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COMMERCE RAIDERS SUNK BY CRUISER

Reported in Valparaiso—H. M. S. Cumberland Sent Down Two German Craft

BETWEEN FALKLAND IS. AND ST. OF MAGELLAN

Is Said British Steamship Orbit Decoyed Them Into a Trap

Valparaiso, April 13.—An apparently authentic report current here is to the effect that the British steamship Orbit decoyed two German commerce raiders into a trap and that both were sunk by H. M. S. Cumberland. According to the report the raiders were sunk somewhere between the Strait of Magellan and the Falkland Islands. No details are available.

It was off the Falkland Islands that one of the big naval battles of the war was fought on December 8, 1914, when a British squadron under Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee destroyed Admiral Count von Spee's German squadron, sinking the Scharnhorst, the Gneisenau and the Leipzig and putting to flight the German cruiser Dresden (later sunk).

H. M. S. Cumberland is a cruiser of the County class, displacing 3,500 tons and having a complement of about 700. She is 448 feet in length, with a beam of 66 feet and a draught of 24 1/2 feet. She is armed with fourteen 4-inch guns, nine 12-pounders and three 3-pounders, and is fitted with two submerged torpedo tubes. Her top speed is 24 knots an hour.

Sister-ships are the Kent, Essex, Lancaster, Berwick, Donegal, Cornwall and Suffolk. The Monmouth also was a sister-ship.

GENERAL PETAIN QUITE SATISFIED

Germans Have Lost Three Times as Many Men as French

Paris, April 13.—Another lull has fallen on the Verdun battlefield, as the Germans have been obliged to pause in order to fill up the gaps in their ranks, to replace damaged guns and to bring up munitions preparatory to further onslaughts.

It is believed that the French command is not likely to modify its methods. General Petain is said to be quite satisfied as long as the Germans go on losing three times as many men as the French for unimportant results, as he knows that he has ample reserves to press a counter-attack on a large scale when the opportune time comes, and stocks of ammunition which are practically inexhaustible.

Since the first month of the war the output of three-inch shells in France has increased 3 1/2 times, of larger shells 4 1/2 times. Twenty-three times as many 75-millimetre guns are being made as in August, 1914, and the manufacture of heavy guns has increased in the same ratio.

E. F. B. JOHNSTON TO REPRESENT LIBERALS BEFORE COMMISSION

Ottawa, April 13.—It was announced this forenoon that the counsel who will represent the Liberals before the Meredith-Duff commission when it is investigating the Kite charges regarding the fuse contracts, will be E. F. B. Johnston, K.C., the well-known Toronto barrister. It is expected that he will have associated with him R. C. Smith, K.C., of Montreal, and F. B. Carvell, Liberal member of parliament for Carleton, N. B.

The commission may organize for work next week, but it is considered doubtful that it will get down to work until after the Easter recess.

CANADIANS HONORED.

London, April 13.—At Buckingham palace to-day the king conferred the Distinguished Service Order on Lieut.-Col. Kemmis-Betty, Royal Canadian Regiment; Lieut.-Col. William Simson, Army Service Corps; Major Frederick Lester, Royal Canadian Regiment, and Major Clark-Kennedy, 18th Battalion.

GAVE PREFERENCE TO HIGH TENDERS

How the Cost of the New Parliament Buildings Was Enhanced for Party Reasons

HARRY PRICE HAD A FINGER IN PIE, TOO

Patronage Committee Decided Who Should Get the Work From Contracting Firm

Legislative Press Gallery, April 13.

The sub-contractors on the parliament buildings extensions were chosen for the most part by the Conservative patronage committee here, the chief influence being the then secretary of the association, Harry Price. To suit the party exigencies tenders were accepted by the main contractors, McDonald and Wilson, at figures very much above what the work could have been done for, to a total of \$39,000.

That the firm naturally expected to make up this amount on the extra work they would get was stated to the public accounts committee this forenoon by W. S. McDonald, head of the firm, and in addition to this they looked to the extra as a source from which to get the \$20,000 which was taken off the original figure in their tender to bring it down half-way to that of the lowest tender for the work.

"Pets and favorites of the government" was the description given by Mr. McDonald in a letter to the department of the men whom he was compelled to give contracts to at the behest of the patronage committee. It was written by Price and visited on the works by Price and representing Price and the mysterious committee, and after consultation with the minister or his deputy the wishes of the committee were always acceded to.

McDonald was somewhat of an unwilling witness, and tried to shoulder blame for actions which he is too shrewd and successful a business-man to have done of his own free will. He is firmly of opinion that he should be paid by the government the \$39,000 which he claims to have been forced to lose in one way or another, and which he says has wiped out his profit on the contract.

BRITISH TOOK MAIL FROM FREDERIK VIII

Danish S. S. Started With 597 Sacks; Reached New York Without Any

New York, April 13.—The Danish steamship Frederik VIII arrived here to-day without 597 sacks of mail with which she started from Copenhagen, Christiania and Christiansand. The mails were removed by the British authorities when the steamship stopped at Kitekval for the customary inspection.

Passengers said that while the Frederik VIII was in Kitekval they were told the British were anticipating a combined aerial and naval attack along the Scottish coast and making preparations for it. For that reason the ship's departure was hastened, while all lights on the ship were extinguished. While in the North Sea, passengers said, a fleet of ten British warships was sighted about two miles distant, moving in a northerly direction.

Among the passengers was Charles Riggs, a missionary attached to the staff of the American board of foreign missions at Constantinople. Mr. Riggs left the Turkish capital two weeks ago, going by rail to Berlin and making the trip in 24 hours. He said that reports of rioting among the Turks were exaggerated and that while food was scarce, there was no extensive suffering among the people.

ANOTHER FALSEHOOD BY GERMANS EXPOSED BY GOVT. OF FRANCE

Paris, April 13.—The German claims that 35,876 French prisoners have been taken in the fighting around Verdun were officially denied in a statement issued from the war office to-day.

HAVE UNEARTHED BIG CONSPIRACY

American Officials Know Germans Who Caused Fires in 33 Ships

FOUR UNDER ARREST; OTHERS BEING SOUGHT

New York, April 13.—The detectives who yesterday arrested four Germans charged with having placed bombs on ships carrying war munitions to the Entente nations, to-day sought evidence involving a "well-known German" who is said to have supplied a \$10,000 fund to finance the bomb conspiracy. They sought also the arrest of the chemist who did the chemical work in the manufacture of the bombs. The name of neither of these men has been revealed as yet by the police.

Four employees of the Hamburg-American line and the North German Lloyd Steamship Company here are under arrest charged with attempting arson either in making bombs or taking part in the conspiracy. They are Ernest Becker, Captain Charles von Kleist, Captain Otto Wolpert and Captain Enno Bode, superintendent of the Hamburg-American line piers in Hoboken.

On Kitekval said. They are specifically charged with having placed bombs in sugar bags on board the steamship Kitekval on May 8, 1915. The steamer caught fire from bomb explosions while on her way to Marietta, France. The exploded bombs were found in her cargo after her arrival there.

Police Captain Thomas Tunney, who has charge of the case, regards the arrest of the four prisoners as the most important stride yet made in the detection of a great conspiracy to destroy steamships sailing with war munitions from New York, Boston, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Seattle.

Thirty-three steamships. The police believe the men involved have been responsible for fires in 33 steamships that have caused \$4,000,000 damage. They have evidence that bombs made in a Hoboken factory ostensibly operated for the manufacture of fertilizer were sent to all parts of the country. The use to which they were put other than for the destruction of steamships has not been disclosed.

Detectives asserted to-day that one of the prisoners said he had been sent to the factory in Hoboken by Capt. Franz von Pape, former military attaché of the German embassy at Washington, who was recalled at the request of the United States.

The Hoboken factory was a small structure in which a few men worked. One of the prisoners told the police it had been used at first to make fertilizer for shipment to Germany through neutral countries and that the Germans extracted lubricating oil from the fertilizer after its arrival in Germany.

Two Have Confessed. Both Becker and von Kleist are said by the police to have confessed making bombs.

The parts played by Capt. Wolpert and Bode have not yet been disclosed. It is hinted that the first clue to the conspiracy came to the police as a result of a dispute between men higher up in the conspiracy and the chemist who supplied the explosives.

Many of the bombs are said to have failed to explode and consequently the chemist was chided and had difficulty over his payment.

Discovery of the plot was brought about, according to the authorities of Hoboken, through the disclosure of a man who had quarreled with the leaders over money payments. The Hoboken authorities said that this man, whose identity is withheld, told them that before their departure from the United States, Capt. Boy-Ed, the recalled German naval attaché, and Capt. von Pape, the recalled German military attaché, had placed a large sum of money at the disposal of the bomb-makers.

The four prisoners were taken from police headquarters to the office of District-Attorney Crosey, of Brooklyn, for prosecution in that district, but after a consultation between the detectives in charge and Mr. Crosey, it was decided to turn them over to the custody of the department of justice. Accordingly they were taken to the headquarters of the department, after which a conference was held with Federal District-Attorney Marshall as to what disposition should be made of them.

HAS BEATEN ENEMY WEST OF THE MEUSE

Petain Has Improved Already Splendid Morale of French Forces

AND HAS ADDED TO HIS FINE REPUTATION

Main Attack Collapsed After Two Days of Hard Fighting

Paris, April 13.—The German general attack on the left bank of the Meuse, which began on Sunday, is regarded as having been beaten, and the Germans have reverted to the previous relatively small alternative strokes against the French positions on both sides of the river and to artillery operations.

When the remaining French projection along Forges brook had been straightened out the Germans were able to engage the principal line west of the river from Avocourt, by Hill No. 304 and Deadman's Hill, to Cumières. Only frontal attacks under difficulties were possible, except at Deadman's Hill, where the Germans were able to attack through the ravines. They tried to force a passage between Deadman's Hill and Cumières and to work around the south of the hill in order to envelop it. After two days of hard fighting this manoeuvre failed and it is believed to have collapsed the main idea of that particular German attack. The small gains the Germans made northeast of the hill is not regarded as of a nature to modify the situation.

The military observers point out that General Petain once more has succeeded, in beating off with heavy losses the adversary's attack, thereby improving the morale of the army and enhancing his own reputation.

S.S. RIO PASIG WAS VICTIM OF RING

Never Sighted After She Left Nainaimo; American Authorities Have Plotters

Seattle, April 13.—The New York police state that in the arrest of four Germans and the investigation of several others they have unearthed a great German bomb and arson conspiracy which led to fires in more than thirty-three steamships sailing or due to sail with munitions and supplies for the Entente nations from New York, Philadelphia and other American ports, including Seattle.

Cleared From Nainaimo. The American steamship Rio Pasig, which sailed from Seattle on Dec. 31 last with a cargo, chiefly cotton, steel rails and copper for the Russian government, to be delivered at Vladivostok, was never sighted after she had left Nainaimo, B. C., a day or so later. She was given up for lost a week ago by her charterers, Frank Waterhouse & Company, of Seattle. She was owned by Madrigal & Company, of Manila, and carried a Filipino crew of 30. Her complete disappearance led to speculation over her fate.

The Rio Pasig is the only Puget Sound vessel lost since the heavy shipments to Russia began.

London, April 13.—The torpedoing of the British steamship Robert Adamson is reported in a dispatch to Lloyd's, filed on Tuesday at Harwich. The 29 men of the crew were landed. The steamship is believed to have gone down.

The Robert Adamson, of 2,378 tons gross and 252 feet long, was built in 1895 and owned in Sunderland.

Russian Ship. Barcelona, April 13.—The Russian sailing vessel Imperator has been torpedoed by an Austrian submarine in the Mediterranean. Nine of the crew, some of whom were wounded, have been landed here by a Dutch steamship.

British S. S. Angus. London, April 13.—The British steamship Angus is reported by Lloyd's to have been torpedoed on Tuesday. She was unarmed.

Two British steamships Angus are listed. The larger, which is probably the one referred to, was reported on her arrival at Suva on March 17 on a voyage from Calcutta for Bilbao. Her gross tonnage was 2,619. She was built in 1904 and owned in Dundee.

