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NINETEEN BRITISH SHIPS SUNK IN WEEK; THREE FISHING CRAFT. London, Feb. 14.—Nineteen British merchantmen were sunk by mine or submarine in the past week, according to an Admiralty statement issued last night.

KING GEORGE OFFERS PALACES TO NATION. Balmoral for Wounded Soldiers; Buckingham and Kensington as Offices. London, Feb. 14.—King George, The Daily News says, has offered three palaces for national use.

ANOTHER SPANISH STEAMSHIP SUNK BY GERMAN SUBMARINE. Madrid, Feb. 14.—The Spanish steamship Ceterino was sunk by a Teuton submarine near Ferro Island, one of the Canary group.

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RUMORED CHANGE FOR GEN. SIR W. ROBERTSON. London, Feb. 14.—The Central News says that although General Sir Wm. R. Robertson, Chief of the Imperial General Staff at army headquarters, has neither been dismissed nor has resigned, he may vacate his post at an early day.

ROTARIANS MEET IN CITY OF SPOKANE. Victoria, Vancouver and American Northwest Clubs Represented at Conference. Spokane, Feb. 14.—Rotarians from British Columbia, Oregon and Washington are here attending the fifth annual conference of Rotary Clubs of the fifteenth district, which opened here to-day.

LLOYD GEORGE WON ON TEST IN HOUSE. Cabinet Sustained on Vote Regarded as One of Confidence. London, Feb. 14.—The Lloyd George Government last night successfully overcame the first obstacle threatening its existence when an amendment proposed by Richard Holt, a Radical member, which the Ministers had made a question of confidence, was rejected in the House of Commons by the substantial majority of 131.

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SIR C. SPRING-RICE DIED IN OTTAWA. Late British Ambassador to States Succumbed at Government House To-day. Ottawa, Feb. 14.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, former British Ambassador to the United States, died of heart failure at Government House.

Every Woman Will Vote in Favour. Of the banishment of wash-day drudgery, when she sees how QUICKLY, EASILY, THOROUGHLY AND ECONOMICALLY THE "EDEN" ELECTRIC WASHER TURNS WASH-DAY INTO WASH-HOUR.

B. C. ELECTRIC. Fort and Langley. Phone 123. LEGAL AND OFFICIAL NOTICES. VICTORIA TAXPAYERS. ORDER RE TAX PAYMENTS.

LAND REGISTRY ACT. Notice Under Section 36. TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made to register Elsie Munro as the owner in Fee-simple, under a Tax Sale Deed from the Collector of the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt.

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It's High Prices That Keep the Goods on the Shelves. Copas & Young's Move Them. They Are STANDARD BRANDS, Sold at POPULAR PRICES. BUY THE BEST. C. & Y. WHITE BREAD FLOUR. Per sack \$2.85. HARTLEY'S OLD COUNTRY PURE JAM, Strawberry or Raspberry. 7-lb. tin \$1.30.

Mr. Balfour supported strongly the Prime Minister's view concerning the speeches of Kaiser Wilhelm, Chancellor von Hertling and Count Czernin, saying that they gave not the slightest indication of an approach to the Allies' war aims, but rather gave the impression that three and a half years of war had produced no change in Germany's military policy.

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"UNFINISHED MYSTERY" DESTROYED AT CALGARY. Calgary, Feb. 14.—About 60 books in the office of the International Bible Students' Association here were confiscated by the city police yesterday in conformity with the coroner's order, issued on Chief of Police Cuddy and asked his advice, "Destroy the books," he said, and to make sure that this was done a squad of police accompanied the Bible Students to their rooms and made the seizure. The books included "The Unfinished Mystery" and "The Fall of Babylon."

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CANADIAN TROOPS

WON IN TWO RAIDS

Successful Operations Reported by Haig; Big Raid by French Troops

London, Feb. 14.—The following report from Field-Marshal Haig was issued here last night:

"In the successful raid southeast of Mericourt reported this morning, carried out by Canadian troops, in addition to thirteen prisoners, two machine guns were brought back to our lines. Many Germans were killed in fighting above ground and four trench mortars were destroyed. Seventeen dugouts in the enemy's first line and others in his supporting line, whose occupants refused to come out when summoned, were bombed. The casualties incurred by the raiding party were slight, and all were brought in.

"Another successful raid was carried out last night by Canadian troops. Considerable opposition was encountered and six prisoners and some machine guns were captured. Our casualties again were small.

"Local fighting took place at dawn to-day northwest of Passchendaele, where a hostile party attacked and temporarily occupied two of our posts. The enemy subsequently was ejected by counter-attacks, and both posts were recaptured.

"The enemy's artillery showed increased activity this morning south of Lens."

French Report.

Paris, Feb. 14.—The following official report was issued here last night:

"In the Champagne we carried out a big raid near Butte-de-Mesnil on a front of about 1,200 metres. Our detachments penetrated the German positions as far as the third line, overthrew the enemy defences and destroyed numerous shelters. We captured more than 100 prisoners.
"From February 1 to 10 our pilots brought down twenty-eight German aeroplanes."

VICTORIA CROSSES AWARDED.

London, Feb. 14.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—Twelve new Victoria Crosses were announced in The London Gazette yesterday.

The names include Lieut. Hugh Mackenzie, late of the Canadian machine guns, who was killed in October, and who originally enlisted in Ottawa with the Princess Pats in August, 1914, as a private. His mother lives in Quebec.
Among others is Captain Walter N. Stone, Royal Fusiliers, who lived in Canada for some time.

BOLSHEVIKI HAVE

GERMANS GUESSING

Statement About Russia Being Out of War Makes Teutons Uncertain

Amsterdam, Feb. 14.—Judging from the latest indications in the German press, much dissatisfaction and suspicion have been aroused by the latest move of Bolsheviki Foreign Minister Trotsky. Important political and military leaders are said to be conferring busily to find the best solution to the puzzle.

The Kreuz Zeitung, of Berlin, on Tuesday declared "on reliable information" that Trotsky's proposal is in no circumstances to be regarded as a peace offer, while it is pointed out by other newspapers that the Russian war theatre was mentioned especially in the official German army report on Tuesday. A Berlin telegram to The Koelnische Volks Zeitung on Wednesday said: "The Government is not willing to continue relations with Russia unless the present Russian Government signs a regular peace treaty. As however, it must be reckoned for the present, at any rate, that Trotsky does not think of signing any formulated peace declaration, a situation is created which makes necessary a thorough discussion between the Government and the supreme army council."

The correspondent, in an apparently inspired passage added: "The Chancellor is resolved under no circumstances to conduct further negotiations in any neutral centre, and it will be the affair of the Central Powers to determine where such negotiations may best be held. The recall of the German economic commission from Petrograd is under consideration. On the other hand it is evidently realized that the question of the big army of Austro-German war prisoners in Russia still controlled by Petrograd can not be overlooked."

Cautious Attitude.

A telegram from Vienna says: "It is pointed out in well-informed circles that the confusion and uncertainty of international conditions in Russia demand that the Central Powers adopt a cautious and waiting attitude, and that in spite of the absence of a formal conclusion of peace there will be no hindrance to the exchange of prisoners."

All German newspapers note the fact that three hours after a message was sent off announcing the issuance of a demobilization order to the Russian army, another Russian message was issued ordering that circulation of this communication be stopped. It is suggested that this indicates that the Bolsheviki Government no longer thinks of adhering to the declaration of Foreign Minister Trotsky.

The Zeitung am Mittag goes so far as to say that there are proofs that Trotsky's promise of a Russian demobilization is a sham manoeuvre. It declares that reliable reports state the Bolsheviki are energetically forming a Red Guard army out of the remnants of the Russian army in the hope of raising a million men to establish Bolsheviki power in the border states.

Amsterdam, Feb. 14.—A dispatch from Brest-Litovsk received in Amsterdam on Monday said that the Bolsheviki had declared the state of war to be at an end and the demobilization or the Russian army on all fronts had been ordered. Russia, it was added, did not sign a formal peace treaty with the Central Powers.

It was indicated in the dispatch that Foreign Minister Trotsky might have made further proposals to the Central Powers. If such is the case, no report concerning it has been received.

There have been no direct dispatches from Petrograd for several days. A Russian official message received in London Tuesday confirmed the Brest-Litovsk statement that demobilization had been ordered. Since that time there have been no advices from Petrograd.

In Austria.

Amsterdam, Feb. 14.—Flags are flying everywhere in Austria, according to advices from Vienna, and thanksgiving services are being arranged to celebrate the news of Trotsky's declaration that the war between the Central Powers and Russia is ended.

The Vienna official news agency ascribes the reversal in the attitude of the Bolsheviki Government to the fact that peace was concluded between the Central Powers and the Ukraine, and expresses the conviction that as a result of this peace there will be a strong reaction on the war in the West. The agency adds:

"The termination of the war is at last obtained by the diplomacy of the Central Powers and there is no need to be discouraged by the form chosen by Russia for the announcement of peace."

Referring to the economic agreements, Austrian papers indicate that while exaggerated hopes are not justified, it may be expected that of a two-years' harvest, at the least, which could not be exported from the Ukraine, there are considerable stocks and that about 1,000,000 tons will be available.

A German Story.

Amsterdam, Feb. 14.—The Berliner Tageblatt's correspondent, Leonard Adelst, telegraphing from the Austrian war press headquarters last Monday, says concerning Russia's withdrawal from the war:

"Long before Trotsky's declaration of peace, the Russian demobilization had begun. In the Ukrainian-Roumanian border region we encountered eighteen corps of the Eighth Russian Army under General Stin, who made the last effort on the Roumanian front but was repulsed there and crossed the Austrian frontier near Radauts.

"Stin, who is a grizzled veteran, said to me: 'Russia is very sick. Like a bear which has had a hard whack on

the head, she has lost much blood. But she is only stunned and will soon recover. Russia soon will have another monarchical Government. Believe me that is what Russia is longing for.'
"As for Lenin and Trotsky, I like them personally. It is very interesting to talk with them about big world problems in front of a cozy fire, but you cannot do anything with them in practical affairs of life. The best thing the Bolsheviki have done is the abolition of secret diplomacy, which was responsible for the war."
"It was by no means chance that the Ukraine was the first territory to make peace. The Ukraine is most strongly anti-Bolsheviki and the movement will soon assume still more tangible shape."

THE CHILD PHILOSOPHER.

Behold the cherry cottaged,
Of boots and shoes it has no need.
With blithesome heart it onward goes—
It's hard to stub five hundred toes.
—Harvard Lampoon.

Had Piles For Ten Years

And Tried Nearly Everthing Except a Surgical Operation Without Obtaining Relief—Tells How Complete Cure Was Effected

There are reported here three cases of chronic piles. In all three cases many treatments were tried before it was discovered that Dr. Chase's Ointment is about the only real cure for this distressing ailment.

Mrs. A. Oates, 22 Gilkinson Street, Bramford, Ont., writes: "I have used Dr. Chase's Ointment as a household remedy for ever so long, and am particularly indebted to it for a cure from Piles. I had suffered from this annoying trouble for ten years, and tried nearly everything I heard of. After using Dr. Chase's Ointment a short while I was completely cured."

Mrs. Wm. Shantz, 155 Albert Street, Kitchener, Ont., writes: "For several years I was troubled with bleeding piles. I tried different remedies for relief without success. I read in Dr. Chase's Almanac of the benefits other people were receiving from Dr. Chase's Ointment, so sent to your office for a sample box. I found it gave me such relief that I went to a drug store and purchased a full-sized box. I have used several boxes since, and have derived more benefit from its use than any remedy I have ever used."

Mrs. F. Cassons, Victoria Street, Ingersoll, Ont., writes: "About two years and a half ago I was suffering from Piles. I had tried many different remedies for this distressing trouble, but nothing helped me. Finally I got a box of Dr. Chase's Ointment, and after using it found that I was completely cured and have not been bothered in this way since. I can cheerfully recommend Dr. Chase's Ointment to anyone suffering as I did."
"Dr. Chase's Ointment, 50 cents a box, at all dealers, or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto. There are no rivals to Dr. Chase's Ointment as a treatment for Piles."

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SET-BACKS MET BY AUSTRIAN TROOPS

Enemy Unable to Make Progress in Frenzella and Bella Valleys

Rome, Feb. 14.—Although the Austrian newspapers in the past few weeks have been referring to preparations for an offensive which they say the Italians are making as justification for the assertion that it is impossible to withdraw either men or guns to help Germany in a supreme effort in France, Field-Marshal Boroovic, the Austrian commander, apparently wishes to bring an end to the period of inactivity. He is resuming his battering tactics in the mountain section. In the last three days the Austrians have engaged in vigorous actions against the new Italian line in the Frenzella and Bella Valleys, where important positions were wrested from the Austrians a short time ago. The enemy preceded his infantry attacks by vigorous bombardments, but when the Austrian infantrymen attempted to press forward, as they did in the Bella Valley, by advancing in the Belle and Valle Wood, they came under the

fire of Italian light and medium field and machine guns, which compelled them to beat a retreat with heavy losses before even reaching the Italian trenches.

The Austrians met with another and equally severe check in the Frenzella Valley yesterday.

In the fighting Lieut. Ransen, an Italian aviator, brought down two enemy aeroplanes, increasing the number of his victims in aerial encounters to sixteen.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—It is said to be practically certain that Major H. W. Bowie, Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Commons, will be Sergeant-at-Arms to succeed the late Colonel Henry Smith. Major Bowie is at present overseas with an Ottawa battalion.

ROOSEVELT IMPROVING.

New York, Feb. 14.—The condition of Theodore Roosevelt, convalescing from operations performed last week, showed a continued improvement to-day, according to physicians at the Roosevelt Hospital. It was stated he had passed another comfortable night.

NEW PULP MILL.

Port Arthur, Ont., Feb. 14.—The Port Arthur Pulp Mill commenced the manufacture of pulp yesterday and commencing and starting the first of next week, will ship sixty tons of pulp daily to the paper mills.

REPORT SAYS PARDEE IS ABOUT TO BECOME POSTMASTER-GENERAL

Vancouver, Feb. 14.—An Ottawa dispatch to The Vancouver Province says: "F. F. Pardee, who was offered the Postmaster-General's portfolio some time ago, is now willing to accept it and will be sworn in shortly, as Hon. P. E. Rindin, the present Minister, is defeated and is still overseas."
"Sir George E. Foster, who is still in firm, is to drop out of the Cabinet to become chairman of the War Trade Board."

PALESTINE OPERATIONS.

London, Feb. 14.—An official communication dealing with the operations in Palestine says:

"Australian airmen have secured fourteen direct hits on objects at the El Kutram railway station.
"British patrolling airmen were at-

tacked by seven enemy machines. They downed four of them, and put the remainder to flight."

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—The following casualties have been announced:

Infantry.

Died—Pte. W. J. Campbell, Winnipeg.

Wounded—Pte. J. Stirratt, Victoria. Ill.—Acting Sergt. J. A. Cathie, Vancouver.

Forestry Corps.

Died—Pte. W. Bruce, Vancouver.

Engineers.

Wounded—Lieut. W. H. Stuart, Winnipeg.

Services.

Burned accidentally—Pte. I. P. Sweetland, New Westminster.



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THOSE FIGURES.

The report of the Military Service Council on the result of the first call under the Military Service Act, issued by the Prime Minister yesterday, reads like a very reluctant compliance with the demand for information which arose from the public in consequence of the embargo imposed upon the publication of draft figures by the authorities some months ago.

Out of more than 400,000 registrations in the first class only 16,786 men reported for service. In addition to these some 3,821 who were ordered to report have not been located and some of them are believed to have joined in districts other than those to which they were assigned in their orders.

The claims for exemption pending on February 2 were 52,000, of which 34,000 were before the local and higher tribunals in Quebec. The statement says this accounts for the comparatively small number of men called up from that province, because these could only consist of those who reported for duty without claiming exemption or who refrained from appealing after their claims were disallowed by the local tribunals.

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absolute exemption. The war is not going to last forever. The electors who supported the Union Government certainly will resent the calling out of the married men because through so many appeals and the inadequate enforcement of the law the result of the first call has been unsatisfactory.

THE ENEMY'S STRENGTH.

According to the Associated Press correspondent at the headquarters of the French armies the German strength on the West Front is 2,100,000 men, consisting of 112 active and 63 reserve divisions.

A German army of 2,340,000 men will be a formidable foe, especially if it is supported by a great concentration of artillery. But it is a much more modest affair than the countless millions over which our pessimists, influenced by fiction invented and circulated by the Germans themselves, have been worrying themselves.

