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1,200 GERMANS WERE TAKEN BY FRENCH

Those Captured at Hartmanns-Weilerkopf Include Twenty-One Officers

TURKISH TROOPS ARE REPORTED AT BRUGES

Germans Claim They Have Retaken Some Ground at Hartmanns-Weilerkopf

Paris, Dec. 22.—Announcement was made by the war office to-day that 1,200 Germans had been captured in the operations at Hartmanns-Weilerkopf, which have enlarged the French positions to an appreciable extent. The statement follows:

There were few events of importance last night.

In the Vosges, the attack delivered yesterday by our troops made it possible for us to enlarge appreciably our positions on the east slope of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf. The number of Germans made prisoners is now 1,200, of whom 21 are officers. They belong to six different regiments.

Turkish Troops.

Amsterdam, Dec. 22.—Turkish troops to the number of 30,000 have arrived at Bruges, Belgium, according to dispatches received here to-day. It is thought the Germans have brought them to reinforce their lines in Belgium or in France.

German Claims.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—A part of the German position on the summit of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf, in the Vosges, that was captured by the French yesterday has been recaptured by German troops. It was announced by army headquarters to-day.

The text of the statement is as follows:

During yesterday afternoon the French attacked our positions at Hartmanns-Weilerkopf and the Hirs forest, north of Wattweiler, with strong forces. They succeeded in taking the summit of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf and a small portion of a trench on Nilsenfirst. The summit of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf, according to official French reports, has been in possession of the French since the end of April.

A portion of the lost position on Hartmanns-Weilerkopf was recaptured during the forenoon to-day.

An attack made on Metzeral, Alsace, broke down in front of our position.

Along the rest of the front, where bad weather prevails and snow has fallen, there has been only slight activity.

WILHELM CANNOT VISIT WEST FRONT

Is Suffering With Bindegewebentzündung; the Nature of the Trouble

Berlin, Dec. 22.—Kaiser Wilhelm is ill. It was announced to-day that his illness has caused the postponement of his proposed visit to the battlefield in France.

London, Dec. 22.—An official message received here yesterday from Berlin describes Kaiser Wilhelm's illness as "Bindegewebentzündung," more frequently given as "bindegewebentzündung."

An authoritative medical publication gives the term "conjunctivitis" and describes it as follows:

"Inflammation of cellular or loose connective tissues, subcutaneous but also of that between muscles and viscera, or surrounding various organs. It is characterized by the same spreading of a tonic character as erysipelas and is circumscribed or diffuse. The swelling is marked early by branching lines of lymphangitis. Pain is tentative and great and the absorbent glands and vessels are often inflamed. Constitutional symptoms are grave. The disease is often mild in degree and the lymphatics may dispose of the poison and suppuration fail to occur."

NO GERMAN MEMBERS OF LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 22.—The membership committee of the stock exchange adopted the following rule to-day:

"A candidate of German or Austro-Hungarian birth is ineligible for membership."

This rule is subject to confirmation by the stock exchange next Wednesday.

WASHINGTON MERELY REPEATS DEMANDS

United States Government Declines to Enter Into Discussion With Austria

TEXT OF NOTE ON SINKING OF ANCONA

Holds Austrian Government Responsible for Act of Submarine Commander

Washington, Dec. 22.—The text of the note on the sinking of the Ancona sent by Secretary Lansing to Vienna on Sunday and just delivered to the Austro-Hungarian foreign office by Ambassador Penfield is as follows, being addressed by the secretary of state to F. C. Penfield, American ambassador to Austria-Hungary:

Department of State,
Washington, D. C.
Dec. 19, 1915

You are instructed to address a note to the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs textually as follows:

The government of the United States has received the note of your excellency relative to the sinking of the Ancona, which was delivered at Vienna on December 15, 1915, and transmitted to Washington, and has given the note immediate and careful consideration.

Commander Responsibility.

On November 15, 1915, Baron Zwedenik, the Charge d'Affaires of the Imperial and Royal Government at Washington, transmitted to the department of state a report of the Austro-Hungarian admiralty with regard to the sinking of the steamship Ancona, in which it was admitted that the vessel had been torpedoed after the engines had been stopped and when passengers were still on board. This admission alone, in the view of the government of the United States, sufficient to fix upon the commander of the submarine, who fired the torpedo, the responsibility for having willfully violated the recognized law of nations and entirely disregarded those humane principles which every belligerent should observe in the conduct of war at sea. In view of these admitted circumstances, the government of the United States feels justified in holding that the details of the sinking of the Ancona, the weight and character of the additional testimony corroborating the admiralty's report, and the number of Americans killed or injured are in no way essential matters of discussion. The culpability of the commander in any case established, and the undisputed fact is that citizens of the United States were killed, injured or put in jeopardy by his lawless act.

No Discussion.

The rules of international law and the principles of humanity which were thus willfully violated by the commander of the submarine have been so long and so universally recognized and are so manifest from the standpoint of the right and justice that the government of the United States does not feel called upon to debate them and does not understand that the Imperial and Royal government questions or disputes them.

The government of the United States therefore finds no other course open to it but to hold the Imperial and Royal government responsible for the act of its naval commander and to renew the definite but respectful demands made in its communication of the sixth of December, 1915. It sincerely hopes that the foregoing statement of its position will enable the Imperial and Royal Government to perceive the justice of those demands and to comply with them in the same spirit of frankness and with the same concern for the good relations now existing between the United States and Austria-Hungary which have prompted the government of the United States to make them.

(Sgd.) "Lansing."

L. D. TAYLOR TO MAKE A STATEMENT SHORTLY

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—The latest piece of political information available to-day is that Mayor L. D. Taylor probably will be a candidate in the by-election which is expected to occur in Vancouver when Hon. Charles E. Tisdall, minister of public works, goes before the electors. The mayor was asked this morning for a statement of his intentions, but replied that he was not yet in a position to make an announcement, though he intimated that he would have something to say in a few days.

BRIG.-GEN. HUGHES ON WAY TO COAST

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—Brig.-General John Hughes, inspector-general of the forces in western Canada, went west yesterday. He was accompanied by Major Jack Stifton, his aide. Before leaving he stated that he was going through to the coast, and would inspect the troops on his way back.

Reported an Austrian Submarine Captured

Paris, Dec. 22.—According to a dispatch to the Messagero from Malta, forwarded by the Havas correspondent at Rome, an Austrian submarine has been captured by two torpedo boats, presumably Italian.

PLOTTERS APPEARED BEFORE JUDGE TO-DAY

Brincken, Crowley and Mrs. Cornell in Court in San Francisco

CAPELLE TO TESTIFY BEFORE GRAND JURY

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Depending on various motions to quash the indictments and a complete plan of strategy drawn up by their attorneys, the three accused German bomb plotters, Baron Wilhelm von Brincken, C. Crowley and Mrs. Margaret Cornell, appeared before Federal Judge M. T. Dooley at 10 o'clock to-day to enter pleas on the charges against them.

Their plan of strategy was carefully drawn up late yesterday at a conference between the three indicted ones and their two attorneys, George A. McGowan and J. P. O'Brien, but was closely guarded as a secret until the time for the calling of the case.

In the meantime the other investigations started by federal officials into other phases of the conspiracies were continued with energy.

Cappelle to Testify.

Much interest centered about the mysterious reappearance in the city of Robert Capelle, the missing North German Lloyd agent, who has secretly made arrangements to be released yesterday, with the federal men to appear before the grand jury and give testimony in the steamship Sacramento case, in which he is alleged to have handled some of the money. Efforts to conceal Capelle's actions were continued to-day, and no one pretended to know where he was.

The grand jury is to continue its investigations to-morrow and intimations are given by federal men that more indictments will be brought in against men higher up than those already indicted.

COMING HOME AFTER CHRISTMAS SEASON

Sergt. Hall, Victoria, Lost Right Eye During Service With Canadian Forces

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—Sergt. E. L. Hall, of Victoria, of the 7th Battalion (1st British Columbia), arrived in the city to-day after a long sojourn in Northern France and Belgium. Sergt. Hall has done his "bit for his king and country. He lost his right eye while fighting in France, but he did not lose his courage or his cheery smile. He was in three terrible battles and has some wonderful tales of life at the front stored away in his memory. He says he is not sorry that he did his share in the empire's struggle.

Sergt. Hall was struck in the head by pieces of shrapnel during a fight at Givency. The optic nerve was destroyed and the right eye had to be removed. He also participated in the battles of Festubert and Ypres.

Sergt. Hall will spend Christmas with his brother, W. T. Hall, Sherbrooke street, this city.

SARAH BERNHARDT IS NOT DANGEROUSLY ILL

London, Dec. 22.—The report that Sarah Bernhardt is dangerously ill is characterized in a Havas agency dispatch from Paris this evening as unfounded.

ONE OF FORD PARTY DIED OF PNEUMONIA

Christiania, Dec. 22.—Lloyd Bingham, a member of the Ford peace party, died to-day of pneumonia. He was the husband of Amelia Bingham, the American actress.

MORE BRITISH TROOPS SENT TO SALONICA

Berlin, Dec. 22.—The Cologne Gazette reports that British troops which have been stationed on islands in the eastern Mediterranean have been withdrawn to be sent to Salonica.

VON PAPAN THANKED GERMAN-AMERICANS

Sent Message Through German Friend Just Before He Sailed

ALSO ISSUED STATEMENT TO AMERICAN PEOPLE

Intends to Go to Trenches; Left New York on Noordam

New York, Dec. 22.—Captain Franz von Papen, Germany's recalled military attaché, left New York for Rotterdam to-day on the liner Noordam, bearing a safe conduct to Germany from the entente powers. Departing, he issued this first statement to the American people:

"In leaving this country, where I have received so many proofs of kindness and hospitality from Americans and others, I deem it my duty to thank all those who did not permit their friendly personal feelings to be poisoned by the hatred created by the war among the nations.

"My thoughts turn back to-day expressly to those unforgettable days when I had the honor and good fortune to spend some time with the expeditionary force at Vera Cruz, where I learned to admire the splendid soldierly qualities and devotion to duty of the United States army.

"Personally speaking, no greater satisfaction could be given to me than the fulfillment of my ardent desire to be called home, where soldiers are far more urgently needed than here.

Clean Record

"I leave my post without any feeling of bitterness, because I know too well that when history is once written it will establish our clean records despite all the misrepresentation and calumnies spread.

"The New York World, which certainly is not open to the suspicion of harboring friendly feeling for my country, stated very fairly, when discussing my recall: 'Now that the matter is settled, the fact should be emphasized that the state department made no charges against Captains von Papen and Boy-Ed which reflected in the slightest degree on their honor as officers. Certain newspapers have made reckless charges which could not be supported by evidence, but the United States government never intimated that it believed these charges to be true.'

"To this I have nothing to add. After all this war will not be won by the Providence Journal and the Evening Telegram, with their hyphenated supporters. It will be decided by the success of the invincible German arms.

"I go home with the unshakable conviction that no efforts, however ineffectual they may be, will accomplish the defeat of our enemy to embroil our country with the great war. Our neutral relations will, and must, on the contrary, inevitably and gradually improve as it becomes clear to every intelligent and clear-minded American that Germany is engaged in a fully justifiable and heroic fight for existence and the very life of the nation."

Thanks German-Americans.

Although Captain von Papen declined to answer any of the questions of reporters after he had handed out his statement, he said good-bye to a German friend he said:

"I am glad of the opportunity to go to the trenches for my country.

"I wish to assure all that I feel most grateful to the great number of German-Americans in this country for their sympathy and support.

"I have been charged with lots of things, but when this war is over you will see that everything will come out all right. I am sure I have been here for my country and I tried to serve it, but I have not done anything against diplomatic courtesy, and I leave here feeling grateful that I can at last be in real action in the trenches."

The captain chatted with friends while his baggage was being examined. The examination of all baggage going aboard ship was put in force for the first time to-day by the Holland-American line. Officials of the line declined to give any specific reasons for it.

Many Germans prominent in commercial and official circles here bade farewell to Captain von Papen before he went to the wharf.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS BROKE DISCIPLINE

Amsterdam, Dec. 22.—A Berlin dispatch quotes the Socialist newspaper Vorwaerts to the effect that the action of the Socialist minority in the Reichstag in voting against the war credit, which is characterized as a breach of discipline, was condemned by the party as a whole by a vote of 63 to 15.

NOTHING TO REPORT.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—The official statement issued to-day runs in part:

"There is nothing to report from the eastern and Balkan theatres."

FOUND THE FRENCH LEADERS OPTIMISTIC

Guglielmo Ferrero Staggered by What He Saw in Champagne

SPLENDID SPIRIT AMONG THE TROOPS

Italian Historian Describes the Trenches as Marvel of Defensive Works

Paris, Dec. 22.—Guglielmo Ferrero, the Italian historian, returned to Paris to-day from the front. He said:

"When I last saw the front, one year ago, it was merely one long ditch. Now the line is stupendously fortified. I was permitted to see everything and I am simply staggered by the immensity of the trench fortifications. There has been nothing like it in history. Both the French and the German lines seem to be impregnable, but I do not say that it is impossible for them to be pierced if a sufficient amount of metal is hurled against them.

"The French have achieved a marvel of defensive works. I had an opportunity for conversation with some of the highest generals. They are all quietly optimistic. A splendid spirit, too, prevails among the troops, who are well-fed and well-clothed for the winter campaign."

Signor Ferrero's trip was along the line from Soissons through Champagne. To-morrow he will visit the northern front, and afterward he will go to Alsace, Lorraine and the Argonne.

TRYING TO REACH COAST OF ALBANIA

Enemy Now Attempting to Prevent Reorganization of Serbian Army

Paris, Dec. 22.—The latest news from the Balkans leaves many things uncertain, but it throws a clear light upon one fact—that is the threatening character of the advance of the enemy toward the Albanian coast.

British and French observers necessarily have had their attention chiefly centered on the Greek frontier, and the arrest of the enemy on both sides of the Vardar valley. The Austro-Germans and Bulgarians, however, have not been idle, nor is this to be wondered at when it is remembered how serious a matter the reconstruction of the Serbian army would be for them. Austrians in the north and Bulgarians in the south are now engaged in a desperate effort to prevent this reconstruction.

The Austrians seem to be striking southward along two lines. The first across Montenegro and the second by the coast, from Cattaro and neighboring ports, where expeditionary forces are reported to be gathering for a landing in Northern Albania, and from the Monastir region through Ochrida, toward El Bassan, where they would be only fifty miles from the coast. Thus they threaten to cut between the Serbians and the Italians. They are hoping to enroll the chiefs of the Albanian mountain clans, and to this end will use the money and resign with equal unscrupulousness.

Bands Near Coast.

A certain effervescence, indeed, has been noted already among the Mussulman communities, and bands have appeared near the coast. It is to be noted that the Prince of Wied has been reported at Prirend.

To most British readers the Adriatic is a distant sea, complacently regarded as a safe in custody of the Italian fleet, and Albania has seemed a troublesome "No-Man's-Land," best left to stew in its own juices. The fate of Serbia's interests and the gallant efforts of Italy forbid any such indifference to-day.

The central powers have strong motives in pursuing this incendiary adventure. One is the general incendiary motive Germany already has shown in her efforts to foment insurrection; another lies in the fact, peculiarly menacing to the Italians, that any considerable success of this enemy enterprise would gravely compromise the future status of the Adriatic.

Now that it is clear that not only are the remains of the Serbian and Montenegrin forces in jeopardy, but the future of Italy on the Adriatic is directly menaced, events in this new theatre should be followed with great increased interest.

GERMANS HAVE NOT SO MANY MUNITIONS PLANTS; EXPLOSIONS

London, Dec. 22.—According to advices to the Amsterdam Telegraph, forwarded by Reuter's correspondent, a powder factory and several ammunition factories at Muenster, Westphalia, have been blown up. Great damage was done to the town; the newspaper adds. The force of the explosions was felt in towns 20 miles away.

SAID BERTRAM HAS RESIGNED HIS POST

Rumored He Is Severing Connection With Munitions Board; No Confirmation

OUTLOOK FOR SHELL FACTORIES AFTER WAR

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The rumor that General Bertram, deputy chairman of the Imperial Munitions board, who was chairman of the Shell committee until it passed out of existence upon the formation of the Imperial Munitions board, has resigned his position, lacks confirmation here. J. W. Flavell, chairman of the munitions board, stated this morning that he had heard nothing of it. General Bertram is absent from the city, having gone south recently with Mrs. Bertram.

There are many who believe that the rumor may be true, as General Bertram recently delivered a statement concerning his stewardship which might well be considered in the nature of a valedictory. His resignation, if tendered, would be sent to Lionel Hitchens for acceptance or refusal, so that it might be some days before any formal announcement would be received here.

Certain additions and changes are being made in connection with the newly-formed board by the chairman, Mr. Flavell, who is enlisting, to ensure the success of the industry, a number of experts in various branches of the work.

To Secure Permanency.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Steps to insure the permanency of the extensive shell manufacturing industry which has been developed in Canada by the war are being taken by the government. During his stay in Canada Lionel Hitchens recommended that such action be instituted, and it is announced officially that the question has been referred to the Economic and Development commission and that it will report as to how best the industry may be conserved.

For shells and other supplies there has been expended in Canada up to now an aggregate of about \$300,000,000. The employees are estimated at 100,000. Subsidiary industries for the refining of copper and zinc have been organized. While the assertion is made in official circles that the prices received by shell-makers are sufficiently generous to enable them to scrap their equipment when the war is over, the government hopes to develop some scheme of diverting to new channels, after the war, the present industrial activity in the manufacture of shells.

WENT TO QUEBEC TO GET INFORMATION

Edmund Justice, German Plotter, Arrested in New York To-day

New York, Dec. 22.—Edmund Justice, a nightwatchman employed by the Atlas Steamship company, a subsidiary of the Hamburg-American line, was arrested to-day by federal officers charged with being a party to the conspiracy directed from this country against the entente nations by Paul Koenig and other German agents.

With the arrest of Justice at his home in South Brooklyn the authorities believe they have found the "missing link" in the Koenig case.

It is charged that, at Koenig's direction, Justice accompanied Frederick Metzler, now under arrest, to Quebec and there sought to determine the number of troops being sent to the United Kingdom, and to learn what ships they would sail on and details of artillery equipment and other supplies being sent abroad.

It is charged that such activities were part of a military plot directed from the United States, and as such violated federal statutes.

LIEUT.-GEN. MURRAY SUCCEEDS MONRO

Appointed Commander of the British Forces in the Near East

GEN. MONRO WILL LEAD FIRST ARMY IN FRANCE

Appointed to Post Vacated by General Sir Douglas Haig

London, Dec. 22.—Lieut.-General Sir Archibald Murray has been appointed to succeed Lieut.-General Sir Charles Monro as British commander at the Dardanelles, says an official statement issued this afternoon. Lieut.-General Monro has been appointed commander of the First British Army in France, in succession to General Sir Douglas Haig, now commander-in-chief of the British forces in France and Belgium.

The official announcement follows:

"General Sir Douglas Haig, having assumed supreme command of the British forces in France and Flanders, Lieut.-General Sir Charles Monro will succeed him in command of the First Army."

"Lieut.-General Sir Archibald Murray, chief of the Imperial general staff, will succeed Sir Charles Monro."

"Lieut.-General Sir William R. Robertson, now chief of the general staff in France, will become chief of the Imperial general staff, with the temporary rank of general, with Major-General R. W. Whisham as his deputy."

"Major-General L. Kiggell, now assistant to the chief of the Imperial general staff, will become chief of the general staff of Sir Douglas Haig."

Closer Co-operation

London, Dec. 22.—After an all-night debate, the house of commons early to-day granted an increase of 1,000,000 men in the British army, bringing up its strength to 4,000,000. With the increase come changes in the higher commands. Lieut.-General Sir William R. Robertson, chief of the general staff, having been recalled from France to become chief of the Imperial staff in London in place of Lieut.-General Sir Archibald Murray, who has been appointed commander of the British forces in the Near East to succeed Lieut.-General Sir Charles C. Monro, who has been chosen to follow General Sir Douglas Haig, in command of the First British Army in France. These changes are accepted here as indicating closer co-operation among the allies in the conduct of military operations on the western front.

The Teutonic powers are represented as taking full advantage of the moral effect produced by the withdrawal of the British forces from the Anzaco and Suvla Bay positions on Gallipoli Peninsula and to be attempting once more to swing Greece and Roumania to their side in the Balkan operations. If the news of the bombardment of Varna is correct, Russia is losing no time in an attempt to forestall these efforts.

From several sources, all unofficial, London has heard of the bombardment of the Bulgarian port. Various dispatches state that the Russian warships are accompanied by a fleet of transports which, according to the morning papers, already has landed a sufficient force to hold the town.

While the Greek elections have given a large majority to former Premier Gounaris, a powerful member of the present cabinet who is not over-friendly to the entente powers, it is not believed here that the change will have much of an effect on the attitude of Greece, which is now much more agitated by the possibility that Bulgarian will-cross the frontier than by the formation of a new government.

Along the western line, as stated in the British official report last night, the Germans suffered heavy losses while exposing their forces in an attempt to occupy craters which their mines had opened along the front near Armentieres. French operations at most places are hampered greatly by bad weather, but a considerable portion of the German works on Hartmanns-Weilerkopf, has been carried, 1,200 Germans being made prisoners.

Into Persia.

The Russians are reported to have occupied Kum, which indicates they are making an important advance into the interior of Persia.

Although the question of conscription figured largely in the army debate last night in the house of commons, it was only an incidental part of the discussion. The country awaits with keen interest the debate which is certain to follow presentation to the house of the Earl of Derby's figure on the attestation plan.

