

LATE NIGHT WAR NEWS

NEUTRALITY LAWS AT MANILA ARE BROKEN

Man on Empress of Japan Says German Ships Given Supplies

Vancouver, Jan. 4.—Writing to the Vancouver newspaper, a member of the complement of the steamship Empress of Japan declares that Americans at Manila are breaking neutrality laws by helping German ships to get away with supplies. He gives some interesting details of the work which the Vancouver liner is performing, and says: "Here we are off Corregidor, Manila harbor, patrolling up and down outside the entrance in company with the U. S. O. liner Himalaya and a torpedo boat destroyer. The Yankees are not carrying out the neutrality laws and, whenever possible, clear German ships, although they have been in the harbor two months or more. In fact, from what we heard in Hongkong, the United States may get into trouble after the European show is over. We have come across several glaring cases where German ships have been given clearance with cargoes of coal and in no case could the Americans have honestly believed the captains' statements on oath of their destinations. Cable communication is prohibited between Hongkong and the Philippines, owing to the pro-German attitude there. Of course, you know that coal is allowed to be exported to Manila unless the Americans swear it is for use on the island only, and is not to be placed on board a ship again. "The proof of my statements is the fact that we have to patrol the harbor mouth. At no Dutch port is there a patrol like this, as we somehow or other must have assisted the Emden at one time or another. "Our work is a fifteen-mile run along a certain course and return on an opposite course for the same distance all night. Just before dawn we go round Cape and lay up all day, returning to the entrance at night. Phoenix Beer, doz. 75c.

WORK OF NAVIES IN WAR AGAINST GERMANY

French Marine Minister Tells of Results Attained Through Sea Control

Paris, Jan. 4.—There has been some perplexity in the mind of the French public as to the role of the allied navies during the first four months of the war, and M. Augagneur, minister of marine, has recently taken the opportunity of explaining a little of the naval strategy of the allies in the Petit Parisien, and of pointing to the enormous part which the navy has taken in insuring the success which has attended the operations in the western theatre of the war. Thanks to the naval power of Great Britain and France, M. Augagneur said, hundreds of thousands of men from the British and French colonies had been carried overseas without mishap, and food supplies had been and were assured for both Great Britain and the whole of France, whereas the Austrian and the German supply was precarious. The German mercantile fleet had practically ceased to exist since it was bottled up in various ports. Fighting was only a means, not an end, said M. Augagneur, and when that end could be attained in the way the allied navies had attained it, there was every reason for deep satisfaction. Many people had wondered why Pola, Cattaro and Trieste had not been bombarded. To this he would reply that a fleet could not destroy a fortress without troops being landed to act in co-operation. Such tactics would involve a greater risk than the object to be attained would justify, and as to the bombardment of unfortified towns, he could only say that the French and the British were not Germans. As to the raids of German submarines, M. Augagneur said that there was nothing to be surprised at in them. The boats had been made for use and the presence of the British war vessels on the high seas in such numbers gave them the targets they wanted. The submarines of the allies had not the same opportunities, but nevertheless, he stated, they were daily performing acts of extreme audacity. The French navy, concluded the minister of marine, had done all that was expected of it, and at the end of four months it was intact.

