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TRENCHES NORTH OF THE ANCRE WRESTED FROM ENEMY TROOPS

British Captured Strong System of German Defences on Southern Side of Serre Hill, North of Beaumont-Hamel, Taking 215 Prisoners; Successful Raids Were Made By French Troops

London, Feb. 12.—British troops on Saturday night captured German trenches on a front of more than three-quarters of a mile on the Somme line north of the Ancre, constituting what is characterized as "a strong system," lying north of Beaumont-Hamel. This gain was reported officially yesterday, as follows:

"Another highly successful local operation was carried out last night. A strong system of hostile trenches lying on the southern front of Serre Hill, north of Beaumont-Hamel, was attacked and captured on a front of over three-quarters of a mile. We captured 215 prisoners, a number considerably exceeding our casualties."

Paris, Feb. 12.—The war office reported this afternoon that two successful raids were made last night, one on the Verdun front in the neighborhood of Hill 304, and the other in the Argonne. Patrols were active in the Champagne and Argonne.

An official report issued last night said:

"An enemy aeroplane was brought down by our special guns in the neighborhood of Verdun. Bombs were dropped on Nancy and Pont St. Vincent without result. Yesterday and today, in the course of numerous air fights, two German machines fell in flames, one in the German lines, two others in our lines, the latter having been brought down by Lieut. Deullin. This was the eleventh enemy machine destroyed by this pilot.

German Statement.
Berlin, Feb. 12.—British troops last night made six successive attacks against the German positions and "sawtooth trenches" along the front from Serre to the Ancre river, says a statement issued to-day by army headquarters. All the attacks were repulsed and the British, the statement adds, suffered severe losses in the hand-to-hand fighting.

Information First.
The release of the Yarrowdale prisoners was agreed to with Ambassador Gerard on the eve of the break in relations, but the possibility of the German crews being interned in the United States prompted the admiralty to rescind the orders liberating the Americans held with the rest of the Yarrowdale prisoners.

Treaty in Mind.
Herr Zimmermann reaffirmed his previous statement that the Americans now in Germany will be permitted to move about unmolested and be perfectly free to leave the country whenever they desire, even if the break should threaten to reach the ultimate stage. This intention is based on the impression prevailing here that the United States is not contemplating any steps with regard to German civilians that might compel Germany to reconsider the position she has now definitely taken.

These and similar considerations calculated to work out to mutual advantage are said to be incorporated in a modernized draft of the treaty of 1793, which now is awaiting the approval of both governments. The complete text of the revised version has not yet been made public.

FOR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.
Toronto, Feb. 12.—The Canadian club of this city has completed a post-card vote on the question of a national government for Canada. It sent out 1,310 ballots and 860 have been returned, showing 749 for and 111 against a national government for Canada.

Wreckage washed ashore near river mouth in Brazil.
Pernambuco, Feb. 12.—During the last few days a considerable amount of wreckage has been washed ashore on the coast near the mouth of the Paranaiba. The wreckage includes articles of apparel, a tin box containing a small number of cylinders filled with an explosive substance, planks and cans of provisions.

There have been recent reports from Pernambuco of firing heard at sea off the Brazilian coast as if a naval engagement were in progress.

Vallejo, Cal., Feb. 12.—The United States destroyer Hull, under rush orders from Mare Island navy yard, left at 7 o'clock to-day for a destination kept secret by navy officers. Members of the crew ashore last night were summoned in theatres and ordered to be aboard at 6.30 this morning.

NO DISCUSSION IF SAVAGERY GOES ON

That is Washington's Reply to Berlin's Request for Exchanges

SUSSEX PLEDGES MUST BE RENEWED

No Obscurity About Stand the American Government Has Taken

Washington, Feb. 12.—The United States has replied to Germany's proposal of a discussion of the submarine question by stating that it can not enter into negotiations unless the German government restores the Sussex pledges and withdraws its proclamation of unrestricted submarine warfare.

The state department to-day made public Germany's proposal, submitted in a memorandum by Dr. Paul Ritter, the Swiss minister, and also this government's reply, thereby confirming fully the announcement made by the Associated Press last Saturday.

The state department gave out a statement as follows:
"In view of the appearance in the newspapers of Feb. 10 and 11 of a report that Germany was initiating negotiations with the United States in regard to submarine warfare, the department of state makes the following statement:
"A sign was made orally in the department of state late Saturday afternoon by the minister of Switzerland that the German government is willing to negotiate with the United States, provided that the commercial blockade against England would not be interfered with. At the request of the secretary of state this suggestion was made in writing and presented to him by the Swiss minister Sunday night. The communication is as follows:

The Memorandum.
"Memorandum—The Swiss government has been requested by the German government to say that the latter is now, as before, willing to negotiate, formally or informally, with the United States provided that the commercial blockade against England will not be broken thereby."
"(Sgd.) P. RITTER."

