day was maintaining four complete divisions on the battlefield.

"I saw them there last fall," said Senator Sharpe. "I can tell you that better men than our Canadians never took up arms; the Canadians at the front can not be beaten. I am of the opinion that every man in Canada should volunteer to go where he can best serve the cause."

Senator Bostock, the Liberal leader, after congratulating Sir James Loughheed upon his knighthood, said that Canadian soldiers at the front were performing heroic service. They should be made to feel that here in Canada the people were doing all they could to back up their efforts.

Extension of the term of parliament, he said, was a question which belonged to the Commons.

Of national service, Senator Bostock said that the time had come when every man in the country must put forth his best efforts to promote the success of the cause.

ENEMY STILL HOPING.

London, Jan. 24.—Confidence in victory for the central powers was expressed by speakers at a dinner given in Berlin by the presidents of the parliaments of the Teutonic powers, according to a Berlin dispatch to Reuters by way of Amsterdam. Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and several of his colleagues were present at the dinner. Dr. Karl Helfferich, German secretary of the interior, referring to the entente's refusal of Germany's peace offer, said:

"Our enemies must learn to understand that among us there is no military caste, but a great national army, which, despite all, will hold on and be victorious by virtue of the Divine right of existence of our peoples and their inexhaustible strength and readiness for sacrifice."

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Two Attempts by Enemy Frustrated; French and Belgian Reports


London, Jan. 24.—The following official report was issued last night:
"We carried out a successful raid during this morning northeast of Neuville St. Vaast, and captured some prisoners."
"In the region of Fauquissart bombing activity continued again last night."
"In addition to that reported yesterday, two other raids were attempted by enemy troops last night between Armentieres and Ploegsteert. In one case the enemy was repulsed before reaching our lines. In the other he succeeded in reaching our trenches, but

was immediately driven out. The hostile party came under our machine gun fire both in advancing and returning, and left a number of dead in front of our position."
"Considerable artillery and trench mortar activity occurred on both sides during the day. We bombarded the enemy's positions at a number of places along our front with good results."
"Our aeroplanes were active yesterday in co-operation with our artillery. One of our machines is missing. On January 21 an enemy machine was forced to descend in the neighborhood of Aubigny, the pilot and observer being made prisoners."

French Report.
"In the morning enemy aeroplanes dropped five bombs on Montdidier. A fockler landed in our lines near Plesmes. Two other German aeroplanes were brought down in an aerial engagement in the neighborhood of Marchepol; another by the fire of our special guns in the direction of Amy (Oise)."
"In the course of the night of January 22-23, as well as to-day, artillery was active on the whole Belgian front. In the region of Hot Sas the artillery duel and bomb fighting were characterized by great violence."

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TO BULLY SWITZERLAND.

It is not unlikely that the new German regulations in regard to trade with Switzerland are designed mainly to achieve a military purpose. Germany may hope that by causing acute economic stress in her little neighbor she can wring permission to use Swiss territory as a fresh roadway into France.

The German modus operandi in such a case is quite clear. It would commence with hints and polite suggestions. Next would come a formal proposal and then the usual Prussian bluff and bluster. The concentration of troops on the frontier would follow, but the next step would have to be a more deliberate and cautious affair.

Germany may try to smash her way through Switzerland, but she will not repeat the Belgium blunder so crudely. She will endeavor to intimidate the Swiss into breaking their own neutrality without involving them openly against her.

could raise the necessary grievances and entanglements. The whole precarious scheme, however, would be easily penetrable to the outside world. Everybody who knows anything about the war knows that the invasion of France through Switzerland was the alternative to the invasion of France through Belgium in the Hun war-book.

WHAT'S BEHIND IT?

The New York Tribune describes President Wilson's unique performance in the United States Senate as another move to help Germany to secure the peace she wants. Whether that description states correctly the intention of the president's utterance or not it certainly fits the effect of it—assuming anything on the subject from that quarter could have any real effect.

This was the record in Europe. What does the record at Washington say? President Wilson contemplated all this deviltry unmoved. "We must be neutral; we must be American," he said. "We must even think neutrality." Not a protest went across the Atlantic when humanity was ground under the Prussian heel.

We doubt very much if in this President Wilson is inspired by any particular regard for Germany, and he certainly must abhor her methods and practices. His actions, therefore, must have another basis in which, it is fair to judge by the record, the welfare of humanity and civilization plays a much smaller part than fear of the consequences of a continuation of the war to the country of which he is the chief magistrate.

TAX SALE DEEDS.

The explanation by the city solicitor regarding the delivery of tax sale deeds holds no consolation for the purchasers at the tax sale of 1915 who, though entering into the transactions in good faith, can get neither their deeds nor a refund of their money.

or been mobilized, to whom that legislation gives protection. The city has been unable to ascertain whether the parties concerned in the particular cases under discussion have enlisted or not and it therefore will not issue the deeds because it may transpire that the property affected was held by people protected under the relief law, in which event the deed would be a nullity.

As to the legal situation we have only to say that the sooner it is altered to conform to the principles of elementary justice the better. If the city has no power to refund money to which it is not honestly entitled it should obtain it at the earliest opportunity. Nor can we agree with the solicitor that persons who have been complaining should assist the city in ascertaining whether or not soldiers or recruits are actually interested in the various properties affected.

Mr. Bryan also doubts whether the American people would approve of their army and navy being placed at the disposal of an international tribunal for the enforcement of peace upon the world. An army which could not impose peace upon Mexico and a navy which cannot or will not protect United States citizens from violent death upon the high seas might not be of much use in international peace work anyhow.

There has been another brush between the British and the Hun navies. The engagement was confined to vessels of small calibre, and the astonishing feature of the affair is that the Overseas News Service has not claimed another great victory for the naval forces of the All-Highest and another step forward towards "freedom of the seas," another staggering blow against the tyranny of British sea power.

We do not suppose Mr. Wilson will be daunted in the slightest degree by the fact that his academic discourses on peace have been received with polite astonishment abroad and bitter, blistering comment at home. In fact, it would not be surprising to read of him breaking out in another direction almost any day. The world is becoming accustomed to his vagaries.

Montreal Star. That little hint from Rome that the Duke of Aosta would look well in the Grecian Royal robes has evidently had a salutary effect upon King Constantine, who, in spite of his German wife and his general cussedness, is not a fool. King jobs are not plentiful nowadays—and may become scarcer.

If the war lasts for five years longer, as some experts predict, New London, Ct., hopes to supplant New York, N.Y., as the principal maritime port of the United States. A fleet of Hun submarines is reported to be due in New London and is expected to arrive any day.

There is a marked difference between the literary styles of President Wilson and Colonel Roosevelt. But the Colonel's diction has the advantage in being of such a character that the reader has no difficulty in understanding what he means.

The king of Greece has not yet been decorated with an iron cross, but we understand the oversight is not due entirely to a scarcity of metal in Germany. Probably his majesty will receive his reward in due season.

Punch joke: "A field officer writes: Yesterday I was saluted by an Australian private. It was a great day for me." Reminds us of the one told about the sentry who said "Pass Canadian!"

Brother Bryan does not approve of the president's discourse on the evils of war and the blessings of "peace without victory." Now let us hear from Henry Ford.

CHILDREN OF THE LUSITANIA.

In the dark watches of the night I hear them calling. The children I have lost, I see their faces all convulsed with terror, Their little forms wave-tost.

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The bitterness of soul is past preventing, No years to come and go Can heal the sorrow of my heart so stricken, Or ease its woe. Can all the water of the cold Atlantic, Which o'er my children rolls, Wash clean from guilt the hands of those who killed them, Or purge their souls? E. H.

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Reception to Comox Member.—On Tuesday, January 30, a public reception in honor of Hugh Stewart, M. P. for Comox, is to be held in Cumberland, under the auspices of the Comox Liberal Association. There is an energetic committee in charge of the arrangements and the residents of the district, without regard to political affiliation, are expected to turn out to do honor to the popular member for the district. A dance will be held after the reception.

Prince Rupert Liberal Association.

At the annual meeting of the Prince Rupert Liberal Association the following officers were elected: Hon. president, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfred Laurier; hon. vice-president, Hon. H. C. Brewster; president, F. G. Dawson; first vice-president, P. W. Anderson; second vice-president, T. McLymont; secretary, W. E. Williams; treasurer, W. S. Fisher; executive: Dr. W. T. Kerwin, George Frizell, Martin O'Reilly, H. E. McKee, W. P. Lynch, James McNulty, John Currie, J. G. Steen and W. Martin.

Want Detention Home.—A deputation representing the Children's Aid Society of Vancouver was received by the provincial executive yesterday afternoon. It came with a request for some measure of government assistance toward securing a site for a new home in that city, a piece of land containing about ten acres being required. The funds for the erection of the home are assured, but aid is sought in the purchase or acquisition of the site. The deputation had several sites to mention, some in Burnaby and others in Point Grey. The matter will be taken up and an answer given shortly.

Police Commission.—A deputation from the Social Service Commission, consisting of Revs. W. Leslie Clay, D. J. O. Inkster and Robert Connell, waited upon the provincial executive yesterday afternoon to urge that in making appointments to the police commission for the city of Victoria the government name as the third commissioner, from outside the council, Roland H. Powell, who was on the commission a year or so ago. Mr. Powell is a Conservative and was an active member of the Beaver Club. When deputations from the Social Service Commission and the People's Prohibition Party waited upon the executive last month in connection with the matter of these appointments and the enforcement of the law, especially in the event of prohibition going into effect next July, lists of men who would be persona grata as commissioners were handed in by the latter party with the tacit consent and support of the commission. It is understood that Mr. Powell's name was on the list for Victoria.

Prize Waltz, Connaught Hall, to-night. Dancing, 9 to 1 a. m. Everybody welcome.

Far West Victoria Lodge, No. 1, K. of P., will hold their installation of officers to-morrow night, Thursday, at 9 p. m., when a large attendance of members is expected. There will be a social session after the ceremony.

Rotary Lunch.—At next Thursday's Rotary lunch, R. H. Brechley will give a short educational talk, and V. C. Martin will discuss "The Value of Accountancy in Business." The choir which has been practising regularly of late will give selections.

Raffling Spaniel Pup.—The raffie for the Spaniel pup, donated to the Canadian Red Cross Society by Mr. Frank Campbell, of Prospect Lake, will be held at West's Electrical Shoe Shop, on View street, opposite Spencer's at 3 o'clock on Friday, January 26. Nearly \$25 worth of tickets have been sold and the pup, which was kindly taken in charge by Mr. West has been on view in his window for some time.

Hillside Red Cross.—The recently organized Hillside branch of the Red Cross, which completed its initial formation at a meeting last Monday night, will formally open its workrooms on Monday afternoon next. Afternoon tea will be served by the ladies of the committee, and it is hoped that all the people of the district who are interested in turning out as complete a supply as possible of Red Cross supplies will be present and enroll themselves as members and workers. There are still several articles required for the furnishing of the rooms, rugs, tables, sewing machines, etc. Bunting or flags might also be lent, as this will add to the attractiveness of the rooms. Mrs. Clark is convener, Mrs. O'Reilly secretary and Mr. Prince treasurer.

HOPING TO SHARE IN RUSSIA'S GROWTH

Northern Financier Leaves Tomorrow on Empress of Russia for Investigation

Like so many other men who see openings for development in the Orient, M. Albert, of Prince Rupert, who has large interests in the North, is leaving to-morrow on the Empress of Russia for a visit to China, Japan and Siberia, with the eventual intention of going through to Petrograd.

Mr. Albert was at the Empress hotel yesterday, and explained some of the objects he has in view to the Times.

"It is eleven years," he said, "since I was in the Orient, shortly after the Russo-Japanese war. However, the main attraction for my visit is to see what is doing in the way of railway construction under the Russian government, since it is the intention of the government to construct 4,000 miles of railway every year for the next ten years."

He has no positive plans in hand as to the direction his investigation will take, but it will be determined by the circumstances of the mission. What, however, he particularly intends to do is to look into the sawmilling needs in Siberia for lumber for railway purposes, which he points out will be of a most important character, although the resources of the Russian forests will render it unnecessary to import much lumber from outside for these reasons. He points out that the double-tracking of the trans-Siberian railway has made great progress in the last few years; but just as before his last visit the Russians had been crippled in the Japanese war by the single line of steel across so many versts of uninhabited country, so now, in moving supplies from Vladivostok, the same congestion has arisen, and more railways must be undertaken to the Pacific coast.

Since last fall, when he was in the city, Mr. Albert has made the necessary financial arrangements for backing any project which he has on hand in the way of development or construction, and is ready to make a personal inspection of the situation.

He expects to return from the trip in about three months' time.

REMANDED FOR HEARING

Alleged Fortune-Telling Case Directs Attention to Lucrative Practices of Necromancy.

Selecting a notable case among the many "psychic" revealers and professors of necromancy in the city, an art or science which is greatly in vogue, the police yesterday apprehended Madame Robert, after an interview between her and Detective Edwards. The case was called in city police court to-day and remanded till Friday at the request of W. H. Bullock-Webster, for the defendant. The city prosecutor offered no opposition.

NEED STEADY FUND

Russian-Polish-Jewish Relief Work Requires Continued Support; Local Branch Appeals.

The Victoria branch of the Russian-Polish-Jewish Relief fund is appealing, together with all other branches of this philanthropic institution throughout the world, for support at the present time to alleviate the sufferings of the Jews in enemy-ruled Poland. The conditions continue to be terribly severe for the people of this invaded country, whose homes have been devastated and means of livelihood taken from them. The subscription lists opened at various places throughout the empire send their money through London to the child and Lord Swaythling in London to Petrograd, where it is in turn administered through the committee, ultimately reaching the poor sufferers for whom it is intended.

