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ABRUPT DECREASE IN CAMPAIGN OF SUBMARINES MAY INDICATE BRITISH NET TRAP UNPRECEDENTED SUCCESS

Great Falling Off in Number of Ships Sunk in First Five Days of March Leads to Speculation in Britain; Enemy May Be Abandoning Attempt or British Trap May Have Brought the End

New York, March 6.—The New York Tribune prints the following from its correspondent in London:

Have the German submarines given up their campaign, or have they been trapped in a British net?

That is the subject of an interesting discussion in naval circles here to-day. To understand the situation that has given rise to such speculation, it is necessary to consider the following figures relative to the enemy's submarine campaign, which has dwindled down to almost nothing since the close of February.

In the first five days of March the aggregate of shipping destroyed has been three ships of 6,376 tons, or a daily average of only 1,275 tons. During the twenty-eight days of February there were sunk 208 ships aggregating 483,079 tons, or a daily average of 17,352 tons. In other words by the terms of this comparison, the daily toll of destruction has fallen off 97 per cent.

Comparison.

The abrupt decrease in the German submarine operations is shown even more strikingly by a comparison of the results of the first five and the last five days of February with the first five days of March. In the first five days of February there were sunk 21 ships of 41,887 tons; in the last five days, 23 ships of 109,165 tons, and in the first five days of March, three ships of 6,376 tons.

These figures cannot be taken as exactly accurate, for the reports have not always been definite, and undoubtedly news will be received at a later date of additional sinkings during the last five days. However, they afford a sufficiently accurate basis for the conclusion that beginning with the first day of March there was an abrupt decrease in the number of vessels that fell victims to the enemy undersea craft.

Two Theories.

Naval men explain this fact in two ways. Some argue that the German authorities have decided the submarine campaign is not worth the candle, and consequently have recalled all or most of the raiders. The majority of the experts consider it in the following light, however. They contend that the submarines sent out from their bases early in February had exhausted their supplies of food, fuel and torpedoes by the end of the month and started back to replenish them while other submarines came out to take their places. This explanation of the sudden falling off in sinkings is that most of these returning submarines were caught in a British trap in the shallow waters bordering the German coast.

Mines and Nets.

A short time ago, when Britain declared the extension of her blockade in the North Sea to cover virtually the entire coast of Germany, it was rumored persistently that an almost impenetrable network of mines had been laid by British vessels across the entrance to the chief German ports. Nets similar to those protecting the Straits of Dover were reported to have been stretched for miles and miles across the lanes of travel for enemy commerce. This barrier was said to be so firmly and extensively constructed that no vessels could enter or leave German North Sea ports. If these reports were true, it is not unlikely, as naval officers argue, that the majority of the German submarines seeking to return to their bases for fresh supplies, either were sunk or are now trapped in the North Sea far from help, victims of the British navy.

FRENCH ARE HOLDING GROUND THEY RETOOK

Repulsed Attempt by Germans Northeast of Verdun Last Night

Paris, March 6.—The fighting in the region of the Caurieres Wood and Douaumont, northeast of Verdun, continued last night. German troops made an attempt to drive the French from the trenches the latter had recaptured yesterday. The War Office announced this afternoon that this effort failed.

German Claim.

Berlin, March 6.—The German lines east of Bouchavesnes, north of Peronne, on the Somme front, were attacked last night by British troops after violent artillery preparation. The attack was repulsed, army headquarters announced to-day, and other British attempts were frustrated by the German fire.

CONGRESS NOT IN SESSION; FAILURE ATTENDS MR. LODGE

Washington, March 6.—Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, reintroduced in the Senate to-day the Armed Neutrality Bill which failed of passage Sunday. When he asked that it be referred to the Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Thomas, of Colorado, made the point of order that Congress was not in session, which Vice-President Marshall sustained.

S. S. APPAM GOES TO OWNERS IN BRITAIN; GERMANS HAVE LOST

Washington, March 6.—The British claimants of the German prize ship Appam, at Newport News, to-day won their suit in the Supreme Court to regain possession of the vessel and cargo.

WILSON IS TRYING TO FIND WAY TO ARM MERCHANT VESSELS OF STATES IN SPITE OF FAILURE OF CONGRESS

Also Endeavoring to Discover Other Ways of Protecting Ships Against German Submarines; If Senate Amends Rules Properly Extra Session May Be Called Within Two or Three Weeks

Washington, March 6.—President Wilson, it was stated authoritatively to-day, will do everything possible to find a way to arm American merchant ships and protect them in other ways from the German submarine danger in spite of the failure of the Senate to pass the bill giving him specific power.

A final decision on whether the President can legally arm the ships without specific authorization is expected shortly. The opinion expressed during the debate on the bill in the Senate, that without action by Congress the President has no right to arm American merchantmen, was taken into consideration, however, and the President will not act until he is certain.

In deciding on the legal status of the question, it was learned the President and his advisers are considering the intent of the old statute proposed in 1813, which was cited in the Senate as prohibiting the arming of merchantmen for action against armed public vessels of nations in amity with the United States.

Extra Session.
An extra session of Congress before July 1 to pass appropriations if for no other purpose, seemed to-day to be certain. If the Senate amends its rules so prompt action can be taken on an armed neutrality bill, an extra session of Congress may be expected within the next two or three weeks.

Messages, apparently spontaneous, which came to government officials yesterday and to-day from all parts of the country, criticized in bitter terms the Senators who prevented action on the armed neutrality bill.

MONTENEGRINS GOT AWAY FROM ENEMY

Fourteen Who Escaped From Prison Camps Have Reached London

London, March 6.—After enduring terrible privations, fourteen Montenegrins have arrived in London, having escaped from Senelager, Holzimind and other camps, where they were interned for nearly two years. They effected their escape one evening at dusk. Most of them trapped the roads amid the frosts of January, thinly clad. They had no overcoats and were without money or food.

Most of them were fired at as soon as they left their places of internment. Two were hit and badly wounded, and these companions had to abandon them. The others arrived here in a state of collapse, without a shred of clothing of their own, having walked with the soles of their shoes entirely gone from their feet.

One man crawled in the snow on his hands and knees for eight hours. The consul-general of Montenegro will dispatch the men to Paris, where they will be equipped. The vastness of London and its well-fitted provision stores were great surprises to these Montenegrins.

ANOTHER SUSPECT HELD IN HOBOKEN

Hoboken, N. J., March 6.—Another man was taken into custody here to-day by the police on suspicion of being implicated in a plot to blow up munitions factories with Fritz Koltz, a German who was arrested on that charge yesterday and in whose room were found two bombs and materials for making them. The identity of the second man was guarded by the police.

DIED AT SEAWARD.

Seward, Alaska, March 6.—Harry C. Forster, former mayor of Gloucester, Mass., and of late a member of the engineering force of the Seward division of the United States railroad, who was stricken with paralysis yesterday, died last night.

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WERE GIVEN \$60,000 BY WOLFF VON IGEL

New York, March 6.—Dr. C. Hanador Chaklaby, Hindu physician, and Dr. Ernest Skunner, aged 24, described as a German, were arrested to-day on charges of conspiring to set up a military expedition against a foreign country in friendly relation with the United States. The police say the men confessed that they had plotted under direction of Wolff von Igel to invade India by way of China.

Von Igel, indicted but never tried for complicity in a plot to destroy the Welland Canal, is with Count von Bernstorff, former German Ambassador to the United States, who is approaching Copenhagen on the liner Frederik VIII.

From von Igel, according to the police, Dr. Chaklaby and Skunner, who have been suspected for some time, received \$60,000, and the Hindu, posing as a Persian merchant, obtained a passport which enabled him to get to Berlin. In this connection an additional charge of fraudulently obtaining a passport has been made against the physician.

Dr. Chaklaby, according to the confession, revealed his plans for an invasion of India to certain officials in Berlin and then returned to New York, where he and von Igel prepared literature printed in various native Indian languages. In the house in West 170th Street where the two men were arrested to-day the police seized large quantities of literature and found also a complete chemical laboratory.

To China.
After the literature was prepared, according to the police, Dr. Chaklaby and Skunner employed as their agent an influential Chinaman whom they sent to his native country with the idea of interesting his government in a plan to ship arms and ammunition from the United States to China, where, with the Chinese Government's permission, they were to be stored until the time set for the invasion.

The police said the two men declared they had heard nothing from their Chinese representative and did not know what success, if any, he had. In the laboratory Skunner was endeavoring, according to the police, to compound a preparation to be used to disguise contraband of war. The character of this preparation he refused to disclose. Ten thousand small aluminum boxes about the size of a pill box were seized, together with what appeared to be official papers. The latter have been turned over to government agents.

CUNARD S. S. ORDUNA REACHES LIVERPOOL SAFELY FROM STATES

New York, March 6.—The Cunard liner Orduna, which left here February 24 for Liverpool, has arrived safely, according to cable advices received to-day.

EIGHT LOST LIVES IN FIRE AT HOPE

Twenty-Two Escaped While the Coquahalla Hotel Was Burning

NAMES OF SIX MEN WHO PERISHED TO-DAY

T. Wilson, Vancouver, Inspector of Indian Orchards, Among Those Burned

Vancouver, March 6.—Eight lives were lost this morning when the Coquahalla Hotel at Hope, 80 miles east of Vancouver, burned. The building was an old ramshackle frame structure. There were 30 people in the hotel and 22 escaped in their nightclothes, some being forced to leap from upper stories.

The known dead: Tom Wilson, Dominion Government Fruit Inspector, of Vancouver; Bert Ready, a miner; Wm. McKeever, a miner; Robert Campbell, a miner; Thomas Taylor, a lumberman, of Vancouver; Tom Kehos, a lumberman, of Vancouver.

Keble and Palmer were the owners of the hotel, which is a total loss. There was no insurance.

The report of the tragic death of Mr. Wilson in the fire at the hotel at Hope will be read with sincere regret, by not only his intimate friends, but also by all who came in contact with him in his work throughout the province. The office which he filled, Inspector of Indian Orchards, was one which required great ability and tact, and the results which have become noticeable during the past few years bear witness to the fact that such qualities were found in the late Mr. Wilson. He was loaned to the Indian Department for this special undertaking from the Department of Agriculture.

His work among the Indians extended from one end of the province to the other. In several districts he founded horticultural schools for the instruction of native pupils, where the number was taught both the proper methods of setting out his trees, and then the most efficient manner of maintaining them in a state free from disease. The art of pruning, which a few years ago the Indian was entirely ignorant of, has now been mastered through the untiring efforts of the Inspector. Nor did his work cease at this stage. The pupil was also tutored as to the proper way of packing and shipping his fruit to the market.

Besides being of inestimable value to the Indians with regard to the production of their fruit, he was unceasing in his efforts to aid them generally in their farming work. The great success, with which he met, was due to a great extent to the fact that his whole heart and soul was in his work, and he spared no pains in endeavoring to make it a success. His loss will be deeply felt by the department.

Mr. Wilson originally came to the province from the island of Ceylon, and has resided here for many years. In his private life the deceased gentleman was always honored and respected by all with whom he came in contact. He was a prominent Mason, having held the distinction of being past master of Southern Cross Lodge, A. F. and A. N., Vancouver.

FILIBUSTERING GROUP DID CANADA SERVICE

Montreal, March 6.—The filibustering group of United States Senators who talked President Wilson's armed neutrality bill to death, have unwittingly done Canada a service, the Gazette's Ottawa correspondent declares.

Following the failure of an attempt to get a bill passed in the Senate to prevent the importation through Canada in bond of Pacific coast halibut and salmon caught by Americans, an endeavor was being made to tack an amendment of similar effect on the revenue bill. However, adjournment finally was taken without this being accomplished, thanks largely to the filibustering. The proposed measure was designed against Prince Rupert.

SENATOR KERR'S WILL

Toronto, March 6.—The will of the late Senator James Kirkpatrick Kerr, who died December 4 last, has been entered for probate. The estate is valued at \$111,758 and is bequeathed absolutely to his widow. His home, "Rathnaldy," is valued at \$20,000, and his insurance amounts to \$42,914.

NEUTRALS TRAVEL IN "ZONES" AT OWN RISK, IS AUSTRIA'S STAND

Vienna, Using a Mountain of Words, Replies to President Wilson Regarding Unrestricted Submarine Warfare; Answer Proves Austrian Government Cannot Shake Clear of Junkers at Berlin

London, March 6.—The American Ambassador at Vienna has been handed the reply of the Austrian Government to the American note inquiring as to the position of the Austrian Government in regard to unrestricted submarine warfare, according to a Vienna dispatch to Reuter's by way of Amsterdam.

The reply declares that neutrals are responsible for losses they suffer by entering territory where warlike operations are taking place.

The American note, which was dispatched to Vienna on February 18, asked specifically whether the Austrian assurances given following the sinking of the Ancona and the Persia has been nullified. The reply says that "whatever attitude the Washington cabinet may take as to individual questions raised here," the Austro-Hungarian Government "is essentially in accord with the American Government in regard to the protection of neutrals against endangering their lives." The memorandum then maintains "that neutral subjects have to bear themselves all losses they suffer by entering territories where warlike operations are taking place."

After a lengthy discussion of the British blockade, which it declares is illegal, the memorandum continues: "The principle that neutrals should enjoy in war times the advantages of the freedom of the seas refers only to neutral vessels and not to neutral persons aboard enemy vessels."

The reply further contends that belligerents are entitled to decide for themselves what measures should be taken against an enemy in sea traffic, and concludes: "In such cases neutrals have no other legitimate interests and therefore no other legal claim than that a belligerent inflict them in time of prohibition directed against an enemy so that they can avoid entrusting their lives and their goods to enemy vessels."

The text of the Austrian reply to the United States is quoted as follows in a later Vienna dispatch to Reuter's: "From the memorandum of February 18 of the American Ambassador, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister has concluded that the Washington Cabinet, in view of statements made on February 1 of last year and on January 31, 1917, by the Austro-Hungarian Government, is now in doubt regarding the attitude which Austria-Hungary henceforth will observe regarding the submarine war and as to whether the assurances given by the Austro-Hungarian Government to the Washington Cabinet in the course of negotiations about the Ancona and the Persia, have not been nullified by the aforementioned statement. The Austro-Hungarian Government is ready to make a clear and definite statement that these doubts may be solved."

"The Austro-Hungarian Government may be allowed first of all to discuss briefly the methods employed by the Entente Powers in waging submarine war, because they are the starting point for the intensified submarine war begun by Austria-Hungary and her allies and also throw a bright light upon the attitude which the Austro-Hungarian Government has taken hitherto in regard to the questions which have arisen. When Great Britain joined the war against the Central Powers only a few years had elapsed since that memorable time when she, in the union with other states, began to lay the foundation at The Hague for modern naval war laws. Soon afterward the British Government had assembled in Holland representatives of the great powers in order to consolidate the further work of The Hague Conference, especially in the sense of a just arrangement between belligerents and neutrals. These efforts aimed at nothing less than the mutual establishment of principles of right which even in war times should embody the principles of freedom of the seas and the safeguarding of the interests of neutrals."

Complaining Again.
"Neutrals were not to enjoy these benefits for long. Hardly had the United Kingdom decided to participate in the war when, almost at once, it began to break down the barriers which the principles of international law had erected. While the Central Powers, at the very beginning of the war, had declared that they would observe the Declaration of London, which also bore the signature of the British representative, Great Britain threw overboard some of its important propositions. In an endeavor to cut off the Central Powers from supplies from overseas, she enlarged, step by step, the list of contraband until nothing was missing in the list of things

which to-day men want for their subsistence. "Then Great Britain proclaimed what she called a blockade of the coasts of the North Sea, which form also an important commerce route for the Austro-Hungarians, in order to prevent goods which were still missing in the list of contraband from entering Germany and in order to prevent all sea traffic by neutrals to those coasts as well as all exports through neutral countries. That this blockade was in flagrant contradiction to the customary principles of the right of blockade as established by international agreements, was explicitly declared by the President of the United States of America in words which will continue to live in the history of international law."

"By the illegal prevention of exports from the Central Powers, Great Britain aimed at paralyzing the countless factories and workings which the industrial and highly developed peoples of Central Europe had created and, by forcing workmen to be idle, to incite them to rebellion. Words About Italy.

