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WANTS BLOCKADE LIFTED.

Athens, via London, Dec. 29.—The government is addressing a second note to the entente powers pointing out the growing popular resentment against their blockade. The note refers to Greece's previous communication, urging mutual considerations with a view to clearing the situation, and says that unless some such action is taken shortly the government may be forced to seek the advice of the nation respecting the course to be pursued.

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TO ORGANIZE NEW BATTALION.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Toronto will be the headquarters of a new railway construction battalion which has just been authorized by Hon. A. E. Kemp, minister of militia. Two railway construction battalions have already been raised in the Dominion for service in France. Recruits will be called for in all parts of Canada. The new battalion is to be commanded by Lieut. Col. McConnell, of Montreal, whose brother was identified with a recently organized railway construction battalion.

BRITISH CHECK RAIDS BY GERMANS

Artillery Activity on the Somme and in Ypres Sector

London, Dec. 29.—The official communication from British headquarters, issued last night, reads: "After a heavy bombardment three parties of the enemy attempted early this morning to raid our trenches northwest of Gommecourt. Two of the parties were driven back by our fire before reaching our trenches; the third reached the trenches, but was immediately ejected.

"During the night the enemy fired a great number of gas shells at places behind our front line in the neighborhood of Arras and west and northwest of Lens.

"There was considerable artillery activity to-day on both sides in the Somme area and the Ypres sector. A number of fights in the air took place. Several of the enemy's aeroplanes were destroyed. Three others were driven down in a damaged condition."

French Report.

Paris, Dec. 29.—The official statement from the war office last night on the campaign reads:

"On the left bank of the Meuse during the day the enemy artillery, energetically counter-shelled by us, violently bombarded our positions on the front of Le Mort Homme and Hill 304. In Lorraine we carried out a surprise attack on a trench north of Bagonviller, taking two machine guns. The cannonade was intermittent on the rest of the front."

The Belgian communication reads: "Reciprocal bombardments took place this afternoon in the regions of Dixmude and Het Sas."

SCRAP NICKEL SEIZED.

Montreal, Dec. 29.—Two tons of scrap nickel packed in nine large barrels have been seized by Dominion police in Montreal on the premises of Frankel Bros. Dalhousie Square, in connection with the alleged theft of nickel scrap from the Dominion arsenal, for which seven people in Quebec are under arrest.

BRITISH SAILORS MURDERED BY HUNS

Climax of Savagery Reached in Sinking of Steamer Westminster

London, Dec. 29.—The admiralty has given to the Associated Press the following statement concerning the sinking of the British steamer Westminster, which was reported lost on December 18:

"The degree of savagery the Germans have attained in their submarine policy appears to have reached a climax in the sinking of the Westminster, which was proceeding from Torre Annunziata to Port Said in ballast.

"On December 14, when 180 miles from the nearest land, the Westminster was attacked by a German submarine without warning, and was struck by two torpedoes in quick succession, which killed four men. The Westminster sank in four minutes.

"This ruthless disregard for the rules of international law was followed by the deliberate attempt to murder the survivors. The officers and crew were shelled by the submarine at a range of 3,000 yards. The master and chief engineer were killed outright. Their boat was sunk. The second and third engineers were not picked up; it is presumed they were drowned.

"The captain of the submarine must have satisfied himself of the effectiveness of his two torpedoes, yet he proceeded to carry out in cold blood an act of murder which could not possibly be justified by any urgency of war, and can only be regarded in the eyes of the world as a further proof of the degradation of German honor and morale."

BOMBARDING RUSSIAN POSITIONS IN GALICIA

Enemy Checked on the Dniester; British Cars Engaged South of Danube

Petrograd, Dec. 29.—The Germans have begun an active bombardment of the Russian positions in Galicia, the war office announced yesterday. An attempt to cross the Dniester river was checked. The statement follows: "The enemy's heavy howitzer batteries are bombarding sectors of our front in the region east of Sankov. Attempts of the enemy to cross the river Dniester southeast of Galich near Similkovtse, were checked by our fire."

In Dobruja. An announcement yesterday reads as follows: "Attacks by the enemy south of the Danube were repulsed with great losses to him. West of the Viazir Slavone British armored motor cars took part in beating back the attacks. The gallant commander of the British armored motor car detachment was wounded during the battle on Tuesday when repulsing enemy attacks. Nevertheless on Wednesday he again directed the operations of his detachment, and put the enemy to flight.

"The enemy made attacks all along the front in the Dobruja against the positions occupied by our advance guards. He was repulsed everywhere by our fire except at the village of Rekel, which has been occupied by him."

Berlin Reports. Berlin, Dec. 29.—The Bulgarian headquarters report of December 27 says: "Hostile monitors have shelled Iakish, Tulcha and Mahmadia, in Dobruja. The fourth Bulgarian division conquered the heights of Tailor.

"During the last combats the fourth division has captured 1,250 Russians, four machine guns and more than 2,500 rifles."

Last night's communication from the war office says: "Western front.—Only on the left bank of the Meuse (Verdun sector) has there been increased activity in the fighting.

"Eastern front.—There have been no important events.

"The Ninth army has gained ground in the pursuit of the Russians in Wallachia.

"There is nothing new from the Macedonian front."

BISHOP RICHTER DEAD.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 29.—Rev. Henry Joseph Richter, Bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Grand Rapids, is dead. The funeral service will be held to-day at St. Andrew's cathedral, where he was consecrated 33 years ago. Coadjutor Bishop Michael J. Gallagher, of this city, in all probability will succeed him in the diocese. Bishop Richter was born in Germany in 1838 and came to the United States in 1854. He studied for five years in the American college at Rome.

LOCOMOTIVES FOR FRANCE.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 29.—A contract for 40 heavy freight locomotives from the Paris, Lyons & Mediterranean Railway Co., of France, was closed to-day by the Baldwin Locomotive Works of this city. The order, according to the announcement, amounts to about \$4,000,000 and is supplementary to the contract for forty locomotives placed by the same railway several weeks ago.

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URGES PUBLICATION OF GERMAN TERMS

Berlin Paper Would Show the French What "a Good Peace" They May Obtain

Berlin, Dec. 29.—The promptness with which Germany replied to President Wilson's note is emphasized in the comments of the Berlin newspapers. The Morgen Post says that Germany's speedy answer should show President Wilson that his note was appreciated "according to its merits."

The Baurer Zeitung, Tageblatt and Vorwaerts also call attention to the quickness of the German response as a favorable factor in contrast with the delay of the entente. The Tageblatt speaks of the "warmth and clearness" in the wording of Germany's answer and thinks that the entente governments, in view of the strong language used by all their prime ministers, will need considerable time to find a satisfactory reply to America which will throw upon the central powers the burden of making peace.

The papers, however, do not reach optimistic conclusions based on the exchange of notes. The Lokal Anzeiger says that it has not even a remote belief that the allies will send delegates to a peace conference if such is recommended by President Wilson. The Vorwaerts endorses Germany's answer and notes the sharp contrast in the vote of the French senate which it terms inexcusable from a Socialist standpoint. This paper favors the publication in full of German peace terms in order "to let the French people see what a good peace they are now able to obtain."

Approves Answer. The Vossische Zeitung approves the answer, but sees a danger for Germany in the American note, because, it says, President Wilson wants a peace which leaves no hatreds behind, and "therein lies the danger for Germany should America demand a seat at the peace negotiations."

"We are friendly and peaceable," it concludes, "but strong and independent."

The Tagliche Rundschau asks what President Wilson will do if the entente rejects his note. "Will Secretary Lansing again send Germany a sharp warning of war?" asks the Rundschau, "or will President Wilson, in firmly pursuing his purpose, bring pressure upon those who reject his views?"

The Tagliche Rundschau says that the note emphatically rejects the participation of neutrals in a peace conference, which it thinks would unduly prolong negotiations, beside disturbing the natural determining forces.

Count von Reventlow, while avoiding direct attack on the German answer, assumes that no German delegate will be found willing to take a seat at the same table with English and French delegates, after the recent speeches of Premiers Lloyd George and Briand or until those speeches are apologetic for.

Official Views. The disposition of certain Pan-German papers to read an unfavorable interpretation into the Austrian and German replies to President Wilson's note is not shared in official circles where the opinion generally voiced is that the reply is in principle "a loyal acceptance of President Wilson's suggestion promoting the prospects of peace now and in the future, and an effort in the same direction as the original peace proposal of the central powers."

The speed with which the Austro-German answer was delivered is a further indication, according to a high German diplomat, of the ready acceptance here of Mr. Wilson's ideas.

A German diplomat stated that as far as the intimation in the Wilson note regarding the maintenance of the territorial integrity of the belligerents in an ultimate peace settlement is concerned, the answer lay less with the central powers than with their adversaries. The latter, he said, had openly proclaimed as their goals of war the detachment of Alsace-Lorraine from Germany, Galicia, Bukovina and the Adriatic provinces from Austria-Hungary and Constantinople and Armenia from Turkey.

As to the prospect that peace will result directly from the present negotiations and exchange of notes there is no marked display of optimism in either official or unofficial circles.

"Humane Desires." A leading member of the Reichstag, interviewed, said that his friends, mostly members of the Central or Catholic party, had the very best reasons to believe that the French people would gladly accept the palm leaf wreath it not for Briand and his press, who are unable to shake off the delusion that Germany's offer to discuss peace is a sign of weakness.

In much the same sense the Lokal Anzeiger says: "In the speeches of the entente statesmen and in their press again we find the argument emphasized that Germany's offer is inexplicable unless she feels that, despite her military success, she is at the end of her strength. None of them shows any understanding of the nearest and most natural reason for our readiness for peace. They cannot sympathize with our purely humane desire to end this awful slaughter."

NEW UNDER-SECRETARY.

Paris, Dec. 29.—Rene Besnard has been appointed under-secretary of state in the ministry of war. M. Besnard was under-secretary of state for aviation in the last administration, but resigned owing to hostile criticism. He has also served as minister of labor, minister of colonies, and under-secretary of finance.

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CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS 1917

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—The following list of casualties has been issued:

Infantry.

Killed in action—Sgt. Major G. H. Patrick, Withrop, Mass.; Pte. Hugh Douglas, Scotland; Pte. V. H. Faulkner, Kenora, Ont.; Pte. J. W. Fisher, Dryden, Ont.; Pte. Herman Whittaker, Fort William, Ont.

Died of wounds—Pte. Arthur Derby, Quebec; Pte. J. Spahr, New Hamburg, Ont.; Pte. Alexander Lavery, Toronto.

Died—Pte. A. L. Price, Ludlow, N. B. Previously reported seriously ill; now reported died—Pte. A. Anderson, Moose Jaw, Sask.; Cpl. R. B. Bradford, Quebec.

Wounded and missing—Pte. E. Corbin, Quebec.

Missing—Pte. T. J. Barber, England; Pte. Edward Styrax, Fredericton, N. B.; Sgt. Thomas Bradler, Toronto; Pte. Patrick High, Sarnforth, Ont.; Pte. H. A. Dunn, England.

Wounded; believed missing—Pte. G. K. Thompson, England.

Previously reported wounded; now reported wounded and missing—Sgt. T. B. Spangle, Gainsborough, Sask.

Previously reported missing; now reported admitted to hospital—Pte. Silas Sturgeon, Stoughton, Sask.

Arrived at Switzerland from Germany; nervous prostration—Major A. J. Kirkpatrick, Toronto.

Arrived at Switzerland from Germany; wounded in lung—Lt. H. W. McDonnell, Kingston, Ont.

Dangerously ill—Pte. W. E. Shatford, Gainsborough, Sask.; Cpl. C. E. Buswell, Quebec; Pte. F. McColl, Kentville, N. S.; Pte. Edgar Taylor, Allandale, Ont.; Pte. J. G. Tweed, Cochrane, Alta.

Seriously injured—Cpl. F. J. Blakey, Toronto.

Seriously ill—Cpl. H. F. McLeod, address not stated; Pte. E. G. Pratt, England; Pte. J. H. Maxwell, Scotland.

Wounded—Cpl. John McWilliams, Scotland; Pte. D. Carmichael, Bay, Scotland; Pte. G. H. Fisher, England; Pte. J. F. Adams, Littleton, Maine; Pte. Geo. T. Cornwall, Ont.; Pte. H. W. Eaton, Griffin Creek, Alta.; Cpl. H. Condy, Quebec; Cpl. Ernest Plater, Montreal; Pte. A. Marr, Toronto; Pte. S. F. Thompson, Toronto; Pte. J. R. Godwin, England; Pte. C. Kellee, Syria; Pte. Raymond St. Hilaire, Quebec; Pte. U. Verrett, Montreal; Pte. Louis Bourcort, Montreal; Pte. I. Gud, no address; Pte. A. G. Huff, Edmonton; Lieut. W. J. Fisher, Victoria, B. C.; Pte. Alfred Paterborough, Toronto; Pte. Phillip Lavoy, Toronto; Pte. E. Torrance, Scotland; Pte. W. H. Burch, Selkirk, Man.; Pte. P. Fletcher, Diaput, Sask.; Pte. James McCluskey, St. John, N. B.; Pte. Wm. Wilson, Allandale, Ont.; Pte. G. P. Knight, New York; Pte. Joe Wargan, Paris, Ont.; Pte. John Wyatt, England; Pte. C. H. Meadows, Brandon, Man.; Pte. L. A. Warner, Hamilton, Ont.

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address; Pte. John Edwards, England. Arrived in Switzerland from Germany, leg broken—Lieut. F. S. Hubbs, Hastings, Ont.

Arrived in Switzerland, left arm stiff—Lieut. J. H. Douglas, Toronto. Artillery.

Died of wounds—Pte. F. E. Cahill, Tignish, P. E. I.

Died—Pte. Matthew Tyson, Quebec. Dangerously ill—Sgt. Wm. Steven, Scotland.

Wounded—Pte. Harold Milnes, England; Pte. J. M. Caldwell, Montreal. Engineers.