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Alberti Liberals.—At the annual meeting of the Alberti District Liberal Association held at the close of the nominating convention last week the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Honorary president, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. H. C. Brewster; president, Capt. G. A. Hill (re-elected); vice-president, C. A. McNaughton (re-elected); secretary, treasurer, W. R. H. Prescott (re-elected); executive committee, Chris Ohlson, Uchiet; W. Ford, Coombs; A. Barnes, Wellington; J. R. Motion and J. Tedford, Alberni; E. Exton and R. Ellis, Port Alberni. The secretary's report for the past term showed the association to be in excellent shape.

OAK BAY CHURCH MEETING LAST NIGHT

Progress in Spite of Difficulties by Congregation of St. Columba

The annual meeting of the congregation of St. Columba, Presbyterian church, Oak Bay, was held last night in the church building corner of Granite and Mitchell street. Devotional exercises were conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. A. Macconnell, after which the message of the session to the congregation was read, and Wm. Henderson took the chair while the business was conducted.

Reports were received from the Ladies' Aid Society, the board of managers, the Sunday school, and the Young People's organizations, all indicating that while there have been working under great difficulties owing to war conditions, the work done had surpassed that of previous years. A great number of members had left the district during the year, but others had come and the records showed a net gain in membership. The new church was completed just at the time when the war commenced, and the debt on the building hampered the congregation considerably. The conditions are being met, however, and an active campaign will be conducted in order to insure the meeting of all responsibilities.

William Henderson, who has been chairman of the managing board for many years was again elected, while E. Small, who has been secretary for a long time, retired, and a new secretary will be chosen at the next meeting of the board.

PATRIOTIC AID WORK

Sanction to Hold Meetings for Organizing of District Branches.

A special meeting for the purpose of completing plans for the organization of a Sanich Patriotic Aid Society took place yesterday afternoon at the municipal hall at Royal Oak. Reeve Borden was made chairman of the central committee and Miss Oldham secretary-treasurer.

The committee decided to hold a number of meetings throughout the municipality for the purpose of organizing the work and getting the people, in general, interested. At each of these gatherings well-known speakers from the city will be present to give addresses on the carrying on of the work. The following are the dates and places where the various meetings will be held: Ward I, Cedar Hill hall, January 26; Ward II, Tolmie new school, January 31; Ward III, Gordon Head hall, February 2; Ward IV, Colquhoun hall, February 9; Ward V, Royal Oak hall, February 16; Ward VI, Temperance hall, Keatings, February 14; Ward VII, Presbyterian church, Tillamook road, February 15.



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The WEATHER

Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.
Victoria, Jan. 24-5 a.m.—The barometer remains comparatively low over Northern B. C. and high in this vicinity, and rainy, mild weather is general on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland, while in the Cariboo more snow is reported. Southerly gales prevail on the coasts of Washington and Oregon. Zero temperatures continue in most parts of the prairie provinces.

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AT THE THEATRES

ROYAL VICTORIA.

Harold Lockwood and May Allison, two of the foremost artists of the screen, who made their debut on the Metro programme in "The Come-Back," will be seen here again in "The Masked Rider," a thrilling and exciting story laid in the mountains of North Carolina, where the feature was actually photographed. This production, which is in five acts, will be shown here at the Royal Victoria for the last time to-night.

Mr. Lockwood and Miss Allison were never seen to better advantage than in "The Masked Rider." It is a production "after their own heart," as most of the action is staged in the great outdoors, where these stars shine their brightest. There is a strong supporting cast, including Lester Cuneo, Howard Truendell, H. W. Willis, John Macdonald, Harry Berkhart, Harry Linkey, Clarissa Selwyn, and other popular stage and screen artists.

THE DOMINION.

If you were a young man of leisure sauntering through Algeria, visiting the romantic places you read of in books, and you saw the most beautiful and fascinating girl your eyes ever beheld, would you be enthralled? That is what happened to: Gordon Roberts, the handsome young tourist in the Morocco-Paramount photoplay "The Road to Love," in which Lenore Ulrich is starred. Roberts was a very sane and normal young man, but after viewing Lenore Ulrich in the role of Hafsa, the beautiful high-born Algerian, it is evident that any normal, single warm-blooded young man couldn't help but respond to her alluring charms and fascinations.

THE VARIETY.

One of the most successful theatrical managers in this country is A. H. Woods. It seems as if anything he touches is a success. Several years ago he produced a play called "The Challenge." It was a hit in New York and throughout the country, and is being shown at Variety theatre to-night.

When J. A. Best, vice-president and general manager of Pathe Exchange, some time ago made an arrangement with the Woods interests, by the terms of which the Woods stage hits were to be produced in film form as Pathe Gold Rooster plays, "The Challenge" was one of the titles affected.

PANTAGES THEATRE.

"The Red Heads" with Wm. K. Saxton is one of the largest and the most elaborate vaudeville musical comedy acts of the season. It is the feature attraction at the Pantages theatre this week. The offering is an entertaining novelty in that dozen girls who take part in the act are red heads, twelve of them. The principal comedy role is the character of Jacob Kaufman, as played by Mr. Saxton, the owner of a ladies' cloak store. He gets the idea of employing girl models who are red headed, and advertises in the papers to this end. Among those who apply for the positions is a runaway girl from "Frisco whom the detectives are following. Naturally the police claim that the proprietor of the store, Mr. Kaufman, is trying to hide the girl from the arms of the law. The many amusing situations that follow, which are abundant with comedy and action, go to make up the plot of the story. The costuming and stage settings are pretentious, and the music, singing and dancing is smart and snappy.

Because his feature act is "The Red Heads," Manager Rice has decided to have at least one matinee at which the light will be more equally distributed between the stage and the audience. This will be the Thursday matinee, when he invites all the red headed girls in the city to become the guests of the Pantages to see their "sisters" in the feature act.

Verna Mercereau, the capable classical dancer, is presenting, with the assistance of George McCormack, a most beautiful series of dance interpretations. Miss Mercereau is an artist in this line of work, and her offering is causing much comment and holding the unlimited attention of the audience.

Big Herbert and Homer Dennis are billed as Two Jolly Fellows, and prove the right to the title; this pair of fun-makers have everything their own way when it comes to producing laughs.

THE EAGLE'S WINGS

Plot Weaved Among Spindles and Lathes of U. S. Munition Plants.
When most of us mention "Industrial Preparedness" we imagine we have said a cheerful and st. down. Certainly it is a repounding expression, and there are many thousands among America's millions who have scant ideas of just what it's all about. For the purpose of illustrating in clearest details just what "Industrial Preparedness" really signifies, the exploiters of

REPEAT "HIAWATHA" TO AID KHAKI CLUB

Clever Young Artists Present Drama Under Auspices of Women's Canadian

"Hiawatha," a clever dramatization by Miss Helen Badgley of Longfellow's well-known poem, and recently produced here for the first time by members of the Daisy Chain Chapter, I. O. D. E., was repeated at the Princess theatre last night under the auspices of the Women's Canadian Club and in behalf of their fund for the Khaki Club, which is now nearing realization. Again the audience was delighted with the performance, which revealed anew distinct histrionic talent on the part of several young Victoria ladies.

The characters were practically the same as on the occasion of the original production, Miss May Dorrell spoke the lines of the prologue admirably, her enunciation being good and her gesture dignified. Miss Mary Ross and Miss Margaret Campbell represented faultlessly the part of Hiawatha as a boy of ten and Hiawatha, the young man, respectively, the first indicating the charm of the child, the second the magnetism and fine qualities of leadership of the young chief.

Throughout the leading roles the parts were admirably sustained. Miss Katie Collinson made a shy and very pretty "Minnehaha"; Miss Dorothy McDiarmid impersonated old age cleverly in the role of Nokomis, Hiawatha's grandmother; Miss Laura Macklin and Miss Mabel Rhodes caught to a nicety the sense of their parts as Iago, the boaster, and Pau-Pa-Keewis, the fop and dancer, the latter performing her dance very gracefully, and in action rather than verbiage.

William represented with much character the part of Laky Kwasind. Miss Dorothy Nicol again took the part of the Arrowmaker; and Miss Dorothy Nicol and Miss Dorris Macklin the priest and white man; Miss Doris Macklin had a second part; being Mundamin, the incarnation of Indian maize. The maids, braves and squaws were as in the original production.

The part of the "Sweet Singer" was beautifully interpreted by Miss Charlotte Spencer, who sang "The Quest," being recalled to bow her acknowledgments, this being one of the briefest but none the less memorable parts in the whole performance.

The music was supplied by Miss Thain's orchestra, the various Indian melodies adding greatly to the atmosphere of the drama. The Indian dances were even more prettily done than previously, these being arranged by Miss Bray.

Miss Badgley was presented with a beautiful bouquet of daffodils and fuschias during the evening, gracefully acknowledging the recognition.

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MAJESTIC THEATRE TO-DAY

KNICKERBOCKER FEATURE Entitled THE MORNING AFTER Admission 10c. Children 5c

Bluebird photoplays have prepared a photodrama under the title of "The Eagle's Wings," to be exhibited at the Variety theatre Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Trust the moving picture magnate to keep abreast of the times; and trust the millions of "movie fans" to look to the screen for enlightenment on obscure subjects. "The Eagle's Wings" will be a non-political, strictly patriotic rally-round-the-flag production of unselfish appeal to every man, woman or child who shall gaze upon it. Rufus Steele, formerly Sunday editor of the San Francisco Call, and a prominent magazine contributor, prepared the story, and supervised the production. With a squad of expert camera-men Mr. Steele, by consent of the authorities, entered government preserves and plants now employed in producing munitions on European orders and secured authentic pictures of practically every move that is made in turning out projectiles, making cannons, and manufacturing field equipments for every branch of the militant service. And it is an illuminating fact that most of these pictures were secured in factories that were originally operated in peaceful pursuits.

TO-NIGHT'S ATTRACTIONS

PANTAGES THEATRE ALL THIS WEEK

"THE RED HEADS" A Colorful Musical Comedy. Mlle. Verna Mercereau Dramatic Pantomime Danseuse and Four Other Features. Matinee, 3; Night, 7 and 9.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.
S. J. A. Boyd, of Hannah, N. D., is at the Dominion.
W. E. Perry, of Duncan, registered at the Dominion hotel.
O. A. Thomas, of Kamloops, is registered at the Dominion.
J. Watkins and family, of Calgary, are at the Dominion hotel.
S. Rother, of Montreal, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.
Lieut.-Col. Laird, of Deep Cove, is a guest at the Strathcona hotel.
J. H. Holton, of Parry Sound, is stopping at the Dominion hotel.
Lewis P. Mitchell, of Shackleton, Sask., is at the Dominion hotel.
A. H. Hancock, of Gilchen, Alta., is staying at the Strathcona hotel.
R. J. Anderson, of Winnipeg, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday.
Lieut. W. J. Claridge, of New Westminster, was in the city yesterday.
Mr. and Mrs. J. McFarland, of Calgary, are staying at the Empress hotel.
George E. Hancock, of Vancouver, assumed at the Empress hotel yesterday.
Joseph Walters, M.P.P.-elect from Merritt, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.
J. F. Bledsoe is down from Alberni and is registered at the Dominion hotel.
F. Baty is down from Ladysmith and has registered at the Strathcona hotel.
A. H. Haynes is down from White Horse and is a guest of the Dominion hotel.
Thos. J. Shaw is over from Portland and has registered at the Strathcona hotel.
John Lett, of Foxwarren, Sask., is a prairie visitor staying at the Strathcona hotel.
A. S. Ferguson, R. Hill and H. H. Black, of Regina, are new arrivals at the Dominion.
Mr. and Mrs. Guy Choate, of San

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FRANCISCO, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

Joe R. McLeod and Mrs. McLeod, of Rosemount, Sask., are stopping at the Dominion hotel.
Mrs. S. H. Adams has arrived from Calgary, Alta., and is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

D. A. Crossley and family, visitors from Biggar, Sask., are stopping at the Dominion hotel.
Mr. and Mrs. Darnbrough, of Laura, Sask., are visiting the coast and are staying at the Strathcona hotel.

A. D. Smith, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Bergenson, from Kerrobert, Sask., are staying at the Dominion hotel.
Yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion hotel include T. A. Hill, Mrs. Hill and Miss Williams, of Vancouver.

Mrs. John Currie, Miss Etta Currie and W. C. Currie, of De Winton, Alta., are amongst yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion.
Mr. and Mrs. N. W. McMillan and family have arrived from Gilchen, Alta., and are staying at the Strathcona hotel.

The Vancouver arrivals at the Strathcona hotel include: Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Farris, Mrs. J. S. Gordon and S. Cohen.
L. S. McLennan and Mrs. J. L. McLennan, of Regina, are visiting the coast cities and are staying at the Strathcona hotel.

Wesley Willard and Thomas H. Carey, both well known in Victoria, have been elected respectively chairman and secretary of the Cumberland school board.

If Stomach Hurts Drink Hot Water

A Physician's Advice.
If dyspepsia, sufferers from gas, wind or flatulence, stomach acidity or sourness, gastric catarrh, heartburn, etc., would take a teaspoonful of pure bisulphated magnesia in half a glass of hot water immediately after eating, they would soon forget they were ever afflicted with stomach trouble, and doctors would have to look elsewhere for patients. In explanation of these words a well-known New York physician stated that most forms of stomach trouble are due to stomach acidity and fermentation of the food contents of the stomach combined with an insufficient blood supply to the stomach. Hot water increases the blood supply and bisulphated magnesia instantly neutralizes the excessive stomach acid and stops food fermentation, the combination of the two, therefore, being marvellously successful and decidedly preferable to the use of artificial digestants, stimulants or medicines for indigestion.