"When Austria-Hungary's southern neighbor joined the enemies of the Central Powers his first act was to declare as blockaded all coasts of the enemy, following, of course, the example of his allies in ignoring all the legal rights in the creation of which Italy had taken an active part a short time before. Austria-Hungary did not neglect to inform neutral powers at once that the blockade was not legal. "For more than two years the Central Powers hesitated. Only then and after long and careful consideration of the pros and cons, did they begin to return like-for-like and attack the enemy on the seas. As the only ones of the belligerents who had done everything to secure the existing treaties which were to guarantee neutrals the freedom of the seas, they felt with pained hearts the law of the hour which commanded them to violate this freedom. But they took this step to fulfill their paramount duty toward their peoples and from the conviction that it would help the principle of freedom of the seas to be victorious. The proclamations which they issued last January apparently are directed only against the rights of neutrals. In reality they serve towards restoration of these rights, which these enemies have incessantly violated and which, if they were victors, they would destroy forever."

"Thus the submarines which are cruising around the English coast announce to peoples who need the sea—that the day is not far off when the flags of all states, in the glory of this newly won freedom, can freely fly over the seas. "We cherish the hope that this announcement will find an echo everywhere where neutral peoples live and that it will be universally understood by the great people of the United States, whose most illustrious representative has during the war defended with flaming words the freedom of the seas as the highway of all nations. "If the people and Government of the United States keep in mind that the blockade proclaimed by Great Britain is not only meant to wear down the Central Powers by starvation, but aims at subjecting the seas to her rule in order to establish in this manner her tyranny over all nations, while on the other hand the blockade of England and her allies only serves to make these powers incline towards peace with honor and a guarantee to all nations of the freedom of sea traffic and commerce and thereby a secured existence, then the question which of the two parties has the right on its side is already decided. Though the Central Powers have no desire in this way to beg for allies, they yet believe that they will be entitled to look to neutrals

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MASSEY SPEAKS OF EMPIRE RELATIONS London, March 6.—Mr. Massey, Prime Minister of New Zealand, speaking here, held that an Imperial conference was distinct from an Imperial cabinet, but that together they would constitute the greatest advance towards constitutional relations between the United Kingdom and the Dominions.

DEFENDED INTRIGUE AGAINST THE STATES

Zimmermann Merely Seems Annoyed Plot Found Out by Americans London, March 6.—The German Government's plan for involving Mexico and Japan in war with the United States in the event of hostilities between Germany and the United States, was defended in an address before the Reichstag by the Foreign Secretary, Dr. Alfred Zimmermann, as quoted in a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam.

HANDS OF AMERICAN PEOPLE WEAKENED

Mass Meeting in New York Scores Senators Who Filibustered New York, March 6.—Resolutions condemning as "little short of treasonable" the action of the Senators who prevented the armed neutrality measure from coming to a vote, were passed at a mass meeting held here last night under the auspices of the American Rights League.

RECAPTURED GROUND EAST OF THE MEUSE

French Retook Part of Trench Elements; British Holding Ground Paris, March 6.—The following official report was issued last night: "On the right bank of the Meuse, in a spirited counter-attack, we drove the enemy from part of the elements which he had occupied yesterday north of Bois Caillies."

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FIRE AT COLLINGWOOD. Collingwood, March 6.—Fire early today destroyed the Wilson Manufacturing Company's planing mill and two residences. The loss is \$100,000.

Kind Friend to composer who has just played his newly written revue masterpiece—"Yes, I've always liked that little thing. Now play one of your own, won't you?"—London Opinion.

German Statement. Berlin, March 6.—The following official statement was given out last night: "On the western front during the snowfall and on the eastern front during the severe cold no important events have occurred."

APPLES FROM CANADA. Ottawa, March 6.—The Board of Trade has relaxed its restrictions as regards canned apples from Canada.

Former President Dead. Lisbon, March 6.—The death is announced of Manuel de Arrago, ex-President of Portugal.

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS Ottawa, March 6.—The following casualties have been announced: Infantry.

Imperial Conference Has Been Postponed London, March 6.—It is announced that the Empire war conference is postponed for the present.

SWEDISH MINISTERS GIVE RESIGNATIONS London, March 6.—The Swedish cabinet resigned yesterday, according to Reuters Stockholm correspondent.

Was Completely Laid Up With Severe Case of Piles Sworn Statement From a Man Who Has Unbounded Confidence in Dr. Chase's Ointment.

Eckhardt Denies Again. Mexico City, March 6.—In a statement yesterday H. von Eckhardt, the German Minister to Mexico, said that if Dr. Alfred Zimmermann, the German Foreign Minister, had sent orders to him to endeavor to embroil Mexico and possibly Japan in a war with the United States, the orders were never received and therefore not acted upon.

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Sworn Statement From a Man Who Has Unbounded Confidence in Dr. Chase's Ointment. There is no longer any debate as to the best treatment for itching, bleeding or protruding piles. But since about one person in every four suffers more or less from this annoying ailment it is necessary to keep on telling people about Dr. Chase's Ointment.



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W. HORN WILL BE TRIED AT BOSTON

Dynamited Bridge Between New Brunswick and Maine; German Reservist

Washington, March 6.—Werner Horn, the German reservist lieutenant who dynamited the international bridge near Yonkers, Me., in 1915, to-day lost his habeas corpus proceedings in the Supreme Court in which he sought to avoid being tried at Boston for transportation of explosives on passenger trains.

exempted him from American prosecution and made him punishable only by the State Department. The court said Horn's appeal was not authorized and dismissed it.

PROSPECTS IN CUBA.

New York, March 6.—Prospects of a speedy settlement of the Cuban revolution have been brought about, it was announced to-day by Dr. Orestes Ferrara, a representative of the Liberals who are in revolt against the Cuban Government, through a guarantee by the United States of fair elections in Oriente province.

Dr. Ferrara said he had received a cablegram saying that with the approval of Secretary Lansing, Commander Belknap is in conference at Santiago de Cuba with the Liberal leaders to make action along these lines effective.

Jack—So you told Mrs. Gotrox she looked as young as her daughter. I suppose that caught the old lady. Yes; but I lost me the daughter.

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to appreciate their efforts to revise in their interest the principles of international law and equal rights of nations.

Reservations. "In replying now to the question put in the American note of February 18, the Austro-Hungarian Government firstly remarks that in the exchange of notes referring to the cases of the Ancona and the Persia it restricted itself to defining its attitude on each question which individually arose without laying down its fundamental legal conception. But in its note of October 19, 1915, referring to the Ancona case, it reserved to itself, the right to bring up for discussion at a later date difficult international questions which arise in connection with submarine warfare. If it now refers to this reservation and now briefly discusses the question of sinking enemy vessels to which that note refers, it is guided by the desire to show the American Government that now, as heretofore, it strictly adheres to the assurance already given and endeavors by clearing up that important question arising from submarine warfare, because it touches the laws of humanity, to avoid misunderstandings between the monarchy and the American Union.

"Above all the Austro-Hungarian Government desires to emphasize that it is also its opinion that the thesis set up by the American Government which also is represented in various learned records, that enemy merchantmen, apart from cases of attempted flight and resistance, must not be destroyed without precautions being taken for the safety of the persons aboard, forms, so to say, the kernel of the whole subject. Regarded from a higher standpoint, this thesis can, of course, be ranked in a further suggestive connection and from that view its domain of application can be worked out more exactly.

Warning Needed.

"From the laws of humanity the general principle can be derived that when executing the right of destroying enemy merchantmen the loss of human life should, as far as possible be avoided. To this principle the belligerent can only do justice by issuing warning before exercising the right. Therein he can choose the way which the aforementioned thesis of the American Government indicates, according to which the commander of the war vessel himself gives warning so that the crew and passengers could bring themselves into safety in the last moment, or the government of a belligerent state can, if this it recognized as an inevitable necessary of war, issue warning of full effect also before the departure of a vessel which is to be sunk; or finally, it can, if it establishes extensive measures against enemy sea-trade, employ a general warning for all enemy vessels in question.

"That the principle, according to which care must be taken for the safety of the persons aboard undergoes exceptions, the American Government itself recognized.

Character of Ship.

"But the Austro-Hungarian Government believes that destruction without warning is admissible not only when a vessel flees or offers resistance. It appears—to mention only one example—that the character of the vessel itself also must be taken into consideration. Merchantmen or other private vessels which carry a military garrison or arms aboard in order to commit hostile acts of any kind, may, according to valid report, be destroyed without hesitation.

"The Austro-Hungarian Government need not call attention to the fact that a belligerent is released of all consideration for human life if his opponent sink any enemy merchantman without previous warning, as happened with the vessel Electra (German), Dubrovnik (Austrian), Zagreb (Austrian), etc., which practice already had been repeatedly censured; and in this respect the Austro-Hungarian Government never returned like, notwithstanding its rights. In the course of the entire war Austro-Hungarian warships have not sunk one enemy merchantman without previous, if only general warning.

Various Interpretations.

"The repeatedly mentioned thesis of the United States Government also allows various interpretations, so far, namely, as it is doubtful whether, as is asserted from various sides, only armed resistance justifies the destruction of a vessel with persons aboard, or resistance of another kind, as is shown if the crew intentionally neglects to take the passengers into boats—the Ancona case—or if the passengers themselves refuse to enter boats. According to the opinion of the Austro-Hungarian Government, the destruction of a warned vessel without rescuing the persons aboard is admissible in cases of the latter kind, because otherwise it would be left to the individual passenger to nullify the right of belligerents to sink vessels.

"Moreover, it may be pointed out also that there is no unanimity as regards in what cases the sinking of neutral merchantmen at all is admissible. The obligation to issue a warning immediately before sinking vessels leads, according to the opinion of the Austro-Hungarian Government, on the one hand to harshness which could be avoided; on the other hand, it is under the circumstances calculated to injure the justified interests of belligerents. In the first place, it must not be overlooked that the rescue of persons is almost left to mere chance, as the only choice remaining is to take them aboard warships which are exposed to any enemy influence, or to expose them in small boats to the dangers of the elements; so that it therefore corresponds much better to the principles of humanity to prevent persons by timely warning from using endangered vessels.

"Furthermore, notwithstanding careful examination of all legal questions

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referring thereto, the Austro-Hungarian Government could not come to the conviction that subjects of neutral states are entitled to travel unmolested on enemy ships.

Only to Ships.

"The principle that neutrals in war time also should enjoy the advantages of freedom of the seas refers only to neutral ships, not to neutral persons on board enemy vessels, because as is well-known belligerents are entitled to prevent the enemy's sea traffic as far as they are able. Being in possession of the necessary war means and considering it necessary for the attainment of their war aims, they can prohibit sea traffic of enemy merchantmen on pain of their destruction, provided they have previously announced this to be their intention, so that everyone, whether enemy or neutral, may be enabled to avoid endangering life. Even if doubts should arise regarding the justifiableness of such procedure and if the enemy should threaten reprisals, then this would be an affair for settlement between the belligerents only, who, as generally recognized, are entitled to make the high seas the scene of military operations and to oppose any interference with their enterprises and to decide for themselves what measures should be taken against enemy sea traffic.

"In such cases neutrals have no other legitimate interest, and therefore no other legal claim than that the belligerents inform them in time of prohibitions directed against the enemy, so that they can avoid entrusting their lives and their goods to enemy vessels which may be destroyed."

Hope for Agreement.

"The Austro-Hungarian Government can suppose that the Washington cabinet will agree with these explanations which, according to the Austro-Hungarian Government's convictions, are unassailable, as otherwise disputing their correctness doubtless would be tantamount to saying—which would not correspond to the opinion of the United States—that neutrals must be free to interfere with military operations of belligerents or even directly assume the office as judging as to the war means which are to be employed against enemies.

"It appears that it also would be a flagrant misunderstanding if a neutral government, only to enable its subjects to travel on enemy vessels while they as readily and even with far greater security could use neutral vessels, should fall to arms with a belligerent power which perhaps was fighting for its existence, not to speak of the most serious abuses for which the road would be left clear if the belligerents were to be forced to lower arms before every neutral who desired to use enemy ships for his business or pleasure trips. Never was there the slightest doubt that neutral subjects themselves have to bear all the loss which they suffer by entering on land where warlike operations are taking place. There obviously is no reason to allow different principles for war on sea, the more so as at the second Peace Conference the wish was expressed that until the time when war on sea should have found a settlement by agreements the laws in force for war on land should be employed as far as this was possible, also for war on sea.

Some Exceptions.

"In the spirit of what previously was said, the regulation that warning must be given to ship which is to be sunk undergoes exceptions of various kinds under certain circumstances, as for instance as mentioned by the American Government, in cases of flight and resistance, when vessels may be destroyed without warning; while in other cases warning before the departure of a vessel is necessary. The Austro-Hungarian Government therefore can state the attitude, however the Washington cabinet may stand in regard to individual questions raised here, that, as especially regards protection of neutrals against endangering their lives, it is essentially in accord with the American Government. But it was not only satisfied to put into effect in the

course of this war, the conception reached by her, but beyond that it also accommodated its attitude with painful care to the thesis set up by the Washington cabinet and would feel inclined to support it in its endeavor to secure American citizens against dangers at sea, which endeavor it supports by the warmest philanthropy and by instructing and warning those entrusted with it.

Armed Ships.

"As regards Circular Note 10,602 of last year regarding the treatment of armed enemy merchantmen, the Austro-Hungarian Government, it is true, has to state that, as already mentioned previously, it is of the opinion that the arming of merchantmen even solely for defensive purposes against the exercise of the right of capture is not established by modern international law. A war vessel is obliged to come into contact with enemy merchantmen in a peaceful manner. It has to waylay the ship, by certain signals, to enter into communication with the captain, to examine the ship's papers, draw up a protocol, and if necessary take an inventory, etc. Fulfillment of these duties presupposes naturally that the war vessel has full certainty that the merchantman, on its part, also will act peacefully. Without doubt such certainty does not exist if the merchantman possesses armament which is sufficient to fight the war vessel. It can hardly be expected to discharge its duties under the muzzle of guns, whatever their purposes may be, without mentioning the fact that merchantmen of the Entente powers, despite all assurances to the contrary, are—as this has been proved—provided with arms for an aggressive purpose and also use them for this purpose.

From the First.

"It also would be a misinterpretation of the duties of humanity to demand that crews of warships expose themselves without defence to arms of an enemy. No state could value its duties of humanity toward the legal defenders of the Fatherland less than its duties towards subjects of foreign powers. The Austro-Hungarian Government, therefore, could have stated from conviction that its promise made to the Washington cabinet did not extend, from the very beginning, to armed merchantmen, because they, according to the valid principle and right which restrict police to organized forces, are to be regarded as pirate vessels which may be destroyed.

QUEBEC HAS WORST STORM OF SEASON

Quebec, March 6.—Quebec experienced the worst storm of the season yesterday and all rail and water traffic is demoralized. From 2 p. m. yesterday (til 5 a. m. to-day there fell 1 1/2 inches of snow and a 25-mile gale swept the snow into huge drifts. On the south shore not a wheel turned on any of the railroads. On the intercolonial Railway a snowplough is caught in a fourteen-foot drift near Harlaka, below here, and two special trains are snowbound. The Maritime Express, due in Montreal yesterday afternoon, still is stormbound at St. Leonard Nicolet. All other trains are snowbound.

SEMINARY DESTROYED IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Bathurst, N. B., March 6.—The Seminary of the Sacred Heart in West Bathurst was completely destroyed by fire about three o'clock this morning during the worst storm this section has experienced in twenty years. There were 150 students. All escaped, but they lost all their belongings. The insurance amounts to about \$40,000. The building cost over \$120,000.

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EFFORT NEAR VERDUN ONLY LOCAL AFFAIR

German Not Starting Extensive Operations There; British Gaining Steadily

London, March 6.—Military opinion here holds that the effort the Germans made on the Verdun front east of the Meuse was only local and not the forerunner of a great attempt in that region. While it is generally agreed that the Germans were anxious to evacuate the dangerous Ancre salient and shorten their line, chiefly for the sake of concentrating men for an attack elsewhere, the new Verdun move does not bear the appearance of the first part of a great effort. All previous lessons of the war point to the futility of attacking over a narrow front.

Collating the French and German reports of the operations, it seems unquestionable that, despite the intensity of the German artillery preparation and their claim to have captured more than 500 prisoners, their progress was infinitely small compared with the magnitude of the effort. The fact that the French were able to come back yesterday and regain part of the lost positions also suggests that the Germans attacked with little intention of obtaining a signal success. If they did, their failure has been almost complete. Great significance attaches to the

German admission of the British successes near Bouchavesnes, north of the Somme. It is the farthest Berlin has yet gone in admitting the change in the Ancre and Somme battle lines during the last eleven days.

The importance of the British movement east of Bouchavesnes lies in the menace to Peronne. Already the British are almost in position to outflank the vital position of Mont St. Quentin and to cut the important Peronne-Metz road.

The importance of the coming offensive in the eyes of the German authorities is indicated by the taking over of the entire railway system of the country by the military. The chief of the field railway system is to have complete control of all lines in an effort to facilitate the movements of troops to every part of the western battlefields.