Wounded—Pte. E. M. Comeau, Metaghian River, N. S. Services.

Missing—Lieut. D. W. Davis, MacLeod, Alta.

Dangerously ill—Cpl. Oscar Williams, London, Ont.; Sgt. M. Cadman, Windsor, Ont.; Pte. Alex. Roberts, McIntyre, Ont.

Wounded—Pte. Hugh McKenzie, Scotland.

WOUNDED CANADIAN OFFICERS

London, Dec. 29.—Recently wounded Canadian officers who have been located in hospitals include the following: Lieut. S. T. Fryer, suffering from gunshot wounds in face and jaw, at Denmark Hill; Lieut. H. A. Green, wounded in back, severe, at Le Touquet; Lieut. G. Fisher, wounded in abdomen, at Rouen. The following are at Etaples: Lieut. K. L. Duggan, slight wound in leg; Lieut. F. W. Bynum, wounded in forearm, and Lieut. W. O. Oger, wounded in shoulder.

ITALIAN REPORT.

Rome, Dec. 29.—The war office communication issued yesterday says: "The weather conditions have improved, and the artillery on both sides has been more active, particularly on the Carso sector. During the night, in the area south of Monte Palli, our troops occupied by surprise a hollow of about 1,000 metres in front of the Austrian lines."

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GREAT BRITAIN HOLDS HAND FULL OF TRUMPS

Germany Will Not Be Able to Compete for a Long While

London, Dec. 29.—Great Britain will hold all the trump-cards when the great peace game opens. This is the view of many of Britain's leading financiers, according to Francis W. Hirst, writing in the Economist. While Britain's troops have been fighting Huns on the battlefields of Europe, Britain's merchants have been taking care of the much-vaunted commercial war, which it was prophesied would take place as soon as peace came.

As a matter of fact, Germany will not be able to compete with Great Britain or France for a long while, for Great Britain has been quietly but assiduously purchasing all the available stocks of cotton, hemp, copper and wool, all commodities which Germany will badly require to feed her mills and factories when she again takes to the peaceful paths of commerce. Germany, say the financiers, is forced to seek peace by her economic condition and that she will need a peace on any terms she can get.

MUNITION ORDERS PLACED IN CANADA

New York, Dec. 29.—British munition orders amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars are being placed with Canadian manufacturers, according to the New York Times this morning, on information said to have been obtained in banking quarters yesterday.

It was learned that within the last few days an order for shells larger than the largest contract placed in this country last year had been lodged with the Montreal Locomotive Company, Ltd. An estimate on this order was between \$175,000,000 and \$200,000,000. Steel manufacturers have known for several months that few more orders for completed shells would come to the United States, but it was not a matter of general knowledge that Canada was slated to take up a vast part of the work.

News that Canada had developed facilities to handle a shell business which may amount to fully \$10,000,000 next year was surprising to many persons of the financial district, who recalled that last year parts of a number of Canadian orders were sublet in this country.

Prominent bankers expressed the opinion that Canada can get all the funds she requires to finance her contracts in the New York market.

GOVERNMENT MAY PURCHASE LIQUOR TRADE

London, Dec. 29.—The purchase of the drink trade in Great Britain by the State is said to be imminent, says the Daily Express to-day.

"The matter has been closely considered by the liquor control board during the last fortnight," continues the newspaper. "Several members of the board have long advocated the purchase and the change of government has brought a renewal of their arguments."

The Express quotes Sir Thomas Whitaker, member of parliament, as saying that Mr. David Lloyd George, the prime minister, is known to favor the step, while several of the Unionist members are understood to agree with him. Sir Thomas believes a bill calling for the purchase would pass the House of Commons without difficulty.

Sir Thomas, Whitaker was chairman of the committee which advocated the purchase in 1915 when the cost of the plan was estimated at between £250,000,000 and £300,000,000. Since then, however, the government has interfered drastically with the production of spirits.

The Daily Express asserts that further great restrictions in the manufacture and sale of alcohol are certain in the immediate future, whether or not the purchase plan is put into effect.

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TELLS OF WORK ON NORTHERN RAILWAYS

J. D. McArthur Says Tenders Invited for Bridge Across Peace River

Edmonton, Dec. 29.—J. D. McArthur, president of the Edmonton, Dunvegan & British Columbia and allied railways, who is in the city, made an important announcement in connection with the vast north country, when he stated that tenders had been invited for the big steel bridge across the Peace river, immediately north of the town of Peace River. These tenders are to be received not later than next Tuesday.

The approximate cost of the structure is one million dollars. It is the intention to start the sub-structure early in January and to complete the bridge within 18 months. Other information regarding the work on the northern railways was given out by Mr. McArthur as follows:

"Steel is being laid on the Alberta & Great Waterways railway at the present time at the rate of one mile a day.

"Steel for the 50-mile extension of the E. D. & B. C. main line from Spirit river to Pouce Coupe has been purchased in the United States and will be laid early in the spring.

"Next year's programme will include the ballasting of the Spirit river and Pouce Coupe and the ballasting of the A. & G. W. to McMurray."

"In the spring three passenger trains each way a week between Edmonton and Grande Prairie and Peace River are contemplated, instead of two as at present."

CANADIANS NOW OCCUPY THREE CAMPS

Major-Gen. MacDougall in Command of Grounds Around Brighton

London, Dec. 29.—The Canadian army is gradually spreading itself over the face of England. The comparatively small force which made history at Salisbury has grown into a tremendous army. On every street of every city in the United Kingdom, and along highways throughout all parts of the country, soldiers of the Dominion are to be seen.

There are now three great training camps in England, the training district at Shronecliffe, which is well known to the people in Canada; the training area at Bramshott, which has been accepted for over a year, and a new command at Brighton.

Concerning the latter, although it is probably the finest camp, the people in Canada know very little. The Brighton command consists of four main camps, located at Crowborough, Hastings, Shoreham and Seaford. These camps are organized and administered by Major-General J. C. MacDougall, C. M. G., and his headquarters staff at Brighton.

The administrative staff consists of Lieut.-Col. D. W. E. Spry, assistant adjutant and quartermaster-general; Major-M. K. Greene, deputy assistant adjutant-general; Major G. A. E. Bury, deputy assistant quartermaster-general; Capt. H. F. Walker, deputy assistant adjutant and Q. M. G.

OUTLINES PEACE TERMS OF ALLIES

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"The German colonies to remain in the hands of the entente. Moreover, a money indemnity for the ruin Germany has done in Belgium, France, Serbia, Montenegro, etc.

"As regarding shipping, Germany to make reparation in kind for all ships of commerce destroyed, ton for ton, neutral shipping to be replaced only after all the demands of the allies have been satisfied.

"The German navy to be handed over and distributed among entente nations.

"As a guarantee against future war, the allies are to insist upon the democratization of the German government.

"The Kiel canal to be neutralized under an international non-German commission including the entente countries, the United States and other neutrals."

"A man who never made a mistake never made anything," said the Wise One. "Yes," agreed the Fool. "But a lot of chaps who believe in that got careless and never made anything but mistakes."—Buffalo Express.

WEATHER PREVENTS EXTENSIVE OPERATIONS

Fog and Mud Interfere With Resumption of Offensive Along the Somme

London, Dec. 29.—The continuation of the British offensive along the Somme front is impossible as long as the present weather lasts, Major-Gen. Frederick B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the War Office, informed the Associated Press yesterday.

"I told you some time ago," he said, "that our offensive would not cease during the winter, but it must be apparent from the daily reports that no real battle has been offered in that section since October. In the first place, we underestimated the effect of shelling on the ground. The country over which the advance will have to be made is thickly sprinkled with shell holes filled with water. Also, never having held the same line in any other winter, we underestimated the effect of the fog in the valley of the Somme."

"There have been frequent frosts, not severe enough to harden the ground, but sufficient to form fog, making artillery observation fire practically useless, and also preventing the drying of the ground."

"The French arrived at the same decision, and transferred their attention to Verdun, with results which you all know. We may be able to resume in March, as we found the ground at Neuve Chapelle in fairly good shape in March, 1915, although it had been very bad during the winter."

Extending Line.
"Unable to continue the offensive for the present, we have done the next best thing. The taking over of a section of the French line has kept us busy during the last ten days. The operation has been successful, and I will be glad to tell you the exact extent of the line taken over when I am sure the Germans know the point of junction."

"In Roumania the first Roumanian army, which has borne the brunt of the fighting, has been entirely withdrawn, and now is reforming in Moldavia, while its place has been taken by the Russians. In Dobruja the line has been moved back in alignment with the battle front north of the Danube. In this region both our allies and the enemy are suffering from adverse weather conditions."

BOY ACCIDENTALLY SHOT BY HIS SISTER

Vancouver, Dec. 29.—While playing with his sister in the attic of their home at Sasserat and Sixth avenue in West Point Grey, John, the two and a half year old son of Mr. C. M. Woodworth, the well-known barrister of Vancouver, was accidentally shot with a .22 calibre rifle with which they had been playing, and now lies in the General Hospital at the point of death. It appears that the rifle had been stored in the attic, no one suspecting that it contained a charge, and that the little girl, Peggy, six years of age, managed to get hold of it, and in some manner it was discharged. The bullet entered the unfortunate little fellow's back and emerged almost in the centre of the abdomen.

Dr. Burnett was at once called to the scene of the accident and ordered the boy's removal to the hospital. Little hopes for his recovery are held out.

"she—'I see now that I married a fool.' He—'My dear, I found that out sooner than you.'"

TURKISH RAILWAY LINE SEVERED

British Seaplanes Destroy Bridge Which Forms Vital Link in Communication

London, Dec. 29.—A British official communication issued last evening says:

"On Tuesday a squadron of naval airplanes bombed enemy camps at Galata, on the Gallipoli Peninsula, with successful results.

"On Wednesday a squadron of seaplanes attacked and destroyed the Chioslar bridge, eighteen miles east of Adana (Asia Minor)."

The report by the British war office that a squadron of seaplanes on Wednesday destroyed the Chioslar bridge across the Danian river, is commented on as being an important one. The bridge constituted a vital link in the Turkish railway communications, and its destruction will cut off not only the Bagdad main line, but the Syrian lines, from railroad connection with western Asia Minor and the supply centres for the Turkish armies in the Caucasus, Mesopotamia, Palestine and Arabia.

HON. T. C. CASGRAIN DIED EARLY TO-DAY

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good health. For twenty years he has been intimate friends. His conspicuous ability, high character and long experience in public affairs made him a notable figure in the political life of the country. Besides, he had a charming personality, a warm and generous nature, and a most engaging manner which especially endeared him to all his intimate friends. His death is a distinct loss to the country."

The late Thomas Chase Casgrain was a member of a distinguished Quebec family. He was born in Detroit, Mich., on July 28, 1852, his father being the late Senator Charles E. Casgrain, M. D., and his mother Charlotte Mary Casgrain, daughter of Thomas Chase, of Detroit. He had a brilliant scholastic and academic career in Quebec and at Laval University. He graduated from the latter with a degree of LL. B. (avec grande distinction), and the Duffin gold medal in 1877. Six years later his alma mater gave him the degree of LL.D.

He took up the practice of his profession in Quebec and speedily became one of the leading members of the Canadian Bar. After twenty years in the Ancient Capital he moved to Montreal and for many years was head of the firm of McGillivray, Casgrain, Mitchell & Casgrain, and of Casgrain, Mitchell, McDougall & Creelman. In 1885 he was junior counsel for the crown at the trial for high treason of Louis Riel at Regina. He had been crown prosecutor in the district of Quebec in 1882 and the year following declined an appointment as a stipendiary magistrate for the Northwest Territories. He was created a Queen's Counsel for Canada by the Marquis of Lansdowne in 1887 and took silk at the Quebec Bar in 1899. He was batonnier of the Bar of the district of Quebec in 1894 and the same year he had the distinction of being elected batonnier-general of the Bar Association of the province. Another honor which came to him in that year was the chairmanship of the royal commission to revise and amend the code of civil procedure. He was professor of criminal law at the University of Laval for several terms.

All his life Mr. Casgrain was a strong Conservative, and was one of the leaders of the party in Quebec. He entered the legislature in 1886 as member for

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Store Closes Saturday at 1 p.m.

Dainty and Exquisite Blouses for New Year's Gifts

Exceptional Values at \$3.90, \$5.00, \$6.75, \$7.50 and \$9.75

Holiday shoppers in search of a pretty Blouse to be given as a New Year's gift will do well to investigate this showing of beautiful styles that now grace the tables and cases of the Waist Section. A large range of the newest materials in a splendid range of colors. Remarkable values at \$3.90 to \$9.75



Sale of Dainty Dance Frocks at \$22.50

Continues To-day

To-day is an opportune time to purchase a pretty dancing Frock at a price quite within the reach of all pocketbooks. All this season's buying, and you must see these dresses to become familiar with the excellent values that are represented in this group, especially selected to sell at \$22.50

Gloves Make an Appropriate New Year's Gift

Dant's Heavy Quality Cape Kid Gloves, in shades of tan and grey. A splendid wearing glove, at, per pair \$1.75

"Trefousse" White Washable Kid Gloves, with fancy black or white points; 2-domes; at, per pair \$1.25

A Large Stock of Kid and Silk Evening Gloves; in all lengths and sizes.

Dant's Grace Kid Gloves, in white only, with heavy white or black point bars; 2-domes. Special value at, per pair \$1.75

Dant's Washable Chamouis Gloves, in natural shades only, and the following sizes: 5, 5 1/2, 6, 7, 8. Regular \$1.50 value for \$1.25

A Splendid Lot of Mocha Kid Gloves; in slate shade only. Extra wearing qualities; 2-domes; at, per pair \$2.00

Dant's Cape Kid Gloves, especially adapted for winter wear; from selected and pliable skins; in shades of tan and brown. At, per pair \$1.75

Trefousse Kid Gloves; excellent values at, per pair \$1.50, \$1.80 and \$2.25

Wool Gloves for Women and Children.