"This memorandum was given immediate consideration, and the following reply was dispatched to-day:
"My dear Mr. Minister:—
"I am requested by the president to say to you, on acknowledging the memorandum you were kind enough to send to me on the 11th instant, that the government of the United States would gladly discuss with the German government any questions it might propose for discussion were it to withdraw its proclamation of the 31st of January in which, suddenly and without previous intimation of any kind, it cancelled the assurances which it had given this government on the fourth of May last, but that it does not feel that it can enter into any discussion with the German government concerning the policy of submarine warfare against neutrals which it is now pursuing unless and until the German government renews its assurance of the fourth of May and acts upon those assurances."

"No other interchange on this subject has taken place between this government or any other government or person."

JAMES W. GERARD IS THANKED BY BRITAIN
London, Feb. 12.—The gratitude and thanks of the nation "have been conveyed by the British government to James W. Gerard, former American ambassador to Germany, for his work on behalf of the British civilians and prisoners of war in Germany. Foreign Secretary Balfour made this announcement to-day in the House of Commons, adding that the text of his note to Mr. Gerard would be made public.

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BRITISH SOON WILL HAVE KUT-EL-AMARA



The above map shows the position of the Ligorice factory taken from the Turks last Saturday by British troops. This position, held during the siege by Maj. Gen. Townshend's forces, lies in the southern environs of the town of Kut-el-Amara, being just south of the Tigris, the Shatt-el-Hai flowing into the Tigris just to the west of it.

AMERICAN LINE ASKS GUNS FOR ITS SHIPS BE SUPPLIED BY WASHINGTON; ST. LOUIS AND ST. PAUL STILL IDLE

President of International Mercantile Marine Made Formal Request To-day; Liners New York, Kronland, Andania and Giuseppe Verdi Have Made Port at New York

Washington, Feb. 12.—P. A. S. Franklin, president of the International Mercantile Marine, to-day made formal application to the navy department for guns to arm the passenger liners of the American Line. The request states that the company has been unable to find guns elsewhere.

It is indicated that the navy department, while opposed, for military reasons to any project of conveying American merchantmen through the German "zone," favors furnishing ships with guns for their own defence.

The navy department, it was stated officially, has a considerable number of old model three-inch to six-inch rifles available for arming merchant ships, but not enough for the conversion of all ships it would require in time of war, and also to furnish defensive armament for all merchantmen.

Problem of Crews.
The question of supplying trained gun crews for merchantmen is more difficult from a departmental point of view. There is objection to withdrawing men from the active service of the navy at this time, and there also is some question as to what effect such a step would have on the status of a ship. French shipowners furnished guns by their navy have been required to make out that they were to be handled by civilian crews.

The possibility that the navy might supply guns indirectly through loan or sale to shipowners has received some consideration, but a preference for direct action by the department in placing the guns aboard is indicated by the shipowners.

Lafollette's Move.
Senator Lafollette to-day introduced a resolution to make it unlawful for any American merchant ship in time of peace to depart armed from any port of the United States for any port in another country. It was not debated, but put on the table subject to call.

Arrive at New York.
New York, Feb. 12.—(Associated Press dispatch.)—The arrival to-day of the steamship New York brought the number of American trans-Atlantic passenger ships at this port up to four. The New York sailed from Liverpool on February 2. She was the first American ship to leave Liverpool after Germany's declaration of unrestricted submarine warfare went into effect. She passed through the danger zone without sighting war craft of any kind, her officers said.

Kronland In.
The American liner Kronland docked here yesterday and the St. Louis and St. Paul, of the same line, are still at their piers while their owners await news from Washington in regard to the possibility of their being engaged in the German submarine campaign.

The Cunard liner Andania, from Liverpool, Jan. 31, and the Italian liner Giuseppe Verdi, from Mediterranean ports, reached their docks here to-day.
The British liner Cedric, which sails to-day for Liverpool without passengers, will carry 5,000 sacks of mail

LIQUORICE FACTORY AT KUT NOW IS HELD BY BRITISH TROOPS

New Line on Front of More Than 6,000 Yards Occupied; Turks Pushed Back From 800 to 1,200 Yards; Enemy Suffered Heavily During Operations, Says British War Office

London, Feb. 12.—The British offensive south of Kut-el-Amara, Mesopotamia, was resumed successfully on Saturday, it was reported in an official statement issued last night. The Turks were driven back from 800 to 1,200 yards on a front of more than 6,000 yards.

The text of the report follows:
"In Mesopotamia, during Friday night and Saturday, four Turkish attacks on our right were repulsed and our hold on the enemy trenches on the left was rapidly extended by bombing attacks.
"Later, after a heavy bombardment, a successful assault was undertaken against trenches west of the liquorice factory which Gen. Townshend held throughout the siege of Kut, whereby we secured the factory and 500 yards of enemy trenches.

"As a result of these operations a new line has been occupied on a frontage of more than 6,000 yards, and the enemy pushed back for a depth varying from 800 to 1,200 yards. All the evidence shows that the Turks suffered heavily."