The reports of the renewed Italian attacks are suggestive. King Victor's troops have won important successes in the Costadella group and in the Stiallagro valley which constitute an excellent augury of a general Entente offensive.



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AND STILL ANOTHER?

Press correspondents say British and French leaders in France expect the war to last through another winter. That expectation is based solely upon the outlook on the western front. It makes no allowance for possible startling developments elsewhere, for economic factors or for the situation at sea. Nor does it take note of any desperate enterprise that Germany may embark upon to bring matters to a climax. The Entente chieftains are leaving nothing to chance, and whether the conflict be prolonged beyond this year or not they are wise in their day and generation in preparing for the utmost limit.

If the decision of the war lay solely on the western front and if Germany were able to retire successfully upon three more lines before she was forced to the Rhine, the conflict would not be ended this year, next year or even the year after next. But this is a war of many fronts and phases as far as the Allies are concerned. It can be won by them in any of the main theatres; it might be won on fronts not yet in existence; it might be decided by the blockade; it might be settled at sea. A Russian advance through Hungary, or an Italian march to Vienna, would upset all the time-tables. The defeat of the German navy would open the gateway to altogether new military operations.

Leaving aside always the possibility of the penetration and demoralization of the German front in the west by the forthcoming great Entente offensive, it will be the Central Empires who will determine whether the war will be prolonged another year and a half. There is every reason to believe that they will strain all their resources to bring the conflict to an issue this year. The loss of 3,000,000 more men would be fatal, and that is what they could count upon during another twelve months of fighting. Their general economic condition, particularly the food and finance situation, has become acute and there will be considerable turbulence at home before summer sets in.

The adoption of unrestricted submarine warfare at the risk of ranging the neutral world on the side of her enemies reflects Germany's desperate haste. Some similar move on land may be anticipated for the same reason. Colonel Feyer, the able Swiss military writer, looks for a German attempt to rush Switzerland and turn the French position at Belfort. He characterizes such a plan as a policy of madness, but points out that in this regard it would be in accord with the German war policy from beginning to end. Germany is violating the neutrality of outsiders on sea. She would not hesitate to violate it on land if she thought she could gain important advantages by doing so. She has concentrated a large force in upper Alsace and has been building railroad lines behind it. She would not do this without some definite purpose in view.

While the Entente powers can win the war on any front, in only

two theatres could Germany gain the decision. One is by victory at sea, either by her navy or her submarines, and the other is by the overthrow of the Allies on the western front. She cannot gain her object on land on any other front. Thus it is reasonable to expect her to try both with all her power and without regard to the rights of neutrals. She is trying the submarine now. When that proves a failure—and she will realize it sufficiently for her purpose within a few weeks—she will move on land.

What she is doing and soon will do will shorten the period of the war. The failure of the submarine campaign will not be admitted and an effort will be made to submerge it beneath the new enterprise on land, but it will not escape the German people. If Germany tries to smash through Switzerland she will present herself with another foe, expose Austria's flank to Italy and open the door for an Entente march into South Germany. In any case she will suffer enormous losses. The casualties she and Austria are destined to sustain this year will be greater than they have been in any other stage of the war. The struggle may go through another winter, but it will not be on its present line. It may be in part on German soil. In any event the nations composing the Entente are preparing on the basis of the outside calculation. There will be no more mistakes on that score. Canada would do well to take this lesson to heart.

THE CONFERENCE POSTPONED.

A cable report from London says the Imperial Conference has been indefinitely postponed. The delay is caused by the uncertainty of the arrival of Prime Minister Hughes, of Australia, and his colleagues. The leader of the Commonwealth Government has been traveling with great difficulty a very thorny path during the last few months. His conscription proposal alienated a large part of his Labor following, from whom he derived his political strength, and he was forced to coalesce with the Liberals to secure himself in the House of Representatives. This, however, was only a partial solution of his problem. The Labor party dominates the Senate, and the inevitable deadlock, not unlike that which prevailed at the time of the outbreak of war, arose. A dispatch from Australia a few days ago reported the negotiation of an arrangement to enable the Prime Minister to attend the Conference.

Hughes's present difficulties are due not a little to the short-sightedness of the effervescent Empire organizers into whose hands he fell in London during his visit there a year ago. They feted and flattered him and when he told Great Britain how to run the war and what to do after the war they hailed his presumption as a manifestation of heaven-born Imperial statesmanship. Some of the newspapers lauded him as the savior of the Empire and expressed bitter regret that they had none like him in England. Processions carrying banners with "We want Hughes" were organized. He received the freedom of cities galore. His only rival from overseas at that time was our own Hughes, and the coursing of the two stars in one sphere was quite a noteworthy development in the political astrology of the day. About the same time another Hughes—Uncle Sam's—was trying to climb to eminence at Washington.

When, upon his return home, the Australian Hughes proposed a conscription referendum it was viewed with suspicion by the Labor party. Whether rightly or wrongly, the impression prevailed that the proposition was born in London and that through the Premier Australia was being subjected to outside dictation in a matter over which she should exercise sole control. This impression was heightened by the ill-advised, if well-meant, action of the conscriptionists in soliciting and publishing messages urging the adoption of the proposal from prominent Unionist statesmen in England as well as eminent public men and soldiers of France. This was a great mistake. It undoubtedly injured the cause of conscription, as much as anything else.

The lesson taught by the experience of Mr. Hughes is as plain as a pike-staff. It is that this Empire cannot be rushed into any scheme over which there is well-defined division of public opinion in its constituent parts. It must develop naturally and normally, as it has been developing with the result that the Imperial tie is stronger to-day than it ever has been in all its history. It does not follow at all that the exuberant utterances of Overseas

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The British have taken over more of the French front and their line now extends some distance south of the Somme. To General Haig has been entrusted the job of capturing Peronne as well as Bapaume. The advance of his troops east of Bouchavesnes indicates that he is already moving with that object in view. His progress at this point should shortly uncover the enemy's batteries on Mt. St. Quentin, which is the key to Peronne and the chief obstacle to a British advance across the Somme Canal south of that town.

Uncle Sam's navy is sore clean through at the gentle garrulity of Senator Stone, of Missouri. He acquainted Germany with the means devised to protect American shipping from submarines. He had the information as Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate. Fine, loyal citizen, he must be. Our neighbors ought to thank their lucky stars that this war broke out when it did. Twenty years hence would have found them inhabitants of a German satrapy in everything but name.

More than 15,000 vessels arrived at and departed from British ports during February. Out of this number sixty-one ships of more than 1,000 tons and thirty-three under that size were sunk. This is less than one in every hundred. Two million tons of new ships are nearing completion now in British yards, while large contracts have been placed abroad. Before long Germany will have to think of something to divert the attention of her people from the failure of her pet weapon.

The British line in France is now thirty miles longer than it was last summer. This releases some 250,000 French troops for service elsewhere. France evidently is keeping a wary eye on the Swiss border and even the revival of Hun activity in the Verdun region will not divert her attention. She apparently has an "army of manoeuvre" for all emergencies. The Germans know what this is; they ran into it at the Marne.

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—The Sports Coat, ranging from a point a little beyond the finger tips to one approximately knee length, designed on straight lines, with belted effect, set-in sleeves as well as sloping shoulders and large collars.

—The third variety is a Street or Top-Coat, a trifle longer than knee length, to be used for street or afternoon wear, designed on lines of fullness and straightness.

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Nitrogen Lamps.—With regard to the tender for nitrogen lamps, the Council declined on Aldermen Andros and Fullerton's expressions of opinion to accede to the request of the Canadian Laco-Phillips Co.

Case Remanded.—In the city police court this morning the case of Hall and Curry, the prisoners involved in the affair of the alleged stealing a watch and \$20 from a Chinaman was again remanded till to-morrow.

Legislative Press Gallery.—The members of the Legislative Press Gallery met yesterday afternoon and organized for the session by holding the sessional election of officers.

North Ward Red Cross.—Good attendance and much useful work marked the opening of the North Ward Red Cross branch yesterday when Mrs. Dillabough and Mrs. Gousson were in charge.

Creston's Famous Apples.—By the redistribution under which the present House is elected the fertile fruit-growing district of Creston is taken from the defunct riding of Ymir and placed in the constituency of Kaslo.

J. ARTHUR NELSON TO BE EXAMINED

Application for Security of Costs; Statement of Defence Not Filed

An application was made in Supreme Court Chambers to Mr. Justice Morrison this morning by John R. Green, who is acting for Bradstreet in the libel action brought against them by Arthur Nelson, for security for costs in the action.

Defendant's solicitor also asked leave to examine the plaintiff on account of the contrary nature of the affidavits of the two parties to the action.

Mr. Green stated that he did not wish to file his statement of defence for the reason that the names of certain clients of the Bradstreet Co. who would have to be mentioned, which he did not wish to do until he was satisfied that the action was a bona fide one.

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Honor Roll to Be Read at James Bay Red Cross Concert To-morrow.

To-morrow night there will be a honor-roll unveiling ceremony at the James Bay Methodist Church in connection with a Red Cross concert.

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ROTARY LUNCHEON TO BE PUBLIC GATHERING

Colonel Williams Will Deliver an Address on Equal Sacrifice; National Conservation

The weekly Rotary Club luncheon on Thursday next is to be entirely different to the regular function usually confined to members and their guests.

The public will be welcomed on Thursday in order to give as many as possible the opportunity of hearing an address from Colonel Williams, the assistant-director of recruiting for the Dominion.

So far as present arrangements have progressed, it is fully expected that Colonel Duff Stuart and a number of his staff will be in attendance as well as commanding officers of local units.

The topic Colonel Williams has selected for his address is "Equal Sacrifice," for he purposes not to confine his observations to the accepted lines of recruiting talk, since he realizes the magnificent response made by British Columbia in this regard.

Members of the Rotary Club are reminded of the decision at the luncheon last week that on Thursday next each one is to bring his parcel of books for distribution amongst the wounded soldiers at the three local institutions.

City's Finances.—The city comptroller's statement for February shows credit balances of \$1,595,949, and debit balances of \$653,886.

Legislative Press Gallery.—The members of the Legislative Press Gallery met yesterday afternoon and organized for the session by holding the sessional election of officers.

North Ward Red Cross.—Good attendance and much useful work marked the opening of the North Ward Red Cross branch yesterday when Mrs. Dillabough and Mrs. Gousson were in charge.

Creston's Famous Apples.—By the redistribution under which the present House is elected the fertile fruit-growing district of Creston is taken from the defunct riding of Ymir and placed in the constituency of Kaslo.

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Petrova repeated her former successes when she appeared yesterday at the Dominion in the thrilling photo play "The Scarlet Woman." The play was written for her by Aaron Hoffman, the well-known playwright and actor. Her support includes some of the best known people in the film world and the entire production sets a very high mark. Along with this feature the Dominion is showing "Mutt and Jeff" in a comic cartoon.
There is also the regular Pathe Gazette.

ROYAL VICTORIA.
In one of the earlier scenes of the new Triangle picture, "A Vagabond Prince," starring H. B. Warner, which is the attraction at the Royal Victoria again to-night, the latter is seen talking with a guest in a magnificently-appointed room of the royal residence. Left alone, he walks rapidly toward the camera, which precedes him through a door into another huge apartment. Passing rapidly through this room, Warner enters another, then a third, then a fourth, and finally a fifth, where he dons his hat and overcoat and leaves the house.
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come a vampire. She tests her amateur wiles on the tramp until he screams for help. Leaping out of the window with the old maid vampire on his trail, Easy Ed plunges into the lake to escape. At this point the hobo wakes up and finds the train crew has turned the water pipe on him.

THE VARIETY.
In "The Foolish Virgin" at the Variety Theatre, Miss Young will be seen in one of the most sympathetic roles of her screen career. The story is replete with action and unusually well adapted to the requirements of the motion picture camera. The heroine of "The Foolish Virgin" is Mary Adams, a young public school teacher, who, when not engaged in her work, dreams of the romantic days when the world was peopled by knights and beautiful ladies in distress. She is so imbued with the spirit of romance that when a strange young man rescues her from the advances of a street ruffian she idealizes her hero, picturing him as a regular Sir Gallahad. Mary's rescuer is Jim Anthony, a mechanic with inventive talents. His invention is stolen and, embittered by the experience, Jim becomes a burglar. Mary knowing nothing of this, falls in love with, and marries him.

Anthony is a product of the slums and in his wanderings about the world, has lost track of his mother. Learning that she is living in the mountains of Carolina, Jim persuades Mary to go with him to visit her. He takes with him a bag full of jewelry, the plunder gained in his recent robberies. The young couple find Anthony's mother living alone in a hut on the mountains. The old woman has become a wretched creature. She fails to recognize her son, who asks for a night's shelter for himself and wife. While unpacking their things, Mary makes discovery of the jewelry and when she confronts Jim, he confesses to his crimes.

Horried by the discovery, Mary orders Jim from the room and locks herself in. Anthony goes to sleep on a couch in the main room of the cabin. The old woman finds the jewels and her cupidity inflamed by alcohol, leads her to attempt to murder the man she does not know as her son. The complications that follow are very exciting.

THRILLER HEADS BILL
"Motor Madness" Furnishes Plenty of Excitement at Pantages Show.

There is a pronounced touch of the sensational in the staging of "Motor Madness," a thrilling feature offering among several good acts this week at the Pantages Theatre. It is a circus thriller transferred to the environment of the variety stage, and as such it can safely be included in the category of high class attractions. Apart from the novelty there is nothing extraordinary about the gyrations of the begoggled and leather-coated motorists aloft, as it is apparently impossible for the motor-cycles to leave the elevated track, the machines being secured by rods extended from the central hub, but it must be acknowledged that a most remarkable exhibition of acrobatic skill is given by the two performers who execute daring feats on the trapeze while swinging in whirling fashion suspended at a dizzy height. The high speed attained by the machines on the elevated circular track and the clever work of the trapeze artists while being whirled through space at varying speeds, is amazing in the extreme. The whole act is decidedly novel and sensational enough to stamp it as the outstanding feature of a most entertaining bill.

Music lovers will welcome the appearance of "The Browning Girls," whose efforts as soloists on the violin and pianoforte stamp them as real artists. The youthful Margaret is a violinist with a reputation above her, and both she and her sister, Bernice, who plays her accompaniments, have a charming personality and stage presence, which puts the musical offering on a higher plane than the average. A most refreshing musical atmosphere is created by these youthful and talented musicians.

Millie Amoros is a vivacious French dancer who is responsible for all the ginger infused into a sparkling act, "At Maxims." She is associated with Ben Mulvey in a dancing, singing and talking turn, which, denuded of its terpsichorean effort, would lose much of its attractiveness.
Ben Mulvey does not lack agility, but his work is partially eclipsed by the daring of his gesticulating and light-footed partner. There is no doubt but that Millie Amoros is one of the big drawing cards of the show.

Morton Brothers are billed as "Paperologists" whose creative genius with paper tissue calls for favorable comment. The pair also have a good line of talk and by way of introduction manipulate harmonicas with tuncful and pleasing results. Harry Rose gets considerable applause in an individual act entitled "All by Himself." He has the happy knack of keeping the audience amused and thoroughly enjoys himself while doing so.

The "Greer Pates Company" in "Solitaire" did not appear at the initial performances, having been delayed by snowdrifts in the Rockies. This attractive feature is being presented at to-day's performances and will continue throughout the week.
The initial episode of "Pearl of the Army," with Pearl White as the principal, created a good impression and is a film serial that will be followed with intense interest.

LECTURES TO-NIGHT
Professor Odium to Speak at Centennial Church on Highly Interesting Subject.

At the Centennial Church, Gorge Road, Professor Odium will deliver a lecture this evening taking as his subject "Britain's Position Among the Nations of the Future." The Professor is well-known to Victoria audiences as an eloquent speaker, while his extensive travels, his long study and his

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Vacant Lot Cultivation.—At the meeting of the Vacant Lot Cultivation Committee to-day the seed committee is submitting a report upon the suggested sources of potato seed. It is not expected that any recommendations will be made embracing other vegetables, except possibly one or two of the principal varieties.