CANADIAN TROOPS SPRANG FIVE MINES

Rushed Forward and Took Ground; Struggle Continued With Varying Success

TERRIFIC FIRE WAS KEPT UP BY GUNS

Canadians Succeeded in Inflicting Heavy Losses on the Germans

London, April 13.—Details received here of the fighting for mine craters in which the Canadian forces have suffered severely, indicate that at one spot five mines in a direct line and close together were sprung against the Germans, whose defence consequently was completely shattered for the moment. The Canadians then rushed forward to occupy the ground thus rendered untenable. Their advance was supported by artillery. An observer declares that the fire from guns so close together and working incessantly was like a line of hose spouting fire.

The Canadians secured the ground for the time being, after which the struggle continued with varying success on each side, as is always the case in such operations. If the Canadian losses were severe, there is no doubt the enemy lost many more.

LEGISLATURE OF N. B. WANTS CONSCRIPTION

Presses Ottawa; Ontario Deputation at Capital to Urge Registration

St. John, April 13.—The legislature of New Brunswick yesterday unanimously adopted Lieut.-Col. P. A. Guthrie's resolution in favor of the introduction of conscription throughout Canada. The resolution was moved by Lieut.-Col. Guthrie and seconded by Capt. Tilley, chief recruiting officer for New Brunswick. It calls upon the parliament of Canada to pass an act calling to the colors the suitable men of military age. A copy of the resolution is to be forwarded to Sir Robert Borden.

Lieut.-Col. Guthrie is Conservative member for York, and Capt. Tilley is Conservative member for St. John city. Delegation at Ottawa.

Ottawa, April 13.—With the purpose of urging upon the government the desirability of the adoption of national registration of men of military age and a form of drafting by selection, a large delegation, principally from Toronto and Hamilton, arrived in the capital this morning. It is expected that the delegation will receive reinforcements before to-morrow, when the prime minister and his colleagues will be waited upon. These are expected to include Chief Justice Mathers, of Manitoba, who is understood to be on his way to the capital.

To-day members of the delegation held a meeting to formulate their plans. The probabilities are that the representations made will conform to the memorial which was adopted at Hamilton and which has been approved by 20 other towns and cities.

The delegation includes Sir John Gibson, former lieutenant-governor of Ontario, and Lieut.-Col. Hatch, of Hamilton, and Magistrate Kingsford, of Toronto.

MARYE ATTACKED BY VOSSISCHE ZEITUNG

Berlin, April 13.—Under the headline: "A model neutral ambassador," the Vossische Zeitung prints the following Stockholm dispatch: "Former American Ambassador Marye, whose place at Petrograd will be taken in the next few days by David R. Francis, unbecomingly himself to the Russian newspapers, but afterwards appears to have been uneasy at having talked too much, for he requested all the Petrograd editorial offices to suppress the interview entirely, or at least, to make it quite harmless. Here are a few of his sentences in the original form:

"I know of no other power in Europe for which the United States feels such sympathy as for Russia."
"As the ambassador of a neutral power, I am not in a position to state these proofs specifically."
"The United States hopes and longs for Russian victory. This thought filled me during my 17 months of activity in my Petrograd office, and I know that my successor holds the same views."

GERMANS WHO MADE ATTACK ON SUSSEX TAKEN; CRAFT SUNK

Held Prisoners Now by the French; Confirm Statement Made Immediately After Crime by French Government That Vessel Had Been Torpedoed; France's Reply to Note Sent by Germany to States

Paris, April 13.—Restatement of the fact that the channel packet Sussex was attacked by a German submarine was made by the French government to-day.

"We could publish the name of the commander and the number of the submarine responsible for the attack on the Sussex, as well as the story of her journeyings prior to the crime," said the statement issued by the ministry of marine.

"This submarine was destroyed on April 5 and her officers and the members of her crew confirm all the information we possess in this matter."

The Sussex was attacked on March 24. Therefore, the German submarine was sunk 12 days later and the members of her crew taken prisoners.

QUET NIGHT IN REGION OF VERDUN

Germans Prepared to Attack Hill 304; Attack Was Not Made

FRENCH ARTILLERY PUT AN END TO THE PLAN

Paris, April 13.—Calm prevailed in the whole region of Verdun last night, the official communication issued this afternoon says. Preparation was made by the Germans for an attack on Hill No. 304, but the attack was prevented by the French from being carried into effect.

No important developments were reported along the rest of the front.

The text of the statement follows: "The night passed quietly in all the Verdun region. A German attack which was being prepared yesterday evening against our positions at Hill No. 304 did not progress to the point of leaving the trenches. The curtains of fire maintained by our artillery and the bombardment by our batteries in a neighboring sector directed against the columns of the enemy assembled in the wood of Malancourt, apparently put an end to this manoeuvre.

"There was no other event of importance on the rest of the front."

BOPP AND OTHERS PLEAD NOT GUILTY

Plotters Brought Up in Court at San Francisco To-day

San Francisco, April 13.—Frans Bopp, German consul general here, and four others pleaded not guilty in the United States district court here to-day to indictments involving violations of neutrality.

The others are E. H. von Schack, vice-consul general for Germany here; Baron George Wilhelm von Brincken, a lieutenant of the German army identified with the consulate; Charles C. Crowley, a detective in the employ of Consul General Bopp, and Mrs. Margaret Cornell, an investigator employed by Crowley.

Bopp and von Schack were indicted two months ago on charges of conspiring to blow up and destroy railroads, ships and munition factories in the United States and Canada.

An additional indictment involving use of the mails to incite murder, arson, and assassination was found against Mrs. Cornell, Crowley and von Brincken.

WILHELM HAS WORRIED UNTIL HE IS ILL

Rome, April 13.—As a result of worry over the failure of the German offensive against Verdun and the heavy casualties among his troops, Kaiser is ill and has returned to his palace at Potsdam, according to a dispatch received here to-day from Geneva.

BISHOP DE PENCIER GOES WITH CHAPLAINS

London, April 13.—The following chaplains have arrived: Bishop De Pencier, Major Burch, Vancouver; Capt. Percer, Halifax; Capt. Acquilla, Halifax; Capt. Pullinger, Saskatoon; Major Baynes Reed, Toronto; and Capt. McCaskill, St. John.

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HEAVY LOSSES WERE CAUSED BY CANADIANS

Men From Dominion Succeeded In Recent Fighting, Says British Report

London, April 13.—The following official statement was issued last night: "Last night we made a small successful raid on enemy trenches near Richebourg l'Avoué. About ten Germans were killed.

"The enemy last evening made three successive attempts west of the Fikem-Ypres road. He at first gained a footing in our trenches, but was quickly driven out. Other attacks were repulsed, the Germans leaving about 25 dead in front of our trenches and three prisoners in our hands. We bombarded enemy trenches in this area today.

"There was considerable artillery activity to-day northwest of Wytchaete, and some shelling about Souchez, Carancy and Calonne. Behind St. Elou there has been heavy shelling, but there was little shelling on the front lines and craters.

"It has now been established that the gallant fighting by the Canadians in this neighborhood inflicted heavy losses on the enemy during last week."

French Report.
Paris, April 13.—The following official communication was issued last night: "In Belgium our artillery was active in the region of Langemarck.

"Between the Somme and the Oise our fire shattered trenches west of Farvillers, in the region of Roye.

"In the Argonne we exploded four camouflets at La Fille Marie, Haute Chevauchee and Vauquois. After grenade fighting we occupied the southern edge of the two craters in front of our trenches in the sector of Les Courtes Chaussees.

"West of the Meuse there was a violent and continuous bombardment at Hill 264, in the region of Ennez, and at Le Mort Homme.

"East of the Meuse and in the Woëvre, the activity of the artillery was less marked, and no infantry action occurred during the day."

F. L. Haynes means watchmaker and jeweler.

ITALIANS CAPTURED LINE OF TRENCHES

Successes in Ledro Valley; Intense Artillery Duel Along Isonzo

Rome, April 13.—The following official communication was issued last night: "In the Ledro valley, by methodical offensive operations, we advanced our occupation of the heights north of Rio Pinalo, between the Concel valley and Garda. Our infantry, supported by artillery, took by assault a strong line of trenches and redoubts along the slopes of Monte Pari and Cimadoro, and on the rocks of Monte Sperone. The enemy, after suffering by heavy losses, profiting by the nature of the ground, succeeded in retreating. We captured twenty prisoners.

"An intense artillery action continues between the Adige river and Erenta, and along the Isonzo front.

"The effective fire of our batteries has prevented the enemy from repairing the Luzeza fortress, in the Upper Astico valley, and destroyed revictualing depots at Santa Caterina and Ugoviz, in the Fella valley."

Austrian Claims.
Berlin, April 13.—The official statement issued yesterday at Vienna said: "Lively artillery duels are going on in several sectors. Near Riva the enemy was ejected from a salient to one defensive wall south of Peronne, which had been occupied by him. An enemy attack thus ended in complete failure."

TEXT OF GERMAN NOTE TO STATES

Admit They Sank Three Steamships; Sussex and a "Sketch"

Berlin, April 13.—The following is the text of the German note to the United States on the Sussex, dated April 10:

"The undersigned has the honor to inform your excellency, Ambassador Gerard, in response to communications of the 29th and 30th ultimo and the 3rd instant regarding the steamship Sussex, Manchester Engineer, Englishman, Berwindale and Eagle Point, that the mentioned cases, in accordance with our notes of the 30th and 31st ultimo, and the 5th and 6th instant, have been subjected to careful investigation by the admiralty staff of the navy, which has led to the following:

Berwindale's Ship.
First—The English steamship Berwindale, a steamship which was possible the Berwindale was encountered on the evening of March 16 in sight of Bull Rock light, on the Irish coast, by a German submarine. The steamship, as soon as she noticed the submarine, which was running submerged, turned and steamed away. She was ordered to halt by a warning shot. She paid no attention, however, to this warning, but extinguished all lights and attempted to escape. The vessel was then fired upon until halted, and without further orders lowered several boats. After the crew had entered the boats and been allowed enough time to row away, the ship was sunk.

"The name of this steamship was not established. It cannot be stated with assurance, even with the help of the details, which were furnished by American embassy, that the above described incident concerns the steamship Berwindale. Since, however, the steamship sunk was a tank steamship like the Berwindale, the identity of the ship may be assumed. In this case, however, the statement made that the Berwindale was torpedoed without warning, would conflict with the facts.

Englishman.
"Second—The British steamship Englishman. The steamship, on March 24, was called upon to halt by a German submarine through two warning shots about 20 sea miles west of Islay (Hebrides). The vessel proceeded, however, without heeding the warning, and therefore was forced by the submarine's artillery to halt after an extended chase; whereupon she lowered boats without further orders.

"After the German commander had convinced himself that the crew had taken to the boats and rowed from the ship, he sank the steamship.

Manchester Engineer.
"Third—The British steamship Manchester Engineer. It is impossible to establish through investigation up to the present whether the attack on this steamship, which, according to the given description, occurred on March 27, in the latitude of Waterford, is attributable to a German submarine. The statements regarding the time and place of the incident gives no sufficient basis for investigation; it would be desirable therefore for a more exact statement of the place, time and attendant circumstances of the attack reported by the American government vessel that an investigation might thereupon be brought to a conclusion.

Eagle Point.
"Fourth—The British steamship Eagle Point. This steamship, in the forenoon of March 28, was called upon to halt by a German submarine through signal and shot, about 100—not 130—sea miles from the southwest coast of Ireland, and proceeded. She was thereupon fired upon until halted, and, without further orders, lowered two boats, in which the crew took their places. After the commander had convinced himself that the boats, which had been served with sails, had got clear of the steamship, he sank the ship.

"At the time of the sinking, a north-northwest wind, not a 'storm wind,' and a light swell, not a 'heavy sea,' as stated in the given description, prevailed. The boats, therefore, had every prospect of being picked up very quickly because the place of sinking lay on a much used steamship path.

"If the crew of the steamship used only two small boats for saving themselves, the responsibility falls on themselves, since there were still upon the steamship, as the submarine could establish, at least four big collapsible boats."