BONAR LAW ASKS VOTES OF CREDIT AT LAST GERARD IN SWITZERLAND

He, His Staff and Party Crossed From Germany Yesterday

Washington, Feb. 12.—Official reports on the arrival of Former Ambassador Gerard and his suite at Zurich reached the state department to-day from American Minister Stovall, at Bern. Mr. Stovall's dispatch, dated yesterday, follows:
"Ambassador Gerard, his staff and party have arrived at Zurich, and will reach Bern at 9 o'clock this evening. All are well. I met the ambassador at the frontier, and Colonel Bruegger, adjutant-general of the Swiss army, specially designated by the federal council, welcomed him on behalf of the Swiss government."

The Swiss legation received a dispatch to-day from the Swiss foreign office announcing Mr. Gerard's arrival at Bern.
Received by President.
Bern, Feb. 12.—Former American Ambassador Gerard was received by President Schultze and Herr Hoffman, chief of the Swiss foreign department, to-day. The two Swiss officials called at the home of President A. Stovall, the American minister to Switzerland, where Mr. Gerard is stopping.

REVOLUTION MAY BE NEXT IN AUSTRIA
Organ of Vatican Has Received Information About Conditions There

Rome, Feb. 12.—The Vatican organ, the Osservatore Romano, has information from Austria that food riots have been repressed with bloodshed in that country, and that frequently soldiers have refused to fire upon the citizens. Several regiments have mutinied, and the situation is very serious. Sensational developments, including a revolution, are feared.

Vatican clergymen and cardinals have been asked to implore the pope to stop the war in order to save Germany and Austria-Hungary.
A Precedent.
Rome, Feb. 12.—The Vatican organ, the Osservatore Romano, points out in an inspired article that a clash between the United States and Germany would establish a precedent for the right of the United States to influence European politics. It says that after the war Europe will be weakened and the United States could assume a preponderant position.
With the object of averting such an eventuality, the paper says, the pope is striving to avert war between the United States and Germany, and expects to succeed.

STOP MUNITIONS, CARRANZA'S PLEA
Washington, Feb. 12.—General Carranza has sent a note to the United States, Argentina, Brazil and Chile as well as to all the other neutral nations, asking them to join in an agreement to prohibit the export from their countries to the warring European nations of foodstuffs and munitions of war.

COLD AT NEW YORK.
New York, Feb. 12.—A drop in the temperature to three degrees above zero at 7.30 to-day brought to this city the coldest weather of the winter.

WILHELM'S WORDS TO KING CONSTANTINE
"All I Ask Now is That You Keep Your Throne"

Salonica, Feb. 12.—Via London, Feb. 12.—(By Ward Price.)—Kaiser Wilhelm, according to information which has reached the Greek provisional government, has sent a significant message to the Greek king in which he tells Constantine that he can not operate with him or come to his aid against the allies in Macedonia.
"All I ask of you now," he said, "is that you shall keep your throne."
This word of imperial advice has more than casual importance. It throws light on several matters. It sounds the dirge of Germany's schemes, which undoubtedly were real and active up to a few weeks ago, of making an attempt, in co-operation with the Greeks, to clear the Balkans of their foes. It also explains the delicacy with which Constantine is withdrawing his troops from Northern Greece into the neutral interment camp prescribed for them by the allies in the Peloponnese.
But beyond its immediate application, the expression of the Kaiser's personal desire to see his brother-in-law still upon the throne of Greece after the war is a foreshadowing of one of Germany's schemes for the future. The Kaiser's message, in fact, fits in with possible German plans after the war. If the terms of peace should leave to Germany so much as a brain to intrigue with, Greece would be the field to which she would instinctively turn, for Greece forms a part of the Middle Europe idea, the partial realization of which Germany has now stated.

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CANADIANS HONORED BY KING GEORGE

Number of Officers and Three Nurses Invested at Buckingham

London, Feb. 12.—At Buckingham Palace on Saturday the following investitures were made, those honored being Canadians:

Companion of the Order of the Bath.—Colonel James Roberts.

Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.—Chaplain Almond.

Distinguished Service Order.—Lieut. Colonel John Gunn, Lieut. Colonel John Rattray, Major Walter Dunison, Major Bernard Humble, Major Walter Kemp, Major George McLeod, Major Douglas Mason and Major Sidney Morrissey.

Military cross and bar.—Captain Alfred Trimmer.

Military Cross.—Major Graham Cruikshanks, Major Gwynne Gwynne, Major Henry Pense, Major Howell Smith, Major William Walker, Captain Kenneth Corke, Captain James Lovett, Captain Walter McGee, Captain Charles Porteous, Lieut. Edward Chambers, Lieut. Harold Petherstonhaugh, Lieut. William Fraser, Lieut. Charles Ivey, Lieut. Gavin Macfarlane, Lieut. Francis McLeod and Sergeant-Major Ridgwell.