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BRITAIN WILL RAISE ANOTHER MILLION

House of Commons Debated Government's Request Until 5.30 in Morning

London, Dec. 22.—The debate in the house of commons on the supplementary estimate of the government providing for the raising of another 1,000,000 men for the army continued until 5.30 o'clock this morning, at which hour the vote for the additional men was agreed to, and the house adjourned.

Many members previously had protested against the house being kept in session so late, and attempted to get the debate adjourned, but the ministers insisted that the vote for a million extra men must be passed.

Rt. Hon. Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer, announced that he did not think the result of the re-cruiting plan of the Earl of Derby could be presented to the house before the Christmas adjournment.

Concerning the military situation, Mr. Asquith said the retirement from the Dardanelles positions, with the notable exception of the position at the tip of the peninsula, had been taken on the advice of General Monro and Field-Marshal Earl Kitchener.

No Prize Too Warm.

"The retirement," he continued, "was an operation of peculiar hazard, for the least misjudgment might have led to serious loss. It was carried out by the navy and army combined in a

manner for which no praise could be too warm, and which will give the services enduring fame in the annals of warfare. With the exception of a comparatively small proportion of the stores and a very few guns which had to be left behind, and which were destroyed, the entire force at both places was removed with perfect security.

The total casualties—it seems almost incredible—in the whole operation were two military and one naval wounded men.

"I am sure that the house will take the earliest opportunity to express its admiration and gratitude to General Monro for carrying out these operations; while other officers deserving special praise are General Birdwood and Admiral Wemyss, the latter supervising the naval operations.

"It is most gratifying to know that these splendid troops were embarked to a new destination without the loss of a single life, and after a much-needed rest they will be ready—and I am sure eager—to resume their gallant career."

GAIN WAS MADE ON FRONT IN VOSGES

French Occupied Part of Enemy's Works at Hartmanns-Weilerkopf

London, Dec. 22.—The following official communication was issued last night:

"There were bombing engagements on Monday night about the quarries north of Loos, and a considerable enemy rifle fire opposite Armentieres, where some mine craters are in dispute. There also was considerable hostile shelling north of Loos and about Ypres. We retaliated.

"To-day, the enemy artillery has been active at the same places. Our artillery retaliated effectively. The enemy made determined efforts to occupy the craters opposite Armentieres, coupling their attack with an artillery barrage (certain of fire). After stubborn bombing, both attacks were repulsed. The enemy exposed himself freely and lost heavily."

Gain in Vosges.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The following official communication was issued last night:

"The bad weather has hampered operations on the greater part of the front.

"In Belgium and between Solosons and Rheims our artillery bombarded communicating trenches and dispersed convoys of the enemy.

"In Champagne, German works at the Butte-de-Mesnil were bombarded. A destructive fire on the enemy salient of the Rioupt height, to the north of Pont-a-Mousson, gave good results.

"In the Vosges, at Hartmanns-Weilerkopf, a strong attack by our troops, delivered after an artillery preparation, permitted us to occupy an important part of the enemy's works and to make some prisoners."

The following official Belgian communication was issued last evening:

"An artillery action on both sides of a somewhat violent character occurred on the Yser front. Our batteries shelled the German works to the north of Dixmude and the advance post of Dentoren. A blockhouse erected on the dyke of the Yser was completely destroyed by our shells. The enemy cantonnements at Essen and Clerken were vigorously shelled."

BEFORE WAR ENDS, THE BANKERS URGE

Japanese Financial Men Think Country Should Redeem Foreign Loans Now

Tokio, Dec. 22.—Leading Japanese bankers have decided that a new domestic loan should be raised to redeem foreign loans.

This decision is a result of the fact that Japan has about \$300,000,000 in foreign loans which mature in ten years. The idea is that upon the conclusion of the European war the monetary circulation of the world will become stringent owing to the financial readjustments of the powers concerned. How Japan should deal with the situation forms a difficult question. The bankers think it advisable to raise a domestic loan with a view to redeeming foreign loans while the money market remains in a slack condition. They think that the flotation of a domestic loan at this moment not only would help adjust foreign loans, but also would moderate the monetary circulation at home.

Acting on this conclusion, the bankers probably will make representations to the government. In view of the satisfactory result of the railway bonds issued some time ago, it is proposed to issue the domestic loan at a price of 95½ yen, with interest at 5 per cent., redeemable in twenty years.

Mt. Taketomi, minister of finance, announces that 20,000,000 yen (15,000,000) of the specie reserve will be appropriated to redeem the railway loans raised in Great Britain and which fall due in February next. Another 30,000,000 yen will be employed to pay off foreign bonds. He points out that the specie reserve, which already amounts to about 500,000,000 yen, will steadily increase.

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The following casualty list was issued last night:

First Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. Borghy, Thorold, Ont.; Pte. Albert Walsh, Freeton, Ont.

Dangerously wounded: Pte. H. J. Ely, Southampton, Ont.; Pte. A. Gilham, Brantford, Ont.

Seriously wounded: Pte. J. W. Smith, England.

Wounded: Pte. Wm. Mitchell, Woodstock, Ont.

Second Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. Henry Grimes, England.

Died of wounds: Pte. Bert Kish, Ottawa.

Seriously wounded: Capt. F. E. Birdsall, Brantford, Ont.

Suffering from shock: Pte. James Haddo, Ottawa.

Third Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. E. C. Coles, Barrie, Ont.

Died of wounds: Pte. Wm. Hodgson, Montreal; Pte. Chas. Armstrong, Ottawa; Pte. E. Lowcock, England.

Wounded: Pte. Alex. Day, Toronto.

Slightly wounded: Pte. Thos. McDougall, Toronto.

Fourth Battalion—Killed in action: Sergt. T. W. Longstaff, England.

Wounded and suffering from shock: Pte. Wm. Nolen, England.

Wounded: Corpl. Chas. Northcliffe, Merriton, Ont.

Fifth Battalion—Accidentally wounded: Pte. Frank Shiers, Hudson, Mass.

Wounded: Corpl. John Britton, England.

Seventh Battalion—Died of wounds: Corpl. Wilfrid Whitehouse, Saskatoon.

Wounded: Pte. W. F. Anderson, Fredericton, N. B.; Pte. J. W. Davidson, Scotland; Pte. Henry Rogers, England.

Eighth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. Wm. Heddings, England.

Ninth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Harry Smith, Fredericton, N. B.

Fifteenth Battalion—Seriously ill: Lieut. G. W. Harris, Bear River, N.S.

Sixteenth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. J. S. Robertson, Scotland.

Eighteenth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. John Hollins, Galt, Ont.

Nineteenth Battalion—Died of wounds: Pte. G. W. Birdwhistle, Ont.; Pte. Jas. McGregor, Scotland.

Killed in action: Pte. C. J. Tissier, Channel Islands.

Wounded, but on duty: Sergt. R. Hawtree, England.

Twentieth Battalion—Wounded: Sergt. Arthur Harlow, England; Pte. G. T. Yull, Scotland; Pte. Howard Fisher, Halesbury, Ont.

Twenty-first Battalion—Wounded: Pte. A. H. Williams, Ottawa; Pte. H. H. Oldy, England.

Twenty-second Battalion—Wounded: Corpl. Henri La Palme, St. John's, Que.

Died of wounds: Pte. O. Aubertin, Montreal.

Twenty-fifth Battalion—Died of wounds: Pte. Sam. Snow, Harbor Grace, Nfld.

Seriously wounded: Pte. W. G. Johns, St. Paul, Minn.

Wounded: Pte. Walter Stubbard, South Bar, N. S.

Twenty-sixth Battalion—Seriously wounded: Pte. V. I. Henshaw, England.

Twenty-seventh Battalion—Seriously ill: Pte. A. W. Simmons, Winnipeg.

Wounded: Pte. W. E. Callieut, Winnipeg.

Twenty-eighth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. John Cook, Britton, Ont.; Pte. E. H. Cutler, England.

Previously reported missing: now reported killed in action: Corpl. Walter Saxton, England.

Wounded: Pte. A. R. Cross, North Wales; Pte. Angus McKay, South Wellington, B. C.; Pte. Andrew McBain, Winnipeg.

Twenty-ninth Battalion—Wounded: Ptes. W. J. Rogers, Edward Bowen and Alex. S. Herks, England.

Thirty-first Battalion—Died of wounds: Pte. I. D. Eckshaw, Calgary.

Forty-second Battalion—Dangerously ill: Pte. Bruce Clark, Hilliard, Ont.

Fifty-fourth Battalion—Dangerously ill: Pte. R. E. Greenslade, England.

Lord Strathcona's Horse—Slightly

SHANGHAI A REFUGE FOR CRIMINALS AND OUTLAWS

Shanghai, Dec. 22.—China's appeal to foreign powers to preserve peace in portions of the republic beyond Chinese jurisdiction is somewhat justified by conditions in Shanghai. This city is a refuge for criminals and outlaws from various parts of China, and many of them are desperate enough to undertake any criminal commission. The municipal jail contained more than twelve hundred convicts late in September, a record for that season. Chinese crooks enjoy life in the Shanghai jail. It affords a pleasant home in winter, and offers better food than Chinese coolies are accustomed to.

There is a considerable agitation here for the abolition of flagging in an effort to discourage loafers from seeking jail sentences. No other part of China is as lenient with criminals as Shanghai. Under Chinese law they are flogged for small offences and executed for serious ones. Here in Shanghai jail sentences and comfortable lodging make law-breaking very attractive. Recently there have been many cases of Chinese actually assaulting policemen for the sole purpose of getting locked up during the winter.

CANADIAN FISH SOLD ON LONDON MARKET

London, Dec. 22.—A trial consignment of Canadian fish, shipped from the London market. The government is said to regard the experiment as exceedingly important, in view of the Ottawa assertion that, with proper facilities, two million pounds of fish per week can be supplied for markets.

Those who believe that such a trade on a permanent basis would prove beneficial to both Canada and the mother country are urging that a small guarantee per pound be placed on consignments for a time for the benefit of shippers.

WILCOCKS HAS RESIGNED.

London, Dec. 22.—Sir James Wilcocks has resigned the command of the Indian corps on the western front for "personal reasons." A lieutenant-general since 1908, he was senior to General Sir Douglas Haig, the present commander-in-chief, until the latter was made a full general last November.

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GIRLS IN NANCY LEARN DOMESTIC ECONOMY

Nancy, France, Dec. 22.—Eighty young girls from Pont-a-Mousson, from Gerbevillers, from Nomeny, from Alsace and different parts of Lorraine are passing their exile here in Nancy, learning domestic economy in a building in which some Germans made cheap soup before the war.

"How to live on 15 cents a day and have a little something over," is the essence of the problem the girls have to solve. In doing it they begin at the market, learning how to buy, then the value and uses of what they have bought and how to get the most out of it.

The work also includes designing, cutting and sewing.

"We owe it to the soldiers who are fighting that when they return to their destroyed firesides they will find that their children neither have been abandoned nor neglected, but that during their absence they have received the training and education that will enable them to face the future with courage and confidence," said Prefect Mirman to the correspondent, after showing him the work rooms.

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Sub-Committees of National Liberal Committee Will Study Needs

LOOKING FORWARD TO PERIOD AFTER WAR

While Great Struggle Lasts Party Will Give It Chief Attention

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The following official statement was issued last evening summarizing the aims and work of the National Liberal committee, which was in session in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's office in the parliament buildings from Monday morning until yesterday afternoon, when it concluded with the appointment of a number of sub-committees to deal with the various questions enunciated in the resolutions passed yesterday morning.

The conference of Liberals representing all parts of the Dominion and the leaders of Liberal thought both in and out of parliament was called together on the invitation of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Its aim was not to consider party organization, but rather to discuss from the standpoint of the national interest the problems of statesmanship now facing the country, and which are looming up more largely still in the reconstruction period following the war.

Vital Questions.

"The object was not to adopt policies designed for immediate party advantage, but rather to lay down as clearly as possible such vital questions as national finance, agricultural settlement and development, immigration, transportation, social legislation, fiscal problems, technical education, etc.

"The first principle laid down and unanimously adopted by the conference was that, in so far as the prosecution of the war is concerned, there should be no deviation from the attitude assumed by the Liberal party at the outbreak of the war, namely, that party interests should be made subservient to the interests of the empire and of the cause for which the empire is fighting.

"With a view to defining as concretely as possible Liberal policies on the more important subjects of public policy, resolutions were passed embodying a few clear-cut principles of progressive Liberalism. Further to work out the application of these principles along definite legislative lines, sub-committees were appointed to make special study of the subjects given to their respective care and to report later to the committee as a whole at a future meeting. The members of the conference who were here yesterday and today, together with some additional members who were unable to attend on this occasion, will act as a permanent national advisory council, representative of all parts of the Dominion, co-operating with Sir Wilfrid Laurier in dealing with the problems of government as they come up from time to time.

A Clearing House.

"The conference just concluded and the council just constituted is, in brief, designed to form a clearing house of the best ideas of progressive Liberal thought, fitting the party either for the function of constructive criticism in parliament, or of wise, reasoned and progressive legislation when called again to assume the responsibilities of office.

"The questions embodied in the sub-joined resolution took practically the whole time of the conference. The subject of the extension of the term of parliament was not recognized as coming within the purview of the conference, and was only incidentally discussed. That will be left for parliament itself to decide.

"The resolutions passed by the conference embodying the main principles unanimously adopted as a groundwork for legislative proposals were as follows:

"The National Liberal Committee is of the opinion that so long as the war lasts the Liberal party should give its chief attention to the tremendous struggle in which the country is engaged, that to the end it should continue to give loyal support to all necessary war measures whilst exercising a vigilant supervision of the conduct of the government in military and civil matters, and that in the meantime, the members of this committee should actively apply themselves to the study of the important questions and problems which the country will have to face when peace is restored.

Sub-committees.

"Sub-committees were, by resolutions, appointed for the following purposes:

"1. To study and report upon the finances of Canada, with special reference to the greatly-increased national financial obligations, and ways and means to distribute the necessary charges of taxation among the people in the most equitable manner.

"2. To consider problems of rural life in Canada with a view to federal legislation by which agricultural production may be promoted and our unemployed and our immigrants may be encouraged and enabled to engage in farming.

"3. To study and report upon the establishment of a rural credit system and such additions to the laws affecting banking as may tend to make capital and loans for agricultural operations available on terms more favorable than at present obtained.

"4. To inquire into and study the welfare of our returned soldiers, involving a consideration of the necessity for adequate pensions, vocational training

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New York, Dec. 22.—Unusual precautions to meet a possible submarine attack were taken by the French steamship Patria, which arrived to-day from Naples, Palermo and Lisbon with 41 first, 51 second cabin and 550 steerage passengers. Leaving Palermo, the steamship's boats were hung over the side, steam was kept on the winches, and at night all lights were out. The Patria hugged the African coast all the way to Gibraltar.

Of chief interest among the ship's crew was Juan de Marco, aged fifteen, a messboy and a survivor of the Anconga. Among the passengers was Albert J. Engle, representing American aeroplane interests. He returned after establishing aviation schools in Spain for army and navy officers. While he was there King Alfonso made a flight with him.

THIRTY AMERICANS RELEASED BY VILLA

Washington, Dec. 22.—The release of the thirty Americans detained at Chihuahua by General Villa, it became known to-day, was a condition imposed on Villa in granting him permission to cross the American boundary line. Advises that the Americans had been liberated strengthened the state department's belief that Villa intends to avail himself of the opportunity to escape from Mexico.

NO CHRISTMAS PARDON FOR T. E. STRIPLING

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 22.—Thomas Edgar Stripling, who was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1897, escaped from jail during his fourteen years of freedom became chief of police of Danville, Va., probably will not receive his expected Christmas pardon from Governor Harris. He has been in prison since his identity was discovered in 1911.

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and such other assistance as may be acquired to enable them to take again their proper place in our national life.

"5. To study and report on the adoption of a scheme of technical education and industrial training in co-operation with existing provincial systems.

Limited Companies.

"6. To study and report upon the question of exercising federal control over limited liability companies so as to prevent fraud on public by undue capitalization and in other ways; also the question of adopting a federal insolvency law.

"7. To study and report upon a comprehensive programme of social reform and health legislation which shall include measures such as: (a) old age pensions; (b) national insurance against sickness and invalidity; (c) insurance against unemployment in certain occupations and industries.

"Sir Wilfrid Laurier is the convener of the National Liberal Committee and John Bain, of Ottawa, the honorary secretary."

AMERICAN TROOPS WILL RETURN MEXICANS' FIRE

Washington, Dec. 22.—American troops at El Paso, the war department announced to-day, have been given orders "to return vigorously any further deliberate firing" from the Mexican side of the border.

General Pershing, in command at El Paso, has reported that the firing which resulted yesterday in the death of an American car inspector was the deliberate act of a squad of Mexicans who appeared half a mile east of the international bridge.

American troops, the report adds, were covering the whole river front.

General Avila, who was in charge of the troops in Juarez, ordered several of the rioters shot, according to military reports.

A state department agent at El Paso reported that the American car-inspector was killed by an irresponsible soldier, who was afterward killed by his own men.

PORTRAITS REMOVED FROM NATIONAL GALLERY

London, Dec. 22.—Unknown to the vast majority of Londoners, the National Portrait Gallery shut its doors several weeks ago to remain closed until after the war. The work of transporting the more important portraits of British monarchs and celebrities to a place of greater safety began some months ago, so the collection had just quitted its intended destination.

The National Portrait Gallery lies just behind the National Gallery, which faces Trafalgar Square. While the most celebrated paintings have been taken from the National Gallery, the minor works of the great masters and the best work of the lesser painters remain, and the art critic who is employed by the government to lecture to visitors on the various schools of painting conducts his daily class.

Owing to their more isolated position, the Tate and Wallace collections have not suffered materially through fear of Zeppelin raids.

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\$1.95 a Pair LADIES' SATIN PUMPS. New line just arrived. 30 pairs only at this price.	50c Pair Infants', soft soles, make nice present for the baby. We have a very large variety, from 90c down to 50c.	\$2.00 a Pair Men's Opera Slippers. This pattern in black kid is a big seller.

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ROBERT EMMET IS BRITISH SUBJECT

London, Dec. 22.—Henry James, the novelist, is not the only former American citizen who has recently become a subject of King George. Another is Robert Emmet, a son of Dr. Thomas A. Emmet, of New York, who has lived most of the time since he was graduated at Harvard in Warwickshire, and now has a commission in the British army. He is a descendant of Robert Emmet, the famous Irish leader, who died in 1803.

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AN IMPORTANT MOVE.

If Russia has occupied the Bulgarian part of Varna as a prelude to a serious invasion, important developments in the military situation of the Balkans may be looked for almost immediately. It would indicate that the allies have no intention of permitting the Teutonic empire to elaborate an Asian campaign on the basis of a secure Vienna-Constantinople railroad and that they soon will adopt a formidable combined offensive which will threaten the Austrian-German-Bulgarian-Turkish combination from four or five directions at once. With Italy pressing through Albania; Britain and France operating eastward against Bulgaria from their base at Salonica; with other British and French forces attacking Turkey elsewhere and Russians on the Bulgarian coast with possible political consequences even more important than military, the prospect from the entente powers' point of view would undergo a kaleidoscopic change. A big Russian army would be required to make a landing at Varna something more than a threatening diversion, but Russia has been massing troops at Odessa for some months, and recently, despairing of obtaining permission to pass through Roumania, withdrew her forces from Reni near the Roumanian border. The report that Russia had occupied Varna has not yet been confirmed, but it is credited in London.

THE REAL TEST.

An article in an Old Country magazine comments upon the absence of the social line of demarcation between officers and men in the Australasian forces. The writer observes that many of the privates hold better positions in civil life than their officers; "yet there does not seem to be any friction and the discipline is excellent, arising rather from a mutual understanding between all ranks than from a written code which has been ingrained in the blood for centuries."

As the Australian and New Zealand authorities desire to have in their armies the efficiency which gains satisfactory results, which is the only brand of efficiency worth while in a great war, it is both natural and necessary that social distinctions should have no place. Unless merit and ability are recognized as the exclusive qualifications for leaders and subordinates, armies, no matter how brave and physically fit the men may be, fight under a hopeless handicap. Nothing else counts. Social position, ancient lineage, political pull and traditional shibboleths are pitifully useless in the supreme crises of war. The enemy's shell, bomb, bullet, and bayonet do not respect or even recognize them. In a minor conflict, where small forces are operating and where the stakes are not high, an army might struggle to victory notwithstanding its disabilities in this respect, but in a war such as is now in progress it cannot do so. The grim test must be passed. The plumes and trappings, the artificial restrictions on human progress, must be jettisoned. Nations have no choice in the matter if they wish to succeed.

Nor is it surprising that where merit governs the selection and promotion of officers there is an absence of friction. The only qualities in an officer that win the respect and confidence of any soldier worth his salt are ability and character. A baron or a lord is not recognized as such by the man in the trenches. It is only the officer that trooper sees. And it is as an officer and nothing else that he is appraised. Perhaps the most successful army of which history affords accurate knowledge was that which was created by France during the Great Revolution. It was the only military force in Europe at that time from which caste and class distinctions were eliminated. It

was not difficult, perhaps, to adopt such a system, because the old order of society had been blotted out of the life of the state. All the great nations within reach of that army fell under its conquering sway. The former charity student at Brienne and the laborers' and peasants' sons who became his chief assistants for nearly twenty years had little trouble in disposing of the brave but poorly-offered levies led by the archdukes, grand dukes and princelings of continental Europe. France has had lapses since then. She had one in 1870-71, but this present war found her with an army dominated by the Napoleonic idea in organization and system. Merit and ability alone determine a man's prospects of promotion. The son of a farmer is the commander-in-chief. There is nothing to prevent a corporal from rising to the rank of general if he has the ability and the opportunities of showing it. And he is welcomed with open arms by his new colleagues, as he should be, for the man who wins his way from the ranks to a high command is deserving of admiration and honor. This system and spirit have a great deal to do with France's striking showing on land in the war. Armies in which they prevail are unconquerable.

