

WEATHER FORECASTS

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Sunday: Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and cold.

Victoria Daily Times

WHERE TO GO TO-NIGHT

Pantages—Vandeville. Royal Victoria—Marguerite Clark. Dominion—'Some Boy.' Variety—Norma Talmadge.

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GREAT DEMONSTRATIONS NOW IN AUSTRIA, IT IS STATED; EMPIRE READY FOR PEACE WITH RUSSIA

Petrograd Dispatch Says Vienna Prepared to Make Peace With Russia, Leaving Out Germany; Bolshevik Papers Tell of Austrian Uprising

London, Jan. 26.—Austria has declared her readiness to conclude a separate peace without Germany and to accept the Russian democratic programme with the exception of the principle of self-determination of nations, says a dispatch from Petrograd to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

Another dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Petrograd dated Friday says: "The Bolshevik newspapers to-day report that great demonstrations are taking place all over Austria-Hungary. Workmen's and Soldiers' organizations have been formed at Vienna and Budapest.

"A big strike has begun at Warsaw. The Socialist congress at Warsaw has resolved to organize a revolutionary Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Deputies."

HERTLING JINGOLISTIC; AUSTRIA WEAKENING

So Say New York Papers in Commenting on Speeches

New York, Jan. 26.—The newspapers of New York generally consider German Chancellor von Hertling's address insincere and arrogant, but those commenting on the speech of Count Czernin, the Austrian Foreign Minister, see "weakening of Austria" under the stress of the internal situation and the desire for peace, "not merely because of being tired of the war, but because of being practically at the point of exhaustion."

The Tribune says Hertling had two purposes in view. The first was to allay the insistent peace clamor at home by declaring that the German Government found some of President Wilson's fourteen points acceptable; it was willing to go on discussing the others. The second was to forward the scheme of the German military party, now in complete control of the Government, to bring about a settlement of all embarrassing questions of territorial readjustment by give-and-take negotiations around the green table.

FOR PROTECTION

Petrograd, Jan. 26.—In explanation of the entrance of British warships into the port of Vladivostok, the British Embassy has informed the Bolsheviks that the purpose was to protect Allied subjects against possible disorders, and particularly against enemy prisoners freed in Siberia.

FRENCH PERCEIVE HERTLING DOMINATED BY MILITARISTS

Paris, Jan. 26.—Chancellor von Hertling's speech is considered in official circles here as confirming the supposition that General von Ludendorff, Field-Marshal von Hindenburg and the Pan-Germans are dictating the German Government's policy. The Chancellor's remarks concerning Belgium are taken as confirmation of what former Ambassador Gerard said of the declaration on the same subject by the former German Chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg.

The intention appears clearly on the part of Germany to seek to treat separately with each of its antagonists. This is indicated by Chancellor von Hertling's reference to France and the eventual conversations with France about the evacuation of occupied territory, and also regarding Poland, which Germany wants to consider as a question between Poland and the Central Powers with which no other powers have anything to say. Count Czernin's speech is regarded as having the same foundation, al-

Elective System in Russian Fleet; Men to Choose Officers

Petrograd, Jan. 26.—The Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Deputies has promulgated a decree democratizing the Russian navy and providing that all officers shall be elected.

EXCELLENT WORK BY FRENCH AIRMEN

Many Photographs Taken by Aviators and German Establishments Bombed

Paris, Jan. 26.—A German raid made on French positions at the western edge of the forest of St. Gobain, between the Oise and Ailette Rivers, failed last night, the War Office here reported this afternoon in the following communication:

"We easily repulsed an enemy raid on the western edge of the forest of St. Gobain. There was a reciprocal bombardment in front of Charières Wood and Bezonvaux. The night was calm on the rest of the front.

"Aviation—During the day of January 25 French aviators showed particular activity, numerous photographic undertakings being realized by the French observers, who surveyed the German zone as far as thirty kilometers (nearly nineteen miles) into the interior. More than 500 photographs were taken during the day.

"Pursuit aviators brought down four German machines. Our bomb-dropping machines carried out various operations during the day as well as in the night following. Eight thousand kilograms of explosives were dropped on German establishments, notably the railway station at Thionville and Fribourg, in Breslau; the Raschig Amine Works at Ludwigshafen and c.c.n.t. tonments in the region of Longuyon."

FIRE IN WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, Jan. 26.—Damage estimated at \$2,000 was caused by a fire which broke out in the Monadnock Building on First Street here to-day.

AID FOR BELGIAN REFUGEES FROM U. S.

HAVE, JAN. 26.—The Belgian Government was advised to-day that the American Red Cross has placed at its disposal 2,000,000 francs for the relief of Belgian refugees.

PEACE WITH RUSSIANS OR JUNKERS WILL BE OUSTED SCHEIDEMANN'S STATEMENT

Amsterdam, Jan. 26.—Philip Scheidemann, president of the Social Democratic Party in Germany, answering Chancellor von Hertling's speech in the main committee in the Reichstag, warned the military leaders of the Imperial German Government that if they did not bring about peace between Germany and Russia, "they would be hurled from power."

The reply of Scheidemann as published in The Berlin Vorwaerts follows:

"Two chief arguments were advanced by the militarist party for the prolongation of the war, namely, the success of the U boats and the strength of the armies. But these were to have given us a decisive victory in six months, according to the announcement made in 1916. Alas, that period has long since passed, and while the U boat warfare admittedly has harmed England enormously, its visible effect has been the entry of the United States into the war.

"If the United States had not entered the war we may be sure the Russian revolution would long ago have brought a general peace.

"What about the army? Suppose the army should take Calais and Paris, would that mean peace? I say no. Suppose the army conquered France and England, would that mean peace? I say no, for we would still have to conquer the United States."

Scheidemann fiercely attacked the militarist leaders, declaring that their attitude toward Austria was likely to lose for Germany her last friend.

"If our Government leaders can not break free from these patriots," said the Social Democratic leader, "they had better go. I warn them that if they do not bring us peace with Russia they will be hurled from power."

Scheidemann declared that an agreement easily was possible on eleven points of President Wilson's statement. "But Mr. Wilson must be told plainly," the speaker declared, "that Alsace-Lorraine is Germany's and will remain so."

"If one clear word is spoken regarding Belgium, England's war-mongering will end. An honorable, complete re-statement of Belgium is our duty."

"I can not see the day," Scheidemann went on, "when Germany will say to the Entente: 'We accept your terms; we are beaten.' But as little can I see the day when England, France and the United States will say the same to us. Regarding the relations between Germany and Austria, Scheidemann said an indication of the Austrian feeling toward the present German regime might be gathered from the fact that during the recent demonstrations in Vienna the Austrian Emperor was never once attacked by speakers, but that the German Kaiser was openly and repeatedly insulted. This was due, he said, to the attacks of the German junkers on Austria. He declared the junker press had been demanding that 'Germany should be freed from Austria.'"

"Touching on President Wilson's peace terms, Scheidemann said: 'Regarding Alsace-Lorraine, there is nothing for us to redress. It will remain ours.'"

After Hertling. London, Jan. 26.—An Amsterdam dispatch to The Central News, quoting advice from Berlin, says that after the speech of Count von Hertling before the main committee of the Reichstag of Thursday, remarks were made by Karl Trimborn, a Centrist member of the Reichstag, Deputy Fishbeck, a Progressive, and Dr. Gustave Stresemann, a National Liberal, who generally supported the Chancellor, although Dr. Stresemann insisted on the necessity of ensuring the importance of Flanders.

Philip Scheidemann, president of the Social Democratic party, agreed with the Government's view, but complained because the submarine warfare had failed and had drawn the United States into the struggle. He regretted that Chancellor von Hertling had not regarded President Wilson's message as an honest declaration, tending toward peace, and also because the Chancellor had declared so definitely that Alsace-Lorraine must remain in Germany's possession. Scheidemann thought that once the question of Belgium was settled the problem of Alsace-Lorraine would be solved.

Naval Council of Allies to Meet in London Next Week

London, Jan. 26.—The Admiralty announced last night that the first meeting of the Allied Naval Council will be held at the Admiralty next Tuesday and Wednesday. The meeting will be attended by Sir Eric Campbell Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty; Vice-Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss, First Sea Lord; Vice-Admiral William S. Sims, of the United States navy; Vice-Admiral Ferdinand Jean Dacques de Bon, chief of the French Naval General Staff; Vice-Admiral Paolo Thaon di Revel, of the Italian navy, and Admiral Funakoshi, of the Japanese navy.

WAR MUST GO ON, SAY BRITISH PAPERS

Hertling and Czernin Have Made It Clear Allies Must Triumph

London, Jan. 26.—The view entertained by a majority of the morning newspapers of London respecting the speeches of Chancellor von Hertling and Count Czernin is that Germany regards herself as the conqueror, that she is determined upon aggression and is prepared to listen to no terms of peace except her own, and that therefore the war must go on. It is admitted that the tone of the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister is more conciliatory than that of the German Chancellor, but this is attributed largely to the pressure of internal conditions in Austria-Hungary. Count Czernin's respectful references to President Wilson's address are received coolly for the most part because of his declared fidelity to the alliance with Germany.

In Collusion. The Times thinks the speeches of Chancellor von Hertling and Count Czernin were arranged in collusion and constitute a combined diplomatic offensive against the Entente Powers. The paper says: "The attack obviously was intended to shake the solidarity of the allies at several points, but President Wilson manifestly was the chief objective of the converging forces."

"Neither speech disclosed the least readiness to make any concessions which the Allies declare to be indispensable."

Get On With War. The Morning Post thinks Chancellor von Hertling's evident anxiety to placate the United States is very remarkable, and cannot reconcile his professed agreement with President Wilson's general principles while differing as to details, but assumes that "the speech was constructed, as so many have interpreted it, as an equal appeal to opposite senses. After making an indignant condemnation of the proposals that Great Britain give up Gibraltar and other points of defence, the Post says: 'Now, having received another proof of Germany's inexorable hatred of Britain, we will get on with the war.'"

No Peace. The Telegraph fears that the speeches of the German Chancellor and the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister contribute nothing to the peace of Europe and believes that there is no radical divergence in the views of Germany and Austria. The Telegraph says that the Chancellor's views are especially important because he exposes unmistakably the fact that the militarist party in Germany has gained a remarkable ascendancy, adding: "A review of the whole field of controversy leaves things in the same position as before and it is useless to talk peace when there is no peace."

Valueless Assent. The Chronicle says that Chancellor von Hertling, while giving guarded and practically valueless assent to some of President Wilson's abstract principles, refused every one of the concrete territorial demands. The Chronicle finds it difficult to say how much Count Czernin's phrases regarding President Wilson mean, for on concrete points he concedes nothing. Concluding, the Chronicle says that "it looks as if nothing but Germany's defeat could change Germany's heart."

RUMORS OF GERMAN REVOLUTION CURRENT IN HOLLAND; RIOTS IN BERLIN; MANY PERSONS WOUNDED

Nieuw Amsterdam at Sea; Left Holland for U.S. Yesterday

Amsterdam, Jan. 26.—The Holland-American liner Nieuw Amsterdam, which had been lying in the roadstead here for some time with a large number of passengers on board, sailed yesterday for the United States.

WILL CO-OPERATE IN GETTING SPRUCE

Sir Robert Borden Wires Premier Brewster War Committee's Assurances

To the telegraphed information regarding the recent Order-in-Council passed by the Provincial Executive in relation to added facilities in the matter of spruce logging, Premier Brewster received the following wired reply from Sir Robert Borden last night: "Your telegram of January 15 regarding aeroplane spruce matter has been before the War Committee of the Cabinet, which desires to assure you of the co-operation of the Federal Government."

It will be recalled that Mr. Brewster telegraphed a copy of the Order-in-Council referred to, pointing out to Sir Robert at the same time that the local executive's action had been determined after a thorough investigation and full realization of the responsibility east on the Province of British Columbia. While looking with confidence to the Federal authorities for support to the local action, Mr. Brewster asked that, if necessary, Sir Robert institute measures of an Order-in-Council under Section 8 of the War Measures Act.

Satisfactory Conclusion. The Premier is gratified at the receipt of Sir Robert's and his Cabinet in that it places the whole matter on firm ground, while the backing of the Federal authorities in so vital a matter, both to the Allied cause as well as in relation to a very important industrial development in British Columbia, is regarded by Mr. Brewster and the Minister of Lands as an eminently satisfactory conclusion to the indefatigable efforts of all concerned and particularly Chief Forester Grainger.

Willing to Help. As evidence of the willing co-operation of the United States Department of Agriculture in the recovery of spruce logs in Washington and Oregon, Colonel Disque has written to the Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands, inviting him to make use of his office and the information at its disposal whenever the necessity may arise. Colonel Disque is directing operations from Portland and has a large army of Sammies actively engaged in spruce logging operations.

Much Activity. Following directly on the passage of the Provincial Order-in-Council there is already a good deal of concerted activity towards the north. Many machines, donkey engines and loggers are on the way to the Spruce Charlotte Islands, where the main spruce belts of British Columbia are situated, while in one shipment during the present week there were dispatched no less than thirty engines.

Fish From American Craft to the States Via This Province

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—An Order-in-Council, published in The Canada Gazette to-day, permits during the year 1918 vessels registered in the United States to land fresh fish at British Columbia ports for shipment in bond to points of destination across the border. United States vessels will be permitted to purchase bait, ice and supplies in British Columbia with the understanding that catches of fish made with any baiting so supplied shall be landed at a port on the mainland of British Columbia and forwarded to a point in the United States under regulations determined by the Dominion Minister of Customs.

FELL DEAD

San Francisco, Jan. 25.—Frank H. Gould, surveyor-general of the Department of the Interior of the United States, dropped dead here 35-day from apoplexy in a corridor in front of his office.

Crowds Are Said to Have Cried for Peace; No Telegrams Reached Holland Direct From Berlin Yesterday; Thursday Morning Papers Not Sent

London, Jan. 26.—The Amsterdam correspondent of The London Express says that extraordinary reports are current concerning a revolution in Germany and that there have been rumors of grave disorders in Berlin during the last two days, the rioters clamoring for peace. He also reports bread riots which were ruthlessly repressed by the police, many men, women and children being wounded.

The correspondent admits that confirmation of these rumors is impossible, but thinks that it is remarkable that no telegrams, either press or commercial, were received in Holland on Friday direct from Berlin, all coming by roundabout routes. No copies of any of the Thursday morning Berlin newspapers have arrived in Holland.

FIVE POINTS IN GERMANY WERE BOMBED BY RAIDING BRITISH AIR SQUADRONS

London, Jan. 26.—Field-Marshal Haig reported to-day: "We took a few prisoners last night in patrol encounters south-west of Cambrai. Hostile artillery was active early in the night against our positions in the Scarpe Valley."

"Aviation—On Thursday more than 300 bombs were dropped on the Courtrai, Ledegheim and Douai railway stations, the aerodrome near Courtrai and on German billets west of Cambrai. The enemy hangars at Douai and other ground targets were bombed by some of our aeroplanes. Several hostile machines were brought down in the fighting and five others were driven down out of control. Two British machines are missing.

"As soon as it was dark British night fliers bombed a German aerodrome northeast of Ghent and other aerodromes near Courtrai and billets around Roulers. All of our machines returned.

"At the same time other machines attacked several objectives in Germany, making direct hits on factories and docks and in the town of Mannheim. The barracks and railway station at Treves, the steel works at Thionville and the railway stations at Saarbrücken and Oberbiling, also were attacked with excellent results. The pilots report large explosions at all objectives and a big fire at Treves. One of our machines failed to return."

The Admiralty announced to-day that naval aircraft bombed a German aerodrome at Varasseaux on Friday making direct hits. All the machines returned.

In patrol fighting on Wednesday, the Admiralty announcement says further, two enemy aircraft were destroyed and two were shot down out of commission. One British machine is missing.

Bolshevik Plan to Resume Peace Talk With the Teutons

Copenhagen, Jan. 25.—The National Russian Congress of Soldiers' and Workmen's Deputies, to which the Bolshevik Government referred the question of war expenses, has authorized Foreign Minister Trotsky to continue the peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk, a Petrograd dispatch reports. M. Trotsky will return to Brest-Litovsk early next week.

BRITISH LABOR STATES THIS WAR MUST END PRUSSIANISM

Nottingham, Jan. 26.—The British Labor Party has just closed here the most important convention in its history. The outstanding feature of the three days' proceedings was the firm stand taken on the war. British labor emphatically reasserted that "the world must be completely and finally rid of aggressive militarism."

The pacifist element in the conference, though demonstrative, was beaten decisively on every occasion its proposals reached a vote. For three years the question of the conduct of the war has been the principal pre-occupation of this annual conference and each time labor has decided to go on but never has it spoken in so emphatic and specific a manner as this year, nor with such unanimity. During the course of the convention there were occasional outbreaks of revolutionary sentiment from irresponsible delegates, but Rt. Hon. Arthur Henderson, as head of the party, disposed of them with scant courtesy. "Revolution is a word of evil omen," said Mr. Henderson, "and no responsible person can contemplate such a possibility without horror to the British people, especially as such prospects are wholly without appeal to the British people. Do not organize revolutions or a coup d'état. British labor desires a smooth transition to a new order, working along constitutional lines."

JUSTICE STILL FAR FROM TEUTON MIND

This Indicated by Hertling and Czernin, Says Paris Temps

Paris, Jan. 26.—"Never was the Alsace-Lorraine question farther from being the sole obstacle to peace," says Le Temps in its comments on the speeches of the German Chancellor and the Austrian Foreign Minister. "This only is the most visible symbol of the untractable German imperialism."

Le Temps says that the Chancellor failed utterly to follow the reasoning of his collaborator, Dr. von Kuehlmann, the German Foreign Secretary, declaring: "For we be to believe the Alsace-Lorraine question the only bar to peace, he would have been obliged to declare Germany's readiness to restore Belgium without restrictions, and to assure the Poles, Lithuanians and Letts freedom to settle their own destinies."

"Instead," says Le Temps, "Chancellor von Hertling carefully avoided doing this. Over Belgium he leaves a menacing doubt. He refuses all explanation to the Allies about the Eastern front, and he does not even promise that the French territory will be evacuated without reserve."

Comparing the utterances of the German Chancellor and Count Czernin, Le Temps says that both statesmen being weighted with responsibility since their countries are torn between desires of peace and annexationist propaganda, the words of yesterday indicate the choice each has made.

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WAR AIMS RESOLUTION CAUSED PANDEMONIUM

Alberta United Farmers Not Calling on Allies to State Terms

Calgary, Jan. 26.—At the convention here yesterday of the United Farmers' Association the following resolution on the war aims of the Allies was submitted:

"Whereas the German people, all statements to the contrary notwithstanding, still think that the sole aim of the Allies is to crush them, be it resolved that the Governments of the Allied nations, in order to make their position clear to the German people and to the world at large, be asked to state the terms on which they will make peace."

An uproar greeted the reading of the resolution, and after it had been stated that the Allies had already stated their terms, the matter was tabled, although at a later stage Delegate Yager endeavored to re-introduce the subject by saying that the restoration of Belgium should be borne by all the nations.

Pandemonium reigned for some minutes while Yager vainly tried to make himself heard. He at last hurried from the platform amidst hoots.

WOOD FROM PARK FOR HOUSEHOLDS IN OTTAWA

Toronto, Jan. 25.—Hon. G. H. Ferguson, Minister of Lands, of Ontario, was visited yesterday by Controller James Muir and F. B. Proctor, city solicitor of Ottawa, who came to ask the privilege of cutting wood for fuel in Algonquin Park. The permit was granted and the City of Ottawa proposes to have at least 10,000 cords of wood cut in the Algonquin woods next summer and delivered for consumption during the autumn months. The estimated cost of the wood laid down in Ottawa is \$6 a cord.

FARMERS OF ALBERTA AGAINST COOLIE PLAN

United Farmers' Association Passes Resolution Opposing Importation of Aliens

Calgary, Jan. 26.—At the convention of the United Farmers' Association here yesterday the chief topic of discussion was a resolution dealing with the proposed movement of the Canadian Government to use Chinese labor in Canada to increase farm production.

The discussion ended in a resolution being adopted severely condemning Oriental labor for Canada.

At the outset Vice-President Baker moved the following resolution:

"In view of the need of the greatest food production, be it resolved that we ask the Provincial and Dominion Governments to organize the labor power of the country for the more effective help of the farmers; and, further that we view with alarm the suggestion that Oriental labor be introduced into Canada and respectfully insist that if it is absolutely necessary that such labor be brought in it should be under military supervision, should remain and finally be deported under military supervision and should be paid for at the current Canadian rates for similar work." (Applause.)

Applause greeted the reading of the resolution. President Wood recognized one delegate, who yelled in loud tones: "Keep the Chinese under the laynet. If we must have them here in Canada, and put them out after they have done their work, also with the point of the bayonet."

A voice: "The British Government recognized Oriental labor in South Africa as slavery."

When another speaker moved to have the words about the military guard deleted he was met with a storm of hooting and cries of "Shame."

One member flatly stated that if the capitalists of Canada would only pay fair wages there would be no necessity to import alien labor of the worst kind. The whole scheme was being engineered to pay miserable wages and amass huge profits by the capitalists.

Ultimately the resolution was adopted, amended to read: "Whereas, there has been considerable discussion throughout Canada regarding the proposed bringing in Oriental labor, this convention goes on record as being absolutely opposed to the introduction of alien labor in any shape or form."

There was tremendous applause at the passing of the resolution.

CHANGE IN CONTROL OF WORLD BLOCK, VANCOUVER

Vancouver, Jan. 25.—A final order of foreclosure, which means the passing of the former World building on Pender Street here into the ownership of J. J. Toomey, of the Great Northern Railway, was made by Chief Justice Hunter yesterday. The order was not opposed by The World Building Ltd., owners of the building. A. H. McNeill, K. C., solicitor for the Great Northern Railway, appeared for Mr. Toomey.