GERMAN SPIES FOUND SWARMING IN POLAND

Incidents Told by Officer of Signalling Tricks With Colored Smoke

Petrograd, Jan. 4.—An officer in command of a flying hospital column with the Russian troops gives the following account of troubles with spies and other features of the fighting in Poland: "About spies, I could tell you volumes after a month in Poland. It is not only Jews, but swarms also of genuine Germans whose duty it seems to have been to live in Poland for years and make themselves absolutely at home. Their signalling tricks beggar all imagination. When we discovered their colored smoke signals they took to arranging codes with chimney pots. Normal meant alright. Gone altogether meant guns. Lying on the side meant cavalry. "One day during a change of positions our troops in hundreds passed by a man in a soldier's uniform lying in a ditch, were he complained of rheumatism but refused aid, saying he wanted a little rest, and would then manage to get along. The fellow steadily declined help from the passing troops, or even leave to ride in carts, and he would not go on with the field hospital when asked to. "Finally along came a Cossack patrol. There are no cuter fellows than our Cossacks. I told them that the man refused to come along and appeared not to be wounded, but seemed unable to walk. A Cossack said: 'A wounded soldier or a tired man crawls along a bit and rest, crawls and rests. This chap has been here for hours, for we passed this way before. "Dowl came the Cossack's whip and he started. The rheumatism incapable. Under him was a telephone over which he had been telephoning raves of everything that passed along the road for goodness knows how long. "What happened? Well the Germans got no more telephone messages from that scoundrel. "A suspicious-looking Pole was brought in one day who understood no German and no Russian. He was a Pole at all points, but still there was something which the examining officer could not quite satisfy himself about. His superior, turning round from his work, suddenly said to the officer in German: 'Of course the fellow's a German spy; hang him up.' "The supposed Pole, who knew no German, fell into the trap and a full confession followed, with the usual result. "Our regular ambulance work is very difficult. We only go by night, and dare not show lights, as the German artillery fire at everything they see moving. We take advantage of this. When we can we start a big fire a few hundred yards away, and work in peace while the Germans are wasting tons of ammunition. All day during the fighting we lie somewhere in the trenches or convenient ditches, wherever we can.

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GREEK RESERVISTS ARE CALLED TO REGIMENTS
Winnipeg, Jan. 4.—Instructions have been received that all Greek reservists now in Canada must report at once to the colors. The mobilization officer states that they must be ready to take up their duties with their regiments by March 4.

BELGIANS FROM CANADA ARE ON WAY TO FRONT
London, Jan. 5.—Over fifty sturdy volunteers for King Albert's army arrived here from Canada this afternoon. One of them, who has settled in Vancouver, B. C., had already travelled over 6,000 miles to fight for his native land. Transport Officer Whitaker states that 200 more will arrive in London from Canada.

HUNDRED SAILORS ARE LANDED AT LAS PALMAS
Las Palmas, Canary Islands, via Paris, Jan. 5.—The German steamer Otavi has landed here a hundred sailors transferred to her by the German auxiliary cruiser Kron Prinz Wilhelm, representing the crews of four French and British vessels captured and sunk by the warship. The craft which fell into the hands of the Germans were the French steamer Montagu, which was sunk December 4; the British steamer Bellevue, sunk the same day; the French sailing vessel Annie Marie, sunk September 17, and the French ship Union, sunk November 22.

Kaiser Tells Archduke Victory Will Be His
Berlin, Jan. 5.—Emperor William, replying to a congratulatory message from Archduke Frederick of Austria, telegraphed as follows: "My best wishes to your imperial highness and your brave Austro-Hungarian troops, who, in the past year have shown an unchanging spirit of comradeship toward their German allies. With our combined forces we continue the fight and with our eyes toward God we will win a decisive success for our just cause will not be wanting."

TURKS ARE RAVAGING NORTHWESTERN PERSIA
Petrograd, Jan. 4.—Turkish troops whose defeat by Russian forces was announced December 12, when they attempted to invade Russia from Persian territory, are now reported to be ravaging the region south of Lake Urumiah, in northwestern Persia. Hastily assembled levies of Persian troops sent against the Turks were defeated. A protest was made some time ago to Turkey by the Persian government. It is said no reply has been received.

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CALIFORNIA QUIET ON JAPANESE LEGISLATION
Washington, Jan. 4.—In an unofficial but convincing way the state department has learned that there is no intention on the part of leaders in control of the California legislature to bring forward any new anti-Japanese legislation during the present session, which began to-day. A disposition not to do anything that might jeopardize the success of the Panama-Pacific Exposition by curtailing Oriental exhibits, is understood here to have a potent factor in bringing about the determination to avoid further agitation of the Japanese question.

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THE WAR.

The outstanding feature of the war news in the last twenty-four hours is the advance recorded by the French in Alsace. The village of Steinbach, east of Thann and on the road to Mulhausen, has been taken after a violent struggle.