Big Savings to Be Reaped To-day on These Wool Sweater Coats at \$5.00

Regular Values to \$10.00

Included are many Sweater Coats of the famous "Jaeger" make in brushed and ribbed finish. Shades include: Camel's hair, grey, cardinal, green, saxe, white, leather mixture, etc. Sold regularly up to \$10.00. Clearing to-day at the low price of \$5.00

Glove Scrip Issued for Any Amount

House Dresses Excellent Value \$1.50 and \$1.75

We have just received a large consignment of good, strong and serviceable House Dresses, made from a fine range of light and dark striped prints and ginghams. Special value at \$1.50 and \$1.75

"Holeproof" Silk Hose

\$1.25 Pair—\$3.50 Box of Three Pairs

In These Colors: Black, White, Navy, Grey, Pink, Taupe and Tan

EXPLAINS ACTION OF SWISS COUNCIL

Has Not Intention of Interfering With Affairs of Belligerents

Bologna, Dec. 29.—President Schultze, of Switzerland, has explained the part played by his country in the recent steps in favor of peace in an interview with Signor Quilici, editor of the Resto Del Carlino. President Schultze is quoted as saying:

"Switzerland had nothing whatever to do with President Wilson's note. The federal council got into communication with the American government in order to learn if the latter intended to do anything in favor of peace and simply received a copy of the note at the same time as the belligerents."

"The council has decided to support the note, inspired by an ardent desire to see a termination rapidly put to the sufferings caused by this terrible war, of which the Swiss people have daily evidence in the shape of interned invalids and civilians from places ordered evacuated."

"I do not know what will be the fate of the neutral proposition, and in any case Switzerland has no intention of interfering with the affairs of the belligerents. But she considers it her duty to make known to them that she is ready to help to exchange views, in the event of its seeming desirable."

The president said that he was astonished at the rumors of fears of the violation of Swiss neutrality.

"I cannot conceive," he said, "that any of the belligerents harbor the idea of passing through our country. It would not be to their advantage. In addition to the great difficulty of terrain they would be confronted with the vigorous resistance of the Swiss army and the whole people."

"How did you get Mrs. Bounce out of your bridge club? Did you ask her to resign?" "No, we didn't like to do that, but we all resigned except Mrs. Bounce, and then we all got together and formed a new club."

SARAH BERNHARDT CRITICIZES WILSON

Declares Note Shows Ignorance of All France Has Suffered

Philadelphia, Dec. 29.—President Wilson's peace note finds little favor with the "Divine Sarah" who this week is appearing in the Quaker City. In discussing it, Mme. Bernhardt also had some rather emphatic views to express regarding the neutral attitude of President Wilson toward the great drama which is now being enacted in Europe.

"Such views as President Wilson holds," said the great French woman, "can only be born of ignorance of all that has transpired since the German hordes were first loosed across the peaceful countryside of Belgium in their race to crush France. It has not been an affair of ink but blood with us. Those who could but faintly appreciate the agonies which have been endured by the ally countries in their fight to combat Prussian ideals would hesitate before even running a chance of embarrassing their fight by such untimely and unseemly action as the president has taken."

"We in France want peace but there are things that we want worse. We want to guarantee to posterity that they shall pursue their peaceful and progressive avocations free from the menace of the sword. We first want right established in the place where Germany would enthroned might and we want reparation for the noble blood spilled and the tears shed since we took up the fight to curb the ambitions of the Junkers."

"Isn't Blower inclined to be just a little boastful?" "Boastful? Well, I guess yes. After a beginner has touched Blower for a nickel he will tell you that he has just been giving a little dinner to an acquaintance of his."

New Term, January 2; get particulars. Spott-Shaw Institute.



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PEACE CONDITIONS.

The London Spectator publishes a list of the terms upon which, in its opinion, the allies should insist when the time for peace negotiations arrives.

Nothing, to our mind, can possibly emphasize more clearly the difficulties in the way of safe and sane Imperial reconstruction than the vast ignorance of this country and its state of mind among certain empire thinkers.

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'SEEING THINGS.'

The Vancouver World of yesterday contained a news item which must have been read with bewilderment by the Victoria subscribers to that paper.

Although the snowfall during the week ending December 26 was distributed fairly evenly over the lower mainland and island, Victoria and New Westminster were the chief sufferers.

weekly report of the weather bureau. Victoria's snowfall for the week was precisely one-tenth of an inch, which means that it did not even color the ground.

A GROTESQUE VIEW.

The discussion of the proposal that the overseas dominions be consulted in regard to peace terms has afforded certain British papers an irresistible opportunity to display their boundless ignorance of the conditions and viewpoint.

"A few years ago Sir Wilfrid Laurier, discouraged by the refusal of England to reciprocate in tariff matters, turned to the United States.

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The silly contention that the arrangement would have "split the empire" died as soon as the last election was over.

The new ruler of Austria seems to be a vigorous young man, Charles apparently cherishes thoughts of a higher ambition and a nobler purpose in life than playing the part of factotum to Wilhelm.

Announcement

MEETINGS AND ENTERTAINMENTS. Notices of meetings, political, suffrage, patriotic, lodge, society, club or church meetings and services, concerts, socials, etc., inserted under special headings of "Meetings" on classified pages at one cent per word per insertion.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

The provincial government is fortunate in having the assistance of Dr. Adam Shortt, C. M. G., in carrying into effect its pledge of civil service reform.

Canada is a long way behind the United States in this important department. The jurisdiction and consequent responsibilities of the United States civil service directorate have been enlarged from time to time until now almost the entire national service has been placed under its administration.

Washington is beginning to have serious doubts respecting the bona fides of Germany's assurances. Serious misgivings are said to have arisen in the minds of the president and his advisers as to whether pledges given regarding the conduct of submarine piracy are being carried out.

MIGHT BE A BOOMERANG. An embargo that would lower the price of the ultimate consumer's loaf of bread would be very welcome down this way.

THEY KNOW BETTER. No false "hatreds" there; no contempt to save the contempt that the brave man feels for danger; no underestimation of the temper and fibre of the eager faces across the trenches.

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Specially Designed Glasses. Product of Our Workroom. Blugston Optician and Ophthalmist. Phone 537. 61 Yates St.

of the thought has raised disquietude in the mind of the Kaiser. Hence the rush with which peace proposals have been promulgated.

The Vancouver World informs its readers that ten inches of snow fell in Victoria last week. Ten flakes would have been nearer the truth, but then anything is justified in the eyes of the organ whose mission is to "uplift" the province to a high pinnacle of righteousness with the assistance of Hon. Robert Rogers and H. H. Stevens, M. P.

It is the export trade that matters. The home trade does not help our exchange. All that it does is to divert our expenditure into channels that deplete our financial strength.

Time was when some merchants vied with each other in extravagance of statement in their ads. The wise merchants of today vie with each other in the ACCURACY of their statements about goods and values.

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Excellent Values for the Man Who Needs a Heavy Ulster or Single-Breasted Overcoat

Here are Overcoat styles and values that men will appreciate. They are Coats full of style and comfort, and they are just the materials that men mostly favor for cold winter-wear.

There's the heavy Ulster style for the big man who requires a good weighty garment, made from such materials as Chinchillas and heavy English tweeds.

There are also styles and weights more adapted for the man who cannot wear a heavy garment. These are very smartly tailored on stylish new lines, in loose, single-breasted effects, from medium weight English tweeds, in the very latest shades and patterns.

Each Coat is a value that speaks for itself. We have sizes to fit all and we guarantee a perfect fit.

PRICES: \$13.50, \$15.00, \$18.00, \$20.00 AND \$25.00

Winter Overcoats for Boys

Warm, comfortable garments, smartly tailored in the new double-breasted effects, with high storm collars and storm cuffs. Some loose, others with belted backs. These Coats have warm linings of fine quality serge.

PRICES: \$7.95, \$8.50, \$8.95, \$9.25 AND \$10.50

-Clothing, Main Floor

Men's Regular 75c Pure Silk Knitted Ties on Sale at 50c

One hundred dozen Ties involved in this offering, which represents a special purchase which should have reached us in time for the Christmas trade.

-Selling, Main Floor

A Smart New High Cut Boot

Of black glazed kid in lace and button styles, with French or Cuban heel. This is a particularly smart boot for street wear and comes in an advanced early Spring style.

-Selling, First Floor

New Year Candy Specials

- Hard Mixtures, a lb. 20c; Peppermint Bull's Eyes, reg. 40c for 20c; Maple and Chocolate Fudge, reg. 40c for 20c; Assorted Wafers, lemon, chocolate, peppermint and wintergreen, reg. 40c for 25c.

-Candies, Main Floor

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Per Bottle, \$1.90
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"Always in Good Taste"

As a Gift—

"Homade" Chocolates Are Always in Good Taste

At the beginning of a New Year when it is customary to renew friendships of the year just gone, a dainty little gift is always in good taste.

And in the giving of such a gift, especially to ladies, a box of "Homade" Chocolates is the universal choice.

Come in This Week-End and See Our Big Assortment of Boxes

Stevenson's CHOCOLATES AND CANDIES
Head Store: 725 Yates Street. BRANCHES: 1115 Douglas Street, and in Williams Drug Store, Government and Fort Sts.

HOLIDAY SLIPPERS

Your list could not contain a more useful present than one of our footwear. We have a stock of stylish and dependable

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Call and inspect our large and high-grade stock of

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LOOK AT THESE BLANKET VALUES

They will appeal to every woman who wishes to practice economy. The White Wool Blankets in particular are rare

White Wool, \$8.50 to ... \$3.25
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Flannelite Sheets, per pair, \$2.00, \$1.75 and ... \$1.45
Bed Comforters, \$1.00 to \$1.50

G. A. Richardson & Co.
Victoria House, 636 Yates St.

BRIEF NEWS OF THE CITY

S. C. Funeral Co. (Hayward's) Ltd., established 1887. Always open. Quiet private parlors; large furnished chapel. Reasonable charges, 754 Broughton street. Phone 3255.

Help the Military V. M. C. A.—If you have any last month's magazines (that you have read leave them at the local V. M. C. A. building. Also if you have any gymnasium equipment not in use loan it to the WILLOW gymnasium for the winter.

Hudson's Bay "Imperial" Lager Beer, quarts, 3 for 50c.

New Year's Resolution.—Use Nurusurface Polish on your floors, furniture and autos, 25c for 8 oz., 50c qt., at R. A. Brown & Co.'s. Made in Victoria.

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Say Dad, Can't I Have a Sled? — I know where we can get a dandy strong one, one with spring steel runners, and if you get it dad, I'll take brother for a ride. They only cost \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00, according to size, at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 1302 Douglas St.

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McKenzie Sausages are the best.

Newly Furnished Housekeeping Rooms. Prices reasonable, Fairfield Hotel. Phone 2292-9.

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Piercy's "Tourist" Brand Chocolates

Are taking the lead. The quantity sold during Christmas week proves this.

Boxes, 35c to \$2.50
Send in your mail orders.

Piercy's Chocolate Shop
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Porter's Committee Rooms, corner Broad and Pandora streets. Phone 865.

Try Dr. Conway's M. D. Plaster for rheumatism, neuralgia, catarrh, Bright's disease, liver and stomach trouble.

Until Further Notice, F. L. Haynes will carry on business as usual at 1124 Government. His numerous customers will be notified through the press, as soon as new premises have been located.

Demand Phoenix Stout. Home product.

Manicurist at the Capital Barber Shop.

For New Year's Day.—Decanters, 40c to \$1.10; Claret Jugs, \$1.40; Wine Glasses, \$1.50 doz.; Sherry Glasses, \$1.50 doz.; Lemonade Glasses, 75c doz.; Lemonade Jugs, 40c. R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas St.

Vancouver's Amendments.—The city of Vancouver, which has already given notice of a sheaf of amendments to its charter which it intends to apply for at the coming session, this week in the B. C. Gazette gives notice of still further powers which are desired. These include the operation of motor buses, the drawing of a distinction as to license fees between taxicabs and jitneys, placing the licensing of all clubs under the jurisdiction of the city and compelling all clubs to have a manager, who must take out a license from the city.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO DAY
Victoria Times, Dec. 29, 1891.

The Empress of India arrived to-day from the Orient, but on account of the rough weather and heavy sea in the Straits, she therefore went to Esquimalt to land her mail and passengers.

The steamer Danube is expected to leave the dock by Friday, when the Islander will go in to have new blades put on her propeller. H. M. S. Pheasant will follow the Islander into dock.

Consul Myers has received some well-written circulars of the world's fair, the arrangements for which are in progress at Chicago.

New term, January 2; get particulars. Sprout-Shaw Institute.

Demand Phoenix Stout. Home product.

Def Auto Service is now prepared to furnish autos or taxis at any hour of the day or night at reasonable rates. Phone 299.

Demand Phoenix Stout. Home product.

"Why Pay High Rates for fire insurance? See the anti-combine agents, Duck & Johnston," 615 Johnson St.

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

University School for Boys

Recent successes at McGill University. Second place in Canada in 1915 at the Royal Military College, Kingston. Canadian Navy, B. C. Surveyors' Preliminary Cadet Corps and Shooting. Separate and special arrangements for Junior Boys.

BOYS TAKEN FROM 8 YEARS OF AGE AND UPWARDS

Easter term commences Wednesday, January 29, 1917.

Garden—Rev. W. W. Bolton, M.A. (Cantab.).

Headmaster—J. C. Barnack, Esq. (London University).

For particulars and prospectus apply to the Headmaster.

"If you get it at PIMLEY'S it's all right."

MOTORISTS! Look at These TIRE SNAPS

This is stock-taking time with us—a time of opportunity for every man who has tires to buy. These are odd lots and sizes, cut for a clearance before Jan. 1. Don't miss them.

30x3½, plain	\$12.00
33x4, plain	\$21.10
33x4, Non-skid	\$23.25
34x4, Non-skid	\$24.50
36x4, Non-skid	\$22.75
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Bank Clearings.—Local bank clearings for the week ending December 23 were \$1,957,008.