DETENTION HOME IS DISCUSSED AGAIN
H. A. Beckwith is Elected Treasurer for the Coming Year

The principal matter of business that was dealt with at the adjourned annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society which was held yesterday was the appointing of a committee composed of Mrs. McPhillips, Dr. Clay, Ald. Andrews and ex-Alderman Porter, which is to discuss and make full inquiries into several matters in connection with the management of the home, which are needing immediate attention. Principal among these will be the consideration of the agreement which at present exist between the city and the Children's Aid Society whereby the work of the society and that of the Detention Home and Juvenile Court is carried on under one roof as one organization. The question of the grant for the society for the coming year will also be a theme of discussion. The committee has also been given wide power to take-up any matters of importance which its members may consider to be worthy of consideration.
At the opening of the meeting yesterday afternoon it was questioned by several of the members as to whether or not Howard Chapman had a right to vote on last year's business, owing to the fact that he had only become a member of the society at a date after the closing of the books for the last twelve months. The chairman, however, settled the question by stating that Mr. Chapman was in order.
The report of the secretary, which was laid on the table at the previous meeting, was then brought up for discussion. On a recommendation of Mr. Porter the secretary had added to her comparisons of the cost per head of maintaining the inmates of the various public organizations of the city, showing that the cost of keeping the boys in the Children's Aid Society compared in a favorable manner with the cost in institutions such as the Orphanage, and Day Nursery.
In criticizing the report, Mr. Chapman commenced to read rather fully with the financial status of the home at the present time. He was called to order, however, by the chairman, who pointed out that such a discussion would not be considered in order until the treasurer's report was before the meeting.
The report of the secretary was then adopted by the society.
The statement of the treasurer was the next subject of consideration, and it was decided that the audit of the statement should be made since the city had consented to such action being taken. It was then pointed out by the chairman that by receiving the report the society would merely be giving an expression of its faith in the work of Mr. Taylor, their treasurer, who recently resigned, but that the report could not be adopted as giving the financial standing of the society until the audit was completed.
Some discussion of the statement followed in which Mr. Chapman pointed out that the secretary was in the habit of getting her money regularly but that she had always failed to pay the telephone bill in time to get the discount, which amounted to several dollars during the year. The secretary, however, replied that that was the work of the treasurer.
"Who does Mr. Chapman represent?" interposed Mrs. Herd. "He comes here and acts in a rude manner to the members of the society. If the matter is allowed to continue as it has, I for one shall withdraw from the organization."
"It is not my custom, Mr. Chairman, to act in a rude manner, and I feel satisfied in my own mind that I have not acted unpolite at either this meeting or the one which took place a week ago. I may say that I represent no one but myself at this gathering."
"Any man who used such an expression as, 'washing your dirty linen in public,' which Mr. Chapman did at the last meeting, was certainly not acting the part of a gentleman," interposed Mrs. McPhillips.
"If in referring to the electric bills at the home Mr. Chapman infers that the superintendent and other officers of the home should retire at the early hours at which the children do, for the purpose of keeping down the light bills, I wish it to be understood that I for one am in favor of no such motion being sanctioned," said Mrs. Herd.
Mr. Chapman: "I was questioning

the report. I referred in no way to the home or its officials."
A motion then carried that the report of the treasurer be received, with an expression of thanks to Mr. Taylor for his labor and that the report be laid on the table until a full audit is received.
A motion tendering the expression of thanks of the society to the doctors of the city who had in any way been of service to the boys of the home was also passed.
The committee which was appointed at the last meeting to go into the matter of granting Mrs. Spofford a leave of absence recommended that the incoming board grant the request and make arrangements so that the work of the home might be affected in the least possible degree.
The same committee also reported the following nominations for officers for the coming year: President, ex-Alderman Porter; Vice-President, Dr. Clay; Treasurer, H. A. Beckwith; Secretary, Mrs. Gordon Grant.
Mr. Porter stated that under the circumstances in which the society now finds itself financially he would be unable to accept the office.
Mrs. McPhillips then moved that the matter of the separation of the Children's Aid Society from the Detention Home work be considered by a committee and the City Council. The settlement of the question she felt would have a material effect in the electing of a president.
H. A. Beckwith was then elected treasurer and it was carried by the meeting that the election of the other officers be laid over until the next meeting, which will be at the call of the chair, as soon as the audit of the society's books is completed.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL
All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.
J. H. Allen, of Toronto, is staying at the Empress Hotel.
Mrs. D. Lindquist, of Oyen, Alta., is a prairie visitor staying at the Strathcona Hotel.
R. A. Harford is down from Courtenay and has registered at the Strathcona Hotel.
R. S. Ward and Mrs. Ward, of Lethbridge, Sask., are registered at the Dominion Hotel.
J. H. Cameron, of Cumberland, motored down yesterday and is at the Dominion Hotel.
Mr. and Mrs. Simpson and family, of Moreby Island, are new arrivals at the Dominion Hotel.
E. Love and J. T. Caracoddes, of Stoney Beach, Sask., are guests of the Dominion Hotel.
E. H. Warren, of Prussia, Sask., is visiting the coast and is staying at the Strathcona Hotel.
J. Kellef, of Prussia, Sask., is visiting the coast and is staying at the Strathcona Hotel.
Sir Olive Phillips-Wolley is down from Simons and is staying at the Strathcona Hotel.
P. H. Fraser, R. Hance, L. I. Adams, P. J. Walsh, W. E. Morris, L. M. Gill and Carl Peterson are Vancouver visitors who registered at the Dominion Hotel yesterday.

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REFORMS REQUIRED IN COMPANY LEGISLATION

Speakers on Address Point to Examples of Dominion Trust and Railways

Legislative Press Gallery, March 5. The debate on the address was further advanced to-day by the delivery of two speeches, both from the Government side of the House.

David Whiteside, New Westminster, took occasion to refer to the many scandals in company exploitation which have taken place in this province, and the need there is for such amendments to the laws as will safeguard the investor and prevent such affairs as the Dominion Trust collapse and the handing over of the entire capital stock of a company, as in the case of the Pacific Great Eastern, to men who do not put one cent into the concern.

George S. Hanes, North Vancouver, dealt further with the P. G. E., citing instances as to how the owners of the line, as contractors for the building of it, had secured immense over-payments out of the proceeds of the bonds guaranteed by the province. The honorable gentleman also criticized the manner of doing business of the Agricultural Credits Commission.

Mr. Whiteside began with a reference to the fishing industry of the province and the right of the people to get fish at cost. If this could not be done in any other way, he suggested that the Government do the fishing, and by selling to the people at cost help to lift the great burden of the cost of living from their shoulders.

Dealing with the development of the water powers of the province, Mr. Whiteside contrasted the rates paid in B. C. with, say, the three cents per kilowatt hour of Cleveland. In the matter of a remedy he said:

"We should respect existing contracts, of course, but we should take under our serious consideration how long power companies which have preempted water powers should be allowed to stand in the way of the manufacturing destinies of the province. I think the most effective way would be the appointment of a public utilities board which would have control of rates, or, failing that, the Government should develop power and sell it to the people at the lowest rate possible."

The honorable gentleman criticized the Attorney-General's department for refusing to take charge of criminal prosecutions until the victim has secured a committal for trial on a prima facie case. The result was that a large number of offenders were never brought to justice. There were glaring cases of fraud—of fraud amounting to theft—in which the criminals walked the streets freely because they had taken all the money there was, leaving their victims unable to prosecute.

The lack of control over the capitalization of companies, he believed, must have a very bad effect on the province's credit. In 1882 the Imperial parliament had passed an excellent act, but in time means were found to drive through that act, such as inflated capitalization which bore no sensible relation to assets and manipulation of stock, enabling promoters to perpetrate frauds. That act and the British Columbia Act, which approximated to it as nearly as local conditions permitted, left the door open to fraud and imposition on the public. The law had become a regular refuge for rogues and scoundrels (hear, hear), and the new Government should strengthen it at once so as to protect the investing public.

Much evil was done through large amounts of stock being handed to favored individuals without one cent of consideration being paid. That form of business lunacy had found its highest expression in the Pacific Great Eastern Act. Under that, whether it had been brought to the notice of the Government or not, the whole \$25,000,000 of capital stock had been allotted without the payment of one dollar into the company's treasury. When it was thought that the share capital was the only hope of the company having funds to carry on business people must be forced to the conclusion that however the passage of such a provision was an example of party discipline it was the irreducible minimum of business discretion. (Applause.)

The Dominion Trust was a horrible example of over capitalization, but it was no more than a logical development of the slackness of control of corporations by past governments. At the head of that company had been a man who was at one time glad to get a job in the backyard of a New Westminster grocer, but owing to the looseness of the laws he blossomed out into a trust magnate, imposing on the public under corporate forms until he had robbed them of hundreds of thousands of dollars. But the Dominion Trust loss was not a circumstance compared with the immense losses this province had sustained almost from its very inception through the same sort of manipulation. From Cariboo to Rossland to every mining camp the way was strewn with company wrecks.

Mr. Whiteside declared himself in favor of something along the line of Kansas "blue sky" laws, to control company operations. He closed by expressing himself, like the member for Kaslo, a thorough optimist, who believes that wise and proper management of the great resources of this province will speedily lead to its occupying the place in Confederation that it ought to.

G. S. Hanes (North Vancouver) after a reference to the loss sustained in the death of Hon. Ralph Smith, criticized the conduct of the Agricultural Credits Commission, and instanced two loans in his district, one made to a man named Barber, who was deputy

returning officer at Pemberton Meadows, and another made to one Dermody, son-in-law of the road foreman and son-in-law, also, of a former Conservative member. Control should be exercised of the expenditure of money loaned to farmers; it should not be paid out to them in a lump sum.

Mr. Hanes cheered for the statement that the mining, lumbering and fishing resources of the province should be conserved for white people.

Taking up the matter of railways Mr. Hanes declared that both the C. N. P. and P. G. E. Acts were full of clauses designed to act adversely to the rights and interests of the people of British Columbia. The P. G. E. promoters were Foley, Welch & Stewart, and the same persons were the contractors. Most of the directors were aliens, and to get over the law, which said that the majority of the directors of a British Columbia company must be British subjects, a special provision was made to enable the P. G. E. to have alien directors and in other ways to avoid the requirements of the law.

An engineer, Mr. Hanes asserted that the amounts paid out to the contractors for the P. G. E. were far greater than they were entitled to. He instanced the thirteen miles from North Vancouver to White Cliff, on account of which there had been paid out about one million dollars, which was at least \$400,000 of an over-payment. No one need be surprised at this when it was known that piles for which \$150 a foot was paid—Chief Engineer John Chisholm swore in an arbitration case that he would be too much—were charged to the company at \$30 a foot; that timber which did not cost over \$18 a M. at the outside and \$6.50 a M. to put in place, were charged at \$50 a M.; and similar charges were founded all through the chapter.

Last session it had been claimed by the late Premier that the province had large securities in a "tote" road, equipment, buildings, etc. The road was impassable even to a mountain goat; the equipment was not owned by the P. G. E. but by a subsidiary company known as the Pacific Great Eastern Equipment Company, Ltd., registered in Ottawa and not even noted as doing business in this province; and the buildings were not worth a song. In answers given to the House last session it had been stated that quantities had been checked and re-checked by the Government engineer or his assistant month by month. This was not true, as neither had been on the works and, so far as he knew, no Government engineer was ever there to check quantities or see what the contractors did.

Mr. Hanes welcomed the prospect of a rigid inquiry into the whole question of the contract and all the payments made to and by the company, in order that the public treasury might be protected and the company forced to disgorge any over-payments it might have received. He suggested that it might be cheaper in the long run to take the road over, complete it and have it operated by the Government or leased to some company than allow Foley, Welch & Stewart to complete it on the same scale of cost.

The adjournment of the debate was moved by Fred W. Anderson, Kamloops.

FIRE WASTE LARGELY A PREVENTABLE ONE

Superintendent of Insurance Refers to Matter in His Annual Report

Legislative Press Gallery, March 5.

The fifth annual report of the Superintendent of Insurance, Colonel E. F. Gunther, was laid before the House this afternoon by the Minister of Finance, Hon. H. C. Brewster.

This report covers the year 1915, at the end of which there were 114 companies doing a fire insurance business and 94 a life and general insurance business in the Province, by the greater number in both cases under Dominion licenses.

During the year the fires reported by city and district municipalities reported in 1914, with property loss of \$1,230,810, as compared with 758 fires reported in 1913, with property loss of \$1,635,334. The most frequent causes of fires were:

Table with 2 columns: Cause of fire, No. Loss. Sparks from chimneys falling on shingles roofs... 84 \$33,245. Defective chimneys and fireplaces... 57 43,383. Furnaces, stoves, or pipes insufficiently protected... 54 66,990. Clothes, decorators, or fire-wood too near stoves or pipes... 24 7,713. Smokers' carelessness... 25 17,811. Sparks from fireplaces, furnaces, or stoves... 20 11,707. Defective furnaces, stoves, or pipes... 16 17,544. Commenting on this Colonel Gunther says:

stated period to destroy rubbish by fire without formal permit.

"At the instance of the Chief of the Fire Department the objects and advantages of the movement were explained to the school children to enlist their co-operation and to interest them in fire-prevention. The promoters hope that next year, with more systematic preparation, more may be accomplished from an educational standpoint and that there may be more widespread interest on the part of citizens.

"The example of the City of Victoria might well be followed in other municipalities, both in spring and fall. It cannot be calculated how much loss by fire is prevented by the removal of rubbish (combustible material) likely to breed and spread fires; but there is no doubt that it diminishes both the number of fires and the fire loss materially. The clean-up movement has been most successful where public-spirited citizens (sometimes organized as a fire prevention association) and the authorities have co-operated so as to ensure a hearty response from the whole community."

REPLIES ARE GIVEN IN REGARD TO SCOTT

Attorney-General Answers Mr. Bowser as to the Missing Vancouver Witness

Legislative Press Gallery, March 5.

If W. J. Bowser thought to get some inside information in regard to the whereabouts of John T. Scott, or any line on the possible procedure of the Royal Commission in the Vancouver election case, in advance of the action of that body by the series of questions which he asked in the House this afternoon he must have been disappointed.

In view of the matter being now practically in the hands of a commission which will shortly be appointed and he clothed with full power by act of the Legislature to make a most searching inquiry into every phase of it, the Attorney-General, who replied to the questions, did not feel at liberty to state to the House all the information in the possession of the Government.

Mr. Bowser asked: "Has the Hon. the Attorney-General received any information, verbal or otherwise, as to the present whereabouts of John T. Scott?"

The Attorney-General replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Bowser asked further: "From whom was such information received and the date of the same? What proceedings, if any, has the Hon. the Attorney-General taken to verify such information?"

Hon. Mr. Macdonald's answer was: "A judicial Commission of investigation has been named and will shortly be appointed. In the meantime, while the Government invite information from all quarters, it is not considered in the public interest to give detailed information in respect to this matter or disclose the names of possible parties giving information. To give information asked for or contemplated action in matters which may lead to prosecution might lead to interference with the Government's activities in first investigating and afterwards taking whatever action the facts disclosed may warrant."

Then Mr. Bowser wanted to know: "What steps, if any, has the Hon. the Attorney-General taken to proceed with the prosecution against said Scott for an infraction of the 'Provincial Elections Act' in connection with the by-election in the City of Vancouver in February, 1914? Does the Hon. the Attorney-General intend to carry on said prosecution against John T. Scott?"

"These questions are answered by the previous reply," said Mr. Macdonald. I might add, however, that in the meantime no prosecution which might hamper the Commission in obtaining evidence will be undertaken. Would also refer questions to a perusal of the Extradition Act."

The last questions Mr. Bowser had to ask were: "What proceedings has the Hon. the Attorney-General taken to find who was responsible for the escape of John T. Scott from Vancouver while out on bail? Does the Hon. the Attorney-General propose to prosecute the party or parties responsible for the escape of the said Scott?"

The Attorney-General's answer to both was: "This will be inquired into by the Commission. As to who was responsible for the escape of John T. Scott, may say that the then Attorney-General, who had him in the custody of the Crown and allowed him his liberty on bail, and upon bail so low that no one would be seriously hurt if the full programme was carried out and Scott taken back to Seattle, is responsible for his escape, but the Criminal Code does not cover breaches of duty of this character. The Government has also general information that the parties who were engaged to bring Scott to Vancouver as soon as bail was arranged as aforesaid brought him back to Seattle, their engagement obviously not being completed until he was returned to foreign soil."

Some questions which the member for North Vancouver had on the paper regarding the Agricultural Credits Commission will be answered to-morrow, the Minister of Agriculture not being in the House at the time.

In the securing of replies to questions the Government is showing the same businesslike methods as in everything else. These questions did not appear on the order paper until Friday as a notice for to-day, and on the day they were asked the answers were ready.

NO DAWDLING OF TIME NOW IN LEGISLATURE

Sitting Will Commence at Half Past Two Promptly Each Afternoon

Legislative Press Gallery, March 5.

The Premier made it clear in moving the adjournment of the House this afternoon that the Government expects members to put in a fair day's work on the country's business. It will be for the Government, of course, to provide sufficient bill of fare from day to day, but there seems to be no fear of failure there, to judge by the promptitude with which this is being submitted.