The mortgage was for \$200,000 and was arranged by L. D. Taylor in 1911 when mayor of the city and president of The World Building Company. Interest had been allowed to accumulate and some time ago Mr. Toomey took steps to institute foreclosure proceedings.

At the time of lending the \$200,000 Mr. Toomey was private secretary to James J. Hill, and it is understood was merely acting as a figurehead for the Great Northern interests.

DENTAL ADVERTISING CASE IN VANCOUVER

Vancouver, Jan. 26.—After Monday next the meaning of the words "if it hurts" will be known to all and sundry, for on that day Magistrate Shaw will give his judicial interpretation of what is now a famous phrase in Vancouver. The need for this decision arises from the prosecution of Dr. T. Glendon Moody, a well-known dentist, on charges of issuing advertisements in which he is alleged to have claimed to practice dentistry without pain to the patient, the informant in the cases being J. Milton Jones, president of the official College of Dental Surgeons.

Certain advertisements appearing on different dates under the heading "for the charges" the allegation of the prosecution being that these advertisements were so framed as to lead the general public to believe they would suffer no pain if they were treated by the accused.

At the opening of the hearing G. G. McGeer, who appeared for the Dental College, spent more than an hour endeavoring to persuade Magistrate Shaw to delegate his functions as a judge to a number of witnesses whom counsel proposed to call. The witnesses, Mr. McGeer said, would testify as to the meaning they gave to the advertisements complained of, and were drawn from the ranks of the dental profession and advertising writers.

FIGHT IN NEW TORONTO.

Toronto, Jan. 26.—As the outcome of a fight among foreigners at New Toronto, George Hellye is in the hospital with a knife wound in the abdomen. George Chasman is in jail on remand on a charge of disorderly conduct, and a warrant has been issued for the arrest of John Wolk, who is accused of having used the knife on Hellye.

RAID BY GERMANS FOILED BY FRENCH

Paris, Jan. 26.—The following official report was issued here last night:

"An enemy raid against our small posts to the north of the Bois des Caubieres (Verdun front) failed completely. The cannonading continued spiritedly during the afternoon. Elsewhere the whole region remained calm."

AVIATOR KILLED.

Montreal, Jan. 26.—Flight Lieut. Ralph Gordon Hall, of the Royal Flying Corps, was accidentally killed while flying at Birmingham, Eng., last Thursday.

IRISH SITUATION WATCHED IN STATES

A Washington Correspondent Says Failure of Convention Would Have Bad Effect

London, Jan. 26.—The Washington correspondent of The London Times cables that disquieting reports about the prospects of the Irish Convention have created in the United States a profound uneasiness and caused great anxiety in official circles.

"Most disastrous consequences," he says, "would inevitably follow the collapse of the Irish Convention and the failure of the British Government to apply to Ireland the principles which both Mr. Lloyd George and President Wilson have declared essential to the future happiness of mankind. President Wilson, while refraining with scrupulous care from any public expression of opinion, is known to sympathize most deeply with the aspirations of the majority of the Irish people for the fullest measure of home rule, and it can be said that neither Mr. Balfour nor Lord Bryce has been left in any doubt as to the President's hopes and the feelings of the United States in this matter. Not only did Mr. Wilson take occasion during the visit of Mr. Balfour to the United States to emphasize the great importance of the effect a satisfactory solution of the Irish situation must have on the attitude of the American people toward Britain, but Lord Bryce, formerly British Ambassador at Washington, has received numerous expressions of opinion along the same lines from most of the prominent men in both parties in the United States."

Outburst of Feeling.

Should the hopes of a satisfactory solution of the Irish question be dashed, says the correspondent, no power on earth could prevent an immediate outburst of feeling in the United States which would not only very greatly hamper President Wilson, but would have a direct effect on the American participation in the war. The splendid result of Mr. Balfour's visit to the United States would be wiped out overnight, and distrust of Britain would take the place of the confidence now happily existing.

The correspondent asserts that even in official circles a strong feeling exists in the event of the collapse of the Irish Convention, the British Government must be prepared to accept the decision of the majority and enforce it upon the minority.

"If, however, the Ulster minority is allowed to wreck the Convention, it will be impossible for President Wilson to keep the matter from being publicly debated in Congress," continued the correspondent. "The next congressional election is sure to be close, with the present outlook in favor of the Republicans, who in order to win the large Irish vote throughout the country undoubtedly will throw their whole weight behind any movement for autonomy for Ireland. The Democrats will have to follow suit and Congress will drape itself in green from head to foot."

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Jan. 26.—The following casualties have been announced:

Infantry.

Presumed to have died — Lance-Corpl. J. E. McNally, Saanichton, B. C. Wounded—Lieut. A. E. Proven, Chicago.

Seriously ill—Lieut. D. Dale, England.

Cavalry.

Prisoner-of-war — Lance-Corpl. S. Smith, Vancouver.

Mounted Rifles.

Presumed to have died—Pte. J. Armstrong, Slocan City, B. C.

Engineers.

Gassed—Sapper W. T. Forbes, Vancouver, B. C.

Railway Troops.

Ill—Pte. E. Oxton, Fernie, B. C.

EVENT IN AID OF DUNCAN HOSPITAL

Duncan, Jan. 26.—The King's Daughters of Cowichan held their first meeting since the Christmas recess yesterday. Arrangements were made to undertake the supper at the children's fancy dress event on February 1 in aid of the Duncan Hospital. Mrs. Fry, Mrs. Herd, Mrs. Glover and Mrs. Henderson were appointed a committee.

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SEATTLE'S MUNICIPAL FISH MARKET GREAT SUCCESS YESTERDAY

Seattle, Jan. 26.—Seattle's municipal fish market was opened yesterday, but did not remain in business long, as its stock of 1,337 pounds of salmon was disposed of as fast as the customers could be handled.

The buyers were so numerous that the police were called to keep them in line.

The fish were brought here from the Chambers Creek, Nisqually and Chehalis state hatcheries, and retailed at seven cents a pound. A small quantity of oysters at the market sold for fourteen cents a pound.

CANADA'S GRAIN CROPS IN SEASON OF 1917

Ottawa, Jan. 26.—The Census and Statistics Office has issued its annual estimate of the yield, quantity and value of the principal grain crops of Canada for the season of 1917, as compared with 1916. For the Provinces of Quebec, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia the agricultural statistics of 1917 were collected in co-operation with the Provincial Governments and consequently for these four provinces the reports of both the Dominion and provincial statistical authorities will record identical results.

The total yield of wheat for Canada is returned at 233,742,850 bushels from 14,755,850 acres, as compared with 262,781,000 bushels from 15,369,709 acres in 1916. Of oats the total yield was 403,009,800 bushels, as compared with 418,211,000 bushels. The yield of barley was 55,957,750 bushels, as against 42,770,000 bushels in 1916.

The total yields in 1917 of the remaining crops were as follows: Rye, 3,857,400 bushels; peas, 3,024,540 bushels; beans, 1,274,000 bushels; buckwheat, 1,148,400 bushels; mixed grain, 18,157,080 bushels; flax seed, 5,534,900 bushels; corn for husking, 7,762,700 bushels.

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ment for the new wing of the Duncan Hospital, which is held in the name of the provincial branch.

BOLSHEVIKI GOVERNMENT.

London, Jan. 25.—Some of the Ambassadors at Petrograd are reported to be conferring with reference to formal acknowledgment by their Governments of the Bolshevik Government. It is not stated which Ambassadors are concerned, and there is no indication as to the decision.

SENT TO PENITENTIARY.

Winnipeg, Jan. 26.—Joseph Murray, a Socialist, charged with being a military absentee, was yesterday sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

FREE PUZZLE PRIZE \$200.00

In Cash now to be Given Away FREE, In addition to the sum of \$4000.00 In Cash that we have previously Given Away.

1st Prize, \$50.00 in Cash. 2nd Prize, \$40.00 in Cash
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Above will be found the picture of a modern Tank of the kind that is being used with such success in the present war. At a glance the Tank appears to be all there is in the picture, but by careful scrutiny the faces of several soldiers will be found. There are 11 of them in all. Can you find them? It is no easy task but by patience and endurance can be accomplished.

You may win a cash prize by doing so. Many have done this as will be shown by the names and addresses which we will send you. If you find the faces mark each one with an X, cut out the picture and send it to us, together with a slip of paper on which you have written the words "I have found all the faces and marked them." Write these nine words plainly, and neatly, as in case of ties, both writing and neatness are considered factors in this contest.

This may take up a little of your time but as TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS in cash and many merchandise prizes are given away, it is worth your time to take a little trouble over this matter. Remember all you have to do is to mark the faces, cut out the picture and write on a separate piece of paper the words, "I have found all the faces and marked them."

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Send your answer at once we will reply by Return Mail telling you whether your answer is correct or not, and we will send you a complete list of names and addresses of persons who have won \$100.00 in Cash Prizes in recent contests held by the publishers of this advertisement. Although these persons are entirely unknown to us, they are our references. An enquiry from any one of them will bring the information that our contests are carried out with the utmost fairness and integrity. Your opportunity to win a good round sum is equally as good as that of anyone else, as all previous winners of cash prizes are debared from entering this contest.

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LEGAL AND OFFICIAL NOTICES

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PRIVATE BILLS

Notice is hereby given that the time limited by the Rule of the House for presenting petitions for Private Bills will expire on February 16, 1918.

NOTICE OF TENDERS.

The Imperial Munitions Board, Wooden Shipbuilding Department, beg to give notice that they are calling for tenders to be closed by January 31, 1918, for the work of installation and supplying the necessary fittings for the following:

LAND REGISTRY ACT

Notice Under Section 36. TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made to register Dennis Reginald Harris as the owner in Fee-simple, under a Tax Sale Deed from the Collector of the Corporation of the District of Saanich, to Dennis Reginald Harris, bearing date the 15th day of November, A. D. 1917, in pursuance of a Tax Sale held by said Collector on or about the 19th day of August, 1915, of all and singular certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying, and being in the District of Saanich, in the Province of British Columbia, more particularly known and described as Lots Five (5), Twenty-two (22), and Twenty-three (23), of part of Section Thirty-two (32), Map 1291.

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PEACE IMPOSSIBLE AS YET, STATES CURZON

Prussians Have Not Yet Indicated Readiness to Recognize Justice

London, Jan. 25.—Lord Curzon, a member of the War Cabinet and Government leader in the House of Lords, speaking at Cardiff last night, admitted, broadly speaking, that the aims of the Labor party agreed with the war aims of President Wilson and Mr. Lloyd George.

Discussing the war, Lord Curzon said that the British forces on the Western front were preparing for the greatest attack yet delivered by the enemy. It was unbelievable, he said, that Germany would not employ the large forces released by the Russian collapse, and added that "our forces may be called upon to endure the greatest strain they yet have borne."

Lord Curzon warmly defended the Staff generally against the press attacks made on them. Regarding peace, he said: "There is no peace obtainable from the enemy at this moment which would be consistent with our honor and safety."

N. S. MINE DISASTER MAKES AID NECESSARY

Stellarton, N. S., Jan. 25.—The mayor of Stellarton has issued the following appeal:

"The families and dependents of the eighty-five miners who have been killed in the disastrous explosion in the Allan shaft will require assistance during the next three months, and the situation is one which appeals to the generosity of the Canadian people."

"I would ask that immediate assistance be sent to the citizens of Stellarton, so that there may be no want or distress."

"Subscriptions can be sent to the Bank of Nova Scotia here."

(Signed) HUGH CAMPBELL, Mayor.

The Bank of Nova Scotia has contributed \$10,000 to the relief fund through the mayor of Stellarton.

MADE TO DONATE.

Toronto, Jan. 25.—Orr Brothers, proprietors of a poolroom and bowling alley here, who were ordered by the police commissioners on Thursday afternoon to pay \$300 to the Red Cross fund to prevent their license from being suspended because of offensive language used to canvassers for the fund, have donated \$1,000 to the fund.

BUSINESS TAX PLAN IN VANCOUVER CITY

Proposal is That Rental Value of Premises Be Basis

Vancouver, Jan. 25.—If certain legislation proposed by Alderman Kirk becomes effective, men, firms and companies carrying on business in this city, will have to pay directly into the city treasury taxes which, in the aggregate, will amount to between \$299,000 and \$250,000. Nor is it any mere ten dollars per annum for a business license, such as obtained years ago that is proposed. The least the man who occupies a single room in an office building will have to pay will be \$25, while the retailer who rents frontage on Hastings Street or Granville Street, may be mulcted hundreds of dollars. In the case of the departmental stores, the large wholesalers and others doing business on a very big scale may run into four figures. It will not, however, be payable this year. The by-law under which this is to be done has been drafted and submitted to the legal committee of the Board of Trade, which it is understood has approved the principle, while reserving the right to criticize as to details.

In brief, it is proposed to assess practically every man doing business in this city on the basis of the annual rental value of the premises occupied, with differentiations according to the class of business done. Thus a druggery, for instance, would be assessed at 150 per cent of the rental value, while an ordinary retailer would be assessed but fifty per cent. On this assessment an annual levy of at least ten per cent would be made. The exact amount of the rate has not yet been settled, but it may be taken for granted that ten per cent, is the minimum.

HERTLING'S SPEECH VERY WARLIKE, SAYS LORD ROBERT CECIL

London, Jan. 25.—Chancellor von Hertling's speech was criticized by Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of Blockade, in a statement to the Associated Press last evening as "very warlike—certainly not a peace speech."

He added that the speech had been dictated by Hindenburg and Ludendorff and contained no new declaration of policy regarding Belgium, which he had always looked to as a test of the reality of any proposals from the other side.

The first impression created in London by the summaries of the replies of Count von Hertling and Count Czernin to Mr. Lloyd George and President Wilson was that the Austrian viewpoint shows signs of independence, and does not follow the German policy in several respects.

MANY BOMBS DROPPED ON BATTERED GOEBEN

London, Jan. 25.—An official report issued here last evening said that during the preceding forty-eight hours seven tons of bombs had been dropped on and around the Turkish battle-cruiser Sultan Selim, formerly the German battle-cruiser Goeben, stranded in the Dardanelles, and upon the Galata aerodrome. Several direct hits were obtained.

The text of the report follows: "Since the last official communication aerial attacks on the Goeben have been carried out continuously and during the last forty-eight hours seven tons of bombs were dropped on and around the ship and on an aerodrome at Galata, several direct hits being obtained and the results confirmed by photographs."

"A Turkish cruiser which was near the Goeben has left and proceeded up the straits and a steamer which apparently was engaged in lighting the Goeben was forced to desert."

"The anti-aircraft fire has been very severe, but the only casualty yesterday reported in one Greek officer, whose machine was shot down. The operations are continuing."

London, Jan. 25.—An absolute denial is made here of the German claim that the Goeben sank a British transport of 2,000 tons, near the entrance to the Dardanelles, as there was no vessel of such a character in that vicinity. As for the German claim of the destruction of signal stations, nothing is known of such an event, and it is pointed out that the "signal station" might consist of a hut, a mast and a man.

RUSSIAN REVOLUTION NO KID-GLOVE AFFAIR

Petrograd, Jan. 25.—Addressing a meeting, Marie Spiridonov, president of the all-Russian Peasant's Congress, referring to the shooting in the streets of Petrograd on January 18, said it was impossible to conduct a revolution with "kid gloves," and that the recent events must be regarded solely as one of the stages toward the full attainment of Socialism.

WEAKNESS REVEALED BY CZERNIN'S SPEECH

Austria's Great Need is Food; His Plea to Deputies

Basel, Jan. 25.—Via Paris and London, Jan. 25.—While declaring that the Austro-Hungarian Government was in virtual agreement with some of the peace aims of President Wilson, and that the differences which still exist do not appear to be so great that a conversation regarding them would not lead to enlightenment and a rapprochement which might bring all the Allied states into peace negotiations, the dominant note in the address which Count Czernin, the Austrian delegates in the Reichsrath, was his plea to the delegation for its support in the crisis and the making known of the fact that Austria is in straits for food.

The Foreign Minister laid particular stress on the negotiations, with Russia, and particularly with the Ukraine: "I wish to use the peace with these Russian states which possess foodstuffs available to assist our population," he said.

He declared that if the delegations attacked him and compelled him to conclude an agreement in great haste, "then we shall derive no economic advantage, and our people will have to forego the advantages which they might derive from the conclusion of peace."

If the Monarchy insists that it must absolutely conclude peace, immediately—a peace at any price—"then we shall not have a single bushel of wheat," the Minister said.

Count Czernin proceeded:

"We also are supporters of an independent Polish state which would include all territories which indisputably are Polish. On this point also we believe we could quickly come to an agreement with President Wilson."

"Finally in his idea of a league of peoples, the President probably will meet with no opposition in the Monarchy, therefore, we are in agreement in the main. Our views are identical not only on the broad principles regarding a new organization of the world after the war, but also on several concrete questions, and the differences which still exist do not appear to me to be so great that a conversation regarding them would not lead to enlightenment and a rapprochement."

"This situation, which doubtless arises from the fact that Austria-Hungary on the one hand and the United States on the other are composed of states whose interests are least at variance with one another, tempts one to ask if an exchange of ideas between the two powers could not be the point of departure for a personal conversation between all the states which have not yet joined in the peace negotiations."

Food Needed.

"I now return to the most important point of the declaration which I have made—the negotiations with Russia, and particularly with the Ukraine. I wish to use the peace with these Russian states which possess foodstuffs available for export to assist our population. I do not wish, out of any hysterical anxiety to conclude a peace some days or a week earlier, to have to give up this advantage for our population."

"It is necessary to ascertain whether the Ukrainian negotiators can send us goods, and if so, what goods, and how. The Ukraine, for her part, does not wish to enter an agreement after a treaty of peace has been concluded, but at the time of the conclusion, the uncertainty of the position in which the new states in Russia find themselves naturally has caused some delay in the negotiations."

"If you attack us in the rear, if you now compel me to conclude an agreement in great haste, then we shall derive no economic advantage, and our people will have to forego the advantage which they might derive from a conclusion of peace. If you create the totally erroneous impression among our enemies that we must quickly conclude peace, a peace at any price, then we shall not have a single bushel of wheat. I repeat for the tenth time that it is not a question of imperialistic aims or of annexationist plans. It is a question of assuring for our people the reward they have deserved for their energetic resistance."

Being Watched.

"Our associates are good calculators, and will observe carefully whether or not you take away my liberty of action. If you spoil peace, if you wish to do without imports of cereals, then it is logical that pressure should be brought to bear by speeches, strikes, resolutions and demonstrations. If not, it is a mistake and utterly false to say that we are in such a situation that we ought rather to conclude a bad peace without economic advantages to-day than a good peace to-morrow with its attendant advantages."

"Transportation organization difficulties would be surmounted. The strikes make the crisis more severe, and the arrival of food and coal more difficult. That is to strike a blow against oneself and those who believe they are hastening peace by such methods are deceiving themselves terribly."

Count Czernin mentioned the rumor that the Government itself was not unconnected with the strike, and said: "As the Government wishes exactly the same things as the majority in the Monarchy—that is, to obtain as quickly as possible an honorable peace, without annexations—it is folly to attack it from behind and to embarrass and perplex it. Those who try to do that are not fighting the Government, but, as if blind, are fighting the people who may pretend to aid themselves."

His Plea.

Count Czernin finally asked for a vote of confidence and concluded: "Nothing but a feeling of duty and confidence in the Emperor and the majority delegation is keeping me to my post. No Minister of Foreign Affairs can conduct negotiations of this important kind if he does not know, if the whole world does not know, that he is supported by the confidence of the majority of the educational organization. Now if you have confidence in me to conduct peace negotiations, then you ought to assist me. If you have not the confidence, then you ought to dismiss me. There is no other way out."

PORT OF LONDON.

London, Jan. 25.—The report that the port of London would be closed to merchant shipping was denied in a statement issued last night by the Controller of Shipping.

ON CONSERVATION COMMISSION.

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—W. F. Tye, of Montreal, former chief engineer of the Canadian Pacific Railway, has been named a member of the Commission of Conservation to succeed the late Sir Sanford Fleming.

A LONDON DEATH.

London, Ont., Jan. 25.—M. D. Fraser, K.C., of Fraser & Moore, barristers, president of the London Free Press Printing Company, and a member of the London and Port Stanley Railway Company, died suddenly at his home yesterday. He was seventy years old.

DESPONDENT; KILLED HIMSELF.

Montreal, Jan. 25.—Mark Wakefield, forty-five years old, an employee in the C. P. R. shops at Angus, was found dead with his throat cut on Fletcher's Field yesterday. In one of his pockets was found a note saying: "I have done the best I could. So I see it's no use."

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GET BUSY!

There has been some rather interesting telegraphic correspondence between the Provincial Minister of Agriculture and the Food Controller's office. The Minister urged former Controller Hanna to arrange for the marketing of the Okanagan farm produce, now going to waste, with the Allies. The Controller said his office had no power to finance and advised the Provincial authorities to arrange through the Banks to operate evaporators on the chance of marketing the dried product later. The Minister replied that control of the food situation was a national matter, that the Federal authorities were promoting increased production and had established evaporators which were lying idle, while hundreds of tons of vegetables were likely to be wasted. He pointed out that the result of this condition would be decreased production in 1918. He further recommended that steps be taken to obtain accurate particulars of the vegetables in storage and promises the assistance of his Department in the work.