English Mail.—An English mail reached Victoria this morning and is being delivered to-day. It consists of 21 bags of letters and 11 of papers.

County Court Sittings.—For the convenience of those having business with the county court of the county of Westminster, in the north end of the county, sittings have been arranged for throughout the year, at Hope, Yale and North Bend.

Appointments Gazetted.—F. T. O'Halloran, provincial constable at Tete Jaune, has been appointed as district registrar of births, deaths and marriages for the Cariboo mining division. Cornelius H. O'Halloran, barrister, of this city, has been appointed a commissioner for taking affidavits for use in British Columbia.

Victoria Liberal Association.—The annual meeting of the Victoria Liberal Association, the membership of which consists of all the members in good standing in each of the five ward associations will be held in the Knights of Pythias hall, North Park street, on the evening of Thursday, January 18. Officers will be elected and much other business transacted.

Liberal Meetings.—There will be a general meeting of the members of the Ward II. Liberal Association in the rooms, Arcade Building, Broad street, on Tuesday, January 2, and of the members of Ward V. Liberal Association, in the same place, on Thursday, January 4. At both of these meetings large attendances of members are requested.

Certificate is Gazetted.—The B. C. Gazette this week contains the announcement of the issue, by the minister of railways, of his certificate that in matters affecting the classification and rates of pay of railway trainmen on the lines of the Pacific Great Eastern railway the classification and rates in effect on the lines of the Canadian Pacific shall apply.

Extension of Time.—By federal order-in-council an extension of time is granted for the irrigation of the lands to be purchased from the federal authorities in the railway belt, for three years, complications having arisen in connection with the acquisition of the water rights by the Ashcroft Water, Electric and Improvement Company, Limited, of Ashcroft.

Courts of Revision.—Courts of revision and appeal under the Taxation act and the Public Schools act will be held in the Comox and Alberni assessment districts by Thomas S. Fletcher, judge of the court, at Cumberland on January 17 and at Alberni on January 25. In the Fort Steele assessment district W. A. Nisbet will hold court at Fernie on January 29 and at Cranbrook on January 31.

Circulating Petitions.—The final result of the canvass for signatures for the petitions which have been circulated through many of the stores of the city asking the city council to make provision for a referendum vote to ascertain the general feeling as to whether or not the weekly half-holiday should be changed from Saturday to Wednesday, is not as yet fully known. At noon to-day, however, the prospects of obtaining the required 900 names were not very bright.

Metehosin Meeting.—The Metehosin Farmers' institute has invited speakers to address a meeting at Metehosin on Friday, 29th inst., at 8 o'clock on the greater necessity for organization amongst farmers. Messrs. W. Paterson, R. V. Hurford and C. G. Palmer, all from up-Island points, will deliver addresses on the movement to create a farmers' union. Great success has attended this important movement and all residents should make an effort to hear these speakers and take part in the discussion which will follow. The most important meeting that has yet been held in connection with agriculture and its present and coming great problems, is worthy the closest attention of all and it is hoped that there will be a big attendance.

Water Rights Applied For.—The city of Trail is applying for a license to divert and use three cubic feet of water per second out of Violin lake, and to store 1,200 acre-feet of water in Violin lake. The storage dam will be situated at the natural outlet of the lake which is at the head of Niger creek. The reservoir will flood about ten acres. The Elko Water, Light and Power Company is given approval of its undertaking for the diversion of water from Silver Spring lake, a tributary of Elk river. The construction of the works was to commence by November 1. The certificate of approval was given by W. R. Ross, as minister of lands, on October 19, but was not gazetted. Pacific Mills, Limited, is applying for the right to take and use 100,000 gallons daily of water and to store 3,000,000 gallons of water out of Link river and Link lake, for water-works purposes.

Still Lower Temperatures.—The mercury dropped last night, to 27 degrees on the standard thermometer at the Dominion meteorological office, Gonzales Heights, last night, the minimum temperature on the ground thermometer being 22. On the lower levels about the city the temperature was probably some degrees lower, and thick ice has formed on many of the shallow ponds in some of the outlying districts. The low mercury conditions are not expected to keep up long, however, as the temperature is rising in the Far North and within the thirty-six hours a change may be looked for locally. The whole of the North American continent is experiencing the present cold wave. Zero weather extends from the Kootenays right across the continent to Ontario and south to Colorado and Kansas. Although the temperature this morning was only 32 at Memphis, Tenn., yet the cold wave is spreading so rapidly southward that people there are preparing for even greater cold.

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The profound depth of sympathy in this magnificent tenor voice will come as a revelation to you. In the new January list there are other numbers that will appeal to you—new laughs, catchy songs and dance pieces by the score. Come in and hear them to-day.



Selected Titles From the January List

A2123—Ireland Must Be Heaven, for My Mother Came From There. Charles Harrison.
2129—Songs of Yesterday. Knickerbocker Quartette.
2131—My Lonely Lola Lo. Starling Trio.
2134—Trail to Sunset Valley. Reed and Harrison.
5900—Miss Springtime Waltz. Prince's Orchestra.
5890—The Sunshine of Your Smile. Vernon Styles.
48748—La Favorita. Hippolito Lazaro.
5894—Lohengrin. Chicago Symphony Orchestra.
2132—The Cuckoo Clock. Lucy Gates.
5895—The Ninety and Nine. Oscar Seagle.
5896—Rigoletto—Piano solo. L. Godowsky.
2121—Moment Musical—Violin solo. Kathleen Parlow.
5893—Zampa Overture. Prince's Orchestra.
2116—Oh! Dem Golden Slippers. H. C. Browne.
2119—Songs From Hawaii. Guitar Duet.
2031—Sleep, Baby, Sleep. Ward Barton.
2124—Someone Else May Be There While I'm Gone. Al. Jolson.
2133—Children's Songs and Games. Prince's Orchestra.
2130—The Carnival Prince. Prince's Orchestra.
5899—Kathleen Mavourneen. Columbia Stellar Quartette.

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Heinz Cream of Tomato Soup. 2 tins	25c
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The People's Tea gives satisfaction. Per lb. 30c

Ocean Brand Green Peas, per tin. 10c

Mixed Peel—Orange, Citron and lemon. Ready-cut. Per lb. 25c

B. C. Granulated Sugar, 20-lb. cotton sack for. \$1.70

Nice Pure Coffee, fresh ground, per lb. 25c

Chicken Wheat, 100-lb. sk. \$2.25

Oranges, nice navel, 3 dozen. 50c

Cape Cod Cranberries Per lb. 14c

Cooking Beans 10 lbs. 25c

Quaker Brand Peas, Beans, Corn and Tomatoes. 2 cans. 25c

Black Cooking Figs. 3 lbs. 25c

People's Favorite Butter, per lb. 45¢, 2 lbs. 85c
For the particular table

Finest Quality Strawberry Jam, 4-lb. pail. 69c

Fine Cooking Eggs Per dozen. 39c

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PANTOMIME AGAIN DRAWS BIG CROWD

Continuous Heavy Bookings for "Puss in Boots" Astonish Management

Never has there been so phenomenal a run on the bookings for any one production as has taken place this week in connection with the daily performances of "Puss in Boots." Despite the fact that there were almost packed houses on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and a very big audience at yesterday afternoon's matinee, the demand for seats for the two remaining nights makes it appear as if there were still going to be many anxious to find bookings who will be unable to find accommodation. The astonishing success of the undertaking has surprised even the optimistic organizers, who are very warmly to be congratulated on their enterprise and foresight in arranging so splendid an entertainment for a time when so many of the children and grown-ups are unable to go to the theatre in any form of amusement.

Each performance finds the company in even more polished form than the last, and while little rough points have been smoothed down the brilliancy of the high spots has been enhanced, with the result that the entertainment assumes daily a more perfect artistic finish. Each of the leading actors who stood out so notably on the first night continues to play with evergreen zest the role which has fallen to his or her share. "Puss in Boots" (Mrs. Rochfort) has developed, if possible, into an even wiser and cleverer mascot of young Gabriel (Miss Peggy Pearce), who continues to play with rare histrionic ability the role of love-lorn heroine and successful suitor in turn. The donkey, mistakenly announced as somebody else than Mr. Cobbett, is, as before stated, one of the prize conceptions of the evening.

The Harlequinade, like the rest of the very clever performance, is helped wonderfully by the very fine orchestra which was assembled by Mrs. J. R. Green, herself a first violin, with Tony Jensen, late of Pantages, as conductor, and the following other instrumentalists assisting: Violins: Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Foot, Mrs. Roberts, Miss Young, Miss Williams, Miss Lewis, Miss Buckett, Miss Stewart, Miss Bruce, Dr. Naab, Mr. Williams, Mr. Sprague, Mr. Simmers and Mr. Laundry; Viola: Mr. Longfield; Cello: Messrs. Long and Bertram; Bass: Mr. Plowright; Pianiste: Mrs. A. J. Gibson.

The wisdom, in view of the patriotic work to which the proceeds are being given, of requesting that no bouquets be given any of the performers has met with general approval, as this no doubt means that those who would have presented flowers are able instead to give tickets to someone who would have cared to see the pantomime and thus help the French and Canadian Red Cross.

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BLANCHE SWEET and
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TO-DAY
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The Great Russian Dancer
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TO-DAY
FRANKLYN FARNUM
in
"A STRANGER FROM SOMEWHERE"

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Children of Naval Dockyard Employees Visited by Santa Claus.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.

Daniel McPhie, of Regina, is at the Dominion. ☆☆☆

R. Carlin, of Calgary, is staying at the Dominion. ☆☆☆

C. W. Duncan, of Vancouver, is at the Dominion. ☆☆☆

W. F. Cline, of Seattle, is staying at the Dominion. ☆☆☆

E. Judah, of London, Eng., is a guest at the Empress hotel. ☆☆☆

G. McGill, of this city, is registered at the Strathcona hotel. ☆☆☆

J. E. Kelly, Jr., of Seattle, is staying at the Strathcona hotel. ☆☆☆

J. C. Readey, of Chilliwack, is a guest at the Empress hotel. ☆☆☆

A. J. Mangar, of Pasadena, Cal., is a guest of the Dominion hotel. ☆☆☆

E. Boyd Wallis, of Duncan, is staying at the Strathcona hotel. ☆☆☆

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carson, of Montreal, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday. ☆☆☆

Miss G. D. Layard, of Ganges, is a guest at the Strathcona hotel. ☆☆☆

John M. Svendsen, of Vancouver, is staying at the Dominion hotel. ☆☆☆

J. N. Addison, of Nanaimo, has registered at the Strathcona hotel. ☆☆☆

E. L. Small, of Cloverdale, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday. ☆☆☆

J. E. Vritton, of Armstrong, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday. ☆☆☆

W. H. Simpson, of White Horse, Y.T., is a new arrival at the Dominion. ☆☆☆

Geo. S. Douglas, of Cloose, has registered at the Strathcona hotel. ☆☆☆

Mrs. A. A. Noyes, of Canton, China, is staying at the Strathcona hotel. ☆☆☆

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Man, of Nanaimo, are staying at the Strathcona hotel. ☆☆☆

C. A. Ayling, of Moose Jaw, Sask., has registered at the Strathcona hotel. ☆☆☆

Frank Burnett, Sr., of Vancouver, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday. ☆☆☆

Mrs. Herbert Steppay, of Cowichan Station, is staying at the Strathcona hotel. ☆☆☆

Mrs. F. Miles and family, of Cowichan, are staying at the Strathcona hotel. ☆☆☆

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Horner, of Seattle, are staying at the Strathcona hotel. ☆☆☆

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Melie and family, of Seattle, are staying at the Strathcona hotel. ☆☆☆

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Grahame, of Seattle, have registered at the Strathcona hotel. ☆☆☆

J. J. Motman, of Eburne, B. C., is among yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion hotel. ☆☆☆

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Nicolle, of Tacoma, Wash., are staying at the Strathcona hotel. ☆☆☆

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Causeaux, of Sorrento, B. C., are guests at the Strathcona hotel. ☆☆☆

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hill and children, of Hilliers, V. I., are guests at the Strathcona hotel. ☆☆☆

Wm. Davy and H. Riley, of Redlyn, Sask., are prairie visitors staying at the Strathcona hotel. ☆☆☆

Fred L. Tuttle and Karl Thomas, of Seattle, are among yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion hotel. ☆☆☆

A. J. Martin and family are down from Kildonan, B. C., and are staying at the Dominion hotel. ☆☆☆

Mrs. C. F. Greene, of Port Alberni, and Mrs. Jones, of James Island, are new arrivals at the Dominion hotel. ☆☆☆

Wm. A. McKnight and Jas. A. Jackson, of Leduc, Alta., are prairie visitors staying at the Strathcona hotel. ☆☆☆

Mrs. E. J. Brewis and granddaughter, of Edmonton, are visiting Victoria and are staying at the Dominion hotel. ☆☆☆

H. Wheeler, general manager of the White Pass and Yukon railway, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday. ☆☆☆

The Vancouver arrivals at the Strathcona hotel include: Mrs. Walker and child, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith, Mrs. H. A. Morrish and C. R. Gordon. ☆☆☆

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cullin will go over to Vancouver on to-night's boat to spend the week-end and New Year's Day with relatives. ☆☆☆

C. E. Conlin, Mrs. Conlin and daughter, of Rosetown, Sask., are among yesterday's visitors from the Northwest who registered at the Dominion hotel. ☆☆☆

At the First Presbyterian church vestry at 7 o'clock last evening Rev. J. G. Inkster united in marriage Elsie Oglvie Thomson, of this city, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thomson, of Dundee, Scotland, and James Newlands, of Galiano Island, son of George Newlands, of Banff, Scotland. The bride wore her traveling costume of navy blue serge, and was attended by Miss Jessie Newlands. Mr. Arthur

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Sandwiches	Salads Sweets
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AT THE THEATRES

COLUMBIA THEATRE.