INTERESTING RELIC.

We have an interesting relic in the shape of a document detailing the "Provincial Platform of the Conservative Party of British Columbia," as adopted at the Revelstoke Convention, September 12 and 13, 1902. Like Mr. Bowser's platform, it is very comprehensive. Some of the planks, ancient even then, are still doing service. State aid to agriculture figured prominently in the long and imposing list of provisions to which the party committed itself at that historic gathering. And even in this convention, merely reaffirmed what was adopted at a convention held three years before. Another interesting plank stood for government ownership and control of railways. Sir Richard and his colleagues later thought this could be improved by a process of inversion. The policy they adopted was railway ownership and control of the government. There is not such a striking difference in terms between the two; in effect, however, there is all the difference in the world. Government ownership of telephones also was urged; in fact the convention seems to have possessed a perfect mania for government ownership of utilities and state operation of crown resources; for another plank provided for the reservation of a part of all coal areas disposed of so that "state-owned mines may be easily accessible." The exclusion of Asiatics, of course, was insisted upon. That plank has figured in all Conservative platforms up to the last month. It is absent from Mr. Bowser's statement of policy, for the Premier does not want to antagonize the colliery magnates who are employing Chinese in their mines. We do not suppose many of our Conservative friends recall their platform of thirteen years ago, for they have had dozens of all sizes and shapes since then, each of which was relegated to the wood-yard after it had served its purpose in a provincial campaign.

THE STATES AND AUSTRIA.

Washington's second note to Austria on the Ancona massacre is described as the "last word" on the subject from that source. It emphasizes the admission of the Austrian admiralty that the Ancona was torpedoed after she had stopped and while passengers were still aboard, and renews the demands of the first note for the disavowal of the outrage, reparation and the punishment of the submarine commander. The contents of the note are strong and definite enough, but Mr. Wilson should realize by this time that demands upon Germany or Austria without specifying a time limit are likely to end nowhere. The Lusitania was sunk last April; the crime was preceded by several other attacks upon American life and property at sea. In every case there was an exchange of notes and a "last word" from Washington. Yet there has been no disavowal or reparation.

The fixing of a time limit in the second note would impress the Teutonic empire as nothing else could. Without it the note gives them plenty of latitude. They can reply that they find upon further investigation that the Austrian admiralty was mistaken when it admitted that the Ancona was torpedoed while passengers were still aboard her, or they can "punish" the submarine commander by promoting him to a better job. The questions of disavowal and reparation could be left for further negotiations. They would reckon shrewdly from past experience that the Wilson administration would be satisfied to claim a "diplomatic triumph" on the ostensible punishment of the submarine commander and the probability of receiving reparation. In any event, they will take their own time, as Germany always does.

Suppose the unexpected happens: that Austria rejects the American demands and Washington severs diplomatic relations with Vienna, what

then? Whether war would follow would depend upon what Germany thought of the situation. She would have to precipitate the new phase of the world conflict; Washington would not. Even if Germany dismissed the American ambassador and withdrew von Bernstorff, that alone would not cause the United States to intervene. But if Germany thought American intervention would be of use to her she would find means of bringing it about. She is very resourceful in matters of that kind. She would have little to fear in a military sense from the new participant, for it would take the republic a long time to put into the field an effective army of imposing proportions; while Germany's position at sea could not be worse than it is. Moreover, it might restrict the supplies of munitions the allies are now obtaining from the United States, while the republic among the belligerents might be an influence that would make for moderation when peace terms were discussed.

On the other hand, the intervention of the United States would improve the financial situation for the allies; it would enable them to make the blockade absolutely air-tight and would impose upon the Germans the necessity of feeding the Belgians. The moral effect upon European neutrals of such intervention would be another disadvantageous factor from the German point of view. American participation on the whole would strike the hyman as very bad business for Germany, but there is no accounting for the pig-headed, arrogant, war-mad diplomacy of Potsdam. It is significant that the Lokalanzeiger was suppressed the other day for stating that Germany soon would settle matters with the United States. Was the newspaper suppressed for letting the cat out of the bag?

A naturalized German who was taken in custody when on a visit to his fatherland and forced to serve for a time in the navy has arrived in New York. Interviewed by a newspaper reporter, the deserter said things were in a very bad state at home when he left. The masses of Germans are downhearted over the war, no longer believing newspaper reports, of successes and becoming increasingly bitter against the government. More than six thousand women are working in the Krupp factories. For the greater part of the time the bulk of the German fleet has been disposed between Heligoland and Cuxhaven and the number of ships at Kiel has been relatively few. All men up to 45 were called out last summer.

We gather from reports of speeches delivered in the Reichstag that if the allies, and particularly Great Britain (Gott strafe her!) only could be convinced that they are beaten there would still be some hope left for the human race. As this hope seems hopeless, responsibility for further bloodshed, privation and misery rests upon England, which persists in instilling into other nations a foolish belief that Germany can be beaten. The situation undoubtedly is aggravating from a cultural point of view.

The Kaiser is ill. In euphonic Teutonic, his illness is described as "zelligewebentzuendung," or "bingewebentzuendung," there being two distinct schools of thought in regard to the first syllable. They stand unanimously on the last syllable. If the microbe which is operating in the chief of the Bash-Bazouks is as long as the term applied to the effect of its activities, he must be a very sick man.

A dispatch says Germany has demanded that the people shall deliver over to the Reichsbank all the gold they have been concealing in their stockings. All the base metals that can be spared, including copper on the roofs

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NOTE THE MENU

of churches, already have been commandeered. Soon there will be no material to spare for the manufacture of iron crosses.

A squad of German professors has gone to Turkey to impregnate that benighted country with the principles of Kultur. The mission doubtless was suggested by the fact that a Turkish submarine was reported some time ago to have refused to sink a ship loaded with passengers, her commander explaining "we are not murderers."

The people of Germany and of Turkey, their holy ally, have just celebrated another great victory, this time at Gallipoli. It would be just like the British to decide to continue the war despite this triumph of the Turk. The British are an impossible people any way you take them.

With Sir Douglas Haig in chief command of the British armies in France and Flanders, Sir Charles Monro in command of the first army there, and Sir Archibald Murray in command in the Near East, Auld Scotland is going strong.

The name given to the Kaiser's illness looks like a dachshund. It also confirms our determination to fight to the end. We will never submit to a country in whose language twenty-one letters are required to spell "cold-feet."

Judging from certain letters reaching the Times office, Mr. C. E. Redfern's epistle laudatory of the genius of our new finance minister has developed an interesting field of controversy.

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- Turkish Delight, reg. 40c for .25c
- Fancy Boxes—Cadbury's, Ganong's, Moir's, and Fry's—all prices to \$3.00 from .10c
- Marzipan Cherries, per bunch, .5c
- Marzipan Strawberries, each 1c
- Marzipan Vegetables, 2 for .5c
- Christmas Tree Novelties—Reg. \$2.75 value for \$1.50
- Christmas Stockings, each, 25c and .10c
- Sugared Watches and Figures, each .1c
- Chocolate Cigarettes, in fancy boxes, each .5c
- Tin Baskets, Teddy Bears, Drums and Trumpets, each 5c
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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, December 22, 1890.

Sir Roger McIntosh and brother left by the Olympian and Union Pacific this morning for an extended hunting tour through Texas. They have been hunting in the province for some weeks.

The Poultry and Pet Stock Society held its annual meeting on Saturday, with Dr. Milne, president, in the chair. C. E. Renouf was elected president, and Beaumont Boggs vice-president. Votes of thanks were tendered the retiring officers.

A thoroughly old English dinner will be provided at the Jubilee hospital on Christmas day. No effort will be spared to make it one of joyous thanksgiving.

A poll is to be held on January 5 to determine whether there is a majority in favor of the extension of the city limits next year. Those residing within the area proposed, but not now in the city will be entitled to vote.

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MILITARY PARADE THROUGH THE CITY

Battalions Reviewed at Parliament Square by Col. Ogilvie, D. O. C.

The streets were filled with soldiers yesterday afternoon when the units stationed at the Willows camp paraded through town and marched to the Parliament buildings. The military spirit seemed to pervade the city even more than usual. At street corners bands of the different regiments were playing, and the military tents erected for the convenience of the Daughters of Empire in their collection for the Patriotic fund added yet another martial touch to the scene.

The parade was arranged for the purpose of aiding the work of the Daughters of Empire on behalf of the Patriotic society in the collection of funds. It was also undertaken to stir up recruiting. The condition of the weather was against the objects of the parade, but nevertheless there were thousands of people who braved the elements to watch the soldiers marching through the streets.

The troops marched from the Willows into the city and down Government street to the Parliament buildings, where they were reviewed by Col. Ogilvie, D. O. C. Large numbers of people followed them along the line of march, and despite the wind and rain there was a large attendance at parliament square.

The parade was without arms. Capt. Bruce, 11th C. M. R., camp adjutant, was acting brigade major; Lieut. Harvey, orderly officer; Sergt.-Major Feary, 11th C. M. R., brigade sergeant-major; and Corpl. Reid, 11th C. M. R., was orderly trumpeter.

Lieut.-Col. Kirkpatrick, O. C., 11th C. M. R., and camp commandant, led the parade, and his men were followed in order by the 57th Battalion, the Western Scots, and the 88th Fusiliers. During the march the 193rd Battalion joined in. After the review at Parliament square the troops were dismissed and most of them came into the city and helped to swell the crowds on the streets.

A first aid demonstration was given by B section, First Field Ambulance corps, Work Point, Capt. Higgan, in premises at the Arcade block, kindly loaned by David Spencer, Ltd., and was witnessed by as many people as could get a view of the proceedings.

The military bands continued to play during the afternoon from various positions in the city, and recruiting officers were busy soliciting men to join the colors.

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Victoria Poultry Show Entries Close December 24. Entries may be made at Ford & Greenwood's, 716 Johnson St., or P. O. box 928.

Social Dance.—The B. and V. club will hold their fortnightly dance at Connaught hall this evening.

Police Court.—Again there were no cases on the police court docket for this morning, and the magistrate did not even have to take his seat on the bench.

Ward Four Saanich Ratepayers.—A meeting in support of the candidacy of D. W. Jones for the representation of the ward in the Saanich council was held last evening at Strawberry Vale. The candidate was well received, as was also Mrs. Hutchinson, who is candidate for re-election as school trustee.

Veterans' Club Meets.—A meeting of all members of the Veterans' Club of British Columbia, in conjunction with the Victoria Command, Legion of Frontiersmen, will be held this evening at 8 o'clock sharp, in Frontiersmen's headquarters, Camosun building, 1293-5 Langley street, when executive will report progress made. All returned soldiers are cordially invited to attend this meeting, and co-operate with the executive in organization.

Homesteads Thrown Open.—Sixteen twenty-acre blocks of logged-off land near Ocean Park, in the New Westminster land district and in the railway belt which is under the jurisdiction of the federal government were thrown open for homesteading this morning at the office of the Dominion land agent in New Westminster. There has been a little group of landseekers gathered at the office for ten days past, and from what can be learned here all the blocks are being taken up.

Hold Entertainment.—The primary department of the Douglas Street Baptist Church Sunday school will hold their annual Christmas entertainment on Thursday evening at 7.30, under the auspices of the Mothers' club.

Performance as Usual.—The public will be admitted at the usual prices to the matinee at the Royal Victoria theatre after which the big Rotary Christmas tree will be held, and gifts distributed to about 250 invited children. The management desire to have it understood that there will be no cessation of the usual showing of pictures on account of the function.

Mails Congested.—For the past week or ten days the Victoria post office has been a scene of great bustle and activity. The special table always installed at this time of the year for the purpose of collecting parcels has been piled high during the earlier hours of the afternoon and evening, while the owners have stood impatiently waiting for particulars re the postage necessary for the sending of their gifts. The incoming mails have also been very much heavier, and additions have had to be made to the staff to handle the matter. An overseas mail containing 110 bags of newspapers and 13 bags of letters reached the city yesterday, and the previous day there were 98 baskets of parcels post.



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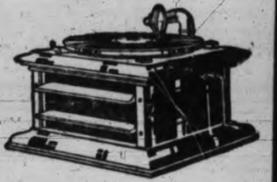
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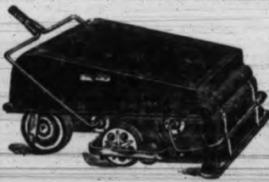
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Doll Donated.—The doll exhibited in the window of Messrs. Hibben & Co. was donated by Mrs. Umbrecht and dressed by Miss Irving. It will be raffled on Christmas Eve in aid of the Blue Cross fund.

Daughters of England.—The quarterly meeting of lodge Primrose No. 32, was held on Monday evening last in the K. of P. hall. After the transaction of much business the following were duly elected to their respective offices: W. P. Sister Wyman; W. P.

Sister L. Warren; W. V. P. Sister J. Oddy; W. S. Sister James; W. T. Sister Stafford; W. C. Sister Harrison; medical officer, Bro. Dr. J. W. Lennox; guides, Sisters E. McKenzie, M. Stewart, J. Dale, A. Coulson; inside guard, Sister Weaving; outside guard, Sister Welsh; pianist, Sister Phillipa; trustees, Sister A. Hill and Sister A. King; auditors, Sisters Berryman, Hedley and Manson.

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Probably the most amazing gymnastic act ever witnessed here is appearing at Pantages all this week in the Four Casters, who perform dizzy, thrilling, hair-raising feats in mid-air. It has been truly said that the Four Casters begin where the majority of gymnasts leave off, and they are among the few living artists who perform the triple somersault successfully. There is a big holiday show at Pantages, no fewer than seven acts, all good ones, being on the programme. On Saturday there will be a continuous performance, commencing at 2.30.

MARY PICKFORD AT DOMINION.

In the atmosphere of Old Japan Mary Pickford, in the Famous Players' feature, "Madam Butterfly," portrays the tragic heroine of song and story. Dozens of Japanese men and women are seen in support of the star. A big battle-cruiser seen in the distance adds to the illusion on the naval side. There is an excellent cast which works together in a manner which insures the success of the production. Too much cannot be said for the splendid scenic effects. The interior scenes bear evidence of high craftsmanship and always are in keeping with the atmosphere of the story. Mary Pickford, in the part of the heroine, Cho Cho San, is delightful and never fails to please. In "Madam Butterfly" she has scored one of her greatest screen triumphs. To-night will be the last showing of this feature at the Dominion.

PROGRAMME NIGHT.

To-night is the ever-popular programme night at the Columbia theatre, when at 8 o'clock the management will purchase from their patrons two programmes issued last week, paying for them \$10 and \$5 in gold respectively.

A bumper house is expected as the feature photoplay, "The House of a Thousand Candles" is one of the best-known plays ever seen in Victoria, being adapted from Meredith Nicholson's most popular novel of the same name. The programme is an exceptionally strong one, even to the Keystone comedy "Caught in the Act," which is one continuous laugh.

Commencing to-morrow a big double bill will be presented, when in addition to the Pathe five-part Gold Rooster play, "At Bay," the well-known comedian, Charlie Chaplin, will appear in Victoria for the first time in his greatest Essanay two-act comedy, "His Night Out." This picture alone has packed the theatres wherever it has been presented and should prove a most welcome offering for the holidays.

"DEFENDERS OF THE EMPIRE."

This film, taken by the authority of the army council, will be the attraction at the Royal Victoria, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. It shows in a most realistic manner many of the interesting and exciting operations of modern warfare. The management wish to state that they are not superiors who take part in this production, but magnificent infantry, second to none in the world (actual members of the First Expeditionary force, it is interesting to note), with cavalry, guns and transport complete. The following different operations are shown: A landing is effected at a point "somewhere within the war zone," sappers construct a pontoon pierhead exactly as they have done in many places during the war; trenches are dug, and barbed wire entanglements made to stop the invaders. These are not toy trenches dug by film actors, but real trenches dug by soldiers, and provided with a thick overhead cover as a protection against shrapnel fire. The attack commences. One sees the trench shelled, and the defenders firing through the loopholes. Dynamite in long tubes proves to be the only means of dealing with the barbed wire. British airships and aeroplanes come into action. These are the only pictures of their kind ever taken. Later the cavalry and the big guns are shown in action, and the caring for the wounded by lady members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing service, the picture being finished off with the part mines play in the war. Everybody in Victoria will be well repaid if they see this picture.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

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

Sam Hendrick, of Calgary, is at the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. F. Withers is staying at the James Bay hotel.

G. S. Harris, of Moreby Island, is at the Dominion hotel.

E. W. Gibson, of Alberni, is registered at the Dominion hotel.

J. C. Clausen, of Sooke, is registered at the Dominion hotel.

R. M. Lloyd, of Vancouver, is a guest at the Metropolis hotel.

H. E. Boyce, of Pender Island, is registered at the Ritz hotel.

Miss Agnes Johnston, Kelowna, is visiting friends in this city.

Mrs. C. Doering, of Duncan, is a guest at the Empress hotel.

R. E. Hinds, of Ottumwa, Iowa, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

C. Bertrand, of Vancouver, is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Joseph Thompson, of Chilliwack, is staying at the Dominion hotel.

H. B. Jones, of Banfield Creek, is staying at the Dominion hotel.

A. G. Gladman, of Peterboro, Ont., is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

C. R. Gordon, is registered at the Hotel-Metropolis in Vancouver.

Mrs. W. J. Fraser, of Union Bay, is stopping at the Hotel Metropolis.

R. B. Young, of Cowichan Lake, is a new arrival at the Hotel Metropolis.

John McPhee and Daniel McPhee, of Ceylon, Sask., are at the Dominion hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Martin, Revelstoke, are guests at the James Bay hotel.

A. Anstey, of Vernon, is in the city and is registered at the James Bay hotel.

MacLaren Gordon, of Prince Rupert, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

Miss Coulter has come down from Ladysmith to spend Christmas with her parents.

R. B. Halhead, of Chemainus, is in the city and is a guest at the Strathcona hotel.

Mrs. Layard, from Deep Cove, is in the city and is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

Mrs. Flora McGregor and her son, N. L. McGregor, are stopping at the Dominion hotel.

W. A. Wood, of Calgary, was among yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lang, of San Francisco, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday.

F. A. Caton, from Ladysmith, registered for himself and Mrs. Caton at the Strathcona hotel.

A. B. St. John is over from Seattle on a business trip and is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Kay are down from Crofton and are registered at the Strathcona hotel.

H. C. Layard from Deep Cove, registered from himself and Mrs. Layard at the Strathcona hotel.

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J. V. Flaherty, of Jolce, Wash., registered for himself and Mrs. Flaherty at the Strathcona hotel.

Mrs. J. Wolf, and Misses R. and A. Wolf, of St. Louis, Mo., are registered at the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. Phillips and family, from Cowichan, are visiting in the city and are at the Strathcona hotel.

Misses Corfield and Campbell, from Cowichan, are visiting in the city and are guests at the Strathcona hotel.

Arrivals at the Empress hotel yesterday included J. R. Fryer, of Calgary; H. Freyer, of Brantford, and W. K. Gwyer, of Yale.

R. G. Wilkinson and Miss Wilkinson, of Medicine Hat, are visiting Victoria and are making the Dominion hotel their home while here.

Vancouver visitors at the Empress hotel yesterday included F. W. F. Norton, Henry A. Stone, J. H. Storey, J. J. Forster and C. Millard.

T. D. McKibbin, who has been teaching in the Harewood school, and his brother, K. S. McKibbin, who has been teaching in the Quennell school, in Nanaimo, have left for their old home in Glenherry, Ireland, prior to enlisting. Both the boys were former Ulster volunteers. Before leaving they were presented with an address from the Young Peoples' Guild of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Nanaimo.

At "Broadbent," the residence of the officiating minister, 1155 Fort Street, Rev. Dr. Campbell last evening celebrated the marriage of Malcolm R. McLeod, a native of Nova Scotia, and Miss Alice Sophia Boisjoullet, a native of Ontario. The bride was handsome in a traveling costume of dark cloth, and was attended by Miss Ethel Maud Richards, who made a charming looking bridemaid in a costume of grey cloth. The best man was Leonard Whitworth Stephenson. After the ceremony a dainty buffet supper was served at the home of the bride, 560 Heywood avenue, which was artistically decorated for the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. McLeod, who are well-known and very popular in Victoria, were the recipients of many expressions of goodwill, and had numerous handsome wedding gifts. They will make their home in Victoria.

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The punster is irresistible; he even indites his jokes on tombstones. An epitaph in Waltham Abbey informs us that Sir James Fullerton died "fuller of faith than of fears, fuller of resolutions than of pains, fuller of honor than of days." There is another of Daniel Tears: "Though strange, yet true, full seventy years was his wife happy in her Tears." This was written of an organist; "Here lies one blown out of breath, who lived a merry life, and died a Meredith." Another says: "Here lies Thomas Huddellstone; reader, don't smile, but reflect as this tombstone you view, that Death, who killed him, in a very short while will huddle a stone upon you."

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As a certain well-known actor-manager was having his luncheon in a country hotel, he was much annoyed by another visitor, who during the whole of the meal stood with his back to the fire, warming himself and watching him eat. At length, unable to endure it any longer, the actor rang the bell and said to the waiter who answered it, "Walter, kindly turn that gentleman round. I think he is done on that side."