In 1914 Germany invaded France and Belgium with 1,550,000 men. Opposed to her were less than a million French, British and Belgians. In addition to an almost two-to-one advantage in numbers Germany had a ten-to-one superiority in artillery and general equipment, and only in one arm were the Allies in a more advantageous condition.

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the wishes of the military leaders who claimed it placed them at a disadvantage. On the other hand, both the British and French Governments were impressed with the importance of affording encouragement to the Italian people, to stimulate their morale to a mind to Napoleon that morale is three times as important as numbers.

Up to recently there have been four distinct fronts between the North Sea and the Adriatic—the Belgian Front, the British Front, the Italian Front and the French Front. There is now an American Front. While these operated together to a certain extent their has been no complete co-ordination of effort such as exists in the enemy countries.

Even then it was only an estimate, Dr. H. J. Wasson, School Health Officer, stating that about one-third of the pupils had been vaccinated afresh, one-third had been vaccinated in infancy and one-sixth had produced exemption certificates, one-sixth not having yet complied with the order of the City Health Officer.

DEATH OF MR. BAYFIELD.

The death of Mr. Bayfield, for some years superintendent of dredging in this Province, and more recently in charge of the assembling of materials for steamers being built here, will be widely regretted.

RETURNS TO THE CITY FROM NITINAT LAKE.

C. B. Jones Tells of Favorable Logging Conditions Prevailing. C. B. Jones, of the Nitinat Logging Co., returned to the city to-day, having spent the past fortnight at Nitinat Lake and vicinity.

NEED OF RAILWAY.

Overland transportation, however, could be established were the Canadian Northern Railway line completed from Cowichan Lake to Nitinat Lake, a distance of about sixteen miles.

A SCENIC ARTIST DIES IN VANCOUVER.

Calgary, Feb. 14.—Edgard McKie, whose wife and family reside at 1785 Alberni Street, Vancouver, died here to-day. McKie, a scenic artist, was a native of Liverpool, and he painted all the principal stage production scenery for F. Stuart Whyte, for the big English pantomimes of "Aladdin" and "Robinson Crusoe" produced by the latter.

VACCINATION OF THIRD OF PUPILS IS CARRIED OUT.

SCHOOL BOARD RECEIVES SOME STATISTICS WITH REGARD TO SITUATION; OTHER MATTERS.

The vaccination situation engaged the attention of the City School Board last evening, the first intimation of how the various schools have complied with the orders of the City Health Officer being made available.

Without dissent the Board granted the request conveyed in an influential signed petition of Fowl Bay residents, to loan the use of the auditorium of the Margaret Jenkins School for dances and entertainments for the Hollywood branch of the Red Cross Society.

TOWER REMOVED.

It was reported by the building and grounds committee through Trustee Deaville, that the removal of the tower of the North Ward School was nearly completed, and the alterations would be shortly finished.

MODEL SCHOOL WORK.

The Board agreed to forward to the finance committee for report a recommendation from Inspector Paul with regard to letters from the principal of the Normal School and superintendent of education.

COLONIZATION PLAN FAVORABLY RECEIVED.

The colonization scheme recently propounded by J. W. Weart, M. P., is receiving a good deal of attention from the various members of the Legislature who are believing fairly deeply in the matter of rural settlement during the recess.

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HER HOPE.

"We must all hope for the best." "I know it. I'm hoping John will give me a diamond ring for Christmas."

MANY PARENTS WAIT ON SCHOOL BOARD.

OBJECTION TAKEN TO PRESENT GRADING OF HOLLYWOOD AND FAIRFIELD SCHOOLS.

Some readjustment of the arrangement entered into last fall for the removal of senior girls from Margaret Jenkins School to Sir James Douglas, and of senior boys from the latter to Hollywood will be made by the City School Board, it was stated last evening, when the trustees received a deputation from residents of the two districts concerned, who wanted a definite statement as to the future conduct of the two schools.

The leading part in the deputation was taken by F. F. Fatt, who pointed out that the alteration had been injurious to the health of the pupils, who had to sit in the basement of the Margaret Jenkins School eating cold lunches. They were not allowed to use the warm schoolrooms.

APPLIES FOR CIDER.

The Chief said as far as possible the City Health Officer was called in, but sometimes he was unable to attend, in which case the doctor's list in the charge room was used. Some doctors never showed a disposition to attend, and the police had to engage any medical men available.

WILKINSON ROAD JAIL.

Formal notice was received by the Board of the decision of the Executive Council, confirming the resolution of the Attorney-General to close the Wilkinson Road jail at the present time, and stating that the institution will remain closed until circumstances alter.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY.

United States Consul Myers reports a large increase in the shipments from British Columbia to the Sound during the past week. Several large cargoes of rice were shipped to Seattle and San Francisco from this port.

DR. MATTHEWS.

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The matter was brought up when Commissioner Linklater asked for information with regard to the liquor raids. The Chief of Police stated that if the legs of beer recently seized proved to be under two and a half per cent, the city should pay for the barrels.

LETTER BOX.

To the Editor:—At the commencement of the war the Provincial Government made an arrangement with all its employees who joined for overseas duty to make up the difference between their military allowance and the pay they were receiving from the Government at the time of enlisting.

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To the Editor:—At the commencement of the war the Provincial Government made an arrangement with all its employees who joined for overseas duty to make up the difference between their military allowance and the pay they were receiving from the Government at the time of enlisting.

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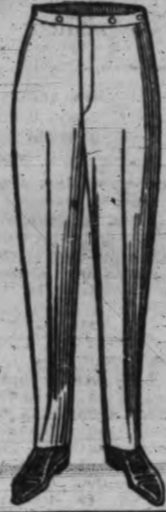
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—Silks, Main Floor



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Men's Heavy Wool Mixture Working Socks, a real hard wearer, and we offer them at the old price. In black, light and dark grey and mottled. Very special, per pair **25¢**

English Heather Mixture Socks, a good medium weight, selling at the old price, a pair **40¢**, 2 pairs for **75¢**

Heather Mixture Socks, also black; better grade. Selling at, pair **50¢**

Black Cotton Socks, Marathon brand, with double toes and heels. Pair **25¢**

—Mens Socks, Main Floor



New Velour Straw Ready-to-Wear Hats

An early spring delivery of latest shapes and shades. There's the small drooping models, also the rolled-up brims. Favored shades are red, taupe and brown. See these in Millinery Department.

—Second Floor

Week-End Candy Specials

- Peppermint Bull's Eyes, reg. 40c **23¢**
- Plain Butterscotch, reg. 30c, for **25¢**
- Almond Butterscotch, reg. 40c, for **29¢**
- Turkish Delight, reg. 40c, for **29¢**
- Tutti Frutti, reg. 40c, for **29¢**
- Lady Caramels, reg. 40c **29¢**
- Kewpie Dolls, a box **10¢**

—Candy, Main Floor

Two Nail Brushes at the Price of One, Friday

An exceptional purchase of assorted Nail Brushes goes on sale Friday at half-price and less. Regular values are 15c to 25c. Your choice to-morrow at

2 for 15c

—Drugs, Main Floor

Standard Patterns

Place your name on the list of subscribers before the 20th inst. for the Designer. You will then secure the half-price advantage which we are offering for a few days only. You can make your subscription date as from the first of March or April, but to take advantage of the reduced price we must have your name on the list before next Wednesday, the 20th.

OUR SPECIAL OFFER INCLUDES

Twelve months' subscription to The Designer, one Standard Quarterly (Spring number), and one 15c Pattern free, **75c** for

Regular price \$1.50.

—Patterns, Main Floor

A Clean-up of Surplus Sizes in Corsets, Friday at \$1.50

D & A and Cromptons Corsets, also **Goddess Front Lace Corsets**, regularly sold at \$2.50. We clean up this small lot of surplus sizes and styles at a low price. Most of the models are suitable for the slight and average figures. Special at **\$1.50**

—Corsets, First Floor

Home Furnishing Sale News, Friday

Axminster Rugs in Persian Effects

\$24.90

Beautifully designed rugs and the colorings are most effective, being in the popular Persian style. Most durable quality, and suitable for parlor, den, library, or almost any room in the home where a good rug is needed. Sizes 6.9x9.6. February Sale, Friday **\$24.90**

—Carpets, Third Floor

New Black and White Dress Skirts

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—Mantles, First Floor

Large Size Tapestry Rugs at \$16.90

A most reasonable price for a hard durable quality Carpet, one that will give good service and satisfaction. Good conventional designs, but too many of these Rugs in the fawn shades, so out goes 10 of them at this special price. Size 9x12 ft. Friday **\$16.90**

—Carpets, Third Floor

New Navy and Black Serge Skirts

Of good quality and, new high-waisted styles, **\$5.75**

36-in Hemstitched Double-Bordered Scrims 22c Yd.

A most popular window drapery, and one that will find a quick sale to-morrow at the special price. Extra good quality in shades cream, ecru and white. Friday, a yard **22¢**

—Drapery, Third Floor

Buy Enamelware Kitchen Utensils Now and Save

Our February Sale offers many substantial savings on best grade Enamelware. These prices are really bargains when compared with the new advanced prices which must come into effect very shortly.

Blue Diamond Enamelware with white linings—the best Enamelware Utensils on the market. Make out your list for renewals and new pieces and place your order at once.

Deep Saucepans, with cover. Each, **60¢, 70¢, 80¢, 98¢, \$1.15, \$1.45** and **\$1.65**

Lipped Saucepans, each, **40¢, 45¢, 50¢, 55¢, 60¢, 65¢, 75¢, 85¢** **95¢**

Tea Kettles, No. 5, each, **\$1.50**, No. 6, **\$1.75**, No. 7, **\$1.95**, No. 8, **\$2.25**, No. 9, **\$2.50**

London Kettle, each, **90¢, \$1.15, \$1.50, \$1.85, \$2.45** and **\$3.15**

Convex Kettle, each, **\$2.10, \$2.60, \$3.15, \$3.95** and **\$4.50**

GREY ENAMELWARE

Deep Saucepans, with cover, each, **50¢, 55¢, 65¢, 75¢, 95¢, \$1.15** and **\$1.35**

Lipped Saucepans, each, **30¢, 35¢, 40¢, 45¢, 48¢, 50¢, 55¢, 65¢, 75¢** and **85¢**

Tea Kettles—No. 6, each, **\$1.35**, No. 7, **\$1.50**, No. 8, **\$1.75** and No. 9 **\$2.00**

London Kettles—3-qt. **70¢**, 4-qt. **85¢**, 6-qt. **\$1.10**, 8-qt. **\$1.35** 12-qt. **\$1.80**, 18-qt. **\$2.35**

Convex Kettle—10-qt. **\$1.60**, 12-qt. **\$2.00**, 14-qt. **\$2.35**, 18-qt. **\$2.95**, 24-qt. **\$3.50**



—Hardware, Second Floor

English Teapots at Special Prices

Latest patterns, in plain shades of green, brown and blue, with fancy decorations. Special values, each, **75¢, 90¢, \$1.00, \$1.15, \$1.25, \$1.35, \$1.50** and **\$1.75**

—Crocery, Second Floor

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The shades that are destined to become popular this season include beige, clay, rookie, nigger brown and apple green. Prices—

\$25.00 to \$69.50

In the Millinery Showroom new Spring Hats, in shades to harmonize with the new suits, are now being shown. Your inspection is invited.

OMINECA MEMBER ON SETTLEMENT OF LANDS

Alec Manson is Believer in Community Plan as Essential Foundation

One of the chief topics engaging the attention of those members of the Legislature who have decided to remain in the city until the House re-assembles on February 26, is that of Land Settlement. While it is understood that the Land Settlement Board has a number of schemes which will doubtless materialize before the close of the present session, the members are taking the stand that the more this vital question is thrashed out by them more or less informally, the better and more intelligent part will be theirs in the discussion incident to the passage of direct legislation in this regard.

Northern B. C.

Discussing the question of Land Settlement, particularly as it affects northern British Columbia, with a representative of The Times yesterday, Alec Manson, Liberal member for the constituency of Omineca, failed to see that this Province could pattern its system to any very great extent after the plans in vogue in Australia and New Zealand. While the Antipodes is very often referred to in this connection, Mr. Manson suggests that British Columbia presents many difficulties which have never engaged the attention of legislators "down under."

Speculators' Areas.

He refers to the situation in the northern section of the Province, which is more or less common knowledge, where along the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific about ninety per cent. of the land is alienated and Crown Grant, with a vast quantity under the latter category held by non-resident owners. The resultant sparse settlement and scattered nature of industrial activity, he says, not only militates against the influx of the right kind of settler, but is an alarming factor in the matter of production at a time when the nation-wide exhortation demands that every acre of land should yield its due.

School Accommodation.

Nor is the lack of production the only serious aspect of the case, says Mr. Manson. He views with some concern the increased per capita tax which has been occasioned by the labors of the Public Works Department in its endeavor to give some sort of accommodation to the settlers already established in the widely scattered localities. Lack of school accommodation—impossible of proper provision under the circumstances—is, he says, similarly responsible for keeping away good farmers, blest with families, from those sections where land was actually available. For these and other reasons many very acceptable settlers from the Prairie Provinces and the United States have been lost to the Province.

Community Settlements.

With a full appreciation of the boundless possibilities ahead of the great north country, Mr. Manson states that the members are now wrestling with the problem of how to make the Crown granted land available for settlement and production. He opines it is generally agreed that in any scheme promoted, the closer settlement or community settlement plan, must of necessity be at its foundation. In other words, he believes that the Government must confine its energies to certain definite areas, develop them, give them adequate transportation, provide them with schooling facilities and then colonization would follow in the natural sequence of things.

How to Do It.

That the Government should step in and acquire the Crown granted lands referred to, appraising their value and paying those interested in bonds or cash, is one system advanced whereby the desired end would be accomplished. Imposition of a heavy tax on all non-improved property within the contemplated community areas is another suggested way out, with the possibility of the owners' co-operation in a short space of time after the application of the gentle squeeze.



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The British War office has sanctioned an arrangement whereby one parcel which does not contain other than specified articles may be sent each three months by private individuals in Canada direct to prisoners of war other than officers interned abroad. The parcel must be packed and despatched through the post office by the relative or friend of the prisoner and must bear a coupon.

The next of kin has first right to the coupon and can designate to whom it may be given if they do not wish to use it. Persons wishing to send parcels under this scheme should apply for the necessary coupons, if they have not already done so, as early as possible. Coupons for parcels intended for prisoners belonging to the Canadian forces are supplied by the Prisoners of War Department, Canadian Red Cross Society, 14 Cockspur Street, London, S. W. 1, and in case of prisoners belonging to the Imperial forces, Allied forces or civilian prisoners of war, by the Central Prisoners of War Committee, 4 Turbot Place, London, S. W. 7. The list of goods which may be forwarded is as follows: Pipe, sponge, pencils, tooth powder, pomade, cap badge and badges of rank, shaving brush, safety razor, Blottices (mohair), candles (eight ounces), metal ribbons, brass polish, mittens (one pair a quarter), muffer (one each year), braces and belts (provided they are made of webbing and include no rubber or leather), housewife, handkerchiefs (one a quarter), combs, hair brushes, tooth brushes, cloth brushes, buttons, pipe lights, dubbin, hob nails, shaving soap (one stick a quarter), health salts, insecticide powder, chess, checkers, dominoes.

Persons are warned that the parcels are subject to censorship, and the inclusion in the parcel of any article mentioned in the above list may entail confiscation of the parcel. The maximum weight of the parcel is eleven pounds, and it is advised that they should not weigh less than three pounds, so as to minimize the risk of loss in the post.

FATHER AND SON BANQUET

H. A. Pearson Will Be Principal Speaker; Now in Charge of Military Work.

H. A. Pearson, one of the first Y. M. C. A. secretaries to be actively engaged in the Association work in the trenches over in France, and who since returning home has been travelling in the official capacity as Military Supervisor of Y. M. C. A. work in Western Canada, will be the principal speaker at the Father and Son banquet that will be held at the local Association on February 22.

The affair, which is open to any organized Sunday School class of ten aged boys and also to Y. M. C. A. groups, is being promoted by the Local Advisory Committee for Co-operation in Boy Work and the Y. M. C. A. Boys' Division Committee. Accommodation is being provided for some 250 fathers and sons, and already it is reported that those on 200 reservations have been made.

THE "WOUNDED" STRIPE

Gold Braid Token May Be Worn by Officers and Men in Civilian Clothes.

According to an order just issued, retired officers, ex-officers, discharged soldiers and others who, while serving, were entitled to wear the gold braid wound distinction on uniform may at their own option continue to do so on plain cloth after leaving the service.