It is clear that Joffre is operating in great force in this region. The entire French front in Alsace is concerned in the movement, for progress is reported towards Colmar, north of Steinbach, and farther south Altkirch is the objective.

But if the Germans would meet Joffre's invasion with a force as strong as we believe the French to be, they must weaken some other part of their front. It would be unsafe to do this in Belgium with Kitchener's new army of a million about to appear on the scene.

WAR A BLESSING.

Once upon a time an authority who spoke from experience said: "War is hell." H. H. Stevens, M. P. for Vancouver, who also is a warrior, "boy, having served with the United States army in the Philippines in the capacity of mulcaster (or something like that), says war is just the reverse of hell.

In the years peace has been brooding over it like a dove—and we have congratulating ourselves upon the progress toward higher things. Humanity has been making while men were engaged in the peaceful pursuits of industry!

PLENTY OF LAW.

A net-rich-quick company which recently crashed on the reefs has been described by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court as a concern which was designed to swindle people who put their savings in it.

There is law enough if the Attorney-General desires to administer it. The trouble is that, mainly for political reasons, there has been no systematic effort to prevent the piracy of certain organizations upon the unsuspecting public.

THAT "PLOT"

The German Chancellor, in an interview with a correspondent of the Associated Press, repeats the charge made by him recently in the Reichstag that Great Britain caused the war.

The Chancellor directed attention to the discovery of documents in Brussels disclosing an agreement between Great Britain, France and Belgium as to a common course of action should Germany invade the Netherlands state.

But assuming that great, big, formidable Belgium had entered into a "plot" to crush gentle, peace-loving, democratic Germany, the Prussians violated Belgian neutrality before they were aware of the conspiracy. We know this, because the Chancellor explained at the time, according to the official German version, that they had been compelled by necessity to do Belgium a wrong for which they would pay, and that "speed was Germany's greatest asset."

MALE STATECRAFT A FAILURE?

The suggestion that this war brands male statecraft with failure and that it would not have occurred if women participated in the administration of the affairs of nations is interesting, to say the least. It is based upon the assumption that only the men of Germany have succumbed to the Bismarckian poison, that the doctrine so forcefully expounded by the soldiers, statesmen, professors, artists, divines and scientists of Germany is accepted by only the masculine subjects of the Kaiser.

crushing of democracy under the wheels of the car of militarism. It would be unfair for us to assume that if women had an effective voice in the administration of affairs in the United Kingdom Great Britain would not have intervened in this war.

But the activities of the apostles of political equality in Great Britain in recent years convince us that if they held office not only would the nation not have remained aloof in this crisis but that our foreign policy would have been much more provocative than it has been. Would Mrs. Pankhurst, as Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, resist the temptation to drop a bomb in the backyard of the ambassador of a foreign state which had refused to adopt the principle of equal suffrage?

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GERMANS OR AMERICANS?

Some of the New York papers are devoting attention to the remarkable legislation affecting the status of Germans naturalized abroad adopted by the Reichstag early last year. The measure, the essential section of which we quoted a few days ago, provides in effect that although Germans may take out naturalization papers in foreign lands they remain subjects of the Kaiser.

The New York papers are manifesting a legitimate curiosity concerning this extraordinary legislation. They insist on knowing whether those individuals in the United States who are so actively associating themselves with the pan-German propaganda are Germans or Americans? Do Congressmen Volmer and Barltoldt, who speak affectionately of the "dear Fatherland," regard themselves still as subjects of the Kaiser? The newspapers inquire pertinently which side these men would support if the United States became involved in war with Germany.

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The esteemed but distorted Kaiser has issued an order that "war bread," meaning bread made from rye flour and potatoes, shall be served to himself and staff. But the order does not say war bread only; and the question arises whether after being served with this ration will the Kaiser and his staff eat it.

A dispatch from Maastricht says the Kaiser has had a relapse. Another report says he has ordered rye bread to be served at his table as an example to his people.

PASSAGES FROM THE POETS.