Neighbor: "When did your boy Peter pass his examinations?" The father: "I dunno exactly, but I reckon it must have been when nobody was looking!"

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The curtain rang down on yesterday's "Tag Day" amidst not a little enthusiasm among the public as well as the chief actors. For when the total was established it was found that no less than \$10,772 had been collected as the result of the undertaking. This was a little over a third of what the committee in charge of the Patriotic Aid campaign for \$200,000 had still to make up in the little less than \$30,000 of which it was short. The total has now mounted to \$131,000 and with this last handsome addition to their fund it is hoped by the organizers to find the remaining \$15,000 within a very short time.

The greatest credit rests with the ladies of the I. O. D. E. who faced the elements with undaunted spirit, and carried their trust through to the end of a day which for storminess has been almost without parallel in the year's weather record. Altogether there must have been two hundred collectors out, the various chapters of the I. O. D. E. conducting the campaign in their usual business-like manner. The military lent not a little help, especially the Fifth C. G. A. which gave each territory for guard. The parade of all the local units early in the afternoon for inspection by Colonel Ogilvie, D. O. C. at the parliament buildings, brought quite a military atmosphere into the affair, and the soldiers who were dismissed and scattered about the city brought a new interest into the proceedings.

Boy Scouts and Girl Guides also helped nobly. Among the chapters not mentioned in yesterday's list of I. O. D. E. workers was the Florence Nightingale chapter, whose tent was set up in Government street. The following ladies were in charge during the various hours there: Mrs. Hesell, regent; Mrs. J. L. Beckwith, Mrs. MacAdams, Mrs. Prior, Mrs. Clayton, Mrs. Walker, Miss Morley, Miss Green and Miss Irving. This chapter also had charge of the luncheon arrangements at the Alexandra club, supervising being Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. C. Gardner, Mrs. J. D. Gordon, Miss Mars, Miss Hilda Fleming, Miss Hiseock and Miss Dorothy Gardner.

Besides the very handsome donation of \$4,500 by Grant, Smith, & MacDonnell employees, the following sent subscriptions yesterday: Vancouver Milling and Grain company (\$10 per month for six months) \$60; Messrs. G. Powell & Company (\$5 per month) \$30; Messrs. Bonnie & Taylor, \$18; Mr. Charles W. Rogers, confectioner, \$20; Mrs. E. W. Pooley, \$24; Mr. A. R. Wolfenden, \$10; G. F. Matthews, \$10; Mr. R. Bray, \$25; Miss Hattie Newberry, \$25; Mrs. E. Pawson, \$20; School Teachers, \$600; Swift Canadian company, \$100; "Engineer," \$10; Mr. I. S. Cowan, \$100; Baker Brick & Tile Co., \$175; McAlpine, Robertson Construction Co., \$20; Employees of Messrs. Heisterman, Foreman & Co., \$120; Mr. E. Walsh, \$10; "A Friend," \$50; Victoria Ice Co., \$10; Mrs. James Angus, \$120; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Genge, \$240.

Patriotic Aid society especially wishes to thank the Boy Scouts Nash, Bell, Proctor and Skillings, who worked so energetically at headquarters; and also the proprietors of the King Edward hotel, who supplied luncheon to the soldiers and ladies who wished to have the meat there, and all the collectors and other willing assistants.

Creates Misunderstanding.

The announcement that the city is applying a credit of \$170,000 from the bank to pay for Sooko watershed has created a misapprehension. It is not a loan standing to the credit of the municipality, but a credit in case of necessity, which need not necessarily be used, and therefore no interest has been paid thereon.

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

DELAYED BY WEATHER

Storekeepers Look for Brisker Business With Clearing Skies

The singularly inclement character of this season's Christmas weather has done a great deal up to the present to curtail Christmas shopping. Many people have braved the rain and storm and completed their gift-buying. But there are hundreds who have not yet ventured out, hoping each day would be better than the last. There are still two days until the festive date is here, and shop-keepers are looking forward with all their equipment ready for a big influx of people at the last moment. From this evening onward for the three nights remaining until Christmas eve, most of the big stores are remaining open until 9:30 or 10 o'clock in order to accommodate shoppers who are unable to get what they want in the earlier hours of the day. And with the festive decorations which have been put up in all the big emporiums as well as the small the scene will lack little of its old-time gaiety in the Christmas shopping season provided the weather lifts a little.

All the stores are agreed that there is only a very small demand for luxuries and the things that are usually thrown away after Christmas, table decorations, elaborate ornaments for the Christmas tree, etc. There is also a notable falling-off, grocers and dealers in table delicacies state, in the demand for crystallized fruits, candies, bon bons, and that star feature of the post, the Christmas cracker. This good old symbol of the great feast will now doubt be restored to all its old time favor when the war is over, and people once again have money to spend freely. But the bon bon was never an essential to anyone's happiness or to the gratification of appetite, and suffered accordingly.

For the real foodstuffs there is just as great a demand as there has ever been. Poultry is being bought, perhaps not in as great quantities, but nevertheless in practically as many households, just as in years gone by. One wholesale house has sold about two and a half tons of turkeys, 500 geese, and 200 milk-fed chickens. These things will be found in some measure on almost the poorest tables. But the grocers also find that nuts, raisins, fruit, and things of the kind that belong to the less extravagant line of eatables are selling almost as well as at any time. They are, of course, quite an important adjunct to the children's Christmas stockings, particularly at a time like the present when Santa Claus is perhaps not being credited the little toes so full of other things.

This is a reminder that toys still remain the one great thing, aside from the Christmas turkey or goose. Despite the fact that the number of toy dealers in the city has multiplied during the past two years none of them are complaining of slack trade. Preparing for a season which was not expected to offer big prices the toy merchants supplied themselves with inexpensive playthings which would take the place of the more costly toys of the past. And even at the sacrifice of the Christmas offerings for the older members of the family the happiness of the small folk is being well attended to. Big Christmas trees are being held today at the High school and the Soldiers' institute for the children of the soldiers on active service, and for sea-men's bairns; the Orphanage, the Day Nursery and the Children's Aid are all providing little gifts for their small charges; and the Rotary club is caring for most of the other small people who are not getting a visit from Father Christmas in their own homes. As for the rest of the youthful citizens, there is no doubt whatever that Santa Claus is going to treat them quite kindly, as his kishmirish round the shops has foretold.

The ladies' outfitting establishments continue to note the great disparity in the demand for small novelties and fancy goods, as compared with other years. On the contrary the old established businesses experience a readiness to pay fairly good prices for really useful things - blouses, umbrellas, gloves, handkerchiefs and other indispensables. The history of Christmas shopping last year is being repeated again this year in results, although the manner of approach is different. Last year people were hesitant until the last moment, then plunged into shopping quite vigorously just before Christmas. This year the sum total of purchases is much the same, but people prepared to moderate some months ago, and the weather has assisted them in keeping their resolution up to the present.

Jewelers and others handling this line of stock have experienced many little compensating influences in the Christmas trade. Where ornaments for ladies have occupied the principal place in the shopping list military perquisites are inserted. One leading jeweler has been able to keep pace with the demand for military wrist-watches, and military money belts, drinking cups for the soldiers, and signet rings which make such suitable keep-akes for men who are soon to go to the front are having excellent sale. Diamonds and other precious stones which look well in the ballroom are really little wanted in a time when there is no grand opera or other theatrical performance where dress is in mode, and even balls are a rarity. Cameo jewellery, beautiful and wearable by day, are very popular, however.

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CITY FINANCING.

To the Editor:—In the Times of 21st instant I observe a letter from Mr. A. J. Morley in which he asks, "Is there any reason why the ratepayers should not be informed as to the actual amount of the loan, the date and rate of interest? Also, if the above surmise is correct, why the custom has been departed from of paying interest to the local bank only on amounts as drawn from time to time, as in the yearly advance on current account against the tax levy?"

In answer to the above, I am not aware of any reason why the ratepayers should not know. It was made public months ago that we would have to borrow from the bank or elsewhere \$175,000 to complete the purchase of the Sooko Lake watershed. On Monday last the agreement between the bank and the city with respect to borrowing this \$175,000 at 6 per cent per annum was before the city council and approved. It will not be dated until all the details of the survey are complete and satisfactory to the city and the E. & N. Railway company.

We have unsold Sooko Lake watershed bonds to the amount of \$20,000. Against these bonds there is a charge of \$30,000 and the present \$175,000, a total of \$205,000, all at 6 per cent per annum.

We borrowed the above mentioned \$175,000 to enable us to complete the work. This enabled us to save about \$20,000 a year that the city paid to the Equimault Waterworks company for the purchase of water. We did not borrow the \$175,000 referred to. The bank agreed to loan this amount to the city if we wanted it. We did not require it, and therefore we did not pay any interest thereon.

We do not pay any interest unless we actually use the money. We only pay interest as the money is borrowed from the bank from time to time, from the day we get it until the day the money is repaid.

A. STEWART, Mayor.

Day School Service.

The James Bay Methodist Sunday school will hold its Christmas service to-morrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. The service is to take the form of "white gifts for the king."

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CHRISTIANITY SECURE IN CHINA'S CHANGE

Japanese Intervention Feared by Chinese Residents, Says Passenger

Assumption of the monarchy by President Yuan Shih Kai will not be a detriment to the Christianization of China, according to Dr. M. D. Eubank, of Huchow, China, who has been recalled from his mission to carry on delegation work for the America Baptist church in the United States.

Dr. Eubank arrived on the Empress of Japan this morning, and will proceed to his home for the holiday season. Speaking to the Times he said: "As one interested in medical effort, for I have been 16 years in China, the wonderful work of the Rockefeller foundation, recently established, is the most notable change in medical missionary enterprise in China to-day. The trustees have taken over the old Union college at Peking and are establishing a similar institution in Shanghai, where the men can be trained for medical work. Apart from these colleges, aid is being given to the hospitals in equipping them with scientific apparatus, and in sending promising students abroad to train in the medical schools of other countries. The other great cause to which the foundation has devoted its efforts is the provision of translations of eminent writers. All these factors have hitherto been wanting in a definite organization in China. Now our medical schools will be better equipped, and the Chinese medical men better trained.

"The young men of China, who have been abroad, are strongly against the change to a monarchy, but among older people, particularly the merchant class, there is a strong feeling that the time is opportune for the alteration, which is more those to whom China is looking to bridge the chasm between the old and the new, and Yuan Shih Kai, who is a careful reasoner, fully understands that the spread of Christianity among the younger generation will be the reason for the future of the country. Although not a Christian himself, and declaring that he never will be one, Yuan Shih Kai recognizes more than anyone that the country must benefit from western intercourse, just as Japan did a generation ago.

"We missionaries are to-day most optimistic of the future of China, in spite of forces which are operating to disintegrate the older life in the country.

"The most important political factor in the country is the spread of Japanese influence, which taken advantage of by Japan while the European nations are at war. In Fukien, and other southern provinces, Japanese, alleged to be professional men, who appear to be without a practice, are scattering throughout the interior. The Chinese are suspicious, following the pressure which preceded the Sino-Japanese treaty, and can get no definite information as to what is behind the movement. In the east central provinces, where I am located, the objection to the Japanese is very great, and may easily be inflamed into an outbreak. A

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The funeral took place privately this morning of the late Thomas J. Burnes, an aged pioneer and well-known resident of the city who passed away on Sunday night. Only immediate members of the family were present. The funeral took place from the B. C. funeral parlors to the St. Andrew's cathedral, where Rev. Father Macdonald conducted mass at 9 o'clock. Rev. Father Anselm Wood conducted the committal service at the cemetery. The pallbearers were all members of the deceased's family. The rite was impressive in its simplicity, no flowers having been sent by special request of the widow and sons.

YANKS WILL GET BAKER

Chicago, Dec. 22. — "Home Run" Baker, whose contract is held by the Philadelphia Athletics, probably will be sold to the New York Yankees, Charles A. Comiskey, president of the Chicago Americans, said to-day. Comiskey has given up all negotiations to obtain Baker.

CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE.

The figures of the statement of the Canadian Bank of Commerce for the year ending November 30 have been announced.

The net profits for the twelve months after providing for all bad and doubtful debts were \$2,352,055.95, and to this should be added the balance of profit and loss account brought forward from last year, namely, \$1,117,763.27.

After making provision for the usual

JUNIOR STANDARD MEETING.

A meeting of the Junior Standard Soccer League will be held in the Y. M. C. A. to-night at 7.15 o'clock. All teams are requested to have representatives at the meeting, when arrangements for the New Year's day road race will be made and other business of importance transacted.

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P. C. H. A. is Stronger Than Eastern Body.

In a recent issue of one of the eastern exchanges it describes the P. C. H. A. as a home for the retired N. H. A. players. It adds that Kenny Mallen, St. Griffis, Cyclone Taylor, Lester Patrick, Bobby Rowe, Hughie Lehman and Ernie Johnson are all too old to play elsewhere than in the Coast circuit. Of the seven players it is not hard to figure how many would be left stranded if cut loose from this organization. Every club in the N. H. A. would break its neck to secure their services. Bert Lindsay and Walter Small, who were released by Lester Patrick in the spring, are now members of the Wanderer club. The absurdity of the contention is further demonstrated by the fact that on every N. H. A. club there are three or four veterans on the line-up. On the other hand P. C. H. A. teams are made up of nearly all youngsters, with but a few veterans to steady them up.

The coast organization undoubtedly is much stronger than the eastern body. Vancouver demonstrated to Ottawa last season that the easterners were playing out of their class when they came west and played the Millionaires for the Stanley cup, and as the P. C. H. A. has strengthened this season, the superiority is even greater.

Griff. Has It All Doped Out.

Clark Griffith, in sizing up the American league teams for next year, says that his Washington team will show unexpected strength and that the Yankees also will be more formidable. He predicts that the Red Sox, Tigers and White Sox will remain at a standstill and that the Browns will beat out the Cleveland and Mackmen. Griff. opines that if the Yankees sign Home-run Baker they will give the Washingtons a hard battle for a place in the first division.

WILL RETURN TO BEAVERS.

Portland, Dec. 22.—That Bill Rodgers will wear a Beaver uniform next season is practically assured. Cincinnati held an option on him and it was expected that they would take him but the time has expired and it looks like Rodgers will be back with Portland.

MACK DENIES RUMOR.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—Connie Mack of the Athletics to-day characterized the report he is contemplating managing the Cleveland Indians next season as a "joke." He ridiculed the story, saying it was merely another winter stove league report.

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MAKING WEIGHT CAUSED GIBBON'S ILLNESS

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 22.—Mike Gibbons was able to take a long walk to-day. He says his doctor tells him the arduous training he underwent for the McFarland match depleted his system of most of the iron in his blood. The medical man says the Phantom should be in better condition than for some time past when he recovers from the bronchial trouble that caused the postponement of the Ahearn match.

Mike has been forbidden to take any exercise, that will make him perspire, for at least another week. After all that has happened in connection with this match it is imperative that the Phantom will attend to the Ahearn person just as soon as he conveniently can, and he intends to devote his earnest personal endeavors to this matter on or about January 15. Inasmuch as he will suffer the loss of at least \$1,000 in cold cash if he is not able to box on January 15, it is not at all likely that Mike will take any more fast rides in an open car immediately after a hard gymnasium workout.

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SPORTING NEWS

VICTORIA PROS. TO WORK OUT WITH AMATEUR SEPTETTE TO-MORROW NIGHT

Second Game of Amateur Championship Series Will Be Played To-night; Blacksmiths Beaten

Lester Patrick is drilling the local hockey team out for an hour daily to keep the boys in shape for their fixture with Portland on December 28. Yesterday afternoon the team went through their workout, and all are eager to overcome the scant margin the Portland team have over them in the league standing. The workout consisted of combined rushes of the forwards against a three-man defence. To-day the team will go through a similar workout. To-morrow night the local pros. will be pitted against the best amateur seven in the city, and Manager Patrick says he will drive his team at top speed against the amateurs. This workout will start at 7:15, and will continue until 8:15 p. m. It is very likely that the team to oppose the pros. will be selected from the Victoria Amateur Hockey club and the Western-Scots septette.

Championship Series.
The second game of the series for the city amateur hockey championship between the Western Scots and the Victoria Amateur Hockey club teams will be played at the Arena to-night. Their former meeting resulted in a somewhat easy victory for the Civilians, but the soldiers were greatly handicapped, their lineup not having played together before, and were not familiar with each other's style. Since that defeat they have been working hard, and with their revised lineup are confident of reversing the decision. The game will start at 7 o'clock and will continue until 9 o'clock. The V. H. A. C. team will turn out as follows: Goal, A. Strath; point, Stady; cover-point, Christie; rover, G. Strath; left wing, Davison; centre, Archibald; right wing, Wakeley. Charlie Burnette will officiate as referee. Blacksmith's Beaten.
Joe Casey's hockey septette turned

the tables on the Blacksmiths last night at the Arena, defeating the anvil-workers 2 to 1 in a stubbornly-fought game. The losers were greatly handicapped, however, through being without the services of their regular goaltender, who was injured, and they were forced to substitute a "rail-bird" who had never been in the nets before. Bobby Steele, who is very prominent on the baseball field is gaining quite a reputation as a hockey player. He was the shining star of Casey's aggregation, scoring two of the goals. Billy McAllister scored the lone tally for the Blacksmiths. These teams met recently, the result being a 4 to 3 victory for the Blacksmiths.

N. H. A. Games To-night.
Toronto play Ottawa.
Wanderers play Canadiens.
Quebec a bye.
Former Victoria players who are now with N. H. A. clubs are: Lindsay, Small, Don Smith and Jack Ulrich with Wanderers; Poulin and Progers with the Canadiens. Of this number three were cast-offs.
Wanderer Stars Still Hold Out.
Harry Hyland and Gordie Roberts refuse to come to terms with the Wanderers, the former because he thinks the terms offered him are too small, and the latter because he is taking his last course in medicine at McGill, and has been attached to one of the Montreal hospital staffs. He cannot spare the time for out-of-town games. Roberts was easily the best man on the Montreal line last winter.

Stars Retain Cup.
New York, Dec. 22.—The stars of the Montreal City Hockey league successfully defended the Art Ross international challenge cup when last night, in the third and final game of a series, they defeated the St. Nicholas club team, 2 to 1. St. Nicholas won in Montreal on December 11, and in a game last Saturday in New York the teams tied.
All the scoring was done in the first period, Cox, of the local team, and Hughes and Lahue of the visitors, doing the scoring.

OUTLAWS WIN FROM DOUGLAS AUTO STAND

For the first time in many weeks the Douglas Street Auto Stand bowling team were forced to acknowledge defeat last night at the hands of the Outlaws in a match bowled at the Arcade alleys. J. Burgess of the Autos, had high score, while Sam Patterson, of the Outlaws, had high average. To-night a match will be bowled at the same alleys between the 11th Battalion and the 6th Battalion Western-Scots for the regimental championship of the city. The following were last night's scores:

Outlaws	1	2	3	Tl.
Wille	149	157	167	473
S. Patterson	169	181	174	524
Hardwick	129	125	123	414
A. Patterson	113	123	133	369
Total	500	514	608	1622

Douglas Street Auto Stand.

11th Battalion	1	2	3	Tl.
Moore	134	125	111	370
Morley	128	147	143	418
Hanover	106	146	187	439
Burgess	108	129	157	414
Total	576	547	598	1721

POLO PLAYER WOUNDED.

London, Dec. 22.—Capt. Leslie Cheape, of the British polo team that played in the United States, is reported among the wounded of the British Mediterranean forces.

DILLON STOPS NORTON.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 22.—Jack Dillon, of Indianapolis, was over Al Norton, of Los Angeles, in the fourth round of what was to have been an eight-round bout, here last night.

One of the Greatest Shots in Hockey

Ranny McDonald, the speedy Victoria right wing player, probably possesses the greatest shot from the angle of any player in the game. Not only does he put plenty of power behind his shots, but his aim is very accurate. In addition to this McDonald never telegraphs his intention of shooting. He drives when least expected and now the goal-tenders are always set when he secures the puck. Freddie McCulloch and Bert Lindsay, the present and past net guardians for Victoria, think him in a class by himself when it comes to shooting. Didier Pitre, now with the Canadiens, was a great shot, but he posed before shooting this telegraphing to the goal-tender his intention. McDonald improves each year. In the winter of 1912-13 when a member of the New Westminster team, he scored eleven goals. The following year, again a member of the Royals, his record was fourteen goals scored, while last season with Portland he scored seventeen goals. This winter he came to Victoria in exchange for Tommy Dunderdale, and his showing to date gives great promise that he will better his last season's scoring mark. His record for the four games played thus far is four goals. Besides being a great scorer McDonald is not

STUDENTS BLACKLISTED.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 22.—The Harvard athletic council to-night announced that fifty-four names of graduates and undergraduates had been blacklisted because tickets allotted to them for the Harvard-Yale football game this fall had been found in the hands of speculators. In the future no application for tickets by these men will be honored, it was said. Undergraduates and dental school students were the chief offenders.

LORE ALMOST SLUMBERED.

Quebec, Dec. 22.—A big surprise was handed out to followers of the fighting game last night when Mac Mackintyre, the colored boxer, almost put Johnny Lore out in the tenth round of their ten-round exhibition before the Quebec Sporting club. Lore was helpless in the final round, and the tenacity he displayed in managing to stand up until the final bell was remarkable.

RITCHIE BEAT M'ANDREWS.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—Willie Ritchie, former lightweight champion, defeated Eddie McAndrews, a local lightweight, in a six round bout here last night. Ritchie had the better of every round, although McAndrews fought pluckily and came back strong at the finish.