In future when any soldier becomes entitled to wear the distinction the fact will be recorded in Army Book 94, page 6, attested by an officer's signature, and on discharge, the number of stripes of gold braid to which a man is entitled will be noted on his discharge certificate.

Any unauthorized person who wears a gold braid wound distinction renders himself liable to a fine of 100 or three months' imprisonment.

STUMPED.

Maybe!—Suppose Bonaparte commanded the armies of France now—what would he do?

Sapley—I have no idea. In fact, I hardly know what I would do myself.

OVERPAYMENTS MADE OFFICERS AND MEN

If Paid Too Much Must Refund Excess, Says Military Orders

Constant applications," it is stated in Military Orders issued by Col. J. Duff Stuart, for General Officer Commanding, "are being received from and on behalf of officers, soldiers and other employees to whom emoluments have been issued in excess of those properly due to them, to be allowed to retain the excess by reason of the hardship which would result from having to refund the amount.

"It is the duty of everybody, whether their status is civil or military," continues the orders, "to make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the rates and conditions of issue of all their emoluments, and if they accept payment in excess of those due to them, it is their duty to draw attention to the overpayment. They must clearly understand that, if such excess payments are retained, they are liable to be refunded whether the misunderstanding, which led to the excess, is due to an agent or paymaster, of whether it is due to the action of the officer, soldier, or other employee himself."

Appointments, Etc.

B. C. Reg., 1st Depot Batt.: To be captain (temp.)—Lieut. Frank Curry Brown (6th Regt.), late 29th and 158th Bns.

The undermentioned officer is struck off the strength of the C. E. F. in Canada as shown and returns to the Active Militia Unit to which he formerly belonged: Lieut. Colin James Morris, Can. Rec. Art.

Capt. William Alexander Campbell, late 194th Bn., is reinstated in the C. E. F. for further medical treatment, with effect from October 19, 1917.

Capt. Edmund Howard Ross, late 238th Bn., is reinstated in the C. E. F. for further medical treatment, with effect from December 20, 1917.

Lieut. W. A. Parrott, 72nd Regt., is

GRANDMOTHER WAS THE DRUGGIST

In the early days of our country grandmother was the druggist, and her drugs consisted mostly of roots and herbs gathered from the fields and forests. There was peppermint for indigestion, mullen for coughs, skullcap for nervousness, thoroughwort for colds, wormwood for bruises and sprains and so on. They were successful remedies, too. It was from a combination of such roots and herbs that Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham of Lynn, Mass., more than forty years ago, originated her now famous Vegetable Compound, and during all these long years no other remedy has ever been discovered to restore health to ailing women so successfully as this good old-fashioned root and herb medicine.

The members of a family residing in the suburbs are said to be excessively quiet. Two of them, cousins, were camping out for a holiday, and one morning, at breakfast, Bill said to his chum:

"Jim, there is a cow in the next field. I heard it bellow."

Nothing more was said till evening, when, on the way back to camp, Jim said:

"How did you know it was a cow, Bill? It might have been a bull."

No further remarks passed; but next morning Jim found Bill doing up his pack and preparing for his departure.

"Bill, what are you doing?"

"I'm off," said Bill. "There's too much argument in this camp for me."

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There are two-tone Havana brown and blue kid Lacing Boots in this lot, welted soles and high tops; almost all sizes and splendid fitters. A regular \$9.50 value, only
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LADIES' PATENT-BUTTON CLOTH TOP SHOES \$1.85

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MEN'S NEOLIN SOLE SHOES \$5.45

Regular values up to \$8.00, all sizes in the lot. They are gun metal calf bluchers and balm, of various widths, only
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COAST MISSION

Annual Meeting Indicates Optimistic Outlook for Work of Church.

The annual meeting of the Board of the Columbia Coast Mission was held in the Synod Room, Pemberton Block, on Friday at 2 p. m.

There was a good representation of members, both from Victoria and Vancouver, those present being: The Right Rev. the Bishop of British Columbia, Archdeacon Heathcote, Archdeacon H. A. Collison, Very Rev. Dean Quinlan, Rev. J. Antle, Rev. C. W. Houghton, Rev. J. W. Flinton, Rev. E. G. Miller, Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, and Messrs. H. S. Crotty, J. Harvey, F. W. Stirling, A. McC. Creery, T. F. Barton and Dr. E. Mountjoy Pearce.

The Right Rev. the Bishop of British Columbia, president of the Board, was in the chair.

The very interesting report of the secretary-treasurer, Mr. T. F. Barton, was read and discussed, and the fact that a balance in favor of the Mission was shown caused great satisfaction, but the Superintendent pointed out that the whole amount could not be used in wiping off liabilities, as it was the result of over rigid economy, and much of it would be used for new apparatus and equipment, badly needed in the hospitals. The purchase of two X-ray machines were even then being negotiated.


The secretary-treasurer's report showed total receipts for hospitals \$29,988.67, and hospital expenditures \$22,782.85; total receipts for church work \$4,851.73, and church work expenditures \$6,870.40; total liabilities \$1,722.85.

The Superintendent's report of the work was discussed at length. He reported a very busy year in two of the hospitals, St. Michael's, Rock Bay, in charge of Dr. R. L. Beadles, and St. George's, Alert Bay, in charge of Dr. A. W. McCordick, Columbia Hospital, Van Anda, in charge of Dr. C. F. Downman, had a light year, but a good deal of outdoor work had been done.

The work of the Columbia was described. The distribution of literature, first aid rendered and religious services held.

A plan to affiliate one or all the Mission

MADE IN CANADA ROYAL YEAST



hospitals with the Royal Jubilee Hospital, of Victoria, as training schools, was discussed and passed favorably upon.

Plans to expand the work by the addition of new members to the staff also came up for discussion and were left to the Superintendent to carry out.

Great satisfaction was expressed regarding the condition of affairs and the general outlook, and hearty votes of thanks were passed to the various institutions which had lent their aid, and to the Rev. Mr. Houghton, financial agent, Mr. Barton, secretary-treasurer, and to the Superintendent for their successful year's work.

A most interesting lantern lecture was given in the Cathedral Schoolroom at 8 p. m. by the Rev. J. Antle, illustrating the various features of the work of the Mission. His Lordship acted as chairman, and the Very Rev. the Dean also assisted in entertaining the large and enthusiastic audience who were present.

APPRECIATED.

Dinner Guest—I've brought my own sugar.
Hostess—How sweet of you.—Boston Transcript.

APPOINTMENTS

The following provisional appointments, promotions and transfers of officers in the C. E. F. in Canada are authorized: B. C. Regt., 1st Depot Batt.: To be Lieutenant (temp.)—Lieut. Stanley Frye Middleton Moodie (72nd Regt.), 2nd Depot Batt.: To be captain—Lieut. Charles Stuart Griffin, M. C. (88th Regt.). To be Lieutenant (temp.): Lieut. John D. Sibbald (102nd Regt.).

M. H. C. Command.

"J" Unit, vocational branch: To be lieutenant—Lieut. Frederick James Dawson, C. E.

Postings.

The undermentioned officers having completed their conducting duty are transferred to the O. M. F., of Canada: Lieut. H. L. E. Priestman, 30th Regt.; B. C. Horse; Lieut. E. A. Henderson, 88th Regt.; V. F. Lieut. A. C. Macdonald, 50th Regt.; H. of C.; Lieut. D. R. Macdonald, 11th Regt.; I. F. of C.; Lieut. H. M. Drost, 11th Regt.; 11th Regt.; V. F. of C.; Lieut. W. A. B. Garrard, 88th Regt.; V. F.; Lieut. L. S. Higgs, 88th Regt.; V. F.

Attached.

The following officers are attached to "J" Unit, M. H. C. C., for treatment: Major B. C. Pittman, late 97th Batt., C. E. F.; Lieut. L. H. Kennedy, R. C. E. F.

Sergt. E. C. Simmons (late 143rd Batt.) is attached to No. 11 Special Service Co., C. E. F., whilst employed with the British Canadian Recruiting Mission.

Transfers.

The following transfers are authorized: From "J" Unit, M. H. C. C., to Forestry Unit, C. E. F.: Gnr. J. H. Cooper, Pte. H. W. McNeill, Pte. J. Barclay and Pte. J. Beaton.

From C. A. M. C. Training Depot No. 11, C. E. F., to R. C. G. A., C. E. F.: Pte. W. Steiner and Pte. J. A. Grant.

From Forestry Unit, C. E. F., to 2nd Depot Batt., B. C. R., C. E. F.: Pte.

ROYAL YEAST

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of VICTORIA THE NORTHWEST and the WORLD

SEATTLE TOPPING HOCKEY LADDER YET

Lester Patrick's Boys Were Too Strong for the "Cyclone" Wonder

THREE TO ONE WAS SCORE ON SOUND

Seattle, Feb. 14.—The great and only "Cyclone" Taylor, who has been having his own way around the hockey circuit of late, blew into our town as per schedule last night, but much to Taylor's surprise Lester Patrick's Mets did not crumble before the rushes of the hairless wonder. Instead the world's champions bottled up Mr. Taylor and put the cork in the bottle, and Vancouver wended their way back home with a three to one licking in their grips.

Fourth Beating

It was the largest crowd of the season that watched the Seattle league leaders hand the invaders their fourth beating, and the struggle lived up to expectations. As was expected, it was a battle between the "Cyclone" and Lester Patrick's defence, and the visiting crack came out second. The locals realized that if they could stop Taylor, the Vancouver men were beaten, and they did that very thing. Every time the cyclone tagged the rubber, some green and red sweated athlete swamped down upon him and checked him before he got started. Taylor did get away on a few occasions, but the Mets prize goalie, Fowler, turned his shots aside. As it was the cyclone scored all of his team's goals, but one tally could not win.

Fast and Furious

The battle was of the fast and furious kind that these two teams have dish up every time they skated on to the same ice. Frank Patrick's men fought every inch of the way, but with their star centre unable to get under way with his sensational rushes, they were outclassed. The home crew went out and got an early lead and they were in front nearly all of the way. From Captain Bobby Rowe to utility Jim Riley the boys fought at top speed, and they outplayed the visitors in every period. Their passing was all to the good, they checked in a way that had the Canadians buffaloed, and to top it all, Fowler was a stonewall between the nets.

The efforts of Taylor to figure in the play tickled everybody, but Cyclone Lester Patrick was the man who proved the undoing of the visiting centre, the Seattle leader following Taylor around in a way that had the scoring phenom wild. At that, the Vancouver centre played a good game, but he could not beat the whole Seattle team, and the bullet shot he sent through the nets in the first period was the only chance he had to tally.

Only Five Men

How far the Mets had it on the visitors was shown in the third period, when at one time the home club was playing with but five men on the ice. Both Rowe and Roberts were adorning the penalty bench, and still Frank Patrick's athletes could not gather a tally.

The Mets all looked good last night. Cully Wilson made a beautiful goal in the first session when he caught the puck on a rebound and shot for the first score. Roberts added another to this total in the same period with a new shot from his wing, while Bernie Morris broke into the scoring sheet in the second period on a pretty pass from Patrick. "Speed" Moynes was the most effective man on the ice for Vancouver, while Barney Stanley and Mackay were going at a fast clip. The victory gives the home club a nice little lead in the race, and the Seattle fans cannot see how they can lose the first position now.

SENIOR SOCCER LEAGUE

Table with columns: Teams, P, W, L, D, Pts. Rows include Victoria Wests, Navy, V. I. A., Garrison, E. M. C. H., 5th Regiment, C. A. M. C., and Infantry.

Yesterday's Results

Navy, 2; Infantry, 1. Garrison, 4; 5th Regiment, 0.

PEDEN CUP MATCH AT ROYAL ATHLETIC

The sporting feature of Saturday will be the Peden Cup semi-final that will be played between the V. I. A. A. and the E. M. C. H. footballers at the Royal Athletic Park. The game will commence at 2:45 o'clock and an exciting event is expected.

SAYS HE IS READY

Kansas City, Feb. 14.—Jess Willard, champion heavyweight pugilist, announced here last night that he stood ready and willing to meet in Cheyenne, Wyo., on July 4, the winner of the Jack Dempsey-Fred Fulton bout.

CRESCENTS WINNERS

Toronto, Feb. 14.—In last night's O. H. A. senior fixture Crescents defeated the St. Patricks by the score of six to three.

TORONTO IN FIRST PLACE IN ICE RACE

Ottawa Badly Defeated in Eastern Circuit Last Evening

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—The Toronto hockey team took the lead in the National Hockey League race last night by virtue of a severe drubbing the Blues administered to the Ottawas at the Laurier Avenue Arena. The score was 6 to 1. Not only was the victory well deserved, but the margin of goals should have been greater on the play. With the exception of the first seven minutes the Senators were hopelessly outclassed. At the opening of the play the locals had the visitors backed into their goal and it was only the superb work of Harry Holmes in the traps that prevented the homesters from piling up enough goals to win an ordinary match. It was only a flash in the pan, however, and soon the tide turned, and as the play progressed the superiority of the visitors became more and more evident until in the closing minutes the Senators were helpless, leg-weary and unable to advance the puck.

The score at the end of the first period was 1-0, and at the end of the second 3-0. The only goal of the Ottawas was obtained when Neighbor whirled from behind the nets and showed the puck around the goal post. On all frontal shots Holmes was un-beatable.

NEWSPAPER DECISION

Cleveland, Feb. 14.—James White, of Albany, N. Y., was given the newspaper decision over Pal Moore, of Memphis in a ten-round bout here last night. The men weighed in at 118 pounds.



GORDON-2 1/4 in ARROW form-fit COLLAR. CLUETT, PEABODY & CO. INC. MAKERS

GARRISON WON FROM 5TH REGIMENT 4-0

Slippery Field at Work Point Made Play Appear Rough at Times

On the soccer field at Work Point yesterday afternoon the Garrison defeated the Fifth Regiment by a score of four goals to nil, in a match that during the first half promised to be a strictly tight contest, neither club making any tally until after the interval. It was in the second half, however, that the Work Point men took the lead and left their opponents four goals in the rear.

The teams lined up on a field that was decidedly slippery and their movements were thus by no means facilitated. For the first period the play was decidedly even. There was a quantity of mid-field work followed by numerous corners awarded to both teams. The play developed into a fast brand of end-to-end rushes which, although spectacular, failed to give any results or to satisfy the supporters on the sidelines. When the period ended odds were slightly favoring the Fifth Regiment.

Fortunes Changed

In the second half fortunes took a decided change. The Garrison first score came from Gale on a splendid shot and continued their success by pressing the Fifth with some persistence. Filmore was the next to find the net before the Garrison received a check by reason of Frankish being hurt and forced to retire from the field. The final goals for the Work Point men came from Buxton and Gale, giving the team a clear lead by four goals to nil. The outstanding figures of the contest were Gale of the winners and Caskie of the Fifth Regiment. The match at periods appeared rough, but this feature was due almost solely to the slippery condition of the field.

The contest was refereed by P. C. Payne.

BASEBALL SALE

Louisville, Feb. 14.—Pitcher Main, of the Louisville American Association Club, has been sold to the Philadelphia Nationals, according to a telegram received here from President O. H. Watson, who is in New York attending a baseball meeting.

Main finished the season with Louisville with a record of fifteen victories and nine defeats. He was secured from Toledo.

BASKETBALL PLAYED BY LADIES' CLUBS

Intermediate Game Schedule is Arranged for Saturday Evening

Last evening in the gymnasium of the First Presbyterian Church two games in the Ladies' Division of the Sunday School Athletic Association Basketball League were decided. The Pilgrims defeated the Metropolitans by 11-7, and the Presbyterian A team won from Fairfield Methodists by 32-9. Both games were refereed by Archie McKinnon.

On Saturday evening only two games will be played in the Intermediate Division at the Y. M. C. A., the first match to commence at 7:30 o'clock. The Crusaders will play the Reformed Episcopal and the Presbyterian B club will meet the Centurions. The other games on the schedule, including the Presbyterian A vs. the Metropolitans and the St. John's vs. Christ Church Cathedral, have been postponed and will be played at a later date.

CONDEMN PRACTICE OF PUBLIC OFFERS FOR CLUB PLAYERS

New York, Feb. 14.—National League baseball club owners went on record at the final meeting of the annual schedule meeting here as condemning practice of club owners or managers making public offers for players of other clubs. Action was taken after Branch Rickey, of St. Louis, had complained of the offers made to Shortstop Hornsby of his club by the manager of the Chicago Nationals.

On motion of the St. Louis Club, the league rescinded its ruling of two years ago prohibiting clubs from withdrawing waivers except in the case of a drafted player.

Regardless of the Baltimore Club's suit against the National and American Leagues, it is understood that all financial matters between the major organizations and the representatives of the Pittsburgh, Newark and Brooklyn Federal League Clubs will be adjusted within a few days.