She is far from the land where her young love sleeps. And lovers are round her, sighing, But softly she turns from their gaze, and weeps. For her heart in his grave is lying. She sings the wild songs of her dear, native plain. Every note which he loved swaying— Ah, little they think, who delight in her strains.

OUR NEIGHBORS ON THE NORTH.

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DEFER ACTION UPON CIVIC SALARY ISSUE

Majority of Council Agree to Deal With Matter Under Estimates

Alderman Porter had some pertinent things to say about the Civic Retrenchment association in the city council last evening, after a letter had been read from that association promising support for the re-election of the council if the aldermen would forego their salaries in 1915, and the mayor agree to cut his to \$2,000 a year.

"I would like," he said, "to ask the Civic Retrenchment association what they intend to do to assist in this time of stress, for instance, the association has on its body influential men who have served the city in past years on arbitrations. Did they do that for nothing? Last year these men served for \$25 or \$30 a day. If these men would do their part then I think there would be no difficulty in coming to some understanding that will be satisfactory. I notice that a great many merchants have signed that petition, some of whom are doing nothing to assist the citizens, but on the other hand charge the city more for articles the city requires than to other citizens, as the purchasing agent will prove. If they know it is the city purchasing, there is always a little stick on."

The alderman went on to contrast the legitimate aspiration of the deputation of workmen to build up their homes, with that of the Civic Retrenchment association, who "invested their money in real estate for speculation purposes and because it has not turned out to their liking, they want to penalize everyone else." (Applause)

The communication was sent to the estimates committee, to be taken up when the matter comes up.

A letter was read from John Hepburn, supporting the idea of graduated reductions. The same course was adopted in this case.

Alderman Todd's resolution on the subject came up later. The motion under debate proposed to set up a graduated scale of reductions ranging from five per cent on salaries of \$50 and below that sum per month, and to 25 per cent on salaries of \$200 and upwards. It was sent to the estimates committee.

Its application to labor paid on the daily scale of \$3, which the resolution sought to reduce to \$2.50, except on relief work, was the motive for a large gathering of the outside workers on city undertakings. They filled the council chamber.

Before the council commenced its session the council heard representatives of the men affected by the general re-

duction proposed. Speaking for the garbage department Mr. Hardy pointed out that the work was of exceptional character, that it particularly required honest and trustworthy men who could be depended upon to do their work without supervision. The garbage men's lives had six per cent less expectation of life than that of any other municipal service. The garbage men were men who had a stake in the community who tried to save money for the city and to improve the service. They therefore asked to be exempted from any general scheme of reductions.

WOULD CHANGE PLAN Park Lawn System is Proposed For Improved Portion of Ross Bay Cemetery.

Alderman Sargent, chairman of the cemetery committee, introduced to the attention of the aldermen in city council last evening a by-law to amend the Ross Bay cemetery amendment by-law so that the park lawn system may be introduced partially in that portion of the cemetery which has recently been improved.

Alderman Todd opposed the scheme on the ground that it was a mistake to make a change at this late date in the life of the cemetery.

Y. M. C. A. AT WILLOWS Many Lectures and Entertainments Are Given for the Benefit of the Soldiers in Camp.

The Y. M. C. A. building at the Willows camp continues to be filled daily, and every evening there is some form of entertainment for the benefit and enjoyment of the men.

Dr. Ernest Hall is giving a series of illustrated lectures on health and sex hygiene, which are proving of great benefit. He gave one of these on Saturday night, and there was another last evening on "Wild Oats."

Sunday night there was a long service in which the soldiers themselves provided the choir, and this was much enjoyed. W. J. Short gave a stirring talk to the men on the duties of life and the responsibilities upon them.

This evening the members of the Arion Club have kindly offered to give a concert, and they will be assisted by Mrs. Macdonald Fahy as soloist.

In seventy or eighty years a man may have a deep grip of the world, know what is to come, and what he has to do to have been a man—Sir Thomas Brown.