BRITTON SUBS. FOR CHAMP.

Akron, O., Dec. 22.—Jack Britton, of Chicago, will substitute for World's Lightweight Champion Freddie Welsh here December 28 against Johnny Griffiths. They will box twelve rounds at catch weights.



RAN. M'DONALD at all selfish with the puck, and is always well up in the assist column.

PEACE AGREEMENT WILL BE REACHED SHORTLY

Federal League Owners Will Buy Big League Clubs If Treaty is Signed

Cincinnati, Dec. 22.—Unless unlooked-for obstacles appear on the baseball horizon to-day, a peace treaty between organized baseball and the Federal league, one that will bring an end to a two-year war that has proved disastrous to both organizations, will be signed here.

No official statement was issued at the conclusion of the meeting of the representatives of organized baseball and the Federal league last night, and officially it is only known that the Chicago Nationals will be sold to Charles Weeghman, president of the Chicago Federals, and that the St. Louis Americans will be purchased by Phil Ball, of St. Louis.

However, semi-officially, it is known that at present no other changes in the control and management of other clubs of the National and American leagues will take place.

At the conclusion of the afternoon meeting R. B. Johnson, president of the American league and one of the representatives of organized baseball at the conference, stated that if the peace agreement is signed by the Fed-

CHICAGO FEDS' LEADER RECOVERS



Chicago, Dec. 22.—Joseph Tinker, manager of the Chicago Federal league baseball club, was told by his physicians to-day that he was out of danger from his recent operation and could leave the hospital in a few days.

The physicians' verdict did not seem to please the veteran baseball player as much as did the announcement that Mrs. Tinker had presented him with an eleven-pound son this morning. Tinker is now the father of three sons.

When pressed for an explanation as to what was meant by "an early hour," Secretary John E. Bruce, of the national commission, said that it might mean 11 or 12 o'clock to-night.

August Herrmann, chairman of the national commission, when questioned on the subject, stated it was his opinion that the meeting would be carried over until to-morrow.

"That the question of the disposition of players was the prime topic discussed at the meeting to-day was indicated by the calling of almost every National and American league man who was in the city into the committee room during the afternoon session.

It became known early in the day that numerous individual cases were being brought up before the meeting, but no intimation was given as to the disposition of any case.

When asked if Harry Sinclair, of the Federal league, would purchase an interest in the New York National league club, President Johnson said:

"Mr. Sinclair has as yet not purchased any club in organized baseball."

"Will Mr. Weeghman get control of the Chicago Cubs?" was asked.

"If the peace agreement is signed, he will," said Mr. Johnson.

"Which?" was the next question.

"Oh, of course, it will be the St. Louis Americans."

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to give the public the full details, but I can give no more at present," concluded Mr. Johnson.

WEST BADLY BURNED.

Tacoma, Dec. 22.—Tommy West, one time Northwest league outfielder, amateur boxer and "billiardist," is in Tacoma General hospital as a result of his attempt here last night to start a fire with the aid of kerosene. His aged mother, Mrs. Dora West, succeeded in extinguishing the flames about Tommy and preventing much damage to their home. West was badly burned by the explosion. West has been out of baseball several years.

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"THE MOON" IS TOPIC OF INTERESTING TALK

F. Napier Denison Holds Attention of Big Meeting With Attractive Lecture

"The Moon" was the subject of a fascinating lecture delivered last evening by F. Napier Denison, director of the Government Observatory on Gonzales Heights. The address was one of a series of six which the same lecturer is giving at the Girls' Central school during the winter months under the auspices of the Victoria Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society, and there was a very gratifying attendance of members of that organization and teachers from the city schools and from the Normal school. A number of very excellent slides, some of actual photographs of the surface of the moon, others of photographs of plaster casts cleverly representing the peculiar formation known to exist on its surface, added greatly to the interest of the narrative.

In introducing the lecturer, A. W. McCurdy referred to the great importance of the moon in its creation of tides which effected the building of the building, etc., and prepared the way for some of the remarks made along the same lines by Mr. Denison in the course of his lecture.

The moon was distant 240,000 miles at its maximum remoteness from the earth, explained Mr. Denison, while it was 230,000 at its minimum distance. It made a complete revolution in a period slightly more than 27 days. Four and a half months ago, when the moon was on the side of the earth opposite the sun, and on the same side as the sun respectively. Astronomers were well up in the movements, and had worked out eclipses up to 1920. The next eclipse of special interest to people in Victoria would take place in 1918, and this would be visible all the way from the Pacific Coast to Florida.

Total eclipses of the sun, total eclipses of the moon, and annular eclipses of the sun were illustrated and explained by means of a chart thrown on the screen. Mr. Denison explained that the highest tides always occurred when the sun and the moon were in direct line with the earth and exercised their double magnetic power on the tidal waters. Neap tides occurred when the moon and sun were furthest from direct line with each other and the earth. In Victoria the tides were irregular because of the estuary effect which changed the form of the tide, but recent years the tide-table had been very efficiently worked out, and, thanks to Dr. Bell Watson, were quite dependable in respect to local waters. Turning on its axis the moon took just the same time to complete a revolution as the earth did to turn round the sun in its orbit. The result was that dwellers on this earth saw only one side of the satellite. It was Galileo, with his simple telescope, who first discovered the interesting depressions on the moon's surface, which then and for many years subsequently had been taken for great bodies of water. But that this was not water, Mr. Denison stated emphatically, adding that with the assistance of the modern powerful telescope astronomers in a sense know much more about the moon than they did about the earth, many regions of which were still unexplored owing to their inaccessibility. On the other hand the telescope showed all parts of the surface of the moon that was exposed to the view of the dwellers on the earth. The moon was supposed to have been thrown off by the earth when the latter body was still in the cooling process. And being a smaller body the moon had cooled more rapidly, and was now a burnt out planet. The great craters, estimated to be as much as 26,000 feet in height in some instances, were clearly shown in some of the slides. The origin of these craters was still much of a mystery. The earth had something of the same formation to show at Vesuvius and other famous craters, but even the now extinct ones had greatly changed owing to the effect of atmosphere in corroding and wearing down. The moon had no atmosphere, and the sharp prominences and clear-cut outlines of the craters remained unchanged through time.

The mountains of the moon had been named in many instances after the mountain systems on the earth—the Alps, the Apennines, the Caucasus, Copernicus, etc.

From a purely scientific point of view, said the lecturer in response to a question, the moon had no influence whatever on the weather. But on the other hand there was some consideration due to the argument that the moon had a tremendous effect on the ocean tides and on the earth's surface itself. It was quite possible, consequently, that it might have a tidal effect on the atmosphere also. The declination of the moon might also have some effect.

A very hearty vote of thanks was moved by C. Pemberton, seconded by Mr. McTavish, and passed with hearty unanimity amid applause.

SEA POWER STILL RULES.

The deadly work of sea-power goes on; the recent news from the Baltic goes on only a tightening of the coils in which it grips the enemy, and for those who realize its full meaning no more damaging admission has been made than that lately uttered by one of the journalistic mouthpieces of the Wilhelmstrasse. It announced that Germany will shatter in this conflict the theory that sea-power is a decisive element in war. That opinion is forced upon every German who perceives the truth that if this theory is not shattered, Germany must be—London Telegraph.

"Why are you asking me for help? Haven't you any close relatives?" "Yes. That's the reason why I'm appealing to you."

NEW OVERSEAS UNIT MAKES IMPOSING LINE

103rd Battalion Takes Part in Military Parade and Inspection

The 103rd Battalion, C. E. F., Lieut.-Col. Henniker, O. C., made quite an imposing part of the parade which was inspected at the parliament buildings yesterday afternoon by Colonel Ogilvie, D. O. C. They were something over 400 strong, many in the ranks being still without uniforms pending the issue of these to the later recruits. But very hearty cheers were given these "uninformed" soldiers as they passed through the streets, many of them for the first time in the ranks.

Besides the issue of uniforms for the latest men enrolled there will be an issue of other equipment which is now on the way here, and for training purposes two or three hundred rifles will be drawn out, and issued to the men, who have been rather hampered in respect to field exercises and general drill by the bad weather of the past week.

This morning, through the generosity of the management of the Y. M. C. A., the men were allowed to make use of the bath at the association. This is a privilege which the battalion hopes may not be necessary hereafter, as the swimming tank out at the new drill hall, where the troops are quartered, should be in operation in a few days' time.

Lectures are being held almost daily, especially for the benefit of the non-commissioned officers. Capt. Pemberton, in command of No. 1 company, having been particularly energetic in this respect. The men's recreation room is being fitted up, and a piano and gramophone supplied. Anyone who has any old records, old magazines, or other little comforts that might be suitable for the furnishing of the rooms will incur a favor on both officers and N. C. O.'s by sending such to the canteen committee at the new drill hall.

Recruiting continues up-Island. A senior officer will make a tour early in the New Year through the Nanaimo district, when all the men who have already expressed their intention of joining will be brought down to Victoria and attached to the unit. The recruiting officers stationed there and elsewhere have had very gratifying results, and it is anticipated that after the Christmas holidays are past there will be a number of new men ready to enlist.

Lieutenant Simmonds, who has charge of the signalling section of the 103rd, was for eighteen years in the Imperial service. Most of this time he was with the 16th Lancers as signalling instructor. He holds instructor's certificates from the Royal School of Signalling at Aldershot, and is a master of the subject. His experience with his regiment, with which he served through the South African war, gave him valuable practical insight in connection with his special department. He has made a study of inter-communication, and the signalling section of the 103rd will benefit by his knowledge. Special attention is being given by Lieut. Simmonds to operators and telegraphy, for he feels that efficiency in these departments is needed at the front more than actual flag-waving. In his section Lieut. Simmonds has many linesmen and operators.

Mr. Simmonds was resident in Victoria for a short time before he joined the regiment, and prior to the formation of the 103rd Battalion was a member of the Independent Squadron B. C. Horse. He is a skilled swordsman, and figured prominently at many local gymkhanas during the year on account of his striking feats in these contests.

In the signalling section of which he has charge Lieut. Simmonds is ably helped by Sgt. Baylis, another well known Victorian, who for a time owned the Victoria hotel. He was also owner of a large poultry farm in the Fowl Bay district, and is editor of the British Columbia Poultry Farmer. He is an old cavalry signalling instructor, and served in two campaigns with a Hussar regiment. Between Lieut. Simmonds and his capable N. C. O. should be able to train a very efficient signalling section. The section is practically complete, but any man who understands electrical appliances as applied to communication will no doubt be welcomed by Lieut. Simmonds. The section will be seen at an entertainment to be given in the near future, when they will give flag-drill and other interesting exercises.

Suit Over Property.—Mr. Justice Gregory this morning commenced hearing the suit of R. J. Cullin against Miss Rant, in regard to what is claimed by plaintiff to be a mistake in the conveyance of lots on St. Patrick street, Oak Bay.

Christmas Warning.—The chief of police warns shoppers to be careful of their small parcels and handbags, as at this season there are always a number of light-fingered people about looking for the chance to snatch at purses and any articles of value that they can get. As there are likely to be several people out of their homes for part of Saturday, or perhaps over the week-end, the chief suggests that they should take care to lock all doors securely, and if possible have some one keep an eye on things for them. There has been more petty thieving this winter than ever before, and there are a great number of Chinese prowling about on the ostensible look-out for rags and bottles, but in reality to pilfer anything that they can lay their hands upon.

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 - Two days
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 - Two days

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SOME SHIPS CAN PASS THROUGH PANAMA CANAL

Washington, Dec. 22.—General Goethals yesterday cabled the war department that the slides in the Panama canal had moved sufficiently to permit the passage of vessels of 15-foot draught.

FIRST TENDER HOME

The first of the lighthouse tenders to return in time for Christmas, the Estevan, Capt. Barnes, slipped into port this morning at 11 o'clock. She delivered Christmas stores and provisions to the lighthouse keepers in the 25th passage and at Cape St. James. The tender Quadra, Capt. LeBlanc, is expected home early on Friday morning.

THE TIME BALL

The time ball on the Belmont building will be raised halfway at 12:45, at the top at 12:55, and dropped at 1 p. m. daily. F. Napier Denison, superintendent, the Observatory, Gonzales Heights.

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EMPERESS OF JAPAN SAW MUCH SERVICE

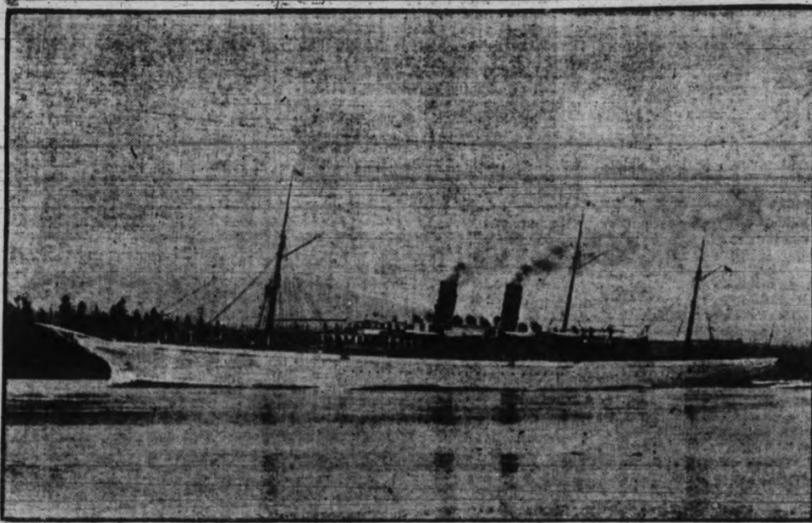
Famous C. P. R. Liner Caught Exford, Bombarded Enemy Positions and Saw Emden

RETURN AFTER ABSENCE OF SEVENTEEN MONTHS

Had War Paint on When She Arrived This Morning; All on Board Glad to Be Home

After an absence from Victoria of 17 months, during which time she rendered much valuable service to the British admiralty, the C. P. R. liner Empress of Japan, Capt. W. Dixon Hoperaff, R. N. R., arrived in port this morning at 9:30 o'clock. It did shipping men good to see this famous old ship, the last of the three white sisters, back again. She attracted more attention this morning than she has ever done since she arrived on her maiden trip, through the fact that she is the first vessel which has acted as an auxiliary cruiser, to touch at a British Columbia port. The officers and men were very joyful over the prospects of meeting their wives, families and relatives in Vancouver this afternoon. They have not seen them since they sailed away on July 23, 1914. Some surprise was occasioned when the Japan came within the vision of the people on the dock on her way up from William Head, that she was not the white liner which had sailed from Victoria last year. She was in war paint. From the waterline to the bulwarks she was attired in a sombre grey coat, while the superstructure was spottedly white with yellow trimmings. The red band which has always encircled her hull as a distinguishing mark, is still carried. When asked as to whether or not the war paint was carried as a token of the service which she had rendered, the officers said they did not know. While she was on duty patrolling the trade routes and shelling hostile bands on the shores of the Red Sea, the Japan was painted white, and

HAS DONE GOOD WORK PATROLLING TRADE ROUTES



R. M. S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN.

It was only while undergoing her re-fit at Hongkong last month that orders were given to change the color. Taken Over For Service. The Empress of Japan sailed from Victoria on July 23, 1914, when the war clouds were gathering over Europe. Little did the officers and men surmise the orders they would have to fulfill before they would again be on the trans-Pacific route. While en route to Yokohama Great Britain became a factor in the great struggle, and the admiralty at once took over all ships which were built as auxiliary cruisers. The Japan received orders to proceed to Hongkong from Japan, and as the German raiders from Tsingtau were running loose in the China seas, a Japanese warship conveyed the white liner through the danger zone. On arriving at Hongkong the work of fitting out the ship as an auxiliary cruiser, was started and without consideration of the elaborate finishings, the wreckers armed with axes, crow-bars and other implements of destruction, tore the saloon, library and lounge rooms to pieces. This new space was used in storing coal, stores and supplies and enabled the Japan to make longer cruises. Guns Mounted on Deck. Eight 4.7 guns were mounted on the steamship and she presented quite a formidable fighting machine. Two of the guns bristled on the forecastle-head, two others were mounted on the poop, and on each side of the saloon-deck a pair of muzzles looked menacingly over the side. Now thoroughly converted from a peaceful merchantman into a deadly vessel of war, the Empress of Japan sailed out of Hongkong to do her duty. At that time the Emden was raiding the eastern seas. The auxiliary cruiser had orders to keep certain trade routes open, and was prepared for any emergency. She cruised mostly in the South Indian Ocean, but made trips to the Red Sea, and nosed about Indian ports a little. The Only Capture. To the Empress of Japan was placed the honor of being the only C. P. R. liner on naval duty to capture a prize. A few days after the Emden had been battered into a helpless wreck by the Sydney, the auxiliary cruiser was on one of her regular beats when smoke was sighted on the horizon. She at once went off at full speed and found the British steamship Exford, which had been captured by the Emden and used as a supply ship. A shot across her bow brought the vessel to a standstill. Under cover of the guns a boat was sent from the Japan. It was discovered that there were twenty-eight Germans on board, including the navigating officer of the Emden. No guns were found on the Exford, and, if she had any, they must have been dumped overboard. A prize crew was placed on the steamship, and she was taken to Singapore. It appears that the Exford had been waiting in the vicinity of her capture for four days. It was the prescribed meeting place with the Emden and no word had been passed along that the cruiser had been destroyed. Prior to the loss of the Emden those on board the Empress of Japan never knew when they would come into grips with her. They did not fear a contest, however. With the Emden gone little patrol work was necessary. Off to Seize Ships. Immediately Italy threw in her lot with the allies, the Empress of Japan headed for Massowah, Italian East Africa, which borders on the Red Sea. It was known that there were a number of German and Austrian merchant ships interned there, and it was feared that they might escape. When the Empress arrived she found another warcraft carefully guarding the port. Hostile parties dropped a few shells into Perim and the Empress was ordered to cruise along the coast. On spotting the band she opened fire and it is not known what casualties she inflicted, but the raiders gave no further trouble. On another occasion the Japan opened fire on an enemy position and did considerable damage. Visited Emden Wreck. On one of her cruises into the South Indian ocean the Empress passed close to Cocos island, and all hands were anxious to have a look at what remained of the Emden. The cruiser came to an anchorage and boats were lowered and rowed ashore. The officers and men boarded the derelict and took photographs and chose souvenirs. They speak of the famous raider as a "hopelessly battered wreck and junk shop." Some of the photographs taken reveal the terrible execution done by the Sydney's guns. Several 4.1 shell cases, which were emptied by the Em-

den's gunners in an attempt to master the Australian cruiser are in the possession of men on the Japan. Those who visited the wireless station on the island say that the Germans chopped off the huge mast which carried the antennae at the base and it crashed to the ground and broke. The instruments, however, had previously warned the Sydney of the Emden's presence, and while the men were hacking away at the mast, the cruiser was tearing along at full speed with her ammunition hoists ready to run up a supply of shells and every man in position for action. As a Troopship. About five months ago, when all the work in the Indian ocean for auxiliary cruisers was completed, the Empress of Japan was ordered to Bombay. There her guns were dismantled, and for a time it was questionable whether she would be released or converted into a troopship. Finally it was decided that she would not be suitable for carrying troops, and the Admiralty announced that they had no further use for her. Two months ago the Japan arrived at Hongkong and the work of refitting her was commenced. The officers and men were glad when word came that she was to sail from that port on December 1, as they knew that they would be in Vancouver for Christmas. They are delighted to be home again as the cruise was rather monotonous. They were in warm latitudes all the time, and this detracted slightly from the pleasure of the trip. GREAT LINER NEEDS NEW SET OF BOILERS Minnesota May Discharge Her Cargo at Frisco; Repairs Will Cost \$200,000 San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Acting under the order of the United States steamboat inspectors, the Great Northern Line announced today that the liner Minnesota will be equipped with an entire new set of boilers. The work, in all likelihood, will be done in San Francisco and will take many months. No contract for the work has yet been awarded. It is known, however, that the Union Iron Works, asked to submit bids, made three offers last week; one to repair the ship, another to replace eight boilers and another to install a complete new battery. The limits fixed were three months, six months and a year respectively. The bid in the latter instance is said to have exceeded \$200,000. C. W. Wiley, marine supt., said today it had not been decided whether or not the Minnesota's cargo would be discharged. The unloading would cost \$30,000. Eight members of the crew have been paid off.

