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GERMAN PRESS GREET'S BERNSTORFF COOLLY
London, March 15.—The German press greets Count von Bernstorff with conspicuous coolness, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. The papers point out that he granted interviews which he should not have given without consulting the German Government.

BELGIAN DEPORTATIONS.
London, March 15.—Kaiser Wilhelm has ordered compulsory deportation of Belgians from Belgium discontinued for the present, according to a Berlin dispatch to Reuters by way of Amsterdam.
In addition he has directed the German Governor-General of Belgium, as the result of a thorough investigation, to repatriate immediately all Belgians wrongfully sent to Germany as unemployed.

FOUR CLASSES WILL BE GIVEN BADGES
Plan is to Indicate Those Who Have Served Canada and Empire
Ottawa, March 15.—It is expected that the new war badges for men who have done their bit, or have been at- tended and exempted, or are in munitions or other necessary work at home, will be issued shortly. The Patriotic Fund has given its officers a description of the new badges.

CANADA'S LOAN ABOUT TWO-THIRDS TAKEN
Including Banks' Subscriptions; Small Subscriptions Received in Large Numbers
Ottawa, March 15.—Returns to the Department of Finance, which, however, are not being made public, indicate the continued success of Canada's third domestic war loan. It is too early to forecast definitely, but there is every confidence that the present issue will be as successful as the two which preceded it.

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Bellingham, March 15.—Opium valued at \$2,000 was found concealed under the fring part of the locomotive of the Great Northern southbound train No. 355 when it reached Blaine, north of here, just after crossing the international boundary line from Vancouver at 3:20 o'clock last evening. The discovery was made by U. S. customs officials, who say the drug was placed aboard the locomotive at Vancouver for shipment to Seattle.

CARRANZA IN HANDS OF GERMAN SCHEMERS
Extent Indicated in Reports of Representatives of a Neutral Government
Washington, March 15.—Confidential diplomatic reports from the representatives of a neutral government in Mexico passing through here on their way to Europe say the German bank in Mexico City and the German legation there are guiding virtually the entire financial and diplomatic affairs of Mexico.

STILL MOVING ON NORTH OF ANCRE
British Occupy More Ground as Result of Steady Pressure
London, March 15.—The War Office gave out the following report last night:
"North of the Ancre Valley our line was advanced on a front of over one and a half miles south of Achiet-le-Petit, and we occupied a thousand yards of a hostile trench southwest of Bapaume.

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Considerable attention is given in the reports to the new Mexican constitution, which goes into effect May 1, it being declared that several of its provisions apparently were devised as means of assisting the cause of Germany in Mexico at the expense of the interests of the Entente Powers and the United States. Article 73 of the new constitution, which provides for the confiscation of concessions or property of foreigners, is regarded as especially dangerous to the Entente Powers and neutrals in general. Developments in the near future, the reports indicate, will be directed at ousting from control of the oil fields British, Dutch, American and other interests.

SUPPLY OF GAS OF ATHENS HAS CEASED
London, March 15.—Reuters' Athens correspondent cables that the city's supply of gas has ceased owing to the exhaustion of the stock of coal.

AT REGINA COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURE MEETS
Regina, March 15.—No disposition of the offer of the British Government to purchase Canada's wheat crop of 1917 was made at the sessions of the Council of Agriculture here yesterday. The question will be dealt with by the Council to-day. Amendments to the constitution, a discussion of sample markets, the farmers' platform and a decision to take no action with respect to the resolution demanding the removal of the head tax on Chinese labor coming into British Columbia, took up the greater part of the time of the council to-day.

ITALIAN REPORT.
Rome, March 15.—The following official report was issued last night: "There were artillery duels and encounters in the Brenia and Frigidio valleys. Enemy aircraft dropped bombs on Gorizia, causing a few casualties among the inhabitants."

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PLOT TO BLOW UP A HUGE RESERVOIR

Military Guard Placed at Boonton, N. J., to Keep Germans Away

Jersey City, N. J., March 15.—Rumors of a plot to dynamite the 7,000,000-gallon reservoir at Boonton and thereby flood the Passaic Valley, where many large munitions plants are located, have caused the city to provide a military guard for the works.

Two men, one said to have been an officer in the German army at the siege of Antwerp, and the other, formerly an employee of a German steamship line, recently have been making observations and taking photographs of the reservoir, according to word which reached the police.

FIRE IN LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, March 15.—Fire swept the annex of the new Hotel Rosslyn, Fifth and Main streets here, early today, causing damage estimated at from \$75,000 to \$125,000.

Demand Phoenix Stout. Home product.

BROUGHT BRITISH TO DEFENCES OF BAPAUME

Advance Yesterday Most Important; Germans Pounded Back by British Guns

London, March 15.—Newspaper correspondents at the British headquarters in France describe the operations of Wednesday as having been carried out with a heavy rain beating in the faces of the British troops who sometimes were unable to see more than a few yards, though during occasional brief lulls in the storm the men ploughed doggedly forward through the clinging mud, their advance hardly being affected.

The Germans now are holding a line of about the same strength as that they deserted, and, according to the correspondents, they are taking breath while the British push up and register their guns on the new targets.

The British outposts are now before the immediate defences of Bapaume and, at some points, are only a few hundred yards from them.

The correspondents describe at length the positions abandoned by the Germans, and state emphatically that the evacuation was not voluntary, but that the Germans were pounded out of them by the British guns.

The British found villages taken much less damaged than they had expected. Grevillers, to a great extent, was not damaged. Many houses in Miramont were only slightly damaged.