MAY OBTAIN DATA ON IMPROVEMENT WORK

Schedule of Streets to Be Paved Should Be Submitted Early

"I think this resolution ought not to carry," said Ald. Bell, in city council last evening, when discussion came up on Ald. Todd's suggestion on paving work in 1915, whereby the ratepayers would be asked to indicate by February 28 what local improvement work is required, and the city comptroller should be asked to report on what possibility there is of financing the issue of \$150,000 worth of bonds.

Ald. Todd at first failed to secure a second, but indicated that while he did not know of a single ratepayer who wanted paving done, it was in the nature of a bait to see what could be done, in the hope that some work could be started. Otherwise nothing else apparently offered to initiate work. He claimed that if he had not taken the same attitude twelve months ago work would have closed up in Victoria several months before such a course was necessary.

The mayor observed that the motion on the ground that they were pledged practically by the resolution to carry out paving which might not be desirable. He thought their most necessary duty was to close up by-laws now outstanding, to the amount of \$289,000. He alluded to the arrangement over Rockland avenue with the owners, and said Pemberton road was in the same condition. The alderman referred to Oak Bay avenue as a road which ought to be paved immediately. The date proposed, February 28, was too late to help relief work.

Ald. Bell objected to a reduction in wages to \$2 (a proposal which was applauded), which he declared was unsatisfactory.

Ald. Fullerton objected to the proposed reduction of wages, and also to the dictation of the policy of its successors by this council.

Ald. Dilworth also objected to the resolution, as setting a bad precedent, while Ald. Sargent doubted whether the work should be undertaken on the lines proposed. He thought the council would have proceeded better, by way of a report from the paving committee.

Ald. Todd declared that the object was to provide paving at once, for relief work. He agreed with the desirability of closing up the streets mentioned, but doubted if they could carry it through. The streets mentioned, Rockland and Pemberton, could not be carried out till later in the season. His resolution was framed to provide some work by March 1.

Mayor Stewart stated that the reduction in sand, gravel and cement would probably continue from the companies supplying same during the winter, but it would be desirable to consult with them further.

The alderman proposed that the resolution should lie on the table for a week, for the mayor to interview the companies supplying material, and this course prevailed.

LONG TALK UPON THE FIREMAN'S FUNCTION

Council Reverses Decision on Days of Labor for Department; Warm Discussion

"For God's sake don't cut off any men," said Alderman Fullerton, expressing the opinion, so he declared, of the Civic Retrenchment association, as a result of the deputation which had waited on the fire wardens on Thursday.

Last evening in city council Alderman Todd had fathered a motion to revert to the old system of allowing city firemen one day off in seven, instead of the present system of one day off in six, thereby saving the wages of seven firemen—when the matter had been talked over in estimates committee the mayor's casting vote had favored the present system.

The mover did not see that it was wearing on the nerves of the firemen though the work was monotonous. He examined the figures of the last two years, arguing that the number of alarms did not average one a day, which was not any more trying than the citizen's alarm clock. He claimed some of the buildings down town today did not earn enough revenue to pay taxes, while a few did not pay taxes, insurance, and the interest on the cost of what the property was worth five or six years ago. He sketched the history of one street after another, and foresaw a larger margin of unpaid taxes in 1915 than in 1914.

Alderman Fullerton stood up as usual for the firemen, and pointed out their numerous duties. The Civic Retrenchment association deputation had been thoroughly convinced on the matter.

Alderman McCandless justified the reasons for cutting off men at this juncture.

Alderman McNeill pointed to the unpleasant duty they had in cutting off men in departments, and stated he should support the resolution. He denied that the proposal penalized the men.

Alderman Bell believed that the probability was that there would be more fires in 1915 than in the past—that was usually the case in bad times. (Laughter)

Alderman O'Keefe defended the department, and added: "I do not think that these motions at this time are altogether fair."

Alderman Dilworth expressed the opinion that the council was absolutely bound to protect the life of the tourists

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who came to their hotels, so he dejected the mayor said he would not oppose the resolution because it would not actually alter the number of men at a fire. On a division the resolution was carried by seven votes to four, those voting in the negative being Aldermen Bell, Dilworth, O'Keefe and Fullerton.