TIDE TABLE

December	
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3	2:58 6.5 10:04 9.0 17:27 6.7 23:16 9.6
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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Aberdeen, Dec. 21.—Arrived: Strs. Tamalpais, San Jacinto and Quinaluit, from San Francisco. Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 21.—In tow of the tug Dada, the str. Curacao left today for Seattle, where she will be rebuilt for service with the Pacific Coast Steamship company, her former owners. The vessel was wrecked at Warm-chuck, Alaska, more than two years ago, and after being abandoned and sold to the Vancouver Salvage company, was raised and brought here, and now has been sold back to her former owners. The Royal Mail Steam Packet liner Merionethshire reached London yesterday with a giant gale, 215 feet long, shipped from Vancouver to be erected at Kew gardens. The Flood str. Mackinnon shifted from the Balfour-Guthrie dock to the C. P. R. wharf this morning to take on shipments for Vladivostok. She will berth again at the Balfour-Guthrie dock to complete her cargo. The Grand Trunk Pacific str. Prince Rupert is due tomorrow, winding up her season's service on the fast run to the north. She will lay up here for her annual overhauling and the str. Prince John, Capt. Wearmouth, will take up the run, leaving here on Friday night. The Canadian Pacific steamer Princess Maquinna, Capt. Shaw, arrived today from northern ports, reporting dirty weather, snow, rain, hail and head seas were some of the unpleasant incidents of the trip. Portland, Ore., Dec. 21.—Arrived: Str. Temple E. Dorr, from San Pedro; str. W. F. Herrin, from San Francisco. Sailed: Strs. F. A. Kilburn and Aurelia, for San Francisco. San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Arrived: Str. San Pedro, from Guaymas; str. Capt. A. F. Lucas, from Bulboa; str. Col. E. L. Drake and Matsonia, from Honolulu. Sailed: Str. Bear, for Portland. San Pedro, Dec. 21.—Two steamers completed cargo here for Mexican ports to night and sailed with holds well filled and nearly all the passengers they could

TWO NEW EMPRESSES FOR ORIENTAL ROUTE

Sisterships Leaving Builders' Yards Shortly Capt. Hoperaff to Command One

Following the arrival this morning of the steamship Empress of Japan a report was circulated that the C. P. R. will have two new liners completed in British shipyards for the trans-Pacific trade within three months. It was stated that Capt. W. Dixon Hoperaff, master of the Japan, will leave the ship in Vancouver and proceed direct to England to assume command of one of the sister ships. Capt. R. L. Davidson, who crossed the Pacific on the Japan as supernumerary chief officer, will take command of the old Empress upon the departure of Capt. Hoperaff. From what few particulars could be learned the two new Empresses will have a length of 549 feet. No other dimensions are available, but it is apparent that they will be about the same size as the Canadian-Australian liner Niagara. To Replace Old Ships. The two new liners are now receiving their finishing touches at their builders' yards. It is quite likely that they will come to this coast via the Panama canal, which should be cleared for shipping of large draft by the middle of next month. The two new ships are to replace the two old Empresses. Several years ago the Empress of China ran ashore on the Japanese coast and became a total loss. About the beginning of this year the Empress of India, which had been commandeered by the admiralty at the outbreak of the war, was purchased by the Gaekwar of Baroda and converted into a hospital ship for the Indian troops. It was thought that with the two large ships, the Empress of Russia and the Empress of Asia, back in service, along with the Empress of Japan and the Montague, that the C. P. R. would have all the ships it required for the trans-Pacific trade. It may be possible that the Russia and Asia are to go on other routes. Further particulars of the new ships and the change of schedule and routes, will be awaited with interest.

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REEVE'S REPORT TELLS RECORD OF PROGRESS

Excellent Financial Standing of Saanich Revealed; Public Works in 1915

A valuable report on the public works and finances of Saanich was presented by Reeve McGregor to his council yesterday afternoon. It received the cordial approval of the members, and thus becomes the official statement of the council. Space does not permit of giving the report in full, except the clauses with regard to financial arrangements, which are as follows: "The municipality is to be congratulated for the extremely satisfactory state of its financial affairs. Owing to circumstances, principally caused through the war, the previous council was obliged to leave an indebtedness of some \$17,000 for the present council to liquidate. This debt was paid early in the year, and all accounts for current expenditures have been promptly met, and as at the end of the year there will be a credit balance on hand of some thousands of dollars, the council has authorized the extensions to the municipal buildings, which I mentioned in my report twelve months ago, and which, now that the waterworks are being taken over, are absolutely necessary. "This state of affairs is attributable in a great measure to the tax sale, which was held in August, which from the point of view of collecting arrears of taxes proved a great success. In order that the credit of the municipality may be maintained, it is necessary that arrears of taxes shall not unduly accumulate, and until municipalities are provided by legislation with other and better means of collecting back taxes, I am a firm believer in tax sales. "During the year the whole of the issue of waterworks debentures, amounting to \$375,000, the whole of the local improvement issue for acquiring the right-of-way for Shelbourne street, amounting to \$28,000, and \$250,000 of the road improvement debentures have been disposed of on a basis of yielding approximately 6% per cent. per annum, and it is fully anticipated that the balance of the road improvement issue will be taken up on the same basis early in the coming year. The local improvement issue for Lake road grading has all been disposed of locally on a 4 per cent. basis, and a portion have already been delivered. The basis of yield, although undoubtedly higher than would have been considered two years ago, is really satisfactory when compared with what other municipalities, and even the provincial government, have had to pay. "The labor situation all over the province has been acute, and distress has been very prevalent. At the beginning of the year Saanich was no exception to other districts, but in the second half of the year, thanks to the large amount of money available for expenditure, the council by authorizing various works has been able to mitigate this in fact in Saanich the labor situation is now almost quite normal. The coming year should show further improvement in this respect, as even larger sums of money will be available for expenditure. "The investment of sinking funds is a matter that has received the consideration of the council, and a policy has been adopted whereby the highest

rate of interest will be secured consistent with safety. Wherever possible all moneys to the credit of a sinking fund will in future be used to purchase debentures of the issue for which the sinking fund is provided. This, according to the best advice, is the best possible investment for sinking funds. The saving to the taxpayers during the last few years of the life of the debentures will amount to a very considerable sum of money if this policy is carried out. The savings in the case of the road improvement by-law and waterworks by-law, taken on a very conservative basis, are as shown below: Issue of \$450,000 road improvement debentures, saving of approximately \$100,000 in fourteenth and fifteenth year; issue of \$375,000 waterworks debentures, saving of approximately \$200,000 from twenty-fourth to thirtieth year. "As it will not always be possible to purchase debentures when required, the council has authorized the investment of a certain amount of sinking funds in the Dominion of Canada war loan, and \$28,500 of these bonds have been acquired, to be distributed amongst the local improvement and school loan by-law issues. This, apart from the fact of its being of some assistance to the Dominion and Imperial governments, will prove to be a lucrative investment to the municipality and a great saving eventually to the taxpayer. "Apart from the promise of \$100,000 towards the cost of the grading and paving of Quadra street, Saanich road and the East Saanich road, under the road improvement scheme, of which sum \$30,540.26 is now due, the work having been passed by the provincial public works engineer, the municipality has received grants from the provincial government as under: Toward cost of grading and paving West Saanich road, \$4,150; toward cost of grading and graveling Telegraph road, \$600, and in behalf of the municipality, thank our member, the minister of public works, and the government for the donations mentioned. "Next year should see the completion of the road improvement scheme and the waterworks. The time is not opportune for launching out in new expenditures unless the needs are very pressing, so at this time I cannot see my way to lay out any extensive program of improvements. The sewer question is one that sooner or later will have to be dealt with, but until monetary conditions improve, I would advocate that this remain for the time being in abeyance. "Mr. McGregor commends the experiment of resurfacing the west road at Black Hill with a permanent pavement, the work having cost the moderate sum of 90 cents per square yard, and recommends that all new surfacing of roads, subject to heavy motor traffic, be carried out in a like manner. Allusion is made to the road improvement work on Saanich road, and an assurance is given with regard to the east road that arrangements have been made to carry it out immediately, considerable rough grading works along proposed diversions and proposed fills so as to allow for all settlements of same. "The progress on Lake road and Shelbourne street is also reported, and full justice done to the waterworks project. "The year 1915 has," he says, "like its predecessor, owing to economic conditions, been one of strict retrenchment in municipal affairs. The general rate, which last year was reduced from 8.5 mills to 7.3 mills, has again been reduced to 6.9 mills on the dollar, a reduction of 16.2-3 per cent as compared with the year 1914, or approximately 39 per cent as compared with the year 1911. "This change has been partially due to the assessment of land rising from

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CIVIC AFFAIRS. To the Editor—Every member of the city council should clip out a certain letter that appeared in your columns of December 20th, and paste it in his hat, so that when he removes his "skynipple" and peers accidentally into its depths the words of a certain widow will stare him in the face. I would like to repeat just one trifling query the lady puts. It is this, "Why should I be called upon to have to pay out of my small income that to make up the big salaries of city officials." And the proverbial answer of the echo is distinctly heard. The reply one of our city fathers gave to a like question, whispered very gently to him some time previous, was, "Good men are not cheap. Sounds funny, don't it, at this world wrecking period, when everything but food and munitions have little value, when \$1.10 a day is a standard wage to the very cream of our manhood, and when ordinary commercial enterprises, the land over, are grabbing for a plank? "Edmund Burke must have been up against a similar proposition when he remarked, "There is, however, a limit at which fortitude ceases to be a virtue."

J. A. SHANKS "The Five Points" POSITION OF NAVAL VOLUNTEERS.

To the Editor—It is questionable if the general public of Victoria who are giving so generously towards the patriotic fund, are aware of the fact that the patriotic committee have seen fit to stop the small allowance previously made to the naval volunteers on the ground, that they are not on active service. I do not wish to discuss at the present time who is the best judge of active service, the patriotic committee or the admiralty, but to point out that the fund was intended for the purpose of assisting the dependants of men, naval and military who sacrificed home, family, position and loss of wages to serve the empire in her most trying hour, and not alone for the purpose of helping the dependants of the men in the trenches. If my contention of the purpose for which the fund was founded is correct (and I have personally heard Sir H. Ames make that statement) then the action of the Victoria patriotic committee is a most unjust one, the more so as their balance sheet published in your own paper showed a credit of over \$33,000. There is no getting away from the fact that many men, serving in the naval volunteers left positions in which they were earning anything from \$75 to \$150 per month, and that it costs quite as much to keep the dependants of men serving in Esquimalt as it does of those serving in France. In return for what these men have sacrificed, what do they receive in return, 30c per day (extra 15c per day after becoming efficient, which cannot be obtained under three months); add to this 45c per day separation allowance, and we find they get the grand total of \$27.50 or \$12 per month, less than half of what many of them earned previously. It would only be an act of justice if the patriotic committee made the same allowance to all men alike who are serving the empire, naval and military, and I do not think a generous public would stand for the injustice being meted out at the present time to the naval volunteers if they knew it. Now, Mr. Editor, you know as well as I do that naval men cannot air grievances through the press and I ask you in all fairness if you cannot see your way to bring this matter before the public, and in your able manner say a word for the rights of Jack, as well as Tommy.

FAIR PLAY THE SLEEPING CITY.

To the Editor—In early days many of our ambitious citizens had a desire to serve the city as mayor or aldermen, or councilors, even when they served the city without pay and a very poor chance of graft either in coal or otherwise. They worked for the honor and glory of the position, and often there would be a dozen or two candidates for each ward. There was a corker here at that time that led up to the council chamber. Perhaps it had a peculiar effect on the doings of the council that made them interesting and sometimes lively. However, there was one thing sure, they were economical and practiced economy, and a few officials and employees did a lot of work at very reasonable remuneration. Taxes were not heavy; land was supposed to be assessed at market value. Of course there was grumbling and every council on retiring was always said to be worse than the last. But boom times seems to have changed the habits, thoughts and actions of our ratepayers. No one seems to be anxious to serve the city at one dollar a day as aldermen. Last year it was suggested that the mayor and aldermen had done \$5,000,000 worth of work, and a saving of money by not having an election, and they were allowed to remain in office. Taxes mounted higher and higher; land was assessed at boom time values. People grumbled, but the assessor was adamant and would not lower values but referred them to the court of revision. A court, as some one remarked, was like a court held in a hot place and having his satanic ma-

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lesty as Judge. However, Mr. Wm. Wilson appealed to a higher court and had his considerably reduced. This may have some effect on the assessor, but no doubt he is keen enough to appeal to a higher court, and who would not, and he would act accordingly. I understand there is a ratepayers' combine of some kind that are trying to kick at the high taxes, but so far do not seem to make much of an impression on the mayor, and they seem to be very reluctant to reduce the expenditure and still more reluctant to reduce their valuation on land, and want to stick to the crazy valuation of boom times. They look upon it that so much money has to be got to meet the liabilities of the city and the ratepayers must meet the bill. Which is all very true, but the business way to look at it is to reduce the expenditure to the lowest limit, even if drastic means have to be taken to do so. They don't seem to be aware that hundreds of houses are vacant and rents down to a mere pittance, and very few of the buildings rented pay enough rent to pay the taxes, and many of them don't pay ten per cent. of the tax due on them. The tax sale lately held should open the eyes of the mayor and aldermen that there is a serious crisis in the financial affairs of the city. Many people have already lost their property, and many more are hanging on by their hardest efforts, and I fear the present mayor and aldermen are not the men to get us out of the bog that boom times has put us in. What we want is a live mayor and aldermen that are efficient and have the ability to steer our ship through the breakers. RATEPAYER. Dec. 21, 1915.

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DO YOU WANT AN EXTRA SIX to ten dollars a week? Industrious persons will be provided with constant work at the Knitting Machines. Experience unnecessary, distance immaterial, war orders urgent. Write today for rates of pay, etc., enclosing addressed stamped envelope. Auto-Knitter Hosiery Co., Dept. 17, 267 College street, Toronto. SITUATIONS WANTED—(Female) EXPERIENCED COOK and housekeeper, with schoolgirl, wishes situation as cook on farm, for three or four men. Box 946, Times. YOUNG LADY wants position in store or office; good references. Phone 3711L. MUNICIPAL FREE LABOR BUREAU is prepared to fill any vacancy for male or female, in skilled or unskilled labor, at once. Phone or write.

AUTOMOBILES FOR HIRE

JITNEYING to and from trains, boats, baggage and passengers. Phone 924L or 3900. C. C. Smith. JITNEY CARS—People wishing to hire jitney cars by the hour or for short trips should telephone Jitney Association Garage, number 3081. FOR RENT—HOUSES (Unfurnished) FOR RENT—HOUSES AND APARTMENTS, furnished and unfurnished, in all parts of the city. Lloyd Young & Russell, 1012 Broad street, ground floor, Pemberton Building. Phone 632. CABINS TO RENT—Clean, and a quiet study, \$25 per month; water and light included. Apply Albert Spencer, Graton street, Beaumont Post Office, Esquimalt. SEVERAL new houses to rent at low rates. The Griffith Company, Hibben-Bone Building. TO LET—Three-room cottage, Second street, No. 153, near Mount Tomlin car line, modern; rent \$1. Apply 2338 Broad street, near Arena. FOR RENT—Modern, ten roomed house, furnace, heated close in. Inquire 319 B. C. Permanent Bldg., or Phone 2585. TO LET—7-roomed house, 90 Dallas Rd. Apply 1228 Montrose Ave. Phone 2261. TO LEASE—Modern home, 6 rooms, all plumbing, 8 miles out, 2 acres clear land, on interurban line. \$15. Box 901, Times. TO LET—Fairfield home, No. 414 Durban street, 12 rooms, modern, 8 rooms, furnace, garage, etc., entirely renovated, rent only \$15 per month. E. W. Whittington Lumber Co., Ltd. Phone 2801. TO LET OR FOR SALE—Five-room cottage, 614 Cornwall street. FOR RENT—Seven rooms, modern, new house, Pembroke street, furnace, large basement and garden, near Fort street, Bay avenue. Phone 3114. TO LET—To good tenant, W. T. Williams, 519 Belmont Bldg. FOR RENT—HOUSES (Furnished) TO LET—Small furnished cottages, 1018 Quadra. TO LET—Furnished 5-room modern house, furnace, \$15. 2311 Lee avenue. TO LET—Furnished 3-room modern house, \$15. 3111 Lee avenue. FURNISHED CABINS, \$4 per month. Apply Barber Shop, Pool Rooms, Esquimalt. FOR RENT—MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE OR RENT—Store, Hillside street, corner Bond street, with stable; also 4-room flat over store. J. Gunn, Metcoun P. O. SADDLE HORSE, suitable for lady, by J. J. MacLachlan, Phone 1315 or 1316. ONE AND TWO-ROOM OFFICES to let in Times Building. Apply at Times Office. FOR SALE—LIVESTOCK. WHITE WYANDOTTES, pullets and hens, for sale, from imported pure bred stock. D. MacLachlan, Duncan. MISCELLANEOUS A CHRISTMAS NEED—Your piano tuned by certified expert, reduced to \$2. Phone 414. ALL WORKINGMEN who have been previously registered in the bureau, also any who are unemployed, should apply to the bureau, No. 613 Cormorant street, at once for registration in order that a complete list may be made before the end of December. C. P. COX, piano tuner, graduate of School for Blind, Halifax, 159 South Turner street. Phone 1212. TO THE CITY TAXPAYERS—You are cordially invited to attend the annual meeting of the Civic Retrenchment Association, which will be held in the Board Room, Belmont Bldg., opposite the Post Office, on Tuesday evening, December 7, at 8 o'clock sharp, for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. The meeting will be held at 8 o'clock and to impress on the City Council and the School Board the very urgent necessity for further curtailment in their expenditures for 1916. P. J. O'Rielly, president. DURING WINTER SEASON, A. R. Hatch, Belleville street, will repair and paint boats at low rates; also cheap repairs. GATLIN INSTITUTE—Removed to 519 Trench street. Treatment for alcoholism and drugs, under competent physician and graduate nurse. Consultation free. Phone 431. DANDRIDGE, Ford car specialist, Oak Bay avenue. Phone 434. JONES, carpenter and cabinetmaker. Jobbing work promptly attended to. Fine work, etc. Phone 1513L, 87 Fort street. LOST AND FOUND. LOST—Wire-haired fox terrier bitch, name "Gally" engraved on collar. Phone 3624L. LOST—Black spaniel pup, white feet and front. 1811 Esquimalt street. Phone 433Y. LOST—Saturday, between Burdett avenue, Causeway, Government and Fort. A gold bar brooch with three pearls in raised setting. Please return to Times Office, Esquimalt. LOST—Lady's black leather purse, in leaving Esquimalt car at Fraser street, about 5 o'clock Saturday evening. Five dollars reward for return to C. Hoard, 236 Armit road, or by telegram, permanent address. HELP WANTED—(Male) OFFICE BOY WANTED—Must be good writer, willing and wide-awake. Apply Box 34, Times. WANTED—Reliable party, experienced hotel work, manage small country hotel. State references, family. Address Box 967, Times. WANTED—Boy for plumbing shop. Apply Cookson Plumbing Co., 1945 Yates street. LEARN WIRELESS—New classes commencing January 3. Particulars and prospectus free on request. Columbian College of Wireless, 7214 Fort. TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD guaranteed acceptable men serving one month as firemen or brakemen, permanent positions, wages \$100-\$125; experience unnecessary. No British enemy nationals. Railway Association, cars times. EMPLOYERS OF HELP who may now or hereafter require help, should specify skill or unskilled labor, either male or female, should send in their names at once to the Municipal Free Labor Bureau. WANTED TO RENT—HOUSES YOUNG MARRIED COUPLE want to rent small furnished house, Saanich district preferred. Apply Box 360, Times. WANTED—About first of January, modern, five-room bungalow or apartment, furnished. Give particulars, Box 823, Times. WANTED—A small furnished bungalow or cottage, with piano preferred, not far from City Hall; low rent. Apply Box 94, Times. PEMBERTON & SON SNAPS IN HOME SITES. ST. PATRICK ST.—Lot 5212L, half block from sea; price, on terms. \$600. OAKLAND ROAD—Lot 5211D, close to golf links and sea; price, on terms. \$600. HILLSIDE AVENUE—Corner; price, on terms. \$250. PEMBERTON & SON PEMBERTON BUILDING.

FOR SALE—ARTICLES.