ABOUT EVERS

New York, Feb. 14.—Johnny Evers, the veteran second-baseman, unconditionally released from the Philadelphia Nationals, last summer, last night signed a contract with the Boston Americans. It was reported in baseball circles that Evers would not play, but would act in an advisory capacity to Edward G. Barrow, the new manager.

TIMES WANT AD CONTEST

THE Times Want Ad. Contest is progressing finely. Several more live wires are invited to enroll as candidates—there's room. INCREASE your cash on hand or in bank by winning the \$500 cash prize, the \$200 or the \$100—becoming a candidate is first step. MANY wait until the first list of candidates is published, thereby losing the best period for vote-getting. Start when the field is fertile. EVERYBODY stands an equal chance—popularity helps, but work alone will win—and very pleasant work, at that. Could you use \$500? SPECIAL attention to instruction of candidates is given by the contest manager. Previous experience not necessary. WHEN you have made up your mind that this opportunity is for you—and we're talking to YOU—call at the contest office, 306 Times building. AND you will be able to get any further particulars, required to give you a true insight into the methods employed by successful candidates. NOT only that, but you will have the advantage of coming in every day until the official start, and thus be properly primed for success. THE prizes will be awarded according to vote. There is a schedule for cash and a schedule for value of contracts. ANY person residing in Victoria (except newspaper employees), married or single, may enter the Times Want Ad. Contest. DON'T allow yourself to think that you have not as much get-up, ginger or red blood as any of your possible competitors. CONCLUDE that you are willing to exchange some of your spare time for cash, make your goal the \$500 prize. Aim high. OPPORTUNITIES, such as offered in the Times Want Ad. Contest come only semi-occasionally. Accept pay for business education. NO ONE who does creditable work in the contest will go unrewarded. The guarantee of commission protects you. TO EARN even a fair wage as commission, will certainly please a candidate among the prize winners. This will be an everybody-win contest. EDUCATION, a business education in salesmanship is assured every active candidate; former want ad. candidates vote for this. STICK-TO-IT-IVENESS is the best quality for success. It applies in the want ad. contest as well as in other lines of work or play. TAKE the advice of the contest manager and enter the contest at once, call at the office with your list of questions, and thus prime yourself to start into the work intelligently. There are \$800 in cash at stake, and just as sure as the earth revolves it will be distributed as prizes among candidates in The Times Want Ad. Contest. The office is in room 306, Times building. Call any time from 9 to 12.30 or from 1.30 to 6.

Easy Money for Times Readers

THERE were many applicants for the dollar bill this morning. Some of the answers were fairly "warm," but no one was on quite the right road. The reward is increased to \$2 for to-morrow (Friday) morning. Three points will be described to-day and the former points enlarged upon. Each point may embrace one or more words. Plain as daylight when you see it. Do not look among any but the classified ads. for the solution.

KEY TO AD.

Reference many people object to, especially young ladies, and young men, too; nothing omitted, the whole thing; a declaration, often used as a business getter.

\$2 WILL be paid to the person bringing the first correct answer to the Contest Manager, Room 306, Times Building, between 9 and 11 o'clock Friday morning. If the correct ad is not found, \$3.00 will be paid Saturday, and so on \$1.00 per day will be added until solution is found. Then a new ad will be described and the same procedure followed.

PASTE AD HERE. Name Address

Now, if you reach the Contest Office first to-morrow morning with the correct answer, \$2.00 will be yours. At the same time think seriously about the \$500 The Times is offering as a first prize in the Want Ad Contest.

The described ad has been placed in a sealed envelope and handed to the Advertising Manager of The Times.

NARROW WIN BY NAVY FROM INFANTRY TEAM

Sailors Get Little Credit for Two to One Victory; Played Slow Game

Following a series of what their supporters considered glorious victories, in terms of the soccer world, the Navy football eleven of the Jackson Cup series having climbed into the second position

in the league had a hair-breadth escape from ignominious defeat at the hands of the aggregation that for the majority of the season has graced the collar position. The Infantry squad gave the sailors a run for their money yesterday afternoon when they held the blue-jackets to a score of 2 goals to 1. It was a blue-jacket victory, but one out of which the majority of the team members will take but little credit. Yesterday's match was played on the Infantry home ground at the Willows. The sailors, it was seen, took the field buoyed up with a sense of over-confidence and it was hardly an agreeable surprise for them to find at the end of period number one that the score stood one all. The Infantry players showed their best metal, pressed their opponents hard and never failed to take advantage of the weakness on the part of the Navy forwards in being home the attack. In their repeated efforts to score, the soldiers

would have been successful on many occasions had it not been for the striking defence of the blue-jackets. Crawthorne at back showed to special advantage and without doubt was the star of the team. The lone goal notched by the sailors in the first period went to the credit of Jenkins who made the point on a free kick. In the second half Hillier was the fortunate man who gave the Navy the winning tally. The players who lined up for the Navy were, as follows: Jasper, Rutter, Crawthorne, Turner, Brynjofsen, Walters, Caster, Jenkins, Davis, Halliday, Hillier. GOES TO RED SOX. New York, Feb. 14.—George White-mann, the Toronto outfielder has been sold to the Boston Red Sox, it was announced here late yesterday.



Scene in "The Honor System," the Big Ten-Reel Film That is Showing This Week at Dominion Theatre

Economy in Shoes

Cheap Shoes never save you any money. In the end they cost more than they are worth. Practice real economy by buying your shoes at Maynard's. Our shoes cannot be surpassed for comfort, style and wearing qualities.

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"Homade" Butterscotch Crisp is the name of a sweet that we are offering this week-end for the first time. It is made from an old English receipt and is a carefully prepared combination of sugar and butter. Tomorrow and Saturday this Toffee will be on sale at our three stores marked at the special introductory price of, per lb.

35c

OPEERA ROLL—A rich confection of caramel, cream, nuts, etc., prepared in the delicious "Homade" way. Per lb. 75c

Stevenson's

HOMADE CHOCOLATES AND CANDIES

Head Store: 725 Yates Street. BRANCHES: 1115 Douglas Street, and in Williams Deeg Store, cor. Government and Fort Sts.

STRONGLY ADVOCATES TWO-YEAR TAX SALE

J. J. Shallcross Before Board of Trade Speaks on Proposal

James Forman, president, who was in the chair at the monthly general meeting of the Board of Trade held yesterday, stated that the report of the Board of Trade committee on the subject of delinquent taxes, submitted to the City Council, had been received back for ratification, and asked this should be done. The necessary ratification was given.

At the request of Ald. Andros, J. J. Shallcross spoke on the subject of the tax sale, both in regard to 1913 and 1914 taxes, and claimed it was fundamental they should maintain a value in their lands; also that no man had the right to hold property indefinitely while it remained in indebtedness.

Heavy Responsibility.

Those who opposed a sale of land in arrears for 1914 were accepting a heavy responsibility. There was now a shortage in the sinking fund of over \$1,500,000, and it was the duty of the city to fulfil its obligation to make good this deficiency, which could only be done by collecting debts owing to the city unless a special rate was levied on other taxpayers for the purpose. It is more than likely that many taxpayers will refuse to pay taxes this year when they realize that the city is afraid or unwilling to bring pressure on those who have already had four years' credit. It must be remembered that treasury notes will have to be renewed next year, and if meanwhile the credit of the city has been further weakened by allowing the deficiency in the sinking fund to increase, then it may be impossible to renew the certificates.

Personal Covenant.

The only honest and safe course to adopt, continued Mr. Shallcross, is while easing the burden on the man in arrears, to insist upon payments being made by those who are the debtors of the city and of the taxpayers who have met their obligations. Those who oppose this course are taking a heavy responsibility, and their action may result in a receiver for the city. In that case not only will taxes be collected, but the receiver would undoubtedly use his powers, in case of necessity, to enforce the personal covenant of every registered owner to pay taxes due on his property.

Notoriety May Be Bought, But—

reputation is something vastly different—IT MUST BE EARNED. So it is with the Columbia Grafonola. It has a reputation earned by thirty years of constant endeavor to produce the most nearly perfect instrument of sound reproduction.

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You invest your money unwisely unless you see and hear the Grafonola—unless you come to Columbia headquarters and permit us to demonstrate the Grafonola's twenty odd points of superiority.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Will Sell a Foot for 2c—A foot of poultry netting, 12 ins. wide, 2-in. mesh cost 2c; 2 ft. wide, 8c yd; 3 ft., 12c yd; 4 ft., 18c yd; 5 ft., 24c yd; 6 ft., 32c yd. R. A. Brown & Co., 1202 Douglas St.

Furnaces Installed—Watson & McGregor, Ltd., phone No. 745.

On the Floor of the House use Nurfage. It cleans and polishes, 25c. R. A. Brown & Co. Made in Victoria.

Why pay high rates for Fire Insurance when you can get first class protection in any of the seven old and tried Canadian, British, French and American companies outside the combine. Duck & Johnston, Agents.

The Lawn Mower Hospital has moved to 612 Cormorant. Just next door.

Tie Up Your Little Cow Inside with one of our strong handy halter chains. Adjustable to any cow's neck. Easy to slip on and off, 45c. at R. A. Brown & Co.

Freight Rates—C. P. W. Schwengers and H. Goulding Wilson were yesterday nominated by the Board of Trade to attend the conference of Western shippers with the representatives of the P. R. in Calgary next week regarding modification of regulation No. 17, of the freight rates.

Wins Military Medal—For conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty at the Passchendaele fighting the Military Medal has been awarded to Sergt. B. M. Mitcheson, who left the 5th with the 8th Battalion, and is 6th with the Canadian Field Ambulance Corps at the front. His mother is living in California.

The Rev. Dr. Matthews to Address Freemasons Friday Night—The Rev. Dr. Matthews, Seattle's celebrated divine, will address members of the Fraternity in the Masonic Hall, Fisgard Street, Friday evening, February 15, at 8 p. m. Subject: "The country's Call to Masonic Activity." All Freemasons are cordially invited to attend.

Passports Prepared by W. H. Price, Notary Public, next Bank of Montreal.

Saanich Liberals' Annual Meeting Thursday evening in Victoria Rooms. Ladies invited.

Anti-Vaccination Forms Supplied and Completed by W. H. Price, Notary, Government Street (upstairs). Next Bank of Montreal.

Referring to Money.—Everybody takes notice when reference is made to money; it satisfied the grocer, butcher, baker, rent man, coal man, gives one luxuries, and all in all, is mighty handy to have around. The question, "How much is a sufficient salary," was once answered thus: "A little more than one earns." Could you, reader, use a few hundred dollars extra this spring? Your insurance may be due, you may want another new suit, and if the reader is a young lady, a hundred dollars would go a long way toward the new spring outfit. The Want Ad Contest points the way to extra money. There's from \$100 to \$200 in it for some one. You can get full particulars by calling at 396 Times Building. There is an advertisement in to-day's Times that tells about how to earn big money for little work.

Clearing House.—The report for the Victoria Clearing House for the week ending February 14, 1918, is given as \$372,251. The corresponding week of 1917 gave the total clearings of \$1,497,257.

Call of Fire.—The Fire Department was called yesterday to 218 Langford Street, where \$100 damage was done to the building from a fire starting in the woodwork near the stove. The house was empty at the time.

Halifax Disaster.—The Union Bank reported to the Board of Trade meeting yesterday that the Victoria subscriptions to the Halifax disaster amounted, net, to \$7845.40. James Forman, president of the Board, added that with the Red Cross subscriptions, the total amount would probably reach \$10,000.

Appointment Confirmed.—This week's issue of the British Columbia Gazette contains the confirmation of the appointment of Staff-Sergt. Wilfrid Austin Turner to be Receiver for the City of Sandon, B. C. in the room of D. A. McNeiland, resigned. As already stated in these columns the new receiver's duties will commence tomorrow, February 15.

New Teachers.—The City School Board last evening appointed the following new teachers: Miss C. F. Maclellan, B. A. 1904, M. A. 1905, University of Toronto, with graduate courses in Columbia University, New York; and Miss Louise A. DeW. Moore (Assistant Commercial), graduate of Maritime Business College of Halifax, N. S., with considerable experience in commercial work in Alberta and B. C.

Should Surrender Books.—Citizens who bought copies of the "Finished Mystery," and other International Bible Students Association literature which is now banned, should surrender the copies to the police. Chief Langley advises, as a heavy penalty is incurred for possession of the forbidden literature. A number of bound copies of the volume have been added to the collection at the police station, these having come from stores which stocked them.

Impressive Trial.—Although the claim is only for \$37, and against which there is a counter-claim for \$20, a jury this morning was solemnly sworn in before Judge Lampman in the County Court to try the action brought by Louis Tu Fan against Delmaistro, who were, respectively, represented by J. A. Alkman and F. G. Elliott. The case arises through a collision between plaintiff's vegetable wagon and defendant's auto at the crossing of Cook and Pandora.

TILlicum INSTITUTE

Women of District to Formulate Plans for Carrying on of Parent-Teachers' Work.

As was stated in the report to the Local Council of Women yesterday afternoon, the recently-organized Tillicum Women's Institute is a "lusty infant" of but a few weeks' growth. But already this infant has shown signs of a strong spirit of ambition, for the members' hope to include in their sphere of activities such widely divergent subjects as child-welfare, home-raising, the adoption of the cottage garden system, and other progressive movements.

In connection with their efforts along the line of Parent-Teachers' work, a meeting has been called for next Monday afternoon at 2:30, in the Tillicum School, when the mothers and other interested residents of the district are to meet and discuss plans and a programme of work for the coming year, and to elect officers for the Parent-Teachers' Committee. W. H. M. May, Provincial Inspector of Schools for the district, has been invited to be present, as it is the wish of the committee to work in co-operation with the Department of Education.

JUMPED FROM JUSTICE

Perilous Leap of Celestial When Companions Are Taken in Opium Raid.

Following the storming last evening of an opium joint at the fourth storey of 549 Fisgard Street, a sensational incident occurred which would do honor to a moving picture actor.

While Sergeant Fry and Constables Roberts and Strange were battering down two doors, failing to secure a peaceful entry, Constable Phipps was on watch on the roof of a building opposite. He was posted there because of a previous habit, indulged in by drug smoking occupants of throwing pipes and other paraphernalia from the window across the ten-foot alleyway. The Celestials kept a plank handy to bridge the chasm and thus would recover the missing articles when the police departed.

After the entry was effected and the men taken, eight in one room and two in another, the constable crossed on a ladder, which was drawn up to prevent a dash across it. Previously he had witnessed the dropping of opium pipes through the window, while the police were battering down the last strong door. No sooner had they fallen than a Chinaman rushed out below, and concealed the forbidden articles, and as a result only one pipe was actually recovered by the police for evidence.

Then came the sensation. While Phipps' back was turned, a Celestial sprang to the half-opened window on the fourth floor, about forty feet from the ground; poised for a moment on the sill, and then leaped the intervening ten feet, landing on the opposite roof. It was a thrilling moment, as he secured his hold and vanished into the darkness. He was the only one who did not visit the police station. Two were admitted to bail and one failed to appear in the Police Court to-day, when the others were arraigned. The absent one will forfeit a \$20 bail. The others were each fined \$15 and \$1 costs.

Come, See These Values in Towels

Recent shipments direct from the foremost Canadian and British makers. Here are the prices:

Turkish, brown, 60¢ to 25¢

Turkish, white, with hem or fringe, 90¢ to 25¢

Turkish Toweling, brown, 30¢ and 25¢

Turkish Toweling, white, 40¢ and 20¢

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Victoria House, 636 Yates St.

WITNESS REQUIRED

Police Commissioners Are Unable to Proceed With Charge Against Constable.

Little progress was made yesterday at a police inquiry into a charge against Constable Gates lodged by J. A. Alkman, on behalf of James Fairclough, and conducted before the Police Commissioners. Fairclough had been charged with a breach of the traffic regulations and the case was dismissed last December. He now alleged perjury against the constable, declaring that he had sworn to a condition of things which was impossible. The case was that Fairclough had failed to stop when approached from behind a street car standing at the corner of Government and Courtenay Streets on December 21. The demerit was that the defendant was ahead of the street car, and it was contended that the motorman would confirm that statement, having, so Mr. Alkman stated, been on the bench of the traffic regulations and the case was dismissed last December.

However, the motorman was not present, although a declaration of his evidence was filed, and Mr. Alkman insisted on the man's personal attendance before proceeding. A subpoena was accordingly ordered to be issued.

While it was urged to be unfair to have the man's name ever in the head of the constable meanwhile, the Commissioners granted an adjournment until Tuesday next.