BURNS CELEBRATION

Anniversary of Scotch Post Will Be Celebrated To-morrow Evening.
To-morrow night in First Presbyterian church the 25th annual Burns celebration will take place under the direction of Mr. J. G. Brown, and will take the form of an evening of "Song and Story" among the "Homes and Haunts of Burns." The Hon. Dr. McLean, minister of education, will occupy the chair. The Rev. John Gibson Innes, B. A., will be the lecturer, and the following is a synopsis of the evening's programme. Lecture giving certain aspects of the bard's life: "Towns and cities in which Burns lived—"Ayr," "Edinburgh" and "Dunfermline." Famous poems, specially illustrated—"Fanny," "Lochlea," "Mosses" and "Ellisland."

Homes in which he lived—Cottage in which he was born, the house in Edinburgh and the house in which he died. Great poems, specially illustrated—"Cottar's Saturday Night," "Tam o' Shanter."

Historic episodes—His relations with Highland Mary, Jean Armour, Mrs. Dunlop, etc.—songs (introduced at special points, illustrated with slides)—"Ye Banks and Braes," "Scots Wha Hae," "John Anderson, My Jo, John," "Auld Lang Syne." Sung by Miss Harkness, Mr. J. G. Brown, Mrs. R. W. Hudson.

At the conclusion of the lecture the following musical programme will be rendered: Song—"Afton Water." Mrs. Jesse Longfield Song—"McGregor's Gathering." Mr. Edmund Petch Duet—"Crookit Barrows." Miss Harkness and Mr. J. Petrie Song—"Bonnie, Sweet Bonny." Mrs. R. G. Morrison Song—"Angus Macdonald." Mrs. Jesse Longfield Finale—"Auld Lang Syne and God Save the King." Artists and Audience Accompanist, Mrs. Lewis Hall.

Col. H. S. Birkett, Canadian generally will be glad to know of the honor which has come to Col. H. S. Birkett, of Montreal, who has been made a Companion of the Bath. The doughty colonel was born in Hamilton in 1864, but educated in England. At the outbreak of the war he was dean of McGill's medical faculty and a big man in the medical life of the city. In addition to his medical duties, the doctor took an almost equally keen interest in military matters. As a matter of fact, he used to work about 24 hours a day, dividing his time between McGill, his extensive medical practice, and his military duties.—Montreal Journal of Commerce.

"DEAR LAD O' MINE"

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS FREE to hear the Ladies' Musical Club concert Thursday night, Jan. 25, Empress Hotel Ballroom. Non-members, 5c. Mrs. G. R. Davenport, soloist and convener.

GRILSE COMMANDER GIVES EXPERIENCES

Tremendous Seas Swept Decks and Smashed Funnel and Bridge

ENGINES UNDERWATER FOR NINETEEN HOURS

Lieut.-Commander Wingate Arrived Home on Leave Yesterday

Two members of Lieutenant Commander Wingate's household had not finished their demonstration of joy at his return to Victoria yesterday when a Times reporter called upon him. The Grilse's master had a small son and daughter perched upon his knees demanding a good deal of attention during the interview. In spite of the fact that for full fifty hours Commander Wingate saw his little craft sported with us as if she were merely a ball of paper at the mercy of one of the worst gales he had ever experienced in the whole of his career upon the high seas, it was almost possible to believe from his bright and cheerful bearing that such an occurrence was anything more than a mere incident in a sailor's life.

Light Weight Saved Her. Explaining to his interviewer some of the outstanding features of that never-to-be-forgotten experience, the commander stated that at the outset the exceptionally heavy gale, which was the cause of the whole trouble, was strangely enough unheralded by any of the usual signs. "We generally get sufficient warning of a gale," said he, "to provide us with sufficient time at least to make some preparations for its combat, but in this case we were fairly caught. To make matters worse, for some as yet unaccountable cause, we sprang a leak at the beginning of the storm." On being asked as to the relative seaworthiness of a craft of this nature, when compared with the modern heavier and deeper draught torpedo boat, he stated that under the circumstances the light weight of the Grilse proved her salvation, for in his opinion a heavier boat would never have survived the ordeal. "This was partly due," declared the commander, "to the amount of freeboard of the Grilse and her ability to ride before the storm."

The S.O.S. Call. "At 7 o'clock on the evening of the 12th of December we were hovering with a very hopeless outlook, becoming worse every minute, and it was then that we sent our 'S.O.S.' call. A little later when hope was at its lowest ebb we shipped one huge sea which practically cleared the decks. It was then realized that drastic chances would have to be taken. The little craft was almost engulfed, the funnels even taking water. Our wireless was completely wrecked and we were thus denied further communication with any passing craft. One side of the bridge was smashed in and one funnel badly battered."

Commander Wingate said it had always been a thing to marvel at that his ship had survived this terrific blow. On her emergence from a veritable thiam of waters he decided to run before the gale, either with the chance of being picked up or hoping that by this means, risky as it was, the hundred and fifty miles separating them from safety would be lessened. "At this time everything was in stygian darkness and throughout the night of the 12th there were experiences undergone only quietly understood by a seaman," with which remark the commander smiled.

Misery in Back, Headache and Pain in Limbs.

Dear Mr. Editor—For more than a year I suffered with misery in the back, dull headache, pain in the limbs, was somewhat constipated and slept poorly at night until I was about ready to collapse. Seeing an account of the wonderful qualities of "Anuric," prepared by Doctor Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., I sent for a box, and before using the whole box I felt and still feel improved. My sleep is refreshing, misery reduced, and life is not the dreary it was before. I most cheerfully recommend this remedy to sufferers from like ailments.

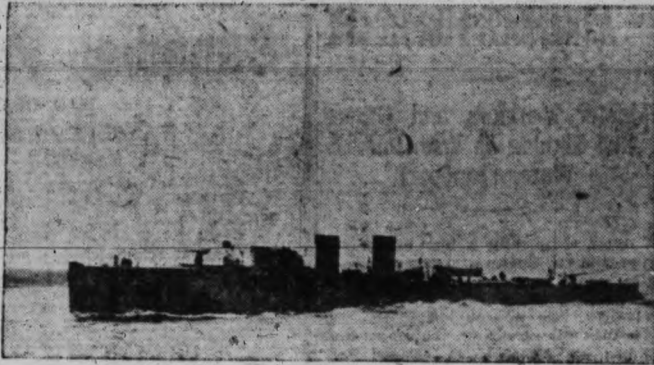
NOTE: You've all undoubtedly heard of the famous Dr. Pierce and his well-known medicines. Well, this prescription is one that has been successfully used for many years by the physicians and specialists of Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, of Buffalo, N. Y., for kidney complaints, and diseases arising from disorders of the kidneys and bladder, such as backache, weak back, rheumatism, dropsy, congestion of the kidneys, inflammation of the bladder, scalding urine, and urinary troubles.

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I know of one or two leading druggists in town who have managed to procure a supply of "Anuric" for their anxious customers in and around this locality. If not obtainable send one dime by mail to Dr. Pierce for trial package or 50 cents for full treatment.

EDITOR—Please insert this letter in some conspicuous place in your paper.

LIEUT.-COM. WINGATE'S COMMAND



H. M. C. S. GRILSE

and shrugged his shoulders, dismissing as he did so the memory of a terrible night. "By taking the risk of running before the gale we regained some of our hopefulness, for as long as we were afloat it never occurred to us that disaster was a possibility," said he.

Engines Under Water. Commander Wingate stated that for nineteen hours the engines were run while under water, and although the boat was built to maintain under normal conditions a speed of thirty-three knots, when the gale had abated somewhat, her condition was such that nothing more than a crawl of eight knots was possible. "It was not, however, until the morning of the fourteenth, after bringing all the tricks of seamanship we knew to bear on the situation, that we dared to have any plausible reason for believing we could make port, and it was not until ten-thirty on the same night that we presented ourselves and our craft at Shelburne."

Like all British tars, particularly in war time, when the rigors of life on the main are emphasized by necessity for unusual alertness, Commander Win-



LIEUT.-COMMANDER WINGATE

gate was by no means off his guard when his interviewer sought to draw the veil and discover the nature of the work the Grilse had been engaged upon. Not even to the point of describing the Grilse's present armament was he communicative.

Providence Working. "Two remarkable escapes somewhat lightened the tragedy," he continued, referring to Macauley and Brazier, both Vancouver volunteers and A. B.'s.

"As the huge sea I mentioned struck the boat, carrying practically all before it, Macauley was washed from the deck into the sea, but in doing so he became providentially entangled in a line and maintaining his grasp, was washed back on deck just as she righted herself again. At the same time, too, Brazier was thrown against a broken section of the rail, a projection of which caught his trousers and enabled him to regain his balance."

Proud of His Men. The commander stated that it was a happy fact that the whole of the ship's company had become thoroughly attached to the boat and more than half of them had been with her since she was taken into the service in June, 1915.

Lt.-Commander Wingate is home on leave, and while he is not particularly anxious to repeat the experience of last December, he feels proud of the magnificent behavior, under the most awful circumstances, of the Canadian boys on the Canadian torpedo boat Grilse. Prior to the outbreak of war and the offering and subsequent acceptance of his services by the admiralty, he was engaged in ranching on his property at Peachland, in the Okanagan valley. He retired from service with the Cunard company in 1908.



H. M. C. S. GRILSE

Showing damage to bridge and funnel.

MAJOR R. G. MONTEITH WILL BE WELCOMED

Was Wounded at Regina Trench and is Coming on Furlough

Among the wounded Victoria soldiers who are coming home this week is Major R. G. Monteith, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Monteith, Lamson street. Major Monteith has a host of friends here who will be glad to welcome him back. One of the members of the original 50th Gordon Highlanders he transferred shortly after the outbreak of the war to the 47th Battalion which went overseas in command of Lieut.-Col. Winsby, also of Victoria. This unit reached the Old Country in the early part of the summer of 1915, and has been through considerable fighting on the western front. Major Monteith was wounded on the night of November 14 last at the taking of Regina trench, another Victoria officer, Major Robertson, being seriously injured in the same action.

The returning officer, who left Winnipeg yesterday, is due to arrive here by Friday afternoon's boat, when his wife and small daughter as well as his many friends will welcome him.

GERMANY BEATEN AND DOES NOT KNOW IT

Says Tommy in Canadian Engineers; Speaks of Tunnel Depths

Writing to his father, G. A. Dyson, of 422 Walton street, Private George Dyson, of Company 178 of the Canadian Royal Engineers, states that he is engaged in tunnelling work and working side by side with other British Columbians of the 47th Battalion. "Speaking of the depth to which the underground works are carried, he hesitates to give the exact figures fearing prompt action by the censor, but he wishes to convey the fact that the average well would not give them much of a lead as far as depth is concerned. It is very strange to be working so many feet below the ground, surrounded by the continual noise of the tapping from the German engineers working quite near. We are all the time wondering whether he will be the first to spring the mine or whether our preparations will send him sky high first. Just before I was put in this company Fritz blew in one of our galleries, but luckily no one was hurt. . . . poor Germany is beaten and she doesn't know it in our sense of the word. You ought to see the way they come over when they get the chance, they would all come if their officers would let them."

Describing the amenities behind the lines he states that the Y. M. C. A. has done excellent work. Concerts, movie shows, lectures and everything that is possible to relieve the jaded nerves of the man from the trench is there for the Tommy.

Private Dyson left Victoria with the 88th Battalion, was wounded on November 6 last year and on his recovery transferred to the Royal Engineers. The Blue Cross.—The secretary of the Blue Cross Society has received the sum of \$28.35 from Vancouver, this sum being collected by Mrs. Godenrath's "Sandy," who will carry on his good work during his master's tour in Canada.

PROCEEDS WILL GO TO DESERVING CHARITIES

February 5 Set for Bantam Entertainment, Good Time Assured

The committees, under the guidance of Captain Gordon Smith, arranging the many details in connection with the Bantams' farewell entertainment, have been able to make provision for the use of the Royal Victoria theatre. The date decided upon is the fifth of next month, and rehearsals are now being conducted by Major Taylor. As previously announced in these columns there will be no lack of variety or quality in the show the Bantams are preparing for the public. Minstrel work will take up the first part of the programme, and judging from the splendid progress made at rehearsal the troops will be able to make a name in the minstrel world. Latent talent of no mean order has been discovered for the vaudeville part of the programme and some highly amusing and original turns are assured. While it is quite impossible to get any outline of the screaming farce which is to wind up the bill, the committee are at one, that the orderly room life, which is the essence of the farce, will alone give the audience sufficient mirth to reflect upon for many a long day to come. It has been decided that after defraying the incidental expenses connected with the affair the proceeds shall be turned over to the King's Daughters, for them to minister to the needs of the most deserving of local charities. It is to be distinctly understood that the profits are to be devoted entirely to civilian causes, since the Tommies desire the enterprise to be looked upon as their gift to the people, in return for the unstinted good fellowship that has been shown towards them during their stay in the city.

NOW MILITARY GOVERNOR

Colonel John H. Stevenson, Son of Mrs. Ridgard, is Vice-Consul of Greek Island.