HYBRID and American axiales and rhododendrons, own root roses, heather, hollies, kamias, clematises, berberis, huddles, perennials, and other choice shrubs. Price list on application to G. Fraser, Uclulet, B. C. LARGE OR SMALL STUMPS can be destroyed at the cost of a few cents each by our chemical process; no hard labor involved and no explosives used. Write for particulars. Ideal Stump Destroyer Co., 160 Broadway East, Vancouver, B. C. HOME INDUSTRIES—Chicken houses in sections, dog houses, forcing frames, ladders, all sorts and sizes, metal safes, jobbing carpentering. Jones, 537 Fort street. Phone 1212L. DEWBERRIES, loganberries, lowberries, rooted tips; per doz. and 100. Simpson, 611 Superior. FOR GOOD APPLES and plenty of them write for particulars. Simpson, 611 Superior. FOR SALE—Malleable and steel ranges, \$1 down, \$1 per week. 2041 Government street. RASPBERRIES, rhubarb, roses, gooseberries, currants, red and black, good choice sorts. Simpson, 611 Superior. CHESTERFIELD CHAIRS, comfortable and cozy; carpets and household requisites. Murdoch's, Pandora Mart. Phone 5299. STRAWBERRIES, in choice sorts, from maiden plants only; per doz. 1.90 or 10.90. Simpson, 611 Superior. Phone 2864L. ALL BLACK SOIL and manure delivered. Phone 1854. LADDERS—Strong, light ladders, 2 ft. long and shorter, window ladders, step ladders, in aluminum, canvas, \$4.50, sold at Jones, 537 Fort St. Phone 1672L. FOR SALE—Lady's new hocky boots and skates, 1624 Monterey avenue. FURNITURE, good class, modern bargains. Magnet Auction Rooms, 944 Fort, Vancouver, B. C. \$1.50 per month. Remember—the place—BELMONT HOUSE. BLACK SOIL and manure, delivered. Phone 163. A SNAP FOR CHRISTMAS—Upright grand piano; \$140; part cash and exchange for anything useful. Phone 2261. GRANDFATHER'S CLOCK for sale. Phone 3461L, 203 Jones Block. CHECKS—HOUSES IN SECTIONS erected in 10 minutes, in stock; New York poultry house to accommodate 1300 birds, next box outside, \$12.50; Victoria poultry house, 18 chicks, \$10; inspection included. Jones, 537 Fort street. Phone 1672L. FINE LITTLE VIOLIN, with case complete, bargain. Phone 2261. XMAS SUGGESTIONS FOR ALTRUISTS—Stewart's Christmas special to overland owners, 50c fitted. Tires in all sizes and makes at special Xmas prices. Klaxon horns, \$5.50 to \$12. Gauntlets, lined and unlined, \$2 up. Three Pimley, 728 Johnson street. CALL SELECT-AUCTION ROOMS, 811-13 Fort street, for useful Xmas presents; good class, slightly used furniture, etc., at less than half price. Phone 2261. FOR SALE—Wrist watches, \$4.50; gold filled neck chains, \$3.50; gold filled, \$2.50; shaving sets, \$3.50; gold filled bracelets, \$7.50; field glasses and case, \$2.50; sterling silver cigarette cases, \$4.50; solid gold pins, \$1.25; silver rings, \$2.75; Waltham watches, \$5.50; gold filled fobs, \$2.50; English watches, \$1.25; diamond set, \$5.50; gold chains, 14 kt. rope pattern, \$2.50; diamond set cuff buttons, \$15; pearl sunburst, 14 kt. \$25; solid gold wedding ring, \$6; Rogers' 25-piece set, \$12.50; anythet brooches, \$2.50; ladies' long gold filled chains, \$7.50; solid gold neck chains, \$4.75; solid gold crosses, \$6; 25-ct. diamond set, \$2.50; diamond rings, \$2.50; 14 kt. gold cuff buttons, \$1.50; nickel watches, \$1; guaranteed 1 year; gunmetal watch, \$1.75; 1,000 ft. pins, \$1.50; English watches, \$1.25; diamond set, \$5.50; gold chains, 14 kt. rope pattern, \$2.50; diamond set cuff buttons, \$15; pearl sunburst, 14 kt. \$25; solid gold wedding ring, \$6; Rogers' 25-piece set, \$12.50; 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DIGGONISMS—The brilliant sarcastic wit of a man loves to sit next to at a dinner is the last one in the lot he would pick to preside at his own table. Diggon Printing Co., 708 Yates street. Personal Xmas cards. 422

NIGHTMARE BULLS for 1915-16 Ford cars give more and better light, especially for wet pavements. At Jameson & Rolfe, corner Gordon and Courtenay streets (next Union Club). 413

JUST RECEIVED—A new shipment of the latest fancy worsted suitings. Drop in and inspect our range of patterns. We won't press you to buy. Cooper & Potts, tailors, 708 Yates street, just above Douglas. 424

ACCOUNTANT, with ability and efficiency, qualified by many years' experience with big corporations, will be open for position Jan. 1; satisfactory local references. Box 535, Times. 424

CHRYSANTHEMUMS FOR SALE—Wholesale and retail, at Glasgow Nursery, 170 Fairfield road. Phone 424

TO LET—Fairfield home, E. W. Whitlington Lumber Co. 422

WILL THE PERSON who took the Burberry overcoat from Rex Theatre, Esquimalt, please return to 1323 Oak Esquimalt road, or 1112 Broad street. 422

WANTED—A steady man who had had experience in grain mills. Apply Box 363, Times. 424

FOR SALE—1912 5-passenger Ford, perfect condition, \$250. Phone 42501. 424

WANTED—A small, strong, roundabout, Send particulars and price to P. O. Box 48, Times. 422

WANTED—About one acre unenclosed land, vicinity Royal Oak; state lowest price and all particulars. Box 996, Times. 424

A FINE, modern, six roomed, nicely furnished home in a choice part of the city. Everything modern, including furnace and gas; splendid flower, fruit and vegetable garden; a genuine sacrifice; a fine home for little outlay; intending purchasers only. Box 959, Times. 424

LOST—On Sunday morning, Dec. 19, on Quadra or Pandora streets, pair spring spectacles, gold rimmed. Leave at Times, or phone 4272. Reward. 422

ESQUIMALT OYSTERS—Fresh from the beds daily, at all dealers. 424

STRAYED—From 134 Craigdarroch road, a blue Maltese cat. Will find please, phone to 2768. Reward. 424

GRADE JERSEY COW for sale. Apply 1250 Yates street. 424

OFFICE BOY WANTED for law firm. Reply in own handwriting, giving age and particulars, to P. O. Drawer 625-423 Times. 424

FOR SALE—One pure bred Siberian Spitz puppy, \$15. Apply corner George and Dwyer roads. Phone 39681-1. 424

ANYONE wishing to sell a cheque, promoter cheap, communicate with Box 955, Times. 424

MILK WANTED—5 to 10 gallons daily. Box 56, Times. 424

WANTED—To buy or rent, small car. Box 96, Times. 424

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AFTER THE SHOW, try some Esquimalt oysters, they are delicious, fresh daily at all restaurants. 424

10 MONTHLY—Five roomed, modern house, all conveniences. 422 Helmecken street, James Bay. 424

FOR SALE—Cheap, Albany range, nearly new, with copper exit. Mrs. Smith, Pine street, Cloverdale. 424

LOST—Monday afternoon, pair of eyeglasses in flat black leather case, engraved. Note. Return to Times Office. Reward. 422

FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS DINNER—Don't forget the Esquimalt oysters, fresh daily. 424

WANTED—High-grade player-piano; must be in excellent condition; will pay cash. Box 748, Times. 424

JUST THE THING FOR XMAS MORNING—Fox terrier pup, beautiful, small breed, black and tan markings, \$1.20. Douglas street. 421

WANTED—Private instruction in double entry bookkeeping. Reply to Box 324, Times. 424

NOT TOO LATE YET—Get him a bicycle. See our Canadian built wheel at 25, Ruffie, 704 Yates street. 422

XMAS TREES for sale at Foxgord's, 1608 Douglas street. Phone 706. Delivery. 424

LOCAL NEWS

For Printing of the Better Class at a reasonable price. Sweeney-McConnell, Limited, 1010-12 Langley. 424

Phoenix Beer—2 qts. for 25c. 424

Building Permits—Building permits have been issued to Robert Hunter for a residence at 1152 Chapman street, and to W. A. Willis, of Earsman street, for a private garage. 424

Christmas Entertainment—The Progressive Thought society will hold their Christmas entertainment and social to-morrow at 8 p. m. There will be an excellent programme of music, Christmas tree, and a distribution of presents to be followed by dancing. The public are invited. 424

Considers Reclamation Scheme—A meeting of the Seikirk water reclamation committee is in progress this afternoon, representatives of the Canadian Northern Pacific railway and the city member, G. H. Bazanard, M. P., being invited to the conference. Some modification of the plan announced several weeks ago is expected by the civic representatives. There was a meeting yesterday with Mr. Cameron, representing the Cameron Lumber company, at which the subject was discussed at some length. 424

CUSTOMERS' DAY THURSDAY, DEC. 23rd. VICTORIA PRINTING & PUB. CO. 424

Colwood School—The closing exercises of the Colwood school were held last Friday. The children, who had been in the habit of having a Christmas tree, this year of their own accord gladly gave it up, and instead all brought some of their savings, with which were bought useful gifts of clothing, to be given to the children of the Day Nursery. The schoolroom was filled with the parents and friends of the children who listened to an excellent programme furnished by the scholars, after which refreshments were served by the old pupils. The colors of the school were prominently displayed in the decorations. 424

PUBLIC MARKET.

Fine weather brought crowds of Christmas shoppers to the public market to-day, and nearly all the stalls were occupied. There was an excellent showing of local products. The following average prices prevailed:

Fruit—Apples, No. 1, \$1.40 per box; No. 2, \$1.10 per box; pears, 2 cents and 3 cents per lb.

Dairy Produce—Butter, 40 cents and 45 cents per lb.; eggs, 50 cents and 55 cents per dozen.

Vegetables—Cabbage, 1 cent per lb.; turnips, 1 cent per lb.; parsnips, 1 cent per lb.; Brussels sprouts, 5 lbs. for 25 cents; watercress, 5 cents per bunch; lettuce, 2 heads for 5 cents; squash, 5 cents each; pumpkins, 5 cents each; cauliflowers, 5 and 10 cents each; carrots, 1 cent per lb.

Meats—Beef, 8 to 15 cents per lb.; veal, 15 cents to 20 cents per lb.; pork, 12 1/2 to 15 cents per lb.; mutton, 12 1/2 to 20 cents per lb.; fowl, 16 to 18 cents per lb.; chicken, 22 to 25 cents per lb.; ducks, 25 to 28 cents per lb.; geese, 25 to 30 cents per lb.; turkeys, 35 to 40 cents per lb.; guinea fowl, 75 and 80 cents each.

Fish—Fresh herrings, 5 cents per lb.; cod, 10 cents per lb.; halibut, 12 1/2 cents per lb.; salt black cod, 10 cents per lb.; spring salmon, 17 1/2 cents per lb.; smelts, 10 cents per lb.; kippers, 10 cents per lb.; bloaters, 10 cents per lb.; fillets, 15 cents per lb.; smoked black cod, 15 cents per lb.; crabs, 10 cents per lb.; shrimps, 20 cents per lb.; smoked salmon, 15 cents per lb.

ELECTORAL REFORM IS OBJECT OF TOUR

Secretary of Proportional Representation Society is in City; Progress of Cause

When the provincial Liberal convention was in session here last year an absorbing debate occurred on proportional representation. This was interestingly recalled to-day by the arrival in the city of John H. Humphreys, secretary of the Proportional Representation society in London, Eng.

Mr. Humphreys has been touring Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific states of America on his mission to gather information as to how the system has worked in the places where it is in operation, and how sentiment is favoring its adoption where the public think a change is necessary to secure true representative institutions.

In the course of a chat with the Times, Mr. Humphreys said: "The imperial parliament is anxious for information in view of proportional representation being introduced as a factor in the choice of members for the new Irish parliament under the Home Rule bill, which originally provided for the principle in the choice of the senate, and in constitutions returning three or more members to the Irish house of commons. In the house of lords an Amendment, however, was submitted to regroup the constituencies so that a proportional system should apply to all elections in the house as well. The Home Rule act now on the statute books comes into operation, according to the suspensory act, at the termination of the present war. The experience of other parts of the empire, particularly Tasmania, is therefore being sought.

Support in Tasmania.

"I am very glad to report that the results in Tasmania have won the approval of men of all parties, and it is almost unanimously recognized that the proportional system has come to stay, as the chairman of the select parliamentary committee expressed it. Australian opinion has been largely moulded by the Tasmanian experience. The government of South Australia is pledged to bring in a law to apply the principle to the elections for that state. The Western Australian government recently received a deputation representing all shades of political opinion on the matter favoring the same course. The New South Wales government has introduced a law providing for the council of Greater Sydney to be chosen by proportional representation. This decision was arrived at after careful consideration by an influential commission of the needs of the city. A growing sentiment exists in favor of applying the principle to the elections for the Commonwealth senate. The present majority system allowed one party in one election to secure the whole of the vacant seats, while even now, the Liberal party, polling nearly half the votes, has only five out of 35 senate seats. In every capital branches have been established of the proportional representation society.

"New Zealand already has passed two bills, the first providing for the election of the legislative council and the second being a permissive power to municipalities to adopt the method. At a recent public meeting in Christ Church, N. Z., it was decided to ask the council to adopt the new act by an unanimous vote. In Canada I observe that a Canadian society has been formed with Howard S. Ross, K. C., as secretary, and D. S. Whittle as as-

BIG CHRISTMAS TREE COSTING ROTARY \$700

Everything Ready for Children's Party at Royal Victoria To-morrow

On the stage of the Royal Victoria theatre stands a Christmas tree forty feet high. It is for the children of the Rotary club will entertain to-morrow afternoon. The tree was too large when first erected and had to be lopped. It is very spectacular, gay with tinsel and hundreds of small, electric globes, and when lit to-morrow afternoon will bring shouts of gladness from at least two hundred and fifty children for whom it was planned and provided.

Surrounding the tree are two hundred and fifty-five parcels, containing things for the children to wear and keep them warm. Each parcel is wrapped, numbered, and addressed, and each address has received a gilt invitation card to attend to-morrow and see the show and get the present.

There is another high stack of parcels, each containing candies and toys gaily wrapped and beribboned. As each child passes on to the stage he or she will get the present and then a package of candy and toys before returning to the seats in the aisle.

The Rotary Christmas tree and presents cost the members of the Rotary club just about \$700. All the money needed was subscribed by Rotarians with the exception of one or two instances, when members were approached by others and given donations in money or goods. There was no canvass made to support the movement.

Guardians who accompany the children to the theatre are asked by the club president, James Hunter, who will be father Christmas, to aid him in a quick distribution of the presents. He has to deal with one child every half a minute to get through in the stipulated time, and asks that guardians will be on the alert when the child's name is called from the aisle to get the child forward as speedily as possible. They will receive their presents in parties of ten, each party to occupy not more than two and one half minutes on the stage.

Arrangements were completed to-day by Charles L. Harris, secretary of the automobile club for forty automobiles to take the children home after the show. The automobiles are to take up stands according to the suburban signs which they will see erected in the roadway outside the theatre. All for Fernwood will locate at one place, and so on for all quarters of the city. In the theatre before the show closes there will be an announcement to the children and their guardians where to get the different cars so that there can be no confusion or delay.

CLAYTON WANTED TO BECOME A SOLDIER

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NO POSSIBILITY OF ANY ACCLAMATIONS

Liberals Will Put Up Clean and Stiff Fight Against All New Ministers

The decision of the Liberal party to contest the bye-elections, although only what might have been expected, appears to have rather upset the plans of the government, and its newspaper organs are trying to keep up their own and the government's courage by claiming public satisfaction with the new ministers and certainty of their election.

Talk in the street both here and in Vancouver indicates how slim the chances of Messrs. Tisdall and Flumerfelt are believed to be. There is not any doubt that the opposition will select in each city the very best candidate to contest the seat, and the unsolicited offers which are being made of support help to make it clear that neither minister would have an easy time to be elected, if the chances were, indeed, not rather in favor of defeat.

An attempt is now being made to spread the impression that in Rossland, where Hon. Lorne Campbell, minister of mines, will have to face his constituents before he can take a seat in the legislature again, there is to be no contest. On the contrary, the Liberals of that district are equally keen with those of the capital and the commercial metropolis to meet the Bowser candidates on the issue of the record of the government in the past, and the promises of the future, as against the Liberal platform of a government for the people instead of for the vested interests that are so dear to the new premier as they were to his predecessor.

Mayor W. D. Willson, of Rossland, who was chosen earlier in the year as the standard-bearer of the party for the general election then announced,

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Christmas Crackers, Christmas Stockings, Chocolates, Crystallized Fruits, Oranges and Nuts of Every Description.

Corner Government and Broughton Streets

LIVED HERE 31 YEARS

Joseph Thomas, Well-Known Resident, Passes Away at Age of Sixty-Two.

The death occurred last night of another old resident of the city. This was Joseph Thomas, who has lived in the city since 1884. A native of Portsmouth, England, the deceased was 62 years of age. He came to Victoria as a special steward on H. M. S. "Triumph" when Admiral Seymour was in command of that ship. Subsequently he followed the same occupation in several places in the city, notably Levy's restaurant, where he remained for many years, this being practically his last place.

He was a member of the Reformed Episcopal church, and had attended there fairly regularly for many years. His home lately was at 903 McClure street.

A widow survives. The funeral will take place at 2.30 to-morrow afternoon from the B. C. Funeral chapel, Rev. A. deB. Owen officiating. Interment will be at Ross Bay cemetery.

THOUGHT AL WAS DEAD.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 22.—Al Falzer says he is willing to bet \$2,000 and let the winner take the purse, that he can beat Fred Fulton, challenger of Jess Willard. Fiton, it is said, will not consider the offer.

AT BOWES' NEW DRUG STORE

IN THE SPENCER BUILDING

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118 CAME BACK ON LINER PRETORIAN

Ptes. Macdonald, Leigh and Ward Among Wounded Who Have Returned

MYSTERIOUS MURDER IN FRASER VALLEY

Roppo Ferranto is Under Arrest in Connection With the Tragedy

What appears to have been a particularly bloody murder was committed last night at Coughlan, in the Langley municipality, about 39 miles from New Westminster. To-day Chief Campbell, of the provincial police, received a telephone message from Chief Constable Smith to the effect that the body of a foreigner called Pocat had been discovered in a badly mutilated condition, and with the head and upper part of the neck missing.

GONE TO INTERIOR

Lt.-Col. Bruce Powley Visiting Kootenays in Connection With Organization of "Bantam" Battalion.

ACTION DISMISSED.

Judge Lammman yesterday afternoon dismissed the action of Peden against Gilphart. Plaintiff sued for \$350 in connection with a note given by him on the purchase of an automobile.

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COL. E. M. HOUSE NOT ON PEACE MISSION

Merely Carrying Information From President Wilson to Ambassadors in Europe

Washington, Dec. 22.—Announcement by Colonel E. M. House, of New York, President Wilson's close personal friend and adviser, that he soon would go to Europe at the request of the president and the secretary of state, caused great interest in official and diplomatic circles here to-day. Secretary Lansing confirmed the announcement, but declined to add anything to it.

MERELY STRENGTHENS FIRM DETERMINATION

How Australia and New Zealand View Withdrawal From Gallipoli

Melbourne, Dec. 22.—Senator George Foster Pearce, Australian minister of state for defence, in a speech delivered here, said that the Australians did not cavil at the withdrawal of the troops from the Anzac Cove and Suvla Bay regions of the Gallipoli peninsula.

STATEMENT ISSUED TO-DAY IN TURKISH CAPITAL

Constantinople, Dec. 22.—The war office has given out the following statement: "There was local fighting on the Irak front (in Mesopotamia) at Kut-el-Amara. A hostile attack against the tenth corps on the Caucasus front was repulsed. On the Dardanelles front hostile ships were shelled and the enemy's position was repulsed."

OVERSEAS DOMINIONS ARE TO BE CONSULTED

London, Dec. 22.—In the house of commons last evening Mr. Asquith was asked whether, in view of the place taken by the dominions in the various theatres of war, he would include representatives of the dominions, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa in the British cabinet, without increasing its size.

GERMAN SHIP SUNK IN SEA OF MARMORA

London, Dec. 22.—An Athens dispatch to Reuters' Telegram company says that a British submarine has sunk the German steamship Lerow and other craft in the Sea of Marmora.

TREASURY OF SERBIA TRANSFERRED TO PARIS

Marseilles, Dec. 22.—A shipment of 18,000,000 francs, constituting the Serbian treasury, has arrived here on the way to Paris. The money will be deposited in the Franco-Serbian bank at the capital.

SWISS ESTIMATES

Zurich, Dec. 22.—Italy's total losses on the Austro-Italian front have amounted to 60,000 men killed, 50,000 wounded and 240,000 made prisoners, according to estimates of Swiss experts to-day. The Austrian casualties are placed at 400,000.

"TURKISH" CARPETS MADE IN IRELAND

Island Has Entered Several Markets Hitherto Held by Enemies

Belfast, Dec. 22.—Ireland is making a bold bid for the capture of several markets hitherto dominated by "enemy traders." Toys, carpets and cigarettes are the most successful examples of new industries thus far developed.

JAPANESE STEAMSHIP SUNK BY SUBMARINE

Sado Maru Sent Down in Mediterranean; Argo Seized by Germans

Paris, Dec. 22.—The sinking of the Japanese steamship Sado Maru in the Eastern Mediterranean yesterday by a German or Austrian submarine is reported in a dispatch from Malta to the Havas Agency. Wireless calls for help reached Alexandria, Egypt, and vessels were sent out. Details of the sinking are not known.

ITALIAN ADMITS HE MURDERED FRIEND

R. Ferrante, Who Was Employed by B. C. E. R.; Arrested at Border Near Sumas

Sumas, Dec. 22.—Carrying in his pocket a knife smeared with the blood of Nick Toccol, whom he admitted having murdered last night, Rocco Ferrante, an Italian section hand employed by the British Columbia Electric railway, was arrested at 1 o'clock this afternoon by the immigration officials at the boundary. He is now in a cell at the detention sheds.

BILL WAS PASSED WITHOUT DIVISION

London, Dec. 22.—The house of commons to-day passed the bill prolonging the life of the present parliament. An attempt was made to introduce an amendment, the effect of which would be to bury the plural voting bill, but on the plea of Mr. A. Bonar Law, secretary for the colonies, the motion was withdrawn. The bill was passed without division.

BREAK IN STORM.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 22.—A break in the storm which has prevailed for the last three days over a large part of the northwest was indicated in reports received to-day from various points. As a result of the gale, which reached a velocity of about 70 miles on the coast yesterday, several towns were without wire communication this morning, but it was not believed any serious damage had been done.

PITTSBURG BANK FAILS.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 22.—The Pittsburg Bank for Savings, one of the best known institutions in this city, failed to open for business this morning. It was closed by order of the Pennsylvania banking department, and G. H. Getty, bank examiner, has been appointed temporary receiver.

REPORTED DESTROYED.

Copenhagen, Dec. 22.—The National Tidende prints a statement of a Dane from Constantinople that the Krupp works outside Constantinople have been destroyed by bombs dropped by British aircraft.

RUSSIANS HOLD KUM.

London, Dec. 22.—It is announced from Teheran, according to a dispatch received here from the Petrograd semi-official news agency, that the Russians have occupied the town of Kum, 80 miles southwest of Teheran, after a great battle in which the opposing forces were completely defeated.

GERMANS HAVE FAILED IN REGION OF RIGA

London, Dec. 22.—Heavy fighting near Tukum, in the Riga region, following a serious reversal for forces under Field-Marshal von Hindenburg, is reported as in progress to-day in Geneva dispatches received here. They declare the German attacks in the Riga region have been a complete failure and that the Germans are retiring, having sacrificed many of their guns and large quantities of supplies.