Heretofore the daily adjournment has been taken to two o'clock next afternoon, but it was usually much nearer three before the Speaker took the chair. It must be said in fairness to the last occupant of the position that it was often the leader of the House or the members of the cabinet generally who were not on time. Hereafter there will be no uncertainty about

the time, but at half-past two o'clock Mr. Speaker Weart will take his seat and the proceedings will at once commence.

When the Premier made the usual motion this afternoon R. H. Pooley (Esquimalt) thought he had caught the Government napping, by turning up the rule of the House which fixes the hour of meeting at two o'clock—a rule which, as already said, was rarely ever lived up to.

Hon. Mr. Brewster countered neatly with the opinion of a man of forty years' experience, that the words, "unless otherwise ordered," in the rule gives the House authority to adjourn to such hour as it desires.

Deputy Speaker. In moving the election of John Keen (Kaslo) as Deputy Speaker of the House, the Premier referred to him as a man of worth and ability, in whose selection every member of the House, he was sure, would acquiesce.

Mr. Bowser cheerfully seconded this on behalf of the Opposition. All had been struck, he remarked, with the ability shown in the speech of the honorable gentleman from Kaslo on Friday. He was a long resident of the province, had occupied many important and prominent positions and represented, geographically, a section of the province which should receive attention at the hands of both the Government and the Opposition. Mr. Bowser added that he felt sure, from the tone of the honorable gentleman's

speech the other day, that the Opposition could expect from him in the chair the same fairness as from the Speaker himself.

The motion was carried unanimously. Chairman of Committees. For the position of Chairman of Committee on Ways and Means the Premier placed in nomination the name of J. W. deB. Farris, fourth member for Vancouver, and spoke of that gentleman's ability and dignity as a presiding officer.

In seconding this nomination Mr. Bowser remarked that one of the first decisions Mr. Speaker would have to give would be on the standing of the Vancouver members. He understood that when a member resigned his seat or accepted an office which vacated it he lost his precedence, and since that had taken place the regretted death of the Minister of Finance had occurred. There was, therefore, some question as to what the respective ranking of the Vancouver members was. Mr. Farris was to be congratulated on the choice made of him as chairman. Especially in committee of supply there was needed such a presiding officer as Mr. Farris would certainly be. It needed a man of patience and fairness there, but the Opposition did not intend to delay proceedings by any obstructive methods.

This resolution, also, was carried unanimously.

Protection of Miners. The Minister of Mines got quick ac-

tion on his bill to extend the time for another year during which the right of miners and prospectors on active service are protected. This protection has been extended from year to year, and the last extension expires at midnight to-morrow. The bill was read a third time and will receive the royal assent to-morrow afternoon.

The Attorney-General's bill to amend the Electrical Energy Inspection Act was put through committee and stands for third reading.

A bill introduced by the Attorney-General amends the Pharmacy Act in the direction of making more stringent provision against the unrestricted sale of habit-forming drugs. It imposes the duty on every manufacturer, wholesaler and jobber of making report to the Superintendent of Provincial Police—or the chief police officer, where within a municipality—of every sale of cocaine, morphine or heroin, or hypodermic syringe or needles.

Rev. H. S. Osborne read prayers to-day.

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ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

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SCHOONER IS ASHORE ON KODIAK ISLAND

Captain and Crew of Harold Blekum Camped on Beach, Says Message

Seattle, March 6.—"Schooner Harold Blekum ashore at Eagle Harbor rocks, Kodiak Island, night of March 3, captain and crew camped on beach."

Such was the brief message received here by representatives of the vessel's owners, W. J. Perkins & Company, of San Francisco. In that brief message, however, can be read many things, first perhaps the fight that Captain Kholmeister, First Mate, Cavanaugh and the crew of eight men made to save the ship from the rocks, and second, that in all probability the vessel is a total loss, and third, that the stormy north seas, twice baffled, at the third attempt were successful in their seemingly demoniac spite against the Harold Blekum.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Seattle, March 5.—Arrived: Str President, San Diego, via San Francisco and Victoria, B. C.; str Niels Nielsen, Vladivostok, via Dally; str Curacao, San Francisco; str Nome City, San Francisco; str John Ena, San Francisco, in tow of tug Hercules; str Despatch, Portland, via Powell River, B. C.; str Alaska, Tacoma; str Umatilla, Tacoma, via Everett. Sailed: Str Umatilla, San Pedro, via Sa Francisco; str Spokane, Southeastern Alaska; str Capt. A. F. Lucas, San Francisco, via Point Wells; str Admiral Schley, Tacoma; str Canada-Maru, Tacoma; str Nome City, Tacoma; str Admiral Goodrich, Port Blakely.

San Francisco, March 5.—Arrived: Str Eurythm, from Penang; str Ace and Elizabeth, from Bandon; str Willamette and motor ship Angel, from Astoria; str Johan Paulson, from Seattle; str Lux Blanca, from Vancouver, B. C.; str Marion Chilcoat, from Honolulu. Sailed: Str Daisy Freeman, for Astoria; U. S. A. Sheridan, for Manila; U. S. S. Hopkins, for a cruise; str Doris, for Gray's Harbor; str Providence, for Santa Rosalia; str Governor, for San Diego; bge William H. Smith, for Seattle, in tow of tug Sea Rover.

Aberdeen, March 5.—Arrived: Str San Jacinto, from San Francisco. Portland, Ore., March 5.—Sailed: Motor ship Sierra, for Valparaiso. Astoria, March 5.—Arrived: U. S. S. Goldsborough, from the Puget Sound Navy Yard.

Vancouver, B. C., March 5.—Arrived: Str Empress of Asia, from Hongkong, via Yokohama. Sailed: Str Elihu Thomson, for Seattle and Tacoma. Comox, B. C., March 5.—Sailed: Bge Palmyra, for Skagway, in tow of tug Pioneer.

Nanaimo, B. C., March 5.—Arrived: Motor ship Marie, from San Francisco. Bellinham, March 5.—Sailed: Str Valdez, for Southwestern Alaska. Point Wells, March 5.—Arrived: Str Capt. A. F. Lucas, from Seattle; str Col. E. L. Drake, from San Francisco. Sailed: Str Capt. A. F. Lucas, towing bge No. 5, for San Francisco.

Port Blakely, March 5.—Arrived: Str Admiral Goodrich, from Seattle. Mukilteo, March 5.—Arrived: Str Gov. Forbes, from Tacoma. Tacoma, March 5.—Arrived: Str Canada Maru, Admiral Schley and Nome City, from Seattle. Sailed: Str Amir, for Anyox, B. C.; str Gov. Forbes, for Mukilteo; str Alaska, for Seattle.

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CANADIAN-AUSTRALIAN LINER MAKURA

WASP MANNED FOR MYSTERIOUS TRIP

Officers and Men May Have Third Vessel of C. W. C. N. Fleet Successfully Floated at Early Hour

Seattle, March 6.—That the German officers and crew of the steamship Wasp, who manned her on her mysterious voyage from Puget Sound to Mexico, South America and the West Indies, were recruited on this coast and may have come from interned German ships and that federal officers are considering the advisability of requesting that an American warship be dispatched to the South Atlantic with instructions to scour the seas for the craft, are developments in the investigation being conducted on the theory that the vessel is being used to carry arms and ammunition to insurrection leaders in Cuba or supplies for Kaiser Wilhelm's sea raiders off the South American coast.

It is known that the German officers and crew were aboard the vessel when she reached Port Ludlow, where she loaded a part cargo of lumber for Balboa. The men signed on for a period of eighteen months, entering the most comprehensive contract ever recorded on the sound and including a cruise extending from ports in Maine to Mexico and Brazil and to the West Indies.

After discharging her lumber cargo in Balboa, the mystery ship steamed through the Panama Canal, up the coast of Mexico and across the Gulf of Mexico to Mobile and to St. Andrews Bay, Ala., Galveston, Tex., Pensacola and Tampa, Fla., and then to St. Croix, Danish West Indies. The Wasp was not in the service of her owners after she discharged her lumber cargo and began her cruise in the Gulf of Mexico and in the West Indies. The vessel had been delivered to foreign interests by F. Linderman of San Francisco, her owner. Dispatches from San Francisco received at the time of the departure of the Wasp from Puget Sound, said she had been chartered for a period of eighteen months and would enter the Gulf trade.

The voyage of the freighter caused no comment until it was learned that she was officered and manned by Germans and bound for the South Atlantic in said to be planning to establish a submarine base, when an investigation was begun.

WIRELESS REPORT

8 a. m., March 6. Point Grey—Cloudy; calm; 30.24; 35; thick seaward. Cape Lazo—Clear; calm; 30.27; 32; sea smooth. Pacheen—Clear; S. E. light; 30.55; 34; light swell. Gatevan—Cloudy; S. E. light; 29.93; 29; sea moderate. Alert Bay—Clear; calm; 30.01; 29; sea smooth. Triangle—Misty; S.; 30.21; 37; heavy swell. Dead Tree Point—Cloudy; S. E. gale; 29.30; 35; sea rough. Ikeda Bay—Cloudy; S. E.; 29.92; 35; sea moderate. Prince Rupert—Cloudy; S. W. fresh; 29.99; 37; sea smooth. Noon. Point Grey—Cloudy; calm; 30.20; 40; thick seaward. Spoke str. Shikata Au, 11 a. m., off Ballenas Island, southbound. Cape Lazo—Cloudy; S. E. fresh; 30.22; 41; sea moderate. Pacheen—Passing showers; S.; 31.55; 40; sea moderate. Estevan—Cloudy; S. E.; 29.99; 40; sea rough. Alert Bay—Cloudy; calm; 29.93; 34; sea smooth. Spoke str. Prince Rupert abeam, 11.30 a. m., northbound. Triangle—Overcast; S. strong; 30.20; 39; sea rough. Spoke str. Cordova, 10.15 a. m., off Pine Island, northbound; spoke str. Prince John, 11.25 a. m., off Ivory Island, 10.45 a. m., northbound; Ikeda Bay—Rain; S. E. strong; 29.90; 42; sea rough. Dead Tree Point—Cloudy; E.; 29.88; 41; sea smooth.

IXION TO SHIFT

The Blue Funnel liner Ixion, Capt. W. Black, is due to leave the Sound this week-end for Vancouver and Union Bay to complete the discharge of her inward cargo and load bunkers.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS ON LINER MONTEAGLE

Tastefully Decorated Ladies' Lounge and Smoking Room Are New Features

Improvements carried out aboard the C. P. O. S. liner Monteaagle since she was last on this coast have made the interior of the ship almost unrecognizable. It was nearly three months ago that the Monteaagle left here on her ordinary voyage to the Orient, and following her arrival at Hongkong she was taken out of commission for a period of 28 days. After coming out of drydock she was assailed by a miniature army of carpenters and furnishers and the result of their work is a completely altered and renovated interior.

A tastefully decorated and comfortably upholstered ladies' lounge is now located on the promenade deck forward, where the smoking room used to be, a most satisfactory rearrangement and one that will be most acceptable to the lady passengers crossing the Pacific by this boat. The smoking room and bar is now located on the promenade-deck amidships, the space utilized formerly being occupied by the galley, which has been transferred below.

All the decks of the liner have been scraped and the seams pitched and the old passenger accommodation completely refurbished. The ship was thoroughly overhauled and the alterations completed within 28 days. Company officials express themselves as well satisfied with the change, which has completely altered the interior arrangement of the liner. The Monteaagle was six days late in getting to sea from Yokohama, but with a clean hull and good weather she succeeded in covering the 4,200 miles in slightly over thirteen days. The only bad weather reported was a northwester which assailed the ship on Sunday, the gale kicking up a heavy sea. At 2 o'clock this morning the Monteaagle reached William Head, and by 8.30 a. m. she was tied up at the Outer Docks. The liner had 26 passengers in the saloon and but seven Chinese in the steerage.

Melssonier's Crew. In the second cabin were 25 sailors from the Lampart & Holt steamer Melssonier, 4,432 tons, which has been placed under charter to operate out of Oriental ports. Capt. Hammond and his officers remained in charge of the Melssonier, but the crew, composed of British and Spanish seamen, were replaced by Chinese. The 25 seamen were paid off at Shanghai and boarded the Monteaagle at the China port for the United Kingdom via Victoria and Vancouver.

The first class passengers arriving by the Monteaagle were: Miss A. M. Bakewell, Miss G. J. Cox, Miss E. Dunsford, B. D. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Faulk, Rev. W. H. Gale, F. de Gherin, Ernest Goodacre, Mr. and Mrs. T. Goodchild, Miss Grace Goodchild, Miss Mary Goodchild, M. Hamilton, W. J. Hawker, Miss M. Hughes, Miss A. L. Leyborne, R. McKinnon, J. McGubbin, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Maxwell, Master P. Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. N. Ostergaard, Master J. Ostergaard, Master H. Ostergaard, Miss Irene Ostergaard, Miss A. K. Storr, Rev. C. B. Tenny, Mrs. Tenny, Rev. A. J. Williams, Mrs. Williams and infant, and E. Yelton.

Six saloon passengers and 2 Chinese steerage came ashore here and a considerable quantity of mail was also landed. Stowed below decks were 6,200 tons of general Oriental freight, including 1,600 bales of raw silk, valued at \$1,000,000. The Monteaagle left here about 10 a. m. for Vancouver.

STEAMSHIP PASS IS KICKED INTO DISCARD

Steamship passes are a thing of the past with American lines. They have been kicked into the discard by the new Shipping Act. Under the old shipping customs certain privileged persons were entitled to passes or reduced rates, but now they will have to hand over real coin of the realm for their tickets the same as any other traveler. The American steamship companies have no alternative under the new Act.

TIDE TABLE

Tide table for March 1917, showing high and low tide times for various locations like Point Grey, Cape Lazo, Pacheen, etc.

Canadian Pacific Railway B. C. COAST SERVICE VANCOUVER, daily at 2 and 11.45 p.m. SEATTLE, daily at 4.30 p.m.

Canadian Northern Railway TRANSCONTINENTAL LEAVES VANCOUVER 9.00 A.M. SUNDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY, 9.00 A.M.

HENRIK ISBEN WENT ASHORE AT YOKOHAMA Norwegian Vessel Was Laden With Explosives When Hurricane Carried Her on Shoal

DAY STEAMER TO SEATTLE THE S.S. "Sol Duc" Leaves C. P. R. wharf daily except Sunday at 11.30 a. m.

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LINER PRESIDENT DID EVERYTHING BUT TURN TURTLE IN NORTHWESTER Capt. Cousins, master of the steamship President, in port yesterday afternoon from Southern California, says his charge performed every antic

de-mor among her large list of passengers, and all were thankful when the voyage terminated.

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SPORTING NEWS

NORTHWESTERN RACE WILL START APRIL 24

Baseball Magnates Still Wrestle Over Forming of the Schedule

Spokane, March 6.—Northwestern League magnates have decided to open the 1917 season on April 24. The final games will be played on September 9.

Brown's Offer Turned Down.
D. E. Dugdale, president of the league, has declined the offer of the Northwest League to play on the same schedule as the Pacific Coast League.

"I'm through with experiments, and cast-offs and kids, and I'm out for the players who can deliver. I have spent a lot of money on railroad fare and training expenses for hopeless beginners, but this year I'm going right out from beginning of the spring training season for veterans who have the dough behind them. I just bought outright from the Oakland Club First Baseman Rube Gardner. Gardner hit over .300 in the Coast League last year. Gardner is a left-handed batter and a left-handed thrower and can play either first base or the outfield.

"I have released First Baseman Smetton, a semi-professional from Portland. I have other deals for two men, but not consummated yet.

"Bob Brown tried to tag me out of Charlie Schmutz and wanted to give me Russell. I refused."

Military Training in Seattle.
Dugdale advised the league magnates that he had decided to permit the use of his Rainier Valley Ball Park to be used by Col. Blodgett's military recruits for daily military drill this year at such times as would not conflict with the Northwestern League schedule.

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SEATTLE HOCKEYISTS TO MEET VANCOUVER

Will Play Two Games for Which Medals Have Been Offered

Vancouver and Seattle puck-chasers are through with their championship argument but the players and fans hereabouts are not satisfied that the better club has won the title, and as a result of a challenge issued from Seattle arrangements have been made to bring the two clubs together again in a series of two matches with a set of gold medals offered for each game.

First Match on Tuesday.
To-night the teams will play in Seattle for medals donated by Alex. Pantagos, one of the keenest enthusiasts in the Northwest, who has followed the fortunes of the Mets in every game during the past two years. On Friday the teams will battle in Vancouver for medals offered by Henry Birks & Sons.