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The B. C. Telephone company has not lost any time in endeavoring to secure from the city the points which are still unsettled with regard to the conduit agreement, and to that end has offered another conference, with Secretary G. H. Halse as the representative of the company.

On account of the principal officials of the council—the solicitor, engineer, and comptroller—being engaged in the waterworks suit, it is impossible to set a date for an interview, and the majority of the council decline to give a date till they go out of office, so that it is improbable that the subject will be taken up again till the 1915 council is elected.

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settle matters up before going out of office. A certain amount of speculation continues with regard to the election, but as Monday grows nearer, the prospect of a contested election for the majority apparently diminishes.

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Globular Lightning—Professor Thomson says of this rare phenomenon, the reality of which has frequently been called in question, that, after having been for a long time in doubt about it, his doubts have disappeared. The nearest he has ever come to observing a "lightning ball" was the hearing of its explosion. The ball itself was seen by a friend who happened to be looking in the right direction when Professor Thomson himself was looking another way. No rational hypothesis, he says, exists to explain such a phenomenon, as there is nothing in the laboratory which closely resembles it. From descriptions, the balls appear to vary from one inch to one foot in diameter. When they disappear there is usually an explosion.

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generally with slight damage. Some have been described as entering buildings and going out of a door or window. From a number of experiments it has been found that if thyme, either green or dried, is used freely on meat before cooking it largely diminishes the risk of the development of poisonous bacteria, ptomaines, etc., particularly on the small pieces of rolled meat much used by the poorer classes of the large cities. (The powdered herb should be placed in all the crevices.)

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ROOSEVELT AND WILSON

By A. A. Freeman.

"This is the cult of cowardice," says the late colonel, speaking of the refusal of Wilson and Bryan to plunge the United States into a European war because Germany marched her army through Belgium.

I think that Col. Roosevelt does himself, the president, and secretary of state, injustice, when he charges the administration with "cowardice."

"The woman" pleases. Allen Players Make Happy Choice of Play for Week's Production at Princess.

In the selection of "The Woman," one of the best of De Mille's dramas, the Allen Players have again been singularly fortunate.

Any criticism of the Allen Players' production could not fail to place Norman Pearce's impersonation of the Honorable Jim Blake, the representative from Illinois, among the best in the play.

A second "Honorable" is equally well acted by Biron Eagan, who, however, as governor of New York, has not any of the subtle sophisms of the former.

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Secondary parts fell to Charles Bennett and Charles Conners, who efficiently filled requirements. The play was excellently staged, and some of the grouping of the characters was particularly good.

MUSICAL COMEDY GIVEN

Large House Greeted "September Morn" at the Royal Victoria Theatre Last Evening.

Needless to say the Royal Victoria theatre was filled to the doors last evening to see and hear a musical comedy, "September Morn" being its suggestive name.

As music it is poor stuff. It is snatches, reminiscent of many sources, and with an air of being just thrown together to give the excuse for a variety chorus to the chorus.

The dances is the thing nowadays. No musical piece is complete without the twentieth century terpsichorean novelty, and a piece of this sort is largely built upon them.

"Dough and Dynamite," Jiu Jitsu and Intelligent Dogs Make Interesting Bill.

Pantages theatre commenced the week with a bumper house last evening, a conspicuous feature of the bill being the "Pantagescope," with which the programme commenced.

There are six other turns billed, but one, Danny Simmons, was unable to appear owing to sickness.

Armand Wright and Henrietta Lane gave a strenuous terpsichorean act in which they executed many of the dances of the day, including the modern waltz, two-step and tango.

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WEATHER BULLETIN

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Jan. 5-5 a.m.—The barometer remains low along the coast, and unsettled weather is general, with rain extending southward to California.

Forecast: For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday. Victoria and vicinity—Easterly winds, mostly cloudy and mild, with occasional rain.

Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, mostly cloudy and mild, with rain.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.86; temperature, maximum yesterday, 50; minimum, 40; wind, 12 miles N. E.; rain, .01; weather, cloudy.

Victoria Daily Weather. Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Monday.

Temperature. Highest 42.8, lowest 23.0, average 38.1.

MODERN WARFARE. The following is an extract from the letter of a motor-cycle dispatch rider, who last year was senior classmate scholar of a college in the University of Cambridge.

I am very much down in the mouth at present, as my left hand is rather badly smashed up. A motor-lorry driver lost his head rather badly, and sent me flying, about five days ago.

Yesterday at 11 we got into touch with the enemy. We have had hell's delight going on all round ever since.

Yesterday afternoon I saw one of the most perfect specimens of modern warfare I have yet seen. So far, where we have been, it has all been artillery fire and shells, the infantry fire occasionally just audible in front.

Granite is two and two-thirds times as heavy as water, its specific gravity being 2.663. A cubic yard of granite weighs exactly three-quarters of a ton.

The total number of cattle in England and Wales in 1912 was 5,841,720, as compared with 5,912,247 in 1911, a decrease of 72,527 or 1.2 per cent.

MAGISTRATE SPEAKS FOR ZAM-BUK

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THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

Statement of the result of the business of the Bank for the year ending 30th November, 1914

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account, brought forward from last year: 384,529 98. Net profits for the year ending 30th November after providing for all bad and doubtful debts: 2,668,233 29. Total: 3,052,763 27.

GENERAL STATEMENT 30th November, 1914

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. TO THE PUBLIC: Notes of the Bank in circulation: 14,942,557 68. Deposits bearing interest: 41,690,512 29. Total: 56,633,070 97.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. TO THE SHAREHOLDERS: Dividends unpaid: 2,731 28. Dividend No. 111 and bonus payable 1st December: 525,000 00. Total: 527,731 28.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. ASSETS: Current Coin: 16,923,230 20. Dominion Notes: 13,413,985 15. Total: 30,337,215 35.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Other Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest): 132,168,482 26. Other Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of interest): 10,419,394 36. Total: 142,587,876 62.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Real Estate other than Bank Premises (including the uncollected balance of former premises of the Eastern Townships Bank): 1,232,344 80. Less mortgage assumed: 500,000 00. Total: 732,344 80.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Bank Premises at cost, less amounts written off: 4,986,991 69. Less mortgage assumed on property recently purchased: 300,000 00. Total: 4,686,991 69.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Other Assets not included in the foregoing: 91,486 56. Total: 245,364,398 64.

R. E. WALKER, President. ALEXANDER LAIRD, General Manager.

Report of the Auditors to the Shareholders of The Canadian Bank of Commerce. In accordance with the provisions of sub-sections 19 and 20 of Section 86 of the Bank Act, 1913, we report as follows:

We have examined the above Balance Sheet with the books and vouchers at Head Office and with the certified returns from the branches, and have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required, and we are of the opinion that the transactions of the Bank which have come under our notice have been conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Bank Act.

We have checked the cash and verified the securities representing the investments of the Bank at its chief office and principal branches at a date other than and in addition to the verification at 30th November as required by the Act, and we are of the opinion that the entries in the books of the Bank relating thereto are correct.

In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Bank according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the Bank.

L. HARRY WEBB, C.A. of Webb, Reid, Hegm, Colquhoun & Co. JAMES MARWICK, C.A. of Marwick, Mitchell, Peat & Co.

WORK for the Victoria Patriotic Aid Fund. A battalion of infantry is 1000 strong, composed of four companies each 250 strong. A battery of artillery has from four to six guns and is usually about 20 men strong. A squadron of cavalry is from 100 to 160 men strong.

Every Home Needs Zam-Buk. A Chicago man has just died from blood poisoning arising from neglect of a small sore. Don't neglect a cut, a patch of eczema, or an open sore of any kind. The air is full of poison germs, waiting to start up their evil results in neglected sores, wounds, etc. In Zam-Buk is safety. Zam-Buk is so highly antiseptic that applied to any skin disease or injury it makes blood poisoning impossible.