The Germans sacrificed considerable ammunition and supplies in their retreat. Some of the dugouts contained quantities of champagne and other wines and cigars.

CREDITORS OF DOMINION TRUST ARE QUITE FIRM

Vancouver, March 15.—Evidently a considerable number of the creditors of the Dominion Trust Company attended the general meeting called at the instance of the court yesterday with the sole object of quashing the movement for a compromise with certain of the directors of the suits for misfeasance brought against them.

There was a large attendance. It included a considerable body of ladies, and strong opposition developed from their against the proposals for a settlement to avoid further litigation and law costs.

GERMAN RETREAT WHAT HAIG DESIRES

Military Writer of London Times Comments on the Situation

London, March 15.—The military correspondent of the Times, commenting on the German retreat in the Aisne region, says:

"The enemy evidently wishes to fight on clean ground, where we shall have the worst of the deal, and seems to have prepared such a position on what is known as the Hindenburg line, which appears to run on our front from near Lens through St. Quentin and toward Lan. Naturally, it takes us some time to make fresh dispositions after a German retreat, but far from incommoding us, this retreat is precisely what we desire."

The writer believes that von Hindenburg's great "strategic reserve" is still in the interior of Germany, owing to the severe winter having impeded transport. Therefore, he says, the Germans may have been compelled to postpone their plans.

"With at least 700,000 more men in the field than he had a year ago, the enemy is capable of hitting hard, provided he retains the necessary physical and moral momentum and provided the Allies have not placed in the field equivalent reinforcements."

"If the German leaders really believe their submarine warfare will have the effect they promise their people, then the strategic reserve may be retained in the interior for a counter-offensive when the Allies attack, but if the hope placed in the submarine warfare proves extravagant, then an offensive alone would offer hope of giving the Germans a decision."

"Evidence continues to point to the western front as the most possible theatre of the next German effort. However, we must also regard the Italian theatre as an extension of the French front and remain alive to the chances of changes in that theatre. All hypotheses concerning the enemy's action, however, are subordinate to the initiative we may assume. On this matter nothing can be said."

VIENNA FEARS BREAK WITH UNITED STATES

Vienna, March 15.—There was a feeling of genuine relief at the Foreign Office here when the first news which was regarded as authentic reached here from Washington after the receipt by the American Government of the Austro-Hungarian reply to the inquiry of the United States regarding this country's submarine policy.

The view was taken that the American Government was inclined to consider the position of this country on its own merits. As always has been the case, a rupture with the United States would be regretted sincerely.

MUST WATCH GERMANY AFTER PEACE COMES

First Allies Must Crush Prussianism, Says French Visitor in Ottawa

Ottawa, March 15.—Bringing a message from France to the people of Canada, Marcel Knecht, a representative of the French Ambassador at Washington, and a special delegate of the Effort of France Society, is paying a brief visit to Ottawa.

The truth of the war and of the Allies' aims to the Entente peoples and to the neutral nations of the world. With this object in view lectures have been given throughout France and delegates of the society have visited Switzerland and the United States.

In an interview given to the press today, Mr. Knecht in an eloquent manner expressed what he considers to be the truth regarding the great war and threw some interesting light on the German ideal. On his father's side he is an Alsatian, on his mother's side a Lorraine man. He repudiated the idea of a plebiscite, advocated by German propagandists, as a preliminary to France's taking over of the lost provinces.

"There will be no plebiscite," he remarked with emphasis. "The people of Alsace and Lorraine never accepted the annexation of their provinces to Germany as final."

What Prussianism Is.—Mr. Knecht undertook to dissipate the popular idea that it was Kaiser Wilhelm who was responsible for the war and that if Wilhelm were dead or in chains the German menace would be banished.

"That is a mistaken idea," he said emphatically. "The Kaiser must share the responsibility, but the aristocrats of Germany, the army officers, the industrial interests, such as the steel, coal and armament firms, the middle classes, and more than anyone else, the university professors, are equally responsible. For many years these latter have been propagating a feeling of hatred for all things British and French and for all rival powers."

"If the Kaiser were to die to-day his son would still live to perpetuate this infamy. It may be hard here in Canada to realize it, but one cannot witness the atrocities practised by Prussianism without concluding that the Allies are fighting a wild beast which must be crushed and which must be watched closely after it has been crushed."

SHIPMENTS AFFECTED BY LIKELIHOOD OF STRIKE

San Francisco, March 15.—G. W. Luce, general traffic manager of the Southern Pacific Railway Company, sent the following order to-day to all company agents:

"Effective noon to-day endorse all bills of lading thus: 'Shipment received subject to delay and loss due to delay as result of impending strike.' Similar notices were sent out by the Santa Fe and the Western Pacific railroads. The Northwestern Pacific also will put a similar order into effect."

Advertisement for Campbell's Corsets and Suits, featuring 'The Fashion Centre' logo, 'Presenting Fashionable Modes in Suits Coats, Dresses, Etc. for Spring, 1917', and an illustration of a woman in a dress.

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

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

- Infantry. Killed in action—Lieut. K. B. Hawkins, Aroostook Junction, N. B.; Pte. C. H. Hoare, England; Pte. J. S. Scholes, Toronto; Sergt. L. J. Almon, Montreal; Cpl. T. Allison, England; Pte. W. H. Cram, Winnipeg; Pte. D. E. Thomas, Calgary; Pte. S. J. Winson, England; Pte. A. Fettes, England; Cpl. H. J. Coventry, Woodford, Ont.; Cpl. H. J. Price, England; Pte. F. C. Giles, England.