To Meet Aldermen.—At the meeting of the City Streets Committee tomorrow a deputation from the Social Service Commission will attend to present data with regard to the work which the commission is doing in regard to some lines, notably in preventive work for girls and other desirable social activities.

Will Be Lawful.—It is stated to-day that one of the hotels which was raided the other day, and where the liquor sold did not contain the legal percentage of proof spirit, has commenced an action for damages against the police. The analyses of the several kegs and bottles seized will be completed to-day and data filed for prospective prosecutions.

Is Remanded.—In the Saanich Police Court to-day Hong Lee, a Chinese fisherman was remanded till Monday on a charge of bootlegging in an Indian reservation on the West Saanich Road. The accused was defended by Thornton Fell, K. C. Only the formal evidence of the analysis was taken and then the prisoner was remanded. Chief Little tracked the man yesterday to the reservation and will be the chief witness for the prosecution.

Prosecution's Evidence In.—Evidence was completed for the prosecution yesterday in the case against Mrs. Morris (formerly Mrs. Stalker), for being in wrongful possession of property belonging to Mrs. Alder. The defence will be taken to-morrow. Mrs. Morris surprised Magistrate Jay late on Tuesday night by a visit, having escaped from the hospital where she is under surveillance, and it was some time before she could be got to bed again.

FINISHED MYSTERY

VERY MUCH READ BOOK

One Party Stays Up All Night to Peruse Forbidden Publication.

The recent edict issued against "The Finished Mystery," the alleged posthumous publication of a series of Pastor Russell's works, is viewed with somewhat mixed feelings by the local organization of the International Bible Students' Association. When interviewed by a representative of the Times this morning, Ivan C. Edwards, the local secretary in charge of the Association's book store on Yates Street, stated that copies of the work had sold like the proverbial hot cakes in the period elapsing between the publication of the order-in-council and the visit of the local police, who seized nearly eight-hundred copies yesterday. As in the case of all "forbidden fruits," the action had resulted in a general demand for books by the same author, and a "second" edition of the banned book by those who had already possessed copies. On the other hand, Mr. Edwards said, "Why was not the book censored when it was first published in June last? Then we, in common with other branches throughout the country would have been saved some hundreds of dollars."

In response to a query as to the opinion grounds for the ban against the book, Mr. Edwards was of the opinion that it was perhaps due to influences emanating from Quebec. The book took a strong attitude against the Roman Catholic "system," not against individual adherents to the Roman Catholic faith and against "all commercialized religions."

Questioned as to the attitude taken by the local members of the organization, Mr. Edwards stated that they desired to keep the law as far as it was compatible with their religious convictions. While he placed no hindrance in the way of the detectives who had seized the books yesterday, he had no intention of giving up his own copy or of burning it, a decision in which he understood the other one hundred and eighty members of the local Association will concur.

He cited one case that had been brought to his notice which showed the determination of the people to read the book, even if it was confiscated later. One man last night invited seventeen neighbors into his home, and each took it in turn to read aloud from "The Finished Mystery," until the end was reached in the early hours of this morning.

A Large Garage.—The garage which is to be built for David Spencer, Limited, on Michigan Street, from the designs of Percy Fox, will be 15 feet long by 50 feet wide, with a superficial area of 5,400 feet interior measurement. The building, which will be of brick, will cost \$10,000.

FATHER'S ANXIETY.—Young Sully (back from France)—The day before I left we made a splendid charge. Anxious Parent—How much?—London Opinion.

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ASK FOR IMMEDIATE CARE OF DEFECTIVES
Local Council of Women Urge Government to Take Definite Action

The principal feature of the final session of the annual meeting of the Local Council of Women was the series of addresses on the problem of mental defectives. Miss Winn, who has charge of the special class work in connection with the public schools, gave an illuminating outline of the results accomplished, and showed, tangible evidence in the shape of handwork done by the little defectives. The speaker pointed out that while the school was doing an excellent work, its scope was naturally confined to the young children, and could not touch the infinitely more serious problem of the older idiots, imbeciles and mental defectives who were at large. She herself had knowledge of twenty-seven imbeciles in the city, who, because of the lack of a proper institution, wandered at will, the objects of jest and derision, and mingling freely with the normal population. The report of Miss Wark, of the Social Service Commission, was such as to convince the public that every moment's delay in entering upon the segregation of the life of crime and vice. She pointed out that nothing short of immediate segregation would stop the onward sweep of immorality from this source.

Case of Defectives.
Miss Winn referred to the growing interest that had been awakened in this all-important phase of social work, and spoke of the steps that had been taken in Vancouver and New Westminster towards the care of the feeble-minded. She spoke at some length on the advantages of the farm colony system for the segregation of mental defectives, where the inmates would be given an opportunity to direct that energy, which was now being used in the wrong direction, into channels which would give them an interest in life, and at the same time enable them to live by the products of their own labor.

Rev. H. T. Archbold supported Miss Winn in her plea for the establishment of a proper institution. He reminded his hearers that mental deficiency was largely hereditary, and in all his wide experience of the work had never known of a normal child being born of defective parents. The presence of mental defectives in society was such a menace to the race that he considered any money expended in the establishing of farm colonies would be in the nature of a splendid investment. In support of this argument he pointed out the vast sums that were yearly expended in bringing these delinquents into the police courts, to answer for criminal offences for which they were really not responsible owing to their warped intellect.

Pass Resolution.
Rev. Hugh Dobson gave a few brief remarks, in which he emphasized the close connection that existed between venereal disease and mental defectives. Among the most potent reasons for the taking of immediate action with regard to the complete segregation of the feeble-minded was their tendency to propagate the species, and also the fact that mentally deficient children were so often afflicted with congenital disease.

After some discussion the following resolution was unanimously carried: "Be it resolved, that the Local Council of Women send a deputation to interview the Provincial Secretary to urge upon him and upon the Provincial Government the absolute necessity of taking immediate steps to care for the feeble-minded and to make adequate provision for the diagnosis, registration and treatment of venereal disease, which is so closely related to the above problem.

"And that this resolution be presented to the Provincial Council of Women and a deputation of representatives of each affiliated society willing and other organizations interested."

Other resolutions passed during the meeting included one of protest against the changing of the name of "Little Saanich Mountain" to "Observatory Hill," and a resolution asking patriotic women to refrain from serving luncheon refreshments at teas, socials, etc.

Further Resolutions.
The remainder of the session was taken up with the hearing of reports from various affiliated societies, including the Saanich branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses, Girls' Friendly Society, Graduate Nurses' Association, Ladies' Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church, Navy League Chapter, L.O.D.E., Daughters of St. George, Tillikum Women's Institute, Victoria Review No. 1, of the Marcebees, W. A. of the B. P. O. E., West Saanich Women's Institute, Ladies' Guild of Connaught Seamen's Institute, and the Conservation of Natural Resources Committee.

Resolutions of thanks were extended to all who had helped in any way during the year to assist the work of the council, and a vote of thanks was tendered to the president for her courtesy in entertaining the officers and delegates from outside centres at luncheon on the two days of the meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the executive committee of the Fairfield Branch of the Red Cross Society was held in the room at corner Linden Avenue and May Street, on Thursday, February 7, 1918, at 8 o'clock. E. C. B. Bagshaw, in the chair.

A letter received from Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Horsey and Mrs. Hall containing a cheque for the sum of \$24, the proceeds are half of which were received at a dance held at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club. The secretary was instructed to tender a letter of thanks to the ladies.

The report of the convener, Madame Webb, telling that 1,511 articles had been collected for the month was read with much satisfaction.

J. A. Taylor, treasurer, presented his report showing a balance on hand of \$320.84, to which must be added \$20 sundry collections already in the process of being transferred to the membership for Mrs. G. A. Richardson, totalling \$163.67.

PATRIOTIC FUND BIG DRIVE OPENS
Preparations to Raise Quarter of Million Dollars in Coming Year

EVEN THEN BIG CALL WILL BE MADE ON EAST

In the absence of Government action to the end that the Patriotic Fund should cease to be a "voluntary obligation" in its present form and with the pressing knowledge that the demands to be made upon the funds of the local organization will be greater than ever during the year that has just commenced, concerted movement to speed up got well under way last night. The gathering taking in hand the initial proceedings was in the form of a preliminary campaign center, the committee comprising the principals of the various city schools with a veteran campaign manager in the person of Joshua Kingham wielding the wand.

Must Do More.
As he has upon more than one occasion declared, both from the platform and in private, Mr. Kingham deplored the fact that the Dominion Government had not seen fit to consolidate the Patriotic Aid Societies of the country into a distinct official Government department, so that financing by taxation with an equalization of burden could replace the present system of voluntary effort with its inevitable shortcomings. The fact that such was not possible at present, however, only pointed out more clearly the duty which devolved upon every existing organization in the matter of maintaining support for the dependents of the men who had given their all for the country's cause.

Thirty Thousand Per Month.
The figures dealing with the requirements of the present year, quoted by Mr. Kingham, emphasize the urgency and absolute necessity of getting all the moving force possible into the drive scheduled to commence its action on March 1 next. He told the committee that the present rate of monthly expenditure exceeds \$30,000, while the estimated amount required during 1918 will not fall short of \$380,000. During 1917 this city provided \$178,000, and in the event of no improvement this year it will be necessary for the central fund to be tapped for nearly \$200,000. While the local Society has the assurance that its best efforts will be readily seconded by the Central Fund, Mr. Kingham averred that that assurance alone made it all the more imperative for Victoria to show her good faith in the matter of her own gifts.

Aim is \$250,000.
The committee will commence the forthcoming drive with energy and system. It will be absolutely impossible for any person to escape the contribution survey of the city, and the volunteer officials are hopeful that the public will realize to the full the extreme urgency of the appeal. With the suggestion that each contributor and prospective contributor should there be any—take stock in the meantime and arrive at a decision as to his or her limit in the way of a financial promise, the committee would have saved a good deal of time and in many cases second visits. Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars is the aim of Victoria for 1918. With that assured it will only be necessary to draw on the central fund for some \$130,000.

Comprehensive Canvass.
The business section of the city will be divided into districts, and both employers and employees will be canvassed, while a special committee, headed by W. Loftham, will use its persuasive eloquence on the recently arrived British visitors and other committees will take in hand all residential areas and such portions of the city not included in the business section. The committee's headquarters will be located in the Central Building, where subscriptions will be warmly welcomed. It should also be noted that no salaries are paid to officials of the Victoria Patriotic Aid Society, save to stenographers who devote their whole time to the duties.

FATHER WOOD TELLS OF RED CROSS WORK
Victoria Comfort Bags Relieve Condition of Men Coming Out of Action

The following is from a letter received by the executive of the Red Cross Society from Hon. Capt. Rev. Father Wood, who was a member of the Executive Committee of the Society for several years. Father Wood writes from No. 12 Canadian General Hospital, but indicates that he expects a move shortly.

After wishing the local Red Cross a successful year, Father Wood says: "Although up to now my work has been confined to England, I have had a good many opportunities of seeing the work of the Red Cross. You will be interested to know that the Canadian Red Cross has a very great name on this side, both for efficiency and resources. For a couple of months I was engaged in visiting hospitalized Canadians in various small V. A. D. hospitals in Essex. I used to write to the Red Cross for comfort bags, and was interested now and again to come across one from Victoria. Just at that time the casualties were coming in from Passchendaele, and if you saw the condition in which these poor fellows are, you would realize how much the provision of the Red Cross means to them. Of course they generally lose practically everything they have on the battlefield, and can only get the barest necessary attention until they land in England, unless of course they manage to get a place in a hospital in France."

MENNETT'S COLD CREAM

After house-work, "wash" your hands with Mennett's Cold Cream

Prevents roughened or chapped hands.

At All Druggists

Vacant Lot Cultivation

A meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 10.30 a. m., Saturday, 19th inst., to organize 1918 Vacant Lot and Backyard Cultivation Campaign.

All citizens interested in this patriotic work are invited to attend.

ALDERMAN W. J. SARGENT, Chairman, Increased Production Committee.
E. W. BRADLEY, Secretary, Increased Production Committee.

BORN
DAVIS—On Feb. 12 to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Davis, 125 Wilwood Avenue, a daughter. Both doing well.

DIED
LACEY—At Royal Jubilee Hospital, February 13, 1918, Henry Lacey, of 1245 Chapman Street, aged 71 years.
Funeral Friday, 2 p. m., from Sands Funeral Parlors, Interment Rose Bay Cemetery. (Lindsay and Toronto papers please copy.)

turned to the charge. Her immediate object was to secure better terms for the Principal of the Girls' Central School, an old and experienced teacher, and from that point she argued that the senior teachers, who had spent years in the service of the Board, did not get proper treatment as compared with the younger ones.

She had a schedule before her from which she quoted, declaring that some young teachers had received substantial advances while others had not secured the same treatment. The promise of a restoration had been a solemn pledge, which appeared to have been treated like a scrap of paper.

Teachers' Views.
Trustee Deaville stated that the teachers themselves in 1915, when the cut was made, wished the younger teachers on small salaries to receive proper treatment when the re-adjustment should come.

The Chairman pointed out that the Board had not only cut off the ten per cent. from everyone, but the younger teachers lost their automatic increases, so that when re-adjustments were made their first care had been the advance in salaries of poorly paid teachers.

Mrs. Andrews declared there never would be satisfaction till payment was made for the position, and not for the person holding it. They were regularly breaking the by-law which said there should be no solicitation by a teacher or candidate on his own or some other person's behalf.

The Board referred the application for an increase of Miss Williams' salary, advanced by Mrs. Andrews, to the Finance Committee for report.

MANAGER OF COMPANY NOT AWARE OF PLANS
No Official Notification Re P. G. E. Has Reached Mr. Oliver Yet

When seen this morning the Hon. John Oliver, Minister of Agriculture and Railways, reiterated his statement made to The Times yesterday afternoon with regard to the report that the Pacific Great Eastern Railway was quitting business a month hence.

The Minister heard of the story a second time from Chief Engineer Proctor, whom Mr. Oliver instructed to get into communication by telephone with the General Manager of the Company, Mr. Sperry. Questioned by the Chief Engineer, Mr. Sperry stated emphatically that he had received no instructions from the Company to cease operation.

The Minister of Railways was not in a position to say just what attitude the Provincial Government would adopt in the event of the Company taking the course hinted at in the newspaper report.

In the first place he would have to have an official notice in his hands before he could assume that the Company proposed to close down its system, in which case there would be a situation calling for some sort of a move. The Minister, however, was not inclined to offer any suggestions in that respect.

I. O. D. E. TO ADOPT A FRENCH VILLAGE
National Chapter Endorses Appeals for Nurses' Club and Homeless French

Victoria members of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire will no doubt be interested to know that at the recent meeting of the National Chapter in Toronto last week plans were made for the establishment of a residential club for nurses in London, and the adoption of a town or village in France.

Lady Minto has offered her London house for the Club and the order will be called upon to help furnish and equip it. It is estimated that this will cost about \$25,000. Following discussion as to the raising of this money the following resolution was carried unanimously:

"In response to an appeal to the I. O. D. E. to establish a residential club for Canadian nurses in London, be it resolved that every chapter be asked to donate the equivalent of one dollar a member, the sum to be raised either by subscription or donation."

Following the example of the Secours National, the I. O. D. E. will adopt a town or village in France and Madame Casgrain, of Montreal, brought in a resolution appealing for money to furnish huts in devastated sections. Each hut will cost about \$175, and if the individual or chapter supplying this amount desires it, the name of the donor will be inscribed on a brass plate on the door.

Miss Casgrain's resolution was adopted unanimously, and, as she leaves for France in April to superintend the establishing of soup kitchens there, she was appointed to act as representative of the I. O. D. E. and will report to the National chapter.

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Trustee Perry also took a somewhat similar line, and the old members of the Board argued that precedent had been followed in preparing a tentative estimate and using it as a guide, though not a binding document on its successors.

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FIVE COMPANIES ARE TOTAL FOR THE WEEK
Shipbuilding and Engineering Concern With Million Dollar Capital

During the week ending at noon today, certificates of incorporation have been issued by the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies in respect of the following concerns, official notification of which will be made in this day's issue of the Provincial Gazette:

Welfare Club, Limited, private concern, authorized capital, \$10,000; registered office of the company, Vancouver.
Central Athletic Club, Limited, private concern, authorized capital, \$10,000; registered office of the company, Vancouver.
Port Edward Fisheries, Limited, private concern, authorized capital, \$40,000; registered office of the company, Vancouver.
British American Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, Limited, private concern, authorized capital, \$1,000,000; registered office of the company, Vancouver.
Nicola Fine Mills, Limited, private concern, authorized capital, \$300,000; registered office of the company, Canford Mill.
The Nechako River Mines, Incorporated, a company incorporated in the State of Delaware, is now registered to do business in British Columbia, authorized capital, \$350,000 with Head Office at Prince George.
Carstens and Earles, Incorporated, a company incorporated in the State of Washington, is now registered to do business in British Columbia, authorized capital, \$300,000; head, office Vancouver.