The motion picture production featuring the great Anna Pavlova on the screen at the Columbia theatre all this week is proving of tremendous interest to the public of this city. The theatre has been crowded at every performance, the magic name of the immortal Russian dancer being a compelling drawing card.

The prologue to the play shows Anna Pavlova in several of her best known dances, and following this her versatility is shown in the role of an actress in a massive spectacle entitled "The Dumb Girl of Portici." It is a fine tribute to the marvelous strides in the production of modern pictures when so great a public idol as the beautiful Russian dancer should capitulate to the cameraman for a single magnificent production such as "The Dumb Girl of Portici."

The spectacle will continue at the Columbia for the remainder of this week.

DOMINION THEATRE.

The secret of a recent sudden trip of Cecil B. De Mille, the Jesse L. Lasky Company director general, is solved in the production of "Unprotected," a Paramount picture which will be seen at the Dominion to-night and to-morrow with Blanche Sweet, the beautiful Lasky star, in the stellar role.

During the summer, Mr. De Mille after a brief visit to New York, suddenly disappeared and was next heard of in a small town in Alabama and later returned to the studio but refused to divulge the reason of his southern visit. Later, the Blanche Sweet company, under the direction of James Young, disappeared from the studio and did not return for three weeks. Not until the picture was shown before the members of the Lasky stock company was the mystery solved. Mr. De Mille had gone into the southern states to investigate the conditions of the southern convict camps. Upon his report, Miss Sweet and her company were sent down there to film the convict camp scenes for "Unprotected."

The story is based on an actual incident and shows the terrible effect of leasing convicts to private firms for labor.

Wedding cakes, which are to be made for the future without icing and sugar ornaments, have lost much of their significance since custom ceased to demand that they should be made by the bride herself. For the origin of the wedding cake was the great loaf made by the bride to show her husband's friends her qualifications as a housewife.—London Chronicle.

SANTA CLAUS HELD HIGH REVEL IN ESQUIMALT

Santa Claus held high revel in Esquimalt when he visited it on Tuesday evening and bestowed gifts on about 20 children of the dockyard employees.

The large hall looked gay and festive with bunting and evergreens, while the "piece de resistance"—a large fir tree about twenty feet high—occupied the place of prominence in the hall, being tastefully decorated and illuminated with many colored electric lights.

Juvenile excitement ran high as Father Christmas made his entrance amid a jangle of sleigh bells and thrum in the witch that illuminated the tree. The entertainment was given under the patronage of Admiral Storey, Lieut. Wood, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Smallwood. An excellent programme preceded the giving of the presents, the following ladies and gentlemen entertaining the company with many pleasing numbers: The Misses Smallwood, the Misses Hale, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Grimshaw, Miss Porter and Mrs. Murray, Messrs. R. Panthorpe, Craven, D. Panthorpe, Dunn, Phillips, Griffith, Puffer, McMaster, Brown, Yates, Dolg, Pimm, Mullian and Falkner.

After the presents were distributed refreshments were served, when the hall was cleared for dancing, which was indulged in until midnight, when the singing of the national anthem brought a very happy evening to a close. The navy yard orchestra rendered several very pleasing items, and also supplied the dance music in a very creditable manner.

The lampreys or lamperns have come up the Thames early this winter, for some were caught at Teddington weir the other day. This "super-ee," as it has been called, is a habitue of the Severn also, and it is the duty of the city of Gloucester to present annually at Christmas a lamprey pie to the king.—Our early sovereigns kept a shrewd eye upon their little perquisites, and King John fined Gloucester 40 marks because it supplied him too sparingly with lampreys.—London Chronicle.

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HAD CHRISTMAS TREE

Tabernacle Baptist Sunday School Held Annual Entertainment This Week.

On Wednesday evening at Tabernacle Baptist church the annual Christmas tree and entertainment were held for the Sunday school children, the building being crowded with the small people and their chaperones. The exercises consisted principally of songs and recitations by the children, and Dr.

Inglis, Mr. Newlands' partner, was the best man. After the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the Empress hotel for dinner, and left on the night boat for Vancouver, en route for Seattle, where the honeymoon is to be spent. Mr. and Mrs. Newlands will remain in Victoria for the winter months, and in the spring will go to Galiano Island to take up their residence, the bridegroom being one of the well-known farmers of the district.

A doctor living in the northern side of Dublin called at the nearest shoemaker's to have his boots repaired. "These boots, doctor," said the shoemaker, "aren't worth repairing." "Then, of course," said the doctor, "I don't want anything done with them." "But I'll charge you half a crown just the same," replied the shoemaker. "Why?" asked the surprised physician. "Well, you see, doctor, you charged me a half-sovereign the other day for telling me there wasn't anything wrong with me."

PUSS IN BOOTS

Positively Last Performance Saturday Evening

All seats reserved, but not paid for, must be taken up before 6 o'clock.

Still a lot of good 25c, 75c and \$1.00 seats to be had.

Box Office open at the ROYAL VICTORIA THEATRE 10 o'clock to 6 o'clock.

Performance starts at 8.15 o'clock.

The LADIES' SUPERFLUITIES COMMITTEE
Belmont House

COMFORT-BAG FUND HELPED BY SOCIAL

Esquimalt Branch of Red Cross Collects Money and Articles

Last evening the Esquimalt branch of the Canadian Red Cross society held an entertainment and social in the Soldiers' and Sailors' home...

A reception committee, composed of Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Story, Rev. W. Baugh-Allen, Rev. Father Silver, Rev. Robert Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Fitzherbert Bullen, Mrs. N. Shaw, Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Belson and Miss Baugh-Allen welcomed the visitors as they arrived...

The big hall of the Soldiers' and Sailors' home was beautifully-decorated with poinsettias, holly and ivy, Miss Pooley and Mrs. Bessonet being responsible for this part of the arrangements...

F. W. Jones, chairman of the Victoria and district branch of the Canadian Red Cross, was present and gave an inspiring address about the work...

Besides the programme there were card tables arranged for the amusement of the patrons, and at the close refreshments were served by the ladies...

Military Items

Among the patients at Knightshayes Court, Tiverton, lent by Sir Ian and Lady Heathcot-Amory as a V.A.D. hospital, is a young corporal who received 119 bullet wounds...

It is reported that the order to the effect that the Universities Battalion, the 196th, was to be broken up has been rescinded...

Lieut.-Col. J. S. Tait, commanding the 29th Battalion, who was blown up by a shell and buried in the debris on the Somme battlefield, has resumed his duties at the front.

Lieut. F. E. Dorchester, of the 72nd Seaforth Highlanders, has been recommended as commanding officer of the cyclists' platoon which was recently authorized...

SOLDIERS' SMOKER

Many Entertained at Clubrooms, Fort Street.

On Wednesday night the rooms at the Soldiers' Club, Fort Street, were crowded with men in uniform who were entertained at a smoking concert given by the friends and members...

Amongst those who assisted were Mrs. Norman Lee, who recited 'The Victoria Cross'; Capt. Craddock, who sang humorous songs; Mrs. J. D. McPherson, who played and sang; Corp. F. J. McDonald, who entertained with Scotch recitations; and Corp. Luffery and Fennessy, who sang...

WIN MILITARY MEDAL

Engineers Decorated for Bravery in Leading Working Parties at Front.

Eight engineers, five of whom were from the 4th Field Company now recruiting in Victoria, have been decorated with the military medal. They spent many nights in arduous and dangerous work along the front lines...

digging trenches and stringing barbed wire. The five members of No. 6 Field Co. C. E. are Sgt. Thos. Hope, formerly C. P. R. yardmaster at Kamloops; Cpl. H. Curtis, Lce.-Cpl. Robert Wright and Sappers Arthur King and William Murray.

REPAIRING ROADS BEHIND BATTLE LINE

Samuel Hill Says That Damage Done by Explosions is Being Restored Daily

"There are three things on the Western front to-day," said Samuel Hill, of Maryhill, Wash., road builder and philanthropist, which impressed me—the soldiers' gallantry, the conduct of agriculture, and the reconstruction of the roads...

The railways of France were built anticipating attack from another direction, and when it came from the north, the movement of troops had to be made by British motor buses. The roads were good, and the question has been to keep them in repair for the demands which are being made upon them...

Mr. Hill, industrious as ever in the conduct of large schemes, has been twice round the world in 1916, and remarked to the Times man that it was just a chance that he had not started on a third tour. His views on the general situation in Europe, on return, have already appeared in the press.

Mr. Hill is an enthusiast for linking more closely the United States and Canada with Russia, and to assist that idea recently established a Russian chair in the University of Washington.

BANTAMS CELEBRATE FESTIVE SEASON

Officers, Sergeants and Men Gather About Banquet Table

The officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the 143rd Bantams each had a Christmas celebration yesterday. The officers gathered at the Union Club and the others in their respective messrooms.

About 45 people sat down to dinner at the Union Club, this number including 30 officers of the battalion and the others being guests. Among the latter were Mayor Stewart, R. H. Pooley, M. P. P.; R. W. Perry, Capt. Hulme, of the Yukoners, and a number of naval and military officers who have returned from the front.

The regimental band provided music, and the proper loyal and patriotic toasts were drunk. This was followed by a Christmas tree from which each person received a humorous gift, presented in a humorous manner by Lieut. Fuller.

At the sergeants' mess there was a turkey dinner served at 5 p.m., the wives and friends being present as guests. Col. Bruce Powley and the adjutant, Capt. Lindsell, were present, and a most enjoyable time was spent.

The men had their dinners in the two big messrooms, half the battalion in each, at 1 o'clock. The colonel and officers passed around to wish the men the compliments of the season and to see that everyone had all they wished. Those who went away for Christmas leave are now back, and the New Year leave will commence to-morrow and continue until Wednesday night.

TIMBER DEAL COMPLETED

Pennsylvania Interests Secure Forty Million Feet in Vicinity of Pitt Lake.

A timber deal of considerable magnitude has just been completed by the Westminster Trust Company, which has sold to H. C. Howard, of Pennsylvania, forty million feet of standing timber. It is understood that the figure secured is a very satisfactory one.

It is Mr. Howard's intention to build a sawmill, probably this summer. In the meantime he is making his arrangements to commence logging operations as soon as weather conditions permit. The timber is on timber berths Nos. 236 and 403, one fronting on Pitt Lake and the other just behind it, in the vicinity of Allen Creek. The logs will be flumed down into the lake.

NEXT LEGISLATIVE SITTING ANNOUNCED

B. C. Gazette Formally Fixes Opening of Parliament for February 22

The B. C. Gazette to-day contains the formal notice convening the new legislature for Thursday, February 22, the date decided upon for the opening of the session, as announced in these columns some time ago.

Owing to the delay of the late government in getting out of office the new government finds that it is impossible to get the business of the province ready for the earlier date, and so the later one has had to be set. It is hoped to have everything in such shape by that time that the work of the session can go on steadily and without waste of time.

It will be necessary to have the estimates dealt with and supply voted before the beginning of the fiscal year on April 1.

The WEATHER

Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 29-5 a. m.—The barometer is falling in the far north and milder weather may spread southward during the next thirty-six hours.

Forecast. For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Saturday. Victoria and vicinity—Northerly and easterly winds, fair and cold to-day, turning milder and unsettled on Saturday.

Reports. Victoria—Barometer, 30.25; temperature, maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 28; wind, 8 miles N.; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.48; temperature, maximum yesterday, 22; minimum, 12 below; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.54; temperature, maximum yesterday, 6; minimum, 8 below; wind, calm; weather, fair.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.82; temperature, maximum yesterday, 32; minimum, 20; wind, 12 miles N. E.; snow, 16; weather, clear.

Tatoosh—Barometer, 30.16; temperature, maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 24; wind, 24 miles N. E.; weather, cloudy.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.25; temperature, maximum yesterday, 32; minimum, 26; wind, 10 miles S. E.; weather, clear.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.25; temperature, maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 28; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, clear.

Temperature. Max. Min. Nansimo (Entrance Is.) 34 24

Pentlton 34 24 Cranbrook 32 22 Nelson 32 22 Prince George 30 20 Calgary 30 20 Edmonton 28 18 Qu'Appelle 28 16 Winnipeg 26 14 Toronto 25 13 Ottawa 25 13 Montreal 25 13 St. John 25 13 Halifax 25 13

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

Temperature. Highest 39 Lowest 28 Average 32 Minimum on grass 23 Maximum in sun 41 Bright sunshine, 7 hours 39 minutes. General state of weather, clear.

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT

Victoria Observatory. From 26th to 28th December, 1916.

Victoria—Total amount of bright sunshine, 7 hours and 46 minutes; rain, 71 inch; snow, 39 inches; highest temperature, 44 on 26th; lowest, 23 on 26th.

Vancouver—Total amount of bright sunshine, 6 hours and 46 minutes; rain, 34 inch; snow, 3.75 inches; highest temperature, 38 on 21st; lowest, 23 on 24th and 25th.

Kamloops—Snow, 5.50 inches; highest temperature, 24 on 20th and 21st; lowest, 10 below zero on 26th.

Nanaimo—Rain, .45 inch; snow, 2.60 inches; highest temperature, 42 on 26th; lowest, 22 on 25th.

New Westminster—Snow, 6.50 inches; highest temperature, 35 on 20th; lowest, 16 on 26th.

Pentlton—Snow, 1.70 inches; highest temperature, 31 on 26th; lowest, 12 on 26th.

Nelson—No snow; highest temperature, 29 on 26th; lowest, 3 on 26th.

Grand Forks—Snow, 9.40 inches; highest temperature, 47 on 26th; lowest, 8 below zero on 26th.

Cranbrook—Highest temperature, 18 on 26th; lowest, 29 below zero on 26th.

Barkerville—Snow, .40 inch; highest temperature, 14 on 26th and 21st; lowest, 22 below zero on 26th.

REGIMENTAL DINNER

Officers and Men of Fifth Assembled at Fort Macaulay Yesterday.