- Died of wounds—Sergt. B. Fougere, Shediac, N. B.; Pte. S. Michaud, Fraserville, Que.; Pte. F. A. Boxes, Boisecavalin, Man. Died—Pte. J. Gharan, England; Pte. H. McAfee, Deseronto, Ont. Presumed to have died—Pte. J. Balfour, Scotland; Pte. A. McPherson, Scotland; Pte. T. J. Slater, Harlan, Sask.; Pte. M. A. Nicholson, England; Pte. U. McQuoid, Ireland; Pte. W. Bell, Delta, Man.; Pte. H. E. Caboldu, Japan; Pte. M. Lynch, Ireland; Pte. J. Coutts, Scotland; Sergt. J. Robertson, Scotland; Cpl. J. Coleman, England; Pte. E. J. Dykes, Scotland; Pte. J. Reed, England; Pte. J. Putman, England.

- Seriously ill—Lieut. J. F. Forbes, Liverpool, N. S.; Capt. A. H. Paulin, Simcoe, Ont.; Capt. H. P. Knifton, Pickering, Ont.; Lieut. R. J. Hosi, Brandon, Man.; Lieut. H. F. Germaine, Lethbridge, Man.; Pte. S. E. Eiderkin, Port Greville, N. S.; Pte. C. Watson, Orillia, Ont.; Pte. R. E. Baker, Woodstock, N. B.; Pte. G. Dick, Scotland; Pte. G. McConighy, Gladstone, Man.; Pte. A. R. Murdoch, Stettler, Alta. Missing—believed wounded—Cpl. S. Holmes, England; Pte. B. Levasseur, Montreal; Pte. C. Lewis, Hamilton; Pte. N. McKay, Scotland; Lieut. A. G. Lumsden, Vancouver. Missing—Pte. J. Adams, England; Pte. D. McCorquodale, Scotland; Pte. R. W. McLelland, Scotland; Pte. J. E. Young, 88 Pandora Avenue, Victoria, B. C.; Pte. R. Henry, England. Suffering from gas—Pte. P. J. Dodd, South Wales. Wounded—Pte. P. Hagen, Summerside, P. E. I.; Pte. E. G. Grant, Bristol, Tenn.; Lieut. A. E. Beaumont, Winnipeg; Pte. W. W. Scott, Milton, Ont.; Pte. J. Foster, Stoughton, Sask.; Pte. E. A. Deschene, Vancouver; Pte. F. H. Nelson, Prince Rupert, B. C.; Pte. E. Harris, Toronto; Pte. E. Todd, England; Pte. G. E. Leary, England; Lieut. H. B. Gardner, Arranville, Ont.; Lieut. F. H. McCallum, Smith's Falls, Ont.; Pte. W. Rutherford, Regina; Pte. S. Appleton, Lethbridge, Alta.; Pte. J. A. Conn, Winnipeg; Pte. G. P. Mayers, England; Pte. P. Kneller, England; Pte. J. S. Lesner, Channel Islands; Sergt. W. Valentine, England; Pte. L. G. Myke, Hamilton; Pte. H. P. Knudson, Denmark; Pte. Chas. Rattray, Edmonton; Pte. H. A. Caldwell, Calgary; Pte. J. Rogers, Calgary; Pte. E. Scoulin, Quebec; Pte. Wm. Warrington, Ontario; Pte. J. A. Garsden, Rowley, Alta.; Pte. A. Lucas, Calgary; Pte. J. Simpson, Ottawa; Pte. J. R. Robertson, Bright, Ont.; Pte. A. G. Alderson, Lewisville, N. B.; Pte. A. Lindop,

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POWDER EXPLODED. Wilmington, Del., March 15.—Two thousand pounds of black commercial powder blew up to-day at the Pagley yards of the Du Pont Powder Company and killed one workman. The city and surrounding territory for miles was tremendously shaken. The cause of the blast is not known.

Large advertisement for Old Country Boot Store featuring 'STOP! SALE! SALE!' and 'UNLOADING SALE AT THE OLD COUNTRY BOOT STORE'. Includes various shoe types and prices like 'Boys' Strong School Boots, \$2.45' and 'Women's Patent and Gun Metal Boots, \$2.95'.



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THE DUMA'S TRIUMPH

The censor's screen which during the last few days isolated Russia's capital from the outside world has been raised and a startling development, the most remarkable since the war broke out, has been disclosed. There has been a revolution in Petrograd and Moscow, and the Duma, which has long been struggling against the forces of reaction, has triumphed all along the line.

For some time it has been evident that sensational developments were pending at Petrograd. A few days ago a Reuter dispatch to London reported the suspension of the newspapers and the cur service. Vague reports of street fighting have reached the world through Scandinavian sources.

The dramatic denouement at Petrograd means that the real Russia is now in the saddle. Pro-German influences have been stamped out; the men responsible for them have been cast into prison and in all probability will pay the extreme penalty.

Russian policy which was established in the days of Frederick and has been diligently cultivated ever since. All Russia will owe a hearty vote of thanks to Germany for hastening the new era by her declaration of war in the summer of 1914.

CONQUERING TURKEY.

A Washington dispatch yesterday reported one of the foreign embassies at the United States capital to be in receipt of a message stating that 15,000 Turks had been captured by the Russians in Persia. Petrograd does not confirm the report, but records the occupation of Kermanshah by the Czar's troops. Kermanshah is on the Teheran-Bagdad highway, about 150 miles northeast of Bagdad and a little under a hundred miles within the Persian border.