The Sussex.
"Fifth—The French steamer Sussex. Ascertainment of the fact whether the channel steamer Sussex was damaged by a German submarine was rendered extremely difficult, because no details of time, place and attendant circumstances of the sinking were known, and also because it was impossible to obtain a picture of the ship before April 6. Consequently the investigation had to be extended to all actions undertaken on the day in question—March 24—in the Channel in the general region of Folkestone and Dieppe.

"In this region on March 24 a lone black craft, without a flag, having a small grey funnel, small grey forward works and two high masts, was encountered about the middle of the English Channel by a German submarine. The commander came to the definite conclusion that it was a war vessel, and indeed a mine-layer of the recently built English Arabis class. He was led to that conclusion by the following facts: First, by the plain, unbroken deck of the ship; second, the form of the stern, sloping downward and backward like a war vessel; third, she was painted like a war vessel; fourth, the high speed developed, about 18 knots; fifth, the circumstances that the vessel did not keep a course northward of the light hours between Dungeness and Beachy Head, which, according to the frequent and unvarying observations of German submarines, is about the course of commercial vessels, but kept in the middle of the channel on a

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ST. LAURENT STANDS BY HIS STATEMENT

Heard Again by Committee at Ottawa Regarding Dredging Here

Ottawa, April 13.—The public accounts committee last night continued its investigation of the dredging for the ocean piers at Victoria, B. C. A comparison was made between Mr. Woolley's figures as to the rate of boring and those of Assistant Engineer Davey, of the public works department. The latter had contended before the committee some days ago that, taking into account the amount said to have been bored and the working hours occupied by Mr. Woolley's driller, a greater amount had been drilled per hour than was possible if the material were rock.

Did Not Coincide.
Mr. Woolley declared that Mr. Davey's comparisons had been based on an erroneous computation of hours at work and time wasted. The data used by the two did not coincide.

During the months of June, July, August, September, October and November, witness stated that the total number of feet bored was 47,298, and the boring time employed 5,450 hours and 30 minutes, the average being somewhat like nine feet an hour. During the month of August alone 22,669 feet had been bored.

F. B. Carvell, Liberal, Carleton, N. B., then read a copy of the agreement between Mr. McDonald and the company of which Mr. Woolley was a member. On the contract, the words "The rock yardage as estimated by the government engineers" had been substituted in pencil for the words "Amounting to approximately 40,000 yards," which had been erased. On the margin were the initials of Mr. Malley.

Mr. Woolley stated that but for the change in classification ordered by A. St. Laurent, assistant deputy minister of public works, there would still be \$70,000 coming to him.

St. Laurent Heard.
Mr. St. Laurent was cross-examined at length by Mr. Pringle, who asked him if all material that could not be removed by an ordinary dipper dredge should not be classed as rock.

Mr. St. Laurent said that if a lenient interpretation were placed upon specifications material which could not be moved by the dredge Puget Sound might be classed as rock. He added, however, that a considerable quantity of soft material had been drilled before the dredge Puget Sound was used.

Nothing to Withdraw.
Mr. St. Laurent stated that he stood by his report to the department, in which he stated that he did not think there had been any collusion or attempt to steal \$150,000. There had been an error of judgment, however.

"I stand by my report until it is proved otherwise," he added.

At the same time Mr. St. Laurent stuck to his previous evidence, that whereas 28,000 cubic yards of rock had been estimated as having been removed, the proper figure should have been 13,600. When the department, in calling for tenders, had estimated the approximate quantity of rock, the witness admitted that as it worked out, he had been 8,750 yards short.

Witness said that when he visited Victoria he had made a test of the material classed as rock with the dredge Ajax, which it had removed without undue strain. In all the areas in which these tests had been made Mr. MacLachlan had made returns of rock.

course about in the direction of Havre.

"Consequently he attacked the vessel at 3.55 in the afternoon, middle European time, one and one-half sea miles east of Bull Rock (Bullock's) Bank, the submarine being submerged. The torpedo struck and caused such a violent explosion in the forward part of the ship that the entire forward part was torn away to the bridge.

"The particularly violent explosion warrants the certain conclusion that great amounts of munitions were aboard.

The "Sketch."
"The German commander made a sketch of the vessel attacked by him, two drawings of which are enclosed. The picture of the steamer Sussex, two copies of which also are enclosed, is reproduced photographically from the English paper, the Daily Graphic, of the 27th ultimo.

"A comparison of the sketch and the picture shows that the craft attacked is not identical with the Sussex; the difference in the position of the stack and shape of the stern is particularly striking.

"No other attack whatever by German submarines at the time in question for the Sussex upon the route between Folkestone and Dieppe occurred. The German government therefore must assume that the damage to the Sussex is attributable to another cause than an attack by a German submarine.

"For an explanation of the case the fact perhaps may be serviceable that no fewer than 26 English mines were exploded by shots by German naval forces in the Channel on the 1st and 2nd of April alone. The entire sea in that vicinity in fact is endangered by floating mines and by torpedoes that have not sunk. Of the English coast it is further endangered in an interesting degree through German mines, which have been laid against enemy naval forces.

A Commission.
"Should the American government have at its disposal further material for a conclusion upon the case of the Sussex, the German government would ask that it be communicated in order to subject this matter to an investigation.

"In the event that differences of opinion should develop hereby between the two governments, the German government now declares itself ready to have the facts of the case established through mixed commissions of investigation, in accordance with the third article of The Hague agreement for the peaceful settlement of international conflicts, November 15, 1907.

"The undersigned, while requesting that you communicate the above to the government of the United States, takes occasion to renew to the ambassador the assurance of his distinguished esteem.

"(Signed) JAGOW."
Sussex Was Torpedoed.
London, April 14.—A short summary of the Associated Press synopsis of

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German's note to the United States government concerning the Sussex and other steamship which have been sunk recently was all that was available for the London morning newspapers. Even this synopsis came too late for editorial comment by the newspapers.

The passages referring to the Sussex were regarded in official circles here as proving that the Germans torpedoed the Sussex, as it is asserted that no other vessel was torpedoed in that vicinity at that time.

Fragments to States.
Paris, April 13.—Fragments of the missile which damaged the Channel steamer Sussex, which has been handed to the American naval attaché, will be forwarded to Washington on the steamer France, leaving on Saturday. They will not reach Washington before April 22.

MESSAGE FROM TOWNSHEND.

Johannesburg, S. Africa, April 13.—Sir Lionel Phillips, a leading South African gold mine operator, announced yesterday that he had received a cablegram dated last Friday from Mal-Jen Townshend, commander of the British troops besieged in Kut-el-Amara, stating that he was well and was expecting to be relieved shortly.

CONTRABAND ADDITIONS.

London, April 13.—A royal proclamation has been issued extending the list of the articles which will be treated as actual contraband, included in the list are gold, silver and paper money, and all negotiable instruments and realizable securities.

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I suffered with an abscess on my face," writes Mrs. Herbert Cox, of Port McNichol, Ont. "I tried everything and received medical treatment for some time, but in vain. Finally the doctor advised an operation, which was performed, but instead of improving, the sore became worse. I had despaired of ever finding a cure, when a friend recommended Zam-Buk. I tried it, with the result that before long the poison was drawn out and the sore began to heal. Persistence effected a complete cure, and now not even a scar remains."

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CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, April 12.—The following casualty list was issued last night:

Infantry.
Killed in action—Pte. R. Bellhouse, Pte. G. H. Harris, Loc.-Cpl. J. C. Hunter, Pte. A. E. McPhee, Pte. Douglas McLean, Pte. R. Mole, Loc.-Cpl. R. Payne, Pte. B. G. Wagner.
Died of wounds—Pte. T. Coram, Pte. M. G. Dand, Lieut. A. B. Irvine, Pte. A. Long.
Missing—Lieut. Dawson W. Elliott.
Wounded—Pte. G. A. C. Brooms, Pte. F. Contola, Pte. Harry Ferdinand, Cpl. G. Francoeur, Pte. E. E. Garvey, Pte. J. A. Grant, Lieut. Chas. B. Hornby, Pte. James Kenny, Pte. E. L. Johnson, Pte. A. J. Hammond, Pte. Fred Kirkpatrick, Cpl. A. J. Ithaphel, Pte. F. G. Rows, Pte. John Shaw.
Seriously ill—Pte. R. W. Denney, Pte. R. A. Sims.
Mounted Rifles.
Killed in action—Pte. W. W. Ingram.
Pte. C. Hatchford.
Wounded—Pte. J. C. Keop, Pte. J. Mansfield.
Artillery.
Killed in action—Pte. S. Regan.
Wounded—Pte. C. Head.
Medical Service.
Died—Pte. E. H. Woods.
Engineers.
Killed in action—Pte. W. B. Betts.
Wounded—Pte. W. J. Smith.
Seriously ill—Pte. George Bryson.

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LIBERALS POINT TO NEED OF ECONOMY ASKS WILSON TO WITHDRAW TROOPS

Domintion Department of Public Works Should Spend Less Money

Ottawa, April 12.—The House yesterday afternoon considered the estimates of the department of public works.

Hon. Robert Rogers said the estimates presented to the House two years ago were the largest in the history of the department, \$48,000,000. A few months later was broken out and it had been necessary to reduce expenditures. By the end of the year the department had spent \$29,000,000. The following year the estimates had been reduced from \$48,000,000 to \$34,000,000. Of this amount the department had expended only \$19,000,000, or \$15,000,000 less than had been voted. The estimates to-day were \$27,000,000, or \$7,000,000 less. He hoped by the end of the year it would be found that at least \$10,000,000 of this would not be spent, and that the expenditure would not be more than \$10,000,000 or \$17,000,000. This, he hoped, was an evidence that the department was exercising economy.

Rogers Optimistic.

He predicted a big revival of business after the war and a heavy immigration, which would mean abounding revenues again and the prompt continuation of the public works which were now being temporarily postponed. He spoke glowingly of the vast area still unoccupied in the West, and of the tens of thousands of people who would come to Canada from war-stricken Europe as soon as the war was over.

New Parliament Building.

Mr. Rogers announced that he expected to be able to name to-day the committee which will co-operate with him in preparing the plans of the new parliament building. Sir Robert Borden had named Hon. J. D. Reid, Hon. R. E. Blondin and Senator Loughheed. Sir Wilfrid Laurier had promised to give him his three names.

Mr. Rogers said that he was pleased to say that so far he had heard no objections to the proposed plans of the new building as exhibited.

Time for a Halt.

Hon. Wm. Pugsley thought it was about time the department of public works was showing some signs of economizing. The last year he was in office there had been spent only \$11,807,085. Even then he had been accused of "going some." One Toronto Conservative paper had spoken "with amazement and horror" of the enormous expenditure. Mr. Pugsley thought that if the present minister was prepared to get along with \$10,000,000 less than the \$27,000,000 in the estimate, the amount should be reduced by that sum.

In order to test the sentiments of the House, Mr. Pugsley said he would move that the vote for \$27,000 for the Dominion archives and other public buildings which it was not proposed to spend this year, be reduced by \$260,000. The motion was lost.

Mr. Turritt.

J. G. Turritt, Liberal, Assiniboia, Sask., asserted that under the present minister the public works expenditures had been super-normal. In view of conditions it was time for a halt. Should the war continue for a year more, the national debt would grow to \$1,000,000,000. Should it be necessary for the government to take over the Canadian Northern and the Grand Trunk Pacific, Canada's annual interest burden would be \$100,000,000. But the government refused to take warning. These votes for buildings were kept alive for political purposes, in order to make votes. He believed that in view of the present temper of the people, the minister would make more votes by striking them out.

Caution Urged.

E. M. Macdonald, Liberal, Pictou, N. S., and Hon. George F. Graham thought it would be well for Mr. Rogers not to be too optimistic about the post-war period, and said that the ending of the war might mean at first the necessity of still greater economy.

"It is well to be on the safe side," said Mr. Graham. "We will be confronted after the war with a school of thought that will make it necessary for Canada to continue to be an armed nation. For intending immigrants from European countries devastated by war, we must be in a position to give the inducements of a country freer than others from the liabilities of war."

To Commemorate Verdun.