News has been received recently by Mrs. Ridgard, Hillside avenue, that her son, Colonel John H. Stevenson, has been appointed military governor and vice-consul at one of the Greek islands of the Aegean Sea. Colonel Stevenson has had a very interesting career during the last three years. He went out with one of the London regiments to Gallipoli, and was wounded severely in the fighting there on June 28, 1915. Afterwards, when he had sufficiently convalesced, he went into the war office. While there he was given an opportunity to return to more active military duty, accepted, and was sent to Alexandria, Egypt, with the 2nd Garrison Battalion, with colonel's rank. It was from this place that he was sent as military governor to the Greek island.

Colonel Stevenson won the D. S. O. more than eighteen months ago, and since then has had two bars added to his decoration.

BANTAMS AWAITING PROVISION OF SHIP

As Soon as Admiralty Have Transport Available 143rd Will Depart

Although no stated day has been set down upon which the 143rd Battalion, British Columbia Bantams, will take their departure from the city, Colonel Bruce Fowley states to the Times this morning that the whole matter lay now with the admiralty, in that they have yet to provide a ship which will convey the battalion from Halifax to the other side. In view of this certain knowledge the atmosphere of uncertainty has been definitely dispelled, and both officers and men are busily engaged in bringing their affairs in perfect order so that as soon as the word arrives that a ship awaits, there will be no undue confusion at the last minute. "It will be sudden when it does come," said the colonel, "and for that reason we want to be quite ready."

Speaking of the recent recruiting the colonel stated that he was particularly gratified both with regard to numbers and the class of recruit being enrolled. Fourteen men were supplied with the uniform yesterday and three of them were engineers of experience, while several of the men recently attested possess technical knowledge that will be of considerable use to any unit whose duties are to be devoted to construction purposes.

In a very few days it is anticipated that the thousand mark will have been reached.

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CABBAGE SELLING ON SUNDAYS EXPENSIVE

Prosecutions Under Lord's Day Act; Several Chinese Cases in Police Court

Cabbage are expensive to purvey when it costs \$4.25 a head, as two vendors found in police court to-day, when charged with breaches of the Lord's Day act. The fines imposed were \$10 each, with \$2.50 costs.

Both were Chinese of the usual hawk type, while a third man was caught selling a pair of rubber heels to two policemen in plain clothes, who had dropped into the store on a Sunday recently. In this case the seller alleged instructions from his employer, however neither the magistrate nor the city prosecutor could see any reason for discrimination and the fine was identical with the other.

G. B. Simon, a Chinese Johnson street jeweler, will answer on Saturday a charge of selling a watch on Sunday. His lawyer stated he was engaged in a case in another court. Quietly smoking an opium pipe last evening, when Sergt. Fry dropped into a room at the rear of 526 Cormorant street, was a Chinaman, who will pay a fine of \$15, and \$2.50 costs. The raid also gathered in another Chinaman, whose ball was estreated on his falling to turn up.

The sergeant also caught a shoplifter at the store of Kirk, Dunkley & Co., Johnson street, yesterday. Mr. Dunkley was reading the Times in his store last evening when a Chinaman, Chung, who had been given carte blanche of the store under an arrangement with the proprietor to introduce business, took in a young Chinese cook engaged on the barge Will W. Case. After hearing the companion, Wong gave an account of the incident during which Chung concealed a suit of clothes, handing the coat hanger to him to hide. The court sent Chung, a man with a record, to prison for six months. Wong was discharged. See Ham appears to have had a serious difference with a fellow Chinaman,

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who is laid-up with a cut alleged to have been inflicted by accused, and will not be out of hospital for a day or two, so the case was remanded for the attendance of the injured man. The magistrate increased the bail meanwhile from \$50 to \$250. The charge is denied.

Shoal Bay Branch Red Cross.—The Hollywood and Shoal Bay branch of the Red Cross, which is under formation, will be organized at a meeting to be held to-morrow night at 8 o'clock in the Margaret Jenkins school. The organizer would like to see a good representation of people from within a half-mile radius of the school. It is hoped that residents of Rockland avenue and district will find the branch convenient for them, and some of the ladies of this

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WIRELESS REPORTS

8 a. m., Jan. 24.

Point Grey—Rain; S. E. light; 30.30; 33; thick seaward.

Cape Lazo—Rain; calm; 20.25; 33; thick seaward. Spoke str. A1K1, 11.45 p. m., off Cape Mudge, southbound.

Pachena—Misty; S. E.; 30.25; 28; light swell.

Estevan—Drizzling rain; S. E.; 29.99; 35; light swell.

Alert Bay—Cloudy; north, moderate; 30.09; 34; sea rough.

Triangle—Fog; W. light; 30.27; 42; sea moderate. Spoke str. Latouche, 6.20 p. m., due Queen Charlotte Sound, 9 p. m., southbound.

Dead Tree Point—Overcast; calm; 30.09; 35; sea smooth.

Ikeda Bay—Cloudy; S. W. light; 29.70; 34; sea smooth.

Prince Rupert—Rain; S. E.; 29.93; 42; sea moderate. Passed out str. Chelohstn, 7 p. m., southbound.

Noon.

Point Grey—Misty; calm; 30.30; 35; dense seaward.

Cape Lazo—Overcast; fog; calm; 30.31; 35; thick seaward.

Pachena—Misty; S. E.; 30.25; 40; light swell.

Estevan—Overcast; calm; 30.04; 40; light swell.

Alert Bay—Passing showers; S. E. light; 30.04; 40; sea smooth. Spoke str. Venture, 12.40 p. m., northbound.

Triangle—Fog; W. light; 30.27; 43; sea moderate. Spoke str. Chelohstn, 10 a. m., Millbank Sound, southbound.

COLLISION CASE IS HEARD HERE

Investigation Held Into Circumstances of Prince Rupert-Cleeve Mishap

WHICH VESSEL WAS THE OVERTAKING SHIP?

Both Sides Claim the Other Was in the Wrong; Question of Courses Steered

Investigation into collision between the G. T. P. steamer Prince Rupert and the Vancouver tugboat Cleeve, which occurred on December 28 in Burrard Inlet, was opened at 10 o'clock this morning before a marine court of inquiry sitting in the post office building. The court was presided over by Capt. John D. Macpherson, wreck commissioner for British Columbia, assisted by Lieut.-Commander Walter Wingate, R. N., commander of H. M. C. S. G. H. S. and Capt. J. R. Stewart, ex-R. N. R., as nautical assessors.

In view of the fact that the steamship Prince Rupert is now at Esquimalt undergoing repairs, it was arranged to conduct the investigation here in preference to Vancouver.

Capt. Duncan McKenzie, master of the Prince Rupert, the first witness called and duly sworn, testified that the Prince Rupert left Prince Rupert at 9 a. m. December 27 for Vancouver, and he first sighted the Cleeve off Prospect Bluff when negotiating the first narrows. As he slowed down to pass the dredge the tug was ahead of him he lost sight of her off Brockton Point. His last course was S. 25 E. from Burrard Shoal to the wharf. He had slowed down to permit the North Vancouver ferry to get out of her berth when he again noticed the Cleeve, and at that instant Capt. Coughlin, of the Cleeve, shouted out to him, "What about me?" Capt. McKenzie replying, "Port your helm." It was too late to avoid impact, the collision occurring about a cable (600 feet) from the Grand Trunk wharf. The Prince Rupert had no headway. The Cleeve was going at full speed

when he sang out instructions to her skipper to port her helm.

Capt. McKenzie stated that had the ferry been out of the fairway the Prince Rupert would have been alongside her berth before the accident could have occurred. In answer to Capt. Stewart he stated that the Cleeve was fairly wide on the starboard side off Burrard Shoal.

Questioned by Commander Wingate, Capt. McKenzie stated that his vessel made about eight knots at half speed and five knots at slow. He did not think he could have avoided collision by porting or starboarding, in answer to Capt. Macpherson. The vessel was not under control with her helm as her engines were run off. If there had been any headway on the ship he could have swung around quickly with the propellers. He considered that the Cleeve was the overtaking ship and he did everything he could to avoid the collision.

Capt. William Nelson Coughlin, owner and master of the Cleeve, on being sworn, testified that he was bound from Fender Harbor to Vancouver. As is customary with smaller vessels, on passing through the Narrows, he passed inside Burrard Shoal and then shaped a course for Hastings mill, his destination being Hind's wharf. He never noticed the Prince Rupert until he heard her whistle, intended for the ferry. He was driving the Cleeve at full speed, about 6 knots. He believed that he was in the right, according to Article 27, Canada Shipping Act, and continued on his course, but on seeing that the collision was inevitable, he gave full speed astern on a starboard helm, with a view to throwing her stern to port. He was going astern a very few minutes before the actual impact, and within that time he shouted to Capt. McKenzie, "What are you going to do? Run us down and drown us. You are the overtaking vessel and govern yourself accordingly." When the vessels came together the Cleeve heeled over and the Prince Rupert continued to drive her sideways.

At this point Capt. McKenzie questioned witness as to his position one minute before the impact. Capt. Coughlin contended that at no time was the Prince Rupert forward of his beam. Capt. Macpherson asked the course steered by the Cleeve after clearing Burrard Shoal. Capt. Coughlin replied that he put the vessel on S. 31 E. This, according to Capt. Macpherson, would make a difference of 56 degrees between the two courses.

Asked what he thought the master of the Prince Rupert should have done under the circumstances, Capt. Coughlin replied that he ought to have kept clear under the rules of the road. Damages estimated at \$1,181.50 were sustained by the Cleeve. He first sighted the Prince Rupert about 2 points abaft the beam while the Cleeve was on a course from Burrard Shoal for Hastings mill. The Cleeve was 57 feet long and equipped with hand-steering gear. The tug's compass was not absolutely true, but he knew how much it was out.

Capt. McKenzie, recalled, told the court that the course of the Prince Rupert was altered but once from Burrard Shoal. He swore that she never got beyond S. 25 E.

Roderick McKenzie, chief officer of the Prince Rupert, left the bridge after passing Burrard Shoal, "leaving" his duty to prepare for the landing at the terminal. The Cleeve was right under the Rupert's bow before he noticed it, and he was totally oblivious of anything happening outside of his particular duty, as the Rupert's engines were stopped. The ferry had just got away from her berth when he first saw the tug on the starboard side, his attention being attracted by the passengers assembled forward.

Capt. Coughlin, recalled, informed Capt. Macpherson that the Cleeve could be brought from full speed to stop in half a minute, three-quarters at the outside.

"She must be a very handy boat," observed the commissioner.

The hearing is being continued this afternoon.

FIFTH NAVAL DRAFT PROCEEDS OVERSEAS

Twenty-Four Men In Charge of Leading Seaman Edwards Go From Esquimalt Station

In charge of Leading Stoker G. Edwards, twenty-five men, forming the fifth draft leaving here for service with the overseas division of the Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve, left by the afternoon boat for Vancouver en route to England. The party was made up of ordinary seamen and stokers as follows: W. T. Smith, K. C. Cooke, W. B. Beldan, A. Taylor, G. Edwards, E. Naah, W. Martin, S. Ryan, W. Edwards, H. Marshall, W. G. Adams, H. G. Burke, J. H. Bruce, F. W. Moulton, J. W. Mackay, J. O'Brien, W. West, A. B. Johnson, A. T. Hill, A. P. Gibson, James Worthington, W. J. Trainer, Thos. O'Leary and C. J. Goodwin.

Accompanying the draft as far as Capt. H. W. Fry, local recruiting officer, announces the following who will leave with the month-end draft from Victoria: George McGregor, master mariner; Wm. McClair, seaman; J. J. Kneale, motor boatman; C. W. Delahaye, seaman; C. T. Bayard, second mate, and T. B. Tye, motor boatman.

Among those awaiting attestation are: W. J. Brown, marine engineer; John Leash, sailor; G. E. Hartnell, lighterman; C. C. Trenchard, motor boatman; Thomas Turner, motor boatman; H. Horth, motor boatman, and P. Bruce, lighterman.

Ocean Combine Is After World Trade Entente Capitalists to Wage War for Commercial Supremacy After Hostilities

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The combine is an outgrowth of the Paris pact, formed by the allies some time ago to restrict trade with the central powers at the close of the war, and while not officially recognized by the four governments, has their unofficial recognition. It will simply be an extension of hostilities along another line at the conclusion of peace among the warring nations—a commercial war in which four nations will exert every effort to crush the trade of Germany upon the high seas.

Every port formerly touched by the North German Lloyd, the Hamburg-American and other big German liners will be made a port of call for the new combine, every German trade route will be paralleled and every effort will be made to wrest the before-the-war trade from her and turn it over to one of the four countries represented in the combine.

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CAPT. SCHARSCHMIDT ARRANGES FOR DRAFT

Master Mariners and Others Still Signing on With Inland Water Transport

After completing a tour of the interior in the interests of recruiting for the inland water transport unit of the Royal Engineers, Capt. P. F. Scharschmidt, who was authorized to raise 500 men for service on the rivers and lakes of Mesopotamia, Egypt and France, is in the city and proposes to return to the mainland by the night boat.

Recruiting for this branch of the service has been particularly brisk, men who have had long experience in the navigation of vessels in coastal and inland waters in this province, eagerly coming forward to offer their services for the empire. Over 400 men have been secured to date, and it is expected that the authorized number will easily be raised by the end of the month when the last draft is due to leave overseas.

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WATERHOUSE GOES EAST

President of Big Shipping Concern Leaves on Business Trip to New York

On business connected with his shipping interests on the Pacific, Frank Waterhouse, president of Frank Waterhouse & Co., who was recently on this side seeing his son, Joe Waterhouse, who has joined the British aviation service, off for the front, has left for New York. He expects to be away from the coast for some time.

Last week Waterhouse renewed charters on four freighters for his Trans-Pacific operations and he is preparing for a busy year in the various Oriental routes.