The problem confronting the Turks who entered Persia from Mosul is to regain that point before the British and the Russians, who soon will form a junction north of Bagdad, get there. This may be accomplished, as General Maude's forces are still a long way from Mosul, but the enemy will not be able to hold the place. Turkey's military power in the southeast has been virtually destroyed and never can be restored.

There is still another factor in the vast threefold campaign against Turkey to be heard from. This is the Army of Egypt. If what seems to be the programme of the Grand Duke and General Maude is carried out, the work of the British troops now camped in the Holy Land near the Egyptian border will be relatively easy.

CHINA'S MOVE.

However contemptuously it may affect to regard China's action in severing diplomatic relations with Germany, the Berlin Government in reality will be greatly embarrassed by the development. China, it is true, could not deliver a direct military blow if she went to war, but she could administer an economic castigation which would leave broad welts on the German hide.

These concessions upon which enormous sums of German capital have been spent probably will be confiscated; they certainly will if war is declared. Every vestige of German influence will be stamped out. The German agents who have been using northern China as a base of operations against the trans-Siberian railroad will be interned or summarily removed to a less troublesome sphere.

Eighteen years ago the German emperor delivered a memorable harangue at Potsdam, which educated Chinese now are calling to mind. Addressing Prince Henry and the troops chosen to represent Germany in the punitive expeditionary force, to be dispatched to Peking to enforce satisfaction for the Boxer outrages, the Kaiser bade them acquit themselves like worthy descendants of Attila the Hun.

The most interesting and instructive part of The Labor Gazette, the official publication of the Department of Labor, is the chapter devoted to the prices of foodstuffs and the cost of living. In February's number, just to hand, we find, as we expected, that the average weekly family budget indulged in another uplift movement in January, that the cost of foodstuffs, rent and fuel increased from \$18.22 in December to \$19.46 in the thirty days.

British Columbia still leads the band in average weekly cost, but its lead is nothing to brag about. The figure for this province is given as \$16.64. Alberta holds second place with \$16.53. Saskatchewan's figure is placed at \$16.44, while Manitoba lags behind with \$9.36.

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the last five years has been much more radical.

Bethmann-Hollweg says there will have to be a political reorganization in Germany at the end of the war. As a rule not much reliance can be placed upon statements of Huns, but in this instance there is probably a substratum of truth in the Chancellor's announcement.

Few of the mistresses of Rideau Hall since the inauguration of the Canadian confederation enjoyed greater popularity among the Canadian people than the late Duchess of Connaught. Her Royal Highness was gifted with the rare faculty, as those who had the pleasure of meeting her in Victoria well know, of instantly establishing a condition of complete rapport with all with whom she was brought in contact.

Mr. Cowper, one of the representatives of Vancouver, is charged with the offence of being a poet. And he did but exercise the license of a poet in voting in the Legislature against the Government he was elected to support.

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manager of the Petrograd telegraphic agency." (This probably refers to the semi-official Russian news agency.)

Stockholm, March 15.—Reports of serious disturbances in Russia are published in Swedish papers. The Tidningen, of Sundsvall, publishes a statement that a railroad bridge over the Neva River in Petrograd was dynamited by revolutionists.

Station for Nanaimo.—At the regular monthly meeting of the Nanaimo Board of Trade a communication was received from Mr. H. E. Beasley, superintendent of the E. & N. Railway, stating the intention of the railway company to erect a new station in Nanaimo this year, provided the necessary labor could be secured.

BAPTIST CHURCH WINS APPEAL FROM SEIZURE

May Retain Chattels of the Church Under Homestead Act; Building Disputed

Reference was recently made in these columns to a case between the Merchants' Bank of Canada and the First Baptist Church, in which the latter claimed exemption under the Homestead Act from seizure by the sheriff of certain chattels up to the value of five hundred dollars.

The church claimed exemption on all chattels which has now been allowed, the matter of disposition of the building being left in dispute for the moment.

Second Hand Auto Wanted

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 4 p.m. on Monday, March 19, 1917, for one second-hand automobile, not less than 45 h.p. for the Fire Department.

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Victoria Times, March 15, 1912.

Mr. Alex. Robertson, a brother-in-law of Mr. F. J. Claxton, and Mayor Bond, two prominent Montreal capitalists, are on their way to Victoria. They are interested in the Silver Queen mine, of Kootenay.

Word has been received here to the effect that Mr. John Corbett has struck a seam of coal six feet thick on Mrs. A. A. Green's property in Nicola Valley. The seam runs through part of 2,100 acres of land owned by Mrs. Green.

There is some talk in art circles of forming a sketching and water color club. Victoria can now count among her citizens some professional artists of high merit.

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Indicates Progress—Communication by telephone is greatly on the increase. During the past month the B. C. Telephone Company's service was extended to 241 new points, 217 being in Vancouver, 54 in Victoria, 16 in North Vancouver, 12 in Eburne and nine on the Fraser line service. Throughout the province there were 42,845 telephones in operation, a gain of 2,677 over the corresponding month of last year. In the apportionment of the gain Victoria is credited with 371.

Whist Drive—One of the series of monthly whist drives organized by A. J. Bird in aid of the Oak Bay Red Cross took place last evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Cull, 2026 Richmond Avenue. The total receipts amounted to \$11.50, all of which is being handed to the Red Cross, the prizes being contributed by Mr. Cull. The prize-winners were Miss Isabel Burness and Arthur J. Bird; consolation prizes, Mrs. Bird and Victor Graylin. Refreshments were served at the close.