On a vote for \$25,000 for a public building at Verdun, near Montreal, Mr. Graham suggested that in view of the place in the building a tablet historically commemorating the present critical engagement.

Mr. Rogers promised to consider the idea favorably.

The estimates voted yesterday aggregated more than \$7,000,000.

TOLEDO FIRM TAKES PRINCE RUPERT BONDS

Prince Rupert, April 12.—The city of Prince Rupert last night entered into an agreement with Spitzer, Forick & Co., of Toledo, Ohio, to purchase a bond issue covering all the short term issues outstanding and taking up practically the entire bond issue of the city. The sum involved is \$1,000,000 worth of bonds.

Carranza Says Americans Crossed Into Mexico Under a Misunderstanding

Mexico City, April 12.—The Mexican government sent to its ambassador in Washington a note to be delivered at 10 a.m. to-day to Secretary Lansing asking that the American troops be withdrawn from Mexican territory and that the pursuit of Villa be left to the Mexican constitutionalist army.

The note contains about 5,000 words. In it the de facto government of Mexico contends that as the American troops crossed into Mexico without permission they should be withdrawn until a proper formal compact can be entered into between the two governments. It is insistently affirmed that the previous notes of the Mexican government especially emphasized the fact that permission for reciprocal crossing of the frontier would be granted only in the event of a repetition of a raid similar to that made by Villa on Columbus, N. M.

Ends Negotiations.

The note was sent to Eliseo Arredondo, the Carranza representative in Washington, with instructions for its delivery to Secretary Lansing, "so ending negotiations for a reciprocal passage of the troops and asking for discontinuation of the territory occupied by American troops in view of Villa's party having been destroyed."

Throughout the note, emphasis is laid on the fact that the American expedition was undertaken under a misunderstanding. Although acting in good faith, the declaration is made that the United States interpreted the first note of the de facto government as effecting a definite agreement between the two nations, but the intention of the de facto government was that no expedition should be sent into Mexico until terms and conditions relative to an agreement had been defined.

The note declares therefore that in consequence of no final agreement having been reached as to the terms of the treaty to regulate the reciprocal passage of troops over the dividing line, "the Mexican government judges it convenient to suspend for the present all discussion of negotiations in this particular or founded on the circumstances that the expedition sent by the United States government to pursue Villa is without foundation in virtue of the non-existence of a previous agreement formal and definite."

What Was Intended.

What was intended by the note of March 19, it is pointed out, was to submit a proposal "by means of which the forces of one and the other country should reciprocally cross the dividing line in pursuit of bandits if unfortunately there should be repeated along the border acts like those committed in Columbus, N. M."

The note adds, however: "From the beginning, the Mexican government judged that by reason of the time which had transpired and for the purpose of treating a case already passed, he said incident could not continue as a proposal for the reciprocal passage of troops."

The fact that the United States had incoherently interpreted the note of March 19 was called to the attention of the Washington government, the statement points out, in a note dated March 17. This note likewise emphasized that the passage of troops would be permitted only if, unfortunately, from this time forward there should be repeated irruptions like the one registered at Columbus or of any kind whatever at any point of the frontier line.

What Polk Said.

"On March 18," the statement continues, "Franklin Polk, acting secretary of state, in an interview with the Carranza confidential agent, declared not having received the observations of the Mexican government before American troops had crossed the border, declaring that the passage of troops had taken place in the best of faith and in the belief that it would be necessary to enter into more details of an agreement which was considered definite and ended."

Lansing Also.

These declarations made by Mr. Polk were confirmed later, on March 23, to the Mexican representative by Secretary Lansing, "who stated also that he was sorry at having interpreted wrongly the contents of the said note in respect to the passage of troops and that they would not advance more to the south of the place where they then were."

Reference then is made in the note to the declaration made by President Wilson on March 24, saying "the expedition was ordered under an agreement with the de facto government of Mexico for the purpose only of capturing the bandit Villa, whose forces have invaded territory of the United States, and on no pretext whatever would we order an invasion of that republic or a violation of its sovereignty."

"My idea," continues the note, "published by his excellency, President Wilson, was recited on March 31 by a message sent to our confidential agent in Washington in which he was instructed to call your attention to the idea indicated since the note of March 16, referred to as the reciprocal passage of troops only in case that incidents like those which had occurred at Columbus should be repeated."

Time Has Come.

In conclusion, the note, which is signed by Candido Aguilar, secretary for foreign affairs, points out that as the American expeditionary force has accomplished its object in so far as it will be able to do so, as the party headed by Villa already has been dispersed, and finally, because there are Mexican troops in sufficient numbers pursuing them and more forces are

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Edmonton, April 12.—That the credit not only of Edmonton, but of all the cities in Alberta and even the province itself, will be affected if the Alberta legislature does not give Edmonton authority to hold a tax sale, is the contention of the board of trade council, as this privilege is allowed in every province of the Dominion with the exception of Alberta.

The board of trade representatives waited upon the government yesterday asking that proposed charter amendments be granted. It was pointed out that \$500,000 arrears is owing on the 1913 taxes, and \$3,300,000 on the years of 1914 and 1915.

The council contended that the city has reached the irreducible minimum of expense with efficiency, that money can be obtained only through loans on the security of arrears of taxes, through tax sales, or through both, and that loans cannot be obtained without authority to hold tax sales.

Default by the city, the council pointed out, would mean that the city would go into the hands of a receiver, the schools and hospitals would be closed and the effect on Alberta's credit would be very far reaching. Concluding, the council said that it regarded the situation as extremely critical and considered that a grave financial catastrophe could be averted only by the granting of the powers sought.

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THE GERMAN REPLY.

If the government at Washington expected from Germany a reply on the Sussex affair upon which it would be justified in basing a reasonable doubt concerning the origin of the disaster, it must have been greatly disappointed at the note just received from Berlin.

But if that were not sufficient and if it were intended to give any consideration whatever to the fantastic yarn that the captain of the submarine had drawn a picture of the vessel he sank and that it was unlike the picture of the French Ministry of Marine to-day should finally and definitely settle the issue.

Scarcely less conclusive is the report of the Dutch commission of inquiry into the Tubantia and Palembang cases. Although it does not specifically mention German submarines, it unmistakably fixes upon Germany responsibility for the loss of those two vessels.

NEW MEASURES.

Undoubtedly the Workmen's Compensation Act which has just been introduced in the legislature is a decided improvement upon the legislation which, with an agricultural credits measure, was adopted last session as a vote-catcher for the election.

The new agricultural credits act is being considerably mangled by even government supporters, and will have to be amended in a number of important particulars. Discussion no doubt will disclose defects in the compensation bill.

ing to its administration. No matter how excellent an agricultural credits act or a workmen's compensation act may be on paper, if it is administered according to the practice of the last ten or twelve years in this province, it actually becomes a detriment instead of a benefit.

IN MEXICO.

President Carranza has demanded the withdrawal of United States troops from Mexico. He contends that the Pershing expedition was begun under a misunderstanding, that the Mexican government did not grant permission for the American force to cross the border, and that, in any event, as Villa's band is now dispersed the object sought has been attained and further punitive operations should be abandoned.

It is evident that Mexican sentiment, traditionally suspicious of, if not hostile to, the United States, is growing more pronounced in its opposition to the Pershing expedition and is creating apprehension in the mind of the Carranza government. The farther the American force has penetrated the more acute the feeling has become, and Carranza realizes that his complaisant attitude towards the military activities of his big neighbor is likely to get him into serious trouble unless Pershing is withdrawn.

That mercy which you once denied To helpless babes and womenkind, When clouds rained hell and waves engulfed, Your ears were deaf, your eyes were shut.

Now there is a double-barreled crisis at Washington—and both barrels appear to be loaded with ball cartridges. The Wilson cabinet, however, has managed to slip out of some very tight places and has given evidence of a desire to accept any kind of a situation in preference to taking action.

sible for the war. It also appears to dread the possibility of the United States being involved in the trouble, although why it should be fearful on the subject with Germany already in extremity we fail to see, although of course war under any conditions is not a matter to be contemplated with complacency.

French assurance of victory was recently demonstrated in a striking manner. On March 1, while the titanic struggle of Verdun was in its most critical stage, the first of a series of annual "Fairs of Samples" was opened in the beautiful city of Lyons.

When Fort Douaumont was occupied by the Brandenburgers in the first week of the great German offensive against Verdun the announcement was made in Berlin that the whole position would be captured in a day or two and that the end of the war was in sight.

Toronto Globe: To spend \$25,000,000 a day on war, to finance about half the world, to raise a billion and a half yearly by taxation and to do it all without new machinery or oppressive imports shackling trade—history may yet decree that the most marvellous thing about the Great War was British finance.

THE BLOOD MANIACS. The New York Times. A Russian hospital ship, the Portugal, on her way to the south coast of the Black Sea to pick up wounded soldiers, stopped off Cape Fatieh March 30 to permit the pumping out of water which was clogging the speed of an accompanying vessel.

WELL, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? New York Herald. Plainly Germany is doing its worst. All pretence of giving warning to merchant and passenger ships has been abandoned. The intent to sink everything in sight is being carried to fulfillment, with this addition—that whether the ship is armed or unarmed, it is sunk; but ships that go to the rescue of the drowning victims are also attacked, as shown by reports from Ambassador Page at London.

There is a nation that spits upon international law, upon treaties, upon pledges and agreements. It mistakes for terrifying strength ferocity and a blind, useless mauling and killing of harmless men, women and children; children seem to be its favorite subjects for Zepplin slaughters. On land and sea, from under the sea and from the air, it kills non-combatants as nonchalantly as an Apache of the old days would scalp a baby or dash out its brains against a doorpost.

The New York Sun has no doubt now, and possibly never had any, as to which of the belligerents is responsible for the war. It also appears to dread the possibility of the United States being involved in the trouble, although why it should be fearful on the subject with Germany already in extremity we fail to see.

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high admiral has been displaced it was because he was not ferocious enough. That this is a reasonable view is shown by the action of the main committee of the German Reichstag, which by a unanimous vote has declared: "Germany's sea warfare should be carried through by all means most instrumental in achieving a successful issue of the war."

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Values in Men's Pants Above the Average at \$1.95, \$2.50 and \$3.50. The materials used in the make-up of these Pants were purchased before the prices of men's trousers advanced to such high figures.

\$1.50 Gloves for Ladies. We have a good selection of Ladies' Better-grade gloves at the above price—Gloves that you will need to wear with your Easter gowns.

"Liver and Stomach Troubles" Is the subject of an important health lecture to be given in the old Victoria Theatre to-morrow night sharp at 7.30 by DR. JESSIE B. CONWAY

The New Department for Paints and Varnishes Will Be Open Friday. We simply had to add this department to our Hardware Section because so many of our customers, who are acquainted with our popular prices on this class of goods in Vancouver, demanded it by their persistent orders, personally and by mail.

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And perhaps you need a tonic or pick-me-up. Try any of the following, and keep well.

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Per doz. quarts.....\$2.00 3 bottles for.....50¢
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We can assist you to make every week "Baby-Week". It will be more profitable for you and more comfortable for baby. We have—

- Butterick Patterns, a complete assortment for every garment. 15c and10¢
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BOYS TAKEN FROM 8 YEARS OF AGE AND UPWARDS

Summer term commences Wednesday, April 12, 1916. Warden—Ray W. W. Bolton, M.A. (Canada). Headmaster—J. C. Barnacle, Esq. (London University). For particulars and prospectus apply the Headmaster.

Are You Interested in the Western Scots?

The Battalion is now under orders to proceed on active service. Before many more months have passed it will be doing its part in the trenches. You can keep in touch with it weekly by subscribing now.

"The Western Scot"

(25c per Month in Advance Mailed to Your Address.) This bright, lively paper will be published weekly wherever the battalion may be. It will contain interesting news of the boys of the 67th. It will be published (with pictures) at the front. Leave your subscription NOW WITH THE TIMES.

The Stratheona Lodge

Shawigan Lake is now open for the season, under entirely new management. **RATES \$2.50 PER DAY** Special rates for Fishermen and week-end parties. For further information address **M. A. WYLDE** Stratheona Lodge, Shawigan Lake, B. C.