If the Food Controller has no power to handle the surplus farm products and no machinery for getting them to the Allies the sooner he obtains them the better. With Great Britain, France and Italy calling for food the slightest unavoidable waste in Canada would be criminal, doubly so if its sequel was decreased production this year. Either the Food Controller or the Government should take over Canada's surplus of foodstuffs at reasonable prices, and hold them for the use of the Allies. If no machinery has been set up for this, what in the name of goodness is the use of telling us that one of Canada's chief duties is to feed the Allies, that we should consume less and produce more!

Is it not possible for some arrangement to be made between the Food Controller's office and the Government for financing? Who pays for the tons of literature pouring out from the Food Control office? Who pays the salaries of the members of the staff?

How long will it be before the authorities at Ottawa realize the futility of entrusting the solution of so vital a problem to private initiative with its inco-ordination, its overlapping, its irresponsibility, its trusts and other trade restrictions and waste? How long is Canada to continue to be an example of a nation at war not well organized, to quote a Cabinet Minister? Why not face the facts? Why not recognize what every other nation at war has recognized that Canada cannot help either ourselves or its allies in a way consistent with its resources by clinging to the economic shibboleths of pre-war conditions?

WITH HIS BACK TO THE WALL.

The speech of the Austrian Minister of Foreign Affairs fully corroborates the numerous reports of a grave state of affairs in the Dual Monarchy. It is the utterance of a statesman with his back to the wall. It is both a threat and a plea directed at the Austro-Hungarian people, not at the outside enemy. He pleads with them not to press him so much with strikes, riots and demonstrations; not to force him to make peace at any price. If they do, he says, they will get no food. He admits that the only advantages he hopes for, in any case, are food supplies from the Ukrainians. He harks back to this consideration time and again. Thus he makes two damaging admissions: One is that Russia holds the key to the situation in Austria-Hungary. The other is that the people of the Dual Monarchy have the power to compel him to make peace and that the Government lacks sufficient force to coerce them. When the leaders of a military autocracy make such a confession of impotence, when they concede so much to the power of public opinion, their days are numbered. The difference between the utterances of Count Czernin and Chancellor von Hertling is the difference between sunlight and darkness due, no doubt, to the supremacy of the myopic, blundering militarist leaders in Germany and their confidence in their ability to hold their own until a peace can be arranged with sufficient advantages to them to justify their policy to their own people. But certainly as far as the Dual Monarchy is concerned, Russia appears to command the situation. If she should stand pat, Austria-Hungary will follow her revolutionary trail, and if the Bolsheviks are sincere in their protestations of sympathy for the proletariat of hostile

states this is what she will do. Judging by what Czernin says Russia holds a torch perilously near the powder train of the Hapsburg magazine.

WANTS BELGIUM.

According to Chancellor von Hertling, Germany has no intention of annexing Belgium by "violence," but the most she agrees to do in respect of that unhappy country is to discuss the "details" at a peace conference. Russia was given similar assurances in regard to Poland, Lithuania, Courland and Esthonia, but when the "details" came to be discussed at the peace conference Germany demanded the surrender of all of them. What is the use of parleying with the "intolerable Thing," whose own spokesmen cannot open their mouths without expelling the black souls and the evil designs of their masters? There can be no discussion of the status of Belgium, or Northern France or Serbia, or other territory occupied by German troops at a peace conference, for there never should be a conference unless the Huns first evacuate every inch of that soil. Come what may, cost what it may, the Allies must fight until this is brought about. Belgium, particularly, is the test of the world's future. Upon its position depends the decision of whether the black devilry of Prussianism with its violation of treaties, its policy of wholesale murder, rape, blackmail and looting, shall be punished or condoned and approved. And upon its determination depends the freedom of every little nation in Europe within striking range of the monstrous perversity of Potsdam.

NOT THE FIRST.

While Mrs. Ralph Smith is the first woman member of the Legislature of British Columbia, she is not the first of her sex to win a seat in a Provincial House in Canada. Two fair Legislators in Alberta are ahead of her. The roll-call of membership in our sister Province includes Miss McAdams and Mrs. McKenny. The first was elected in the usual way by the home vote, but Mrs. McKenny was returned by the soldiers as an overseas representative. Alberta and Saskatchewan dealt with the overseas vote differently from British Columbia and the Dominion. They allotted a certain number of representatives exclusively to the soldiers and Mrs. McKenny captured one of them in the Alberta elections.

If any member of the British Columbia Legislature is under the impression that Mrs. Ralph Smith will be at all bewildered or awed by her surroundings in the House and will be a long time before striking her Legislative pace, he will be speedily disillusioned. Very few of the members, if any, are more familiar with politics and politicians. Few of them will be able to instruct her in political tactics. For more than twenty-five years she was intimately associated with the political activities of her husband, not only in the Provincial field, but in the wider field of national politics. She will be thoroughly at home in the local Legislature.

BRITISH LABOR FIRM.

What is described as the most important Labor conference ever held in the United Kingdom has come to an end. By an overwhelming majority the delegates endorsed substantially the declarations of war aims made by Mr. Lloyd George and President Wilson and went on record in favor of continuing the struggle until Prussian military domination, reflected in von Hertling's speech, is decisively overthrown.

Extraordinary significance is attached to this attitude of British Labor men. It shows that they and the Government are undivided in the object sought, that they realize what is at stake and that there is no weakening in their resolution to go on to the end. We may expect, therefore, that the Labor chiefs will use their influence in facilitating the measures taken by the authorities for the reinforcement of Britain's manpower at the front and that they will give short shrift to what frowzy I.W.W. element may be in their ranks, if there is any there at all. In Great Britain Germany faces an enemy essentially more united than she is. There is no talk about "hurting" the Government from power such as is heard in the Reichstag. There are no intrigues in the navy and no riots repressed with the sword like those which now frequently break out in Berlin and Leipzig.

INTERN HIM.

We read that at the convention of the Alberta Farmers' Association one delegate, bearing the suggestive name of Yager, moved a resolution asking the Allies to declare what they were fighting for, and proposed that the restoration of Belgium should be undertaken by all the nations. Delegate Yager, or Jaeger, must have deemed it his duty to the Fatherland to go von Hertling one better. He knew, of course, that the war aims of the Allies had been explicitly stated by Mr. Lloyd George and President Wilson and his resolution was nothing but a piece of German propaganda. As for

his proposal for the restoration of Belgium, it was so characteristically Prussian that Yager, no doubt, will send a copy of the report of the proceedings to Berlin and hint that he is entitled to an Iron Cross.

The press report of the proceedings says Yager was howled down and pandemonium reigned. That was not enough. He ought to be interned. Nobody but an alien enemy would have the impudence to propose that the Allies should relieve the Huns from making good the damage wrought by them in Belgium in the face of a solemn covenant which bore Germany's signature. Too much license has been given to enemy sympathizers in this country. What would have happened to a delegate at an American Farmers' convention who revealed the Prussian hoof as it was revealed at the Alberta Farmers' meeting? He would have been on a Government rock-pile in forty-eight hours, provided the officers of the law could reach the scene in time to prevent the administration of summary justice by the indignant citizens.

MAJORITY INCREASES.

A press dispatch a few days ago announced that two of the Unionist candidates in Prince Edward Island who had been defeated by the home vote had secured a sufficient number of soldiers' votes to ensure their election. The two Unionist candidates in Halifax were returned by acclamation. This will give the Unionists a majority in the three Maritime Provinces. The standing of the two parties in December was: Unionists, 12; Opposition, 17, with the Halifax election deferred in consequence of the explosion. The present standing is: Unionist, 14; Opposition, 17. If the soldiers' vote should elect two of the Prince Edward Island candidates now in the Opposition column the line-up would be: Unionist, 16; Opposition, 15. Possibly the complexion of other constituencies on the Atlantic seaboard will be altered by the overseas vote. So far Nova Scotia is evenly divided between the two parties.

It is expected that the majority of the Hon. Frank Oliver will be reduced by the overseas vote and possibly wiped out altogether. A similar expectation is held in regard to Skeena, in this Province, in which Mr. Stork so far has the lead. If the decision of December 17 in these two seats be reversed, there will be only one Opposition member in Parliament from the Great Lakes out of a total of fifty-seven, as the deferred elections in all probability will result in the return of Unionists.

HARRY LAUDER WILL

BE GUEST OF CLUBS

World-Famous Comedian Will Speak to Canadian and Rotary Clubs

An announcement of primary interest to Victorians was made this morning when it was learned that the Capital is soon to have the opportunity of hearing a man whose fame has spread to every corner of the globe. Harry Lauder, the great Scotch comedian, whose name has been made dear to thousands of admirers throughout the Anglo-Saxon world will be the guest of the local Canadian and Rotary Clubs at a luncheon to be held in this city on Thursday, February 14. President John Cochrane, of the Canadian Club, and President J. D. O'Connell, of the Rotary Club, held a conference this morning and completed arrangements for the event. Owing to the fact that during the visit of Mr. Lauder to Victoria, a large number of the local Rotarians, including members of the executive, will be absent attending the Northwest Convention of Rotary Clubs at Spokane, the organization decided to unite with the Canadian Club in extending a welcome to the distinguished visitor. The Rotarians had already made tentative arrangements to receive Mr. Lauder, who is a staunch member of the organization.

The luncheon will be held therefore under the joint auspices of the two clubs and President Cochrane is completing all arrangements that will insure the success of the occasion. The attendance will be limited to the actual membership of each club as far as the available accommodation will provide. At the present time Mr. Lauder is touring America with his company, and his advent to this city will be awaited with interest. As a patriot he is well-known and his message is said to be one of wide appeal.

YOUNG PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED BY OTTAWA TO AID WITH FUNDS

Ottawa, Jan. 26.—Within the course of the next few months the Finance Department will resume the campaign for national saving and the sale of war savings certificates, interrupted by the Victory Loan and the temporary unsettling which it caused. War saving stamps have been prepared and, it is thought, will prove most attractive to young people.

The Testing of Hades

Down to Hades slid the Kaiser, Into furnace Number One; But it only singed his whiskers. Said Old Nick, "He's underdone."

Then they chucked him in a hotter, But it turned out just as bad. Nick remarked, "This sleek old sinner Is the toughest thing we've had."

Then up spoke a brawny stoker From his furnace down the line, "Let me have a trial with him; There's no hotter fire than mine."

So they popped him in this furnace, Where he was consumed—so well, There was not a thing remaining Save some ashes and the smell.

Said Old Nick unto his stoker, "How do you get such heat control?" "By always using," said that servant, "The best—Kirk's Old Wellington Coal."

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KISHINEV SCENE

OF HOT FIGHTING

Roumanian and Bolshevik Troops Battling at Point in Bessarabia

London, Jan. 26.—Kishinev, Bessarabia, is reported to be surrounded by Roumanian troops, according to a Petrograd dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, and hot fighting is said to be in progress between Bolshevik troops and the Roumanians. Peasants Dispersed.

London, Jan. 26.—The Social-Revolutionary members of the Constituent Assembly who were arrested have been released, according to a Petrograd dispatch to Reuters. The same dispatch states that the Congress of Peasants, which is supporting the Constituent Assembly, has been dissolved and the members of its presidential board arrested.

War On Kaledines.

Petrograd, Jan. 26.—A statement issued to-day by the Bolshevik Government says that on Wednesday the Congress of Cossacks from the front was inaugurated at the military station at Kamensky and passed unanimously a resolution declaring war on General Kaledines and relegating all authority to the Congress.

At Petrograd.

Petrograd, Jan. 25.—Via London, Jan. 26.—The Congress of All-Russian Workmen and Soldiers' Delegates organized formally yesterday, naming Nikolai Lenin, Leon Trotsky, and Marie Spiridonova honorary presidents. It also designated an executive committee of thirteen members, each of whom will act in turn as chairman of the Congress.

Lenine delivered an address to the Congress, reviewing the work of the Bolsheviks, who he said had abolished the old order entirely and would replace it with proletarian organizations and a great Red Socialist army, commanded by members of their own party to insure safety against bourgeois oppression.

LABOR IN SHIPYARDS.

To the Editor.—An item appearing in the morning paper of to-day's date, from Vancouver, entitled "Vancouver Men Talk of Strike," has had a very unfair influence towards a satisfactory settlement of the differences existing between the employees in the Board's shipyards and the contractors.

The statement that the contractors are receiving so large a sum as \$25,000 for the completion of each hull is misleading and incorrect.

I would say that, in my opinion, the other article appearing in the morning paper on Friday, January 25, entitled "Shipyard Strike is Threatened" is a fair interpretation of the facts surrounding the present difficulties in respect to the labor situation.

R. P. BUTCHART.

Director, Wooden Shipbuilding Dept., Imperial Munitions Board.

FIREMAN KILLED.

London, Ont., Jan. 26.—Raymond L'nagh, a fireman on the C. P. R., was killed in the Glen yards in a collision between two trains backing out of Windsor station yesterday.

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The Message of the Hour



COME NEAR, YE NATIONS, TO HEAR, AND HEARKEN YE PEOPLE. LET THE EARTH HEAR AND ALL THAT IS THEREIN, FOR THE INDIGNATION OF THE LORD IS UPON ALL NATIONS. ISAIAH 34, 1-2.

Pastor Hadley will show from the Scriptures that the present distress, war, famine and revolution is designed by God for the purging of the nations. The worst of the trouble is not yet, but when it is over, peace, worldwide and unshakable will be established. Messiah's kingdom will come when Christ Jesus will reign over the whole world.

Pastor Hadley has been preaching this Gospel message for years. Recently many noted English ministers issued a manifesto in London, England, clearly showing that they upheld Pastor Hadley's views. The manifesto is entitled "The Significance of the Hour," and is divided into seven sections, of which we quote the first two:

- First: That the present crisis points toward the close of the times of the Gentiles. Second: That the Revelation of our Lord may be expected at any moment, when He will be manifested as evidently as to His disciples on the evening of His Resurrection. The Manifesto was signed by many noted clergymen, amongst whom were the following: Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, pastor of Westminster Chapel, and sought as pastor of Fifth Avenue Church, New York; Dr. F. B. Meyer, secretary of the Free Church Council of England; Dr. Young, Dr. Dixon. With such noted men as these endorsing, as it were, the views of Pastor Hadley, surely it is time for us all to wake from our lethargy and listen and take note of the MESSAGE OF THE HOUR.

Notice the Time 3 o'Clock DOORS OPEN AT 2.30 P.M.

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On Monday We Place on Sale Seven Model Coats

Three were \$150.00 } **Monday at \$50.00**
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One was \$87.50 }
—Mantles, First Floor

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—Good quality White Cotton Underskirts, finished with wide flounce of embroidery; most serviceable designs.
White Cotton Underskirts of good wearing quality, wide flounce, tucked and trimmed with wide lace. Very special at **\$1.00**
—Whitewear, First Floor

Men's Colored Mackinaw Coats, Worth to \$12.50, Clearing Monday at \$9.00



Just the Coats for lumbermen, ship builders, teamsters, miners and farmers. The styles are also smart enough for street wear. A beautiful quality, and especially well made and finished. In smart red, brown and grey and black plaid effects. Limited quantity. Regular price \$12.50. Rebuilding Clearance, **\$9.00.**

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Men's Clothing, Main Floor

Boys' Football Boots to Clear at \$3.75 a Pair

—Boys belonging to school football teams will welcome the opportunity to buy good, reliable quality Football Boots at this reasonable price. We have a limited quantity of these boots only, so out they go on Monday at, a pair **\$3.75**
—Boys' Boots, Main Floor

Men's Leather Leggings, \$5 a Pr

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—Two-piece Suits, jersey and pants to match, in shades cardinal, navy, dark grey and white; a nice warm quality for present wear; sizes 2 and 3 years. Very special at **\$2.75**
Boys' Separate Woolen Pants to match the above suits. Special, a pair **\$1.25**
—Children's First Floor

Men's \$6 Goodyear Welted Boots Selling Monday at a Pair \$4.85

—Fine quality Boots of all leather, and each pair Goodyear welted, which ensures flexibility, ease and comfort—boots that men can put their confidence in and be assured of satisfaction. Made in Blucher and Balmoral styles, of box calf and gummetal leathers and oak tanned soles; all sizes included, but early shopping on Monday is advisable. Regular price \$6.00. Monday, a pair **\$4.85**
—Men's Boots, Main Floor

Men's Furnishings at Special Prices

Men's Pulley-End Braces—similar style to President—good elastic webs and patterns. Special, Monday, a pair **50c**
Men's Heavy Grey Mixture Work Socks, also in black. Special a pair **25c**
Men's Heavy Cape Gloves, in tan color, unlined, suitable for driving or for street wear, a pair **\$2.50**
Men's Merino Underwear, natural shade, medium weight, all sizes, a garment **85c**
Men's Stripe Flannelette Pyjamas, medium weight. Special, a suit, \$2.00, \$2.25 and **\$1.75**
Men's Fancy Neckwear, wide end style, smart, stylish patterns and all colors. Each, 75c and **50c**
—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

Women's Flannelette Undergarments--Special Monday

75c Flannelette Bloomers Monday 50c

—A good quality Pink Flannelette, in a warm, comfortable style. All sizes; some extra large. A quality regularly sold at 75c. We clean up the balance of stock Monday at **50c**
Flannelette Nightgowns 75c
—A nice quality stripe flannelette, and a good serviceable garment at a low price.
Flannelette Nightgowns at \$1.25
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—Whitewear, First Floor

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Heavy Quality Shantung Suiting, a yard, **\$2.00** and **\$2.50**
—Silks, Main Floor

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It will be to your advantage to wait for this event if you need new Carpets, Linoleums, Draperies, Furniture, Crockery and Hardware.
Watch our window displays and advertisements for further details.

Clean-Up of Children's Woolen Sweaters, \$6.75 Values Monday \$4.75

—Nice heavy quality White Woolen Sweaters, with colored collars, belt and pockets, in sizes 6 and 8 years; also in gold shade trimmed with white. Exceptional clean-up value at **\$4.75**
White Woolen Sweaters, in sizes 8 and 10 years; a few only, to go at **\$2.50**
—Children's, First Floor

A Special Offering in Ladies' Silk Hose To Clear Monday at, a Pair 75c

A quantity of Manufacturers' Seconds which we dispose of at a very low price. All sizes represented and a nice grade of silk. You will prove it worth while to secure a few pairs. The shades are black, white, brown, pink, sky, sand, gold, yellow, navy, grey, taupe, violet and putty.
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UTILIZE TIMES WANT ADS

War Charities Act.—Regulations with regard to the operation of the War Charities Act are published in the current number of the Canada Gazette.

Condition of Malahat—It is stated that the condition of the Malahat drive is better than usual, and an automobile party which travelled the Island Highway on Wednesday found less ruts in the roadway than are experienced in summer, when the travel is at the heaviest.

ROYAL VICTORIA
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BIG AUDIENCE ENJOY 30TH BURNS CONCERT

Delightful Programme by Well-Known Local Talent Last Night

Admirers of Robert Burns, the Scottish national poet, crowded the First Presbyterian Church last night on the occasion of the 136th anniversary of the birth of the bard, and enjoyed to the full the very excellent programme arranged by J. G. Brown.

Dr. Toimie, M. P., who officiated as chairman, made a very brief opening address, after which the artists and congregation united in singing the poet's version of the 96th Psalm.

Address on Burns.
Rev. J. Gibson Ingher entertained his hearers with an interesting eulogistic address on Burns, in which he dealt with the poet as a man, a husband and father, a friend, a lover and a patriot. Additional interest was added to the lecture by the series of slides depicting scenes in the poet's life. Mrs. R. W. Hudson sang "The Bonnie Banks o' Loch Lomond," while pictures in illustration of the song were thrown on the screen.

The second part of the programme opened with the rendering of "Hail to the Chief" and "Ye Banks and Braes" by a double quartette, including Mrs. Jesse Longfield, Miss Morrow, Miss Christie, Miss Stevenson and P. M. Thomson, E. Petch, J. Petrie and J. Hunter. The beautiful old melodies were sung with much finesse, under the baton of Mr. Brown. Mrs. Morrison, who was to have sung in the double quartette, as well as in solo, was unable to appear owing to illness, and Mrs. Longfield took her place.

Medley of Airs.
A medley of Scottish airs was delightfully rendered on the violin by Mrs. Gertrude Huntley Green, for which this talented artist received an ovation from the audience. James Hunter, who made his first appearance in these annual concerts, gave a spirited rendering of "A Hundred Pipers," his powerful voice filling the big auditorium.

"Annie Laurie," that old favorite of Scotland the world over, was sung by the double quartette, their voices blending in delightful harmony.

Mrs. Jesse Longfield's beautiful soprano voice was heard to perfection in the fine old sentimental songs, "O Whistle an' I'll Come Tae Ye," and "Doon the Burn," and, as usual whenever she appears, her singing was received with a tremendous outburst of applause. James Walker, who hails from Glasgow, gave an inimitable rendering of the humorous "Baptists o' the Baira," and kept his audience shaking with mirth. Edmund Petch, the well-known tenor, sang "Afton Water" with much artistry and finish, and received well-merited applause.

Veteran Vocalist.
J. G. Brown, the veteran vocalist, who has directed these Scottish concerts for the past thirty years, has lost none of his old-time vigor, and in fine form in the songs, "The McGrover's Gathering," with Mrs. Jesse Longfield and James Petrie, he sang the humorous trio entitled "Who Shut the Door?" The double quartette concluded the fine programme with the stirring patriotic song, "A' the Helan' Clans are Comin'," after which the artists and audience joined in "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

Much of the success of the evening's entertainment was due to Mrs. Lewis Hall, who performed the duties of accompanist with her accustomed sympathy and ability.

TWO GREAT STARS FOR THE PANTAGES SCREEN

The Pantages Theatre is able to announce for its screen showing on Monday and Tuesday of next week one of the recent World Pictures with Miss Kitty Gordon in the stellar role. This famous English beauty will be seen at her best in this attraction. Her regal beauty, which has made her internationally notable, is framed in the variations of this production by the exquisite gowns she wears, and the part she has given her the biggest opportunity of her career to display her remarkable dramatic ability—an accomplishment which remained to be discovered until she took up the work for the pictures. The production is entitled, "The Beloved Adventurers."