Measles Subsidizing—The City Trustees learnt last evening that the epidemic of measles in the city schools is subsidizing, and junior children are returning to school. Major Riddell queried why the school health officer (Dr. Wasson) had not dealt with the epidemic more resolutely, preventing it, reaching the limit it had, whereupon Trustee Dr. Hudson stated that the season was particularly suitable for the disease spreading, and that once it had become prevalent in a school, it was impossible to check it.

What is Meaning?—So decorous and energetic a body as the Union of Canadian Municipalities is not used to "scare-headlines," so that some explanation apparently will follow a circular letter, a copy of which has been received at the City Hall. This advises that Canada's national resources are being threatened by three trusts, menacing both "our national property and municipal rights," and that the public should awaken to resist them being sacrificed to powerful monopolists, and their go-betweens, the charter sharks who are ready for the plunder. Just what is referred to does not transpire, but the union seldom does anything without reason, so that further information will be awaited with interest.

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT RECEIVED BY SOCIETY

Reorganization of Charities Advocated by A. B. McNeil at Citizens' Aid Meeting

The statement of the city auditor, J. L. Grimason, was received at the final session of the adjourned annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society, which was held yesterday afternoon. The report showed a credit of \$111.13. A. B. McNeil declared that there must be a mistake somewhere as it was admitted that the society was really \$400 behind.

In a letter which was received with the statement of the auditor, Mr. Grimason said that he was unable to fully check the collections as there were not sufficient records.

Mrs. Grant explained that the reason that there were not receipts for all the sums received was that the Government and patriotic organizations who had given the society donations for the maintenance of boys whose fathers were at the front would not accept receipts. "A statement such as that made by the auditor rather suggests that I did not keep my books correctly. I offered the auditor all my records and stubs but he refused to take some of them. I offered him my day book but he would not receive it."

The meeting decided that the statement of the auditor did not suggest that anything was amiss with the accounts and authorized Mrs. Grant to make a public statement clearing herself from any insinuations which she considered existed in the report.

A budget that called for an expenditure of \$5,430 during the coming year was adopted by the meeting. It is expected that the city will give a grant of \$4,000 and to this will be added about \$1,500 which should be taken in by collections. The following are the expenditures that are proposed in the budget: Rent, \$25; monthly salary of matron, \$50; a reduction of \$10 over last year; monthly salary assistant matron, \$39; a reduction of \$10 over last year; monthly salary male assistant, \$25; a reduction of \$4 over last year; monthly salary secretary, \$50; a reduction of \$25 over last year. Children who are boarded out will be provided for at the rate of \$20 a month, \$2,210 was set as the estimate for the supplies for the year.

Ex-Alderman McNeil made a plea for the reorganization of the city's charities such as the Children's Aid Society and the Day Nursery. "Too many people," said Mr. McNeil, "are being paid in the charitable institutions of the city so that the money is used up before it gets to the object of the charity. I have nothing to say against the officials who are in charge of the work. I believe that they have done excellent work, but there is too much expense. Why should we have two organizations in this city, the Children's Aid Society and the Day Nursery with the latter institution boarding some who should be inmates of the former?"

"This city has an obligation to its delinquent children and the sooner it decides to undertake that responsibility the better. There is but one plan which can meet with success: the city must own its land and buildings and establish the Children's Aid, Detention Home and Day Nursery all under one roof. If this were done it might be possible for one secretary to handle the work of the entire organization."

"At the present time there are children in this city who should be in the Children's Aid Home away from their parents who are not persons fitted for the care of children. It is our duty to reduce the expenditure but not at the expense of the children."

A committee from the society was appointed to meet with a committee from the city council for the purpose of seeing if anything can be done along these lines.

Officers for 1917 were elected as follows: President, Robert J. Porter; vice-president, the Rev. Dr. Leslie Clay; secretary, Mrs. Grant; treasurer, H. A. Beckwith; directors, Father LeTerme, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. McPhillips, Mrs. Heard, Alderman Andrew, Alderman Johns, Mrs. Burns, A. B. McNeil and Mrs. Watson.

Building Permit—A building permit has been issued to Alexander Christie for raising a house on Superior Street.

Fined \$5—Henry A. Wilby was fined \$5 in the Police Court this morning for driving a motorcycle at a rate of speed exceeding the limit set by the law.

On Wrong Side—H. W. Clarke was fined \$10 in the Police Court this morning on a charge that a man who was driving his car on Sunday last had violated the law by running the machine on the right hand side of the road.

Special Jury—E. C. Mayers applied to Mr. Justice Morrison in Supreme Court Chambers this morning for a special jury to try a case between the Vancouver Portland Cement Co., Ltd., and the Maritime Insurance Co., which was granted by His Lordship, the case being set down for trial on the 27th instant.

On Suspended Sentence—Russell Ferguson, who pleaded guilty in the police court to a charge of having stolen a large amount of lead and copper cable, the property of Hutchison & Co., was let off on suspended sentence this morning by Magistrate Jay. The sentence was given on condition that the accused leaves for the prairies with his father who intends going there shortly to work on a homestead which he purchased in that part of the country some time ago.

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William Thompson, who was a resident of this city for about six years and left for the Old Country very shortly before the outbreak of war, has been wounded in France while serving with the Royal Naval Division, and is now undergoing treatment in hospital at Gravesend. His wife resides in Kiriakdy, while prior to joining the Naval Division he followed his profession as painter and paperhanger in Dyart.