Royal Red Cross, First Class.—Mistress Violet Nesbitt and Frederica Wilson.

Royal Red Cross, Second Class.—Sister Florence Hunter.

Queen Mother Alexandra subsequently received the three nurses at Marlborough House.

MAJOR GAULT WILL GO BACK TO FRONT

Officer of Famous Princess Pats Reaches Canada; Victory Coming

St. John, N. B., Feb. 12.—With his left leg gone below the knee, dressed in mud and bearing scars of many a battle on his body, Major A. Hamilton Gault, the originator and promoter of the famous Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, arrived in the city yesterday on a trans-Atlantic liner. His fighting days are not over yet although he has lost a leg. He declared that he will join the flying corps as soon as he fully recovers.

Major Gault has returned to Canada to attend to private business. He is full of optimism regarding the fighting which will occur this spring on the western front. He feels that victory is assured and he wants to be there in some capacity when the great offensive begins.

Others who returned include Lieut. W. Keyt, of Kamloops, of the 2nd Field company, Canadian Engineers. Owing to illness he has been sent home after no fewer than 22 months on the firing line.

"There will be a big show on the western front this spring, and don't you forget it," said Major H. Armstrong, of Hamilton, Ont.

Lieut. Col. W. S. Knowles, who commanded the 16th Battalion, nodded assent. "The Canadians will be the king pins of this big drive," he added. "You know, among the allies the Canadians are known as the 'fighting fools'."

"Germany is licked. It is now only a question of how long it will take to count her out," said Captain G. H. Bennett, who went overseas with the Princess Pats and has a splendid record at the front. He is a brother of R. B. Bennett, the director-general of national service, and has been in harness since August, 1914.

RUSSIANS EXCEL IN SURPRISE ATTACKS

Men of Contingent in France Masters of All Wiles

London, Feb. 12.—A correspondent with the French armies on the west front sends the following:

Since their arrival in France ten months ago the troops in the Russian contingent have more than served their apprenticeship in the trenches, and are masters of all the arts and wiles of modern warfare. They have chosen as their specialty the gentle craft of surprise attacks on the German lines.

As soon as the Russians appeared on this front the Germans manifested a strong desire to capture some Russian prisoners, hoping no doubt to obtain information from them concerning the force on the eastern side of the beleaguered fortress that Germany is to capture. Accordingly they began a series of raids on the trenches that the Russians had taken over, accompanying their attacks with heavy bombardments. They soon discovered that the game was one which two could play, and that the Russians were past masters at it. Their efforts to take prisoners proved unavailing, for the Russian is a stubborn fighter, ready to die rather than surrender. On the contrary, the enemy in these local actions lost quite a number of men, both killed and wounded and prisoners.

The particular Russian regiment that I visited yesterday had, after several months in the front trenches, only one man returned as missing, and that man almost certainly was killed in the course of a raid. This regiment had carried out a large number of surprise attacks on the enemy's lines and had repulsed many similar assaults, with the result that it could boast a long list of German prisoners.

Born Bayonet Fighter.

The Russian is a born bayonet fighter, and takes naturally to the trench. He is prepared to face any hardships, and he is entirely at home in the mud and shell-holes of No Man's Land. One night a patrol of six men went out to the enemy's barbed wire, intending to return before dawn. Dawn came and full daylight, and still they had not returned. When darkness fell the six men reappeared very cheerfully, bringing a prisoner with them.

Their reconnaissance had taken longer than they expected. Just when they were starting back towards their own lines dawn began to break, and they saw that to go back at once, and death to try to go back at once. So with their prisoner they took up their position in shell-holes just outside the German barbed wire and waited there until the sun went down again.

In one of their raids the Russians had as their objective the clearing of a small wood between the lines in which the enemy had established an advanced post. There were sixty Boches in the wood, and the attacking force was considerably outnumbered. The Russians, however, considered that at close quarters they were far more than a match for the same number of Germans.

Heroic Adventure.

All went well until the moment when they reached the border of the wood. Then the enemy discovered their presence and opened a heavy fire. The assailants jumped to their feet, intending to rush the enemy defences with the bayonet and the grenade. An officer fell wounded from machine gun fire, and at that critical moment the Russians came suddenly upon a barbed wire entanglement concealed in the undergrowth, the existence of which they had never suspected.

In these days of machine guns and automatic rifles the best troops in the world might as well hesitate at such a discovery. Suddenly the sight of the fallen officer, whose wound was only slight, springing to his feet gave fresh confidence to the men, while one of the grenadiers, voluntarily choosing the most exposed position, began to hurl his grenades at the Germans behind the wire with as much method and deliberation as if he were throwing them at dummy trenches in the training camp.

His example was followed by every man, and such a hail of grenades was poured on the enemy's position that his fire was completely overwhelmed. The attack, which might have been a costly failure, became a complete success, bought at the cost of a few slight wounds. The enemy had a heavy toll to pay—over fifty killed and six prisoners.