Big Stakes for Games.
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ROBERTS HAS BEST SCORING AVERAGE

Morris Leads in Points but Vancouver Winger Has Edge in Goals Per Game

There is no doubt that Bernie Morris, the Seattle forward, is the leading scorer in the P. C. H. A. with his 54 points, but there are two players who can dispute his claim to being the best scorer. Roberts and Taylor of Vancouver are the players in question. The unfeeling figures show that in points per game Roberts has a slight edge on Morris and that Taylor is exactly on the same footing with the Seattle sharpshooter. Morris has played 24 games, and his 54 points work out at 2.25 points per game. Taylor has played exactly half as many games as Roberts and has exactly half as many points to his credit. On the other hand Roberts has played in one game less than Morris, 23, and his total works out at 2.30 points per game.

Thus, when it comes right down to figures Roberts is the best scorer of the 1916-1917 season in Coast hockey and there is little doubt but that if Portland had won on Friday night and Vancouver and Spokane had to play their last game Roberts would also be the leading scorer. Of course there would have been the two games in the playoff, had it taken place, to consider, but the advantage would still be with Roberts as he would probably have started with a two or three-goal lead at the last.

Patrik Heads Defence Men.
Frank Patrik is another of the Vancouver men who shows up well in the scoring, being the defence man with the highest average in the league. He had 25 points against his name, nearly equally divided between goals and assists, while Johnson, of Portland, the next best scoring defence man, has three points less. St. Griffls with 12 points, is away ahead of his record for years past, but the Millionaires have felt the scoring activities of the defence men in that they have been scored on 129 times.

Dunderdale Fell Off.
The greatest disappointment in the season's scoring was Tommy Dunderdale, of Portland. Instead of being as in local rings. Since he fought Billy Miska off his feet here twice, and then slammed Al McCoy all over the ring at the Broadway Sporting Club, he had the misfortune to become the subject of gibes by the New York scribes.

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HOCKEY SERIES TO BEGIN ON MARCH 19

National Winner Will Come West to Seattle for World's Series

A world's series in Seattle! Baseball fans probably never will see a battle for the supreme honors of the diamond fought on a Seattle field but hockey adherents will see a world's series of their favorite game played in the Seattle Arena, beginning March 19. Pete Muldoon and his rolling Mete made this possible Friday night when they defeated the Rose Huts in a whirlwind game at Portland.

Although there are several minor hockey leagues in Canada, and the United States there are but two circuits of major classification, namely the National Hockey Association, embracing teams in Eastern Canada, and the Pacific Coast Hockey Association, including Seattle, Vancouver, Portland and Spokane. The Mets have won the pennant in the Pacific Coast circuit after a thrilling fight with Vancouver and will meet the National Association winner in the world's series.

Series Starts March 19.
Beginning March 19 the Mets will play the Eastern team until one septette has won three games. If one team should win three straight games the series would end there. This is hardly likely, however, and the series probably will not be decided by fewer than four or five games. The second game of the series will be played Wednesday, March 21, the third March 22, and a fourth, if a fourth is necessary, March 26. In the event the series runs five games the last one will be played March 28.

What team will oppose the Mets will not be decided definitely until the National Association race is ended.

Ottawa Line-up.
If Ottawa comes the players in the line-up will be Benedict, goal; Merrill and Shore defense men; Nibors, centre, and Gerard and Darrach, wings.

Eastern teams play with six men on a side, eliminating the rover. In the games to be played on the Coast the first game will be played under Pacific Coast rules, with seven men on a side, and the second under the six-men rule. Each alternate game will be played with seven men on a side.

Muldoon will pin his world's series hopes on the team that won the Pacific Coast pennant for him. He will have Holmes inside the net, the old reliable Carpenter and Rowe on defence and the Walker, Morris, Foyston, Wilson combination for his forward line. This is one of the best balanced hockey teams ever put together and Muldoon believes it will bring him the world's series honors.

Without boxing bouts taking up his time in New York now Les Darcy will have lots of time to think it over.

If the Ottawa Senators come west they will probably lodge a protest against having to play on frozen water.

The United States Government is talking of commandeering all the ivory in that country. Does this mean they're to have no baseball in the U. S. A. this season.

The eastern hockey clubs do not approve of

LOCAL NEWS

Have You Seen the seven-jeweled wrist-watches, with unbreakable fronts, sold for \$5.00 each, by F. L. Haynes, 1124 Government street? They're unequalled.

Open for Play.—The golf links at the Colwood Golf and Country Club are now free of snow and open for play.

Gave Royal Assent.—His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor attended in the Legislative Chamber at half-past two this afternoon and signified the Royal assent to the bill to extend the term of exemption from performance of statutory requirements under the military...

Answers to Times Want Ads.

The following replies are waiting to be called for: 18, 61, 63, 64, 82, 157, 173, 195, 207, 209, 210, 215, 220, 1911, 1974, 1992, 7167, 7169, 7200, 7201, 7202, 7203.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

WAGONERS.—There are many who enjoy a good reputation by giving the "Wagon Home" for \$2.00. Try it once and you will keep on trying it. Tables for ladies.

LEARANCE SALE of houses, Mrs. Horner's, 718 Yates.

OLD LAWN MOWERS made to cut better than new by Wilson's electric machine, 414 Cormorant.

BEFORE SELLING your furniture, livestock or merchandise, Phone 2484 or 8101, or write Arthur Hemmings, City Market Auction, and I will call. Dismissal no object.

OST—Times collecting book, Will, Beach, Finder please return to Times Office.

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eral acts on the part of miners and prospectors who are on active service. Be sure and hear Mr. F. J. Staepole, K. C., to-morrow, Wednesday, at 5.15 p. m. in the Victoria Club. Subject: "Woman's Position Under R. C. Laws." All are invited.

Friendly Help Association.—The monthly meetings of the Friendly Help Association will take place hereafter at 10.30 in the morning instead of 11 o'clock.

Literature Day.—On Thursday the Blue Cross Society will dispose of a varied collection of humane literature, including "Black Beauty," "Dick's Book," and stamps, book-plates, and magazines. The Blue Cross rooms are in the Belmont Building.

No Hope of Exemption.—The Dominion Minister of Agriculture advises the Provincial Minister of Agriculture, Hon. John Oliver, that he sees no hope of an exemption being granted by the Imperial Government from the prohibition of import of apples from any part of Canada.

Band of Mercy Competition.—All members of the Band of Mercy are entitled to enter the "Children's Pets Photographic" Competition, which closes on April 30th. Some pictures have already been sent in. The rules can be obtained from the Blue Cross room, Belmont Block. One hundred and seventy-seven new members were enrolled by the society in February.

Newspaper Publishers' Meet.—The B. C. Press Association, of which organization R. Sutherland, of the Nelson News, is president, will meet here on Tuesday, March 13. J. T. Elliott, of the Kingston Whig, president of the Canadian Press Association, and Secretary Imrie, of Toronto, will also attend. The meeting will be held in the Parliament Buildings and at the conclusion of the meeting the pressmen will interview the Government on matters pertaining to the publishing business.

Agnes Deans Cameron Chapter.—The regular monthly meeting of the Agnes Deans Cameron Chapter, I. O. O. E., took place at the Y. W. C. A. library last night. Four new members were elected. "The Little Minister" was added to the library. Mrs. Hardie gave a splendid report of the work of the Municipal Chapter and of the Patriotic Service Committee. Mrs. Doran reported 66 pairs of socks, 11 shirts and one pair half-mitts handed in at the meeting. Miss Oliphant was thanked for a donation of a bolt of flannelette. The conveners of the several standing committees were elected for the year. At the close of the business meeting Mr. McKay, Y. M. C. A. military secretary, Willows camp, gave a most interesting address on the work of the Association in England and at the front. A standing vote of thanks was accorded the speaker before the meeting closed.

FRIENDLY HELP SOCIETY

Many Acknowledgements at Regular Monthly Meeting Held This Morning.

The monthly meeting of the Friendly Help Association was held at the rooms, Market Building, at 11 o'clock this morning. Mrs. R. E. McKelvey presiding. Fifteen members, including the Bishop of Columbia (representing the Social Service Commission) and Alderman Cameron (representing the City) were present. An application from the Congregational Church for representation on the Friendly Help was accepted, and Mrs. Wiseman was welcomed at the meeting. The announcement was made that the annual meeting of the organization will take place on Saturday, March 17, at 2 p. m. The Association acknowledged with grateful thanks the following donations received in February: Cash from Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Farrell, Mrs. Robins, I. O. O. F., (per J. York), Miss Archibald, Henry W. Driver, Gilbert B. Christie, J. E. Paluter & Son, Hall & Walker, Kirk & Co., Clothing from Mrs. Archibald Harris, Mrs. Robins, Mrs. Lewthwaite, Mrs. J. D. Pemberton, Miss Williams, Mr. Yarrow, Mr. Coventry, the Misses Stoddart-Kennedy, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Goodere, A. Friend, Mr. Crompton, Mrs. Bass, Miss Russell, Mrs. Crooch, Shoes from D. Spencer; layettes from Baby's Aid; carpet from Mrs. Pawcett; downquilt from Mrs. Napier Denison; potteries and meat from 14th Battalion (Bantams); fish, vegetables, fruit, chickens from stallholders in market.

OBITUARY RECORD

The funeral took place this morning of Mary Myers, wife of Madison Myers, of 2611 Rose street. The funeral was held from the B. C. Funeral Chapel at 8.45 and at 9 o'clock Mass was celebrated at the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Rev. Father Macdonald officiating. There was a large attendance, and interment was at Ross Bay. The pallbearers were ex-Mayor Stewart, J. T. McElroy, H. H. Dixon, F. Shakespeare, J. W. Black and J. H. Owen.

The death took place this morning at the Royal Jubilee Hospital of John Henderson Ritchie, a Native Son of Victoria, who passed away at the age of 21 years. The deceased lived at 1395 Duchess Street. Besides the mother there survive two brothers, George, now in France, and Clifford. Other near relatives live in the city. The funeral will take place on Thursday, March 8, at 2 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel.

The death occurred yesterday at the Royal Jubilee Hospital of Mary Schofield, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Schofield, of 1289 Gladstone Avenue. The father, William Schofield, is at present with the army in France. The funeral will take place from the Thompson Funeral Chapel to-morrow at 2 p. m. Rev. William Stevenson officiating.

DIED.—On the 6th inst., at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, John Henderson Ritchie, age 21 years, and a native son, formerly residing at 1395 Duchess Street. The deceased is survived by, besides a mother, one brother, George Ritchie, now on active service in France, and Clifford, at home; also uncles and aunts, of this city. The funeral will take place on Thursday, the 8th inst., at 2 o'clock, from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Interment will be at Ross Bay Cemetery.

OBSEQUIES ARE HELD BACK FROM FRANCE TO GO TO HOSPITAL

Funeral Services for William Blakemore Attended by Large Congregation

A very large congregation of the deceased's friends gathered at Christ Church Cathedral this morning for the funeral services for the late William Blakemore. The cortege left the B. C. Funeral Chapel at 10.50, and the services at the Cathedral, which were in charge of Very Rev. Dean Quainton, assisted by Rev. L. A. Knight, commenced ten minutes later, the impressive but simple Church of England service for the burial of the Dead being used. One hymn, "Abide With Me," was sung.

In the congregation were to be seen members and representatives of the various organizations with which the late Mr. Blakemore had been associated during his ten years' residence in the city, the Victoria Conservative Association, the Conservative Club, the Cowichan Conservative Association, the Board of Directors of the Royal Jubilee Hospital, the R. N. C. V. R., the Board of Trade, the Navy League Chapter, I. O. O. E., and the Ladies' Guild of the Connaught Seaman's Institute. Members of the past and present parliament were also at the church, while many in the congregation were present both as colleague and friend of the deceased gentleman. A squad from the Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve acted as a guard-of-honor, walking in the procession to the Cathedral.

Interment was at Ross Bay cemetery, where the Dean of Columbia took the services. Beautiful flowers were on the casket, among the wreaths being one from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Barnard, and others from the Jubilee Hospital Board of Directors, the Victoria Conservative Association, the Conservative Club, the Navy League Chapter, I. O. O. E., the Navy League, the Cowichan Conservative Association, the petty officers and Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, the Board of Trade, the staff of The Week, the ladies of the Connaught Seaman's Institute Guild, J. S. H. and Mrs. Matson, and others, many coming from outside points.

The following were the pallbearers: R. S. Day, representing the Jubilee Hospital Board; Dr. Forl Vorlander, of the Victoria Hospitable Association; W. E. Oliver, the Navy League; H. F. Pullen, the Daily Times; J. S. H. Matson, the Colonel; H. B. Thomson, Capt. W. H. Hayward, M. P. P., and R. H. Pooley, M. P. P. The Legislative Press Gallery, of which the late Mr. Blakemore was an active member and a past president, yesterday passed the following resolution in connection with his regretted death: "Resolved, that the members of the Legislative Press Gallery place on record the sense of deep regret with which they learn of the death of William Blakemore, for many years one of their number and a past president of the Gallery. His services to the profession and to the community at large, and his active interest in all public questions during the long period of his residence in this province, entitle him to be ranked with the pioneer publicists of British Columbia. His sudden passing just as he was commencing the work of another session is a source of sorrow to his colleagues, who offer to Mrs. Blakemore and the other members of his family sincere sympathy."

POTATO SITUATION

Department of Agriculture Makes Survey of It So Far as Province is Concerned.

A survey of the provincial potato situation undertaken by the Provincial Department of Agriculture shows that in 1916 there were 12,037 acres under tubers, and that the yield was 74,195 tons, which figured out at an average of 6.11 tons to the acre. Of this output there were 15,395 tons sold to evaporator concerns, 15,299 tons were shipped east, 3,202 tons were shipped to the United States, and 4,539 tons are required for seed purposes. There are 15,659 tons approximately to satisfy local requirements until the new crop is obtained.

The local consumption is calculated at 210 pounds a year for each of 700,000 people. This is the proportion taken by the Federal department, but the Deputy Minister, W. E. Scott, thinks it too high. On this computation it would require 46,715 tons to fill all local demands in the province for a year.

GOOD PROGRAMME

Best Local Talent Will Take Part in Proceedings at Empress on Thursday.

The second part of the programme slated to take place in the Ball Room of the Empress Hotel on Thursday evening next, on the occasion of a lecture by Herbert Cuthbert entitled "Our International Playground," will be taken up with a unique vaudeville entertainment styled "Pink and White," in which a number of the best known artists of Victoria have consented to take part. No pains are being spared to make the affair a success, particularly in view of the fact that the Red Cross is to be the beneficiary. The entertainment programme is in charge of Mrs. Crowthers and the following ladies will contribute: Mrs. T. McCannan, Mrs. Harry Briggs, Misses Mona Misner, Ermine Bass, Phyllis Dubois, Mamie Fraser, Messrs. Hughes, Horrocks, Smith and Mackenzie.

Hudson's Bay "Imperial" Lager Beer, plants 3 for 25c.

RESPONSIBILITY TOO SERIOUS FOR JUDGE

Meeting of Dominion Trust Creditors Ordered to Consider Offer of Directors

"It would be much more satisfactory," said the Court, "to have a general meeting and then there would be no responsibility thrown on anyone. If you saw the letters I get about this thing you would understand my hesitation in assuming responsibility in connection with statements that have not been laid before the general body of creditors. People write me letters which, if true, show what this meant to them, and I think they ought to have a voice, if it were merely to give them one more chance to express their indignation. Unfortunately, I am unable to answer their letters, and suppose they think I do not sympathize with them and am not doing my duty. They do not know that I have no power at all and, therefore, I think it is best to have these two meetings."

SOUTH VANCOUVER HAS MANY REQUESTS

Rural Municipality Has a Number of Difficulties to Contend With

A deputation from South Vancouver, consisting of Reeve Russell, Municipal Clerk Springford and Chairman Neelands, of the school board, waited upon the Executive Council this morning to again present the municipal difficulties of that township. The deputation was introduced by G. G. McGeer, member for Richmond.

South Vancouver must hold a tax sale in 1917 in order to meet its financial obligations. Under the War Relief Act, soldiers' lands cannot be sold at tax sale. There is no way of ascertaining what lands belong to soldiers, consequently no tax sale can be safely proceeded with. On this account purchasers refuse to bid. Tax sale proceedings realize no money although considerable expense is incurred in holding them. Legislation removing the above difficulty and at the same time protecting the soldiers was asked.