FIGURE ON CONTRACT FOR ADDITIONAL SHIPS

Coughlan & Sons, of Vancouver Anticipate Orders for Six More Steel Vessels

Vancouver, Jan. 24.—That in addition to the orders placed with his firm by the Norwegian government for three steel vessels, costing about \$2,500,000, orders were anticipated for another six vessels to sail under a neutral flag, was announced to the civic utilities and industries committee by Mr. John Coughlan, of Coughlan & Sons, the firm now engaged on the preparatory work for the three ships. Mr. Coughlan appeared before the committee in support of an application for leave for his firm to use the foot of Columbia street, on the south side of False Creek, Mr. Coughlan informing the committee that while extra land had already been secured, the use of Columbia street would also be required in the undertaking.

Before he left the committee room, Mr. Coughlan furnished the committee with some interesting facts and figures dealing directly with his firm's task. Owing to the fact that the application must come before the civic board of works, Mr. Coughlan was informed that the committee could not take any action upon it, but was assured by the mayor and other members of the committee that all possible would be done by the council to aid in the undertaking.

Mr. Coughlan said his firm would employ about 1,900 men, that his firm was spending over \$200,000 on the preparatory work on the plant, and that before the first vessel was complete the firm would have put into the plant over \$500,000. Mr. Coughlan said his firm had taken over the plant of the Dominion Cement Company, but that even with this additional space, the foot of Columbia street was still needed.

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SPORTING NEWS

SPOKANE HOCKEYISTS DEFEATED YESTERDAY

Vancouver Wins Easy Victory
Over Frank Patrick's
"Canaries"

Spokane, Jan. 24.—The Vancouver ice hockey team scored an easy victory over Spokane last night by 8 goals to 5. The play was fairly even during the first period, each team scoring two goals, but in the second Spokane's defence crumbled and Vancouver scored five goals, while Spokane was held scoreless. In the third period Vancouver scored again, and then Spokane rallied and scored three goals, but was unable to overcome Vancouver's lead. The playing of Roberts, left wing for Vancouver, was a feature of the game. Summary—First period: 1, Vancouver, Roberts from Moynes, 2:30; 2, Spokane, Nichols from Cook, 2:57; 3, Spokane, Kerr from Lloyd Cook, 3:46; 4, Vancouver, Roberts from F. Patrick, 4:06. Second period—5, Vancouver, F. Patrick from McKay, 4:10; 6, Vancouver, Roberts from F. Patrick, 5:25; 7, Vancouver, McKay from Stanley, 5:41; 8, Vancouver, Roberts from F. Patrick, 4:42; 9, Vancouver, Stanley from Moynes, 5:36. Third period—10, Vancouver, Griffin, 1:29; 11, Spokane, Lloyd Cook from L. Patrick, 6:20; 12, Spokane, McDonald from L. Patrick, 3:49; 13, Spokane, Kerr, 5:12.

CRANBROOK CURLERS COMPETE AT CALGARY

The thirteenth annual bonspiel of Alberta opened at Calgary Monday with the finest of curling weather. There are more than 500 rinks represented, visitors being present from points as far east as Wilkie, Sask., and from as far west as Cranbrook, B. C.

Mayor Young welcomed the visitors to the annual bonspiel at Saskatoon Monday, and Secretary Bruce announced that 70 rinks had entered the spiel so far. Late trains have delayed the arrival of a few curlers.

INVITE MINORS TO JOIN FRATERNITY

Nine Players Have Signed Contracts According to Boston Red Sox Official

Dave Fultz, head of the Players' Fraternity, is going to try and line up minor league players with the organization and will ask them to participate in the fight now being waged by the players against organized baseball. Fultz announced recently in New York that the barrier would be let down to class B and C leagues. Hitherto only class A leagues have been admissible, he said. President Fultz said that the application for admission for a class B league had been received and accepted. Red Sox Stars Signing. Harry H. Frazee, president of the Boston American League Baseball Club, announced that he had nine players under contract, including Manager John Barry, who signed a few weeks ago, and Ruth, Shore and Agnew, whose contracts hold over from last season. He expected five more players to send in their contracts Thursday. At the club's offices it was stated that nearly all members of the team are members of the Baseball Players' Fraternity. Signs With White Sox. Oscar Felsch, of Milwaukee, outfielder with the Chicago Americans, signed a 1917 contract Monday.

HOPPE'S BILLIARD TITLE STILL SECURE

Prospects That He Will Maintain Lead in Game Are Very Bright

Some of our very best little champions may be knocked off their pedestals during 1917, but there is one top-notch player whose lead is as solid as the rock of Gibraltar. Willie Hoppe, who has balk-lined his way to more billiard supremacy than any other player in the realm of the tip and the cue, is the title holder. Others may fall; even Jess Willard may find his six odd feet of beef sprawled out on the canvas with a referee performing the last rites over his title. Chick Evans may miss a six-foot putt and see some of his golf laurels scurrying away from him, and others may tumble—but Hoppe—who is going to beat Hoppe? For several years the fellows, who father billiard matches and foster players, who show signs of becoming artists at the ball-line game, have been trying to discover some one who can make the little ivory pellets do more tricks than Hoppe can. So far they have searched in vain. Hoppe Never Worries. Hoppe has met all of the good ones and a whole lot of the false alarms. He doesn't care who is shooting the other cue in a match against him. He never worries, he never even shows more than a passing interest in what an opponent is doing on the table. The fact is, Hoppe's opponents are lucky if the game isn't finished in about five innings. Hoppe met Koji Yamada some time ago. The Jap is good. In fact, he is somewhat of a wizard himself. But, compared to Hoppe, he is tied to a post. In exhibition matches during their tour of the United States last year, Hoppe often permitted Yamada to get a lead on him and then ran out his string with about as much concern as a wooden statue in front of a cigar store. But this is 1917. There is something that may sound like magic to the billiard promoters in that. This new year may upset previous dope. So the fellows who have been trying to find Hoppe's master are gazing about again with a show of renewed interest. The only way promoters of billiard tournaments can be sure of interest in their matches if they sign Hoppe to play, is to arrange a heavy handicap system, with all but Hoppe enjoying a handicap of from 100 to 500 points, depending on the length of a match. Otherwise there would be few dollars taken in at the gate. But, once again—this is 1917. Who has the best chance against Hoppe? Who of the many good billiard players of the country is showing enough class to warrant a championship match being made? Some say that Ora Morningstar is the logical man. Others still believe that George Sutton will some day sneak in, unexpectedly and trim the champion. So far Sutton has played in vain. Hoppe is still the King. And it looks as though Hoppe will continue to lord it over the billiardists for some moons to come.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS PLAY BASKETBALL

The basketball games of the Sunday school league were played in the gymnasium of the First Presbyterian church last evening. The Reformed Episcopal ladies defeated the Congregationalists by 22-7 and the Presbyterian ladies (A) team completely vanquished the Belmonts by a score of 30-0. In the first named match the high scorers were Miss E. Grant for the Congregationalists with two baskets, and Miss G. McCulag, of the Reformed Episcopalians, with six baskets. The game was refereed by Ted Hopkins. For the Presbyterians Miss M. Hannon was the star player with eight baskets. The match was refereed by H. W. Clark. The intermediate boys' game proved to be of a more even and exciting nature, and resulted in a win for the James Bays over the Presbyterians (A) team by a score of 20-13. Harry Copas, for the Bays, with 8 points and Sproule, for the Presbyterians, with 11, were the high scorers. Bob Whyte refereed the game.

SOCCER GAMES FOR COMING SATURDAY

At last evening's meeting of the Victoria and District Football Association the following games were arranged to be played next Saturday. Senior League. Navy vs. Victoria West, at Carleton; referee, Leaskley. 143rd Battalion vs. V. I. A. A. at Beacon Hill lower ground; referee, B. Robinson. Intermediate League. Congregationalists vs. Centrals, at Central park; referee, P. C. Payne. Peden Cup (Replay Game.) Garrison vs. James Bays, at Beacon Hill upper ground; referee, Cpl. Graham. Besides these games there will be a friendly match at the Willow's camp between the Willows team and the Rotuters. The league match which would have been played on Saturday between the Garrison and the Willows Camp, but for the replay of the Peden cup game will be played next Wednesday at the Willows camp, refereed by Cpl. Graham.

ION MAY RETURN TO POSITION AS OFFICIAL

Referee May Take Job Again in Games That Portland Does Not Play

That Mickey Ion, the hockey official who resigned because the Portland management objected to his refereeing, will probably reconsider his resignation and again become a member of the Pacific Coast League officiating staff at the meeting called by President Frank Patrick, to consider the question of referee, is the opinion of those who know the situation. Portland is the only club in the league which objects to Ion officiating, and it is probable that Ion will be asked to referee the games in which Portland does not participate, thereby giving the Southerners no chance to kick at the decisions. Ion has not yet stated whether he would consider the job again. In case Ion does not come to an agreement at to-day's meeting steps will be taken to hire another official. Other business will probably come up for discussion.

PHILADELPHIA WILL GET RACE MEETING

Atlanta, Jan. 24.—Philadelphia was added to the list of Grand Circuit cities by the schedule committee of the circuit stewards at the annual meeting here yesterday. The season will open at Cleveland July 15, for one week, and close at Atlanta during the week of October 15. Other dates selected follow: Detroit, July 23, August 4; Kalamazoo, August 6-11; Columbus, August 13-18; Cleveland, August 20-25; Philadelphia, August 27, September 3; Hartford, September 10-15; Columbus, September 17-22; Lexington, October 1-15; Atlanta, October 15-20.

NOTED RIDER DEAD.

Helena, Mont., Jan. 24.—Quiller Morse, noted two decades ago as "Long Shot" Morse, crack rider for Marcus Daly when the horses of that magnate were piling up turf victories, died here yesterday. He was 65 years old and leaves a family. He rode for the last time at the Montana state fair last fall and was taken ill a few days later.

CHAPPELLE SIGNS UP.

Boston, Jan. 24.—The signed contract of Larry Chappelle, an outfielder, was received at headquarters of the Boston National League baseball club yesterday. Business Manager Walter E. Hagood stated that six members of the team were now under contract for next season.

DOG RACE TO-DAY.

Winnipeg, Jan. 24.—Arrangements were being completed this morning for the start at noon of the 522-mile big race over the Pembina trail from Winnipeg to St. Paul. There were seven teams here last night and five more were expected from the Lake Winnipeg district and Le Pas, making a probable starting list of twelve. Experts figure that the canine teams should arrive at St. Paul before dusk next Tuesday.

MITCHELL WANTS THE BOUT POSTPONED

Milwaukee, Jan. 24.—As a result of injuring his hand while boxing recently, Richie Mitchell wired the promoters at Cleveland, O., who had arranged a bout between him and Johnny Kilbane for the featherweight championship, asking that the date of the match be postponed at least a week. The fight was scheduled for January 20 at Cleveland.

IN HOCKEY CIRCLES

The Coast League directors have apparently arrived at the conclusion that the Portland Buds had better be informed forthwith that they are not running the league. The information will be imparted to them at to-day's meeting. George Irvine has showed a lot of improvement in his work lately. He got just about all the rough stuff that was attempted in the last game at Vancouver which necessitated enforced rests for several of the performers. He'll do.

PORTLAND GETS CATCHER.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 24.—Manager Walter McCredie of the Portland baseball team has announced that he has traded Pitcher Z. Z. Hagerman, formerly of Cleveland, to St. Paul, in the American Association, for Catcher Marshall.

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LOOK FOR SETTLEMENT.

Cleveland, Jan. 24.—"I do not believe the Fraternity will go on strike," said Roger Peckinpaugh, the New York-American League shortstop, here last night. "I know the players have some real grievances, and doubtless the clubs have some, too, but I believe there will be a compromise effected," said Peckinpaugh. The Cleveland club has been informed that Tris Speaker is well satisfied with the terms of his contract, and his treatment by the club, and will not be a holdout.

Hudson's Bay "Imperial" Lager Beer, quarts, \$2.00 per dozen.

STEERING GEAR AND COMPASS DESTROYED

Germans Steered Damaged Destroyer to Ymuiden by Using Propellers

London, Jan. 24.—A survivor of the German destroyer V-69, interviewed at Ymuiden by a correspondent of the Evening News, said the main action had occurred at a point 30 miles off Zebruggo. His vessel, with another torpedo boat destroyer, formed the rear-guard of a flotilla of eleven vessels. Suddenly the German flotilla was confronted by two British squadrons composed of four and six big ships each. The British marksmanship was accurate and the V-69 was badly hit. The compass and steering gear being destroyed, the officers of the German destroyer followed the stars and used the propellers in steering toward a German port. While making for Ymuiden they were confronted by four destroyers and the V-69 ran for the Dutch coast. "We do not know what happened to the other vessels," the survivor concluded, "but they must have got it badly."

DIFFERENCE ABOUT FORGET'S RAILWAYS

Supreme Court Will Decide How Valuation Should Be Made

Ottawa, Jan. 24.—An inconclusive judgment was given in the Quebec & Saguenay railway case to-day. At the last session of parliament legislation was passed authorizing the government to take over from Sir Rudolph Forget and his associates the Quebec & Saguenay, the Quebec, Montmorency & Charlevoix and the Lotbiniere & Megantic railways at a valuation to be fixed by the exchequer court. The court has been endeavoring to arrive at a valuation of the lines, and apparently exception has been taken by counsel for the railways to the basis of calculation which Mr. Justice Cassels thinks should be adopted. His lordship in the judgment given to-day states that the taking of evidence should be stopped to allow an appeal to be taken to the supreme court to decide whether or not he is proceeding along right lines in endeavoring to arrive at a valuation of the roads.