Last evening at Fort Macaulay nearly 80 men of the 5th Regiment, C. G. A., stationed there, and men of the overseas draft of the regiment, partook of their annual dinner. Promptly at 6 o'clock Capt. A. E. Robertson and the men of the detachment ushered their guests, among whom were Lieut.-Col. R. Angus, commanding officer of the regiment; Lieut.-Col. W. R. Wilson, officer in charge alien reservists; Major H. H. Woolson, O. C., Rod Hill fort; Capt. W. Winsby, adjutant; Lieut.-G. M. Irwin, O. C., the overseas draft, and the regimental staff sergeants, into the messroom which had been tastefully decorated.

During the progress of the dinner the detachment's orchestra rendered a programme, both classical and patriotic. When the last toothsome morsel had disappeared members of the detachment entertained their guests with a well selected programme of vocal and dramatic numbers. Speeches were also in order, and it was 11 o'clock before assembly dispersed.

This afternoon the men of the regiment stationed at Rod Hill fort and Belmont battery are holding their annual dinner, for which a boat load of guests left Day's wharf at 3 o'clock.

An appetizing menu has been prepared, and no doubt they are thoroughly enjoying the event.

TO RAEMAEKERS.

Your country, too, is "neutral," yet your brave voice is raised for England and for France. And bleeding Belgium! . . . Like a knightly lance you crayon smiles and stabs. "Kultur passed here!"

You write above a murdered baby's Bier-advance and point us where the slavers swift advance.

To batter with mailed fist of circumstance A dying land that held her honor dear!

Alas, that we must bow our heads in shame When their van hands reach toward us o'er the sea!

That, leaderless, we bear the load of blame— Blind to torn treaties; deaf to infamy; That our world-friendship is an empty name.

And in a dreamless sleep lies Liberty!—Lucella Stewart, in New York Tribune.

"There must be some mistake in my examination marking. I don't think I deserve an absolute zero," complained the student. "Neither do I," agreed the instructor, "but it's the lowest mark I'm allowed to give."

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ACTIVITY IN MINES CREATES COMPANIES

Many New Incorporations Taking Place to Carry on Development Work

The activity in mining and development work on mineral prospects which marks the province at the present time is reflected in the number of companies which are being incorporated under the provincial Companies act to embark in mining or kindred industries.

Other incorporations of the week are: Boundary Day Holding Company, Limited (non-personal liability), with head office in Vancouver and an authorized capital of \$25,000; East Coast Sawmills, Limited, Nanaimo, \$250,000; McLean Drug and Book, Limited, Fernie, \$20,000; Pacific Syndicate, Limited, Vancouver, \$50,000.

Sitting Bull Mining Company has been granted registration as an extra-provincial company. It is a Seattle concern, and its head office in this province will be in New Westminster, where A. E. Rand will be its attorney.

Standard Agencies, Limited, of Calgary, has been licensed as an extra-provincial company, with its head office for the province in Vancouver and its attorney Thomas E. Wilson.

The superintendent of insurance, E. F. Gunther, this week publishes the annual list of companies authorized to transact a fire insurance business in the province under the B. C. Fire Insurance act, and of the companies authorized to transact life and other forms of insurance under the Insurance act. There are 114 under the former head and 94 under the latter.

"Truly, am I the first girl you ever kissed?" "You are, my darling, and it makes me happy to hear you say I am the first man who ever kissed you." "If I am the first how does it happen you do it so expertly?" "And if I am the first how do you know whether I do it expertly or not?"

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TO THE MUNITIONS WORKERS OF CANADA. The Imperial Minister of Munitions has entrusted to the manufacturers of Canada and their work people, the production of an important percentage of the shells which will be used at the front. It is vital to the successful prosecution of the war that these munitions be delivered weekly as promised.

Neither the soldier nor the sailor will have his New Year's Day free from duty. I appeal to the men and to the women engaged in munitions production in Canada, to forego Saturday afternoon, the 30th instant, and Monday, New Year's Day, and to continue at their work. The sacrifice is small, but to those who make it will come the satisfaction of having discharged a clear obligation.

SPORTING NEWS

REFEREES NAMED FOR WHOLE SERIES

Games of Eastern League Will Be Handled by Three Officials

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Three officials will handle all the games in the National Hockey association this winter in Eastern League.

Toronto—Referee, Cooper Smeaton; timekeeper, J. M. Walker; penalty recorder, P. M. Denneny; scorer, W. M. MacKinnon; umpires, D. Finn and J. Wallace.

LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMP KILLED IN ACTION

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Canadian boxing followers hear with great regret of the death in action of Walter Jackson, former amateur lightweight champion of Canada, and runner-up for the American title.

NAVAL AND MILITARY BOXING TOURNAMENT

A movement is under way now to hold a military and naval boxing tournament in the near future. W. H. Davies, a promoter, is anxious to stage the event and will undoubtedly do so if sufficient interest is shown in the plan.

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CULLY WILSON

Snappy forward of the Seattle "Metropolitans," who will be out of the game for some time as a result of injuries he received in Tuesday's game.

THREE LOCAL GAMES FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY

One Rugby and Two Soccer Matches Will Be Staged If Possible on Monday

If suitable arrangements can be made there will be a Rugby match on the afternoon of New Year's Day between a civilian and a military team.

Two soccer games are also scheduled to take place on Monday. The V.I.A.A. will play a military team in the morning at Beacon Hill. Their opponents, it is probable, will be the Willows Camp.

FOOTBALL MEETING CONSIDERS PROTEST

The decision reached at the meeting of the Victoria and District Football Association last evening with regard to the protest entered in connection with the Bantam-Garrison game, which was played recently, was that the protest would not be allowed.

Bob White was selected to captain the team which will play against Vancouver in the terminal city on New Year's Day, and J. Youson will go with the eleven as manager.

QUEEN CITY TEAM OUTPLAYS CHAMPS.

Toronto's Victory in Opening N. H. A. Series Surprises Fans on Eastern Circuit

N. H. A. Standing.	Goals			Pct.
	Won	Lost	F.	
225th Battalion	1	0	19	1.000
Quebec	1	0	6	1.000
Toronto	1	0	1	1.000
Wanderers	0	1	2	.000
Canadiens	0	1	1	.000
Ottawa	0	1	10	.000

Canadiens' defeat by Toronto in Montreal was the only surprise in the opening series of the National Hockey Association Wednesday night.

The 225th Battalion team appeared in better condition than the Ottawa Senators and stood the pace well.

225th Battalion—Lockhart, McNamara, Duncan, Ostman, Arbour, Prodgers.

Ottawa—Benedict, Shore, Gerard, Kendall, Boucher, Darragh.

Sprague Cleghorn, the Wanderer star, was severely cut in the leg by a skate in the game at Quebec, which the Bulldogs won, 4-2.

Quebec—Moran, Ritchie, Hall, Malone, Carey, Crawford.

Wanderers—Lindsay, S. Cleghorn, Ross, O. Cleghorn, Thompson, George.

Toronto played all around the Canadiens in Montreal, winning 7-1.

Toronto—Nicholson, Cameron, Randall, Noble, Keats, Denneny.

Canadiens—Vezina, Mummery, Corbeil, Pitre, Lalonde, Lavoie.

TO-MORROW'S SOCCER GAMES; SOME TEAMS

The following games will be played to-morrow afternoon in the Senior Soccer League of the city.

V.I.A.A. vs. the Willows Camp, at the Willows. Referee, H. B. Robinson.

Garrison vs. the Navy, at Work Point. Referee, A. Lockley.

Bantams vs. Victoria Wests, at Beacon Hill. Referee, P. Payne.

The following line-ups have been announced:

V.I.A.A.—Lefevre; Castle, Brown; Cummins, Taylor, Davies; Fairburn; McGregor, Elliot, Speak, Kirchin. Reserves: McArthur, Dumbleton.

Navy—Long; Rutter, Smith; Bridge, water, Davis, Cronin; Hillier, Burt, Merfield, Cozie, Jasper.

Bantams—Wests—Nicholson; White, Shakespeare; McLeod, Petticrew, Allen; Sherritt, Muir, T. Peden, Petticrew, Thomas.

Garrison—Bromley; Gale, Thompson; Martin, Lynn, Forest; Buxton, Rose, Filmore, Stevens, Davies.

Bantams—Meredith; Menzies, Williams; Johnston, Hornsby, Blackborough; Harker, Gascoigne, Youson, Cornwall, Wilkie. Reserves: Burns, Syer.

TAX ON RACING IS SUBJECT OF TALK

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The proposed taxation of all Quebec race tracks as announced recently, has caused unusual consternation among the jockey clubs.

While the tax does not affect the racing association directly, the public is the one that suffers and it is hard to believe the most confirmed gambler would pay ten per cent. for the privilege of betting.



JIMMY GARDNER

Falling to secure a managerial appointment in the East this season, the former star of the "Little Men of Iron," announces that he is through with the game for all time.

TO ENLIST AT END OF PRESENT SEASON

Sibby Nichols Will Re-enter Service of Navy; Was on Empress of Russia

Add to a fighting face a liberal sprinkling of bruises, leave sufficient room for a pugacious nose, throw in a wiry body and a pair of stout legs, a dash of "pep" and an ounce of nerve and you have a pretty good picture of Sibby Nichols, star centre of the Spokane Canaries.

"All my friends and acquaintances, my boon companions, are at the front," he said. "All of my boyhood chums are battling for their country in the war zone. My heart just aches to join them.

Nichols started his professional hockey career with the Montreal Shamrocks in 1908.

He was a member of the Montreal Shamrocks, world's champions, and the Vancouver 1911 world's champions.

Nichols has also starred in lacrosse. He was a member of the Montreal Shamrocks, world's champions, and the Vancouver 1911 world's champions.

Nichols is a scrappy player and rated a star.



SIBBY NICHOLS

The star centre of the Spokane "Canaries," who served a term in the navy, is determined to again fight for his country and will re-enlist at the end of the present season.

INTERLEAGUE GAMES TO BE HELD, IS PLAN

Schedule Committee of Big Leagues is Considering Scheme in Major Baseball

New York, Dec. 23.—The schedule committee of the National and American leagues, which will soon begin its all-important meeting at some faraway camp or winter resort, has under consideration the most important step ever planned in major leagues.

The plan contemplates having all eight clubs in the National League play all eight clubs in the American League three or more games.

Baseball people have discovered that interest is lost in the races among the clubs that have no chance toward the end of the season, and to build up that interest something radical must be done.

The plan of having all the players share in the prize money of the world's series, the amount depending upon their position at the finish of the race, had that aim also.

If the season is chopped short, as so many magnates have suggested, the chopping will be done in April instead of October.

It is necessary that a decision be reached very soon so that the managers may be able to fix dates for beginning their spring training.

The Yanks are going to Macon, Ga., and will come north playing a series of games with the Boston Braves.

FREDDY WELSH IS MATCHED FOR BOUT

Freddie Welsh, the world's lightweight champion, will figure in another 16-round bout on New Year's afternoon.

Carl Is Willing. Then along came Carl Morris, the original "white hope" discovered by Jim Corbett, who somehow didn't win a place alongside of Columbus or Balboa as a result of the achievement.

Billy Miske must be some middleweight. The St. Paul chap has taken New York by storm. They didn't care much for Miske when he first arrived in the big town and accepted his challenges and claims with a grain of salt.

When we were in Egypt Mrs. Twobill stood speechless before the pyramids," remarked Mr. Twobill. "Fancy that! I don't remember what the trip cost me, but it was worth the money."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

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BOXERS ANXIOUS FOR BOUT WITH VISITOR

Champions Keen to Have Chance to Meet Carpentier

New York, Dec. 23.—Tex Rickard's latest stroke in "almost" signing up Georges Carpentier for a battle with Jess Willard, has caused a greater commotion in the realms of the pugilistic beef trust than the Kaiser's peace proposals caused among the "war bridegrooms" on Wall street.

CANADIAN CURLERS HAVE BUSY SEASON

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—With J. A. McGregor, president of the Northwestern Curling Association, in Winnipeg to make a personal invitation to Winnipeg and Canadian curlers to visit the annual bonspiel at Duluth during the week of January 27 under patriotic auspices, local curlers are very enthusiastic over the prospects of taking a large party to the Zenith City.

IN CASUALTY LIST.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—One of the latest local footballers to be included in the war casualty list is Pte. Robert Aitken. He is reported wounded. Aitken is one of the old school of Toronto footballers. He belongs to Glasgow, Scotland, where he played for the Third Lanark Reserves. On arrival in Toronto he identified himself with the Thistle F. C., afterwards with the Barons, and later with the Overseas. He was one of the team which beat the famous Corinthians in 1911, and in the local series of Internationals was frequently chosen to play centre forward for Scotland.

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WALLS BREWED GINGER BEER...

MRS. JONES—O, my dear, where did you buy your beautiful sewing machine...

WHY IS IT so many people ask for Phillips' chocolates...

GRAPHOLOGICAL FOR SALE...

LOST—Pair eyeglasses...

SEWING MACHINES—Just arrived...

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LOST—On Wednesday, between 5 and 5.30 p.m. on Fowl Bay car...

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LOCAL NEWS

Clean Cotton Rags Wanted—Sweeney-McConnell, Ltd., Printers and Stationers...

If You Require a Reliable Watch for Xmas at an extremely low price...

British-Israel—Prof. Odium, of Vancouver, will lecture on the 2nd week in January...

New term, January 2; get particulars, Sprutt-Shaw Institute.

Nature Calls for Sweets—When nature gave the human and other animals a "sweet tooth"...

As far as possible, we must manufacture our candies the same day that they are offered to the public...

Butter Tablets, 20c per lb. This is a Butter Scotch which has yet to be beaten for flavor and quality...

Executive Meeting—There will be a long sitting of the provincial executive this afternoon...

No Streets Committee—As there was no business of importance to come before the civic streets committee...

Agrees on Site—The Saanich school board yesterday chose a site for the Tillicum school at Orilla and Albina avenues...

Christmas Tree—This afternoon the children of the city policemen are being given a real old-time Christmas tree...