RED CROSS WORK

Cloverdale Branch.
The Cloverdale Red Cross Sub-Committee will hold a "Silver Tea" in the work room, Douglas Street, on Friday, February 15, from three to five o'clock. The musical programme will be supplied by Misses Bundy, Bass, Kent, Mitchell, Broyle and Duck.

Winning Ticket
The night gown and cap presented to the Canadian Red Cross by Mrs. John Pigott was drawn for to-day at the Temple Building and realized \$38.10. The winning ticket was number fifty-two held by Miss E. Grant, 213 Vancouver Street, who is requested to call at the Temple Building.

Fairfield Branch.
The regular monthly meeting of the executive committee of the Fairfield Branch of the Red Cross Society was held in the room at corner Linden Avenue and May Street, on Thursday, February 7, 1918, at 8 o'clock. E. C. B. Bagshaw, in the chair.

A letter received from Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Horsey and Mrs. Hall containing a cheque for the sum of \$24, the proceeds are half of which were received at a dance held at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club. The secretary was instructed to tender a letter of thanks to the ladies.

The report of the convener, Madame Webb, telling that 1,511 articles had been collected for the month was read with much satisfaction.

J. A. Taylor, treasurer, presented his report showing a balance on hand of \$320.84, to which must be added \$20 sundry collections already in the process of being transferred to the membership for Mrs. G. A. Richardson, totalling \$163.67.

ROUNDING UP ALLEGED MILITARY DESERTERS
Three Men Taken at Nanaimo Lake; Two Coming From Cumberland

Alleged to be military deserters, three young men, Wilbert Beattie, Alfred Beattie and William Isherwood, were brought down from Nanaimo last evening and are awaiting action by the military authorities. They are lodged in the City Jail.

They were arrested on Sunday at the Fourth Nanaimo Lake, about a fifty mile search in the bush. The cabin was well stocked with food and a quantity of guns and ammunition had been obtained.

The search was made by a body of military police aided by Provincial Constable Stephenson and Game Warden Graham. They were brought before the magistrate at Nanaimo yesterday on the technical charge of trapping and shooting without a license and out of season.

They all pleaded guilty to this charge and sentence thereunder was deferred, their traps and one of their guns being confiscated.

The military police then informed the Court that they were wanted by the military as deserters under the Military Service Act and the magistrate handed them over to the military escort for transfer to Victoria.

Two cases of men arrested at Cumberland will shortly come up here, the men being on their way south under escort.

At the City Police Court to-day George Phillips, who had not registered,

VICTORIA RANKED AS FIFTH LAST SEASON
However, Not Enough Land for Cultivators is Available Yet; Collecting Data

Owners of land suitable for cultivation are not coming to the assistance of the Committee on Increased Production in the way the committee has a right to expect in a time of food shortage, even absolute refusals have been received at the City Hall. Others require an allowance towards taxes from the cultivators.

What pressure the city can bring to bear will probably be the subject of discussion at the meeting of the Increased Production Committee, whose inaugural meeting is set for Saturday morning, a large number of invitations having been issued.

There is at present not nearly enough land donated by owners to meet the requirements of the persons who have signified an intention to cultivate. The committee wants not only to continue the interest of last year's cultivators but to insure a much larger food production.

J. B. Spencer, editor of the Publications Branch Pamphlets of the Federal Department of Agriculture, has just written for replies to a number of questions about cultivation here, which will be supplied, the object being to obtain comparative information as compared with 1917 activities. He also sends a copy of the pamphlet "Vacant Lot Gardening," reprinted from the Agricultural Gazette of December, which summarizes the work of thirty gardening associations which operated last year in Canada. Victoria had the fifth largest estimated acreage, the Calgary, Owen Sound, St. Lambert, Quebec and Toronto associations being larger. In many cases no returns of quantities of crops raised were made and no records kept. Where anything definite was stated, a statistical table shows the products reported.

It should be mentioned that in connection with the supply of seed the city has 100 pounds of bean seed from the Sidney Experimental Station and 200 pounds from other growers, which will be available to cultivators.

EX-COUNCILLOR OF BURNABY CHARGED

Arthur Lomas Arrested in Connection With Hold-Up Months Ago

Burnaby, Feb. 14.—A profound sensation was created here when the news spread around the district that Chief of Police Parkinson last night had placed under arrest ex-councillor Arthur Lomas on a charge of assault and robbery in connection with a hold-up some months ago, when E. W. H. Bennett, manager of the local branch of Dow Fraser Trust Company, was brutally assaulted and nearly killed and the office robbed of some \$1,000.

The arrested man and his family are old-time residents of the district, the ex-councillor being a prominent real estate agent of Jubilee, and for many years identified with all public movements in the municipality. The ex-councillor appeared in the local police court this morning before Magistrate Beatty, and will be charged, in the name of E. W. H. Bennett, of robbery with violence. He was represented by Mr. McLeod, who appeared for R. R. Maitland, of Vancouver, and after the usual informal proceedings in a case of such gravity, was remanded until Tuesday next at 2.30. Bail of \$5,000 is demanded. The wife and sister of the accused were in court, startling developments are expected during the trial.

It is understood that an attempt will be made to prove that Lomas was the last man in Bennett's office before the latter was attacked. As far as is known Bennett never saw his assailant, as he was stooping over the counter at the time. Inspector Anderson, of the Vancouver police department, probably will submit evidence with regard to the finger prints, and it is said that some sensational evidence will be forthcoming.

HENNIG NOT GUILTY.

New York, Feb. 14.—By direction of the court and at the request of the federal district attorney, the jury in the trial for treason of Paul C. Hennig to-day returned a verdict of not guilty.

OBITUARY RECORD

After an illness of fourteen months the death took place yesterday at 5.39 a. m. at the Royal Jubilee Hospital of Henry Lacey, of 1245 Chapman Street. He was born 71 years ago, in Bromsgrove, Staffordshire, England, coming to Canada over three decades ago. For many years he resided in the town of Kirkfield, Ontario, where he was well-known and highly respected. Five years ago he came to this city, taking an active part in the work of the Church of England, of which he had been a life-long member. He is survived by a widow and two daughters, one being connected with Gordon Drysdale, of this city, and the other residing in Toronto. An only son, W. H. Lacey, predeceased him one year. On account of the ill-health of Mrs. Lacey, the funeral will take place from the Sands Funeral Parlors on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The remains of Harry Bayfield, who passed away on Tuesday, were forwarded to Vancouver yesterday morning for interment. Mrs. Bayfield, accompanied by Mr. Bayfield, Sr., and Mr. Freeland, a cousin of the deceased, accompanied the remains.

The death occurred yesterday morning at the Royal Jubilee Hospital of Mrs. Jamesina Simpson, widow of Pte. George S. Simpson, late of the 59th Gordon Highlanders, at the age of twenty-five years. A native of Eden, Scotland, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Knowles, of this city. During her five-years' residence here she lived on McKenzie Avenue, Spanish. The body is reposing at the B. C. Funeral Chapel, where funeral services will be held by the Rev. Dr. Campbell on Saturday at 2.30 p. m. The remains will be laid alongside those of her husband in Ross Bay Cemetery.

The funeral took place this morning, at 10.45, from the Sands Funeral Chapel and at 11 o'clock from St. Andrew's Cathedral of Francis John and Raymond James Young, the two-month-old twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Young, of 1277 Oscar Street. The Rev. Father Lacombe officiated. Interment took place at Ross Bay.

VINOL MAKES GOOD BLOOD

Positive—Convincing Proof Many so-called remedies for anemia are only so in name. Their makers are afraid to prove their claims by telling what their medicines contain. The only way to be honest with the people is to let them know what they are paying for. Here is the Vinol formula. When the doctor knows what a medicine contains, it ceases to be a "patent" medicine. B. C. Laxative and Beef Peptones, Iron and Manganese Peptones, Iron and Manganese Citrate, Lime and Soda Glycophosphate, and Lecithin. Any doctor will tell you that the ingredients of Vinol, as named above, will enrich the blood and banish anemia and create strength. When the blood is pure and rich and red, the body is strong and robust. You can prove this at our expense because your money will be returned if Vinol does not improve your health. D. E. Campbell, Druggist, Victoria. Also at the best druggist in all British Columbia towns.

NORWAY'S REPLY TO THE UNITED STATES

Still Declines to Prevent Norwegian Products Reaching Central Powers

Washington, Feb. 14.—Norway in reply to the proposals of the United States for a food rationing agreement, made public here to-day by Dr. Nansen, head of the Norwegian Mission to the United States, offers to guarantee that no American products shall go through Norway to Germany, but declines to meet the full American demands for a restricted export of Norwegian products to the Central Powers. "In her commercial policy," it is declared, "Norway can not break off commercial relations with one of the belligerents without the serious danger arising that it will not be possible to maintain the political neutrality of the country much longer. Norway may justly claim that she shall not, through the prospect of being denied daily bread, be placed for a choice between actual need and the acceptance of an agreement which would involve danger to her position as a neutral and possibly expose her to a war."

COL. REPPINGTON TO APPEAR IN COURT SATURDAY FORENOON

London, Feb. 14.—It is understood that the summonses for Colonel Repington, the military critic of The London Morning Post, and H. A. Gwynne, editor of The Post, who are to be prosecuted under the Defence of the Realm Act for an article by Colonel Repington which appeared in The Post on Monday, are returnable in the Bow Street police court Saturday morning.

RETURNED SOLDIERS HELD AT CALGARY; SMALLPOX FEARED

Calgary, Feb. 14.—Sixty-nine returned soldiers who arrived here to-day were immediately segregated on account of a smallpox suspect having been found on their train. The suspect is isolated at Moose Jaw and the soldiers will be detained under observation here until the result of the diagnosis is known.

WINNIPEG PAPERS ON ARMY FIGURES

Winnipeg, Feb. 14.—Commenting editorially on the military service figures given out by the Government yesterday, The Winnipeg Telegram remarks that it forecasts the calling of another class to the colors as the result of the disappointing result of the first class.

"It will occur to most people," says The Telegram, "that the calling of a second class, if it be necessary, can only be necessary as the result of the laxity displayed in the drafting of the original class."

The Tribune in a front page editorial also interprets the situation as indicating that another class will be called out.

ABDUL HAMID'S FUNERAL

Amsterdam, Feb. 14.—Advices received here to-day from Constantinople say that the body of Abdul Hamid, former Sultan of Turkey, who died recently in exile, was conveyed by sea from the Begler Bey Palace to the old Seraglio Palace. Prayers for the dead were offered in the Sophia Mosque. Troops lined the route of the funeral procession and the heir to the throne, Abdul Hamid's son, all the members of the Cabinet, deputations from both House of Parliament and the foreign Ambassadors followed the coffin.

TAX DELINQUENCY May Have to Drop Re-Assessment This Year in Order to Get Scheme Started.

Opinion at the City Hall inclines to the view that advice will have to be given modification of the tax delinquency plan recently presented by the joint committee of the Council and Board of Trade and which is still before the aldermen. It is not in deference to any criticism but because time is the essence of success.

On paper it is admitted to be the best scheme yet, though opinion agrees that it is the most complicated yet presented to put into legal terms. If the House does not pass the legislation for two months and the assessment has then to be revised, it will be well into the summer before the revisers can go into the merits of local improvement relief, which would alone represent several months' work. When questioned by The Times representative, Mayor Todd admitted to-day that this phase was receiving attention and said that he thought the situation could be met by relinquishing the idea of re-assessment this year, allowing it to apply to 1919 and subsequent years. Thus the Council would be able, through the Court of Revision, to deal with the 1918 roll as already returned, to re-adjust minor inequalities, and so commence the relief inquiry as soon as the necessary legislation is available. Meanwhile the requests from the officials for additional data is steadily growing, showing that no finality has yet been reached in regard to the plan, the requests coming both from aldermen and from people on the outside.

EX-AMBASSADOR IS MOURNED IN STATES

Spring-Rice's Death Causes Wilson and Government to Send Messages

Washington, Feb. 14.—Following is the text of a formal message of condolence sent by Secretary of State Lansing to Lady Spring-Rice: "In the name of the President and of all those with whom Sir Cecil was brought into contact, I offer you sincere condolence. It has been given to few men to rise, as Sir Cecil did, to the heights of great international emergency and to become, as he was, the fortunate medium through which our two nations drew into closer touch and became sharers in the task which has been imposed upon the world. Mr. Lansing also sent to Foreign Minister Balfour a message of condolence saying: "The Government of the United States joins with the British Government in mourning the great loss which has been suffered."

A Tribute At the British Embassy here the following statement was issued:

"The news of the death of Sir Cecil Spring-Rice was received this morning by the British Ambassador and the members of the British Embassy with great sorrow and distress. The late Ambassador had endeared himself to every member of his staff by his sincerity of character and his spirit of sympathetic consideration. The patience and courage with which he handled the grave problems provoked by the war will cause his memory to be cherished as an inspiration by all those who were privileged to work with him. Earl Reading, the new Ambassador, added a personal touch to the formal expression of the Embassy staff, with a similar statement.

AMERICAN "KING OF SHYLOCKS" IS DEAD

Montclair, N. J., Feb. 14.—Daniel H. Tolman, known throughout the United States a few years ago as "King of the Shylocks," died at his home here yesterday at the age of sixty-eight. He was reputed to have accumulated a large fortune by making small loans to persons in need, from whom he exacted extortionate interest. His operations resulted in a widespread agitation against loan sharks. Tolman was arrested in 1911 in New York for usury. He was convicted and sentenced to serve six months in prison.

FIVE SOLDIERS TO BE EXECUTED IN GREECE

Athens, Feb. 14.—Three lieutenants and two soldiers have been sentenced to death by a court-martial in connection with the mutinous outbreak early this month at Lamia, which appears to have been engineered by agents of former King Constantine. Another lieutenant has been degraded and sentenced to one year in prison.

THE GERMANS AND LITHUANIAN AREA

Amsterdam, Feb. 14.—The first subject of discussion by Chancellor von Hertling and Foreign Minister von Kuhlmann on their visit to Kaiser Wilhelm at general headquarters, The Vorwaerts of Berlin says it understands will be the declaration of the independence of Lithuania. According to that newspaper a proclamation to this effect will be issued almost immediately.

BRITISH AIRMAN AND AMERICAN KILLED

Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 14.—Aviator Cadet Clifford N. Murray, Royal Flying Corps, of Wiltshire, Eng. was killed at Benbrook Field here to-day when his machine fell.

MR. HANNA LEAVES ONTARIO CABINET

Toronto, Feb. 14.—Hon. W. J. Hanna, who since the Government of Sir William Hearst was formed in Ontario, has been a Minister without portfolio, has resigned from the Cabinet.

UKRAINIAN RADA HAS NEW CAPITAL

Amsterdam, Feb. 14.—Vienna newspapers report that the Ukrainian Rada has removed its sittings to Zhitomir (capital of the Province of Volhynia, eighty miles southwest of Kiev).

PRICE SET FOR ZINC

Washington, Feb. 14.—President Wilson to-day approved an agreement reached by the War Industries Board and the producers of grade "A" zinc, fixing a maximum price of twelve cents per pound f. o. b. East St. Louis, subject to revision June 1.

NOTED PLAYER DEAD

Montreal, Feb. 14.—Frederick Dugan, former noted lacrosse player, died here yesterday. He was forty-three years old.

GREAT CAMPAIGN IN WEST APPROACHING

Results of Recent Small Combats Will Be Seen Then

On the French Front, Feb. 13, via London, Feb. 14.—(By the Associated Press).—Like two boxers seated in opposite corners, taking deep breaths and battling spangled down while awaiting the next round, the Franco-British and German armies on the front in France and Belgium at the present moment in their opposing positions are preparing for the re-opening of the gigantic struggle which went on throughout 1917 and ceased only temporarily while "time" was called by winter. Where the initial blow will fall when weather conditions permit a resumption of the fighting on a large scale can not for the time being be predicted, but it appears probable that these millions of soldiers must again come to close grips early in the year.