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GERARD ENCOUNTERED EXCUSE AFTER EXCUSE

How He Was Treated in Berlin; Reached Switzerland Yesterday

Zurich, Feb. 12.—Most of the members of former American Ambassador Gerard's large party gave a genuine sigh of relief yesterday afternoon when they reached the Swiss border, for the strain of the last few days had told more or less on a majority of the travellers.

Mr. Gerard met cordially the horde of newspapermen who crowded about him on his arrival at Zurich, clamoring for interviews for papers all over the civilized world, but he kept rigidly to his determination not to speak for publication until after he had reported to President Wilson in Washington.

The strain of the situation for Americans in Berlin had been heightened toward the end by the efforts of the German authorities to induce Mr. Gerard to open negotiations for an amendment of the Prussian-American Treaty of 1799. At the same time the German newspapers were flooded with reports of seizure of German ships by the United States and with stories of difficulties and indignities encountered by Count von Bernstorff. Mr. Gerard was refused permission to communicate in cipher with Washington and the German authorities ignored all demands of the stories printed in the German papers until an official message received through the Spanish embassy made it clear that the stories were false. Prior to this, Mr. Gerard's telephone wires had been cut and his mail and telegraphic privileges stopped, so that he could not even instruct the American consul, and he was, in his own words, a prisoner.

The combined result was uncertainty and petty friction which was only increased when the German foreign office and military authorities shifted the responsibility for the delay in Mr. Gerard's departure from one to another. No American, least of all Mr. Gerard, could obtain any definite information. It was pointed out to the German officials in vain that the measures were only applicable to actual war and that the admirable self-restraint and politeness of the German people, with the resultant good

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DUKE OF NORFOLK DIES AT SIXTY-NINE

Premier Peer in Britain Passes Away Suddenly in London

London, Feb. 12.—The Duke of Norfolk, ranking member of the British nobility and the foremost English Roman Catholic, died in London yesterday. The death of the duke was rather sudden, the first announcement of his serious illness having been made on Saturday. Prayers were offered yesterday in the leading London Roman Catholic churches for the repose of his soul.

The heir to the dukedom, the Earl of Arundel and Surrey, who is eight years old, comes into an estate estimated at £200,000 annually.

Henry Fitzalan-Howard, fifteenth Duke of Norfolk, was born on Dec. 27, 1847. He was earl marshal and hereditary marshal and chief butler of England. In virtue of his office as marshal he was the titular manager of ceremonies upon occasions of royal pageantry, and as such officiated at the coronation of King George V.

The Duke of Norfolk was notably prominent in English Roman Catholic affairs, and in 1887 was the special envoy of Queen Victoria to the jubilee of Pope Leo. He also had been active in politics at times, and in 1895 was made postmaster-general, as such doing notable work in the organization of the imperial penny postage. Until 1912 he was colonel of the Fourth Sussex Regiment, and saw service in South Africa. As chairman of the executive committee for relief in Belgium he supervised the collection of funds in the British empire for Belgian relief.

MORE RAIDS MADE BY BRITISH TROOPS

London, Feb. 12.—The following official report was issued last night:

"We repulsed this morning by our fire an enemy attempt to approach our lines south of Sully-Sallisel, north of the Somme.

"We entered enemy trenches in the night in the neighborhood of Pys, southwest of La Bassée, northeast of Neuve Chapelle and south of Fauguisart. Many casualties were inflicted on the enemy and his dugouts were destroyed. A number of prisoners were secured.

"We effectively bombarded enemy positions to-day at a number of places along our front.

"Our aeroplanes carried out bombing operations with good results on Friday night and Saturday. One German machine was driven down in aerial battle."

CONFERENCE CALLED BY GERMAN KAISER

London, Feb. 12.—A conference at German headquarters has been called by Kaiser Wilhelm, presumably to discuss the submarine question, says an Amsterdam correspondent.

Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial chancellor, and high army and navy officials, will attend, and it is reported, adds the correspondent, that the possibility of negotiations with neutrals for a modification of the terms of the recent German memorandum will be discussed.

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—The following casualties have been announced:

Infantry.

Killed in action—Pte. J. McDonell, 448 Tenth avenue, Vancouver.

Wounded—Pte. D. Knight, 238 Cambie street, Vancouver; Pte. A. Lanchick, Victoria, B. C.; Pte. P. Harris, 1000 B. C. St., Victoria; Pte. Thomas Beatty, 1000 B. C. St., Victoria; Pte. Thomas Beatty, 1000 B. C. St., Victoria; Pte. Thomas Beatty, 1000 B. C. St., Victoria.

Wounded, but returned to duty.—Sergeant A. Armitage, Edmonds, B. C.; Dangerously ill.—Pte. R. Hudson, Percher Island, B. C.

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LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—The Chicago Board of Trade and other leading grain exchanges of the United States were closed to-day on account of Lincoln's birthday.