In the beginning of the story, Miss Gordon is again a tremendously popular musical comedy star. She is surrounded by admirers, but the one to whom she gives her heart is a married man. He forsakes his wife to live with her, but she later proves as faithless to her as he was to his wife. This brings Juliette La Monde face to face with the real tragedy of her life. She finds death herself on the fields of Flanders, serving as a Red Cross nurse. The story is vivid in the presentation, filled with drama and the keenest interest. It is splendidly staged and effectively pictured.

Together with this brilliant offering of one of the most famous of the theatrical beauties is to be shown in a different sort of story, quite as vigorous and as effective, but a story of

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real men of the out-of-doors and of the days when red-blooded manhood was the measure of a man's success. "The Last Card" brings William S. Hart to the Pantages screen in one of the best of his recent series of intensely popular two-reel productions. The name of "Bill" Hart is sufficient guarantee of the appealing force of "The Last Card."

These two famous actors with both stage and screen careers will be the combined attraction at the Pantages for Monday and Tuesday of next week.

"BAB'S BURGLAR" LAST SHOWING AT ROYAL

The excellent programme which includes Marguerite Clark in "Bab's Burglar" and Fatty Arbuckle in "Fatty in Coney Island," which has been the attraction at the Royal Victoria all this week will be shown for the last time to-night.

Commencing Monday, Douglas Fairbanks will appear in a new photoplay, "Teaching for the Moon." In this picture Mr. Fairbanks is supported by a distinguished cast, including Baron Monseur, envoy extraordinary to the King of the Belgians, and the Hon. Jas. Whitely, of the Belgian diplomatic service. These two distinguished gentlemen do their parts for the fun of the thing and turned over their salary to the Red Cross Fund of Belgium.

OTIS TURNER TICKLES COMEDY SENSE OF CROWD

Otis Turner, who directs the George Walsh pictures for William Fox, is never quite so happy as when he has thought of a new "gag" or "stunt" to use in one of his pictures. Audiences to Mr. Turner, who has had thirty years of experience in every branch of the theatrical profession and ought to know them well, are merely a collection of children.

Amusing them is easy enough if you only get them started, but the trouble is to begin.

"I always try to give my pictures a brisk, lively lead," says Mr. Turner, "as I believe I have done in 'Some Boy' which is at the Dominion Theatre this week. Once get the comedy sense of your spectators aroused and half the battle is won."

"The first thing to do in making a motion picture is to get the interest. After that the director who makes subjects of the type I'm now doing has to tickle the comedy sense. When it is once thoroughly aroused the rest is easy. Keep going, but going in a fresh, buoyant spirit, and you're bound to make a success."

GODOWSKI A GENIUS OF THE PIANOFORTE

Leopold Godowski, who will appear in recital at the First Congregational Church on February 5 is said to possess the exquisite tone, the poetry and the digital velvet of a de Pachmann, the fire and imagination of a Paderewski, the dreamy tenderness, in-wrought with the divine philosophy of a Rachmaninoff, and the thunderous energy and climax-building ability of a Rosenhalt.

A genius of the pianoforte, Godowski has devoted the youth and vigor of his body, his soul and his spirit to the mastery of its mechanical intricacies; to the acquisition of a remarkable technique, and to the task of rendering this stubborn instrument of wood and metal, an elastic means of superlative intellectual expression. He has indeed made it his obedient servant in the domain of wide-glancing and emotional interpretation. In all the marvels of Godowski's work it is noteworthy that from the minutest to the superlative effects he never overplays. His big and mighty tones are produced lightly and without in the least employing his fingers as instruments of chastisement of the black and white keys.

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Social & Personal

Lieut. and Mrs. Alan Mackintosh have been among the Vancouver guests who have been staying at the Empress Hotel during the past week.

Mrs. H. Dorrell, of Victoria, is spending a month's vacation at Moose Jaw, Sask., where she is visiting old friends.

Miss Eleanor Dunsmuir, daughter of Hon. James and Mrs. Dunsmuir, has returned to Victoria after an absence of some months, spent in New York.

Mr. Cancellor, of Brentwood Beach, Vancouver Island, is spending a vacation in Vancouver as the guest of his sister-in-law, Miss Mollison, at Glencoe Lodge.

Mr. and Miss Annew left the city yesterday for California. They expect to be away about six weeks and will probably spend most of the time at Coronado Beach.

Capt. and Mrs. Andrew Jukes have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jukes, of Vancouver, for a few days, on their way home from a honeymoon trip to Portland, Ore.

Mrs. George Simpson has extended a cordial invitation to the returned men of "Rathaven" and Esquimalt Military convalescent hospitals to attend her dance at the Hippodrome to-night, and most of those who are able to dance have accepted the invitation.

Mrs. A. C. Burdick left the city on this afternoon's boat for Vancouver, where she will join her husband who went over last week. Mr. and Mrs. Burdick expect to make an extended stay on the Mainland, and will take up residence at the Hotel Vancouver for the time being.

P. B. Freeland, resident Government mining engineer of Phoenix, has arrived in the city to spend a couple of months in the office of the Provincial Minister of Mines, making reports on his work during the past year and outlining plans for the next season.

A. L. Carruthers, of Prince Rupert, Provincial Government engineer, has arrived in Victoria from the north, on business connected with his department. Mr. Carruthers is well-known in this city, he and Mrs. Carruthers having resided here prior to his removal to Prince Rupert last fall.

R. Blackwood-Wileman, of Duncan, left the city on the recent out-going liner for Australia on a visit of some months duration. Mrs. Blackwood-Wileman accompanied her husband to Victoria and yesterday attended the meeting of the Advisory Board of Women's Institutes, of which she is a member.

Mrs. Ralph Smith, M. P. P., was presented with a beautiful basket of roses at a large gathering held in the ballroom of the Hotel Vancouver on Thursday night following the declaration of the polls. The presentation was made to "the woman who was elected on a woman's platform," by Mrs. Taylor Hanna on behalf of the workers in the campaign.

The following item from The Vancouver Province, will be of interest to the bride's many friends in Victoria: "Many people went to West Point Grey yesterday afternoon to call on Mrs. G. G. McGeer, who was receiving for the first time since her marriage, at her home at the corner of Sasamat Street and Third Avenue. Mrs. McGeer, who was wearing her wedding dress of white satin, was assisted in greeting the many visitors by her mother, Mrs. David Spencer, of Victoria, and her sister, Mrs. Arthur Gray. The pleasant rooms were decorated throughout with bright spring flowers as was also the table, which was adorned with daffodils and violets, and at which tea and coffee were poured in turn by Mrs. T. A. Spencer, Mrs. M. McGeer, Mrs. George E. McCrossan and Mrs. Victor Spencer. Helping to hand about the refreshments were Miss Margaret Nelson and Miss Ray Mathers and little Miss Louise Spencer attended the door. Mrs. McGeer is receiving again this afternoon."

A very pretty house-wedding was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Buckle, 250 St. Charles Street, at noon to-day when their daughter, Miss Ruth P. Buckle was united in marriage to Edward A. Simpson, eldest son of Edward A. Simpson, of Hanna, Alta., formerly of Victoria. Capt. the Rev. Dr. Campbell performed the ceremony in the presence of a large number of guests in the drawing-room, which was effectively decorated with pink carnations and ferns. The bride entered the room on her father's arm to the strains of the bridal march from "Lohengrin," played by Mrs. E. Semple. She made a charming picture in her gown of old rose silk and georgette crepe, carrying a beautiful bouquet of white carnations and fuchsias. Miss Mildred Millett was in attendance as bridesmaid attired in a smart frock of old rose and grey crepe-de-chine, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. Mrs. Buckle, the mother of the bride, wore a handsome gown of black tulle. The groom was supported by R. Ross, of Victoria, formerly of Hanna, Alta. After the ceremony the bridal party and guests, of whom there were about twenty-four, enjoyed a delicious wedding breakfast, the happy couple leaving later on the afternoon boat for Vancouver, en route to Calgary, where the honeymoon will be spent. They will later take up their residence in Hanna, Alta. The bride, who has for the past two years acted in the capacity of private secretary to J. P. Balcock, assistant Provincial Commissioner of Fisheries, has a wide circle of friends in the city and was the recipient of many handsome presents.

Arrives in France. — Corpl. R. L. Parker, formerly of the Bank of Commerce staff here, who left the city last July with an artillery draft, is now at the front.

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UTILIZE TIMES WANT ADS

REGULATION FLOUR OF GOOD QUALITY

Lake of Woods Company Issues Circular Dealing With New Grade

The following circular regarding the new flour has been issued by the Lake of Woods Milling Company, Limited:

There seems to be considerable misapprehension as to the quality of Government regulation flour. This flour is not to be graham nor even so-called whole-wheat flour, and it is not flour mixed with bran and shorts. It will be simply pure flour as taken from the wheat berry purified and sifted exactly as always, but instead of several grades such as Five Roses, Harvest Queen, Lakewoods, etc., being separated, all the flour will be blended together and only one brand will be on the market.

This flour will not have quite the white color of Five Roses, but for all practical purposes it will give identical results in baking, except that the color will be more creamy. Flavor, texture, general appearance and nutritive value will not be impaired in any way.

The Government requires that the rolls make not less than 74 per cent. flour from wheat, that is, seventy-four pounds of flour is to be made from 100 pounds of wheat. This is only very slightly more than most mills are already extracting, and the principal aim of the regulation is to standardize the quality of flour used all over Canada. In the interest of food conservation it has been proved more economical to insist on a standard loaf of bread from all bake-shops, and this is only possible when a standard flour is manufactured. The slight increase of flour extracted will be true flour and not bran or dust. Formerly this slight amount of flour has been allowed to go into the feeds, but when every grain of wheat counts, as it does now, this is too extravagant a practice.

There need be no fear that the new flour will make unpalatable bread, cake or pastry. Foreseeing that some regulation of this sort was going to be necessary, we have been trying out in the laboratory recipes for bread, cake and pastry using this flour, our idea being to ascertain any modifications of method that should be adopted. We were more than pleased with the results, and found that for bread no variations seemed to be necessary. In making pie crust and puff-paste we have obtained best results by using very slightly less water than with Five Roses, and the crust was flakier and crisp and well flavored. For cake we followed exactly the same recipe, using Five Roses flour and the war flour and the cake from the war flour was equal to that from Five Roses in lightness and texture, was slightly better in flavor and a rich creamy color. As this flour will be richer in gluten than Five Roses, care should be taken

in making baking powder biscuits and pastry not to work it or handle it any more than is absolutely necessary as this toughens the gluten and the result will be less tender and flakier. It will require a little study and ingenuity on the part of each housewife to adapt her favorite recipe to this flour, but a little time given to this will more than pay in results obtained.

BIBLE STUDENTS

Convention Class With Big Public Meeting at Royal Victoria To-morrow.

The seven hundred delegates from the prairies, western provinces, and the United States which are in the city, attending the convention of the International Bible Students' Association, being held here, will close their labors to-morrow. On Thursday and yesterday meetings were held in the Princess Theatre, and accommodation was taxed to the uttermost, and the proceedings marked by much enthusiasm. Among the many instructive addresses, much interest attached to those delivered by E. J. Baker, who spent eight years in mission work in Northern and Central China, before proceeding to New York, where he was engaged for three years.

This morning the delegates journeyed in five B. C. Electric cars to the Emmanuel Baptist Church, where an immersion service was held, thirty-five delegates taking immersion, following an impressive discourse by R. O. Hadley on "Consecration and Baptism."

The meetings to-morrow will be held in the Royal Victoria Theatre, where at 5 o'clock a public lecture will be given by Mr. Hadley.

THAT RAILWAY LINE

Another P. G. E. Train Will Run as Far as D'Arcy on January 30; No News From Sperry.

Any more than the intimation that the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company will operate another train as far as D'Arcy on January 30—the second to traverse that section of the line since the slides and washouts—the Hon. John Oliver has had no further news from Manager Sperry.

Mr. Sperry is away in Spokane, where he has been in consultation with Patrick Welch, and in spite of the fact that the Minister of Railways has sent urgent messages to him with the request that he state definitely when the people of Clinton may expect the service to be resumed as far as their city, no satisfaction has been obtained. The Minister is in receipt of numerous letters from the various districts suffering the discomforts of the suspended service, and to the end that their troubles may soon be terminated he is keeping the wires hot between the Parliament Buildings and the responsible officials of the company across the line.

Band Concert Postponed.—The Fifth Regiment Band will not hold their usual concert to-morrow night owing to the theatre being engaged. The next of the series will be held on Sunday evening, February 3.

RED CROSS WORK

The last of the series of lectures upon first aid, under the auspices of the James Bay Red Cross, was given by Sergt.-Major Brogan, under the chairmanship of A. J. Dallan, at the rooms 214 Henzie Street, and provided a very instructive evening's entertainment. Demonstrations of first aid were given in the rooms. Mr. Gibson, of Esquimalt, again loaned and operated his lantern, showing many good slides bearing upon the work. In proposing a vote of thanks the convener wished to especially speak of the splendid services rendered so freely by Sergt.-Major Brogan, and to recommend that every person who possibly can, take advantage of the series of lectures at other branches in the city.

On Thursday afternoon the first anniversary of the opening of the branch was taken advantage of to hold a silver shower, including a sale of home cooking and useful articles. The proceedings were opened by an address from Mrs. Fleming, who spoke upon Red Cross work, and incidentally upon that accomplished by the branch during the past year, congratulating the committee upon the unity which has existed, all tending toward efficiency. On behalf of the convener, the Rev. T. Archibald proposed a vote of thanks, to Mrs. Fleming, for her splendid services to the Red Cross, and congratulating her on the fact that her health was so far recovered to permit her presence at that gathering.

During the afternoon selections of music were rendered upon a large musical box loaned by Mrs. Hibbert, while Doris MacMorran contributed to the programme by recitations. The basket for the silver shower was in charge of Mrs. Brodick, Mrs. Thomas provided a cake for a guessing contest. The home cooking stall was in charge of Mesdames C. N. Cameron and MacIvor. A spinning wheel was presided over by Mesdames Chadwick and MacMorran. The raffish table was in charge of Mesdames Hall and Chapman, assisted by Miss Doris Chadwick. Home-made candy stall, in charge of Mesdames Leuthwaite and White, did a rushing business. Plants and flowers were offered for sale by Miss Adams, while the tea was in charge of Mesdames Fowkes and H. Charlesworth, assisted by Mesdames MacIvor, Ward, Scisson, McDougall, Walsh, and the Misses Ryan and Cuthbert.

Raffles. During the afternoon the following raffles were disposed of: Hand-embroidered cambric, donated by Miss Dorothy Ward, winning number 77; games bag, donated by Mrs. A. McDougall, winning number 59; cambric, donated by Mrs. Brodick, winning number 9; boudoir cap, donated by Miss Adams, winning number 115; hand-painted plate, donated by Mrs. Travis, winning number 75; large basket of home-made candies, winning number 245; boudoir cap, winning number 178; boudoir cap, winning number 240; lace doily, winning number 27.

The thanks of the convener and the committee are extended to Messrs. Karl and Hibbert for their untiring help, and to all those kind friends who by their donations to the silver shower contributed so largely to the successful afternoon, which realized nearly \$100 for the funds. Donations to the rooms for the week were as follows: Old linen from Mrs. Niblock, fancy lace bag from Mrs. Rae, one pair of socks from Miss Ellenor McLeod, two pairs of socks from Mrs. Ware.

Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of this branch will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday next. The reports of the year's work will be submitted for approval and officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

The local branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society is in receipt of two \$50 Victory Loan Bonds, the proceeds from an entertainment given by the Ancient Order of Foresters in aid of the Red Cross funds at Cobble Hill on November 29.

Fernwood Branch. The regular monthly meeting of the general committee of the Fernwood Branch will be held on Monday, January 28, in the work rooms on Fernwood Road, at 5 o'clock sharp. The convener, Mrs. Hudson, would like to see all members of the committee present, as well as other ladies of the district interested in Red Cross work.

The Fernwood Juveniles are very busy perfecting the programme for the play entitled "In Red Cross Circles," to be given on Tuesday evening, February 12, at 8 p.m., in the auditorium of the Victoria High School, by kind permission of the Board of School Trustees. Reservations are being accepted in the assembly room of the George Jay School under the supervision and direction of Mrs. L. T. Davis, whose dramatic ability touches for the success of the forthcoming event. Mr. Charlesworth, of the George Jay School, has charge of the orchestra. The proceeds are in aid of the funds of the Fernwood Branch.

Victoria West Branch. The regular monthly meeting of the committee will be held on Monday next at 8 p.m. in their workrooms, 418 Craigflower Road. A concert is to be given in aid of the funds of Wednesday next, January 29, at 8 p.m., in Sample's Hall, Victoria West, a splendid programme for which has been arranged.

Conscientious Objectors to Vaccination can obtain Statutory Forms from W. H. Price, Notary Public, next to Bank of Montreal. Open evenings.

Nurse Headington Promoted.—A wire received from the Ottawa headquarters of the Victorian Order of Nurses states that Nurse Headington, hitherto second nurse of the order in the Saanich district, will in future be head nurse, and that Miss Ellis, of Ottawa, will be second. The announcement has caused much satisfaction in the district where Miss Headington has done much splendid pioneer work and is especially liked on account of her wonderful personality with children.

COMMISSIONER NOT SEEING DIFFICULTY

Victoria Should Have No Trouble With Prohibition Act, Says Mr. Findlay

The attention of the Prohibition Commissioner has been called to a report in the press of a discussion before a delegation representative of the local prohibition forces and the Police Commissioners in which City Prosecutor Harrison referred to the British Columbia Prohibition Act, both as to its legal construction and the effect of that construction in the carrying out of the Act itself. Mr. Harrison is reported to have said on that occasion that what might have appeared to be laxity in carrying out the provisions of the Act during the past year probably rested with the Act itself more than anything else. He contended also that the legislation had been carelessly drawn up and that in its wording there were countless outlets for the defendants.

Not Fault of Act. "If the Act is not being enforced, it is certainly not the fault of the British Columbia Prohibition Act," said Mr. Findlay this morning to a representative of the Times. "There is no reason why the Act is not capable of enforcement to the full extent of its provisions. I am not concerned in the least with Mr. Harrison's remarks as to how or by whom the legislation in question was drawn up. But from the knowledge that many cities and towns in British Columbia are experiencing no difficulty whatsoever in securing complete obedience to the law, I am at a loss to understand why Victoria should find any particular obstacle.

Fails to See Necessity. "While, of course, there can be no objection on the part of the Police Commissioners in acceding to the request of the delegation for the creation in this city of what is popularly known as a 'dry squad,' at the same time," commented the Commissioner, "and in the light of the Act's operation in other cities, I do not see a reason for the pressing urgency of any special formula for the detection of infractions of the Prohibition Act in this or in any other community. Let it be understood, he proceeded, 'I do not say that the Act is not being enforced in Victoria, but I do feel constrained to observe that Mr. Harrison's remarks are somewhat irrelevant, as far as they concern the general operation of the Act in British Columbia.'

Hotelkeepers Jailed. Commissioner Findlay states as evidence that special precautions in other sections of the province are not necessary, reports reach him indicating that several hotelkeepers—well-known to the police—have been brought to book for the sale of the forbidden liquor in contravention of the provisions of the Act, and are at the present time serving jail sentences of varying periods.

SUSPECTS ARRESTED AT VANCOUVER WHARF

Chief Palmer Bringing Back Men Alleged to Have Broken Into House

Vancouver, Jan. 25.—Detectives Imlah and Russell last night arrested Jack Fisher and Charles Anderson, alias Richardson, on arrival of the boat from Victoria on a charge of burglary at Esquimalt. The arrest was at the request of Chief of Police James Palmer.

The arrest made by Vancouver detectives last night was the result of investigations made by Chief of Police Palmer into a house-breaking incident which occurred in Esquimalt on Thursday night or early Friday, when burglars entered a cabin of Pioneer Street, making off with \$100 in bills and a large amount of property. When the theft was committed a petty officer and two seamen of H. M. C. S. Rainbow, who rented the cabin from Mrs. J. Rhodes, were away on duty, and the matter was not brought to the attention of the police until yesterday afternoon.

Chief of Police Palmer soon located a couple of suspects who had left for the mainland and the men were arrested on his advice when they disembarked at the Terminal City. The chief proceeded to Vancouver last night and is returning today with the two alleged burglars. Both men have served time as deserters from the navy, it is said.

The missing articles, besides \$100 in bills, included a shotgun, mandolin, a cap, a suit of clothes and a gold-filled watch. Several of the lost articles were found at Nathan's store, Government Street, by the police, who made a round of the pawn shops of the City. When the chief wired Vancouver the watch and money were still missing. At the Terminal City plain clothes men working on the clue of the Admiral watch apprehended Fisher and Anderson as they landed from the Victoria boat.

They will be arraigned before Magistrate Jay on Monday.