In regard to valuation, Mr. Justice Cassels takes the view that the value of the lines should be the real value at the present time, less the bonded indebtedness, amounting to \$2,500,000, being taken over by the Dominion government, and also less the Dominion and provincial subsidies which have been received by the railways. The chief bone of contention is the provincial subsidy, amounting to \$440,000, which the owners of the railways maintain should not be included in the calculation of deductions under the Dominion legislation of last session. The supreme court no doubt will be asked to decide whether or not this sum is to be included.

Under the terms of the legislation of last session the amount to be paid for the railways, apart from the \$2,500,000 of bonded indebtedness, must not exceed \$4,310,000. No final decision as to the value of the lines will be arrived at by the exchequer court until the supreme court decides whether or not Mr. Justice Cassels is placing a proper interpretation upon the legislation passed last session.

HUDSON'S BAY LINE COMPLETED SHORTLY

Winnipeg, Jan. 24.—Rex McArthur, contractor, who has been building a large section of the Hudson's Bay Railway in association with McMullen Brothers, is in the city. He said: "The railway will be completed by this summer. There are about 90 miles of steel to lay and nine miles of grading to be done. There are two bridges yet to be built. They will both be single-span and will cross the Limestone and Airhole rivers. When completed the line will run from Les Pas to Port Nelson, 469 miles."

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TWO DUTCH AND TWO BRITISH SHIPS SUNK

Crew of Fishing Boat Seventeen Hours in Open Boats

London, Jan. 24.—Lloyd's shipping agency announces the sinking of the Dutch steamship Salland, of 2,222 tons gross, and the British steamship Tremendous, of 2,253 tons gross. The crews were landed.

The sinking of the Dutch steamship Zeta, of 2,053 tons gross, and the British steamship Neugen, of 3,583 tons gross, also is announced.

The crew of the sunken fishing boat Ethel, says another announcement by the shipping agency, landed after seventeen hours at sea in open boats during zero weather, the whole crew suffering from exposure and exhaustion.

LAND MUST PRODUCE MORE IN BRITAIN

Government Departments Are Working Out Plans for Feeding the Populace

London, Jan. 24.—The government has taken steps to meet Germany's threat of an extended submarine campaign. Three government departments are working in the closest co-operation to this end and are expected to announce before the end of this week a plan for revolutionary methods of feeding Britain with home-grown foodstuffs. The three departments heads are the director of national service, the secretary of agriculture and the food controller.

The first and most important action will be taken by Neville Chamberlain, the director of national service, who will announce within a few days the classification of all industries into essential and non-essential classes. Workers from the non-essential industries will be enrolled to till the land and become real food producers. This means that Britain expects every man and woman capable of working with a hoe or doing the lightest farm work to enlist in a great civilian army.

It has become known that Mr. Chamberlain has been relieved of the necessity of organizing the nation's military forces and will direct his energies solely toward the civil side and the work of transforming consumers into producers. Throughout the country women's volunteer land service corps are organizing. The country schools are enlisting women who are willing to learn farm work. It is estimated that this source alone will produce 100,000 farm hands.

The department of agriculture, working day and night since Mr. Lloyd George became prime minister, has worked out a survey of farm conditions in every district containing large, unworked tracts of land, which will be invaded by the civilian army. Other districts composed of small holdings which have been denuded of able-bodied men by military necessity also will receive civilian volunteers. Should the farmers be unable to pay the workers regular wages they will receive government aid.

CLAIMS IN ENGLAND AGAINST CANADA

London, Jan. 24.—Claims amounting to \$29,000 have been made against the Canadian forces for local rates in connection with their occupation of buildings in London and elsewhere. The war office takes no responsibility either way. The Canadian administration, through Colonel Alexander, had successfully disputed its liability to pay any local rates, its contention being supported by the imperial attorney general.

It is thought probable that the Canadians will make voluntary contribution to the rates of the respective districts.

BETHLEHEM STEEL

New York, Jan. 24.—Bethlehem Steel's response to the opening of to-day's market to yesterday's "melon cutting" of the directors, which included a 200 per cent stock dividend, was a decline of 5 points to 42 on a sale of 100 shares.

ARE ANNOYED BY MR. WILSON'S SPEECH

Entente Circles in Washington Regard It as Aiding Germany

Washington, Jan. 24.—In the forum which President Wilson himself selected for his peace move he will be answered. On the floor of the Senate his latest effort to assist the German peace move will be discussed and his declaration that he would have the government of the United States abandon George Washington's policy of isolation for the United States and throw overboard the doctrine of President Monroe will be replied to. The resolution offered by Senator Cummins, of Iowa, has created more disturbance and alarm in the upper House than was occasioned on Monday by the sudden announcement from the White House that the president desired to address the Senate on a momentous matter touching the foreign policy of the United States.

FORCE MUST DECIDE, SAYS BONAR LAW

Wilson's Ideas Would Fail; British People Are Thoroughly Determined

London, Jan. 24.—Rt. Hon. Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer and a member of the war council, declared in a speech at Bristol to-day that President Wilson's peace aims were shared by the entente powers, but that under the circumstances other means must be taken to obtain peace and that it was impossible to consent to a peace that would leave Germany's military machine unbroken.

COMPLETE LIBERTY FOR RUSSIAN JEWS

Announcement of New Policy Expected Before Middle of February

Petrograd, Jan. 24.—Information from an excellent source is that the Jews probably will get complete liberties in Russia before the opening of the Duma about the middle of February. The project is favored by the most powerful minister, M. Protopopoff, minister of the interior. The Holy Orthodox church also is believed to be supporting it.

\$353,000,000 FOR NAVY OF STATES NEXT YEAR

Washington, Jan. 24.—Representative Padgett and the House sub-committee charged with framing the naval bill have completed their task and will report to the naval committee Monday a measure carrying \$353,000,000 for 1918.

WINNIPEG STREET RAILWAY

Winnipeg, Jan. 24.—The earnings of the Winnipeg Electric Railway for the year ended Dec. 31, 1916, were \$2,053,313, of which amount the city is entitled to \$103,767.17 under its agreement.

CUMMINS'S RESOLUTION ON WILSON'S ADDRESS

Washington, Jan. 24.—Action on Senator Cummins's resolution to provide for exclusive consideration of the president's peace address until all senators have expressed their views was deferred to-day and it was sent to the calendar after it had been debated two hours.

COL. GORRELL FOUND DEAD IN ENGLAND

Had Been Suffering Mentally and Physically Since Hospital Inquiry

London, Jan. 24.—A painful sensation was caused in the Canadian forces to-day when Col. Gorrell, formerly in command of the Taplow Hospital, was found dead in his lodgings in Maidstone from the effects of poison.

PARTIES AT OTTAWA GATHER IN CAUCUS

Nothing Given Out; Inquiry About Coal Problem in Ontario

Ottawa, Jan. 24.—Both parties met in caucus in different parts of the museum building this forenoon. At the conclusion of the conferences nothing was given out by either party. It is understood that the conferences were confined to general conversations preliminary to later discussion of the important points at issue.

WISCONSIN SCORED BY LISBON NEWSPAPER

Lisbon, Jan. 24.—The Secutor, commenting on President Wilson's speech before the Senate at Washington, says he has the "genius of inopportunist."

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, Jan. 24.—Wheat closed 1/2 cent higher for May; 3/4 higher for July and 2 1/2 higher for October. Oats closed 1/4 up for May and 1/2 higher for July. Barley 1/4 higher, and flax 1/4 higher. Short covering on a small scale took wheat prices higher about the middle of the day in spite of the heavy shipment of the trade. There was little to the market, only one burst, the rest being dull. Cash wheat was firm from unchanged to 1 cent higher. Offerings were small in all grains. Oats was in good demand.

Wheat	Open	High	Low	Close
May	194 1/2	194 1/2	194 1/2	194 1/2
July	151 1/2	151 1/2	151 1/2	151 1/2
Sept.	159 1/2	159 1/2	159 1/2	159 1/2
Oct.	181 1/2	181 1/2	181 1/2	181 1/2
Nov.	191 1/2	191 1/2	191 1/2	191 1/2
Dec.	201 1/2	201 1/2	201 1/2	201 1/2
Jan.	211 1/2	211 1/2	211 1/2	211 1/2
Feb.	221 1/2	221 1/2	221 1/2	221 1/2
Mar.	231 1/2	231 1/2	231 1/2	231 1/2
Apr.	241 1/2	241 1/2	241 1/2	241 1/2
May	251 1/2	251 1/2	251 1/2	251 1/2
June	261 1/2	261 1/2	261 1/2	261 1/2
July	271 1/2	271 1/2	271 1/2	271 1/2
Aug.	281 1/2	281 1/2	281 1/2	281 1/2
Sept.	291 1/2	291 1/2	291 1/2	291 1/2
Oct.	301 1/2	301 1/2	301 1/2	301 1/2
Nov.	311 1/2	311 1/2	311 1/2	311 1/2
Dec.	321 1/2	321 1/2	321 1/2	321 1/2
Jan.	331 1/2	331 1/2	331 1/2	331 1/2
Feb.	341 1/2	341 1/2	341 1/2	341 1/2
Mar.	351 1/2	351 1/2	351 1/2	351 1/2
Apr.	361 1/2	361 1/2	361 1/2	361 1/2
May	371 1/2	371 1/2	371 1/2	371 1/2
June	381 1/2	381 1/2	381 1/2	381 1/2
July	391 1/2	391 1/2	391 1/2	391 1/2
Aug.	401 1/2	401 1/2	401 1/2	401 1/2
Sept.	411 1/2	411 1/2	411 1/2	411 1/2
Oct.	421 1/2	421 1/2	421 1/2	421 1/2
Nov.	431 1/2	431 1/2	431 1/2	431 1/2
Dec.	441 1/2	441 1/2	441 1/2	441 1/2
Jan.	451 1/2	451 1/2	451 1/2	451 1/2
Feb.	461 1/2	461 1/2	461 1/2	461 1/2
Mar.	471 1/2	471 1/2	471 1/2	471 1/2
Apr.	481 1/2	481 1/2	481 1/2	481 1/2
May	491 1/2	491 1/2	491 1/2	491 1/2
June	501 1/2	501 1/2	501 1/2	501 1/2
July	511 1/2	511 1/2	511 1/2	511 1/2
Aug.	521 1/2	521 1/2	521 1/2	521 1/2
Sept.	531 1/2	531 1/2	531 1/2	531 1/2
Oct.	541 1/2	541 1/2	541 1/2	541 1/2
Nov.	551 1/2	551 1/2	551 1/2	551 1/2
Dec.	561 1/2	561 1/2	561 1/2	561 1/2
Jan.	571 1/2	571 1/2	571 1/2	571 1/2
Feb.	581 1/2	581 1/2	581 1/2	581 1/2
Mar.	591 1/2	591 1/2	591 1/2	591 1/2
Apr.	601 1/2	601 1/2	601 1/2	601 1/2
May	611 1/2	611 1/2	611 1/2	611 1/2
June	621 1/2	621 1/2	621 1/2	621 1/2
July	631 1/2	631 1/2	631 1/2	631 1/2
Aug.	641 1/2	641 1/2	641 1/2	641 1/2
Sept.	651 1/2	651 1/2	651 1/2	651 1/2
Oct.	661 1/2	661 1/2	661 1/2	661 1/2
Nov.	671 1/2	671 1/2	671 1/2	671 1/2
Dec.	681 1/2	681 1/2	681 1/2	681 1/2
Jan.	691 1/2	691 1/2	691 1/2	691 1/2
Feb.	701 1/2	701 1/2	701 1/2	701 1/2
Mar.	711 1/2	711 1/2	711 1/2	711 1/2
Apr.	721 1/2	721 1/2	721 1/2	721 1/2
May	731 1/2	731 1/2	731 1/2	731 1/2
June	741 1/2	741 1/2	741 1/2	741 1/2
July	751 1/2	751 1/2	751 1/2	751 1/2
Aug.	761 1/2	761 1/2	761 1/2	761 1/2
Sept.	771 1/2	771 1/2	771 1/2	771 1/2
Oct.	781 1/2	781 1/2	781 1/2	781 1/2
Nov.	791 1/2	791 1/2	791 1/2	791 1/2
Dec.	801 1/2	801 1/2	801 1/2	801 1/2
Jan.	811 1/2	811 1/2	811 1/2	811 1/2
Feb.	821 1/2	821 1/2	821 1/2	821 1/2
Mar.	831 1/2	831 1/2	831 1/2	831 1/2
Apr.	841 1/2	841 1/2	841 1/2	841 1/2
May	851 1/2	851 1/2	851 1/2	851 1/2
June	861 1/2	861 1/2	861 1/2	861 1/2
July	871 1/2	871 1/2	871 1/2	871 1/2
Aug.	881 1/2	881 1/2	881 1/2	881 1/2
Sept.	891 1/2	891 1/2	891 1/2	891 1/2
Oct.	901 1/2	901 1/2	901 1/2	901 1/2
Nov.	911 1/2	911 1/2	911 1/2	911 1/2
Dec.	921 1/2	921 1/2	921 1/2	921 1/2
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Feb.	941 1/2	941 1/2	941 1/2	941 1/2
Mar.	951 1/2	951 1/2	951 1/2	951 1/2
Apr.	961 1/2	961 1/2	961 1/2	961 1/2
May	971 1/2	971 1/2	971 1/2	971 1/2
June	981 1/2	981 1/2	981 1/2	981 1/2
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Mar.	1431 1/2	1431 1/2	1431 1/2	1431 1/2
Apr.	1441 1/2	1441 1/2	1441 1/2	1441 1/2
May	1451 1/2	1451 1/2	1451 1/2	1451 1/2
June	1461 1/2	1461 1/2	1461 1/2	1461 1/2

SUPERFLUITIES GREATEST RAFFLE

Tickets 10c

The drawing for the raffle, owing to the work in connection with the Christmas Pantomime and the closing of the Superfluites Shop, has been postponed till Feb. 2.