New Charge—Burr Singh, who was remanded from yesterday on a charge of being drunk...

Sharp Shooters' League—By the courtesy of Col. Duff-Stuart, D.O.C., M.D. No. 11, the Victoria Sharp Shooters' League...

Five New Teachers—At the meeting of the city school board yesterday afternoon three new teachers were appointed to fill vacancies...

Changed His Mind—Jimmie Fraser, a Souther Indian, in the police court this morning was fined \$25 for being in possession of a bottle of whisky...

Modern Democracy—The public is reminded of Dr. Adam Shortt's address on "Some Aspects of Modern Democracy"...

WOUNDED OFFICER. On the morning list of those wounded in the name of Lieut. W. J. Fisher of Victoria...

False Alarm of Fire—The fire department yesterday had a fruitless call to the corner of Gladstone street and Stanley avenue...

MAYORALTY CONTEST NOW TAKING SHAPE

Opposing Sides Arranging Organization; Some Candidates Already in Field

The mayoralty campaign will commence in earnest next week. Already preliminary inquiries have been directed to ascertain what measure of support will be forthcoming for the competitors...

The gathering was representative of a number of mercantile and public bodies of the city, and the whole question was thoroughly discussed.

It was unanimously decided to establish the necessary committees, and to approve the schedule of meetings published in the Times yesterday.

It was resolved that Alderman Todd should be his own campaign manager and chairman of the campaign committee.

The committee adjourned to meet again next Tuesday morning. Power was given meanwhile to add to the committee struck to-day.

The following candidates are definitely in the field for aldermen, in addition to the six aldermen who will offer themselves for re-election...

For the three vacancies in the school board, Mrs. Jenkins will be in the field, and it is understood Major Piddell, for a number of years a member of the board, will again offer himself...

ST. JOHN'S S. S. CONCERT Annual Christmas Entertainment Last Evening Greatly Enjoyed by Children.

The annual Christmas entertainment of St. John's Sunday school took place last night in the schoolroom of Robert Street...

At 7 o'clock the concert commenced, and a two hours' programme of unusually interesting character was furnished by the small folk for the benefit of the numerous grown-ups who joined the gathering.

Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick presided, and explained that the Sunday school had decided in view of the war times to dispense with the Christmas tree...

Rev. J. G. Inkster was the preacher, and the service was very impressive.

Victoria-Columbia Lodge No. 1, of which the deceased was a member, turned out in a body to the funeral of the late Andrew Fraser...

Artificial Limbs Factory Established at Toronto to Manufacture Legs and Arms.

In order to supply artificial limbs for those who lose them in the war a factory has been established in Toronto for the purpose of manufacturing them.

PATRIOTIC CIRCULAR "An Appeal to You," Has Been Put Into Circulation by Patriotic Aid.

The Victoria Patriotic Aid fund committee has put into circulation a circular entitled "An Appeal to You," about 15,000 of which are being distributed through the kindness of the B. C. Electric Railway Co.

A travelling man one night found himself obliged to remain in a small town on account of a washout on the railroad caused by the heavy rain...

AMERICANS SERVING WITH ALLIED ARMIES London, Dec. 28.—Sir H. Rider Haggard, in a letter to the Times, quotes an American correspondent as writing: "In your next book why not let us have something about the thousands of Americans who have gone to a strange land and given their lives for humanity, putting it above every thing else in the world?"

It is estimated in authoritative quarters here that 10,000 Americans now are serving with the allied armies, the majority of them with the Canadian forces in England and France.

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UTILIZE TIMES WANT ADS FOR RESULTS

ASK FOR A SITE ON THE FORMER RESERVE

Iron and Steel Company Inter-view Premier; Must Await General Policy

A site for the furnace and plant of the Aetna Iron & Steel Company, Ltd., in the industrial section of the old reserve site was asked for yesterday afternoon by a deputation which waited upon the provincial executive.

In the deputation were David Milne, president; Joshua Kingman, R. W. Douglas and S. M. Officer, directors, and they were introduced by the city members, Ald. George Bell, John Hart and Henry C. Hall.

The directors of the new company stated that they desire a site which will be on deep water and close to rail connection, with a plentiful and cheap water supply and which can be secured at an economical price.

The former conditions can be met by a site on the former site of the reserve.

It is understood that the company has been negotiating with private owners for a site which would combine the other qualifications, but that the figure which is asked is entirely prohibitive.

The premier stated that the whole matter of the development of the reserve would have to be taken up by the government, in connection with railway questions, and that the government could not give any answer to the request made by the deputation until general policy.

With this the members of the deputation expressed themselves as satisfied.

OBITUARY RECORD

The funeral of the late William T. Hardaker, whose death occurred at the Royal Jubilee hospital early in the week, took place this afternoon at 2.30 from the B. C. Funeral Chapel, and fifteen minutes later services were held at Christ Church Cathedral, Rev. Robert Connell taking charge of the service.

The death occurred to-day at 847 Broughton street of Richard Drake, one of the old-time residents of the city who is well known to most of the surviving pioneers of the district.

The deceased gentleman was born August 20, 1852, at Wandsworth, Surrey, England, and came to Victoria thirty-three years ago.

Victoria-Columbia Lodge No. 1, of which the deceased was a member, turned out in a body to the funeral of the late Andrew Fraser...

SLIGHT DIFFERENCE Victoria's Precipitation for Month, Just Past Does Not Include Much Snow.

A slight misconception as to the relative weather achievements of Victoria and Vancouver may exist as a result of a typographical error in one of the Vancouver papers this week which inadvertently drops the decimal point in quoting the snowfall for Victoria during the month of December.

The actual snow which fell here amounted only to one-tenth of an inch. The misplacement of the decimal mark made it appear that this city had experienced no less than ten inches.

With this correction it appears that during the past week the precipitation here amounted to .82 in. in the form of snow and rain, while in Vancouver during the same period there were 2.75 in. of snow (equivalent to .37 in. rain) and .24 in. rain, making a total of .61 in.

The mistake rectified places Victoria's record in point of precipitation at just .21 in. more than the mainland city.

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CIVIL SERVICE ACT BEFORE EXECUTIVE

Ministers Are Conferring With Dr. Shortt as to Its Details

Dr. Adam Shortt, C. M. G., who is formulating a system of civil service reform for the provincial government, yesterday afternoon submitted to the executive, at a conference he had with the ministers, a draft of a new civil service act.

It is understood that Dr. Shortt has evolved a system which accords with the wish of the government to have the entire civil service of the province, inside and outside, brought under the operation of the act, subject to enforcement by examination and promotion on merit.

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That it is absolutely essential to have the outside service under the control of the commission, which, in its turn, is subject only to parliament and not to the administration of the day, as well as the inside service, is shown by the result in the Dominion. In 1908 the government then in power saw fit to put only what is known as the inside service, in Ottawa and throughout the Dominion, under the commission which is administered by Dr. Shortt and Mr. Lacroche.

The system is proof against the patronage evil demonstrated by the fact that even with the conditions that there are at Ottawa to-day, no one has ever attempted to interfere with the inside service.

But with the outside service it is far different. By the failure to place it under the same independent control, and with the inside service, closed against patronage, there was a "dead set" made up of men from all parts of the country by hungry place-hunters.

It is fresh in the public memory how hundreds were dismissed in the federal outside service and literally thousands were engaged to fill their places. This would have been impossible if that portion of the service had been under the jurisdiction of the civil service commission. It would not have been possible to dismiss an official except for cause, and it would have been quite out of the question to put two and three men in the same man's place.

With this danger in mind the Brewster government asked Dr. Shortt to make the proposed provincial system here apply to all branches of the service, and this has been done. How it will work out under the proposals made in the bill the ministers are discussing with Dr. Shortt, and before he returns to Ottawa it is expected that B. C. will be in possession of a model draft act, which will be put on the statute books early next session.

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UTILIZE TIMES WANT ADS FOR RESULTS

TEUTONIC FORCES ARE PRESSED BACK

Official Statement From Petrograd Reports Battles Raging in Roumania

ATTACKS BY GERMANS HAVE BEEN REPULSED

Petrograd, Dec. 29.—Violent fighting took place between Russian troops and forces of the central powers yesterday in Central Roumania.

WINNIPEG BATTALIONS TO BE BROKEN UP

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—Military orders in the near future will contain announcements regarding the breaking up of the 174th, 190th, 200th, 218th, 223rd, 250th, and 251st Winnipeg Battalions.

INLAND REVENUE RETURNS.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Inland revenue returns for the month of November total \$2,451,754, against \$2,185,694 for November, 1915.

ON PEACE MISSION.

London, Dec. 29.—Marquis de Villalobar, Spanish minister to Belgium, has started for Madrid after a visit to Berlin.

EXECUTION AT KENORA.

Kenora, Dec. 29.—John Wapsiak, confessed murderer of Mrs. Emil Hubner and Miss Emma Hubner at their residence at Olympia Mine, Shoal Lake, on May 11 last, was hanged this morning at 8 o'clock in the jail yard here.

ESTABLISHED 1875 IMPERIAL BANK OF CANADA CAPITAL PAID UP \$7,000,000 RESERVE FUND \$7,000,000

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GERMAN MANOEUVRE HAS BEEN UNMASKED

Stephen Pichon Regards German Note as Refusal to Comply With Wilson's Request

WILL TAKE STEPS TO PROTECT SHIPPING

Madrid, Dec. 28.—A note addressed to Germany on the submarine question by the Spanish government reviews at length the policy of Madrid from the time the first Spanish ship, the Isadora, was torpedoed in August, 1915.

MANY RUSSIANS REPORTED DROWNED

Berlin, Dec. 29.—The Finnish steamship Ohonaa, of 1,070 tons, with a regiment of Russian coast artillery from the Aland Islands on board, struck a mine and sank in a few minutes, according to a dispatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung from Copenhagen.

WASHINGTON ADOPTS POLICY OF SILENCE

Washington, Dec. 29.—The joint peace note from Norway, Sweden, and Denmark also arrived here and will be made public later.

ITALIANS EXPECT BIG MOVE IN SPRING

Rome, Dec. 29.—Gen. Morone, the Italian minister of war, speaking in the Chamber yesterday, admitted that certain Austrian and German troops are preparing a great offensive against the Italian front for next spring.

TO AID TEUTONS

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WILL TAKE STEPS TO PROTECT SHIPPING

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MANY RUSSIANS REPORTED DROWNED

Berlin, Dec. 29.—The Finnish steamship Ohonaa, of 1,070 tons, with a regiment of Russian coast artillery from the Aland Islands on board, struck a mine and sank in a few minutes, according to a dispatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung from Copenhagen.

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The total number of merchants summoned to show cause why they kept their stores open on Saturday afternoon contrary to the law is now one hundred and four.

CAVEAT FILED IN WYLLY ESTATE CASE

Much-Discussed Tax Sale Property Will Figure in Suit Shortly

The Wyllly property on Selkirk Water, which has been under debate in the city council five times in the last month, has passed from the stage of discussion to an issue before the courts.

WANTS AGGRESSIVE POLICY ON QUESTION

City is Asked to Endorse Advanced Opinion on Cost of Living Situation

The sense of impatience with regard to the attempt to regulate the high cost of living, the elaborate procedure set up under the Dominion order-in-council to effect an attack on monopolies in foodstuffs, and the delays in action thereon have already annoyed the Canadian people, and the expression of opinion which Nanaimo has voiced in a resolution indicates public feeling in the matter very fairly.

RAILWAY MATTERS ENGAGING MINISTER

Every Phase of Situation Between Province and Assisted Lines Being Scrutinized

Hon. John Oliver, minister of railways, is being kept nearly as busy with the duties of the portfolio which he administers without remuneration as with those of minister of agriculture, to which he is giving close attention.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipal School District of Saanich, that I require the presence of said electors at the Council Chamber, Municipal Hall, Royal Oak, B. C., on Monday, the 8th day of January, 1917, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of electing two (2) persons as members of the Board of School Trustees.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows: The candidates shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p. m. of the day of the nomination, and in the event of a poll being necessary, such poll will be opened on the 13th day of January, 1917, at the following places: For the First Ward, at Cedar Hill School House, Cedar Hill Cross Road; for the Second Ward, at Tolmie School House, Bolekine Road; for the Third Ward, at the Hall, Tyndall Avenue, Gordon Head; for the Fourth Ward, at McKenzie Avenue School, corner McKenzie Avenue, Carey Road and Raymond Street; for the Fifth Ward, at Royal Oak School, near the junction of the East and West Saanich Roads; for the Sixth Ward, at the Temperance Hall, East Saanich Road, or the Seventh Ward, at the Crawford School, corner of Store, corner of Tillicum Road and Obed Avenue; and such polling places will be open from 9 o'clock a. m. to 7 p. m., at which time and place each elector who is duly qualified to vote for Reeve will be entitled to cast his ballot, and every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

Special Notice to Subscribers of the Times.

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OPENING THE WOUNDS

Intermunicipal Bitterness Has Been Emphasized by Latest Development Between City and Saanich.

COURT OF APPEAL

Sitting Adjourned to Jan. 23, but Notice Must Be Given Next Week.

WORK MISUNDERSTOOD

Objects of Victoria Patriotic Aid Society to Be Explained at Royal Oak on Friday.

GOOD BLOOD "Blood will tell." Blotches and blemishes, like murder, will out, unless the blood is kept pure. Its purity is restored and protected by the faithful use of BEECHAM'S PILLS

MR. JUSTICE CLEMENT DELIVERS JUDGMENT

Notice Unsatisfactory on Pandora Local Improvement; Evidence Insufficient.

PUBLIC MARKET.

Business at the opening this morning was quiet. Full display is expected for to-morrow. Prices ruled at the following average figure:

James Davis, of Nanaimo, has been killed in action in France, according to word which has been received by Mrs. T. Lewis, of that city.

MINISTERIAL RECEPTION

Premier Brewster and Colleagues Will Be at Home to Public Monday Afternoon.