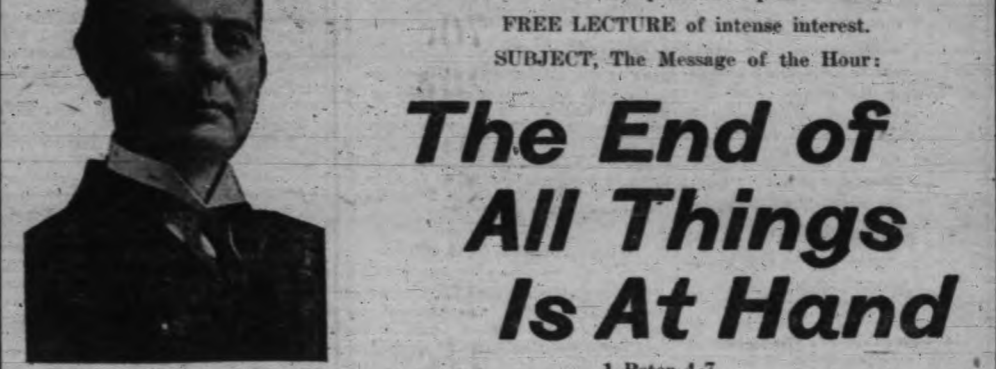
RETURNS ON LEAVE

Lieut. Eric McCallum, D. S. O., is One of Four Brothers Serving With the Forces. Lieut. Eric McCallum, who won the D. S. O. for conspicuous gallantry at the third battle of Ypres, June, 1916, has returned to Victoria on leave. Lieut. McCallum, who is the son of the late Campbell McCallum, and Mrs.

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Passports must be correctly executed. See W. H. Price, Notary, next Bank of Montreal.

CITY CHURCH SERVICES. ANGLICAN. CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL—Holy communion, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.; choir, 11 a.m.; sermon, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 2.30 p.m.; evening prayer, 7 p.m.

ST. SAUVAGEUR'S CHURCH, Victoria West. Rev. E. Connell, rector. Holy communion, 8 a.m.; morning prayer and litany, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 2.30 p.m.; evening prayer, 7 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S, Quadra Street, corner of Mason. Rector, Rev. F. A. Chadwick. Holy communion, 11 a.m.; morning prayer, 7.30 p.m.; evening prayer, 7.30 p.m. Short organ recital before evening prayer. All seats are free and visitors welcome.

ROYAL JUBILEE HOSPITAL—Monthly early service of holy communion in Memorial Chapel to-morrow, Sunday, at 8 a.m. Nurses, patients, members of hospital staff and church people living in neighborhood cordially invited. No service at 10 a.m.

ST. MARY'S, Oak Bay, Septuagesima. At 8 a.m., holy communion; 11 a.m., matins, litany and sermon; 7 p.m., evening and sermon. Rev. C. H. Butler, B. D., acting rector.

PRESBYTERIAN. KNOX, 255 Stanley Avenue. Sabbath Services, 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Subject for morning, "The Necessity of Christ's Departure," evening, "The First Foreign Mission."

ST. COLUMBA, Mitchell and Granite Streets, Oak Bay. At 11 a.m. the pastor, Rev. T. S. Baynes, will preach on "Back to the Early Days," and at 7.30 p.m. on "Transformation." Sunday School, 2.30 p.m. All welcome.

METHODIST. CENTENNIAL, Gorge Road, near Government. Rev. A. S. Colwell, B. A., pastor. Services: 11 a.m., subject, "Great Love and Much Service"; 7.30 p.m., "How to Meet the Present Need," "Closer Touch With God." Good singing. You are cordially invited.

BAPTIST. TABERNACLE, Fairfield and Chester Street. Pastor, B. M. West. At 11 a.m., "Back to the Early Days," and at 7.30 p.m., "God's Remedy for Unbelief." Strangers cordially invited.

UNITARIAN. UNITARIAN CHURCH, Fernwood and Balmoral. Rev. E. J. Bowden, B. D., Services at 11 a.m.; evening at 7.30, address on "The Psychic Labyrinth."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE. FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, 85 Pandora Avenue. Services are held on Sundays at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Subject for Sunday, January 27, "Truth." Testimonial meetings every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Visitors welcome.

NEW THOUGHT TEMPLE. NEW THOUGHT TEMPLE, Hall 114, Pemberton Block. Dr. T. W. Butler will speak at 11 a.m. on "Seeing God," 7.30 p.m., at the Dominion Theatre, subject, "The Soul of New Thought."

MISCELLANEOUS. FIRST SPIRITUAL CHURCH meets in St. John's Hall, Herald Street. At 2 P. M., Mrs. Rev. 7.30 p.m., F. E. Plummer. Psychic messages. Social and concert, Thursday evening.

CHRISTIANITY HALL, 164 North Park Street. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; breaking of bread, 11 a.m.; evening, 7.30.

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REV. W. LESLIE CLAY, D.D. Minister. JANUARY 27TH

11 A.M.—"The Living Church." 12.15 P.M.—Adult Bible Class. 2.30 P.M.—Sabbath School. 7.30 P.M.—"As Jesus Sees Us." Soloist—Mrs. Jesse A. Longfield.

Everybody Welcome.

OAKLANDS GOSPEL HALL

Christians Meet 7 p.m. Gospel Meeting. Speaker—MR. W. SHERRATT. A Believer's Baptism will be held at close of this session.

11 a.m.—Breaking of Bread and Worship. 7 p.m.—School.

Emmanuel Baptist Church First Baptist Church. Fernwood Car Terminal, corner High School Grounds. Rev. William Stevenson. 11 a.m.—"THE GOSPEL OF THE CROSS." 7.30—"IF I WERE A YOUTH TO-DAY." A New Christian Propaganda. Orchestral Music in Evening.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. Evening, 7.30. "Victory for Allies What Then?" "Should Germany be Punished?" Morning—"Did God Tempt Abraham to Murder?" Organ Recital by Mr. Deane Wells.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. (Corner Quadra and Fisgard Streets). Minister—REV. JNO. GIBSON, B.A. 11 A.M.—"LOOK ON THE FIELDS." 7.30 P.M.—"THE PLACE OF THE JEWS IN GOD'S PLAN OF THE AGES"

METROPOLITAN CHURCH. Cor. Pandora and Quadra Sts. Pastor, REV. H. S. OSBORNE, B.A., B.D. 11 A.M.—"Christ's Doctrine of Brotherhood." 7.30 P.M.—"The Moral Basis of Practical Efficiency"

ST. PAUL'S MILITARY AND NAVAL. Victoria West. Cars 4 and 5 to Henry Street. Dr. Maclean's subjects: 10.30 "The Blind Lead the Blind" 7.30 "A Mighty Famine"

FAIRFIELD METHODIST. Pastor, A. B. OSTERHOUD. SPECIAL SERVICES. FROM SUNDAY, JAN. 27, TO FEB. 3, 1918, each evening during the week commencing at 8 o'clock, except Saturday.

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New Thought Free Lectures. Dominion Theatre, Sunday 7.30 p.m. By Dr. T. W. Butler. Subject: "The Soul of New Thought"

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ASKS NEW CONTROLLER FOR IMPORTANT ORDER

Dept. of Agriculture Would Prohibit Hog Slaughter Under 150 Pounds

One of the first suggestions to go from the Provincial Department of Agriculture to the new Food Controller was in the nature of a request for the passage of an Order-in-Council prohibiting the slaughter of hogs less than 150 lbs. in weight. In his communication yesterday the Deputy Minister of Agriculture has pointed out to Mr. Thomson the tremendous increase in the quantity of pork and bacon that would be available at a somewhat later stage—some six to eight weeks—were such an order to go into effect.

National Interests Paramount.

It will readily be seen that with the two and a half million hogs at present in Canada, with the litters of the coming season averaging on the general run from five to seven, the proposal gone forward is a certain means of increasing the available stocks. It has been customary for the average hog raiser to put an end to the career of the porker at a weight of 100 pounds or even less, and while the Deputy Minister is perfectly well aware that by the adoption of his plan some hardship will be worked with the producers in a number of instances, he takes the stand that national interests are paramount.

Feed Prices.

On the suggestion of the Hon. John Oliver, the Department is issuing a circular letter to all the farming communities dealing with the recently announced prices of bran and shorts. Feed prices at British Columbia and Vancouver Island points are as follows: Bran, per ton, \$34.30; shorts, per ton, \$32.30. The figures are for straight or mixed carloads, also mill price if delivered direct off car or through the Milling Companies' warehouses. To interior B. C. points, where the balance of rate from Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, or Calgary, is less than \$4.50 per ton, the difference in freight must be deducted from the above prices.

Extras.

The figures have been arrived at on the basis of the Alberta prices, plus the average freight to Coast points of 32¢ per 100 lbs. The Deputy Minister points out that as milling companies have the privilege of billing out on a cancellation, the above prices will work no hardship in absorbing the additional freight over Vancouver rate to Vancouver Island and Fraser Valley points.

James D. McGregor, Western Representative of the Food Controller, states that a fair charge for dealers or jobbers would be, when delivered direct off cars, \$1.00 per ton. If unloaded and delivered f. o. b. warehouse, \$2.00 per ton. If cartage performed, or credit extended, a reasonable charge should be allowed for this service.

Mr. McGregor informs the Department that he hopes to get to British Columbia in the very near future, and in the meantime he asks the Minister of Agriculture to see that the prices quoted above are strictly adhered to.

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Liver Was Torpid and Bilious Spells Brought Sick Headaches—Lost Much Time, But is Now Completely Cured

Newtown, N. B., Jan. 25.—Here is convincing evidence that however much you may suffer from liver trouble and consequent biliousness there is cure in the use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills.

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"I purchased a box of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills from G. M. Fairweather, Druggist, of Sibley, N. B., and after taking one box I was so much relieved that I continued to take them until I am now completely cured. My advice to anyone suffering from sick headaches is to try Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills and be completely cured."

Mr. A. S. Mace, J. P., endorses the above statement, and says: "This is to certify that I am personally acquainted with Charles R. Tait, and believe his statement in every way to be true and correct."

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LETTER BOX THAT HALF-HOLIDAY.

To the Editor.—Now that our considerate and benign Commissioners have decided to close down all stores on Sundays, I hope (after sixteen months steady grind, seven days per week), to have the pleasure of meeting our grouch friend (who is barred the pleasure of his children's company on the beach on Saturday afternoon) on Sunday instead, that we may console with each other on the short-sightedness of the inhabitants of the city.

The lady also, whose convenience for washing and ironing is utterly ignored, will, I hope, join us, so that together we may bewail our miserable fate, and wish we were either on the western front in comfort, instead of Victoria in misery.

Yours truly,
JOE FOSTER.
Windsor Cigar Stand, City.

WOMEN FOR FARM WORK.

To the Editor.—The timely letter of your correspondent "Production" on the question of Chinese labor is one that must commend itself to everyone who wishes to keep British Columbia "white." It is to be earnestly hoped that the Local Council of Women will see fit to take up the question of securing volunteers amongst the women of British Columbia for farm work. Now is the time. I feel sure that the Government would arrange to hold a course of lectures on agriculture in women's centres for, say, six weeks, at which the volunteers might obtain useful preliminary information so that they would save a good deal of time in not having to receive elementary instructions when taking their places on the land. In this manner hundreds of women would be ready to help in the early spring, all with an elementary knowledge of what would be expected from them. Will the ladies allow me to ask their due consideration of the remarks on the Chinese question made by a speaker at the recent meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association and give them the earnest thought they are entitled to, coming as they do from one who has spent twenty years in the Orient and who should be qualified to give reliable information and advice on this subject.

Another phase which suggests itself is that we, through our Government, are making every endeavor and propose large expenditures, to induce our returned soldiers to go on the land when they return from the war. What could be more fitting for these men than that they should find their wives and sweethearts with practical experience in farming, already trained to life in the country, and able to become helpful and partners in what otherwise might be looked upon as a life of solitude and hardship.

MOTHER.

VACCINATION

To the Editor.—Since an anti-vaccination league has been formed I have been requested to state the case from the standpoint of modern medical science. We must first recognize that medicine is yet far from being perfect. We are yet largely in the experimental stage, but between the information of twenty years ago which has become in many instances but the ignorance of to-day and the attested facts of medical knowledge at our hands to-day, there is a mighty chasm. Our good friends of the Anti-Vaccination League are still in the shades of past ignorance while oblivious to the developments and achievements of the present. They are not to be blamed as much as they should be pitied, and dealt with as one would deal with the ignorant and gullible wherever found.

When vaccination was conducted from arm to arm, before the principles of antiseptics were evolved and practiced, many deplorable results followed; but with sterilized lymph and surgical cleanliness which every medical man and trained nurse now understands, the process of vaccination is rendered practically free from all such complications. The possibility of introducing "awful blood diseases" with the vaccine has passed, and exist but in the ancient history of vaccination or in the imagination of the objectors.

The principle underlying vaccination has become ever widening in its application. It has led to the practical elimination of typhoid fever from the Allied armies, the reduction of the mortality of diphtheria from forty to about four per cent., and the end is not yet. Investigation and experiments are being carried out in many different directions and before long we hope to be able to control all infectious diseases through the application of these principles.

As to statistics, figures never lie, but have can frequently figure. However, I shall give a few that can hardly be challenged. In six provinces of the U. S. army systematically vaccinated a population of approximately one million, reducing the annual death rate of smallpox from six thousand to nothing. During the succeeding five years there was not a death from smallpox. In 1855 smallpox broke out in Montreal. The upper classes protected themselves by vaccination and escaped; the ignorant classes refused and three thousand perished.

ERNEST A. HALL.

VACCINATION.

To the Editor.—Vaccination must have been an immense benefit to mankind because:

1st. When I was a little boy of seven (in 1867) every third or fourth person I met in the street (Warrminster, Wilt), was pitted with the smallpox. In the last thirty years I can recall very few people so marked. Immunity due to compulsory vaccination.

2nd. It has been proved to the hilt that should a vaccinated person catch smallpox it will be a light attack.

3rd. People who catch the disease

from another sufferer become targets for a simultaneous attack from a large number of the specific microbes in several places at once and the mild attack of cowpox which results from vaccination prevents this. (It has been proved over and over again that the microscopically small organisms known as microbes themselves create a poison in which they cannot live).

I copy the following from a medical work in my possession:

"Seeing then that smallpox is a most painful, loathsome and fatal disease, it becomes infinitely important to avail ourselves of the protection against its ravages afforded by Dr. Jenner's beneficial discovery of vaccination, a discovery which ought to make his name honorable while the world stands."

And yet, strange to say, there are people bearing the general aspect of reasonable beings, who oppose vaccination; and in England, where vaccination has been made compulsory by law, a league has been formed to combat its enforcement. Recently the folly of these fanatics met, it is stated, with a righteous punishment in the following circumstances:

A leading anti-vaccinationist, Escott by name, who refused to have any of his children vaccinated, lately lost two of them and his wife by smallpox. Escott borrowed a suit of clothes from a friend to attend his wife's funeral, and returned them without disinfection, with the result that the lender caught smallpox and also died of it. Subsequently nearly every house in the neighborhood was infected, producing a local epidemic of smallpox, during which sixteen patients were removed to the pest-houses. The only excuse for the obstinacy of such deluded people is, that more than half a century of deliriance from the horrors of smallpox has rendered most persons ignorant of its dangers. In the latter half of the eighteenth century, that is, from 1750 to 1800, smallpox attacked almost every inhabitant of England, and about one out of every five set with it died, while nearly another fifth of its victims were disfigured or crippled for life. It is estimated that two-thirds of the blind people in England at that time lost their sight from smallpox.

Mr. Stevenson at K. of P. Hall is reported to have said, "Japan is one of the best vaccinated countries in the world, yet in Japan there are more deaths from smallpox than elsewhere. That is a very remarkable fact." Where can the undersigned find this fact? It is so remarkable that he would like to verify it.

CHAS. PROVIS.
330 Burnside Road.

KINDNESS TO ANIMALS.

To the Editor.—It has been very interesting to read different letters on the kindness to animals lately published in your paper, and to show the sentiments in other parts of the world, may I quote the following taken from "Our Dumb Animals," Boston, Mass.

"Coincident with the splendid service being rendered by thousands of dogs in this great war, there has suddenly appeared in parts of England and this country, a strange outbreak of hostility towards the dog. Not a few individuals, and many newspapers are disclosing their total inability to appreciate what the friendship and companionship of the dog has meant to mankind from time immemorial. There is a clamor for his destruction. Now, he is the chief cause of the decline in sheep-raising. Now he is the fatal carrier of disease germs. Now he is the annual consumer of millions of dollars worth of food. What crimes remain to be charged against him we do not know. But those who know him need have no fear that at this late day mankind is suddenly to be awakened to the fact that in the dog it has been cherished a foe in its own household. There are those of us if we had our choice, would much prefer to spend our eternity with certain dogs we have known, than with many a human being it has been out to meet. We can only account for this outbreak of animosity against the dog on the ground that every special manifestation of goodness in the world arouses the opposing spirit of evil. The praise so widely given the dog just now for his devotion, intelligence and service and the appalling perils of war, has evidently stirred the counter-passions of hate and cruelty in the breasts of his foes."

Again, in The Animal World, of London, England, Philip Gibbs tells a story of a dog's silent pathetic devotion. To a casualty clearing station was brought a boy of nineteen, who had been gassed. His eyes were paralyzed and widened like an old man, and deaf and dumb. No one knew where he had come from, or to whom he belonged, but he had one creature faithful to him. It was a small dog who came on the stretcher with him, sitting on his chest. It watched close to him when he lay in the hospital, and went away with him, sitting on his chest again, when he was sent farther away to another clearing station. Can one say there was no spark of the divine mystery of life and love in the heart of that silent but faithful friend?

Thanking you very much for the space accorded me.

NEOTA YONGE HEWINGS,
Hon. Sec. Blue Cross for Wounded
Horses and Dogs at the Front.
January 24, 1918.

A VOICE FROM OVERSEAS.

To the Editor.—Excuse me butting in but I feel, with others here, that our views on the proposal to import Oriental labor want airing. We are given to understand from extracts from your paper that a resolution has been passed to import Oriental labor for the duration of the war. Although the proposal is ridiculous, it is refreshing to observe that some people are walking up, if only at the last round; but it would please us all much better if they turned their attention more to the "All British" policy. Keep the fact before you that there will be thousands of soldiers returning in the not-far-distant future. Have we not learned from experience—no always pleasant—that the Oriental problem is becoming more formidable every year. But nothing is done to counteract the situation. On the contrary to the ordinary layman it appears that Oriental labor is encouraged. How many factories, warehouses, hotels, restaurants, rooming houses, etc., will you go in and not find the impassive "John" working in some capacity or another? Then you say, "But a white man wants too much money or else will not do the job." Now everyone knows that a man is content with a fair living wage and, if it is work that he will not do, depend upon it that it is not man's work. However, the wily "John" will do any work for a small wage which adds to the employer's thick wad and it is they who have the biggest weight in any country. Time will tell. I don't know whether any of you have tried to look into the future. If so you cannot have failed to have foreseen some of the developments that will arise from this war. One of the greatest revolutions of the times will be the upturning of labor to a higher plane. Labor will be strongly represented in the governments of nations. It will make itself heard in the future. Do not think this is all "boosh," leading men in this country recognize the probabilities and are preparing to meet them. Why this sudden cry for foreign labor in the last year of the war? Last year there were men but now they are taken for active service in the army. Now there are a lot left who are unfit for active service; so conscript all labor and, with the help of the women, "carry on." It can be done. Take a lesson from the women of this country, who of every class are working in their thousands in all kinds of jobs strange to them before the war; so buck up Canada, fall into line, reject alien labor, if not for your own sakes, then for the men who have made for Canada a name that will live

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simple reason that if we did not, then the public would buy elsewhere. In considering the public we consider our employers.

But do the public really know or take the trouble to find out which day is the most convenient time for us to have our ball day? I myself think that they vote the same way that many vote for our Aldermen; that is, to be guided by what someone tells them, and then realize, when it is too late, that they have not voted as they meant to. If we can take it as any criterion, I would say that the amount of sympathy expressed by the numerous customers that they are sorry we lost Saturday and that they found no hardships imposed by our Saturday closing, has led us to believe that the vote did not demonstrate majority rule.

We fully realize that we are servants of the public, but in order for the clerk to serve the public with the highest efficiency there should be no ill-feeling in their minds, such as has been put there by an unfair deal at the election, and the only way to improve their feelings is by trying to make their lot a little better than it is.

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W. A. to Missions.—The Diocesan W. A. is giving a missionary entertainment on Monday at 8 p. m., in the Cathedral Schoolroom, on behalf of the W. A. Library. Admission, 25 cents. A large audience is looked for.

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St. Jude's Mission.—A sale of home-cooking, under the auspices of St. Jude's W. A., will be held at the Mission next Friday at 2. Afternoon tea; music. In the evening there will be a social. Admission, 15 cents. Music; Dramatic-Sketch Competitions. Refreshments, 10 cents.

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Court of Appeal.—At the adjournment yesterday afternoon of the Court of Appeal the hearing of the action, Keene vs. Cunningham, had not been completed and was adjourned until Monday. There are still some ten cases to be disposed of.

Held for Escort.—Roy Spaulding, wanted by the Calgary police on a theft charge, is detained at the city lockup, pending the arrival of a man to take him back for trial.

Civic Salaries.—A number of details are to hand with regard to the way in which other cities pay their staff in British Columbia, which will be used in the argument next Thursday, when the subject will be taken up in estimates committee.

Tuesday, 25th, 8 p. m.—Centennial Methodist Church, illustrated lecture, Rev. Robert Hughes, "My Experiences in Belgium and Germany." Solo, Mrs. Jesse Longfield, "In Flanders Field." Admission, 25c.

Tax Delinquency.—The Board of Trade committee which has been considering the matter of tax delinquency will report to a meeting of the Council of the Board, to be held Monday, January 28, at 3 p. m.

Specific Gravity of Petroleum.—The Governor-General-in-Council, on the recommendation of the Minister of Inland Revenue and under the provisions of Section 6 of the War Measures Act, authorizes the Department of Inland Revenue to pass petroleum, used for illumination purposes, weighing up to eight pounds and seventeen one hundredths of a pound per gallon, or of a specific gravity of .817.