Two sisters of A. B. Thompson, Mrs. Charles Smith and Mrs. Harry Carmichael, a brother, David Thompson, who is engaged in the Post Office, and a number of other relatives are residents of this city.

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WHERE IS ANOTHER LIKE MR. LANGDON?

Master of a Number of Avocations, Pantages Headliner is One of Best Comedians

It is a saying that a jack of all trades is a master of none, but here is a case where it doesn't apply at all.

Harry Langdon is a master comedian who headlines the current offering at the Pantages Theatre with his company presenting an effervescent comedy riot entitled "Johnny's New Car." This is the sort of laugh-producing potition that never fails to reach all of the audience all the time, and is one of the most attractive vaudeville novelty features that has ever been produced in the Pantages house. The act is a neat and clean farce so full of contagious humor that there was never a man so bowed down with gloom that its stimulating influence failed to lead him away from it.

Harry Langdon, as before mentioned, is a master comedian. He is more than that; he is a master mechanic. He built that wonderful car, whose design is a credit to any imaginative soul. Somebody has said that "Ford was the architect of no such vehicle." True, the headlights are like those on "Johnny's New Car." And what vehicle of any make will run so noiselessly and smoothly after the loss of its steering mechanism and having two "lungs" blown asunder as the result of a lack of a co-operative understanding among the working parts.

It is true that Harry Langdon invented this car, but more properly speaking this is his improvement on the several which have preceded it during the course of the fourteen years Harry has been convulsing audiences all over the continent in this way. That first "fiver" was a wonderful car too, it was fashioned out of cracker boxes by the skillful use of a jack-knife in the kitchen of the Langdon home and during the brief interval each morning while Mrs. L. prepared Harry's "stack of hots" for breakfast, it really was a fearsome creation, but became the nucleus of one of the most successful vaudeville novelties ever offered.

This act is Langdon through and through. The cast was made in the family—Harry as "Johnny," Rose as Kate Speedington, and James as Walter and policeman. Each enact their respective roles in a most capable manner. Harry paints all his scenery. That nifty final curtain is his own conception, and as a matter of fact, only about three weeks old. He composes the music and the dialogue

for the act, and is his own stage carpenter and advance man. He is a newspaper man of wide experience and a cartoonist of marked ability. At that he says he, has lots of time on his hands. Like all great artists, he has a hobby, but he doesn't say very much about that, it is pinochle.

Among the other offerings on this week's big seven-act programme at the Pantages are: Reynolds and Donegan in a skating novelty; "The Act Beautiful," in attractive animal poses; Miss Elizabeth Otto, in "Musical Mile-



HARRY LANGDON

Whose cleverness convulses Pantages audiences this week.

stones; Cline Brothers offering amusing patter; Papey and McCloud, introducing a variety of talent, and the Grace Sisters presenting an attractive singing and dancing specialty. The second chapter of the "Pearl of the Army" serial is adding much interest to the already popular story.

Plaster Falls.—A report on the condition of the ceilings at the Beacon Hill School was received in City School Board last evening, and probably the proposal to have a thorough investigation made in the summer holidays will be adopted. Some plaster had fallen, and it was expected that more might drop later.

BLUE BLOOD AND RED IS RIPPING STORY

Western Drama That is Different at Dominion Theatre This Week

A western drama that is different is found in the new Fox feature film, "Blue Blood and Red." Here is the story:

Algy Dupont (George Walsh), son of a millionaire, after being dismissed from college, leaves home in a racing automobile with the family butler (Martin Kinney), who acts as his young master's valet. The play jumps to the wilds of Montana, where Algy starts his adventures by boxing for a much needed \$100 with a coming heavyweight, whom he defeats.

Algy is chased by a bear, which leads him to Mildred Demarest (Doris Pawn) daughter of a rancher, "Big Bill" (James Marcus). The bear proves to be a tame one, pet of Mildred's, and in this laughable manner the rich man's scion from the East and the ranch maiden become acquainted. Algy's attentions arouse the ire of Buck (Vester Perry), foreman of the Demarest ranch, who is in love with the pretty rancher's daughter.

Buck is sent by Demarest to buy horses for the British government's use in the European war. Buck takes along \$25,000 to buy the animals and Algy as a companion. Algy's faithful manservant follows his master, and overhears Buck and Chipewa (Charlie Jack Woods) plotting to make away with the money and throw the blame on Algy, thus also avenging Buck's grudge. Algy is forced to write a note to Buck, which would be evidence that the former had stolen the money. The valet is held prisoner also. With their plans laid, Charlie and Buck make for the Mexican frontier.

Cowboys find the supposed note from Algy to Buck, and a posse is sent in pursuit. As they near the border and safety, Charlie decides to secure all the money for himself. Algy has been brought along as a prisoner until they reach the border. In a thrilling fight in which Algy is in much danger, the two rowboys are eliminated, leaving Algy safe with the money. Just then the posse arrives, and arrests Algy with the evidence that he possesses the stolen banknotes.

Algy is declared guilty, and the angry cattlemen in a mob try to lynch the innocent Easterner. Algy, fresh from college athletics, with great effort breaks the bars in his cell and escapes. The valet had been imprisoned by Charlie and Buck in an icehouse. He



BLUE BLOOD AND RED WILLIAM FOX PRODUCTION

At the Dominion Theatre this week.

escapes, half frozen. He makes his way to the ranch house. Mildred, weeping, is found by the valet, who tells the story of Algy's innocence.