It is a vital necessity to South Vancouver, it is said, that a straight ten per cent rebate be allowed. In 1916 the gross rate on \$1,000 investment was \$7, the net rate being \$4.24. This gives a rebate of only 66 cents, or less than 2 1/2 per cent on total rate. On a straight ten per cent the rebate would have been \$2.70. The municipality suffers in competition with the city, in that persons having property in the two places will take advantage of the ten per cent rebate in the city, leaving the taxes in South Vancouver unpaid. It also suffers in comparison with surrounding municipalities in that the general rate is low and the school and loan rates on which rebate is not allowable are high.

The deputation asked that the school grant be increased, that Vancouver city ought to pay taxes on the cemetery property it has in South Vancouver, valued at \$162,000, that the Registry Act be amended to require a certificate that all taxes are paid before a conveyance or mortgage is registered, that a grant of about \$15,000 be made for the maintenance of Fraser Avenue on the ground that it is a provincial highway, and that the North Arm bridge be maintained by the Government.

PATRIOTISM AND PRODUCTION

Campaign to Be Extended to the Public and High Schools for 1917.

A circular letter accompanied by a pamphlet has been issued and circulated by the Department of Education in British Columbia for 1917. Representatives have been made to the department from the various parts of the province, where labor shortage is likely to become very acute during the present year, with a view to obtaining the assistance in the fruit growing districts for a limited period, before or after the summer holidays of the older boys and girls in the harvesting and packing of the 1917-fruit crop. The letter sets out the difficulties in connection with the granting of so wide a request, but offers suggestions to meet the case and lays down the conditions upon which applications for assistance would be considered.

The pamphlet deals with the general subject of production from the patriotic as well as from the commercial standpoint, quoting Sir Thomas White's exhortation: "Work harder, 'save more,' is a good motto for war time." It also points the way for the teacher and the pupil in the school to gauge the responsibility that rests equally on their shoulders in strengthening the general war effort of the nation. It is planned to hold exhibitions of products in connection with the "Patriotism and Production" campaign in the schools and calls for the assistance of all local organizations to help in the general stimulation of interest among the boys and girls in this vital question.

This pamphlet may be had from the Education Department.

RECEIVED FROM FRANCE

Pte. Edward Redford, Returned To-day, One of Three Soldier Brothers

One of the sons of a family which has certainly done its bit as regards the present war returned on the afternoon boat from Vancouver to-day. Pte. Edward Redford is the son of Mrs. Rochester, of Alberni, being one of three brothers who have fought in the present war. All left together with the 30th Battalion under Col. John Hall. The eldest brother was killed in France, the second brother is now in "Rest-haven" recuperating from two serious wounds which he received on the battlefield. Pte. Edward Redford lost his left arm and sustained a serious injury to the hip. This was in action at the front in January, 1916. He has been in hospital in England ever since, and has only now been able to return to his people here. He is well-known, not only in Alberni, but in Victoria, and numbers of his friends will be delighted to see him back from the front.

MEETING OF DOMINION TRUST

Creditors Ordered to Consider Offer of Directors

Such was Mr. Justice Murphy's expressed opinion in the Supreme Court in Vancouver yesterday on the subject of the liabilities of the directors of the Dominion Trust Company. His Lordship stated that until there had been a meeting of the creditors of the company to consider an offer put forth by the seven directors of the company. The amount offered was approximately \$19,000 in total satisfaction of their liabilities as directors of the company, but the order made by Judge Murphy stipulates that there must be a meeting of the creditors, not only of the Dominion Trust but also of the B. C. Securities Corporation, but that it will not be necessary to send notice of that meeting to the creditors residing in Europe, notice of their representatives in Canada being sufficient.

Wants to Be Relieved. At the same time as this application was made, Mr. Lawson, solicitor for the creditors, asked to be relieved of any further responsibility in this matter on the ground that he was taking place, and that he had no instructions from anybody. He had come to the conclusion, he said, that his services were not going to be of any material benefit to the creditors, and he, therefore, thought he might as well be relieved of the duties.

His Lordship intimated that he would take this statement into serious consideration at an early date. With regard to the application to consider the offer made by the seven directors, Mr. Lawson said he had been informed by Mr. Stewart that the creditors had looked over this matter and had approved, and he had informed Mr. Stewart that this was the best compromise that they could make, and it seemed to be a proper order to make.

Advised Acceptance. In reply to His Lordship Geo. H. Cowan, K. C., appearing for the liquidator, said the directors were: W. H. P. Chubb, Dr. Drew, William Henderson, T. R. Pearson, R. L. Reid, Dr. W. D. Brydon-Jack and E. W. Keenleyside. While it might be the proper thing to do, said His Lordship, there should be a meeting of the creditors and let them pass it, but he would not like to assume the responsibility of this alone.

Mr. Cowan stated that the inspectors and the liquidator met on February 12 and it was their opinion from the information they had before them that it would be unwise to refuse the offer, especially as this would relieve the company from incurring a considerable amount of costs that would have to be incurred in the suit now pending. The opinion was also expressed in their recommendation that they could realize on the judgment.

Mr. Lawson said, in reply to the Court, that he had not heard from the committee of the creditors, and His Lordship replied that it would be better for all parties concerned if the liquidator called a meeting of the creditors and submitted this offer to them. It was a long time, said His Lordship, since there had been a meeting of the creditors and the responsibility was altogether too great for him to shoulder.

MEETING OF CREDITORS

"If there is liability it must run into millions," said Mr. Justice Murphy. "I will not take the responsibility of handling other people's money like that. If it were a matter of \$500,000 or \$300,000, I might consider it, but \$19,000 is merely a drop in the bucket in the present circumstances. If there are these proceedings and they go on anyhow, I direct that a meeting of the creditors be held and I would ask the liquidator to give as much information as possible and submit this matter to the creditors and the shareholders."

OPERATIC PROGRAMME

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HONGKONG IS ALMOST DENUDE OF ITS MEN Three Arrive To-day En Route to England; German Trader in China

The last of the available men to leave Hongkong came through on the Montague this morning to join the British forces in France, the party including B. D. Evans, Hamilton, and J. McGubbin.

It was explained by one of the party to the Times that they had great difficulty in getting away, since the British colony is almost denuded of white men, and it is absolutely essential to keep patrols going on account of the large number of white women and children there in the midst of a great multitude of Chinese.

Perhaps outside of India, there is no place in the world where so many defenceless white dependents are now located while the men are away, amid a race alien in faith and color. Those are the circumstances which have forced military drill and patrol among those who remain, and it is admitted that apprehension exists whether the white residents may be spared an outbreak before the war terminates, such as occurred at Singapore early in the war.

The German propaganda, particularly in trade, is continuing in some parts of China, openly in some of the northern ports, and from Hongkong under Dutch guise. After the German firms were liquidated by the Colonial Government, it was found that gradually more were arriving from The Netherlands, without attachment to any particular firm, and certainly not to the reputable Dutch merchants who have traded for years in the Orient. Gradually they went into trade. It is believed they are working for the German traders of Hamburg, and elsewhere, and holding the fort till the war ends, so that the German commercial establishments can reopen in the Orient. One of the reasons given for the continuation of German trade in China after the blockade by the British fleet, is that the Germans were warned of the coming struggle, and accumulated vast stocks of imported articles, so that they could carry on trade when supplies were cut off.

INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS

Formal Resolution With Regard to Payment of Civic Taxes by Degrees Will Be Introduced.

Some formal action will shortly be taken in the City with regard to the powers given under the amendment of the Municipal Act last year, with regard to payment of taxes in instalments.

The section (237) as it now reads calls upon the Council to give formal power to the Collector by minute of Council, sub-clause 2, providing "The Council may provide for the collection by instalments, or by the acceptance from time to time of payments on account, of the rates and taxes due by any person or due in respect of any parcel of land."

This situation would be of great relief to the taxpayers who are in arrears, and have no prospect of payment in bulk, but could make payments by degrees at stated intervals. Many inquiries with regard to the matter have been made at the City Treasurer's Office.

HEAVY BAIL

Wong Jim Yuen Released on Sureties of Six Thousand Dollars This Morning.

In the County Court, before His Honor Judge Lampan this morning, an application for bail was heard on behalf of Wong Jim Yuen, in connection with the case against him for prosecution for immoral purposes. Thornton Fell, K. C., appeared and made the application for the accused and Mr. McInnes, of the Attorney-General's Department, acted for the Crown. Mr. McInnes opposed the granting of bail. His Honor, however, acceded to the request of the accused in a personal surety of three thousand dollars and two others of \$1,500 each to the satisfaction of the superintendent of police. The case before the court at the time of going to press is Rex vs. Wong May, a Chinaman charged with stealing fourteen dollars.

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Personal

Mrs. Ida Featherstone has arrived from Lomond, Alta., and is staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

F. Martin, W. H. Thomson and MacMartin, of Springwater, Sask., are stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

George Westinghouse, of Pittsburg, son of the famous inventor, is in the city to-day having arrived on the Seattle boat.

D. Kaiton and family, of Sintata, Sask., have returned from a trip to California and are staying at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Tyler, of Chippewah and Wm. Rao were among yesterday's registrants at the Empress Hotel from Vancouver.

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BRITISH AND FRENCH AIRMEN MADE RAIDS

Paris, March 6.—The following official report was issued this afternoon: "On the right bank of the Meuse the fighting continued north of Courleres Wood. German troops unsuccessfully attempted to eject us from the new elements of trenches reconquered by us yesterday. Artillery fighting continues in the region north of Douaumont.

Two surprise attacks delivered by us, one south of Lassigny, the other in the sector of Ammetzwiller, allowed us to take some prisoners. Elsewhere the night was calm.

"Aviation—It is confirmed that one of our pilots brought down a German aircraft on March 4 in the region of Ornes. A group of British naval aviators bombed railroad stations at Brebach, southeast of Saarbruck, and Stavold, southwest of Saarbruck. On the night of March 4-5 one of our machines dropped projectiles on the railroad station and military establishments at Fribourg-en-Breisgau, and another upon the factories at Kehl, near Strassburg. On the night of March 5-6 one of our squadrons dropped 1,139 kilos of projectiles on an aviation field on the Oise."

GERMANS ON APPAM VIOLATED NEUTRALITY

Washington, March 6.—In sustaining the British libel attachment suit against the Appam and cargo the Supreme Court holds that the British owners are entitled to restitution because the Appam violated American neutrality.

The treaties of 1795 and 1823 between the United States and Germany, the court holds, do not entitle German prizes, unaccompanied by the captor warship, to indefinite American asylum. The jurisdiction of the American courts over the Appam is upheld.

The findings of Federal Judge Waddill, of Virginia, that the Appam violated American neutrality after being brought into Hampton Roads a year ago by Captain Hans Berg and a German prize crew are sustained and approved by the court.

118 CORPORATIONS ARE INDICTED IN STATES

New York, March 6.—The Federal Grand Jury which has been investigating the cost of food and fuel returned two indictments to-day naming as defendants in the first 108 corporations and 11 individuals, and in the second, 19 corporations and 16 individuals in the business of producing or selling coal.

The defendants in the first indictment are charged with participating in a combination among selling agents and producers of 22,000,000 out of 35,000,000 tons of coal produced annually in certain districts of West Virginia, arbitrarily to fix prices at which this coal is marketed.

The defendants in the second indictment are charged with combining, through nine mining companies, producing 3,000,000 tons of coal and with a selling agency arbitrarily to fix prices and to pool the proceeds of the sales of coal.

AMERICAN SENATE

Washington, March 6.—The Senate Democratic caucus late to-day approved a committee of six Senators to confer with a Republican committee with a view to bi-partisan agreement on a rule to limit debate in the Senate. Senators Reed, Owen, Swanson, Hoke Smith, James and Walsh were named to represent the Democrats. The caucus adjourned to meet again to-morrow.

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Neutral Writers See for Themselves John Bull Not Napping

SCENES OF PRODIGIOUS ENERGY AT THE PORTS

London, March 6.—As an answer to Germany's contention that her submarines are starving Great Britain, government representatives have just taken a party of neutral correspondents on a three-day tour of the greatest merchant shipping centres of the kingdom, Liverpool, Manchester and London. The correspondents were permitted to see everything—miles of docks filled with shipping unloading from all quarters of the world, or loading for outward voyages. Nowhere was there any evidence that the enemy submarines are keeping ships in port.

Hundreds of vessels were seen constantly coming and going, deeply laden with the necessities of war and life, immense warehouses in Liverpool, Manchester and London were inspected in detail, showing unbelievable stores of meat, grain and cotton. The most impressive feature was the complete frankness marking the expedition. Nothing was concealed; there were no "restricted zones," and all questions were answered.

The Manchester Canal Corporation entertained the guests, pointing with pride to the fact that increasing tonnage made it possible, a fortnight ago, to pay a first dividend on the common stock of the corporation. Though the canal was opened 22 years ago, the past year has been the most successful in its history.

At Manchester alone were shown 100,000 tons of wheat in elevators, in ships or at docks. A long line of vessels were spouting out streams of grain from Canada, from Argentina, from the United States and from Australia. The loading and unloading proceeds day and night at a speed never before seen, practically overcoming the loss in carrying capacity from the submarine attack.

At London.

London and Manchester both showed signs of greater activity than Liverpool. Especially at London the docks held a great number of ships of very great tonnage. One warehouse at the Victoria and Albert Docks at London contained 17,000 tons of frozen mutton. Several others in each city had similar immense quantities. The Canada Dock warehouses at London had 257,000 tons of various foods.

The conclusion was forced that if sufficient storage exists in London and England to keep the country supplied with food, the country is safe, because the elevators and warehouses are full. The authorities were friendly and explained the details of the number of vessels carrying food cargoes to the United Kingdom.

The details can not be made public, but they proved conclusively to the correspondents that danger of famine need not be felt for months. The mountains of provisions and the complete nonchalance with which they were displayed suggested that Britain has been filling up unwonted food reserves during the war and now possesses greater stocks than during peace times.

More Facilities.

Instead of indicating decadence, the shipping sights in all the cities proved that additional harbor works are being built to care for the increased business. The Manchester Ship Canal is preparing to construct great new docks rapidly. At London, the great new Victoria Docks are being hurried to completion. They will be the big-

DECLARES THEY WERE NOT IN COMPLICITY

Senators Vardaman and Kenyon Try to Explain at Washington

CASUALTIES AMONG BRITISH COLUMBIANS

Well-Known Officers, Including a Lieut. Ross, Missing and Wounded

Vancouver, March 6.—A cable has just been received by D. R. Clarke, superintendent of the Bank of Montreal here, from the Waterloo Place branch of the bank in England stating that Major Johnston and Lieut. Colquhoun, of the 72nd Battalion, have been killed in action and that Lt. Lumsden and Lieut. Norris are reported missing, and Lieut. Ross and Lieut. McCarthy have been wounded.

Up to the time of going to press it was not possible to ascertain whether the Lieut. Ross mentioned above is the son of W. R. Ross of this city or not. On an inquiry to the ex-Minister this afternoon no word had been received by him, which in the case of his other son, wounded and now in London, preceded the newspaper report. Lieut. William Cameron Ross is the eldest son of W. R. Ross and is in France serving with the 72nd Highlanders, with whom he went overseas in April of last year. He was educated at the Collegiate School here afterwards going to McGill and graduating from there in May, 1915. He is well-known in Victoria and took an active part in all sports.

ANNULLED AT WASHINGTON

Washington, March 6.—The clause in the tariff granting a five-per cent. discount on duties on imports brought in American ships or ships of nations with which the United States has favored nation treaties was annulled to-day as unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.

BREAK WITH VIENNA WILL FOLLOW NOTE

Admitted at Washington Little Likelihood of Continuance of Relations

AUSTRIA HOLDS WITH BERLIN ON SUBMARINES

Washington, March 6.—Austria's note declaring adhesion to the general principles of unrestricted submarine warfare holds out little, if any, hope that a break between the United States and the Vienna government may be avoided. It was considered probable that the course of the United States toward Austria might, tentatively, at least, be determined at to-day's cabinet meeting.

Austria's effort to substitute for the individual warning every merchant ship is entitled by international law to receive before being torpedoed a general warning to all vessels not to enter barred zones can not be accepted by this government. Further more, the United States contends now, and always has contended, that neutrals aboard enemy merchant ships are entitled to safety.

One portion of the communication which undoubtedly will not meet with the approval of the United States is that having to do with defensively-armed merchant ships. Austria's declaration that armed merchantmen "are to be regarded as pirate vessels, which may be destroyed," is regarded as being especially significant in view of the intentions of the United States regarding armament for its merchantmen.

Notwithstanding the perplexity created in the minds of officials by a portion of the Austrian argument, the extreme reluctance felt here to face a break with Germany's chief ally and the fact that Austria does not desire it, will assure the note a most friendly reading, and every effort will be made to harmonize the relations of the two governments if it can be done without surrender by either.