Anglican Young People.—On Tuesday, January 22, a branch of the Anglican Young People's Association was formed in connection with St. Paul's Naval and Garrison Church, Esquimaux. The organizing meeting, which was held in the Guild room of the rectory, was well-attended, there being about twenty-four young people present. Rev. W. Baugh-Allen is patron of the society and Mr. W. H. Booth was unanimously chosen honorary president. The following officers were elected: President, Miss E. Pomroy; vice-president, Miss M. Craven; secretary, Miss H. Parkinson; and treasurer, Miss V. Deurrie.

The Florence Nightingale Chapter, I. O. D. E., have arranged to hold a dance in the Hippodrome Hall on Tuesday, January 29, in aid of the chapter funds. The affair will be under the capable management of Mrs. George Simpson, an excellent programme of music will be furnished by a good orchestra, a dainty supper will be served, and a good time is assured for all who attend. Tickets: Gents, 75 cents; ladies, 50 cents.

Patriotic Fund.—The following are among some of the recent subscriptions received by the Victoria Patriotic Aid Society: Employees V. I. Power Co., Ltd., \$11.32; employees, Messrs. David Spencer, Ltd., \$66.90; employees Victoria Phoenix Brewing Co., \$22.10; Musicians' Union, \$7.50; employees B. C. Electric Railway Co., \$45.80; employees Victoria Gas Co., \$3.52; Messrs. W. J. Pendray & Sons' employees, \$37.02.

Public School Magazine.—The first number of the Public School Magazine has just come to hand. It is a very readable little journal, well edited, well printed and in every way a credit to the teachers of the Public Schools who have given much time and effort to make it a success. Judging from appearances it must be proving to be a paying institution, and as all profits go to the athletic fund of the schools no one will begrudge the cost. It is understood that there has been a big demand for the first number and as it is promised that there will be many changes in future numbers which will make it more representative of the schools than even this first effort, the demand should increase. The editor, Donald A. Fraser, and the other officials are to be congratulated on the work they have done.



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Should Germany be Punished?

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GONE TO VANCOUVER

Workman's Compensation Board Head Offices Closed Here This Morning; Staff of Two Remains.

The dismantling of the head offices of the Workman's Compensation Board is now complete and with the exception of one small office all doors were closed at one o'clock to-day. Miss Croft and Mr. Pontifex will comprise the staff of the Board in this city and will deal with the regular routine matter in preparation for frequent sittings of the Board here.

The major part of the office equipment has already been set up in the new offices in the Terminal City, where business will commence in full swing on Monday next. With the exception of four juniors the whole staff has gone to Vancouver, so that very little interruption in the carrying on of the Board's work will be occasioned by new blood.

Chairman Winn stated to a representative of The Times this morning that he had no intention of changing his domicile, so that while his official duties take him across the straits his home will still be in Victoria.

MUNICIPAL CHAPTER

Much Activity Reported by I. O. D. E. at Thursday's Meeting; Many Funds Supported.

The Municipal Chapter, I. O. D. E., met on Thursday morning at the headquarters, Arcade Bldg., the Regent, Mrs. A. F. Griffiths, presiding. In the absence from the city of Mrs. Curtis Sampson, the duties of hon. treasurer were undertaken by Mrs. Williams, who gave the financial statement. A number of funds had benefited by chapter donations as follows:

- Prisoners of War—Navy League Chapter, \$2.50; Chapter, \$5; Daisy Chain Chapter, \$25; Willows Camp Chapter, \$4.87.
- Halifax Relief—Gonzales Chapter, \$50; Margaret Locke Robertson, \$10; Camosun Chapter, \$20; Esquimaux Chapter, \$20.
- Port Coffin—Daisy Chain Chapter, \$25; Navy League Chapter, \$25; Port Clements, per Queen Mary Chapter, \$25; and during the meeting the sum of \$25 was handed in from Port Alberni.
- Halifax Home for the Blind—Willows Camp Chapter, \$22.
- Soldiers' Graves—Margaret Locke Robertson, \$20; Navy League Chapter, \$25; "J" Unit Chapter, \$10.
- Mrs. Cecil Cookson reported forwarding during the past week six cases of field comforts and one case of trench cables to Capt. Pittman, C. C. C., who by parcels post a number of comforts for the men of the navy via Halifax. The trench cable committee is working splendidly; a large supply, carefully boxed in boxes, is always on hand for sale, and forty-eight dozen have been forwarded direct to the men. The Field Comfort Fund is very low and permission is being granted for a big day early in February to provide funds for the purchase of wool.
- Mrs. M. Appleby reported on soldiers' graves, that three more graves had been completed, making nine in all. As this work is only proceeded with as funds allow, a request for support was made.
- Mrs. J. D. Gordon reported on the Military Convalescent Hospitals. Gifts towards the Christmas dinners and magazines and book supply were acknowledged, also gramophone records.
- A large number of letters from soldiers in receipt of socks and parcels were read, expressing gratitude and showing how necessary was the continuance of this work.
- Letters from Mrs. Howell, provincial secretary, of the above-mentioned general meeting of the Provincial Chapter on Tuesday next at the Alexandra Club, and giving notice of resolutions and business to be discussed there. Mrs. A. F. Griffiths, Mrs. Daisy Miller, and Miss Macdonald were appointed delegates to the annual meeting of the Local Council of Women, in addition to Mrs. Dennis Cox, the representative.

MENGES HERE FEB. 2

Talented Violinist Will Give Recital at Empress Ballroom; Has \$100,000 Strad Violin.

It is a long time since a violinist made such a stir in New York amongst music lovers at that achieved by Isold Menges, the wonderful young English violinist, who will appear in recital at the Empress Hotel ballroom on Saturday, February 2.

New York is satiated with concerts, there being four or five every day during the season, but the blaze of dilettantes quickened into real enthusiasm under the magnetism and beauty which emanated from Miss Menges's fine Stradivarius.

The critics of England, America and the Continent are unanimous in declaring that Miss Menges is so far in advance of any other lady violinist, that she can be placed amongst the first group of men violinists. She has won the reputation of being the greatest interpreter of the Brahms Concerto, and thanks to Leopold Auer, Savonoff and Mengelberg, came into recognition immediately she made her debut.

SOLDIERS WELCOME RED CROSS SOCKS

The following letter of appreciation has been received by the Mt. Tolmie branch of the Red Cross, and should prove an added incentive to the women of Victoria to continue their efforts on behalf of this cause:

"France, Dec. 26, 1917.
 "Dear Friends: To-night, after wrangling about a pair of socks from your branch at Mount Tolmie, I write to say how I appreciate them. We all know out here what the Canadian women are doing for us, and really think they, after all, have the hardest part.
 "Take heart and dig in and do all you can for the Red Cross. I notice out here that a man can't have too many pairs of socks. We know what the Hun is, and this is the place for the Canadians to be. Again thanking you, I remain, yours truly,
 "A. L. P. GIBSON."
 "74 Co., C. F. C., B. E. F., France."

WANTS MILCH GOATS

Development Association Has Echo of a Past Propaganda, in Recent Inquiry.

The goat industry as applied to Vancouver Island received an enthusiastic sprout some years ago, but although it led to numerous letters in the press and the testimony of many persons who had raised goats, nothing important materialized. Some one must have heard of the efforts of the Victoria and Island Development Association in this regard, as a letter has now been received inquiring as to the feasibility of milch goats being raised on the Island. The letter suggests that the inquirer would like to raise goats for milking purposes and asks for details about suitable land.

At that time it was argued that much of the land which is unsuitable for ordinary agriculture could be used for goat farming, and would clean up the undergrowth. Some facetious persons suggested that they would clean up the fences, and clothes of the settlers, as well as anything else which might be conveniently within reach, but then there are always pessimists. The best course would probably be to refer the matter to someone who has had practical experience with milch goats and Island conditions.

PRAIRIE CLUB WORK

Will Welcome Visitors From the Middle West in Series of Entertainments.

The first of a series of entertainments given by the Prairie Club to its friends from the Middle West will be held on Tuesday night next in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 724 Fort Street. Mayor Todd has consented to deliver an address of welcome. A musical programme will follow and the evening will be closed with cards, dancing and refreshments.

Several such entertainments are being planned by the Prairie Club, extending over the next three months. Owing to the fact that the organization has not as many addresses of prairie visitors as it would wish the members have been requested to make their invitations personally.

CITY TAX SALE

Question Will Be Before Aldermen at Meeting on Monday; Other Motions.

Foremost among the matters detailed for the attention of the City Council on Monday is a decision with regard to the tax sale in 1918. The principle of a sale in October appears to be generally acceptable, but after the financial statement made by Mayor Todd last Monday doubt exists if the 1913 delinquencies will be enough. Therefore an estimate has been called for the amount likely to be realized by the 1914 and subsequent delinquencies.

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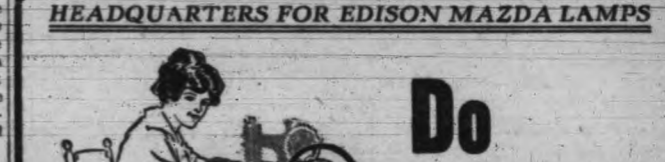
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LOCAL WILLS

Letters of Administration Include Two Cases of Men Who Died on Active Service.

The WEATHER

Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Jan. 25—5 a.m.—The barometer remains high over this province and fair, cold weather is general, with light to moderate winds along the Coast. More snow has fallen in Cariboo and zero temperatures extend from Alberta to Ontario and Winnipeg reports is below.

Reports.
 Victoria—Barometer, 30.18; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 34; wind, 6 miles N. E.; weather, clear.
 Vancouver—Barometer, 30.16; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 22; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, cloudy.
 Kamloops—Barometer, 30.12; temperature, maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 18; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, cloudy.
 Barkerville—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, maximum yesterday, 28; minimum, 2; wind, calm; snow, 30; weather, fair.
 Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.98; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 2; wind, 24 miles E.; weather, cloudy.
 Seattle—Barometer, 30.15; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 36; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, clear.
 San Francisco—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, maximum yesterday, 58; minimum, 56; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, clear.
 Pentleton—Temperature, maximum yesterday, 41; rain, .02.

Temperature	Max.	Min.
Talooch	48	34
Cranbrook	45	31
Nelson	37	23
Grand Forks	34	20
Calgary	29	15
Edmonton	25	11
Qu'Appelle	15	1
Toronto	34	20
Winnipeg	24	10
Ottawa	31	17
Montreal	31	17
St. John	28	14
Halifax	30	16

Letters of Administration in reference to the estates of deceased persons were issued in the Probate Registry during the present week, as follows:

Charles Edward Adams, who died on active service, April 9; to John Benbow Adams, with estate sworn at \$22,500.

Suzette Elizabeth Cave, who died at Esquimaux, November 16; to Williams Cave, with estate at \$4,542.

Letters of Administration with will annexed were issued in the case of Wilfrid Francis James Lait, formerly of Sidney, who died on active service, August 2; to Charles Brentnall Sturgeon Lait; with estate of \$1,854.

Letters of Administration were re-issued from the Principal Probate Registry, England, in the estate of Edward Herbert Allan Goss, with estate at \$11,615.

A BIG SNAP ARE PREPARING FOR EARLY START Season Will Commence This Year About April 1; Whalmeat Cannery Under Way

PRICE OF EGGS IS EXPECTED TO DROP An almost unbroken list of steady retail prices has prevailed for the past two weeks.

Table of market prices for various goods including Vegetables, Fruit, Dairy Produce and Eggs, and Fish.

STEAM WHALERS ARE PREPARING FOR EARLY START Season Will Commence This Year About April 1; Whalmeat Cannery Under Way

Witness Explains Cause of Fire Aboard Liner La Touraine in Mid-Atlantic

RETURNS TO THE TRIANGULAR RUN C. P. R. STEAMER PRINCESS VICTORIA Completely renovated inside and out, the steamship Princess Victoria, which for the past two months has been laid up for overhaul, is again in commission.

U-BOAT ACCOUNTED FOR BY KASHIMA Tables Were Completely Turned on Attacking Craft Off British Coast

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CAULKING DEVICE DEMONSTRATED HERE J. E. Gilmour is Inventor of Machine Which Has Great Possibilities

Spooky Work. A 14-ft. seam was caulked in forty-five seconds, and the average time taken in finishing the work on 250 feet of seam, the area covered for the test, was twenty minutes.

NOW SEEKING FISH OTHER THAN HALIBUT Vancouver, Jan. 26.—The New England Fish Company has decided that if halibut is unobtainable it will go after other varieties of fish and has ordered four fishing vessels from Ferrier & Lucas.

High School Activities Portia Club Debate; Players working hard on Shakespearean production; Athletics now playing prominent part in V. H. S. life.

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TO FRENCHMEN Instructions to Class of 1919 With Reference to War Service.

WIRELESS REPORTS January 26, 8 a. m. Point Grey—Cloudy; calm; 30.05; 32; sea smooth.

NOTICE TO MARINERS Mariners are advised that the gas and bell buoy situated at the northern entrance of Active Pass, Gulf of Georgia, disappeared during the night of January 25.

FISHERIES MISSION MOVES TO BOSTON Washington, Jan. 26.—Joint sessions here of the Canadian and American fisheries missions were closed yesterday, to meet in Boston next Thursday.

OVERDUE SCHOONER ARRIVES ON COAST WITH FIJIAN SUGAR At noon to-day quarantine officials here were anticipating the arrival of the auxiliary schooner Jessie Norcross at Whillam Head.

CANADIAN NORTHERN. Toronto, Jan. 26.—Canadian Northern Railway system earnings for the week ended January 21 showed a decrease of \$59,400 in comparison with the same period of last year.

SEATTLE SHIPWORKERS WANT TRAIN SERVICE Seattle, Jan. 26.—Telegrams have been sent by the King County council of defense to Secretary McAdoo, director-general of railroads, asking that he instruct local railroad officials to use steam trains to carry Seattle shipyard workers between their homes and the yards.

THE TIME BALL The time ball on the Belmont Building will be raised half-mast high at 12.45 p. m. to the top at 12.55 p. m. and will be dropped at 1 p. m. daily.

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VICTORIA THE NORTHWEST THE WORLD

PLAYERS DID NOT ATTEND MEETING

Sunday School Basketball Will Be in Evidence at "Y" To-night

A special meeting of the Sunday School Athletic Association was held last evening at the Y. M. C. A. to deal with a protest lodged by three members of the Crusaders team of the Intermediate division of the Sunday School basketball league, against a ruling of the registration committee.

Recently Christ Church protested that the three players in question were over age, alleging that they were eighteen years old before October 1, 1917, which according to the constitution would rank them among seniors.

The registration committee when approached, upheld this view. The three players were not satisfied and last evening's meeting was called to give them a hearing and to permit a statement of the case.

To-night's games, which are four in number, will commence promptly at 7 o'clock. Only ten minutes will be allowed after schedule time before a game will be declared defaulted should one of the teams fail to put in an appearance.

HOCKEY TEAMS MAY PLAY IN NEW YORK

Montreal, Jan. 26.—Plans are under way for the N. H. L. teams playing a series of games in New York after the regular season is over. Manager Fellows, of the St. Nicholas rink, was in Montreal this week talking over prospects with President O'Brien, and it is more than likely that the teams finishing second and third in the N. H. L. race will go to Gotham.

GOALKEEPER RELEASED.

Toronto, Jan. 26.—Goalkeeper Hebert, secured from Ottawa early in the season, was released by the Toronto Professional Hockey Club yesterday. With Holmes going well there was no place on the team for Hebert.

PORTLAND SAILS IN THE CELLAR AGAIN

Rosebuds' Defence Allowed Seattle to Win by Score of Three to Two Goals

HEAD-CRACKING WAS A POPULAR PASTIME

Portland, Jan. 26.—After having last night's hockey game all sewed up and visions of leading the parade in the race for the pennant somebody pulled the cork out of the Portland Rosebuds' defence and they went sailing down into the cellar position in one of the fastest and most thrilling games ever witnessed in the city.

The first and third periods served to show the fans some fast skating and the members of both septettes proved veritable speed demons. Both teams were at their best in the first period.

After jarring around the first period "Smookey" Harris pulled himself together in the second frame and dashed down the ice zigzagging his way through Seattle's defence and shot the puck past Goalender Fowler for Portland's second score.

It looked like the Rosebuds were secure until the boys started slashing the hockey sticks against one another's heads and Referee Ion chased Dunderdale and Harris, of Portland, and Rowe and Rickey, of Seattle, off the ice for three minutes each and slapped a \$5 fine on "Smookey" Harris for saying a few things that do not appear in the good book.

Cully Wilson chased the puck down the ice and slammed it past Tommy Murray for Seattle's initial tally. In less than three minutes Bernie Morris lifted the rubber disc into the goal net after a short pass from Foyston, which tied the score.

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P. C. ABELL'S GOLFERS WON IN RECENT MEET

Challengers Were Forced to Give Way Before the Victors

That peculiar attractiveness, so familiar to the golfer, though not clearly defined by him at times, which ever remains a matter of mystery to the individual uninitiated in the arts of the royal and ancient pastime, was quite sufficient to recently call forth an array of talent under pressure of an open challenge.

Following a decree from J. D. O'Connell, that his team would vanquish that under the leadership of P. C. Abell, these rival aggregations went forth to the Colwood course to engage in a four foursome competition. What were the predictions of success might have been on the part of the "challengers" they were forced to taste overwhelming defeat.

The division in the recent play was as follows (the representatives of P. C. Abell's winning aggregation are mentioned first in each division): P. C. Abell and W. H. P. Sweeney were defeated by J. D. O'Connell and A. Tobin.

C. Denham and E. Down won from J. Scott and G. Warren. J. Hart and W. S. Terry won from H. A. Davie.

BASKETBALL AT OAK BAY FOR RED CROSS

Games Played Last Night Netted \$7 for Patriotic Work

A crowd of seventy basketball enthusiasts were much in evidence at the Oak Bay High School last evening, when a series of three games were played between various contesting teams. The play resulted in some very good exhibitions and the spectators as a whole felt that the admission fee of ten cents, which netted \$7 for the Red Cross Society, had been well invested.

The first match was between the High School junior girls and the Monterey Avenue Public School. The Monterey pupils ended in the lead by 15-5.

The second contest was between the Esquimalt High School second boys' team and the Oak Bay High School second team. The Esquimalt quintette won the match 34-7. Team work was the winning factor. In this regard the Esquimalt boys showed themselves to be superior to the Oak Bay Club, and while the latter at times was brilliant in individual work there was not the presence of team play.

The evening of sport was closed with a battle between the Senior Oak Bay boys and the "Whys" of the Y. M. C. A. The Association team carried off the colors with a score of 49-15. The players played clean-cut basketball, showed a knowledge of the game, and were far too speedy for their opponents. In previous matches the Oak Bay team has held a lead with but little difficulty. Last night, however, fortune was hardly so favorable. The teams were: Oak Bay: Coleman, Hope, Brynjolfson, Goodacre and Henderson; "Whys": Mackinnon, Bidlake, Marshall, Angus Mackinnon and Forbes.

NO CHAMPIONSHIPS.

New York, Jan. 26.—There will be no championships of the Amateur Athletic Union at national conventions, it was announced here to-day. The decision was made public in a letter from Dr. Joseph E. Raycroft, a member of the War Department's Commission on training camp activities, sent to Frederick Hubien, chairman of the A.A.U. Dr. Raycroft expressed the opinion that national championships tend to place too much emphasis on individuals.

IN PUGILISTIC ANNALS.

1889—Ike Weir knocked out Jack Beck in the third round at New Bedford, Mass. 1894—Jim Corbett knocked out Charlie Mitchell, English, in the third round at Jacksonville, Fla., in a battle for the world's heavyweight championship.

WOLFE IN WINNING.

Cleveland, Jan. 26.—Jack Wolfe, of Cleveland, outboxed and outfought Johnny Ertle, of St. Paul, in six rounds of a ten-round contest here last night. Ertle got two and two were even. The men weighed in at 117 pounds.

MAJORS DECIDE TO OPEN ON APRIL 15

Conflicting Dates of Games in Same Cities Largely Eliminated

DRAFTED SCHEDULE WAS COMPLETED YESTERDAY

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 26.—The baseball season for 1918 for the National and American League will open on April 15-9. This was announced last night at the close of the three-day session of the major league schedule drafting committee appointed by the National Baseball Commission. Beyond stating that conflicting dates of games played by the two leagues in the same city had been eliminated to a greater degree than ever before, members of the committee refused to give out any details regarding the schedule.

The schedule for the National League will be laid before the league meeting to be held in New York February 12. The drafting of the schedule was completed last night, illness of B. E. Johnson, President of the American League, delayed the work of the committee. President Johnson, however, was able to leave for his home last night.

FAST COMPETITION FOR CLOSING THE SASKATOON SPIEL

Saskatoon, Jan. 26.—The fifth day of the Saskatoon bonspiel finds Gillespie of Winnipeg; Forsythe, of Forest; Dutton, of Govan; Bruce, of Saskatoon; and Ross, of Regina, competing for the grand aggregate honors. Dutton and Forsythe play on the last draw of the day to go into finals of the Cairns trophy to-day.

Gillespie and Bissett play on the same day to go into finals of the grand challenge. Although eighty rinks were entered, to-day will see the close of the bonspiel.

JUDGE M'CREIDIE IS NOW LOOKING FOR A NEW CLUB MANAGER

Portland, Jan. 26.—Judge McCredie has received a letter from Walter McCredie, written in Chicago stating that Paddy Siglin, who has been appointed as manager of the 1918 Portland team, has been placed in Class A, Number 1 in the draft, which means that he may be taken in the next draft, forcing the local magnate to look for a new manager.

Lewiston, Idaho, and Walla Walla, Wash., have been suggested to Judge McCredie as ideal spots in which to pitch training camp, and it might be that the Portland magnate may later decide to locate at either of these cities.