EASTERN STATES ARE HAVING COLD SNAP

New York, Feb. 12.—The rivers and bays about New York are filled with heavy drifting ice-fields to-day. For the first time in five years the Hudson is solidly frozen over the three-mile stretch between Tarrytown and Nyack. Hundreds of persons have walked from shore to shore and several automobiles have safely negotiated the trip.

Cleveland, Feb. 12.—The thermometer registered 10 degrees below zero here this forenoon. It was the coldest day since February 10, 1883. A shortage of coal has made the weather situation exceptionally serious.

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AMERICAN VESSELS ARE TO BE ARMED

The Government Will Not Supply Guns and Gunners Direct

Washington, Feb. 12.—Within a few days the government will find a way whereby American merchant vessels now held in port by fear of German submarines may arm themselves before sailing. It is intimated strongly by officials. This will be accomplished by private means. The government will not supply guns or gunners direct, nor even formally advise arming. Shipowners have stated that heretofore they have been unable to obtain either guns or gun crews.

Officials still are inclined to regard the latest offer of Germany to discuss means of preventing war, presented through the Swiss minister on Saturday, only as an effort to cast on the United States the appearance of being belligerent.

The official attitude seems to be that the United States and the German governments can have no diplomatic dealings until Germany gives up her programme of unrestricted submarine warfare, and that any other advances meanwhile serve only to belittle the issue of American rights. It is not certain whether any answer will be made to the suggestion.

Officials noted with interest that the submarines' toll of merchant ships on Saturday had sunk to the lowest level since the new campaign was inaugurated.

AUSTRIANS FAILED EAST OF GORIZIA

Got Into Some Trenches but Are Under Italian Fire

Roma, Feb. 12.—An attack in considerable force was made on the Italian lines east of Gorizia on Friday night. The Austrians were repulsed at nearly all points and such portions of the front lines as have not yet been recovered by the Italians have been held under fire.

The text of the statement follows: "There have been desultory artillery actions in the Trentino. Our artillery shelled enemy positions on Monte Croino and dispersed enemy supply columns on the northern slopes of Monte Pasubio.

"On the Julian front the enemy artillery showed increased activity.

"In the area east of Gorizia on Friday, after heavy artillery and trench mortar preparation, the enemy in considerable force attacked our positions on the western slopes of Catinara, northwest of San Marco, between Sober and the Gorizia-Dornberg railway. After heavy fighting the enemy was repulsed nearly everywhere. Some very small portions of our front line trenches, which have not yet been retaken, are being kept under our heavy barrage fire. We captured more than 70 prisoners.

"In Albania two enemy reconnoitering seaplanes were brought down in the vicinity of Sapina. Four aviators and one machine were captured. The other machine sank."

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AMERICAN WAS ON STEAMSHIP MANTOLA

Submarine Gave No Warning, Says Portland Physician; Shells Near Boats

Washington, Feb. 12.—One American, Dr. Earl Rice, ship's surgeon, of Portland, Ore., was on board the British India liner Mantola, torpedoed without warning by a German submarine off the Irish coast February 8. Consul Frost, at Queenstown, has cabled the state department that the steamship was torpedoed without warning, but that everybody escaped except seven Lascars.

No Warning.

London, Feb. 12.—Dr. Earl M. Rice, of Portland, Ore., ship's surgeon of the Mantola and the only American on board her, was among the survivors of the torpedoed steamship who arrived in London yesterday. He gave the Associated Press the following account of the sinking:

"The first we knew was the sound of a violent explosion which shook the ship from end to end at 1.50 p.m. on Thursday. The sea was fairly rough, but the ship maintained an even keel and excellent order was preserved. Capt. Chavas immediately ordered the boats launched.

Seven Seamen Killed.

"Seven Lascars were killed by the explosion. The remainder of those on board were unhurt. Everybody got safely into the boats with the exception of the captain, the chief engineer and the wireless operator, who were to follow us later.

"Nobody had yet seen the submarine and everybody in the boats was peering into the haze in a vain effort to catch a glimpse of the tell-tale periscope. An hour and a half after the torpedoing the captain, the engineer and the wireless man got the wireless working and began sending out calls giving details of the position of the ship.

Answered With Shells.

"The reply came almost instantly, but from an unexpected quarter. The submarine, which evidently had been lying off in the haze two miles or so away, picked up the wireless calls and began shelling the Mantola from 4,000 yards distant, meanwhile approaching at full speed, so that the range rapidly decreased.

"Some of the shells were loaded with shrapnel, which burst about the Mantola and around the lifeboats. The latter had returned close to the Mantola, but the sailors now put all their muscle to the oars to increase their distance from the submarine's target. Fortunately nobody was hurt by the shells.

47 Shells Fired.

"By this time the submarine was plainly visible to everybody. A cool-headed passenger in my boat took out a notebook and carefully marked down a cross every time the submarine fired. His record shows that 47 shells were fired.