Hundreds of dollars' worth of prizes have been added to those already advertised. The list of prizes is as follows:

Prize No.

- 1—Breeze Motor Car.
- 2—Pool Table (value \$300).
- 3—Very valuable Tea Set, Benares ware, cost \$5 guineas.
- 4—Cut Glass Flower Bowl.
- 5—400-Day Clock.
- 6—Opal and Diamond Ring.
- 7—Very valuable Chinese Carved Figure (worth \$100).
- 8—Tantalus.
- 9—Silver Jug.
- 10—Gold Watch.
- 11—Olive and Pearl Pendant.
- 12—Fox's Head Compass in 40 carat B. C. gold.
- 13—Linen and Lace Bedspread.
- 14—Cut Glass and Silver Scent Bottle.
- 15—Rock in Purple Leather.
- 16—Blue Chinese Vase.
- 17—Yoke and Cuffs, Handmade Lace.
- 18—Gold Bracelet.
- 19—Buckle.
- 20—Picture (valued at \$100).
- 21—Silver Tea Service.
- 22—Picture.
- 23—Gold Medal (gold alone worth \$58.68).
- 24—Rings.
- 25—Tiffany War Bag (worth \$100).
- 26—Fan.
- 27—Buckinghamshire Lace Tea Cloth.
- 28—Barometer.
- 29—French Marble Clock (over 100 years old).
- 30—Violin.
- 31—Camera.
- 32—Picture.

Most of the prizes are on view at Messrs. T. N. Hibben's store; Government street.

Mr. Tony Jensen has kindly allowed the motor car to be on view at his garage, Yates street.

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Notice is hereby given that a Court of Revision for the purpose of receiving complaints against the assessment for the year 1917, as made by the Assessor, and for revising, equalizing and correcting the Assessment Roll, will be held in the Municipal Hall on Thursday, February 22, 1917, at 10 a. m.

All complaints or objections to the said Assessment Roll must be made in writing and delivered to the Assessor at least ten days before the date of the first sitting of the Court, namely, the 22nd day of February, 1917.

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WORK OF SAANICH MUNICIPAL STAFF

Auditor Speaks Very Highly of Management; General Business of District

At yesterday's meeting of the Saanich council the report of the auditor with regard to his inspection of the municipal books for the year 1916 was read.

No statement could have been more complimentary to the clerk and the municipal staff. J. S. Floyd stated that everything was in a very satisfactory condition. The accounts had, he said, been kept in an irreproachable manner and all the records and documents in connection with the carrying out of the work of the corporation had been properly recorded and filed. Special mention was made in the report to the capable manner in which the extra work in connection with the installation of the new water system had been dealt with.

The council members were unanimous in congratulating the clerk on the efficient manner in which he and the staff had handled the business, as shown by the auditor's report.

School Board Secretary.

A letter was read from the Saanich school-board asking that a secretary be appointed from the municipal staff to deal with the school board work. It was pointed out that the extra labor could be shared by the various members of the municipal staff, and that a saving of \$50 a month would thus be made.

Councilor Tanner was of the opinion that it would be better to have a secretary who could visit the schools regularly and thus find what the requirements of each were.

The plan as outlined in the letter was, however, adopted, and the finance committee was instructed to work out the details.

Street Lighting.

Considerable discussion took place when the matter of the street lighting was brought before the meeting. The reverend and Councilor Tanner both pointed out that extravagance was distinctly noticeable in this department in many parts of the district, showing that carelessness had been common, and that the lights had not been turned out until long after they were needed. By exercising more care in this regard it was estimated that the light bills could be reduced considerably.

Committees Appointed.

The following committees were appointed: Inter-municipal, Councilors Diggon, C. B. Jones, and Carey; police, Councilor Diggon; license, Councilor Carey. The reverend is to appoint a resident of the municipality to act on the police and license committees.

Mr. Floyd was reappointed auditor for the coming year.

It was decided that the estimates for the coming year should be considered at the next meeting. A report was also received from Returning Officer Sewell, stating that the result of the vote on the half-holiday question gave a majority in favor of Wednesday. The first Wednesday in February will see the new holiday observed.

Employment Bureau.

Councilor E. B. Jones suggested that the municipality establish an employment bureau where all the unemployed of the district could register. The matter was approved by the council and the organization of the department will be undertaken immediately.

A letter was received from the Victorian Order of Nurses requesting that the council make them a grant of \$800 to establish and maintain a branch in Saanich. It was considered, however, by the council, that they would not be justified in making such a grant, and it was thought better to appoint a committee who might look into the matter and report at the next meeting.

Unsanitary Conditions.

A communication from the sanitary inspector was read stating that Mr. Thomas, of Haultain street, was carrying on dairy work under unsanitary conditions. The meeting decided to instruct the police to look into the conditions and to see that they were improved.

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HOW SALARY CUT HAS AFFECTED ESTIMATES

City School Board Will Deal To-night With Question of Revision

The city school-board this evening will deal with the estimates, for which data has been gathered during the past week at the board office. The principal question which will arise is with regard to salaries. The difference in the cost as between December, 1914, and last month, is about \$37,000 in the salaries of teachers and janitors, so that the reduction is more substantial than the majority of citizens realize.

The reason for the margin is equally as much owing to the suspension of the automatic increases, as the pro rata cut of 10 per cent. all round which took effect about two years ago. Even the trustees at that time did not appear to realize what a striking effect the suspension of increases would have.

Apart from the general principle, there is a strong case for increases in certain salaries, should the board refuse to give a restoration of the schedule. There are eight less teachers engaged than in December, 1914, but the number of pupils only shows a trifling increase. However, one of the most important factors in keeping salaries down has been the engagement of many less experienced teachers, at lower salaries, as men have gone to the front, and women teachers to other lines of activity.

With the possible exception of supplies, it is not anticipated that the amounts for other board necessities will show much change. The estimates of 1917, which must be lodged with council by next Wednesday, will be determined practically on the policy adopted with regard to salaries.

Personal

Miss Finlayson, of Victoria, is visiting Mrs. J. C. Keith, of Vancouver, for a few days.

George E. Macdonald and C. B. Patterson, Vancouver, are in the city today. Both are prominent Liberals of that city.

Miss DeWida Ker, who has been spending a few weeks in Vancouver visiting her aunt, Mrs. Ker, has returned to Victoria.

Mayor McCaffery, who was re-elected the other day as chief magistrate of Prince Rupert, and who is in the city on civic business, called on Hon. T. D. Pattullo today.

Joseph Walters, M. P. F. for Yale, is in the city on departmental business and saw several of the ministers today. There is much mining activity in the district which he represents. Mr. Walters told a Times reporter, and this has become particularly noticeable since the change of government. The mining and agricultural population of the district are looking forward to a year of much prosperity as a result of sane action in the encouragement of these industries.

The marriage took place last Saturday evening of Norma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Boynton, Shaughnessy Heights, Vancouver, and Lieut. William Howard Stevens, 69th Winnipeg Rifles, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Stevens, of Winnipeg. The rite took place at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. H. C. Mason, D.D., of the University church, Seattle, performing the ceremony, assisted by Rev. Dr. Mackay, of Vancouver. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens left shortly after the reception for Victoria, and are visiting here until the end of the week. They will proceed to Winnipeg in about a fortnight's time, Lieut. Stevens being due to return for overseas duties early in March, having had three months' leave of absence from the front.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at St. Mark's church, Boleskine road, on Saturday, January 20, when Margie, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jones, of Victoria, was united in marriage to William Oliver Flight, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Flight, of Stroud, Gloucestershire. The bride looked very pretty in a white wedding dress with overdress of lace, and sleeves of shadow lace. She wore a veil and wreath of orange blossoms, and her bridal bouquet was of roses and white carnations. Her bridesmaid, Miss Daisy White, looked very dainty in pale blue crepe de chine, trimmed with silver, with this being worn a big picture hat. She carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The bride was given away by E. A. Williams, a brother of the bride. The church was well filled with friends and relatives of the principals, and the entire wedding party repaired after the ceremony to the home of the newly wedded pair, 267 Cloverdale avenue, where a dainty supper was served. Both Mr. and Mrs. Flight are well known in the neighborhood, and were the recipients of many hearty good wishes for the future.

VICTORIA ROTARIANS TO VISIT VANCOUVER

Fourth Annual Convention to Be Held in Terminal City, February 24

February 24 is the day on which the fourth annual convention of the western Rotary Clubs will be held. This year the festivities will take place in Vancouver with headquarters at the Vancouver hotel, and it is fully expected that at least sixty Victoria members with their wives will journey to the Terminal City. According to the arrangements the following cities will be largely represented: Victoria, Vancouver, Seattle, Spokane, Portland, Tacoma, together with Calgary, Great Falls and Butte, which are entering for the first time.

The principal proceedings will be carried out on the Saturday. In the morning the various representatives will meet in business sessions for the determining of any matters that affects the club and their work in general.

Luncheon will be served at 12:15 o'clock, during which each club will be allotted fifteen minutes in which to put on a Rotary "acton." The particular act to be given by the Victoria club is being kept a profound secret, but it is understood that it will be in the form of an advertisement for the city.

In the afternoon the most serious part of the business will be dealt with. One speaker from each club will be allowed ten minutes in which to deliver a short address on a stated topic. Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick will speak for the Victoria club on the subject "Service to Our Country."

A banquet will be held in the evening at which one member of each club will be permitted five minutes in which to speak on any subject which the selected member may think fit to choose. Following this a dance will take place, at which the ladies will make their first official appearance as members of the convention. This will complete the proceedings of Saturday.

Those who are able to remain in Vancouver over Sunday will be shown over the city and generally entertained by the club of that city.

An added feature of the convention will be the basketball match which will be played by the teams of the Victoria and Vancouver clubs. J. H. Beatty, of the Sprout-Shaw Business Institute, who is captain of the local team, has challenged the mainland club to a game and has been taken up by the Terminal City executive.

W. H. Wilkerson has kindly offered to present a challenge shield for annual competition among the various clubs. The game will be played on the Friday evening preceding the convention.

A feature of the Saturday proceedings will be the staging of the choir, which has been rehearsing for some time in this city under the leadership of Frank Sehl. This choir will render songs of both a topical and Rotary nature.

OBITUARY RECORD

The funeral of the late Pte. Spencer Salvatore took place at 1:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the B. C. Funeral chapel, Rev. Father Silver officiating. The remains were borne to the cemetery on a gun-carriage, draped with the Union Jack. There were several beautiful flowers, among them being a big wreath from the members of "J" Company, Casualty unit. The pallbearers were Sgt. Emery, Ptes. Brown, Johnson, Robb and Bryce.

The funeral took place this morning of Hans Fossum. Services were held at 10 o'clock from the B. C. Funeral chapel, Rev. Gilbert Cook officiating. The casket was covered with flowers. There was one hymn, "Rock of Ages." The following were the pallbearers: Messrs. T. Anderson, J. Denby, G. Peterson, A. Nelson, A. Larsen, M. Peterson.

The death occurred last night at the residence, 622 Dunedin street, of Ellen Argyle, daughter of Thomas Argyle. The deceased was born at Sapperton, New Westminister, and for some years lived at Rocky Point, until the removal of the family to this city about three years ago. Besides the parents there survive other immediate relatives. The funeral has been arranged to take place on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the above residence.

The funeral of the late George Bowen took place yesterday from the B. C. funeral parlors, Rev. Gilbert Cook officiating.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Isabella Munro McGavin took place yesterday afternoon, Rev. Charles Croucher taking the services which were held at the residence, Niagara street. The pallbearers were Messrs. T. Horne, J. Taylor, A. Fairfull, R. T. Fly, C. Work, and G. N. Cameron.

KENTRA ARRIVES

Capt. Melling Had Trouble With Crew at San Francisco.

S. S. Kentra touched here at 8 a.m. today to pick up a pilot for Comox. She was inbound from San Francisco and while at the Golden Gate port, Capt. Melling had trouble with members of his crew, who demanded an increase in wages from \$45 to \$55 per month. The objectionable members were put ashore and replaced.

The Kentra formerly operated regularly between New York and Victoria in the Maple Leaf line service. After filling her bunkers at Comox she will shift to Seattle to load for the United Kingdom.

GOOD PROGRAMME TO-MORROW NIGHT

Victoria Ladies' Musical Club Has Very Interesting Concert

The women's chorus is to supply so much of the interest of the Ladies' Musical Club concert to be given at the Empress hotel on Thursday evening that it is worth noting that Mrs. Davenport, who is conductor of this young organization, only called into being last year, is also convener for the entire programme, and will herself be heard for the first time at any of these recitals.

The number in which she is singing the solo is a pretty pastoral by Nevin, with instrumental accompaniment. The instrumentalists will be Mrs. Green, violin; Mr. Long, cello, and Mrs. Bridgewater, piano. Mrs. Davenport's voice is a lyric soprano, and to those who know her high musical understanding the anticipations are pleasant. She has come to Victoria comparatively recently, but has already done very fine work in connection with the Ladies' Musical Club, sustaining the reputation which she enjoyed for many years in Tacoma as an active member of the Ladies' Musical Club of that city.