In a pretty closing scene, the college man from the East and the rancher's daughter ride back to the ranch in the big automobile which by its speed saved a lover's life.

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YELLOW HAND AT MAJESTIC THEATRE

Dragon Brotherhood Machinations Defeated; Comedy and Essanay Features

The programme offered at the Majestic for the last three days of this week is an exceptionally strong one. Besides the usual episode of the "Girl From Frisco," there is a fine Essanay feature in two acts entitled "Not in the News," the leading roles being played by Marguerite Clayton and Sydney Ainsworth. Three reels of comedy including a Ham and Bud contribution brings the programme to a close. A brief synopsis of the Girl From Frisco episode entitled "The Yellow Hand," follows:

Barbara comes into possession of the mysterious seal of the Dragon Brotherhood, an Oriental Society engaged in smuggling Chinese into this country. She is marked for death and has one narrow escape, but Wallace arrives in time to save her and capture her assailant. The latter is forced to take them to the meeting place of the Brotherhood, but here their spying is discovered. A bitter battle amidst the mystic hangings of the Joss house ensues, and Barbara, Wallace and her father are about to be overpowered when help arrives.

STORY OF CINDERS

IN "LOST AND WON"

News girl Who Becomes a Reporter and More Seen at Variety

Since making her debut under the Lasky banner in "The Heart of Nora Flynn," Marie Doris has scored success after success with the photodramatic public, and in "Lost and Won" she has a still greater success, since it is especially suited to her charming personality and gives her ample opportunity to display her wonderful artistic talents. The picture is being shown to-day, Friday and Saturday at the Variety Theatre.

The story has to do with Cinders, a little news girl who, on a bet, is made the ward of a wealthy stockbroker, he wagering that he can make a news girl over into a society belle within a year. The girl becomes a reporter on the paper which she formerly sold. When her benefactor is about to win the

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**NEWS OF VICTORIANS
FIGHTING IN FRANCE**

Lieut.-Col. Lorne Ross Writes Interesting Letter to Friend in City

W. H. Wilkerson, of Government Street, has received this morning the following letter from Lieut.-Colonel Lorne Ross, the commanding officer of the Western Scots, which will be read with considerable interest in view of the fact that the Western Scots were largely recruited and trained here while a number of well-known Victorians are mentioned. Colonel Ross's letter follows:

"There have been a lot of changes in the personnel of the officers, and if you were to meet with us now you would find a lot of new faces. Major Christie has gone to the corps to take charge of permanent base men there; Major Harbottle is temporary lieutenant-colonel, and is in charge of the divisional school; Major Armour is attached to divisional staff; Major Carey, second in command of the 102nd; Major Jones in-



LIEUT.-COL. LORNE ROSS
Of the Western Scots, who is "making things confoundly unpleasant for the Hunns."

school; Captains Okeff and Bullen and Mr. Marsden have not come over from England yet; Captain Bright is being returned to Canada as over age; Major Sutton is now acting as my second-in-command; Nicholson is a major; Gerry and MacDiarmid are captains, but still the old battalion maintains its reputation for efficiency, and is doing good work in the front lines.

"Where we are now was a very quiet place before the Canadians came in, since then we have managed to stir up quite a lot of trouble, and have established our superiority over the Hunns. We have a marked superiority in artillery fire, and are making things confoundly unpleasant for the Hunns.

"In regard to the band, I understand that Turner will be returned to Canada very shortly, but the band is doing good work playing afternoons and evenings at divisional headquarters in the Cinema for the soldiers. The Pipe Band we keep at battalion headquarters, and they have been very useful in the constructing of our dugouts.

"There has been a reorganization of the forces in England, which was greatly needed, and reinforcements are now being sent to battalions which were raised in the same districts, which is a great improvement.

"Charlie Armstrong is away in England on sick leave, his heart not being very good, and I don't expect he will return to us, but will probably get into line where he will have scope for his literary talent. The "Western Scot" has not been published for some time,

but we will get out another issue very shortly, and if it is at all possible to keep things going financially we will continue the paper.

"I have seen some of our mutual friends recently, including General Currie, General Hughes, Colonel Bob Clark, Major Roberts, Captain Tennant, Colonel Winsty and others, and it was a great pleasure to have a chat with the old Victorians. We do not receive much news of what is going on in the old city. I occasionally see a Victoria paper, but it is hard to keep track of what is going on so far off."

**FROM SAN FRANCISCO
TO MEDICAL CORPS**

Private McKenzie Says Canada is Most Certainly Worth Fighting For

Archie McKenzie was one of the passengers on the Governor when she arrived at this port on Monday last. He came up from San Francisco for the purpose of joining the Army Medical Corps. It was not many hours afterwards before he was sworn in and had passed the medical board. He is now in khaki and ready to take his share in the work of the Red Cross man in the actual theatre of war just as soon as the word is given to depart.

McKenzie was born in Scotland in 1879 and took his first trip across the Atlantic eighteen years ago. For six months he was in Toronto engaged in the trade he had learned in the Old Country, that of a portmanteau maker and trunk worker. Short periods in Chicago and St. Louis, for the purpose of adding knowledge to his store and to enable him to acquaint himself with the different kinds of leather lines on this side of the water, preceded his answer to the call of the last great west.

During the latter years of his residence in the United States Private McKenzie has been engaged in his own business in San Francisco and at the time of his decision to come north and join the army he was working in Oak-

land. He has a brother also engaged there who would have accompanied him had it not been for his very defective sight and other disqualifications for active service. McKenzie served three years with the 6th Battalion Royal Scots (Volunteers) before leaving home, so that he is not without military experience.