"The submarine was within 200 or 300 yards of the Mantola when an unidentified vessel began to loom up on the hazy horizon. The submarine's commander decided discretion was the better part of valor, closed his hatches quickly, submerged and disappeared, to the unspeakable relief of us all. The new arrival proved to be a British sloop, which gradually picked up the survivors.

"We were in our boat about six hours. The Mantola sank in the evening."

Lived in Portland.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 12.—Dr. Earl M. Rice, surgeon on the torpedoed British India liner Mantola; was a resident of Portland and a graduate of the 1915 class at the medical school of the university of Oregon. He was an interne at the police emergency hospital here

during a year of his study period and at the conclusion of his course went to New York, where he continued his studies. Later he returned here and opened practice.

When the British training ship Medway called here in January, 1916, Dr. Rice took service on her and went to London. Later he was on a liner between London and Calcutta as surgeon. This vessel was sunk by striking a mine, according to a letter received from Dr. Rice by friends here, but her name was not given. It was after this disaster that he took the post of surgeon on the Mantola.

Dr. Rice's wife lives at Salem, Ore., where she is employed in the state laboratory.


Without Warning.

London, Feb. 12.—The British steamship Japanese Prince, with many Americans aboard, which was sunk by a German submarine, was torpedoed without warning, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. All the crew were landed, the dispatch adds.

BRODER WOULD TAX THE LARGE INCOMES

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—Hon. Andrew Broder, M.P., would see that Canada's war debt by taxing the large incomes in the Dominion. Dealing with the subject, "Canada's Problems," at the People's Forum last night, Mr. Broder said he thought this to be the fairest way of dealing with the matter. He said he would not change the fiscal policy of the country.

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THE LIQUORICE FACTORY AT KUT

The humblest and most humdrum obscurities are jerked into the limelight of history by the flaming hand of the war and the greater the scope of the conflict the more pronounced the translation. Localities that never were dignified by mention even in tourist guide-books from now onward will figure conspicuously in countless volumes: they will be marked by vivid red spots on innumerable maps. Centuries hence the world will know about the Ferryman's House on the Yzer, the little cemetery of Neuville St. Vaast and the sugar refinery of Souchez. The plateau of Douaumont will be another Thermopylae in point of historical emphasis. The Waterlot Farm will be another Hougoumont. The orchard of Festubert will have a niche all by itself. To-day we pause before the liquorice factory at Kut-el-Amara. A few months ago that primitive concern flitted vaguely and fitfully across the screen. We were told in the official communications that Townshend and his heroic little force, with true British tenacity, were clinging to the liquorice factory notwithstanding the vigorous attempts of the enemy to dislodge them. As long as they held Kut they were going to maintain possession of its chief industry, not because they wanted its product but because it had become to their particular enterprise one of the most important points in all the world.

General Townshend finally had to abandon the liquorice factory, but only when his army was starved out of the town itself. Now Great Britain has it back. The Union Jack flies over the factory again and this time it is there to stay. If there is any liquorice left a detachment of the Army of the Tigris is chewing it. Obviously, however, if the possession of the establishment was so strategically important to Townshend that he clung to it to the very last it is equally vital to the Turks at Kut. As a matter of fact, the factory is practically in Kut. It is on the right bank of the Tigris near its confluence with the Shatt-el-Hai, on both sides of which the British have been pressing forward in a series of spurts. Kut, therefore, is just a little less beleaguered to-day than it was when the Ottoman troops surrounded Townshend. General Maude's army is now east, northeast, west, south and southwest of the town, the greater progress being made from the three latter points. The Turks still hold strong lines on the left bank of the Tigris, or east and northeast of Kut, where apparently no serious attempt is being made to dislodge them. But soon they must evacuate this position because the British troops operating on the right bank now command their communications with Bagdad and being in the environs of the town itself are menacing their rear. We shall learn very shortly that the Army of the Tigris has squared the account in regard to Kut-el-Amara and then on to Bagdad!

The last few days on the west front have been marked by a series of skillfully conducted local offensives in which three important objectives have been gained. The first resulted in the occupation of Grandcourt, in the valley of the Ancre, which the enemy abandoned without a fight. He was literally squeezed out, for his communications were mastered by British guns. Then came the capture of Sully-Sailles at the extreme eastern boundary of the allies' advance. This point, or a point near it, formerly marked the junction of the British and French lines. The French on one occasion forced their way into the town, but were ejected by a counter-attack. When the British took over an additional five miles of French front they inherited the job of taking Sully-Sailles, which they have now carried out with small loss. With this legacy they inherited a chain of obligations which military exigency attached to it. One of the most important links of that chain is the capture of the wood of St. Pierre Vaast, southeast of Sully-Sailles, and north of Bouchavesnes, which it is understood, is still held by the French. The wood of St. Pierre Vaast is very powerfully organized by the Germans for excellent reason. It is the most formidable obstacle to the capture of a ridge which dominates the Tortille valley, and which, in the possession of the allies, would unmask the batteries of Mt. St. Quentin, the key to Peronne. Once those batteries were silenced the French would be able to force their way across the Somme south of Peronne and with their celebrated squeeze tactics, through which their important objective would fall into their hands like a ripe plum. The capture of Sully-Sailles, however, does more than facilitate the movement towards Peronne. It also paves the way for an attack northward against Le Transloy, southeast of Bapaume and on the Bapaume-Peronne road. This is not unlikely to be the next British objective, for it is under fire from two directions—on front and flank. It is a most important prize, the key to the southern approaches of Bapaume, and the Huns will put up a stiff resistance.