Comparison with a boxing contest is not exactly correct, for in the intervals between the rounds the armies continue to harry each other. Ever since the tactics of Malmesdon and Cambrai, minor encounters have taken place almost constantly, each side trying to find out the weak spots of the other, or making feints to discover the intentions of the opposing army. In Loraine, in Alsace, before Verdun, in the Champagne and even around St. Quentin the Germans have attempted raids of more or less importance frequently during the past few weeks, sometimes with strong artillery support, but other occasions purely surprise attacks by infantry units. In all cases they have been unsuccessful while, on the other hand, the French in their raids into the German lines have generally been able to carry out their present plan of reconnoitering and have returned to their lines only after destroying the enemy's works and usually bringing back with them a batch of prisoners.

The results of all these small combats can be seen only after the general engagement has begun. For the present the French armies occupy very favorable positions for whatever may occur. As a sequel to all the heavy fighting last fall they obtained possession of numbers of the highest points and the best observatories and they have held them since with the firmest of grips and even in some places improved their positions. There they await the continuation of the battle with the greatest confidence.

LIEUT. J. T. HEWITT KILLED BY A SHELL; HAD BEEN WOUNDED

Vancouver, Feb. 14.—The story of how Lieut. Hewitt, formerly sporting editor of The Vancouver Province and at one time amateur bantamweight champion of Canada, fell wounded while leading a company of the 7th Battalion into action late last week, only after a shell while being taken from the trenches to the field hospital, is told in letters which were filed yesterday in Supreme Court here in connection with the probate of his estate. Lieut. Colonel Gibson, in a letter to the young bride of his former aide, bears testimony to the skill and courage of his men, and of the great regret felt by the officers and men at the death of Lieut. Hewitt. Lieut. Colonel Gibson states that the same shell which killed Lieut. Hewitt also killed three other wounded Canadian officers who were being transferred from the trenches to the hospital at the same time during an action on November 19, 1917. The will of Lieut. Hewitt was made on January 17, 1917, before he was transferred from the 14th Battalion to the 7th Battalion. Lieut. Hewitt left his estate to his wife, Mrs. Gwen. Hewitt, of North Vancouver.

MAJ. THE REV. C. C. OWEN BACK IN VANCOUVER

Vancouver, Feb. 14.—After three years' service overseas as chaplain with the troops in France and off-duty in charge of the caring for Canadian troops in London, Major C. C. Owen, rector of Christ Church here, arrived home this morning on leave. Major Owen stated that his plans were indefinite. He had not been given the three months' customary leave, but would know later how long he would be in the city. He had been away from his church for so long, and as his congregation had refused to accept his resignation, there were matters to be attended to which had necessitated his return.

BERLIN VORWAERTS ON WILSON'S SPEECH

Amsterdam, Feb. 13.—The Berlin Socialist newspaper Vorwaerts, commenting on President Wilson's address to Congress a few days ago, says: "The difficulties of concluding peace will never be overcome so long as each side does not perceive that it cannot overpower the other and that each, in consequence, must come to an understanding with the other. It must therefore be ascertained by a suitable attitude on Germany's part whether President Wilson's remark about there being no obstacle to an immediate discussion of peace is only a diplomatic move or really a redeeming word for mankind."

WILL RESCUE SWEDS ON ALAND ISLANDS

Stockholm, Feb. 14.—A Swedish gunboat and two steamships are on the way to the Aland Islands to rescue Swedes whose property and lives are imperilled by Russian soldiers there.

NEW YORK STOCKS WERE HIGHER TO-DAY

Market Responded to Dividend News of the Union Pacific

(By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.) New York, Feb. 14.—The stock market here opened lower to-day and without much buying power in evidence. Prices were irregular, with pressure noticeable in some issues. General Motors suffered most, with an early loss of four points. The whole market took on a cheerful tone when word was given out that Union Pacific directors had placed the common stock on a ten per cent. annual basis, and quite naturally inquiry for all railroad stocks was stimulated. A general recovery followed this announcement which must have the effect of receiving the falling confidence of the investing public.

Table with columns: High, Low, Last. Lists various stocks like Allis-Chalmers, Am. Beet Sugar, Am. Sugar Ref., etc.

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Table with columns: High, Low, Last. Lists various stocks like Am. Tel. & Tel., Am. Wood, Am. Zinc, etc.

B. C. DELEGATION ON IRON AND STEEL TO TRAVEL TO OTTAWA

Vancouver, Feb. 14.—With a view to having the delegation on iron and steel which Vancouver and Victoria plans to send to Ottawa shortly as representative of all portions of British Columbia as possible, Mayor R. H. Gale wired an invitation to the Mayor of Brandon, Manitoba, and Kamloops yesterday asking if they desired to co-operate with the Capital and Terminal cities on this important question of imposing upon the Dominion Government the necessity of lending some assistance to the establishment of such a plant in this Province. Before leaving for Spokane yesterday with the Rotarian delegation to the Island Capital, Mayor Gale also appointed the Vancouver delegates who are to join with the Victoria committee on this mission. The Mayor named Aldermen W. R. Hamilton, chairman of the civic utilities committee, as chairman of the delegation, and the other four members appointed were Mayor Vance, of North Vancouver; Heave Russell, of South Vancouver; B. W. Greer, president of the Board of Trade; and James H. Falconer. It is expected that every one of this delegation will go to Ottawa, as they all signified to the Mayor their willingness to do so.

OPPOSED ENLISTMENT IN U. S.; TO BE ARRESTED

St. Paul, Feb. 14.—A. C. Townley, president of the Non-Partisan League, for whose arrest a warrant was issued at Lakefield, Minn., on Monday, charging conspiracy to discourage enlistment, did not arrive here last night as expected. At league headquarters it was said that Townley was scheduled to address a meeting of farmers at Farham, Minn., to-day and that he would return to St. Paul to-morrow. Sheriff Lee, of Jackson county, left to-day for St. Paul with the warrant for Townley.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK BOND MARKET.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask. Lists various bonds like Anglo-Fr. five, 1909, U. K. five, 1918, etc.

NEW YORK COTTON.

Table with columns: Open, High, Low, Last. Lists various cotton contracts like New York, Feb. 14.—Raw sugar steady.

MONTREAL'S SHARE OF BIG VICTORY LOAN

Montreal, Feb. 14.—A final statement with reference to the Victory Loan in this city shows a total subscription of \$77,257,198, and \$10,000 commissions paid to more than 1,000 workers. A greater portion of the commissions has been turned over to the various patriotic funds, it is stated.

SHOULD BURN COPIES OF "FINISHED MYSTERY"

Montreal, Feb. 14.—Chief of Police McRae stated this morning that all persons who have copies of "The Finished Mystery" in their possession should either destroy them or turn them over to the police. He said he had not yet decided just what action would be taken to prosecute offenders who refused to do so. He was waiting to receive a copy of the Order-in-Council dealing with the matter.

SIR EVARISTE LEBLANC RECOVERING HEALTH

Philadelphia, Feb. 14.—At the University Hospital here it was said early to-day that Sir Evariste Leblanc, Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, who underwent an operation there a few days ago, was doing nicely. The patient's pulse and respiration were reported normal.

JUDGMENT FOR \$4,468

Toronto, Feb. 14.—Mr. Justice Lennox has given judgment for the plaintiffs in the suit of Charles S. Thomson, George F. Gibson and David McNair, trustees of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, against Moses Caimbell of Sudbury, for \$4,468, claimed under an agreement to purchase lots in Calgary from J. Smythe, who assigned the agreement to the plaintiffs.

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TO-DAY'S TRADING ON WINNIPEG MARKET

Table with columns: Bid, Ask. Lists various market items like Winnipeg, Feb. 14.—The demand for all cash grains was strong to-day and prices for the future markets also advanced.

NEW YORK SUGAR.

Table with columns: Open, High, Low, Last. Lists various sugar contracts like New York, Feb. 14.—Raw sugar steady.

STRONG AND ACTIVE MARKET AT CHICAGO

Chicago, Feb. 14.—The grain market here to-day quickly responded to the good class of buying which came in at an early hour. Cash prices were higher and very little grain was offered for sale. The cash situation was the ruling factor. Liberal movements are freely predicted, but have not yet materialized.

NEW YORK CURS.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask. Lists various commodities like Canada Cotton, Standard Silver Lead, etc.

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TWO SHIPS READY AT LYALL YARDS

But Short Interval Will Separate Launch of War Puget and War Cariboo

Vancouver, Feb. 14.—Officials of the William Lyall Shipyards are busy completing arrangements for the launching of the wooden steamer War Puget, which will take the water promptly at 9.30 o'clock on Saturday morning. This vessel is the first of the six vessels being built at these yards for the Imperial Munitions Board and the fourth of the proposed fleet of twenty-seven being built at British Columbia yards.

The War Puget was ready for the water several weeks ago but owing to delay in the arrival of mechanical parts the vessel has been held on her berth. In fact the Lyall yards were right in the running for the honor of launching the first vessel of the fleet but the delay allowed three other yards to slide launches before the War Puget was ready to take the water. The Foundation Company has launched the War Songhees, the Cameron-Genoa Mills Shipbuilders, the War Yukon, and the Western Canada Shipyards the War Nootka.

WIRELESS REPORTS

- Feb. 14, 8 a.m.
- Point Grey—Clear; calm; 29.90; 28; sea smooth.
- Cape Lazo—Clear; calm; 29.88; 28; sea smooth. Spike str. Santa Ana, 8.40 p.m., Porter's Pass, northbound.
- Pachena—Clear; N.W.; light; 29.83; 26; light swell.
- Estevan—Clear; calm; 29.62; 26; sea smooth.
- Alert Bay—Clear; calm; 29.72; 27; sea smooth.
- Triangle—Cloudy; N.W.; light; 30.08; 25; sea moderate. Spike str. Yabees, 7.05 p.m., Queen Charlotte Sound, northbound.
- Dead Tree Point—Cloudy; calm; 30.00; 23; sea smooth.
- Ikedda Bay—Cloudy; calm; 29.58; 23; sea smooth.
- Prince Rupert—Snow; calm; 29.90; 23; sea smooth.
- Noon.
- Point Grey—Cloudy; calm; 29.56; 27; sea smooth.
- Cape Lazo—Clear; calm; 29.55; 24; sea smooth.
- Pachena—Cloudy; S. E. light; 29.55; 40; light swell. Spike str. Tees, 11 a.m., steam, northbound.
- Estevan—Clear; calm; 29.64; sea smooth. Spike str. Princess Maquinia, 11 a.m., left Nootka 8.29 a.m., northbound; str. Victoria, 11.53 a.m., 445 miles from Seattle, southbound.
- Alert Bay—Cloudy; calm; 29.53; 34; sea smooth. Passed out str. Venture, 1.10 a.m., southbound.
- Triangle—Snow; N. W. light; 30.02; 23; sea moderate.
- Dead Tree Point—Overcast; N. W. light; 30.04; 23; sea smooth.
- Ikedda Bay—Cloudy; calm; 29.60; 36; sea smooth.
- Prince Rupert—Snow; calm; 29.88; 29; sea smooth.

WORKMAN KILLED AT POPLAR ISLAND YARD

New Westminster, Feb. 14.—John Ashworth, a well-known resident of Burnaby for the past ten years, was suddenly and instantly killed in an accident at the Poplar Island shipyard yesterday. He was helping to shift a pile of timbers by means of a derrick when in some manner a pile fell on his legs, pinning him to the ground. He was apparently not badly injured, but when the timbers were removed from his legs he fell back dead from shock. Coroner McEwen was notified and is investigating.

CHARTER OF ADMIRAL GOODRICH HAS EXPIRED

Vancouver, Feb. 14.—The American steamer Admiral Goodrich, Captain M. Guter, has arrived from Salaverry, Peru, with 150 tons of sugar for the Vancouver Refinery. She is charter to W. R. Grace & Company, but the charter expires with this trip and she will be taken over here by her owners, the Pacific S. S. Company.

EQUAL PRIVILEGES STRONGLY FAVORED

Memorandum Issued Dealing With Sitings of International Fisheries Commission

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—A memorandum dealing with the sitings of the International Fisheries Commission in Boston and Gloucester, Mass., and St. John, N. B., which were brought to a close on February 6, has just been issued by the Naval Department. These sitings were held primarily for the purpose of obtaining the views of those actually engaged in the industry. The questions mainly under consideration were:—
Allowing adequate and equal privileges to the fishing vessels of either country in the ports of the other, the prohibition of lobster fishing by United States boats outside Canadian territorial waters during the close time for such fishing inside, and the better protection of the lobster fisheries along the coasts of Canada, and the United States.

Remove Differences.
With regard to the first question, while there was some diversion of opinion among the witnesses in both Boston and Gloucester, the great majority strongly favored an arrangement whereby the fishing vessels in either country would have equal privileges in the ports of the other. A few witnesses argued that if this was done, United States fishing vessels would be unable to compete with those from the Maritime Provinces, but this view did not find endorsement. A predominant note of the testimony was that it was desirable to remove all causes of difference and all conditions that operate against the greatest possible production of fish. To this end some urged that the duty on fish into Canada should be removed.

Greater protection of the lobster industry was generally urged. The consensus of opinion was in favor of the adoption of a 10 1/2-inch size limit on the United States and adjacent Canadian coasts. A shorter fishing season was also suggested.
Pacific Coast.
After the St. John sitings the commission adjourned to meet at Seattle on April 24. It is expected the commissioners will visit the different important fishing centres on the Pacific Coast and then come to Ottawa, where they will complete their work and draw up their recommendations.

WAR NOOTKA BERTHED AT ASSEMBLY PLANT

Immediate Start to Be Made in Equipping Vessel With Machinery

Two wooden ships of the Government fleet are now moored alongside the wharf at the Ogden Point assembly plant. The steamer War Nootka reached here at 1.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon in tow of the C. P. R. tug Nanosee from Vancouver and is now tied up alongside the locally-built steamer War Yukon.
The War Nootka is the first of the six wooden hulls to be completed by the Western Canada Shipyards, Ltd., which concern operates a plant on False Creek.
The War Nootka was the first vessel to be built on False Creek to pass through the Kitsilano draw to sea and the event was considered an important one in the history of shipbuilding at Vancouver.

The main engines and the greater part of the auxiliary machinery for the War Nootka have been assembled at the Ogden Point plant and a start will be immediately made in fitting the vessel with power.
Splendid progress has been made on the War Yukon as practically half the main engines have been installed.
Now that the War Nootka has arrived additional men will be taken on six of the work of fitting out the two vessels will be carried on simultaneously. Additional machinery parts continue to be delivered at the plant and it is not improbable that within the next few days the War Songhees will be towed around from the Foundation Company's yard in the Upper Harbor.

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.

In his lecture on war aims and peace at Queen's Hall the Earl of Darnley incidentally told an excellent story.
A friend of his took prisoner an elderly German officer, who was very nasty about it, and remarked that he could console himself by the thought that his officer son was killing twenty pigs of Englishmen a day.
When the captive arrived at Southampton a cheery voice came from the quay: "Hallo, father! have they got you too?" —London Daily News.

BACK ON RUN NEXT WEEK



G. T. P. STEAMER PRINCE GEORGE

The announcement is made by the G. T. P. that the Prince George, which for the past six weeks has been overhauling at Prince Rupert, will return to the coastal service, sailing from Prince Rupert next Thursday.

WALLACE ANGLING FOR BIG BUSINESS

North Vancouver Concern Increasing Facilities to Handle Steel Contracts

North Vancouver, Feb. 14.—With a view to taking on additional contracts for the construction of steel steamers, the Wallace Shipyards is contemplating material extensions to its North Vancouver plant. It is believed that this shipbuilding concern will receive contracts for three or four more steamers in addition to the one recently secured, which calls for the construction of four vessels for the Government.
"From the amount of material that is already bought, however," Mr. Wallace said, "we will be able to figure on seven at least, but the number depends on the capacity of the yard, while six in addition to the four already contracted for is not without the bounds of possibility."

The vessels will be built complete at the Wallace yards, engines, boilers and all. The machine shop is capable of turning out engines of 16,000 horsepower with the accompanying boilers in two months as economically and as well as any shop in Canada or the Pacific Coast. In addition to the engines for the Government boats the firm may build several propelling outfits to the order of a Victoria firm.
"We are confining ourselves," continued Mr. Wallace, "for the present to the standard 5,100-ton boats; for while we could produce 3,900-ton hulls, we would rather build those of a size for which we are equipped to build a complete unit, with engines and boilers. We will have the whole process standardized on vessels of the 5,100-ton size, and after the war will be able to build them with anyone. What enlargements are being made now are with an eye to the future, when we will be able to undertake any sort of repair work, for which the situation of the yards on deep water is particularly well adapted."