CANADIANS HAVE SENT MUCH TO BELGIUM

Needs of King Albert's People Still Call for Attention

Montreal, Dec. 22.—When the Belgian Relief committee here cast up its accounts the 16th of last May and made a recapitulation of the goods sent to Belgium, it was found that \$600,662.13, given in cash by Canadians, had been spent in Canada and had purchased sufficient food, wheat and flour to fill over 350 freight cars.

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Berlin, Dec. 22.—The death at Hanover of General von Emmich, the commander of Liege, is announced by the Overseas News Agency.

CASUALTIES SUFFERED BY TOWNSHEND'S FORCES

London, Dec. 22.—Dealing with the operations in Mesopotamia, the secretary for India, Rt. Hon. Austen Chamberlain, announced in the house of commons to-day that the total casualties suffered by General Townshend's forces since the return to Kut-el-Amara were 1,127, including 200 deaths.

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TWO DOLLAR GAIN IN GRANBY STOCK TO-DAY

Rumored European Takings of Red Metal Gave Snap to Such Shares

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Granby did best in the list, gaining two dollars a share. A rumor to the effect that one of the large copper producers of America had concluded a sale to the British government of 120,000 pounds of copper, delivery to be made every month of next year, was the moving factor in this class of issue, and, as usual, Granby was one of the first to reflect feeling.

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BE LOYAL! Spend your money at home and help to build up your own district. Victoria is the centre of the Island "SHOPPING DISTRICT." Victoria prices are right. Victoria has a large variety of fresh seasonable goods awaiting your selection—equal, if not superior, to any you can obtain elsewhere. You can see exactly what you are getting. Deliveries are prompt. There are no long, vexatious delays before arrival of goods.

Make up your minds immediately to take advantage of the VICTORIA MERCHANTS' SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFER, good from December 20 to December 24, which means practically a FREE TRIP. The outing will do you good. You'll surely regret it if you let this opportunity pass.

As a special inducement for Residents of Island Points to make their Christmas Purchases in this City, Victoria Merchants have arranged to refund ROUND TRIP RAILWAY FARES as follows:

To Customers from DUNCAN and Intermediate Points, purchasing \$25.00 or over.

To Customers from NANAIMO and Intermediate Points, purchasing \$50.00 or over.

Refund on total purchases of either \$25.00 or \$50.00, made up between not more than two stores, can be secured on application to Retail Merchants' Association's Office, Hibben-Bone Block, and production of receipted bills and return tickets; but in the case of one purchase of full amount at one store, refund will be made at same time on production of return ticket.

Let the Hoosier Lighten Your Christmas Work

Why not make yourself a Christmas present of a brand new Hoosier? It yields 200 per cent profit right along. System in housekeeping means a saving of time, strength and energy. By keeping all necessary utensils at hand, a Hoosier Cabinet saves miles of weary steps every day back and forth from kitchen to pantry and table. Compact, convenient, easily kept clean, affording space for such a number of utensils and supplies, the Hoosier is one of the best friends a busy housewife can have. Cash prices, \$41.40, \$42.30, \$45.00, \$51.75, \$54.00 and \$63.00.

Carve Your Xmas Turkey

With one of our best English Steel Carving Sets, and you'll take pride and pleasure in carving, instead of finding it an unpleasant duty.

CASH PRICES

- 3-Piece Carving Sets, horn handles, in case, \$1.80, \$2.95, \$3.15, \$4.05, \$6.30, \$6.75 and \$7.65
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If you are looking for something novel and useful for the particular housekeeper's Christmas Gift you cannot do better than select one of our practical but beautiful Sundour Bath Mats, with a dainty design of pink roses on a white or light grey ground, which will give the finishing touch to her bathroom, or in fact is pretty enough for a Bedroom Rug.

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A perfectly appointed table is every woman's pride and joy, particularly when she is expecting guests for dinner Christmas day. Surprise your wife by giving her one of our dainty, inexpensive English China or semi-porcelain Dinner Sets for Christmas. They come in a variety of beautiful floral and conventional designs, also copies of rare old-fashioned patterns that will lend grace and dignity to your dining table.

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You can make a whole household of little ones as happy as can be on Christmas morning, and for many a long day afterwards, by giving them one of our lovely little Four-Piece Kindergarten Sets, consisting of table, one small and two arm chairs.

An Extra Cushion on Your Easy Chair

Makes a world of difference in your comfort. Our Cretonne, Chintz and Art Linen Cushions, piped with contrasting colors, are very attractive and useful Christmas presents. Cash Prices up from \$1.58.

- Choice Cushion Tops, each, \$1.00.
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- Plush Cushions up from \$4.05
- Beautiful Hassocks, each, \$1.00

FAVOR GRANT TO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Saanich Council Takes More Friendly Attitude to Question

At the Saanich council meeting yesterday a carefully-worded letter was received from the Victoria city clerk asking for a contribution in 1916 towards the purchase of books for the public library, pointing out that a subscription of \$350 would represent a fair proportion for Saanich for use of library facilities. Until such time as legislation or a mutual agreement settled outstanding points between contiguous municipalities, the clerk observed that a voluntary offer might rightly be made.

The record said there was no doubt that Saanich residents enjoyed a great privilege in the city library.

Councillor Grant favored some offer by mutual agreement. The nominal sum asked was a fair one, and if the council looked at the request from the standpoint of the city taxpayer, it must consider that the city council was acting fairly.

On Councillor Tanner's proposal the matter was referred to the next year's council with a favorable recommendation.

The council agreed to hold a public meeting after the new year, to interest the public in the proposed local committee to aid returning soldiers.

Councillor Borden said some national plan was needed, or else the men would become subjects of charitable effort, "adding neither to their manhood, nor to honorable recognition of their services." He hoped the government would give a lead in the right way.

Councillor Pointer foresaw if the matter was left to municipal enterprises there would be a great movement of men to the municipality whose council was most lenient.

The committee was left on the table meanwhile.

On the advice of the solicitor, following a query by Councillor Adams, the council decided to form a separate waterworks administration account, to avoid conflict with general accounts. The matter will be dealt with in committee next week.

At the same meeting it is to be taken up the recommendation of the union of R. C. Municipalities with regard to delinquency tax certificates.

A contract was awarded to the city of Victoria for the supply of brass goods, and to Randall & Greenhaw for a supply of 500 galvanized elbows, for waterworks construction.

A bill for \$980 for concrete pipe for Shelbourne street extension due to Moore & Pettick, the makers, was ordered paid.

The council decided to contribute \$50 to the funds of the Hoover commission, which has appealed for flour for the indigent Belgians.

SCHOOL IN GORGE DISTRICT

Some Relief to Accommodation Must Be Found; Deputation to Government.

The question of the provision of school accommodation in the Tillamook road district, to serve the subdivisions around the Gorge, engaged the attention of the Saanich school board yesterday afternoon. Later the trustees met the members of the council for an informal talk, to determine what is the best way to raise the money at a time like the present.

The needs of the district are admitted, the nearest large school being at Craigflower and Tolmie. There is only a primary public school in the district. This had to be provided when the electorate, by a narrow majority, defeated the school by-law last year. There are several courses before the board. They can either build a large school or add to the primary building and send elder pupils to Craigflower and Tolmie. Another alternative is to make provision for high school and graded classes in one building.

Feeling that the amount required to build a suitable school would greatly inflate the school estimates next year, and that it is unwise to attempt to sell debentures at this time, the council advised the trustees to make an effort to secure a grant from the education department, supplementing the balance out of the rates. A deputation to the minister of education therefore will be arranged.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Social Service Commission Chairman for Ensuing Year is Rev. Joseph McCoy.

At the annual meeting of the Social Service commission held on Monday the principal matter of business was the election of officers for the ensuing year. These were as follows:

Chairman, Rev. Joseph McCoy; vice-chairman, Rev. S. J. Thompson; secretary-treasurer, Rev. Robert Connell; associate secretary, Rev. A. S. Colwell.

A number of questions were discussed, among them being the matter of patriotic aid. It was decided that an effort should be made before the end of the year to assist the fund in some way.

He was about the slowest boy on earth, and his parents apprenticed him to a naturalist. He was a willing worker, even if it did take him an hour to stick a pin through a dead butterfly and two hours more to give the canaries their seed. One winter day he had spent the whole afternoon in changing the water in the goldfish bowl. Finally he finished and then asked his employer: "What shall I do now, sir?" The naturalist surveyed him mildly. "I think, Robert," he said, "you might take the tortoise out for a run."

ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL HOLDS CLOSING DAY

"Scenes From Cranford," Presented by Pupils, Certificates Awarded

Christ Church cathedral schoolroom was the scene on Monday evening of St. George's school closing. Despite the inclement weather the room was filled with friends of the pupils. The programme opened with "Scenes from Cranford," presented by the following pupils: Miss Matty, Marjorie Beech; Mary Smith, Peggy Hodgins; Martha, Alison Suttie; Miss Pole, Joyce Wilson; Mrs. Porter, Anne Sherwood; Mrs. Fritz-Adam, Lorraine Wootton; Miss Betty Barker, Gwen Pontifex; Hon. Mrs. Jamieson, Jill Lloyd-Young; Lady Glemmire, Rachel Wilson; Peter Marmaduke Arley Jenkyns, Katherine Wilson.

All the players performed their parts creditably, although some might have been more successful had they spoken more loudly for the benefit of those sitting beyond the front benches. Marjorie Beech's representation of the lovable gentle Miss Matty was excellent, and the strong-minded though somewhat uncertain Miss Pole was portrayed with much ability by Joyce Holt Wilson. Alison Suttie carried out the part of Martha, the brisk, well-meaning, though very ignorant little servant maid in an amusing manner. The play was in three acts.

Lorraine Wootton sang "O Canada" with sweetest and taste, exhibiting a voice of great promise. The second part of the programme was taken up with the distribution of certificates by the Bishop of Columbia, who afterwards spoke a few words to the girls about his appreciation of the delightful Cranford ladies, as well as of the good work done by the school during the term.

The high school preliminary certificates were won by Dorothy Boves and Marjorie Beech, and the High School entrance by Irene Tennant, Kathleen Muir, Vivian Moxey, Norah MacEachern, Dorothy Lowe and Rosamund Hodgins. A number of certificates of the Royal Drawing society were then given out to those whose names were published in these columns at the time when the results were received from London. The first prize, for theory of music, given by Miss Tilly, was won by Joyce Wilson, and as Hester Duke was so close to her in marks a second prize was also awarded.

Mrs. Suttie read brief reports of the work done in the various forms, and was glad to be able to announce that Dorothy Boves retains her position as head girl in spite of the close competition with Marjorie Beech and Joyce Wilson.

A few encouraging remarks were made by the Dean of Columbia, who proposed a vote of thanks to the bishop. This was seconded by Rev. E. G. Miller in his usual happy vein. Heartly cheers were given, and the party broke up after the singing of the national anthem in order to have refreshments.

The drill display took place at 11 o'clock on Monday morning, when the pupils gave an exhibition of smart work which was most creditable. Miss Williams, the instructor, combines Sandow with Swedish methods, while the marching is military. The class

YOUR BRONCHIAL TUBES

When a cold settles in the bronchial tubes, with that weakening, tickling cough, immediate treatment is very important. The breath seems shorter because of mucous obstructions; usually fever is present, your head jars with every cough and your chest may ache. This is no time for experimenting or delay—you must get Scott's Emulsion at once to drive out the cold which started the trouble, and it will check the cough by aiding the healing process of the enfeebled membranes.

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gave an exhibition of fancy skipping which was extremely difficult, and much enjoyed by the spectators.

TERMS OF SETTLEMENT ARE NOW DISCLOSED

Agreement Concerning North-east Sewer May Lead to Removal of Differences

On Monday evening the city council authorized the mayor to call a meeting of the intermunicipal committee to endeavor to bring Saanich and Oak Bay together on the Northeast sewer question.

Until this difficulty has been cleared up Saanich declines to sign the agreement with the city, and thereby holds up a final settlement, although the sewer has been in operation since the end of 1912. An agreement, however, has now been drawn up. It proposes that Saanich shall pay \$22,000 to the city, and \$9,750 to Oak Bay for the privilege of connection. When the negotiations were in progress nothing was said about payment by the former council to Oak Bay, because the city representatives undertook then to meet Oak Bay's just claims, and paid a lump sum towards the concrete pipe passing through the municipality from Powell Bay road to the outfall at Bold point.

There is not much of a dispute with regard to the payment to the city, but whether the other figures will be accepted is uncertain. The estimate of \$9,750 was reached at a meeting of engineers held early in the year, when Oak Bay made a claim based on the increased dimensions due to having to provide for additional sewerage. There is provision made for the disposal of \$2,500 imperial gallons of sewerage per hour, but no surface water is to be permitted to enter the intake.

Towards the maintenance of the sewer, which has hitherto been maintained by the city and Oak Bay according to the area through which it passes, Saanich is to be assessed 15 per cent. for repairs annually. The agreement makes provision for the usual contingencies which may arise in any public work.

This sewer aroused much discussion in 1912, because of the excessive cost involved through the city engineers running into quicksand. It was not permitted to enter the intake, until much delay had been occasioned and great expense incurred.

The necessity of bringing the matter to a head is shown by the fact that the city already has ordered connections made to the sewer on Richmond road to be severed until a settlement is reached.

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INDIAN PRESENTS.
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All British battalions were recently warned to keep a careful watch for any contrivances which the Germans might use with the object of producing poisonous gases. Shortly afterwards a certain regiment, on taking over some trenches, found an old bagpipe left in the line. At once the colonel, who possessed a rare sense of humor, sent the following message to brigade headquarters: "A weird instrument has just been discovered in my trenches; it is believed to have been used for producing asphyxiating noises."

She—"I sent a shilling to a young woman for a recipe to make me look young." He—"What did you get?" She—"A card saying, 'Always associate with women twenty years older than yourself.'"

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TWO MORE DAYS

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- Fountain Pens, all have high-grade nibs, 75c to \$2.00
- Flash Lights, a wide choice, \$1.50, \$1.80, \$2.75, \$4.50, \$5.00
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NICOLA VALLEY TELLS MEMBER ITS OPINION

Miners at Merritt Have Heart-to-Heart Talk With Alex. Lucas on Fuel Oil

Alex. Lucas, M. P. P. for Yale, had a lively time at a meeting of his constituents in Middlesboro, near Merritt, a week ago. Not only did some of the things he said not suit his hearers, but some of his statements were qualified as misstatements, and he had to take them back James Fairclough was in the chair, and there were many miners in the audience.

Mr. Lucas asserted that the government was in hearty sympathy with any movement to make the coal mining industry stronger, but on the matter of protection for the industry against fuel oil—a live topic with the people of the Nicola Valley—he said the provincial government was absolutely powerless to render any assistance, and nothing it could do would alter the situation. At the same time he wanted it distinctly understood that there had been no great agitation or demand, so far as he knew, from the people of the province in this matter, and he did not feel that it was a burning one. He did not believe that any duty the government would put on oil would prevent its use for fuel purposes by the railways and the great industries.

He also wanted it understood that the only protest against the admission of crude petroleum duty free was made by the Conservative association of Yale riding in its convention at Lytton. The member urged at some length that the future of British Columbia coal lay not in its use for steaming purposes, but in its conversion into coke and the extraction of its by-products, out of which the Germans had made such fortunes.

J. A. Crawford and R. S. Brown took Mr. Lucas up sharply at the conclusion of his remarks for his statement in regard to protests against duty free fuel oil. They pointed out that the Liberal convention at Spences-Bridge had passed a strong resolution by unanimous vote relative to the matter, and that the city council and board of trade of Merritt had both made representations to the government here and had sent delegations to urge that influence should be brought to bear upon the Ottawa government to impose a protective duty upon fuel oil, but that so far the government had not seen fit to do anything.

Mr. Lucas took it back, but said he did know that the Lytton resolution was the only one on file with the department of trade and commerce.

Mr. Brown wanted to know why the Spences Bridge resolution was not also on file, when it had been sent forward. Mr. Lucas replied that he felt that no government could forward such a petition to Ottawa unless there was some assurance behind it. Mr. Brown retorted warmly that the action of the Spences Bridge convention was as representative as that of the Lytton convention, yet the protest of the latter had been filed with the Ottawa authorities, according to the member. Mr. Brown added that it should be distinctly understood by Mr. Lucas that no one there was under any misapprehension or delusion that the provincial government could place a duty on oil, but everybody believed that it could have found time to give a little moral support in the matter and

made strong representations to the federal government in the interests of the coal industry of the province. If Sir Richard McBride, as premier and minister of mines, had had his ear to the ground he would have known of and understood the wishes of the people of the province. It was a matter of bread and butter to the people of the Nicola Valley, and something must be done, and that quickly.

Mr. Lucas stated that he was willing to do all that lay in his power, but critics in the audience asked him what he could do so long as the government at Victoria did not seem to care and did nothing, and to this the member had no answer beyond a suggestion that a newspaper campaign was needed.

Mr. Plummer, referring to what Mr. Lucas had said about by-products and his suggestion that a carload of Nicola Valley coal should be sent to the old country for test in the English plants, asked the member if he was not aware that such tests had been made by an English company five years ago and that the results were satisfactory.

Mr. Lucas replied that he did not know it, and in fact had never heard that this was the case.

"Well, if you, as a member, did not know, Sir Richard, as minister of mines, must have known and there has been sufficient time since then for some action by our government," was the comment on this.

Thomas Bolan declared that it was time to put in a new government when the old one could not help the people in matters of such importance as this.

Mr. Crawford remarked that the Victoria government had made representations to the federal government regarding Chinese immigration, and he could not see why it could not take up the question of fuel oil as readily. It did not entail any great labor on the minister of mines to make such representations as were necessary, and to urge upon the Ottawa authorities the propriety of placing such a duty on fuel oil as would afford a measure of protection to the coal mines of this province.

The number of questions which were hurled at him and the earnestness and sharpness of the criticism of his own action and that of the government seems to have got on the nerves of Mr. Lucas, for he finally burst out: "Gentlemen, I came here to tell you what I would try to do; I did not come here to quarrel with you."

"We do not desire to quarrel with you," he was assured by several voices. "All we want to know is your position and the position of the government." Mr. Lucas told the meeting that he would bring the matter before the legislature when it next met.

INTERESTING WEDDING

Popular Couple United Yesterday Afternoon at Bishop's Palace; Reception at Empress Hotel.

A wedding of very great interest took place yesterday afternoon at the Bishop's Palace, View street, the principals being Mary Frances, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie, of "Scotsburn," Ross-shire, Scotland, and Lieutenant Arthur Howard Kirkham MacCallum, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Campbell MacCallum, of Pleasant road, Fowl Bay, and grandson of Mrs. MacCallum (Lampson street), and the late Captain MacCallum, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. The bride wore a beautiful robe of white chiffon, embroidered with thistles, and a court train of Gros de Londres with lovers' knots of silver and Valenciennes lace. Her veil of snowy tulle was held in place with a wreath of orange blossoms, white heather from Scotland, and shamrock from Ireland. Her big bouquet was of white carnations, maiden-hair fern, white heather and shamrock, and as an only ornament she wore a pearl necklace given her by her mother. The rite was performed by Rev. Father Anselm Wood. The bride's father, who gave her away, was in full Highland dress, and both the bridegroom and his best man, Lieutenant Ashcroft, wore their uniforms as lieutenants in the 50th Gordon Highlanders. The bridesmaid was Miss Billie MacDowall, who was attractively dressed in pink tulle with a pink tulle hat, and a bouquet of pink roses and maiden-hair fern. The bride's godson, Master Teddy Slingaby, son of Captain and Mrs. Slingaby, of Scriven Court, Nesborough, England, was to have acted as page, but owing to illness was unable to do so. Mrs. Mackenzie, the bride's mother, was among the numerous near relatives present at the ceremony, and wore a handsome Rembrandt dress of black panne velvet and a black velvet hat trimmed with Duchess lace and white aigrettes. The room in which the ceremony took place at the Bishop's Palace was tastefully decorated in white and pink. At the Empress hotel, where the wedding breakfast and reception afterwards were held, white and yellow chrysanthemums prevailed. An individual touch was the big floral bell of white chrysanthemums and smilax, the clapper being a white calla lily, and a great pink bow crowning the whole. This creation was the handiwork of Mrs. Rattenbury, while a beautiful horseshoe was the work of Mrs. Roper. In the centre of the table was the enormous wedding cake, which the bride cut in time-honored fashion, with her husband's sword. Many distinctive Highland touches were introduced. Highland music was played by a killed piper from the Pipe band of the 50th Gordons, and also by the Empress orchestra, which furnished a succession of selections. Several toasts to the health and happiness of the bride and bridegroom were given before the gathering dispersed. Among those present were Sir Richard and Lady McBride, Mrs. MacCallum, Miss Mary McBride, Mrs. Slingaby, Mrs. Ketchen, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Solwell (of Philadelphia), Rev. Father MacDonnell (chaplain to the 67th Battalion), Rev. G. H. Andrews (chaplain to the 82nd Battalion), and Rev. Father Anselm Wood. The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a dressing-bag with silver fitting from Drew's, London; to the bridesmaid, a gold bracelet set with sapphires and pearls; to the best man a cigarette case; and to Master Teddy Slingaby, the page, a silver whistle. The bride's present to the bridegroom was a gold signet ring. Lieutenant and Mrs. MacCallum sailed by the half-past two boat for Vancouver, en route for the south, and their return will make their home in Victoria until such time as the former leaves with his regiment on active service. The beautiful decorations used at the Bishop's Palace and at the Empress hotel have been sent to St. Joseph's hospital.

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