Arthur Bourg, Kenton Club first baseman, has affixed his name to a Portland contract. Bourg held a contract with Judge McCredie and they had no trouble at all about salary. Bourg is a left-hand thrower and hitter and slammed the ball in the City League last season at a .340 clip. He was very highly recommended to Judge McCredie as being a good prospect.

WAR-TIME BOXING IN OLD COUNTRY

London, Jan. 26.—That the war has not stopped—but rather increased—the interest in boxing, is evident in the reviews of last season's boxing just published here. The year 1917 witnessed tournaments everywhere—hundreds of them, by sea, by land, wherever the forces of the country gathered. The London and provincial centres have not been neglected, though the managers have had a hard struggle in these times to keep moving.

Three Lonsdale belts were in dispute, Jimmy Wilde and Young Fox have become permanent possessors of the flyweight and the second bantamweight respectively, Wilde by beating Geo. Clark in four rounds on March 12 and Fox by defeating Young Symonds in June. Fox has the featherweight trophy been at issue. In June Charley Hardcastle gained his sensational one-round victory over Alf Wye; but in November Hardcastle was in turn knocked out by Toney Lee, the former holder of the flyweight belt. These were all the belt contests.

DILLON OUTPOINTED.

Duluth, Jan. 26.—George Chip outpointed Jack Dillon here last night in a ten-round bout, according to newspapermen. Chip forced the fighting all the way, and in the eighth round landed some telling blows, bringing the blood to his opponent's right eye. What few blows were landed by Dillon were ineffective.

GAVE SMITH THE K. O.

Racine, Wis., Jan. 26.—Jack Dempsey, of San Francisco, knocked out Lamar Smith, of Benton Harbor, Mich., last night, after one minute and fifteen seconds of fighting. Smith was floored twice, taking counts of eight and nine before the final knockout. The men are heavyweights. It was Dempsey's first appearance in the middle west. The contest was scheduled to go ten rounds.

WAS RE-INSTATED.

Philadelphia, Jan. 26.—Francis Guimet, former Amateur Golf Champion, who was under suspension by the United States Golf Association for alleged professionalism, was re-instated by the association at its annual meeting here last night.

BUTTE NOT ABLE TO ENTER BALL LEAGUE

\$6,000 Dropped by Montana Magnates in Last Two Seasons

Butte, Mont., Jan. 26.—The report that Butte is to be included in the new Pacific International League was received with surprise here. Up to date there has been no activity nor any signs of any as far as Butte entering into a new or old circuit. As far as can be learned here it would cost \$10,000 to put a team in this city, this amount possibly being in fact a little too low a figure. The club, President Davey stated a short time ago, was \$8,000 or thereabout "in the hole."

"I have heard nothing from Butte since our annual meeting," stated President Brown, of the Vancouver Club, yesterday. "However, I am preparing to leave early next week for the Montana town and do not anticipate much trouble in stirring up interest in the new league."

So far as Great Falls is concerned it is not likely that we will bother with that territory, this season, but even should the present owners of the Butte franchise decide to remain out, I am sure that the league directors will place a team in that city. I have been authorized to make arrangements accordingly."

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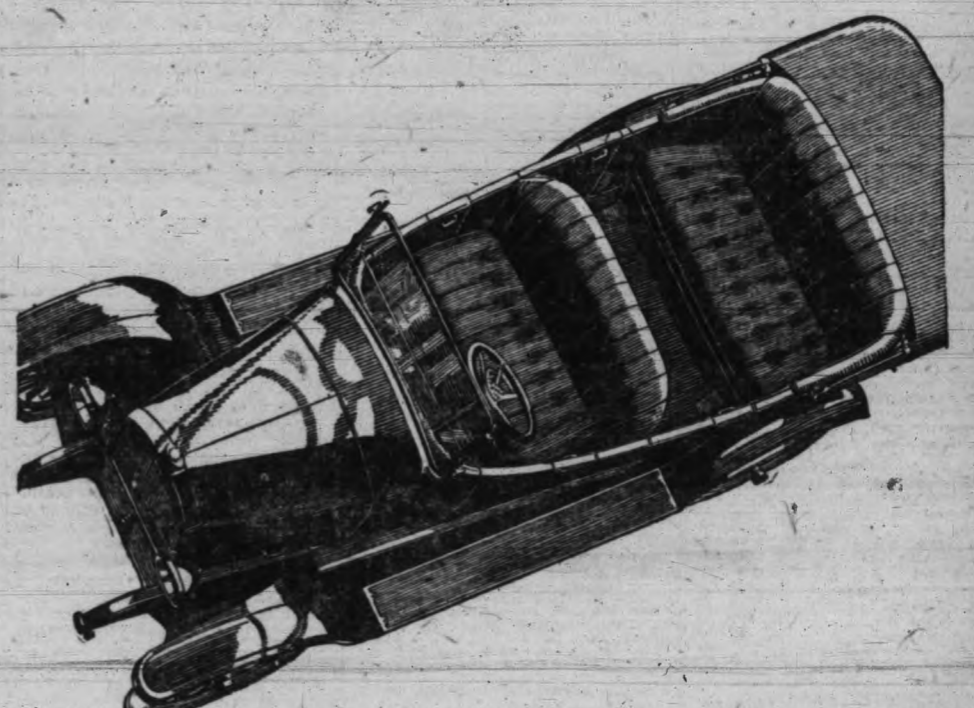
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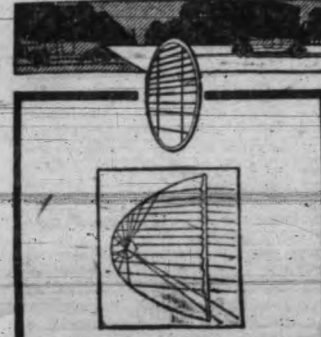
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 A. O. F.—Court Northern Light, No. 605, meets at Foresters' Hall, Broad Street, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, W. F. Fullerton, secretary.

CANADIAN ORDER OF FORESTERS
 Court Columbia 334, meets 4th Monday, 8 p. m., Orange Hall, Yates St. R. W. O. Savage, 101 Moss Street, Tel. 1731.

COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 2, I. O. O. F., meets Wednesdays, 8 p. m., in Old Fellows' Hall, Douglas Street. D. Dewar, R. S., 1240 Oxford Street.

DAUGHTERS AND MAIDS OF ENGLAND B. S.—Lodge Alexandra, No. 18, meets third Thursday, 8 p. m., Orange Hall, Yates Street. Pres. Mrs. H. Cattarall, 521 Fort Street, Sec. Mrs. F. Bridges.

DAUGHTERS AND MAIDS OF ENGLAND B. S.—Lodge Primrose, No. 23, meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 8 p. m., in A. O. F. Hall, Broad Street. Pres. Sister T. Wilson, 184 Bay St., Sec. A. L. Harrison, 372 Fairfield. Visiting members cordially invited.

S. O. P.—Far West Victoria Lodge, No. 1, 2nd and 4th Thursdays, K. of P. Hall, North Park St. A. H. Harding, K. of R. S., 16 Front St., 109 Government Street.

SONS OF ENGLAND B. S.—Pride of the Island Lodge, No. 11, meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays in the A. O. F. Hall, Broad Street. President, Griffiths Donnie, 113 Pandora Ave. Secretary, A. E. Brindley, 167 Pembroke Street, City.

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ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR—Queen City Chapter, No. 5, meets on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 5 o'clock in K. of P. Hall, North Park St. Visiting members cordially invited.

THE VICTORIA NO. 2 BUILDING SOCIETY
 The Sixteenth Annual General Meeting of the above Society will be held at the Secretary's Office, 312 Broadway, on Thursday, January 31, 1918, at 8 p. m., to receive the Directors', Auditor's and Secretary's Reports, together with the Financial Statement and such other business as may be brought before the meeting. Election of Officers and Board of Management, together with the holding of the 31st Drawing for an Appropriation. By order,
 J. J. GOODLAKE, Acting Secretary.

LAND REGISTRY ACT
 Section 24.
 In the Matter of Part of Sub Lot One, Fernwood Estate, Victoria City, Map 85.
 Proof having been filed of the loss of Certificate of Title No. 1863A, issued to Thomas Sinclair, dated the 13th day of July, 1914, I hereby give notice of my intention, at the expiration of one calendar month from the first publication hereof, to issue to the said Thomas Sinclair, Gore a fresh Certificate of Title in lieu thereof.
 Dated at the Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., this 25th day of December, 1917.
 J. C. GWYNN, Registrar-General of Titles.

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF OAK BAY
 Applications, addressed to the undersigned, will be received by the Council on 12 noon on Saturday, February 2, 1918, for the combined position of Treasurer and Collector, at a salary of \$135 per month.
 Applicants must state age and previous experience and enclose copies of testimonials.
 Previous municipal experience is desirable and successful applicant must be ready to take possession on March 1, 1918.
 A. O. BUNTING, Acting C. M. C., Municipal Hall, Oak Bay, B. C., January 27, 1918.

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CARD OF THANKS
 Mrs. C. Griffiths and Charlie desire to express their heartfelt thanks for the many kind words of sympathy offered them, and for the beautiful floral tributes sent on the occasion of their recent bereavement; they also wish to thank the many friends for the kindness shown to Frances during her 14th illness.

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Commercial Cars	Trucks	Pleasure Cars	Motorcycles				
Make of Car	Year	Body	Cyl.	Price	For Sale by	Phone	Equipment and Condition
CHEVROLET	1917	Touring	4	\$600	BEGG MOTOR CO., 837 View.	2068	Electric light and self starter. Good running order.
FORD	1915	Touring	4	\$350	BEGG MOTOR CO., 837 View.	2068	Tires good. Good running order.
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HUDSON	1913	5-Passenger	4		JAMESON, ROLFE & WILLIS.	2246	New bearings, good tires, new painted.
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KING	1914	5-Pass. Touring	8	\$1,000	PLIMLEY'S GARAGE, Johnson St.	697	Good condition. Just repainted.
OVERLAND	1914	5-Passenger Touring	4	\$575	PLIMLEY'S GARAGE, Johnson St.	697	Good order. Tires in good condition.
STUDEBAKER	1912	5-Pass. Touring	4	\$350	PLIMLEY'S GARAGE, Johnson St.	697	Good condition. Rear end just replaced by new parts.
GRAM-TRUCK	1912	1-Ton	4	\$900	PLIMLEY'S GARAGE, Johnson St.	697	Thoroughly overhauled in perfect condition. Guaranteed for six months.
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RUSSELL	1913	Knight Laudaulett	4	\$1,100	PLIMLEY'S GARAGE, Johnson St.	697	Good condition. Tires good.
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Cost \$150,000.—A news item yesterday spoke of the purchase of the outfit of the Royal Italian Opera Company, valued at \$500 by J. W. Davis. The value should have read \$150,000.

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BORN
 SHERIFF—On Jan. 21 to the wife of James Sheriff, Avebury Ave., a son.
DIED
 FAIRBURN—On January 25, 1918, at 307 View Street, James George Fairburn, late of Ganges, Salt Spring Island, aged 65 years; born in Lancashire, England.
 The remains are resting at the E. C. Funeral Chapel, 734 Broughton Street, where the funeral will take place on Monday, January 28, at 2 p. m. Interment in Ross Bay Cemetery.
 Friends please accept this intimation.

TO DEAL DIRECT WITH THE MUNITIONS BOARD

Contractors May Not Trade in Spruce From Indian Reserves

Following certain of his recommendations to Ottawa Chief Inspector Ditchburn has now been notified by the Department of Indian Agencies that full speeding up powers in the matter of spruce logging on Indian Reserves in British Columbia have been granted.

That is to say, the terms of the recent Order-in-Council, which more or less abrogates the lengthy formality of timber sales on Indian Reserves, will enable Mr. Ditchburn to receive applications to purchase from the Imperial Munitions Board and deal with them forthwith.

He states that no transactions will take place in this connection except as between the Department he represents and the Board itself. There will be no sales under the special provisions of the Order-in-Council made to contractors.

Already arrangements are under way to organize the services of many Indians for active work in the logging operations.

"Papa—'Can't you remember where I left my eyeglasses, this morning?'"
 "Dad—'No, I can't.'"
 "Papa—'It is really marvellous, the forgetfulness of you girls.'"

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VETERANS EXPECTING HELP OF MRS. SMITH

Believe She Will Be Friend at Court; Disappointed About Drinnan

While there is a very natural feeling of disappointment among the members of the local branch of the Great War Veterans' Association over the defeat of Walter Drinnan at the by-election in Vancouver, they are generally hopeful that in Mrs. Ralph Smith they will have a friend at Court.

The local men take the stand that while the result may not be altogether to their disadvantage their opinion has it that the only way possible for the returned man to make his voice forcibly heard is by representation on the floor of all the Provincial Houses of the Dominion, as well as in the Federal House of Parliament.

It is quite likely that a deputation, representative of the Provincial Great War Veterans' Association, will visit upon Mrs. Smith with a memorial outlining their views on many matters on which they are anxious for the Provincial Government to take prompt action.

No definite programme has as yet been outlined, but it is understood that some such action will precede the opening of the Legislature on February 7.

"Now, who was it that was not glad when the prodigal son returned home?" asked a teacher in the elementary department, expecting to hear the reply, "The elder brother." Instantly a little hand went up, and the teacher asked: "Who was it, Tony?"
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CARLOAD OF ALCOHOL ON WAY TO PROVINCE

Prohibition Commissioner Relieves the Situation for Some Time to Come

British Columbian users of alcohol for industrial purposes will be relieved to learn that Commissioner Findlay has been successful in his negotiations with an eastern concern for the purchase of a carload of the much-demanded commodity. That consignment is already on its way west and on its arrival at the coast Mr. Findlay states that he will be able to authorize its sale at a good deal lower price than that quoted at the present time. He desires it to be understood, however, that this particular consignment is purely for industrial purposes.

In connection with the Department's negotiations with eastern houses and certain stocks in the prairie provinces, Mr. Findlay says that such arrangements are nearing completion, the consummation of which will take care of all requirements of alcohol in British Columbia for some time to come. Certain small shipments from the prairies have already been dispatched to the order of the Provincial Government.

It will be recalled that representatives of the British Columbia Manufacturers' Association met the Commissioner in Vancouver on Monday last, taking up the case at that time on behalf of the seven manufacturers of extracts in this province, whose industry would have had to close down had it not been possible to renew the stocks of alcohol.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

Activities Planned at Yesterday's Meeting of Advisory Board; Addressed by Dr. Young To-day

The Advisory Board to the Women's Institutes of British Columbia held a meeting in the office of W. E. Scott, the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, yesterday morning, when the members of the Board present included the president, Mrs. James Johnston, of Nelson, the secretary, Mrs. V. S. MacLachlan, of Garden City; Mrs. Trask, of Oyama, and Mrs. Blackwood-Wileman, of Duncan. Mrs. Trask was recently appointed to the vacancy caused by Mrs. Lippsett of the Okanagan, but no one has yet been appointed to succeed Mrs. Davies, of Chilliwack, who recently resigned.

After the completion of general routine business some discussion followed as to the work to be undertaken by the Institutes. Matters concerning health and education will be taken up, and the question will be gone into of how best the Institutes may co-operate with the provincial departments of health and education. The session was but short and was adjourned until this morning, when Dr. H. E. Young gave an instructive address on matters pertaining to health.

HONOR FOR VETERAN

M. W. Hart Will Address Port Angeles Business Men; Canadian Soldier in France

The Business Men's Club of Port Angeles has invited H. W. Hart, a member of the local branch of the Great War Veterans' Association, to attend a special function of a patriotic nature to be held in the Washington city on Tuesday evening next.

Mr. Hart has been asked to talk on the Canadian soldier in France and to give some experiences of the time when the First Canadian Contingent performed such magnificent work for the Empire during the early days of 1915.

It is understood that this is to be the first of a series of such gatherings in which British Columbians will be invited by the American cousins for the purpose of establishing between the neighboring state and this province a lasting entente cordiale.

WILL DISCUSS LABOR

Victoria Farmers' Institute to Discuss Important Question of Oriental Immigration

At a meeting of the Victoria Farmers' Institute, to be held at Royal Oak Hall on Monday evening, the important question of Oriental immigration in its relation to increasing production in British Columbia is to be discussed, together with kindred matters affecting production.

Owing to the importance of the subject, Dr. S. P. Tolmie, M.P., J. C. McIntosh, M.P., and F. A. Pauline, M.P.P., have been invited to attend to hear the views of the growers and to express opinions on the subject.

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 "Where did your watch come from?" he asked.
 "A German gave it me," he answered.
 A little piqued, the doctor inquired how the foe had come to convey this token of esteem and affection.
 "It 'gave' me," was the laconic reply—Toronto Globe.

APARTMENTS MUST BE QUITE SEPARATE

Decision of Magistrate Jay Raises Important Question in Prohibition Law

Magistrate Jay to-day gave judgment that when suites of rooms in a block connect by doorways with other suites they do not come within the meaning of exempted premises as apartment houses under the Prohibition Act. He therefore fined a returned soldier, James DuKey, \$50 for being in possession of liquor. An application for remission of the fine will be made by counsel to the Attorney-General's Department.

This decision is exactly the reverse of the judgment of Magistrate Shaw in the Saanich case last week, where the circumstances were practically identical.

Duffey rented two rooms with connecting door, and on his receipt the words "apartments" were used. The rooms were used respectively for sleeping and cooking. When the service, but now blocked up on his side by a bureau and locked with the catch also slipped on the other side, so that access was impossible.

J. A. Alkman, for the defence, argued that the premises were an apartment within the meaning of the Section, and pointed out that an ordinary layman could not be expected to know the subtle distinction. "The Act has been drafted," he said, "without any degree of skill at all."

Mr. Harrison agreed there was no question that the accused had no intent to break the law. He contended that a door or doorway was not a wall, irrespective of whether it was used or not, the language of the statute being, "without any door or opening whereby communication may be had," in its definition what is an apartment house.

Magistrate Jay admitted that the Section was somewhat involved in the language used, but held that the building in question, the Sylvester Block, was not an apartment block, having all the bedrooms connecting with doors. He held there had been a technical breach.

C. B. ARMSTRONG DIES

Father of Publicity Commissioner Passes Away at London, Ontario

C. L. Armstrong, secretary of the Victoria and Island Development Association yesterday received the sad news of the death of his father, C. B. Armstrong which occurred at London, Ont.

The late Mr. Armstrong had many friends in this city, he having resided for three years at Cranmore Road, Oak Bay. At the time of his son's departure overseas he was in good health, but shortly afterwards had two paralytic seizures, and at his own request was taken back to his old home in the east. Another son, J. B. Armstrong, is now on active service overseas.

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The Pathfinder Consolidated Mining Company, with a capital of \$200,000, has been incorporated in Spokane to acquire the Pathfinder and Little Bertha mines, with other crown granted properties on Pathfinder mountain. The properties are all situated in Brown's camp on the north fork of the Kettle River, and are fourteen miles from Grand Forks. They were staked twenty years ago. Both

have already appeared on the shipping list, sending their product to the British Columbia Copper Company at Greenwood and the Granby smelter at Grand Forks. A few years ago the Little Bertha appeared among the regular shippers for a considerable period. It is the intention of the new company to drive a tunnel from the Kettle Valley railway track, which runs almost to the properties, to tap the ore bodies at a depth of 1,250 feet. As soon as the weather will allow in the spring extensive development work will be undertaken. One of the main improvements will be to install a tramway from each property so that ore can be removed to the bunkers over the railroad very economically. The ore from the Little Bertha is of a quartz variety, carrying gold and silver. The Bertha already has several hundred feet of shaft, tunnels and stopes showing strong veins of gold-silver deposits, which have assayed \$20 to \$25 to the ton. There are on the property mining buildings and a gasoline hoist. On the Pathfinder several hundred feet of shaft, stope and tunnel work have revealed large bodies of ore having a general average value of \$7.50 to the ton. There is a plant composed of an eighty horse-power boiler, a seven-drift compressor, a hoist and pump, machinery house, bunkhouse and several other buildings.

Commenting editorially on the "Iron and Steel Industry," the editor of Mining and Engineering Record, Vancouver, says that in British Columbia there are deposits of magnetite, hematite, limonite and siderite. Magnetite occurs under favorable conditions on Vancouver Island and other coast islands, and also in the interior at numerous points, and that it is not too much to say that these deposits may be estimated at from 20,000,000 to 30,000,000 tons, with the probability that if they were developed the reserves would be found to be ten times as much.

A further increase of fourteen cents a day, retroactive to December 1, has been granted all the miners in District 18, as a result of the most recent inquiry into the cost of living, periodically conducted by Commissioner Harrison and his assistants. This will make a total of thirty-four cents a day increase that the miners have received under the new arrangement which provides for these periodic inquiries and increases according as the increase in prices of necessities takes place.

Improvements costing \$35,000 have been completed by the Sunrise Mining Company on a mill purchased recently from the Bostum Mining Company, says The Nelson Daily News. The equipment includes the K. & K. flotation system, Hynes flotation machine, two Dorr thickeners, a Portland filter, Chalmers & Williams 4x6 ball mill and a Simplex Dorr classifier. The crushing of ore from the Sunrise mine at Sandon was probably begun at once. One from the Bostum mine at New Denver is to be dressed in this plant. The dumps contain enough material to feed the mill for nearly two years. The capacity is 150 tons daily.

The River Gold Recovery Company have secured leases on the Fraser River at Hope and have arranged to install a Roberts gold-saving machine with a view to demonstrating in a practical way the capabilities of the machine.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

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There promises to be a large attendance at the Pythian ball in Assembly Hall this evening. The building is gayly decorated with flags and evergreens.