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Find style, comfort and satisfaction in the clothes we make. Why not be one of them? **G. H. REDMAN,** Tailor, 52 Yates St.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, April 13, 1891.

A very successful bazaar was opened to-day at the Victoria West hall, under the auspices of the ladies of St. Saviour's church. Mr. W. P. Sayward has introduced the electric light system into his mills. Mr. R. B. McMicking installed the plant.

Mr. John Cort, who has attained a reputation as one of the best vaudeville theatre managers on the coast, has thoroughly remodelled and decorated the Club theatre, which will hereafter be known as the Standard.

HIS LIFE AN OPEN BOOK!

It's the highest tribute you can pay a man to say he lives in the sunlight—is devoid of concealments. And yet that is true of the advertising business. Its promises are an open book. It must live up to them to the letter. Fooling the public is never profitable to the advertiser. And if you look at the names of the men advertising in the Times you will find they are names that are in good repute. Trade with the men whose business life is "an open book."

BRIEF NEWS OF THE CITY

Silver Spring Beer, 2 qts. for 25c.
The C. C. Funeral Co.—Always open. Private parlors and large chapel. Reasonable charges for all services. 714 Broughton street.

Those of us are left behind—Must be something more than kind. **Patriotic Aid Society, 1210 Broad St.**

Silver Spring Beer, 2 qts. for 25c.
Thomson Funeral Chapel, successor to Hanns & Thomson, 327 Pandora avenue, phone 493. Always open. Auto equipment.

Lawn Mower Hospital, 614 Cormorant. Successful operations cheaper than ever.

White Sewing Machine Store, 711 Yates.
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For the Misses and the kids. Left behind—who pays, who bids? **Patriotic Aid Society, 1210 Broad St.**

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Lend a hand and trust to luck; Something's due to Jack Canuck. **Patriotic Aid Society, 1210 Broad St.**

Phoenix Stout—2 qts. for 25c.
Got a Bird?—Bird cages complete with perches, swings and feeding cups, \$1.35 to \$3.25, at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 1202 Douglas St.

Give to aid the Union Jack; There are those who'll not come back. **Patriotic Aid Society, 1210 Broad St.**

Rummage Sale in Scott Building, corner Hillside and Douglas, Thursday next.

Phoenix Beer—2 qts. for 25c.
H. B. "Imperial" Lager Beer, quarts, 1 for 50c.

Baby Week at Brown's.—Baby plates, 50c and 65c; mugs, 25c; cups, saucers and plates, 25c set; baby baths, \$1.45, \$2.00 and \$2.50. R. A. Brown & Co., 1202 Douglas St.

"Squirrel" Brand Peanut Butter, at all grocers.

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We for whom our boys have fought. Pay because we must, and ought. **Patriotic Aid Society, 1210 Broad St.**

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Whist Drive.—On Monday, April 17, at 8.30 p. m., the Daughters of St. George will hold a whist drive in the Knights of Columbus hall, Fort street.

Lodge Britannia.—The regular monthly meeting of Lodge Britannia No. 215, L. O. B. A., will be held in the Orange hall, Yates street, on Friday, April 15 at 7.30 p. m., after which all members of the L. O. B. A. and L. O. L. are cordially invited to attend a social and a unique ceremony to be held in the hall, at 8.45 p. m.

"The Messiah."—The choir of the Metropolitan church is now rehearsing for the performance of "The Messiah" to be given on Good Friday evening. The chorus is comparatively small, but every member is a trained singer. The soloists are: Sopranos, Mrs. G. A. Downard and Mrs. E. Parsons; contraltos, Mrs. J. A. Ongfield and Mrs. S. M. Morton; tenor, J. O. Dunford; basses, J. Crook, P. Edmunds; organist, E. Parsons; conductor, G. A. Downard.

Business Girls' Club.—On Tuesday evening the members of the Business Girls' Club spent a most enjoyable as well as instructive evening. The literary committee had arranged a Kipling programme and those taking part were Misses Urwin, Lifton, Kenney, Campbell, Knowles and Wilson. Vocal solos were rendered during the evening by Misses Shaffer, Barton, Lund and Davis. The meeting on April 18 will be in charge of the social committee, and will be of a somewhat unusual nature. Instead of supper being served at 6.30 p. m., refreshments will be served during the evening. Each member is requested to attend the meeting dressed as a child.

Presentation Made.—The organized adult Bible class of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Victoria West, held a largely attended social in the lecture hall last night, celebrating Mr. McCandless's seventh year as teacher. An excellent address was read by James Anderson, and Miss M. McCarrison, the Bible class secretary, made the presentation of a silver-mounted writing pad suitably inscribed. The ex-almern was completely taken by surprise, and so affected by the sincerity and cordiality of the demonstration that it took him some considerable time to find words to express his appreciation. Rev. Dr. Maclean was in the chair, and congratulated the Bible class on their successful portraiture of their teacher. Elders William Sloan and Duncan Stewart spoke briefly in confirmation of the complimentary statements made in the address.

Provincial Chapter Meeting.—Members of the Provincial Chapter, I. O. D. E., are reminded that the annual meeting is to take place to-morrow, the morning session to begin at 10.20 o'clock, and the afternoon session at 2 o'clock in the Alexander Club hall.

St. Paul's W. M. S.—Mrs. Ledingham pronounced the missionary meeting held yesterday afternoon at St. Paul's church, Victoria West, to be one of the best she had since her return from India. It was the regular monthly meeting of the Women's Missionary Society. The address on "The Women and Girl Wives of India," by Mrs. A. P. Ledingham, was most touching. Herself a missionary, the wife of a missionary, and the daughter of Rev. John Hoag, D. D., Mrs. Ledingham is full of intelligent zeal in her work. Her father will celebrate his 65th birthday next Monday, and will take the morning service at Knox Presbyterian church on Sunday morning. St. Paul's church is training a considerable number of missionaries. Yesterday the president was in the chair, and an unusually large number of ladies took part.

Blue Cross Work.—A consignment of hospital necessities destined for the Victoria Blue Cross hospital, Provia, has been sent to the headquarters in London by the Dominion Express. The secretary of the London office has written expressing the gratification of the parent organization at the opening of a depot in the British Columbia capital. The same communication states that despite every effort by the finance committee to keep down expenses the work is only carried on at great cost, so that any help given this very commendable work will be greatly appreciated. Men leaving for the front who are to have anything to do with horses are asked to apply at 58 Victoria street, London, for anything that they may be lacking for their horses. Already the Blue Cross Society has received numerous expressions of satisfaction and gratitude for help given by the organization.

"Tannis" Being Ruffed.—The steam yacht "Tannis," given by Mr. Arbutnot to be raffled under the auspices of the Red Cross Society for the benefit of its funds, is to be closed on Saturday. The drawing will take place on that day at the Royal Victoria theatre. Four thousand tickets already have been sold, and it is anticipated that there are many in the city who would still like to take a chance for such a handsome prize by buying a ticket. Tickets may still be secured at the superfluties department, Belmont block, and everyone who wants to be present at the drawing should have one. The opportunity to be the holder of the lucky ticket is just as good now as it was at the beginning. The drawing is to be done by a member of the audience under the superintendence of a committee from the society, and will take place at the Royal Victoria theatre about 8 o'clock on Saturday evening. The drawing for the Babcock Electric car given by Mrs. R. P. Rithet for the Red Cross funds, will take place at the same time. All those who have been selling tickets are asked to hand in their book stubs at the superfluties store, Belmont House, sometime before Saturday.

BOWKER CREEK IS CAUSE OF TROUBLE

Intermunicipal Committee to Investigate; Northwest Sewer Syphon

The question of Bowker creek drainage has been worrying the several municipalities affected by its overflow, the city, Saanich and Oak Bay for some time, and, following representations made by ratepayers to each municipality, a meeting of the inter-municipal committee will be called on Tuesday next.

The creek drains a considerable section in the Cedar Hill district and land on which houses have been built at Oaklands, and at points lower down the natural water courses has been diverted, with a result that the water backs up and flooding has resulted. Owing to unusual precipitation the situation, always bad at this time of year, has been emphasized.

The municipal golf courses alluded to in yesterday's Times have another notable example at Saskatoon, Sask., according to the current issue of the Canadian Golfer. The three cities of Calgary, Edmonton and Saskatoon have all established municipal courses in the last two years. So far the city committee here has not reported, pending a statement from the promoters who urged the matter on the council recently as to whether they are willing to contribute to the cost.

It is expected that the laying of the syphon for the northwest sewer will be started on Saturday morning. The pipe is expected to be delivered to-day.

In view of the expiry of the option on land at the foot of Johnston street for the new harbor bridge, the owner of the land has written pointing out that the city must find the \$30 a month formerly paid for an access to the footbridge across the old reserve. This access the city retains conjointly with the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway. This sum formed part of the \$100 a month paid on the option, which has now expired, and will not be renewed.

KILLED IN ACTION.
In the casualty list to-day is an announcement of the death of Pte. R. Bellhouse, of the Canadian Infantry. The deceased is a brother of Mrs. F. J. Stacopole, of this city. He enlisted at Winnipeg.

Dance To-night.—The Club of the Forty Thieves will hold a dance to-night in the Progressive Thought Temple, corner Blanchard and Pandora, from 8.30 till 11.30.

Sacred Cantata.—The sacred cantata, "Christ to Calvary," will be given in St. John's church on Sunday evening instead of the usual sermon. The words of the entire cantata, printed in booklet form, will be distributed to the congregation.

Building Permit.—A building permit has been issued to R. H. McMillan for a residence of ten rooms at 1140 Woodstock avenue, to be constructed by R. Shields from the design of H. S. Griffiths. The building will be of two stories with a basement.

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Thin Folk Who Want to Get Fat

Increase in Weight Ten Pounds or More
"I'd certainly give most anything to be able to fat up a few pounds and stay that way," declares every successively thin man or woman. Such a result is not impossible, despite past failures. Most thin people are victims of mal-nutrition, a condition which prevents the fatty elements of food from being taken up by the blood as they are, when the powers of nutrition are normal. Instead of getting into the blood, much of the fat and flesh producing elements stay in the intestines until they pass from the body as waste.

To correct this condition and to produce a healthy, normal amount of fat, the nutritive processes must be artificially supplied with the power which nature has denied them. This can probably best be accomplished by eating a Sargol tablet with every meal. Sargol is a careful combination of six splendid assimilative agents. Taken with meals they mix with the food to turn the sugars and starches of what you have eaten into rich, ripe nourishment for the tissues and blood, and its rapid effect has been in many cases reported remarkable. Reported gains of from ten to twenty-five pounds in a single month are by no means infrequent. Yet its action is perfectly natural and absolutely harmless. Sargol is sold by D. E. Campbell and other druggists everywhere and every package contains a guarantee of weight increase or money back.

If you find a druggist who is unable to supply you, send \$1.00 to the National Laboratories, 74 St. Antoine St., Montreal, and a complete ten-day treatment will be sent you postpaid.

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The People's Tea, per lb.	30c	Nice Juicy Lemons, 2 dozen	25c

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Braid's Best Coffee, per lb. can	40c	Large Bananas, per dozen	20c
National Cream Sodas, per pair	20c	Royal Standard Whole Wheat Flour, per 10-lb. sack	33c
Genuine Ashcroft Potatoes—while they last, 100-lb. sack	\$1.75	Extra Fine Quality B. C. Salmon, 3 large cans	25c
Aylmer Marmalade, 4-lb. tin 50¢, 2-lb. tin	25c	Large Tin Tomatoes, Peas, Corn or Beans, per can	10c
Aylmer Strawberry or Raspberry Jam, 4-lb. tin	65c	Imperial Jelly Powders, all flavors, 4 for	25c
Nice Mild Cheese, per lb.	20c	Government Standard Essences, 3 oz. bottle, large 5-oz. bottle	20¢, 50c

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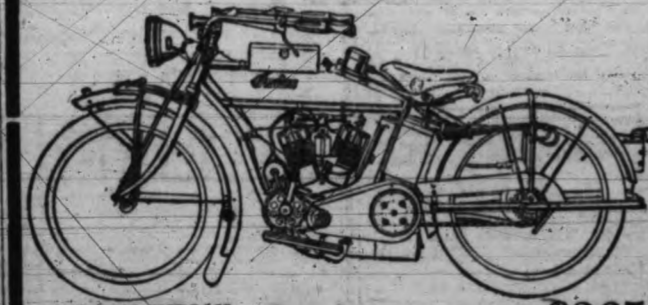
BEAVER BOARD GARDEN TOOLS

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Jitney Drivers' Examination.—The judges appointed by the city council to administer the Hired Vehicles By-law in its relation to jitneys examined candidates this morning for the position of licensed drivers.