WANT B. C. CARGOES CARRIED BY SHIPS BUILT IN PROVINCE

Vancouver, Feb. 14.—The Vancouver Board of Trade is urging Sir George E. Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, to use his influence in attempting to get British Columbia cargoes for vessels now under construction here. Such a move was made when the steamer War Dog was launched last year but nothing could be done at the time. However, the minister managed to get the War Viceroy here to lead wheat.
With the Coughlin and Wallace yards turning out steel freighters and other yards building wooden steamers, it is felt that some of the ships might be allotted to British Columbia trade at least for their maiden voyage.
The Board has asked that British Columbia cargoes for Europe be carried in these British Columbia vessels if it can be done without disrupting the plans of the Admiralty.

PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY TO ENTER WEST COAST TRADE

The Pacific Steamship Company now proposes to invade the South American trade. Arrangements have been completed by the company to place the steamer Admiral Goodrich in the West Coast trade for at least one voyage. The Admiral Goodrich is now at Vancouver discharging a cargo of 1,300 tons of sugar from South America consigned to the B. C. Sugar Refinery. The charter to W. R. Grace & Co. has expired and on completing the discharge of her sugar cargo at the Terminal City the vessel will be turned over to her owners.
At San Francisco the Admiral Goodrich will take on a full cargo of redwood for Valparaiso and will also carry passengers. On the return trip she will probably carry nitrates.

BOSTON TO LOSE ALLAN LINE SHIPS

Boston, Feb. 14.—The Allan Line, which for more than twenty-five years has operated steamships between this port and Glasgow, is to discontinue this Pacific service on May 1. The Canadian Pacific Railway obtained control of the Allan Line about two years ago and many of its ships have been requisitioned by the British Admiralty for war service.
The time used in Pacific standard for the 120th meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water. Where the figure occurs in the tables, the tide rises or falls continuously during two successive tidal periods without turning. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot, above the average level of lower low water.
Equivalent.—To find the depth of water on the sill of the dry dock at any tide, add 10.6 feet to the height of high water as above given.

VANCOUVER COMPANY NOW INCORPORATED

British American Shipbuilding Company Capitalized at \$1,000,000

A certificate of incorporation has been issued by the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies to the British-American Shipbuilding & Engineering Company, the company being capitalized at \$1,000,000. This is one of the two companies previously mentioned in these columns that are negotiating with the British Government for the construction of forty wooden steamships on tonnage basis.

The Vancouver concern has obtained the lease of a shipbuilding site on the Kitsilano Reserve. The local company, in which J. H. Price, president of the Cameron Genoa Mills Shipbuilders, Ltd., is interested, has not yet been incorporated, but it is understood that all the necessary capital has been guaranteed and will be immediately available once the definite announcement is received from England regarding the placing of the contracts.
By this time the plans and specifications of the vessels, which will be of 3,500 tons each, are due in England, and some work regarding the contracts may be expected at any time.
Under the plans as originally announced, twenty ships are to be built by the Victoria company, and the same number by the Vancouver concern.

MAY ENTER VANCOUVER

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Said to Be Considering Deal.
Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 14.—There is every prospect that before the year is over Vancouver will have another big railway system, in the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, running its trains into the city. It is understood that the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road is negotiating with the B. C. Electric Railway for the purchase of its freight business in the New Westminster section and running rights over the company's New Westminster line.
If the deal goes through the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul—half of whose great system is already electrified—will operate its British Columbia section with electrically-driven trains. These will come in over the B. C. E. Railway line from New Westminster, branch off at Cedar Cottage and come down the bed of China Creek to False Creek, and probably enter the city over the old Great Northern tracks to the old G. N. R. depot.

The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road has had its eye on Vancouver for several years, and was one of the parties which three or four years ago tried to get hold of the Kitsilano Indian Reserve with the view of establishing an extensive railway terminal system here.

PIUKO BOUND NORTH TO LOAD B. C. LUMBER

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 14.—The American schooner Piuko has been chartered to load lumber for South Africa at Hastings Mill and she will take about 1,400,000 feet. The vessel left San Francisco on February 9 in tow and should be here this week. This will be the second cargo for Africa this year. The first went out on the Edward R. West and the vessel is now in the Royal Roads waiting for a crew.

NANAIMO VENUE OF PILOTAGE CONFERENCE

Vancouver, Feb. 14.—Wednesday, February 27, has been set as the date of the conference on pilotage matters and the meeting will be held at Nanaimo. Representatives from the Boards of Trade of New Westminster, Victoria and Nanaimo will be present, as well as representatives of the various pilotage authorities. The question of amalgamating the various B. C. districts into one Government service will be the principal topic.

CHANGING IN SPONSOR OWING TO ILLNESS

Vancouver, Feb. 14.—Owing to illness Mrs. (Mayor) G. W. Vance will be unable to officiate at the launching of the War Puget, which is to be launched at the Lyall Shipyards, North Vancouver, on Saturday morning. Mrs. (Reeve) E. H. Bridgman has consented to officiate and Mrs. Vance will break the bottle of champagne over the prow of the War Cariboo, the second vessel to leave the ways at these yards.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific standard time) at Victoria, B. C., for the month of February, 1918.	Sunrise	Sunset
Hour Min.	Hour Min.	Hour Min.
Feb. 1	7 44	5 16
Feb. 2	7 44	5 16
Feb. 3	7 44	5 16
Feb. 4	7 44	5 16
Feb. 5	7 44	5 16
Feb. 6	7 44	5 16
Feb. 7	7 44	5 16
Feb. 8	7 44	5 16
Feb. 9	7 44	5 16
Feb. 10	7 44	5 16
Feb. 11	7 44	5 16
Feb. 12	7 44	5 16
Feb. 13	7 44	5 16
Feb. 14	7 44	5 16
Feb. 15	7 44	5 16
Feb. 16	7 44	5 16
Feb. 17	7 44	5 16
Feb. 18	7 44	5 16
Feb. 19	7 44	5 16
Feb. 20	7 44	5 16
Feb. 21	7 44	5 16
Feb. 22	7 44	5 16
Feb. 23	7 44	5 16
Feb. 24	7 44	5 16
Feb. 25	7 44	5 16
Feb. 26	7 44	5 16
Feb. 27	7 44	5 16
Feb. 28	7 44	5 16

B. C. Coast Service

Vancouver—Daily at 2 and 11.45 p.m. Seattle—Daily at 4.30 p.m.

ALASKA—From Vancouver, Jan. 26, Feb. 5, 23, at 9 p.m.
OCEAN FALLS, PRINCE RUPERT and ANYOX (GRANBY BAY)—From Vancouver, Jan. 23, Feb. 2, 13, 23, at 9 p.m., calling at Powell River, Campbell River, Alert Bay, Soletula, Port Hardy, Namu, Bella Bella, Swanson Bay, Butedale, Surf Inlet, Port Simpson, etc.
WEST COAST VANCOUVER ISLAND ROUTE—From Victoria on 1st, 10th and 20th of each month, at 11 p.m.
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WILL THE WAR BE WON BY AIRCRAFT OFFENSIVE

Editor of The Aeroplane Says "No"; Conflict Will Be Won by the Soldier

In the proper military sense aircraft "cannot end" the war. So says C. G. Grey, the popular editor of The Aeroplane, who enjoys the unique distinction of being our greatest "lay" expert on aeronautics. He makes this statement in the recent aviation number of Country Life.
"Unless," explains Mr. Grey, "the Germans can make a far greater effort than they have yet done, it is unthinkable that they can persuade the Allies to agree to 'stop-fighting,' so the only other alternative is that the Allied armies must enter Germany either by fighting their way in or by the German throwing up the sponge and allowing the Allied armies to enter without fighting. In either event the war will be ended by the man with a rifle, either on foot or on horseback, occupying Germany."
"But aircraft can and must play an essential part in ending the war, which is another matter altogether. Which-ever country can produce an air fleet of such size as to obtain that mastery of the air" which Sir Douglas Haig stated in his dispatch at the end of 1916 to be the "essential," will blind the army of its enemies, and so will be able to batter its way to victory—provided always it has men and ammunition with which to do it. Thus we see that superiority in aircraft is as essential as superiority in any other arm.

Artillery More Destructive.
"It is important to note that bomb-dropping aeroplanes are not a substitute for artillery. Artillery observation aeroplanes are a necessity to accurate artillery shooting, and a long range of aeroplanes. Thus it is possible for a few jets with a few aeroplanes to set up a barrage on all railways and roads, which will starve the enemy's fighting line of ammunition, and greatly assist the task of the attacking infantry.
"When once the range of an important bridge or junction or cross-road is found, it can be kept under such a barrage day and night with a consistency impossible to bomb-dropping aeroplanes. And by setting up such a system of long-range barrage, aeroplanes may be released for other work on which they can be employed more effectively.
"But bomb-droppers may be used to destroy German aerodromes away beyond the range of the longest range jets. From these aerodromes start the aeroplanes used against our troops, and the aeroplanes which are used in raids against England. The constant efforts of the belligerent air fleets to destroy one another's aerodromes is developing a new side of air war, which, though it affects the ending of the war indirectly, is of the very greatest importance, for the victor in such a war will have at its mercy, not only the enemy air service operating with the army, but also the sources of the enemy's supplies of munitions.
What Aircraft Will Do.
"One assumes that sooner or later we shall win such a war in the air. We shall then have deprived the enemy's hand forces of their eyes, and have given our armies an immense advantage over them. Also, we shall have stopped all air raids on England, with the consequent interference with the production of munitions.
"It so happens that the closer our armies approach to Germany the more Germany's great munition centres come within range of our bombing aeroplanes, and the farther back Germany's air raiders have to start in order to reach England. At the present moment London is almost the only important munition area within reach of aeroplane raiders, whereas, even with our existing big bombing machines, there are at least a dozen of Germany's greatest manufacturing cities within our reach.
"Now, assuming that we can reach the German munition factories, what is the result? One German factory thoroughly bombed means that it will not be ready for work for three months. That means that the troops in the firing-line have to go short of just the amount of munitions which would have been produced during that period. On the other hand, a munition dump blown up is refilled in a few days, and means more work and more wages in Germany." —The-Bee.

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BURNING QUESTION OF MUNICIPALITIES

Is "Tax-Sale—to Be or Not to Be," Says Inspector Robert Baird

FURTHER DEBATE PROVIDES NO BETTER OPPORTUNITY

"The very trying times of the past few years have been productive of at least one good result—a more intelligent consideration of the real problems of municipal administration. It is pleasing to note the suggestion that civic affairs be made a subject of systematic study throughout the Province. Many of the Eastern Universities now provide a regular course of study in municipal administration and with excellent results. The present day is one of technical study and it does not seem too much to suggest that the opportunity should be provided for the training of men to carry on the administration which touches so intimately the every-day affairs of every individual."

The above formed the conclusion of the instructive and valuable address delivered by Robert Baird, Provincial Inspector of Municipalities, at the monthly general meeting of the Board of Trade, held yesterday-afternoon, extracts from the address being as follows:

B. C.'s Municipal Debt.
"Before touching upon matters of municipal administration," commenced Mr. Baird, "I want to say a word about the situation of the municipal liabilities of the Province."

"The total of the assessed values of real property within the municipalities of this Province for 1917 was \$579,726,111.00, the total debt, \$95,299,104.00. This total debt the sum of \$24,327,582, consisted of local improvements, the sum of \$3,101,407, in debt for schools, the sum of \$21,041,909 is for public utilities which are practically self-supporting. The debt for schools in this Province is a direct municipal debt, in this respect being quite different from other provinces, where school liabilities are shown as an obligation of various forms of school districts."

In the matter of public utilities the situation in British Columbia is such that municipalities have been compelled to embark upon these enterprises as municipal undertakings to a much greater proportionate extent than any other province. The statutes provide that the debt of any municipality, exclusive of debts for local improvements and for school purposes, shall not exceed 20 per cent. of the assessed value of land and improvements. The average for the Province is 18.7 per cent. deducting municipal public utilities which are for the most part self sustaining, the percentage is 7.94 per cent. These figures are perhaps slightly misleading in this respect, that, in spite of the large reductions in assessed values during the past three years, there is still a substantial reduction to be made before the assessed values are brought down to the percentage of 18.7 per cent. They are slightly misleading in the respect that a percentage, speaking roughly I should say about 20 per cent. of the local improvement debt has to be paid by the municipality at large.

Burden Not Too Great.
"The burden of taxation in the municipalities of this province," contended Mr. Baird, "is not too great. The difficulty lies wholly in the manner of its incidence. At first view the tax rates of British Columbia compares unfavorably with those of other provinces for the reason that for the most part we tax land only. In the City of Victoria, for example, a tax rate of twenty mills on land is required where a tax rate of thirteen and one-half mills would be sufficient on land and improvements. Taking the average for the whole province the variation is greater."

Mr. Baird went on to discuss the question of assessment and taxation. **Life-Time of the Work.**

"In the matter of borrowings the principle," said the speaker, "is well established that burdens should not be unduly shifted to future generations and in particular that the repayment of borrowings should not extend beyond the lifetime of the work. The burdens of every period, and, in fact, the burdens of every year, should be dealt with as far as possible within the period or within the year as the case may be. The impossibility of the collection of a year's taxes entirely within that year makes it necessary to pass on a measure of responsibility to the succeeding year, but unnecessary postponement invariably leads to trouble and in some cases to disaster. There is no good time coming in municipal finance."

Short Term Financing.
"One of the most costly experiments tried by municipalities in this province has been short term financing which occurred in two ways, first by borrowing money from the bank to carry on undertakings and second, to finance by way of short term notes or treasury certificates."

"This was nothing more or less than gambling on the market and it has cost the municipalities of this province up to the present at least three-quarters of a million dollars and the air is not entirely cleared yet."

The Burning Question.
"The burning question in municipal administration to-day," said Mr. Baird in conclusion, "is that of the tax sale—to be or not to be. The voluntary system of tax collection has been strained to the breaking point. Tax revenue is diminishing year by year. Assets in the form of arrears of taxes are year by year slipping away. Taxes which two years ago were good assets are now uncollectable. It is a matter of

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"The enforcement of the collection of arrears of taxes in the City of Victoria has been delayed pending a decision as to whether relief shall be granted on certain local improvement charges."

"That decision should be arrived at. Another year of debate will only prejudice the interests of the City and will provide no better opportunity for settlement."

PROTEST TO OTTAWA BY BOARD OF TRADE

Cowichan Bay Fishing Scandal Again in Limelight; Resolution Passed

The deputation consisting of Messrs. McAdam and Provost from the Duncan Board of Trade which attended the meeting of the Board of Trade here yesterday, in addition to securing the support of the latter to the protest to Ottawa concerning the fishing license for purse seining granted for Cowichan Bay, gave the local Board the opportunity of adding a resolution pressing on the Dominion Government the need of appointing a deputy minister of fisheries, resident here.

It was stated by Mr. McAdam that the Duncan Board had asked the Government for the cancellation of the license granted to the Beacon Fisheries, Ltd., and they would like the Victoria Board to endorse their action. The American company in question, during the past year, had shipped 42,000 salmon to the Orient and the United States, and he added that the company was incorporated the day after the passing of the Order-in-Council, which clearly showed that the matter must have been cut and dried previously. The supply of fish was being ruthlessly exhausted, and the only thing Canada got out of the transaction was the small license fee.

Official Needed Here.
J. L. Beckwith felt that the Board could not too emphatically back up the protest, and also that it should strongly urge the appointment of a deputy minister of fisheries, located here, and he was satisfied that with such an official installed the province would soon experience a very different condition of affairs."

James Forman, president, who occupied the chair, quite agreed, and added that "some gentleman must have had a pull." The following resolution was carried unanimously, and was dispatched by wire to Ottawa:

The Resolution.
"Whereas the conservation of British Columbia salmon fisheries is of paramount importance, and
"Whereas the catching of salmon in bays, and the mouths of rivers when on their way to spawning beds is most destructive, and threatens the extinction of the salmon fishing industry.
"Resolved: That the Victoria Board of Trade learns with great concern that arrangements have been made for the seining of salmon in the waters of Cowichan Bay and respectfully urges that in the event of any licenses having been issued that they be immediately cancelled, and
"Resolved: That we strongly endorse the action of the Duncan Board of Trade in their protest herein."

WANTED A POINTER

In a certain case where the charge was the theft of a watch the evidence was conflicting. As the jury retired the judge observed that he would be glad to help in adjusting any difficulties that might present themselves to the minds of the jury. Eleven jurors filed out of the box. The one who remained wore an expression of extreme perplexity. Observing his hesitation, the judge said: "Would you like to ask me a question?" "Yes, Your Honor," replied the juror, eagerly. "Is he very glad if you'd tell me whether the prisoner really stole the watch?"—The Green Bay.

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