A break with Austria probably would be followed by one with Bulgaria and Turkey, jeopardizing American interests in those countries.

Ambassador Bessford, at Vienna, under instructions from the State Department, has made full preparations for a break if it comes and for the withdrawal of the native Americans and consuls.

At the last moment to-day's cabinet meeting was abandoned and the Austrian reply will be taken up at the meeting on Friday. Meanwhile the President and Secretary Lansing will have opportunity to go over the note in detail.

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, March 6.—May wheat closed higher, July 16 higher and October 12 higher. Oats gained 11 in May and 12 in July. Barley was up 1. Flax jumped up 44 in May and 41 in July. The wheat business was not so big in volume as on Monday, yet the prices were very strong.

The buying was not in such good hands and unimportant news came over the wires. The market operated on local conditions. The demand for cash wheat No. 1-Northern early went to the May price and later to the May price. Exporters and eastern buyers were very keen for cash wheat. This was the strong factor of the market. There is a "big long interest" some of it among the floor crowd, but there is full confidence that the levels will go higher. Cash premiums generally were from unchanged to 2 higher. Oats were in good demand, with No. 2 C. W. Russian May prices. All straight grades were well taken. Flax had a busy day in futures with speculators buying, but a quiet day in cash.

Wheat	Open	Close
May	186 1/2	188 1/2
July	184 1/2	186 1/2
Oct.	149 1/2	149 1/2
Oats	Open	Close
May	62 1/2	62 1/2
July	62 1/2	62 1/2
Barley	Open	Close
May	106 1/2	106 1/2
Flax	Open	Close
May	202 1/2	202 1/2
July	202 1/2	202 1/2
Sept.	202 1/2	202 1/2

Cash prices: Wheat—1 Nor., 187; 2 Nor., 187; 3 Nor., 187; No. 4, 184; No. 5, 184; No. 6, 184; No. 7, 184; No. 8, 184; No. 9, 184; No. 10, 184; No. 11, 184; No. 12, 184; No. 13, 184; No. 14, 184; No. 15, 184; No. 16, 184; No. 17, 184; No. 18, 184; No. 19, 184; No. 20, 184; No. 21, 184; No. 22, 184; No. 23, 184; No. 24, 184; No. 25, 184; No. 26, 184; No. 27, 184; No. 28, 184; No. 29, 184; No. 30, 184; No. 31, 184; No. 32, 184; No. 33, 184; No. 34, 184; No. 35, 184; No. 36, 184; No. 37, 184; No. 38, 184; No. 39, 184; No. 40, 184; No. 41, 184; No. 42, 184; No. 43, 184; No. 44, 184; No. 45, 184; No. 46, 184; No. 47, 184; No. 48, 184; No. 49, 184; No. 50, 184; No. 51, 184; No. 52, 184; No. 53, 184; No. 54, 184; No. 55, 184; No. 56, 184; No. 57, 184; No. 58, 184; No. 59, 184; No. 60, 184; No. 61, 184; No. 62, 184; No. 63, 184; No. 64, 184; No. 65, 184; No. 66, 184; No. 67, 184; No. 68, 184; No. 69, 184; No. 70, 184; No. 71, 184; No. 72, 184; No. 73, 184; No. 74, 184; No. 75, 184; No. 76, 184; No. 77, 184; No. 78, 184; No. 79, 184; No. 80, 184; No. 81, 184; No. 82, 184; No. 83, 184; No. 84, 184; No. 85, 184; No. 86, 184; No. 87, 184; No. 88, 184; No. 89, 184; No. 90, 184; No. 91, 184; No. 92, 184; No. 93, 184; No. 94, 184; No. 95, 184; No. 96, 184; No. 97, 184; No. 98, 184; No. 99, 184; No. 100, 184.

NEW YORK BONDS

Bid Ask	
Anglo-French 5s, Oct., 1929	92 1/2 92 1/2
U. K. 5s, Sept., 1918	95 1/2 95 1/2
Do., 5s, Feb., 1918	95 1/2 95 1/2
Do., Nov., 1919	95 1/2 95 1/2
Do., Feb., 1919	95 1/2 95 1/2
Do., Nov., 1921	94 1/2 94 1/2
A. T. Sec. 5s, Aug., 1919	95 1/2 95 1/2
Rep. France 5s, 1921	144 1/2 144 1/2
Paris 6s, Oct., 1921	92 1/2 92 1/2
Marcellus 6s, Nov., 1919	94 1/2 94 1/2
Russian Ext. 5s, 1921	97 1/2 97 1/2
Russian Int. 5s, 1921	97 1/2 97 1/2
Dom. 5s, Aug., 1917	109 1/2 109 1/2
Do., April, 1921	97 1/2 97 1/2
Do., April, 1921	97 1/2 97 1/2
Do., April, 1921	97 1/2 97 1/2
Argentine 5s, May, 1929	96 1/2 96 1/2

NEW YORK CURS PRICES

Bid Ask	
Ariz. Copperfields	13 1/2 13 1/2
Can. Copper	13 1/2 13 1/2
Stew. Reserve	13 1/2 13 1/2
Emp. Phone	10 1/2 10 1/2
Goldfield	10 1/2 10 1/2
Hedley	10 1/2 10 1/2
Hollinger	10 1/2 10 1/2
Howe Sound	10 1/2 10 1/2
Kerr Lake	10 1/2 10 1/2
Green Monster	10 1/2 10 1/2
Jerome Verde	10 1/2 10 1/2
Big Lode	10 1/2 10 1/2
La Ross	10 1/2 10 1/2
Marquette	10 1/2 10 1/2
Midvale	10 1/2 10 1/2
Mines of Ama.	10 1/2 10 1/2
Nipissing	10 1/2 10 1/2
Nipissing	10 1/2 10 1/2
Standard Lead	10 1/2 10 1/2
Submarine	10 1/2 10 1/2
Success	10 1/2 10 1/2
Tonopah	10 1/2 10 1/2
Tonopah Belm	10 1/2 10 1/2
Yukon	10 1/2 10 1/2
United Verde Ext.	10 1/2 10 1/2
Tonopah Ext.	10 1/2 10 1/2
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FINANCIAL NEWS

MONTREAL STOCKS

(By Burdick Brothers, Limited.)
Montreal, March 6.—The local market experienced another prosperous day. Business was good all around and substantial advances were scored. The steel shares again led both in activity and strength, being about two points higher than yesterday at the close. Steel of Canada was the strongest issue, on talk of early dividend action. The advances in the less active issues compared favorably with those of the active list. Detroit United and Maple Leaf Milling being in fair demand. The close was fractionally below the best figures of the day.

High Low Close	
Ames Holden	194 194 194
Do., pfd.	90 90 90
Bell Telephone	118 118 118
Brazilian Trac.	421 421 421
C. P. R.	124 124 124
Can. Cement com.	614 614 614
Do., pfd.	90 90 90
Can. Car Pdy. com.	211 211 211
Do., pfd.	75 75 75
Can. Cof. Elec.	85 85 85
Can. Cotton	55 55 55
Can. Gen. Elec.	109 109 109
Civ. Inv. & Ind.	82 82 82
Cons. M. & S.	114 114 114
Detroit United	104 104 104
Dom. Bridge	149 149 149
Dom. I. & S.	674 674 674
Dom. Textile	81 81 81
Lake of Woods Mig.	128 128 128
Lyall Copin. Co.	100 100 100
Maple Leaf Mig.	108 108 108
Montreal Tram.	38 38 38
MacDonald Co.	141 141 141
Mackay Co.	594 594 594
N. S. Steel com.	106 106 106
Ogilvie Mig.	104 104 104
Pennam. Limited	70 70 70
Quebec Railway	251 251 251
Riordan Paper	117 117 117
Shawinigan	125 125 125
Spanish River Pulp.	54 54 54
Steel of Can.	67 67 67
Do., pfd.	95 95 95
Toronto Ry.	93 93 93
Winnipeg Elec.	75 75 75
Wayagamac Pulp.	90 90 90
Dom. S. P.	91 91 91
N. B. Commerce	186 186 186
Brompton	56 56 56

STOCKS RECEDED AFTER AN ADVANCE

After Days of Advance New York Inclined to React at Close

New York, March 6.—Today's stock market resumed yesterday's advance and the public paid little heed to political events and rumors that the Allies were closing down on their munitions orders. Pending the fate of the railroad bills the rails mostly showed losses on the day's trading. Shorts covered freely and the advance was partly due to this fact. United States Steel scored a fractional advance. Great Northern Oregon rose to 24 on rumors that the company had been sold and later the stock reacted. The copper advanced with equipment issues and allied industries. Central Leather rose three points on the day's trading. Call loan money was at 2 per cent.

High Low Last	
Alaska Gold	74 71 71
Cuba Cane Sugar	41 42 41
Alta-Chalmers	282 273 273
Ann. Beet Sugar	92 92 92
Ann. Can.	454 444 444
Ann. Car & Pdy.	60 68 68
Ann. Locomotive	731 712 712
Ann. Smelting	1041 1001 1001
Ann. Steel Pdy.	65 64 64
Ann. Sugar	112 111 111
Ann. Woolen	322 312 312
Ann. Tel. & Tel.	1304 1264 1264
Ann. Zinc	29 28 28
Anacosta	87 84 84
Archeron	1021 1014 1014
Atlantic Gulf	105 105 105
Baito. & Ohio	274 274 274
Baldwin Loco.	261 264 264
Bethlehem Steel	117 119 119
Brooklyn Rap. Tran.	60 61 61
Butte Sup.	92 92 92
C. P. R.	124 124 124
Cal. Petroleum	154 157 154
Central Leather	91 89 89
Ches. & Ohio	291 281 281
C. & O. W.	12 11 11
Do., pfd.	24 26 26
C. M. & St. Paul	52 52 52
Colo. Fuel & Iron	49 48 48
Con. Gas.	121 119 119
Crucible Steel	61 60 60
Distillers Sec.	21 20 20
Erie	24 23 23
Do., 1st pfd.	49 49 49
Genl. Motors	115 113 113
Goodrich	50 50 50
Great Northern pfd.	112 112 112
Granby	89 89 89
Gr. Nor. Ore. refs.	284 28 28
Hillco Central	104 104 104
Ind. Alcohol	42 42 42
Inspiration	612 594 594
Inter. Nickel	42 42 42
Kan. City Southern	211 211 211
Lackawanna	81 82 82
Kennecott	47 47 47
Kennecott pfd.	24 24 24
Chino	62 62 62
Green Can.	44 44 44
Lehigh Valley	71 68 68
Mex. Petroleum	89 88 88
Mer. Mercantile	374 374 374
Do., pfd.	72 72 72
Miami	72 72 72
Nat. Lead	58 58 58
Nevada Cons.	28 28 28
New Haven	44 42 42
N. Y. Central	56 56 56
N. Y. O. & W.	27 27 27
Norfolk & W.	107 107 107
Northern Pacific	105 105 105
Pacific Mail	24 23 23
Pennsylvania	54 53 53
People's Gas	96 96 96
Pressed Steel Car	78 78 78
Ray. Cons.	22 22 22
Reading	851 842 842
Rep. Iron & Steel	81 80 80
Sloss Sheffield	64 62 62
Southern Pac.	95 92 92
Sou. Railway	281 273 273
Do., pfd.	28 28 28
Studebaker Corp.	101 101 101
Union Pacific	133 131 131
United Fruit	143 141 141
U. S. Rubber	57 56 56
U. S. Steel	111 109 109
U. S. Steel A.	118 117 117
U. S. Smelting	62 62 62
Utah Copper	115 112 112
Western Union	94 94 94
Westinghouse	89 89 89
White Motors	60 59 59
Wabash pfd.	69

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RE-REGISTRATION IN CIVIC LABOR BUREAU

Less Than 250 Persons Now Want Work; Assessment of Old Reserve

The report of the Municipal Labor Bureau, lodged with the City Council last evening by the superintendent, showed the effect of re-registration. Up to February 23 there had been 221 men and 223 women registered. The bureau has supplied 20 women munition workers. During the month 146 men and 258 women have found work. Temporarily, in spite of the opposition which has developed, the City is going to use the Chambers Street yard for a city pound.

Alderman Andros alluded to the disagreeable conditions prevalent at the Garbally yard, and said some arrangements must be made while permanent improvements are taken in hand at the other yard.

Alderman Dilworth stated that the stables would be used for horses. Some provision must be made in the 'civic estimates for the cost.

Alderman Sargent objected to the Chambers Street Yard being used after May 1.

Alderman Fullerton said a building could be put up in two months. A report on a new building at Garbally Yard will be submitted.

WILL RE-DRAFT THE INITIATIVE MOTION

Argument Throws More Light on Subject in City Council

The Legislature may yet be petitioned to give the city power to abandon the initiative plan under Local Improvement Work, as petitioned by the Real Estate Exchange, Civic Retrenchment Association and other bodies.

Alderman Andros at the Council meeting last night raised the issue in a motion opposing abandoning the privilege, by rescinding a motion passed in December.

The mover: "I feel that we shall regret very much if we give up this right. The conditions have changed from the original motion, and the government has protected us against possible shortcomings. It is rather an insult to our intelligence that people should come to us and say we are not fit to exercise these powers, for it is tantamount to that claim. These very people, I am told, were those who got the aldermen-called dubs recently in this room—to pave streets in order that they might make undue profits."

A letter on this subject offering some suggestions on Vacant Lot Cultivation Committee was received from the Gold Mining Investment Co.

A rather unusual application was received from an employee at the Ross Bay Nursery, for permission to cultivate a strip of property formerly belonging to the nursery, but expropriated for the widening of Fairfield Road, which is not used. It was felt, however, that no resolution on the matter should be passed, but there is no doubt the applicant will get the land.

Alderman Walker concurred. The Retrenchment Association should admit that the aldermen too had learnt a lesson, as well as the reality men had. Alderman Johns said mistakes had been made in the past by applying this clause to enforce new works. For his part, he did not expect abuse of the powers again. The value of this power was seen in a case now before them on Government street, near the Post Office, where the owners ought to sign up for the work.

FAVORABLE ANSWER GIVEN BY COUNCIL

Vacant Lot Cultivation Committee Submits Several Issues to Aldermen

Several matters arising out of the Vacant Lot Cultivation Committee's work engaged the attention of City Council last evening.

They included a resolution with regard to a vote of \$500 in aid, petitioning the Government with regard to the Daylight Saving Bill, and enforcement of the "Foggy By-law."

The \$500 was voted to purchase agricultural implements and seed. To the resolution was added a direction to provide a city team for ploughing, and to cultivate the vacant city property at the rear of the Isolation Hospital.

In this connection a motion was passed asking for an amendment of the Trespass Act to enable cultivators to have the legal protection of enclosed ground, without fencing, in order to avoid expense.

Alderman Fullerton explained the necessity for action.

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Any child who has never had measles and who has been exposed to infection shall be kept at home for sixteen days after such exposure.

All cases of measles occurring amongst adults shall also be reported to the Medical Health Officer by those attending, and the same precautions taken as with children.

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JOINS IN URGING PROVINCIAL SUPPORT

City Council is Advocating Pacific Northwest Tourist Grant

To the chorus of opinion favoring the Legislature granting \$11,250 this year for the work of the Pacific Northwest Tourist Association the City Council decided last evening to add its voice, by passing a motion on the subject. The same sum will be asked in the year 1918.

Alderman Walker, in moving the resolution urged the advantage of British Columbia coming into line with Washington and Oregon. The tourists would certainly come, and in that respect he alluded to the remarks of the Marquis of Lorne in 1852, when on a visit to Victoria, in favor of exploiting tourist business.

Alderman Dilworth did not wish to offer any objection, only the result would be to lose one of their best citizens.

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Just received a shipment of Spring Middys, showing many attractive and popular styles at moderate prices.

Slipover Middys, in a variety of styles, with collars, deep cuffs and pockets finished with bias strappings and Russia braids, in contrasting colors; also blue and white and pink and white striped collars and cuffs.

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Ribbon Edge Etamines, plain and stencilled. Yard, 39c, 29c, 25c and.....	19c
H. S. Two-thread Marquisette. Yard, 39c, 35c and.....	29c
Novelty Fillet Voile and Marquisette. Yard, 35c, 25c, 19c and.....	50c
"New Lace" Novelty H. S. Spotted Voiles, in all shades. Per yard.....	75c
New Fillet Nets, bordered and alloyer styles. Yard, 50c, 39c, 35c and.....	29c

Three Bargains in Women's Dress Skirts for Wednesday

These are made of navy and black serge, in the new Spring styles, some have large pockets and belt; others are made in yoke effects; plain or braided trimmed; some are finished with heavy stitching, in white or scarlet. Regular to \$9.50 values.

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