Mrs. J. R. Green has graciously consented to play the violin part in Widor's beautiful "Serenade" for the violin, cello and piano, the latter instruments being taken by Mr. Long and Mrs. Bridgewater respectively. The chorus is exceptionally fortunate in having three such clever musicians to assist them in their numbers also, and there is every reason to anticipate an entertainment of more than usual interest, the name of D. C. Hughes, a lyric tenor, being among the attractive features for the evening.

PUBLIC MARKET.

Bad weather conditions somewhat spoiled the attendance at the opening session which picked up a little towards noon, considering the amount of produce the farmers have at this part of the season. They make a good display. Eggs are becoming more plentiful, prices ruling at the following average figures:

Fruit—Table pears, 6 lbs. for 25c; table apples, 8 lbs. for 25c; cooking apples, 12 lbs. for 25c; apples, per box, from 70c.

Dairy produce—Eggs, per doz. 45c and 50c; butter, per lb. 55c and 55c; cream and gouda cheese, per lb. 45c; bonbon cheese, per lb. 20c.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 6 lbs. for 25c; dry onions, 7 lbs. for 25c; endive, per lb. 5c; garlic, per lb. 10c; parsnips, per lb. 2c; turnips, per lb. 2c; shallots, 6 lbs. 25c; brussels sprouts, 3 lbs. 25c; kale, per lb. 5c; cabbage, per lb. 2c; young carrots, 3 bunches, 10c; mint, thyme, parsley, sage, per lb. 5c.

Meat—Lamb, per lb. 22c to 30c; mutton, per lb. 20c to 25c; veal, per lb. 15c to 25c; beef, per lb. 11c to 22c; pork, per lb. 15c to 25c; chicken, per lb. 20c; fowl, per lb. 27c; dressed rabbits, per lb. 15c to 20c.

Fish—Cod, per lb. 12½c; black cod, per lb. 12½c; halibut, per lb. 20c; soles, per lb. 12½c; herrings, per lb. 7½c; smelts, per lb. 12½c; clams, per lb. 5c; smoked black cod filets, per lb. 17½c; smoked salmon, per lb. 17½c; bloaters, per lb. 10c; kippers, per lb. 10c; smoked cod tips, per lb. 5c.

APPLICATION REFUSED

Introduction of Fresh Evidence in Respect of Local Improvement Disallowed.

In the court of appeal this morning an application was made by F. A. McDiarmid to introduce fresh evidence to the court in respect of the local improvement on upper Pandora avenue covered in the Municipal By-law No. 215, but this was refused. It is interesting to note in connection with this appeal, which is set down for hearing during the present sitting of the court, that Mr. McDiarmid, who was city solicitor at the time of the passing of the by-law, has just completed a very exhaustive search in the law libraries of Seattle for authorities bearing on the case in question.

Call of Fire.—A small loss was sustained last evening at a fire at Knowles's building, where tools for the McCarter mill building at Rock Bay avenue are kept. The cause of the outbreak is unknown.

English Mail.—A British mail, which left London on January 4, arrived in the city today via New York. It consisted of 11 bags of letters and 8 bags of papers.

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Clearing Out the Balance of Our Sample Handkerchiefs. They come in ladies' and gents' in cambric, linen and Excelsa finish with hemstitched and machine hemmed borders. Reg. 12 1/2c to 35c. **9c**
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Thursday, dozen

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Thursday, doz.

MOCK PARLIAMENT IS AUSPICIOUSLY BEGUN

Organization Completed and Both Sides Prepared for Debates

The mock parliament inaugurated last evening under the auspices of the Liberals of the city got away to a flying start. There were about sixty present at the organization meeting held in the Belmont house board-room, and most of these signified their intention of taking an active part.

Lining up behind H. E. A. Courtney as first minister, and Dr. Lewis Hall as leader of the opposition the members aligned themselves for or against the government. That body is in the happy position so far of having no political past, and will trust its fortunes with the policies which it has to place before the "legislature." The premier, being newly called to power, obtained an adjournment of the House to enable him to form a ministry, promising that at the next meeting, on February 6, he would meet the members with an administration which would be unbeatable.

The leader of the opposition, on his part, will have the assistance of some good speakers and of active and alert young members, who foreshadow a warm time in debate for the members of the administration and their supporters. Being maintained at a strength but little less than the dominant side it will constitute a constant incentive to that side to do well.

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procedure as followed in the legislature. The government, although incomplete, has laid a programme of business before the members, and at the next meeting there will be a general expression of opinion on the merits of this in the form of a debate on the address in reply.

SAANICH COUNCIL

AIDS FILM COMPANY

Grants Cancellation of Plan of Roderick Finlayson Estate

The prospects that Victoria will have the largest film studio in the Dominion of Canada were made considerably brighter by the action of the council of the municipality of Saanich in granting by request of a deputation the cancellation of the present plan of the Roderick Finlayson estate, near the University school, which site is under consideration as a suitable location for the Dominion Film Company's studio, at their meeting yesterday afternoon. The council was waited upon by

Frank Higgins, J. A. Nelson and Jack Dunford, to request that the corporation grant the cancellation of the present plan of the piece of ground situated in three blocks bordered by Tennyson road North Dairy road and Aldridge street, so that before entering into negotiations for its purchase the Dominion Film Company might be assured of that entire section of the Finlayson estate.

In speaking to the council Mr. Nelson stated that the matter of getting the site and making arrangements for water and sewer connections would have to be dealt with as speedily as possible. "Several cities throughout the province have been only too anxious to have us establish ourselves in their centres and have offered as inducements to give us a site free and to exempt us from taxation. Nevertheless, I am giving Victoria every chance to get an industry that will mean thousands of dollars of advertising for the city every week. We propose to produce 6,000 feet of films weekly in this studio and each film will bear the marks "Made in Victoria." Through these films the industries of the province will be widely advertised, as we will take actual scenes in the large canneries, mines and whaling stations of the country."

Mr. Higgins pointed out to the council that the amount of \$9,200 for the part purchase of a site was practically all raised and that under the agreement the company was bound to spend \$10,000 for immediate improvements and the sum of \$100,000 within the period of three years. If the company should fail to do this the property would revert to the purchasers.

"I am here in the interests of the people of the community and not for myself," said Mr. Higgins. "The city of Victoria was itself in favor of establishing this industry, but according to law, the council was unable to grant the sum required for the part purchase of the land. Nevertheless, that amount has been practically raised by individual subscriptions, as I have stated, and the only matter which now remains to hinder the purchase of the site, are the cancellation of the present plan of the estate and the water and sewerage rates that the municipality are willing to give to the company. The cancellation of this plan will mean that the streets of Carmen, Service and Frechette will be closed, while Tennyson road on the north side of the property will remain open."

The matter was discussed at length by the various councillors. "This is an excellent opportunity for us to bring a live industry into the municipality," said Councillor Diggon. "It is our duty to give it our utmost support. Settlers and tourists alike will be brought to the community and Vancouver Island will be advertised over the whole of this continent."

Councillors Carey and Jones also added their approval of any action the council could take to promote the establishment of the studio in the municipality, and it was finally moved by Councillor Diggon, and seconded by Councillor Carey that the plan of the subdivision of the Finlayson Estate be cancelled and that a committee consisting of the reeve and Councillors Diggon and C. B. Jones be appointed to look into the matter of free taxation, water and sewerage. The motion carried, whereat the deputation withdrew.

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SMALL COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER PLAN

Civic Tax Delinquency Question Will Be Handled First by Body of Five

SUGGESTION IS WELL RECEIVED BY MEMBERS

Objection is Taken to Distribution of Assessments Over the City

As has been anticipated, the civic tax delinquency committee decided yesterday-afternoon to delegate its work to a sub-committee, composed of Mayor Todd, Alderman Andros (chairman of the committee), Alderman Cameron (chairman of the finance committee), Messrs. C. T. Cross and A. R. Wolfenden, and to meet again at the call of the chair.

There was a large attendance, and the discussion took a very similar line to previous meetings, although everyone appeared to agree that it was hopeless to proceed with such an unwieldy committee, therefore delegation of its powers was best.

As a result of a sub-committee having met with the city controller, to define what local improvement work had been done on business, semi-business and residential streets, the comptroller submitted the following table:

Type of Property	Estimated Cost	Total
Business	\$1,102,573.61	\$1,435,208.94
Semi-business	1,352,204.97	1,738,049.91
Residential	4,239,670.19	5,296,324.51
Totals	\$6,694,448.77	\$8,469,583.36

This shows that in proportion to area the amount of semi-business property loaded with assessments is very large and that the margin which it is suggested should be assumed by the city between estimate and actual cost is a large one.

The tax redemption resolution deferred from a week ago was again laid on the table for later attention by the general committee.

Appoints Sub-Committee.

On Alderman John's motion to appoint a small sub-committee to look into the question, and report back, the mover stated that he thought a better course would be a small committee having full use of the city departmental information, rather than the present method of procedure.

F. J. O'Reilly asked if the names of the council members present representing ratepayers on the highly assessed streets?

F. Westley-Newton said the B. C. Manufacturers' Association had gone on record in favor of a small committee. He read a resolution passed by the association, which desired an expert to be engaged to advise the sub-committee on taxation problems.

Alderman Cameron endorsed the suggestion, as more conducive to results. "Really we have not much daylight on the subject," he observed.

The chairman said since he was better conversant with real estate values on the prairies than here, he was quite willing to stand back, rather than as chairman he might rightly be an ex-officio member.

The mayor also wished to see Alderman Andros act on the committee. Alderman Johns suggested Messrs. Cross and Wolfenden as non-official members.

Mr. Forman's name was also stringently urged.

Messrs. Cross and Wolfenden, however, were nominated.

A. M. Bannerman foresaw that the result would be to eliminate people most vitally affected from the committee's deliberations.

The framers of the resolution explained that the report would have to be submitted to the general committee. Alderman Johns stated that delegations would have an opportunity to be heard representative of the various streets affected.

In answer to F. Landsberg's question it appeared that the proposal will be submitted to the ratepayers before legislative sanction is obtained to the proposal.

C. B. Bagshawe thought some authority to call in experts should be permitted, lest the scheme should be defeated by the general committee.

C. F. Beaven deprecated the engagement of experts. The resolution was then carried.

Miscellaneous Ideas.

Mr. Beaven resumed amid interruption, and cries to keep to the point. (The chairman insisted on him talking to the subject at issue.) The speaker went on to deal with Pendegast street, passing on to Pandora avenue to criticize the terms under which the Dupont park was bought. He wanted to offer some observations how the arbitrators had been selected and paid in the boom days, but it was considered the discussion was not relevant to the issue.

The interesting point came out with regard to the Dupont property that it had been offered by Major Dupont two years before it was purchased by the city at \$45,000 in place of the \$50,000 paid in 1913 for Stadacona park.

Mr. Landsberg invited the members of the committee, not on the sub-committee, to organize as a separate body.

W. T. Andrews feared duplication would result from the proposal, an idea in which he found considerable support from the committee members.

No definite action was taken on Mr. Landsberg's suggestion.

Special Treatment.

Capt. Gidley asked what effect the proposal would have on citizens who had kept their local improvement taxes paid.

The mayor said his original scheme had provided for relief, and he favored treatment for them specially.

James Maynard thought that in cases where the taxes were paid, in equitable taxation the rating should stand, but giving adjustment for the oppressive cases.

J. Ivan Seabrook offered some suggestions to readjust the excesses and irregularities of taxation.

Capt. Gidley wanted, when the referendum by-law comes before the people, some assurance that a situation would be created to protect those ratepayers who had paid their assessments.

A plea for the small taxpayer to secure extension of the time of repayment of assessments was also lodged.

John Day hoped the sub-committee would not give any relief to those people who had received expropriation compensation, but the city comptroller pointed out that many who had received compensation had sold their holdings to others who were now compelled to meet the obligations.

Mr. Cross thought some provision should be made, after legal consultation, to get after the persons who received excessive compensation, but did not keep up the payments.

Alderman Johns believed the city would be justified in treating some streets specially. So far as Mr. Cross was concerned he did not see how the council could collect again for a completed transaction like the purchase of real estate. The sub-committee would be wise to welcome delegations from streets and come to an adjustment fair to all. For general delinquency he believed the solution would be borrowing for a term of years.

Mr. Beaven said that Victoria-West was entitled to special treatment. It was contributing to the waterworks from which it did not receive any benefit, and contributing to other institutions from which it had no share.

Mr. Harford wanted the local improvement assessments radiated more widely, to distribute the cost.

Mr. Landsberg was asked a further issue of bonds, on account of the expense of money at this time.

J. Keith Wilson did not think the jury should be prejudiced in other words the public would want to know whether the members of the committee were largely interested in heavy local improvements themselves. He thought more attention should be given to the general taxpayer. There was no justice in attempting to stampede the city into an added burden to the mass of the balance of arrears. It is an unfair kind of thing to relieve a fellow of his taxes, to place it on some one else.

The city's statement of December 31, 1916, shows the local improvement assessment account as follows:

1916 arrears	\$ 622,005.87
1916 assessments	686,079.19
	\$1,308,085.06

Against this are collections to the end of the year amounting to \$391,641.35, leaving the balance of arrears amounting to \$916,443.71 uncollected.

"Yes," said the old mathematician, with a gleam in his eyes, "I've always looked at it that way. Marriage is addition; when the little ones come it's multiplication; when disunion comes up to cloud the horizon of their happiness it's division; and when the final parting comes it's subtraction." "And how about divorce?" asked the litigant. "Oh, that would come under the denomination of fractions."

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