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CONSECRATE CHURCH. New Cathedral Mission at Fowl Bay Opened By Dean of Columbia.

The Fowl Bay Church, which has finally been completed through the efforts of the Women's Guild, the Guild of St. Agnes, and the Girls' Guild, was formally opened last Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock, with a service in which the Dean of Columbia officiated.

Synthetic tannin which gives satisfactory results is among the new discoveries and has been produced by Doctor Edmund Silsby, of the University of Leeds.

ROBERT SUTTIE PAYS THE EXTREME PENALTY

Hanged at Provincial Jail for Murder of Richard Hargreaves

Robert Suttie was hanged at the Provincial Jail here at 8.30 this morning. He maintained to the last that his shooting of Richard Hargreaves, road foreman, at Oyster River on May 14 last, was accidental.

The crime for which the extreme penalty was exacted was the shooting of Richard Hargreaves, a road foreman, at Oyster River on May 14 last. There were several eyewitnesses to the tragedy. Suttie, who worked on the roads, and Hargreaves had an altercation. Evidence was brought at the trial at the Nanaimo assizes last October to show that Suttie, after the trouble, walked some distance for his gun, and approached the spot where Hargreaves was at work. Two shots were fired, the last one entering Hargreaves' back. Hargreaves died a short time later.

Suttie's defence was that he had no intention of killing Hargreaves and that the gun was discharged accidentally. "Against this the prosecution advanced the fact that the gun had been fired twice.

The trial was held before Mr. Justice Murphy. W. H. Bullock-Webster, of Victoria, being crown prosecutor. An appeal was made to Ottawa, but it failed, the message reaching Sheriff Richards here yesterday that the sentence of the trial judge was to be carried out.

WEEK OF PRAYER

A congregation in which every denomination in the city was well represented attended the opening services in connection with the Week of Prayer which is being held every evening during the week at the Metropolitan Methodist church under the auspices of the Evangelical Alliance.

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MEMBER FOR YALE MOST OPTIMISTIC Believes There Will Be Big Boom in Canada After War; Talks on Moratorium

It is "business as usual" in the Yale district, according to Alex. Lucas, M. P., the member in the provincial legislature for that riding. Hard times are non-existent he states, at least no harder than is normal, and the prospects for the future are even more bountiful than before.

Yale amount of money drawn out of other lines of industry to pay for the war is not lost, and after the war is over it will be idle, and avenues of investment will have to be sought for it. Much of it, of course, will go in rebuilding those cities and materials which have been destroyed by hostilities, but a very great part, I am assured, will be diverted to Canada to open up new industries here and to further those developments which have been temporarily curtailed.

Mr. Lucas stated that his constituency had done particularly well in the matter of recruiting, and in the Wallace district, out of a population of 128 grown men, no fewer than 58 had already volunteered. This had been quoted in eastern papers as a record, of course, the Nicola Valley also was the home of the B. C. Horse.

Discussing this moratorium measure which Mr. Bowser will introduce at the coming session, the member for Yale said that if it was used with discretion, and possibly by the permission of the courts, the partial moratorium would be a good thing. He would hate to see, he said, people who had bought small dwellings on the instalment plan in danger of losing their homes, because the hard times had made it impossible to scrape together their usual payment.

DIED DOING HIS DUTY

Tragic Death of Mine Inspector Evan Evans in One of the Coal Creek Mines.

Evan Evans, senior mine inspector for the Fernie district, was overpowered by deadly gases early on Saturday morning while in the "B North" mine at Coal Creek, following an explosion, looking for fire.

Chief Mines Inspector Graham has left for Coal Creek, and the inquest will not be held until he arrives there. R. F. Tolmie, deputy minister of mines, speaks in the highest terms of Mr. Evans, who was one of the most capable and highly esteemed inspectors in the service of the department.

HAS BEEN SUMMONED

The management committee of the Central Employment and Relief Body called together to-morrow. The management committee of the Central Employment and Relief Body called together to-morrow.

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