A street car was derailed on Rock Bay bridge, owing to ice forming on the track, to-day.

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To the Friends of the Blind in Canada—In view of the recent terrible explosion in Halifax, and the number of persons who have become totally or practically blind as a result of the same, the several organizations in Halifax for the care and training of the blind find themselves almost overwhelmed in meeting the new conditions which have arisen. Even before the disaster the resources of the Halifax School for the Blind, the Home Teaching Society for the Blind, the Maritime Association for the Blind, etc., etc., found it almost impossible to meet the demands upon them, but these demands have been suddenly increased by the necessity for providing shelter, care and training for upwards of two hundred men, women and children who lost their sight as a result of the recent disaster. Under these circumstances it is imperative that an appeal be made to all sympathetic and public spirited Canadians. The best and most effective way of making provision for these sightless people is to immediately increase the Blind Endowment Fund so that it may reach a total of \$500,000. The income arising from such an endowment fund will enable us to meet the problems of the blind at Halifax in a systematic and practical manner, and would bring to many a one now helpless and hopeless new opportunities to fit himself or herself for the battle of life. No greater need to help the blind has ever arisen in any part of the world and I believe that when the people of Canada fully appreciate the situation generous help will be forthcoming.

The Blind Endowment Fund is in the hands of three trustees, namely, the President of the Board of Managers of the School for the Blind, Halifax; the Treasurer of the School for the Blind, and the Eastern Trust Co., Halifax.

A few typical cases of the recent disaster may be cited:

A woman of thirty-one, now totally blind, is a patient in one hospital while her little daughter nine years of age, totally blind, is a patient in another. Two other children of this mother were killed in the explosion, and two were badly cut but will recover. The husband and father was killed at his work.

In another family the mother, thirty-five years old, is totally blind, the father has lost one eye and a child aged five is totally blind. There are seven children in all in this family, of whom the remaining six are being cared for by aged grandparents. One of these children is tubercular.

A young wife of eighteen whose husband is in the army is still in hospital,

Further Honor for Canada's Foremost Airmen; a Medalion

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Von Tirpitz is one of the leaders of the Fatherland party.

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High	Low
Alaska Gold	21 3/4 21 3/4
Allis-Chalmers	194 1/2 194 1/2
Am. Beet Sugar	74 1/2 74 1/2
Am. Can. Co., com.	263 3/4 263 3/4
Am. Car Foundry	71 3/4 71 3/4
Am. Locomotive	56 1/2 56 1/2
Am. Smelt. & Ref.	194 1/2 194 1/2
Am. T. & Tel.	194 1/2 194 1/2
Am. Wool Com.	47 1/2 47 1/2
Am. Steel Foundry	69 1/2 69 1/2
Anacosta Mining	61 1/2 61 1/2
Atchafalpa	84 1/2 84 1/2
Atlantic Gulf	102 1/2 102 1/2
Baldwin Loco.	61 1/2 61 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	51 1/2 51 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	24 1/2 24 1/2
Butte Sub. Mining	152 1/2 152 1/2
Brooklyn Transit	42 1/2 42 1/2
Canadian Pacific	141 1/2 141 1/2
Central Leather	64 1/2 64 1/2
Crescent Steel	45 1/2 45 1/2
Crescent Steel	24 1/2 24 1/2
Cheapeake & Ohio	23 1/2 23 1/2
Chic. Mil. & St. P.	45 1/2 45 1/2
Chic. R. I. & Pac.	29 3/4 29 3/4
Cons. Gas	35 1/2 35 1/2
Chino Copper	42 1/2 42 1/2
Cal. Petroleum	15 1/2 15 1/2
Chile Copper	16 1/2 16 1/2
Corn Products	32 1/2 32 1/2
Distillers Sec.	37 1/2 37 1/2
Erie	14 1/2 14 1/2
Do., 1st pref.	24 1/2 24 1/2
Gen. Electric	150 1/2 150 1/2
Goodrich (B. F.)	45 1/2 45 1/2
Gl. Nor. Ore.	52 1/2 52 1/2
Granby	74 1/2 74 1/2
Gr. Northern, pref.	88 1/2 88 1/2
Hide & Leather	62 1/2 62 1/2
Inspiration Steel	24 1/2 24 1/2
Int'l Nickel	48 1/2 48 1/2
Int'l Mer. Marine	24 1/2 24 1/2
Do., pref.	91 1/2 91 1/2
Illinois Central	95 1/2 95 1/2
Missouri Copper	24 1/2 24 1/2
Kah. City Southern	17 1/2 17 1/2
Lehigh Valley	50 1/2 50 1/2
Lack Steel	73 1/2 73 1/2
Louisville & N.	112 1/2 112 1/2
Maxwell Motors	27 1/2 27 1/2
Midvale Steel	44 1/2 44 1/2
Mex. Petroleum	91 1/2 91 1/2
Miami Copper	32 1/2 32 1/2
Montreal Pacific	134 1/2 134 1/2
New York Central	70 1/2 70 1/2
Norfolk & Western	103 1/2 103 1/2
Northern Pacific	82 1/2 82 1/2
N. Y. Ore. & Western	194 1/2 194 1/2
Nevada Cons. Copper	49 1/2 49 1/2
N. Y. Air Brake	122 1/2 122 1/2
Pennsylvania R. R.	46 1/2 46 1/2
People's Gas	45 1/2 45 1/2
Reading	73 1/2 73 1/2
Ity. Steel Spring	21 1/2 21 1/2
Ray Cons. Mining	23 1/2 23 1/2
Republic Steel	73 1/2 73 1/2
Southern Pacific	82 1/2 82 1/2
Southern Ry., com.	23 1/2 23 1/2
Studebaker Corp.	51 1/2 51 1/2
The Texas Company	150 1/2 150 1/2
Union Pacific	114 1/2 114 1/2
Utah Copper	82 1/2 82 1/2
U. S. Ind. Alcohol	114 1/2 114 1/2
U. S. Rubber	55 1/2 55 1/2
U. S. Steel, com.	91 1/2 91 1/2
Do., pref.	106 1/2 106 1/2
Virginia Chemical	40 1/2 40 1/2
Western Union	80 1/2 80 1/2
Wabash R. R. Co.	41 1/2 41 1/2
Wabash R. R. "A"	41 1/2 41 1/2
Wily's Overland	17 1/2 17 1/2
Westinghouse	204 1/2 204 1/2
Am. Fr. Loan	112 1/2 112 1/2
Gen. Motors	112 1/2 112 1/2
Tenn. Copper	15 1/2 15 1/2
Ohio Gas	26 1/2 26 1/2
U. S. Smelt.	45 1/2 45 1/2
Del. & Hud.	110 1/2 110 1/2
Liberty Loan	98.94 97.94 97.94

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Bld. Asked.

Canada Copper	3 1/2 3 1/2
Standard Silver Lead	5-16 7-16
Chevrolet Motors	114 1/2 114 1/2
United Motors	24 1/2 24 1/2
Anglo Oil	131 1/2 131 1/2
Ray Hercules	41 1/2 41 1/2
N. A. Pulp	32 1/2 32 1/2
Sappals	61 1/2 61 1/2
Elk	61 1/2 61 1/2
Magma Copper	38 1/2 38 1/2
Submarine Boat	12 1/2 12 1/2
Cosden Oil	7 1/2 7 1/2
Do., pref.	11 1/2 11 1/2
Mid. West Oil	116 1/2 116 1/2
Do., pref.	11 1/2 11 1/2
Mid. West Refining	104 1/2 104 1/2
Big Lodge	15-16 15-16
Maricopa	22 1/2 22 1/2
Milford	1 1/2 1 1/2
Taloumna Copper	15-16 15-16
New Cornelia	14 1/2 14 1/2
Curtiss Aeroplane	62 1/2 62 1/2
Northern OH	62 1/2 62 1/2
Weight-Martin Aeroplane	62 1/2 62 1/2
Hecla	31 1/2 31 1/2
Utica	31 1/2 31 1/2

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Attached. Authority having been received from Militia Headquarters for the retention of Major George Ernest Gillies, C.A.M.C., for duty in this district, he is attached to the A.M.C. Training Depot No. 11, for pay and allowances.

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Transfers. The following transfers are authorized: Pte. P. J. Murray, from No. 11 Casualty Unit to Second Depot Battalion B.C. Regiment; Pte. F. Bowers, Second Battalion B.C. Regiment to No. 11 Special Service Company.

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Wounded in Hand—Suffering from a gunshot wound in the right hand Gunner C. S. Wilson, son of J. J. Wilson of this city, was admitted into the Eleventh Ambulance Hospital on January 18. Gunner Wilson, who left Victoria in May, 1916, with the Fifteenth Brigade, C. F. A., has been in France since August.

SOCIETY SELECTS OFFICERS FOR YEAR

Victoria Branch of Royal Astronomical Society Holds Session

Accompanying are the officers selected at the annual meeting of the Victoria branch of the Royal Astronomical Society, held last evening:

Hon. president, Dr. J. S. Plaskett; president, W. S. Dreary; vice-president, J. E. Umbach; secretary, G. S. McTavish; treasurer, Major Hibben; executive, F. Napier Denison, Dr. R. L. Young, Commander Shenton, A. W. McCurdy, Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, Rev. Robt. Connell and F. C. Green.

A new office was created, that of auditor, and Thomas Shotbolt was elected to fill this place.

Business Transacted. A synopsis of the year's work was contained in the secretary's report and it was stated that sixty-seven members were on the roll, with fourteen on the honorary list. It was added that a former member, J. B. Mitchell, had been killed in action. A sum of \$25 had been remitted by the parent society to the branch out of the Federal grant.

The treasurer's statement indicated that the expenditure had been \$75, and a balance in hand of \$24.75 remained.

A number of votes of thanks were passed. The meeting was asked to express an opinion as to whether it approved a suggestion for uniting for entertainment purposes the Natural History Society and the Astronomical Society, each of which would retain its individual identity and remain autonomous. The suggestion met with general approval, and the executive was authorized to arrange with the Natural History Society executive for such co-ordination.

The Mirror's Polishing. Dr. J. S. Plaskett then addressed the meeting, dealing with the mirror, which is to be installed later at the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory, Saanich. The cause of the delay had been the delicate character of the process of polishing the mirror, he stated. Difficulties had arisen to get the whole of the mirror surface just at the right curvature. One of the things which made the work so slow was that it was possible only to work at the polishing for about half an hour at a time, the friction heating the glass and distorting the mirror in such a way that it was impossible to proceed with the tests until the glass was cool again. This cooling was very slow work, sometimes requiring ten hours. Then came additional difficulties. Small irregularities on the surface appeared from the use of the small hand tool used in polishing. The experts had to go back to a big tool. Then the inside part of the surface was polished too low, and it had to get to work to polish down the outside to bring the curvature right again.

Spectrograph. The Spectrograph is used for making spectra of the stars," he went on, referring to the instrument which had been received recently at the Observatory and which he described as one of the most complete and most convenient instruments of the kind which he had ever seen.

Dr. Plaskett made some reference also to the solar eclipse which is due early in June, and will be a total obscuration one hundred miles south of Victoria.

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Lieut.-Col. McGillivray is Visiting City With Military Hospitals Commission

The Military Hospitals Commission in charge of Lieut.-Col. Donald McGillivray, of Toronto, and composed of Col. McGillivray, Col. Cameron, Toronto; Lieut.-Col. C. L. Starr, Toronto; Lieut.-Col. R. Wilson, Montreal; Lieut.-Col. J. D. Courtenay, Ottawa, and Sergt. Ernest Call, Toronto, arrived in the city yesterday after inspection of the Qualicum Beach Military Convalescent Hospital. The party is visiting all the military hospitals from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Col. Donald McGillivray, who returned to Canada last July following a considerable experience at Salonica, on the way back to England from which the ship on which he was voyaging was torpedoed in the Mediterranean, states there is nothing definite to give out at the present time, and that the object of the inspection was to recommend any needed improvements.

ON SICK LEAVE

Capt. A. C. Branston Gray Returns to City After Service at the Front.

Capt. A. C. Branston Gray who, before the war was assistant to Napier Denison at the Gonzales Hill Meteorological Observatory, has returned from the front on sick leave. He left the city with the 88th Battalion in 1916, and was afterwards transferred to the 2nd C. M. R.'s, with which unit he served on the Somme. He is a son-in-law of E. C. B. Daggshaw.

AWARDED MILITARY CROSS

Lieut. James Mavor, Who Has Lost Left Hand, Receives Coveted Distinction.

Information has reached here, that Lieut. James Mavor, formerly secretary of the Provincial Lands Department, has been awarded the Military Cross.

Lieut. Mavor, who is now in a base hospital recovering from wounds which necessitated the amputation of his left hand, won the Cross for his bravery at Vimy Ridge, in which great battle he received his injuries. He was attached to the 143rd (B. C. Bantams) Battalion.

IS NEW COUNCILLOR

COUNCILLOR WILLIAM GRAHAM

The only new member of the Saanich Council this year, elected last week for Ward II, Mr. Graham is a pioneer resident, and was first postmaster of Maywood.



COUNCILLOR WILLIAM GRAHAM

FISHING REGULATIONS

Changes Have Been Made by Order-in-Council, Modifying Prohibition.

Alterations of regulations with regard to Cowichan Bay and Saanich Inlet, as they affect commercial fishing, are announced in the current number of The Canada Gazette.

The prohibition order of February 9, 1915, is rescinded, and the following substituted: No one shall fish with nets in Saanich Inlet, Vancouver Island, inside of a straight line drawn from Hatch Point to James Point, nor in Cowichan Bay, inside of a line drawn from the northwest corner of Cowichan Bay Wharf due north astronomic to a point on Skinner's Bluff on the opposite shore, nor shall any one fish with any implements in the said waters for commercial purposes.

No one shall fish with nets in Cowichan Bay inside of a line drawn from Cowichan Head to Separation Point from the tenth day of November in any year to the twenty-fourth day of September following, both days inclusive; provided that the Chief Inspector of Fisheries may prohibit all net fishing in the said bay at an earlier date than the tenth day of November in any year, should he find that any one or more of the varieties of salmon in such area, have so far advanced towards spawning as not to be in a satisfactory condition for food.

Paragraph (b) of section 19 of the said Regulations, which paragraph defines the tidal boundary for net fishing in Cowichan River, is hereby rescinded.

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BACK FROM STIRRING TRIP TO THE YUKON

Three Weeks in Dawson and Forty-Two Days Getting There and Returning

E. C. MAYERS EXPERIENCED COLDEST COLD ON RECORD

After twenty-six eventful days getting there, three weeks spent in the coldest cold on record, and sixteen days on the return journey, E. C. Mayers, barrister, of this city, who left Victoria on a business trip to Dawson City on November 25, returned here this week.

In the summer time it is possible to get to Dawson City in nine days, and to accomplish the return journey in a week. But this is not the summer time, and it took Mr. Mayers, inclusive of his three weeks stay, over two months to make the double journey. He comes back convinced that when prices get more normal the Yukon will have a boom in minerals, and keenly alive to the fact that all the west coast of British Columbia is fairly humming with activity right down from Prince Rupert, fishing, minerals, lumber and paper all being worked to the full, while in Alaska, he says, spruce has gone up 400 per cent, the United States Government having corralled all the supply for aeroplane manufacture.

Energy the Asset.
"The only real asset of a country," said Mr. Mayers to a representative of The Times, "is the energy of its people."



E. C. MAYERS

ple. You can have all the natural advantages in the world and do nothing, or you can have nothing and do everything. With the unexampled natural resources of this Province the only thing that is now required for these to be taken advantage of to the greatest extent is the exhibition of real, honest government."

Leaving by the steamer Jefferson, the party was expected to reach Skagway in four days, but it took over six to get there, very violent weather being experienced in the Lynn Canal, where the water came over the ship in sheets, immediately freezing and remaining in solid masses of ice. Two days overdue, however, the vessel arrived at Skagway.

Four Per cent. Grade.
From Skagway the only way to Dawson City is through the White Pass, and at this season of the year the railway company runs only two trains a week, a cause which held up Mr. Mayers for a couple of days before he was able to go on to White Horse over the wonderful scenic line the grades of which are four per cent. Reaching White Horse on the Tuesday night he had to wait until Thursday for the Dawson stage, and when Thursday arrived another two days had to be added to the wait, owing to the exceptional severity of the weather.

The Dawson stage is an open sleigh, making three points of twenty-four miles each a day, from road-house to road-house, and it takes fifteen points to get from White Horse to Dawson, the trail crossing immense solitudes of level country through timber previous to arrival at Pelly River, after which the trail runs along valleys on the flanks of the huge snow-covered mountains through broken, hilly country to Dawson.

The Stage Driver.
Mr. Mayers left White Horse with the temperature standing at twenty-five below, and the driver made three points a day until reaching Carmacks, by which time the temperature had dropped to forty below, and Minto was reached on December 9. Owing to the shortage of horses, one of the four which had been driven from Minto to Pelly River had already made the trip from Pelly to Minto, thus covering fifty-four miles. Half-way from Minto this horse gave out, and by this time the temperature was down to sixty below.

Short of one of the horses, and the very severe weather conditions complicated by a heavy white fog, it was another nine-and-a-half hours before the remaining twenty-seven miles to Pelly were covered, the stage arriving at 3.30 p. m., and Mr. Mayers is convinced that but for the great skill and courage of Dennis O'Connor, the driver, they would never have reached Pelly at all.

Eighty-Six Degrees Below.
At Pelly the weather was so severe a stop had to be made for five days,

with the temperature hovering around an average of sixty-eight below, and once getting to seventy-two. Later it achieved more, the temperature on Christmas Day, Mr. Mayers heard, being eighty-six below. A fact that struck Mr. Mayers as curious was that it was colder in the valleys than it was in the mountains.

On December 15, the temperature, having fallen to forty-two below, the stage started out again, but the next day it dropped again, and the remainder of the three days' journey was accomplished with an average temperature of sixty-four, and never less than sixty. Records afterwards showed that during the cold spell, from November 25 to December 20, the average temperature was 55 below, never breaking until the latter date. But on that day of December 20 it suddenly went up no less than seventy degrees during the night, going from sixty below to ten above, which sounds like having been something very much like a record.

Congden for M. P.
Mr. Mayers had his Christmas dinner with Judge Macaulay, who has been for seventeen years on the bench at Dawson. Another popular legal resident Mr. Mayers met was F. T. Congden, who is being opposed by Mr. Thompson at the election which takes place on January 23. Mr. Congden, says Mr. Mayers, "would be an ornament to any Legislative Assembly you could find anywhere on the face of the earth, and confident expectations are, he states, that Mr. Congden will be elected."

The glamour of Dawson was quite departed. Its dance halls, then typically characteristic by R. W. Service and Rex Beach, are entirely vanished, and the people and the place are now of an entirely different nature. Dawson City's once familiar features now only exist in the log cabins along Bonanza and Eldorado Creeks, but still its famous "huckies" are to be seen on the trail, and the men of the Northwest Mounted Police, bringing in—as was the case while Mr. Mayers was there—men who, caught unexpectedly, have frozen to death.

Population 1,500.
Whereas, in 1900, the population of Dawson City was some 30,000 dare-alls and the harpies, male and female, who fed and fattened on the quick-won enormous gains of the former, the present population is about 1,500, the number having recently been further reduced by an epidemic of pneumonia which carried off fifty people, or, roughly, three per cent. of the population. But, apart from this, the residents are healthy, and the children, says Mr. Mayers, go to school as usual and seem to thrive on the weather of these extreme latitudes. Mr. Mayers had occasion to go to the court house daily, but he always found it necessary to make a stop at the school, half-way from his hotel, in order to "warm-up," and the journey was only a very short one. Of snow there is little, not more than two feet, and that of a fine, light, dry, powdery kind.

The principal mining around Dawson is now in the hands of the Canadian Klondyke Mining Company, of which Lieut.-Col. J. W. Boyle, who has recently received high distinction from the Government for the transportation work he carried out in Russia, is the manager. During the absence abroad of Lieut.-Col. Boyle, his son, J. W. Boyle, Jr., is superintending all the work, and says Mr. Mayers, makes a most excellent substitute.

Lots of Work Ahead.
The Canadian Klondyke Mining Company, says Mr. Mayers, have work ahead which will last for the next fifteen or twenty years, all the operations being hydraulic and dredging. The plant is a wonder, and the whole is quite self-supporting, the plant being entirely capable of duplicating, if necessary, every part of the four dredges. It has a power house, and the operations extend all over Bear Creek. The mess houses for the men and the food for them are of the finest kind, as are the houses for the resident staff, and everything done is done neatly and most efficiently.

What is wanted at Dawson, says Mr. Mayers, is another "strike" for the "small" men. There is a tremendous quantity of minerals of all kinds, but the high cost of labor and material makes it almost impossible, at the present time, to work it. But the Copper King and the Grafter Mines are still working. When the temperature at Dawson is about fifteen below the conditions of life are most delightful, adds Mr. Mayers, who was enormously impressed with the magnificence of the Northern Lights, the contrasting pale blue, pink, deeper blue and carmines affording a sight ever to be remembered.

Grows Wheat Crop.
The Pelly district, too, he says, is a magnificent hunting country, and a farmer up there, by the name of Chapman, last year tried wheat growing as an experiment. And he grew 2,500 bushels!

It may not be generally known, even to the legal profession here, that the war monograph on "The Present Discontents" by Mr. Mayers, constituted the July number of The Canadian Law Times, of Toronto. For a considerable time associated with the firm of Bodwell & Lawson, Mr. Mayers is leaving to-morrow for Vancouver as a partner in the law firm of Ross, Mayers & Lane, of the Standard Bank Building. His many friends here will wish him much success in his future scene of legal operations, with the certainty that he will be equally respected and popular there as he has been in this city.

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