Sale of Work.—A sale of work is to be held by the ladies of the Psychic Research Society on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, April 13 in the hall, 719 Courtney street. Afternoon tea will be served.

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



THE 1916 INDIAN Powerplus Model \$365

The supreme achievement of 15 years of endeavor on the part of Indian engineering genius. Call and see this machine to-day if you are interested. Let us tell you about its wonderful new three-speed motor and other sterling qualities. The above price does not include electrical equipment.

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Special for Friday BULK WHEAT FLAKES advertisement listing prices for various products like Horlick's Malted Milk and Old Dutch or Lix.

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H. O. KIRKHAM & CO. LIMITED advertisement for Groceries, Fish and Provisions.

WEATHER BULLETIN section providing daily weather forecasts for Victoria and other regions.

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT section with detailed weather data for Victoria and surrounding areas.

Corns Instant Relief Drop Out advertisement for Putnam's Corn Extractor.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

W. Milligan, of Otter Point, is at the Dominion hotel. Dr. A. Knight is registered at the Strathcona hotel. T. Wilson, of Vancouver, is staying at the Dominion.

Specials For Baby Week

April 10th to 15th inclusive. In our shop you will find a very complete stock of Baby Pins, Child's Cups, Pap Bowls, Lockets, Puff Boxes, Neckties, Baby Spoons, Napkin Rings, Christening Mugs, Table Sets, Bracelets, Food Pushers, Baby Rings, Baby Brushes, Novelties.

Short, Hill & Duncan Limited. Diamond Merchants, Goldsmiths and Silversmiths. At the Sign of the Four Dials, Central Bldg., View and Broad Sts.

TO PROVIDE FOR EDUCATION OF BLIND Vancouver and Victoria Boards Will Co-operate; Singing Competitions.

REQUESTS BOARD TO CONSTRUCT BUILDING

Delegation Urges Immediate Commencement of New King's Road School.

The city school board last evening decided to hold a special meeting next week with regard to the proposed new Kings road school. The architect will be present.

Trustee Dineale described the building as out of date, and the playground as defective. As a contractor he knew that the school could be built cheaply now.

Gordon Sproale LIMITED advertisement with store hours: 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Worthy Values in Pure Wool Dress Goods and Suitings

We would like to have the opportunity of showing you the following lines because we believe that you will appreciate the values presented. Pay a visit to the Dress Goods Section. Interesting assortments are now ready.

This is Children's Week advertisement for 'TREFOUSSE' GLOVES FOR EASTER-NONE BETTER.

Y. W. C. A. CLUB WORK. Institution During Year Has Sheltered Many Activities of Interest to Young Women.

VICTORIA ASTONISHED BY SIMPLE MIXTURE. Victoria people are astonished at the INSTANT action of simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-I-ka. ONE SPOONFUL removes such surprising foul matter it relieves almost ANY CASE constipation, sour stomach or gas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dupont Stewart are down from Cowichan Lake and are staying at the Strathcona hotel.

STUDENTS' RECITAL Concert Under Ladies' Musical Club auspices at Empire Theatre to-night of great interest.

A small reminder is given of the students' recital to be given at the Empire Theatre to-night by the Ladies' Musical Club of Victoria.

The singing competition for the Paterson trophies will be held in the city schools in the third week of May, lasting over three days, subject to there being no cadet inspections clashing with the proposed dates.

In place of laying cinders on the Victoria West school grounds, the board decided to accept a tender for gravel from a neighboring lot owner.

Municipal Inspector Paul suggested a rearrangement of school boundaries which would enable a transfer to Quadra school. An extra teacher would be required there, he said.

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WORKMEN'S BILL IS BROUGHT DOWN

Elimination of Casualty Insurance Companies by Terms of Measure

SOME CHANGES FROM DRAFT BILL OF 1915

Three Commissioners to Administer Act; Scale of Compensation Unchanged

companies, steamship companies, railway shops and the operation of express, sleeping, parlor or dining cars are brought under the general scheme instead of being in a separate schedule in which the individual employers were liable to pay the compensation awarded.

Each year there is to be assessed against the employers in each class, pro rata to their payrolls, the amount which has been paid out in compensation to men engaged in those classes during the preceding year. To equalize the cost of medical care, employers are authorized and required to retain from the pay of employees one cent a day and pay this over to the board with its own assessment. The board has a right of action against employers for unpaid assessments or workmen's contributions to the medical fund. The province is to contribute not over \$50,000 a year to assist in paying administration.

Special provision is made, as in the draft bill, for such extra-hazardous diseases as anthrax, lead, mercury, phosphorus or arsenic poisoning or sarkyostomiasis (prevalent among mine workers).

One portion of the board's jurisdiction covers the prevention of accidents, the adoption of safety devices and the education of employers, employees and the public generally in measures of safety.

The act is not to apply to farm or domestic servants. It is to come into effect on October 1 next and on January 1, 1917, as to its application as between employers and workmen and the payment of compensation. Its provisions do not extend to traveling salesmen, office or clerical staff, those whose work is of a casual nature, outworkers or members of the employer's family.

In their report the members of the committee of state-administered insurance through assessment on employers as opposed to administration through casualty insurance companies, and sum up their opinions in the following paragraphs:

"From inquiries made we are convinced that if all the industries of this province are gathered into one collective system, such as that proposed in the bill, there is ample scope or background for its successful operation: If, however, these industries were divided up and distributed by reason of a state fund operating concurrently with some eighteen or more competing stock companies, with their agents actively soliciting business all over the country, the portion of the total business which fell to the state fund might be far too small to permit the proper working of the law of averages. Not only would the cost of operation of the state fund be increased because of this competition, but the proportion of overhead expenses to the amount of business done would necessarily be larger, and the safety of the fund from the standpoint of insurance might be open to question. This in our opinion is an additional reason why the state fund in this province should be made exclusive."

"Such exclusion will no doubt materially affect the business interests of those engaged in liability insurance in the province. That the act will also seriously affect the business of the legal profession is beyond question, but we see at present no indications that it will be seriously opposed on this account. No doubt the profession at large will be ready to approve of the act in its aim to protect the injured workman and his dependents from the evils of the present system, notwithstanding the loss in legal fees entailed. It is to be hoped the matter from this aspect will be looked at from this aspect as well. We strongly recommend that no third party with conflicting private interests be permitted to come between the employer and the injured workman in their relations as such for the mere purpose of conducting a business for profit.

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SOLDIERS' AID BILL GETS SECOND READING

H. B. Thomson Suggests Its Administration by Returned Soldiers' Aid Commission

Legislative Press Gallery, April 12.

For the third time this week the government forces had a caucus on hand this afternoon and so the sitting of the House was cut short to suit the convenience of the members on the side. The workmen's compensation bill being practically out of the way, so far as the caucus is concerned, the prohibition measure was taken up and there was a somewhat stormy session over this. The members who are in favor of compensation of the liquor interests are in the majority, and they strongly pressed their case from that point of view.

The workmen's compensation bill was introduced during the afternoon, and with it was brought down the report of the committee of investigation. V. Pineo, David Robertson and J. H. McVety—which went into the matter since last session, governed over much of the ground covered by the very extensive labor commission which reported upon this and other labor problems a couple of years ago.

The bill to provide homesteads and homestead loans for returned soldiers was read a second time after another speech had been added to the debate upon it.

H. B. Thomson remarked that prior to the introduction of this bill there had been many speeches and articles claiming that there was a need for the settlers. The government had now decided upon a policy of allowing purchase of a portion of their land to represent the money put into it. It would be an object lesson to the people of the province to see how much of this land, said to have been stolen from the province, would come back to the crown. If it was so very desirable as had been claimed, and if the purchasers had got a "snap," it was safe to say that none of it would be quite a number of acres returned. It would be an opportunity for this to take place, as it would provide the machinery for taking care of the returned soldiers, a duty which all agreed was incumbent upon the province.

Mr. Thomson, like all other Conservative speakers on the bill, had his suggestions to make as to how it might be improved. In order to make it a perfect bill he suggested the administration of the returned soldiers' aid commission, which would give that body an opportunity to go carefully into the whole situation created by the necessity for finding employment for returned soldiers. This commission would be thus enabled to use the lands turned over to it for the purpose of financing the whole scheme of aid to returned soldiers, and it might, if necessary, secure areas closer to settlement for the use of men who might want to go into market gardening, poultry-keeping, fruit-growing or some of the other branches of agricultural production which required but a small area of land.

The bill amending the Trust Company Act was read a second time on motion of the minister of finance.

The minister of land introduced a bill to authorize the sale to the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company of a portion of the Songhees reserve, some sixteen acres in extent, for railway purposes only.



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PROHIBITION WITH OR WITHOUT COMPENSATION.

To the Editor.—In my address before the premier and executive council last Friday in Victoria I had occasion to make certain caustic criticisms with reference to certain prohibition agitators and organizers.

In all fairness and in justice to myself and others it should be noted that I called the particular attention of the executive cabinet that my remarks at this meeting only referred to those advocates of prohibition (I am confident in the minority) who are advocating and advising no compensation to those who will be so seriously and unjustly deprived of their investment.

While I have grave doubts as to the wisdom of the proposed prohibition legislation (in view of the reported experience of other territories) and take exception to the rule of a bare majority in a matter of this kind, yet I have nothing but the best of good feeling for a sincere prohibitionist who, with no ulterior motive believes it is in the best interests of the state. He is just as entitled to his opinion and to express it as I claim the right to mine.

There is, however, surely a great difference between the prohibitionist who says "no compensation" and the prohibitionist who says "I claim prohibition is in the interests of the state, but I am willing that just and reasonable compensation shall be paid to those citizens who will suffer through its enactment." This latter class are entitled to every consideration, as they are at least adopting a fair and honorable course.

No greater error could creep into our statute books than this commencing legislation proposed, and if such should

happen owing to apathy of the disinterested person, economic disturbances, or fanaticism of a few, it would be bound to react upon its agitators and the province, and would ring down in the days to come with an increasing clamor until justice was eventually done.

It is the plain duty of every elector of this country to investigate this tremendously important subject and give vent to his opinion as I am just as convinced that compensation should follow prohibition as I am that the allies should win the present war.

A. EDWARD TULK.
Vancouver, April 10, 1916.

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To-night will be military night at Pantages theatre, and a large body of the 11th C. M. R. men will be present. The band of the unit will play at the opening of the first performance, and officers of the battalion will spend a few minutes in explaining to the audience what they are doing to obtain recruits. These military nights will be held on Thursday of each week and ought to prove popular features at the local vaudeville house.

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To obtain tickets in the

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HAWAII WILL FINISH LOADING NEXT WEEK Barquentine is at Chemainus Taking on Cargo of Lumber for South Africa

WILLIAM CHATHAM IS BRINGING NITRATES The freighter Paraiso, one of the vessels chartered by Grace & Co., is due at Vancouver on Monday to discharge a cargo of Peruvian sugar.

TIDE TABLE April. Table with columns for Date, Time, High, Low, etc.

MAKURA SAILED FOR AUSTRALIA LAST NIGHT The Canadian-Australian liner Makura sailed for Sydney at 11:30 last night, after taking aboard passengers and mail here.

STORM IN NORTH. Seward, Alaska, April 13.—Officials of the Alaska engineering commission fear for the safety of the tugs Crosby and Anne W., which, with five barges in tow, were last reported passing Ketchikan April 1 en route from Seattle to Seward.