REFERENDUM

Notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of Saanich that a vote will be taken on Saturday, January 13th, 1917, on the question: "ON WHICH DAY ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF A HALF HOLIDAY?"

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HEAR ARGUMENTS FOR BOTH SIDES

Health Department Inquiry Ends After Appeals; Committee Considers Verdict

Before the members of the health inquiry committee went into private session late yesterday afternoon, the time was occupied in hearing arguments from the various interested parties. A report will be made to the council on Tuesday.

The remarks with regard to Alderman Peden made at the first session were finally cleared up, by F. H. McDiarmid stating that they had come to him on hearsay evidence, and he withdrew all such imputations. He had made a personal investigation, and found the statement absolutely without foundation.

In his address on behalf of Sanitary Inspector Peden, the inspector pointed to the difference between charges of lax conduct and allegations of moral turpitude, such as those suggested in the city solicitor's letter. Had it been the former he would have been only too glad to leave it with the committee in private, but when his honor, his self respect, his reputation was at stake, a public investigation was necessary, and that is why counsel appeared for him. Mr. Lancaster did not wish the citizens to point the finger, and say "Well, you are a thief, you steal from the city."

He asked the members of council to bear in mind two facts, they were there as a select committee of judges to report upon the charges laid, then if they found things were not done right in the department they could rightly take the matter in hand in council for the public welfare. He would urge there was a distinction between their capacity as judges, to deal with the evidence, and as aldermen to act in the public good. What he asked now was a verdict on the evidence.

Mr. McDiarmid expressed his surprise that Dr. Hall had disclaimed the charges. He was thunderstruck, he stated, at the disclaimer. The whole amount involved, if they came to look into it, was quite small. The allegations undoubtedly were those of malfeasance in office. What did they amount to? The advocate went on to examine each detail of the evidence at length, his client's attitude when confronted with each item, and the explanations he gave.

He termed Clarkson a very willing witness for the doctor, and asked "Did not the evidence submitted show malice by the head of the department?" Had they as business men ever been engaged for so long over so small a matter as the circumstances of that inquiry. Mr. Lancaster was accused of misappropriating \$50 worth of goods in purchases amounting to over \$4,000. He denied there had been evidence submitted to connect the disappearance of the articles, instead the prosecution's case was composed of innuendo, and insinuation, suspicion and most awful uncharitableness. The allegation with regard to the attempt fraudulently to obtain money by collusion over the garbage can contract was a question of the credibility of one witness against another and the fixing of a number of city officials in a ring to defraud. Such a thing was unthinkable. Even an alderman would not take a chance like that (laughter).

The attack in this case was directed against the only thing a man really cared a straw about—his reputation. If the committee found Mr. Lancaster guilty on the charges before them, they not only prevented him holding his present position, but took away all hope of getting another. They would take away his reputation, his usefulness, his hope of maintaining his family. He asked the committee to weigh those representations in coming to a decision about a man who had been longer in office than they had been aldermen.

Dr. Hall, replying, traversed the ground taken by Mr. McDiarmid, declared there was absolutely no ill-feeling or malice. As the by-law governing the office gave him no power beyond that of reporting to the chairman of the health committee and the mayor, in 1915 and this year he had adopted that course. The doctor covered many of the points mentioned in the evidence, restating his point of view, and in referring to Clarkson gave a tribute to his integrity and straightforward testimony. He denied that Clarkson was put in the office to watch Lancaster, in fact Clarkson was appointed on Lancaster's recommendation in the first place. Clarkson had even admitted false entries in his diary to shield Lancaster. He had personally shown his goodwill to Lancaster by offering to give him another chance, when the subject was up last year. He referred also to lack of obedience to orders, etc.

Discussion then took place as to whether the provincial law defining the duties of sanitary officer did not set him in a distinct position to the medical officer and entitle him to report directly to the council.

Mr. McDiarmid suggested that the committee should take the opinion of the city solicitor in the matter, which would show them that a sanitary inspector had certain statutory duties, which rendered him largely independent.

Dr. Hall: But the by-law says the medical officer is supreme.

Mr. McDiarmid: But it cannot override the statute.

It appeared that the by-law was drawn by Mr. McDiarmid himself when city solicitor, at which there was laughter.

The aldermen then went into private session.

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FINANCIAL RESULTS VERY SATISFACTORY

Net Balance From King's Daughters' Christmas Tree Are \$100.40

The ministering circle of the King's Daughters have prepared a statement in connection with the children's Christmas party which they held on Dec. 20 at the Alexandra club, when about 150 small people were present at a very interesting concert and Christmas tree entertainment. The receipts totalled \$132.75, the expenditures \$32.35, leaving a balance in hand for the furtherance of the work of the order amounting to \$100.40.

The undertaking served the double purpose of adding to the finances of the society and of giving to many children probably the only Christmas entertainment which they were allowed to participate in. Several people very generously purchased tickets and gave them to families who were not likely to have entertainments at home, and in this way quite a number of little people were afforded a good time, which they would not otherwise have had, while the other children enjoyed themselves no less.

The ladies wish to thank the following: Sweeney-McConnell Printing Co., McTavish & Spencer, members of the order and friends.

DISTINGUISHED IN PETROGRAD CIRCLES

Representative Russian Official is in City on Mission of Inquiry

His excellency, Nicholas P. Melnikoff, after a three months' visit to the United States, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon to leave on the Empress of Asia for the Orient to-day. Bon voyage is being wished to him by Rev. Vladimir V. Alexandroff, dean of the Russian Orthodox Holy Trinity cathedral, San Francisco, and Samuel Hill, of Maryhill, the well known road builder and philanthropist.

Mr. Melnikoff is a member and chief engineer of the cabinet of the czar, this cabinet being one of the consultative bodies advising the emperor in the administration of the vast private charities and crown lands of the empire. In these circumstances it has no association with political changes, and is distinct from the council of ministers which is the body in Petrograd answering to the cabinet of British countries.

Mr. Melnikoff, who is a well known scientist and railroad builder, is professor of the electro-technical institute at Petrograd. He was formerly connected with the construction of the Warsaw-Petrograd railway. It is in connection, however, with his association with the crown forests and reserves in Siberia and elsewhere that the tour has been made, which is now being finished.

As he speaks little English, in fact has gained all his knowledge during the present trip, he courteously turned the times representative over to Dean Alexandroff for an explanation of the tour.

"The object," it was explained, "is to introduce American methods into the development of the vast resources of the imperial reserves. It is in forestry and gold mining that the imperial authorities desire to obtain information of the methods in use on this side of the Pacific. The three large crown lands, in the Caucasus and Siberia, each of vast size, are in charge of Mr. Melnikoff. Those in Siberia are near Lake Balkal.

"Modern sawmill development has been studied on this side, with a view to operation of lumber mills. Of one reserve, 82 per cent. is forest, and the intention is to install plants in various places suitable for the work which may have to be carried out in development. It is not only the cutting of the lumber, but the utilization of the by-products, tar, turpentine, charcoal and pitch which his excellency has been studying on this side.

"Then we come," said the dean, "to the other main question of the visit, the exploitation of the gold deposits in the rivers and streams which water the reserves. Dredging is to be carried out, and plants will be introduced for this purpose, which will result in a great development of the output of gold from Siberia."

The dean stated that the visit had also been directed to two other important phases of American enterprise, the application of science to agricultural machinery, as modern tractors, etc., and the study of higher technical education in the important institutions of the east.

When he is gone, it was stated, the dean will act as secretary with regard to matters which have not been concluded, and forward necessary papers and reports.

"I say, Dabehlok, you're a most frightfully particular and careful chap, aren't you?" "Why, how do you mean?" "Well, I've just been into your office and found your desk shut, all drawers locked and everything put away that could be put away. And you were only going to be out five minutes. Who'd you think would want to meddle with your old desk and drawers?" "I don't know," replied Dabehlok, fixing his friend with a steely eye. "But what I should like to know is—how did you discover that the drawers were locked?"

CHRISTMAS TREE AT CHILDREN'S AID HOME

Young People of Local Institution Given Annual Entertainment

The fourteen boys at the Children's Aid Home yesterday enjoyed the delights of the annual Christmas dinner and tree, a few of their older friends being present for the latter part of the proceedings. The dinner was a sumptuous repast, served in the dining-room, which was made particularly gay with elaborate decorations of fir and cedar branches and red streamers. Mrs. Spoford, superintendent of the home, was present with the boys at the feast, and among others who attended were Dr. Clay the vice-president, and Alderman Dilworth, Mrs. A. E. McPhillips, Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Herd, of the committee, Rev. William Stevenson, Miss O'Keefe, their teacher, Miss Trethewey and Mr. King, assistants at the home; Mrs. Radiger, Miss Garsche, Miss Bromley-Jubb, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Hodgkinson and Miss Field. Charles Hayward, the president, was unable, owing to illness, to be present.

The great event of the afternoon was the distribution of the gifts. The tree was a gift from the Girls' Auxiliary of the Y. W. C. A., and occupied a prominent place in the big hallway, where the programme took place. The boys sat in tiers immediately facing the brilliant spectacle, and while the speeches were being made had plenty of opportunity to speculate about what further delights Santa Claus had in store for them. Mrs. Spoford called on Miss Bromley-Jubb, representing the Girls' Auxiliary, to hand the presents to the boys, explaining that Father Christmas had already visited them on Christmas Eve, putting many good things into the stockings which had been hung up by the children before they went to bed. There was something for each lad, from the little Chinese boy who is the youngest ward of the home, to the bigger lads. Before scattering they gave three roof-lifting cheers for the Girls' Auxiliary of the Y. W. C. A., followed by a tiger, and the same for the children's home committee and for Mrs. Spoford and their teacher. Presents were opened later in the big reception room, this event occupying the remainder of the day in a happy way.

The programme took place before the presents were taken down from the Christmas tree. Rev. William Stevenson gave a short address, explaining that he was present to say to Mrs. Spoford, Miss O'Keefe and others who worked with the boys, a word of sympathy and encouragement. There in the home they got hold of the boys just at the time in their lives when it was easiest to mould their character. He did not believe in the doctrine of the total depravity of human nature. Human nature was a beautiful thing when it came into the world. It was not to assume that there was a divine spark in each child rather than hereditary taints. By appealing to that which was divine in the hearts of those boys they would be working along the right way. In conclusion Mr. Stevenson told the boys a story about the golden plover, a bird which loved the light, going out to greet the morning sun and following it all day long, even to the moment when it sank below the horizon. God had given to all boys and girls a light which, by following, would bring them some day to where that light shone. He hoped they would have a happy holiday and start the new year well.

Alderman Dilworth encouraged the boys to be obedient, honest, straightforward, unselfish and mainly, twenty years from now they would all be grown up men. Some of them might be governors of the city or have seats in the legislature. They must prepare for their citizenship. He advocated regular attendance at church, also sport, which developed the boys' sense of fair play.

Dr. Clay, who was the first speaker, brought the season's greetings to the boys and wished them a happy new year.

Very prettily the children sang "Noel," "The Long Trail," and "A Christmas Song." Four of the smaller boys, Lawrence Gilham, Thomas Higginbotham, Aubrey Ohrem and Alfred Preston recited "The Christmas Bell, the Christmas Card and the Christmas Star," each of the boys in turn taking a verse and all joining in the chorus. James Beynon also gave a recitation. The programme concluded with "God Save the King," the visitors afterwards repairing to the drawing-room for afternoon tea.

GETS CHEST OF SILVER

Former Chief Constable David Stephenson, Nanaimo, Honored on Retirement.

David Stephenson, late chief of the provincial police at Nanaimo, has been made the recipient of a very handsome chest of silverware by the officers of the force. Mr. Stephenson retired a short time ago, after a service of thirty-eight years in the provincial police.

The gift was accompanied with an address, conveying the good wishes of his former colleagues for health and length of days in his well-earned leisure, and referring to his many years of unbroken service, his vigilance, integrity, fairness and readiness to cooperate in everything that was for the efficiency of the force.

This address was signed by Supt. Colin S. Campbell, Inspector T. G. Wynn, assistant Inspector W. Owen, Chief Constable J. Simpson, A. C. Miley, H. Taylor, F. E. Aitken, W. R. Dunwoody, E. Gammon, J. A. Fraser, G. H. Welby, J. T. Black, Colin Cameron and Thomas Smith (Nanaimo).

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For Saturday's selling we will arrange all our Drapery Remnants on one counter. All short lengths from one yard to three or four yards are marked at a fraction of their value, but there are plenty of lengths long enough for curtains, all marked at reduced prices. Some styles there are more than one of the same style. You can choose from H. S. Voile, Scrim, Etamine, Bordered Scrim, Cream Madras Muslins, Bordered and Scalloped edges, Spot and Figured Muslins, Art Sateen, Chintz, Dimity, Repp, Cretonnes, Scotch Curtain Nets, Bordered and allover styles—30, 36, 40, 45 and 50-inch goods to select from. Make your choice early as this offering represents some of our best selling styles at great reductions.

Remnants from the Dress Goods Section

An accumulation of short lengths of Dress Goods from the active selling during the month. The collection is arranged on a special counter, and consists of all kinds of fashionable Dress Goods and Silks for skirts, dresses and suits, also many useful lengths of coatings and linings. Prices are almost cut in two for Remnant Day.

Remnants from the Lace Section

Almost no end to the useful kinds that we have weeded out from our regular stock. Laces of all sorts and all lengths, useful ends of embroideries and flouncings, and odd lengths of veiling and chiffon that are sure to come in handy. Every one is greatly reduced for clearance.

Remnants from the Bargain Basement

The month's selling in this section shows a lot of useful ends of Table Damask, White and Colored, Flannelettes, Prints, Gingham, Toweling, Wrapperettes, in light and dark colors, and Curtain materials. All to be disposed of at prices considerably under regular values.

Remnants from the Staple Section

Hundreds of useful lengths of plain and fancy Crepes, White Cotton, Nainsook, Madapollam, Prints, Gingham, Sheetting and Toweling. All are marked down for Remnant Day at prices that will insure a quick disposal.

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