When asked by the Times as to the reason of his decision to join for overseas service he said that he had planned to come to Canada in a year or two for the purpose of taking up land for farming and although he was doing well in the States he, as a British subject, could not stand by and look on while others were taking their part. "Besides," he said, "if Canada is a good place in which to live she is most certainly worth fighting for."

VICTORIAN MISSING

Private W. Donnelly Left Victoria With 11th C. M. R.; Transferred to Kilties

According to telegraphic advices received by his wife, who resides at 904 Fort Street, with her three children, Private W. Donnelly has been reported as missing since the first of the month. He left Victoria with the 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles in the summer of last year and after the arrival of the battalion in England he transferred to the 72nd Seaforth Highlanders and with a kiltly draft he crossed to France, where he has been in the region of the Somme since the beginning of January.

His wife and family are anxiously awaiting further news regarding his fate.

LOCAL MAN MISSING

Pte. Jas. E. Young Left With 47th and Fought With Canadian Scottish.

Pte. James E. Young, whose name appears on the casualty list this morning as missing, is only 19 years of age. He was born in Lancashire, England. Two years before the war he enlisted as bugler in the 5th Regiment and went overseas with the 47th, transferring to the Canadian Scottish, with whom he served as bomb-thrower. His father went overseas with the Pioneers and served in France. In this city they lived at 1515 Quadra Street.

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Payable at par at Ottawa, Halifax, St John, Charlottetown, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, Victoria, and at the Agency of the Bank of Montreal, New York City.

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THE PROCEEDS OF THE LOAN WILL BE USED FOR WAR PURPOSES ONLY.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE offers herewith, on behalf of the Government, the above-named Bonds for Subscription at 96, payable as follows:—

10 per cent on application;
30 " 16th April, 1917;
30 " 15th May, 1917;
26 " 15th June, 1917.

The total allotment of bonds of this issue will be limited to one hundred and fifty million dollars, exclusive of the amount (if any) paid for by the surrender of bonds as the equivalent of cash under the terms of the War Loan prospectus of 22nd November, 1915.

The instalments may be paid in full on the 16th day of April, 1917, or on any instalment due date thereafter, under discount at the rate of four per cent per annum. All payments are to be made to a chartered bank for the credit of the Minister of Finance. Failure to pay any instalment when due will render previous payments liable to forfeiture and the allotment to cancellation.

Subscriptions, accompanied by a deposit of ten per cent of the amount subscribed, must be forwarded through the medium of a chartered bank. Any branch in Canada of any chartered bank will receive subscriptions and issue provisional receipts.

This loan is authorized under Act of the Parliament of Canada, and both principal and interest will be a charge upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Forms of application may be obtained from any branch in Canada of any chartered bank and at the office of any Assistant Receiver General in Canada.

Subscriptions must be for even hundreds of dollars.

In case of partial allotments the surplus deposit will be applied towards payment of the amount due on the April instalment.

Scrip certificates, non-negotiable or payable to bearer in accordance with the choice of the applicant for registered or bearer bonds, will be issued, after allotment, in exchange for the provisional receipts.

When the scrip certificates have been paid in full and payment endorsed thereon by the bank receiving the money, they may be exchanged for bonds, when prepared, with coupons attached, payable to bearer or registered as to principal, or for fully registered bonds, when prepared, without coupons, in accordance with the application.

Delivery of scrip certificates and of bonds will be made through the chartered banks.

The issue will be exempt from taxes—including any income tax—imposed in pursuance of legislation enacted by the Parliament of Canada.

The bonds with coupons will be issued in denominations of \$100, \$500, \$1,000. Fully registered bonds without coupons will be issued in denominations of \$1,000, \$5,000 or any authorized multiple of \$5,000.

The bonds will be paid at maturity at par at the office of the Minister of Finance and Receiver General at Ottawa, or at the office of the Assistant Receiver General at Halifax, St. John, Charlottetown, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary or Victoria, or at the Agency of the Bank of Montreal, New York City.

The interest on the fully registered bonds will be paid by cheque, which will be remitted by post. Interest on bonds with coupons will be paid on surrender of coupons. Both cheques and coupons, at the option of the holder, will be payable free of exchange at any branch in Canada of any chartered bank, or at the Agency of the Bank of Montreal, New York City.

Subject to the payment of twenty-five cents for each new bond issued, holders of fully registered bonds without coupons will have the right to convert into bonds of the denomination of \$1,000 with coupons, and holders of bonds with coupons will have the right to convert into fully registered bonds of authorized denominations without coupons at any time on application to the Minister of Finance.

The books of the loan will be kept at the Department of Finance, Ottawa.

Application will be made in due course for the listing of the issue on the Montreal and Toronto Stock Exchanges.

Recognized bond and stock brokers having offices and carrying on business in Canada will be allowed a commission of three-eighths of one per cent on allotments made in respect of applications bearing their stamp, provided, however, that no commission will be allowed in respect of the amount of any allotment paid for by the surrender of bonds issued under the War Loan prospectus of 22nd November, 1915, or in respect of the amount of any allotment paid for by surrender of five per cent debenture stock maturing 1st October, 1919. No commission will be allowed in respect of applications on forms which have not been printed by the King's Printer.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, OTTAWA, March 12th, 1917.

SUBSCRIPTION LISTS WILL CLOSE ON OR BEFORE THE 23rd OF MARCH, 1917.