YOKOHAMA MARU WILL BE IN EARLY TO-MORROW The Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Yokohama Maru is expected to berth at the outer wharf about 4 o'clock tomorrow morning.

WIRELESS REPORT April 13, 8 a.m. Point Grey—Overcast; S. E.; 30.27; 47. Cape Lazo—Overcast; S. E., strong; 30.15; 44; sea rough. Str Princess Sophia through Seymour Narrows tonight, northbound.

DERELICT OF SAILING SHIP IS STRANDED ON REEF IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC San Francisco, April 13.—The mastless derelict of a sailing vessel, fast ashore on South Minerva reef in the South Pacific, was sighted January 15 by the British barque Lobo, according to advices received here from Australia by the chamber of commerce.

THREE RESCUED. Halifax, N. S., April 13.—The schooner Francis J. O'Hara, Capt. Stresano, of Gloucester, Mass., has arrived at Liverpool, N. S., with Capt. Mills and two men of the schooner Silver Spring, which foundered 45 miles east of Thatcher's Light on April 8.

TIMES SHIPPING CHART DEEP SEA ARRIVALS. Table listing ship names, masters, tonnage, agents, and arrival dates.

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COASTWISE SERVICES. Table listing routes and service frequencies for various ports.

MASTLESS VESSEL IS FAST ASHORE Derelict of Sailing Ship is Stranded on Reef in the South Pacific

San Pedro, Cal., April 13.—The Standard Oil tanker, Capt. A. F. Lucas, which arrived here yesterday from Honolulu, reports having sighted a deserted power boat 200 miles off shore.

DAMAGED BY MINE. London, April 13.—The Dutch steamship Columbia, from Baltimore, March 25, for Amsterdam, put in at Gravesend to-day, having been damaged by striking a mine in the English Channel yesterday.

TEES IN PORT. The C. P. R. steamer Tees, Capt. Gillam, arrived from the west coast at 2 o'clock this morning.

TO SEARCH FOR HALIBUT. The Seward Fishermen's Association has requested the United States bureau of fisheries to send the fisheries steamer Albatross to prospect the Portland banks and other waters near Seward in search of halibut.

CHANGE IN SAILING TIME. The C. P. R. steamer Princess Sophia, which leaves for Skagway tomorrow night, will sail at 9 o'clock instead of 11, which is the usual sailing hour.

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NEW PASSENGER SERVICE. New York, April 13.—A new fortnightly passenger steamship service between New York and the west coast of South America through the Panama canal will be inaugurated the first of next year by the shipping firm of W. R. Grace & Co.

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SAYS BRITISH LINE CAN NOT BE BROKEN

Correspondent of New York Sun Says Nothing Was Concealed From Him

New York, April 13.—The Sun has received the following from its special correspondent at British Headquarters in France:

ferred to distinguished visitors when they in charge carefully keep the "big party in the background far from danger. At his own request the correspondent was taken not to the scene of last year's battles, but to place where fighting was at its hottest during the very time of the visit.

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"PETAIN THE TERROR" VERY VIGOROUS MAN

Commander at Verdun Athletic and Crank on Food for Men

Paris, April 12.—The latest "discovery" among French generals is Philippe Petain, commanding the armies around Verdun. It should not be said too hastily that he is a "great" general, for the war has been full of "discoveries" who have not turned out well. The French have become enthusiastic over a number of suddenly discovered men of genius who have lost battles and fallen into popular as well as official disfavor within a few months after their rise to glory.

Even Gen. Joffre has not altogether escaped from this process of depreciation incidental to the varying fortunes of a long war. A better example was Gen. Foch, who for a time stood at the head of the long list of commanders who won the battle of the Marne all alone. His party, after the Marne, was stronger than the Gallieni party, the Marne party, the Sarre party or the de Castelnau faction. But where is Gen. Foch now? He is probably at his headquarters, but for the vast public he is out of the running. Sarre, was sent to Salonica, in spite of the Socialists. Manoury was wounded. Gallieni became a minister, which is less heroic than being a general, and now has retired through falling health. De Castelnau, now chief of staff to Joffre, held out about as steadily as any one, even better than that other veteran, Langie de Cary. He almost got some "Grandfather" Joffre's public favor away from the great chief.

Rival of De Castelnau. Petain began, to exist for the public, that is for the parliamentary public which is near official rumor, when De Castelnau was named to his present post. It appears that there had been some question of naming Petain instead of De Castelnau. Even at this time Petain's military achievements were known only to staff officers. Since the Champagne offensive Petain has been kept in mind by the press and the public, and Dubail, the former commander of the group of armies operating in the east, and two or three days ago appointed military governor of Paris, has been rather lost sight of. The beginning of the Verdun offensive brought various rumors concerning changes in the higher command, court-martalling of generals of division, sending of celebrated generals to the rear to command insignificant reserve formations—all of which were wrong.

It soon became known, however, that Petain, and not Dubail, was commanding locally. For some days it was believed that Petain was commanding independently of general headquarters and that Joffre and De Castelnau were not near Verdun, but later news showed that De Castelnau was and is there. The fact that Petain has retained for assistants two generals previously unknown except as local eastern commanders, Herr and Humbert, also has contributed to his prestige. Secondary generals must accept the aids imposed upon them, and there is scarcely a general of an army on the front who would not give a leg to be fighting under Petain at Verdun.

Rises to High Station. Rumor has it that M. Briand has spoken once or twice with Petain on the telephone since the Verdun operations began, which would indicate that the general has risen to a very high station indeed. For the moment, then, and for as long as the Verdun defence holds out as the chief event of the western theatre of war, Petain is the most considerable general in the French army.

Gen. Petain is 60 years old. He was born near Calais, entered Saint-Cyr in 1876 and served in the infantry, particularly in the famous Chasseurs a Pied. He was a captain by 1890 and had passed two years in the Ecole Supérieure de Guerre before being admitted to staff standing. In 1901 Major Petain was made professor of infantry tactics—the professors have had it all their way in this war—at the Ecole Supérieure, Col. Petain in 1911 was still a professor, and a well known one. He was even for a time professor at Saumur.

On August 23, 1914, Col. Petain, commanding an infantry brigade and interim, was made a general and assigned to his old brigade. On September 14, 1914, he was made a general of division for the duration of the war. He had passed over the heads of his seniors. On April 26, 1915, he was made a real general of division in command of the 33rd Army Corps. On June 21, 1915, he was put in command of the Second Army. He has had three citations in the orders of the day of the army. He is a commander of the Legion of Honor. He was chevalier in 1901. His career has been regular and not in any way extraordinary as regards rapid advancement.

Petain Likes Speed. Gen. Petain enjoys a remarkable reputation for picturesque behavior because he is athletic and very youthful for his age. He is said to have driven several chauffeurs almost to death since the opening of the war, for he likes speed and isn't afraid of going into the ditch. He has had fourteen chauffeurs in two months. The story goes that he is running the present battle from an armored motor car which drives at impossible speeds over all roads and in "spotted" areas, where German shells fall.

It is said to be a crank about the physical fitness of staff officers and to object to any one who cannot run, ride a bicycle and drive an automobile. "Petain the terror," he is called. He keeps in prizefighter trim all the time by heavy training, gymnastic work, running and ten minutes of fast rope skipping every morning. He is said to have little fear of compromising his dignity before his men. When he cannot see what he wants to see from the ground he shines up trees with a speed which the youngest recruit might envy. Gen. Petain has had a great deal of

THE GOAT



Illustration by Brooklyn Daily Eagle

experience with the question of supplies and is even more cranky about the food which goes to his men than he is about the youth and agility of his staff officers. His men like him for his simplicity and modesty, and for his thoroughness in looking after their food and clothing. The story goes that he succeeded in getting a good, hot, square meal served to the Moroccan troops a few minutes before they made their tremendous attack against Douaumont fort, soon after the Brandenburgers had taken it.

Headquarters in Hovel. A French journalist who has seen the house in which Gen. Petain has his headquarters near Verdun, says that the general's habits must be very simple indeed because his headquarters are in a hovel, guarded by civilian detectives, not by soldiers. The general is in the house very little, remaining only in the field most of the time. In the hovel one room is occupied by staff officers, who work at a single kitchen table. Naturally the house was not chosen with a view to simplicity, but to security from bombardment, a prominent house being an inevitable mark for the enemy's artillery.

During the recent fighting Petain has ordered that all the men should shave, so that their masks against gas should protect them better. Perhaps the obligatory moustache of the French soldier may disappear as a result of this initiative.

The beginning of Gen. Petain's rise in the war was his successful management of the first line assault in the Champagne offensive. The story was around that it was he who would command the French offensive which was being prepared in the Somme when the German blow at Verdun, or preparations for it, forced the French to postpone their attack. Naturally he will stand or fall by the success of his resistance at Verdun. Soldiers are judged only by results.

GERMANS WHO MADE ATTACK ON SUSSEX TAKEN; CRAFT SUNK

The strong belief here that the United States and Germany soon will break off relations, as expressed by the newspapers, was explained to-day when it was allowed by the government to become known that the full crew of the submarine which attacked the Sussex were prisoners in the hands of the French. It is now believed that with this trophy card in hand the allies have deliberately allowed the German government to make denials to the United States, and the right moment having come, full and absolute proof of the German government's responsibility for the attack on the channel packet Sussex has been produced. In view of President Wilson's declaration regarding "strict accountability" for such attacks, it is regarded as certain here that a break with Germany will follow.

No Other Ship. Admiralty records show that no other vessel was torpedoed in the vicinity of the spot where the Sussex was attacked.

RUSSIANS PRESSING ON WEST OF ERZERUM

Petrograd, April 12.—The following official communication was issued last night: "On the Dvinsk front and south of the Dvinsk region there has been artillery and rifle firing at various places. In the Lubla region, southwest of Pinsk, our volunteers were successful in engagements with German scouts. "North and south of the Olyka railway station we repulsed enemy attempts to entrench near our trenches. "Caucasus region—Our troops continue to wrest positions from the enemy west of Erzerum. In the region of Bitlis we repulsed all enemy attacks. South of Lake Urumiah we defeated Kurd detachments, which hastily retreated southward."

ferring to his request made to the attorney general two years before for the reimbursing of the \$20,000. He informed the minister that in addition he had given preference to local sub-contractors at higher figures than he could have had the work done for, to the extent of \$20,000, and that this total of \$20,000 off his original tender had taken all his profit on the contract.

Mr. MacDonald: "By whom were you asked to give these preferences?" "Some of them I must admit I gave voluntarily but others there was persuasion used." "There would be no business reason for you doing this?" "No. It does not sound reasonable as a business proposition."

Sub-Contracts. Mr. MacDonald said he would naturally have taken the lowest tender for each sub-contract. He would submit the names to the minister of public works for approval. The first of these, for excavation, being taken up, Mr. MacDonald said the contract was given to Fraser & Webber at \$14,000. Mr. Fraser's occupation he gave as a retired druggist, but actively in business then, and a former Conservative member of the House, and Webber was his partner in the Excavation Company and a tender from a responsible Vancouver firm to do the work for \$3,000 less.

Mr. MacDonald read to witness from a letter of his to the minister of public works of October 15, 1915, in which he stated that the lowest tenders for excavation were Fraser & Webber, with E. J. Lang & Co., E. Orr & Co., Grand Trunk Pacific Transfer Co. and John Hagerly & Co. following in that order. As Fraser & Webber were "considerably the lowest tenders we will award the contract to them," the firm wrote.

Mr. MacDonald: "The statements in this letter are not according to the facts?" "That is true." "That looks like an arrangement to make it appear to the public that this was the lowest tender." "One reason was I had known Fraser well and some of the others were strangers. Fraser offered to reduce to meet the lowest tender."

Mr. MacDonald: "Where did this pressure you speak of come from?" "Wal, it was general in Victoria. A lot of people were after me about it." "Was Harry Price the chief one?" "I got a few letters from him from time to time. I think the influence all came through him."

Mr. MacDonald: "What was the pressure of the government?" "Yes." "This letter of yours makes an untrue report to the minister of public works. Whose idea was it to put it this way?" "My own, for diplomatic reasons."

RELATIVES OF AUSTRIAN EMPEROR PRAY FOR PEACE. Paris, April 13.—Sixteen members of the Austrian imperial family, including Archduchess Zita, wife of Archduke Charles, heir to the throne; Archduchess Maria Theresa, wife of Archduke Karl Stephen, and Archduchess Leopold Salvator, with seven sons, took part in a pilgrimage headed by the Cardinal Archbishop of Vienna, to the sanctuary of the Madonna of Zell, to implore peace, according to a dispatch from Rome.

DANES HAVE LOST FORTY-TWO VESSELS SINCE WAR STARTED. Copenhagen, April 12.—Forty-two Danish ships, valued at 11,000,000 kroner, the cargoes of which were valued at 20,000,000 kroner, have been destroyed by submarines and mines during the war. Eighty-seven men have been killed. Danish ships valued at 2,000,000 kroner have been torpedoed since the beginning of the new German submarine warfare.

OVERSEAS STATESMEN AND ENTENTE CONFERENCE. London, April 13.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith, replying to Sir C. Kinloch-Cooke's question as to whether Sir Robert Borden, prime minister of Canada, had been invited to attend the Paris conference, said it had not been suggested that any of the Dominions be especially represented. Mr. Hughes, prime minister of Australia, was an Imperial Privy Councillor, and had been invited to attend as one of the representatives of the Imperial government. If it had been possible for the prime ministers of any of the other overseas Dominions to attend he had no need to say that a similar invitation would be extended to them.

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS. Winnipeg, April 13.—The bank clearings here for the week ended to-day were \$28,414,657, as compared with \$22,777,548 for the corresponding week last year, and \$19,177,338 in 1914.

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Exhibition of Drills by Girls' Gymnasium Class to Be Given To-morrow Night.
To-morrow night there will be a drill display by the girls of the High school who have been in the gymnasium classes under training by Miss Jarvis during the year. The display will take place in the High school gymnasium, commencing at 8 o'clock. No money will be taken at the door, as all the tickets for the seating capacity of the hall have already been sold.
The following is the programme:
1. Free movements.
2. Dargaron (dance).
3. First half of the boys' basket ball match.
4. Club swinging.
5. Second half of the boys' basket ball match.
6. Morris dance.
Extra Club solo.
7. Drill with apparatus.
8. Dance, "The Faithful Shepherd."
9. Dance, "Green Sleeves."
10. Skipping.
11. Swedish Folk Dance.
12. Marching.

Court of Revision
NOTICE is hereby given that the first sitting of the next annual Court of Revision, appointed under the provisions of the "Municipal Act" by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, British Columbia, in respect of the assessment roll for the year 1916, of the municipality of the said City, will be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, in the said city, on
Wednesday, the 26th Day of April, 1916
at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of hearing all complaints against the assessment as made by the Assessor, and of revising, equalizing, and correcting the said Assessment Roll.
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SAANICH LIBERALS MET LAST NIGHT

Alderman Bell and F. A. Pauline Spoke at Marigold to Ward One

Ward I. Liberal Association, Saanich, held a well-attended meeting in Marigold last evening. The chair was taken by Mr. Coates, and Alderman Bell was one of the first speakers. In the course of a very interesting address he clearly outlined the stand of the Liberal party on the matter of prohibition, which had been consistent and satisfactory in every respect to the advocates of prohibition.
Referring to the estimates of revenue and expenditure for the coming year, Alderman Bell showed the apparent inability of the government to reduce the expenditure of administration at a time when it was imperative that economy and prudence should be practiced.
F. A. Pauline, Liberal candidate for Saanich, dealt with the anomalous position of the premier as senior partner of the legal firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge, while holding at the same time the position of attorney general. The speaker claimed that it was undesirable and improper, and tended to bring the good name of the province into disrepute. Reference was made at some length to the failure of the Dominion Trust, Mr. Pauline claiming that Premier Bowser as attorney general and member of the firm of solicitors above named, was partly responsible for that failure. Had he done his duty to the people of the province, the only losers would have been the shareholders, and even they would have saved some of their money.
During the evening patriotic choruses by the juvenile choir of Marigold and an excellent solo by Mr. Deakin were much enjoyed. The proceedings terminated with the national anthem.

FEAST OF PASSOVER TO BE OBSERVED
Commences on Monday Next; is Based on Biblical Narrative
Commencing on Monday next local Jews will celebrate the Feast of the Passover or Pesach, which is observed for seven days by Reform and eight days by Orthodox congregations.
The Passover is the first festival of emancipation in the history of civilization. Its commemoration is based on the Biblical narrative which tells how the people of Israel enslaved in Egypt were led from bondage to freedom by the great leader Moses.
The Passover festival speaks for the sanctity of the home as well as for self-respect and liberty. The Jews accordingly assemble in their homes on this festival, and signalize it by a solemn service in which the story of the ancient struggle for emancipation is recounted with pious fervor. This Seder, as it is called, is unique in spirit and form. It is earnest and yet happy, and its ritual, though archaic, symbolizes the facts of human experience in all conditions of life. The roasted lamb, reminiscent of the paschal lamb of the first Passover; the bitter herbs calling to mind the hard labor of the Israelite slaves; the unleavened bread, known as the "bread of affliction," symbolizing the hasty departure from Egypt; the roasted egg, recalling the individual sacrifice which was offered in the Temple; the mixture of grated apple, nuts and wine, suggesting the clay from which bricks were made by the enslaved people, and the parsley and salt water, symbolic of growth and the fertilizing freshness of spring. Invest the domestic ceremony with a real and forceful meaning. A beautiful and most suggestive part of the service is the Open Door, through which the messianic prophet Elijah enters every home that night, a splendid expression of the great ideal which the prophets of Israel announced will become real some day when men will cease to hate and begin to do justice.
It is customary to remove all leaven out of the household in preparation for the feast. Leaven is the symbol of the selfish and refers to those who are unemancipated from the commonplace things. During the feast, only matzo and not bread, are eaten. The distinctive spirit of the feast finds expression even in the specific food.
The Haggadah, the order of the domestic service, read on the night when the family gathers about the common table, comprises the narrative of the exodus from Egypt, the account of the oppression which the ancient Israelites endured, and is not without its covert allusions to the pathetic story of Israel in more recent times in the midst of the unkind nations.
The Passover is the most ancient of the Jewish holidays and perhaps the most ancient of all holidays in the history of religion, and no holiday is so near to the truth of human life as it is.
The favorite book for reading during the Passover week is the "Song of Songs." It is the most classical song of love in canonized literature and is read on this festival because, according to the traditional view, it speaks the love between God and Israel.

DECORATED BY KING
Commander Bernays, Well Known to Shipping Men on Coast, Created C. M. G.
Leopold Arthur Bernays, well known to shipping men on the Pacific coast, has been created a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George by his majesty the king for distinguished service in the royal navy, in which he now holds the rank of commander.
Appointed a Lieutenant in the British navy in January, 1905, Bernays resigned in February of the following year, but was on the navy reserve. He was in New Westminster when the war broke out, and immediately joined the 104th Regiment for overseas service and went to England with the First Canadian contingent. On his arrival in the old land he was at once transferred to the naval service and given command of a fleet of minesweepers. The exact nature of the services for which he has been decorated is not given, but it is understood that he has also been decorated with a high Russian order.

103RD BATTALION HELD NIGHT PARADE
Marched to Parliament Buildings and Back; About One Thousand Strong
The 103rd Battalion, Vancouver Island and Timber Wolves, paraded through the city last night about 1,000 strong. There were 15 mounted officers. The parade came somewhat as a surprise as it had not been previously announced, nevertheless there were large numbers of people lining the streets to watch the men go by. The battalion assembled at the Central park, and marched down Queen's avenue along Douglas, Bay and Government streets to Parliament Square, and back to Yates and Douglas streets to the barracks.
The pioneers, in command of Sergt. McDonald, led the parade, followed by Lieut. Simmons and the signal corps. The hands followed, and then came the rank and file led by Lieut.-Col. Henniker, officer commanding; Major Spurgin, and Lieut. Skelton, assistant adjutant. The four companies in order were in charge of Major Pemberton, Capt. Martin, Capt. Barton and Capt. Black. The machine gun section was in command of Lieut. Hyman, and the transport section in command of Lieut. McLagan. At the rear of the battalion were Major Drake, third in command; Capt. Round, paymaster; Hon. Capt. Stephenson, chaplain, and Lieut. Thomas, dental officer.
The battalion has been practically recruited to strength for some weeks now, and already shows the results of steady and careful training. Lieut.-Col. Henniker says that if called on the 103rd could leave at two days' notice for England, as the weeding-out process has been completed from the 1,500 men who have been recruited since the mobilization began, and the battalion now is eleven short of authorized battalion strength.
To-morrow Lieut. Ross and 30 men of the 103rd will have for James Island by the S. S. Queen City to relieve the guard of the 88th there.

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VETERANS CLUB.
Funds Will Be Raised for Deserving Institution by Means of Concerts and Vaudeville.
The Veterans Club of B. C. was formed in the early part of December to band together the men who have served or are serving in his majesty's navy and army. Its formation was hastened owing to the fact that neither the government or any other recognized body at that time had made any attempt to do anything for the men as they came back from the front and arrived in Victoria.
An executive committee was appointed, consisting of Lieut.-Col. Andrew C. P. Haggard, D. S. O., chairman; Major Seymour Rowlinson, vice-chairman; Gunner D. W. R. Muir, Troopers J. A. B. Hoyle and R. H. Puley and Stanley Porter.
On being approached by the executive committee, Col. A. T. Ogilvie became the hon. president and Rear-Admiral W. O. Story, R. N., Col. E. G. Prior and Major Longstaff, F. R. G. S., hon. vice-presidents.
The Victoria command, Legion of Frontiersmen, placed their headquarters, Camosun building, 1203-05 Langley street, at the disposal of the executive committee for the Veterans Club, and the large rooms have now been fairly comfortably furnished, papered and painted, making them very attractive and pleasant. A returned soldier has been employed to keep the rooms clean and warm, and to look after the comforts of his comrades.
More financial assistance is required and to this end two grand concerts and vaudeville entertainments are to be given in the Royal Victoria theatre on Monday and Tuesday evenings, April 17 and 18, to raise funds to carry on the work of this worthy institution.
The executive committee appeals to the public for their generous support at these entertainments. The programme for Monday night will be in charge of Mrs. Ella Shaw and of the following night (Tuesday) of Mrs. E. Beard. Tickets are now on sale at the following stores: Victoria Book &

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BOY SCOUTS WITH COLORS
Many Members of Victoria Troops Have Enlisted Since the War Began; University School Troop Reorganized.
During March the district commissioner and the honorary secretary of the Victoria Boy Scouts' Association paid visits to each of the troops in the district and found them in good order. The University School has reorganized a troop with a scoutmaster who is evidently determined to keep up the high standard which the school troop has always maintained.
The following have enlisted since the war began from Troop No. 111: Scoutmaster H. R. Seife, now serving in Flanders with the First Division Signal Co.; A. S. M. F. C. Anthony; A. S. M. W. H. Brown; Instr. H. W. Brown; Instr. H. S. Graves; Patrol leaders, C. J. Wrigglesworth, M. Smith, F. Hardwick, G. A. Woolson, R. E. N. Nash, Seconds, T. Davis, E. Frampton, Y. Townsend, R. Christie.
In Troop X the following have enlisted: Patrol Leaders K. Peters, W. Brinkman, E. Olson, A. Lowry, Horspool, Dispecker, Scouts French, H. Levings, P. Parkinson, D. McDonald, Armistage, F. Popham, C. Hibberd and T. Thompson.
In Troop XI the following have enlisted: Act. A. S. M. C. Floyd; Scouts T. N. Hibben, W. Smith and C. Caldwell.
The above are only some of the members of the Victoria Boy Scouts' Association who have joined to do their bit. Complete lists will be published later. The commissioner hopes that all the boys who can will attend the lecture on Astronomy, to be given on Saturday in the Cathedral school room. Any scoutmasters who are contemplating taking their troops out camping this summer are asked to apply to the honorary secretary who can supply information with regard to locations near Deep Cove.
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