The latest advance was recorded on Saturday. This time it was at Serre, north of the Ancre, and on the part of the front where the Germans made their generally successful stand in the initial stages of the big offensive. It will be remembered that in the early winter months, before bad weather set in, the British struck at the angle where the German line is bent eastward, and carried St. Pierre Division, south of the Ancre, Beaumont-Hamel and Beaucourt, north of the river. Farther north, at Serre, however, they were not so successful. There the enemy maintained his position, which is very strongly fortified. On Saturday by another burst the British troops captured a series of positions south of Serre, on a front of three-quarters of a mile, with small loss. They evidently aim to squeeze the enemy out of Serre as they squeezed him out of Grandcourt and Sully-Sailles, and they are in an excellent way of doing it, for they now are striking at him from three directions. In this connection the ease with which these points are being taken is especially significant. Possibly it can be explained by the adoption of the method of attack developed by General Nivelle at Verdun, that is, an advance immediately behind the artillery barrage, under cover of which the attackers are on the enemy's position before he has recovered from the shell fire. In any case the capture of Sully-Sailles and the advance before Serre, where last summer the enemy's resistance was successful, is very promising.

The Austrians have delivered a rather pretentious attack on the Italian positions east of Gorizia, which for the most part failed. All this activity, however, is really the opening round of the crucial fighting which will begin as soon as the ground conditions are favorable. The effort to be made by the allies will be on a scale in comparison with which all other campaigns in this war or any other war were of minor dimensions. The central empires know this and notwithstanding all their boasting are looking forward to it with the greatest dread. They will do everything in their power to disarrange the programme. They may undertake an offensive on the Italian front. They already have tried Courland with no appreciable results. There is every reason to believe that their next move will be to divert the British blow; they hope to interrupt the supply of material flowing to England sufficiently to interfere with the output of munitions—guns, shells and aeroplanes. Moreover, their manpower problem has long since been acute, as ominously so as the problem

of raw materials for munitions and essential auxiliary war services. Of that there can be no doubt. Reports that Germany has ample numbers to hold the west front and nine-tenths of the east front from Riga to the Danube are the veriest buncombe. Another million casualties would be her ruin in the field and her leaders very well know it. That is why they will do their very worst on sea and land to delay the offensive which the allies intend to launch against them before long.

A BLOW AT PAN-GERMANISM.

The German attempt to open negotiations with the United States with the object of preventing an outbreak of war between the two countries is interpreted at Washington in various ways. The official view seems to be that Berlin is merely playing for such time as will decide whether the campaign of piracy will be successful or not. Its failure plus the alignment of the United States and other neutrals on the side of their enemies would be swiftly calamitous to the central empires, and they are anxious to try the plunge and get out again if the water is too cold, without any dangerous consequences. This is probably the real reason of their stupid blunder in delaying the departure of ex-Ambassador Gerard. They hoped Washington would back down; they unquestionably banked fondly on the pressure of German-American sentiment, which they were sure would operate in their favor. They never dreamed that this factor would turn against them.

The attitude of the German-Americans in this crisis between Germany and the United States must be one of the worst blows the Prussian warband has sustained in all its career. The announcement of the president of the German-American Alliance that the money now being collected for the German Red Cross was being deposited in the banks for diversion to the American Red Cross in the event of war between the two countries and that German-Americans would raise troops to fight against Germany, must have struck the Kaiser like a slap in the face. Pan-Germanists never reckoned on this for a minute. They never thought a German or anybody of Germanic extraction could turn his back on a "super-people" ruled by the elect of Heaven. They never dreamed of such a conversion by the "ruler democracy" they thought they had Germanized.

The average German-American, however, has no compunctions on that score. As between Germany and her enemies in Europe he is all for Germany. But he would not live under German rule for anything. When the time to choose between the advantages he enjoys on this side of the ocean and even the faint prospect of recession to the enslavement under the heel of military despots which he or his father so bitterly remembers arrived, he took no chances. His attitude, moreover, carries a moral all its own. It condemns Germany and her system without reservation. It admits that Germany menaces democracy and that in such an extremity Germany should be beaten. If the United States goes to war with Germany it will be for the same principles for which the allies went to war. In supporting the United States the German-American supports the cause of the allies. This should be apparent to the German people, who now should realize that there must be something seriously wrong with their rulers and their methods when even their compatriots in the United States have recorded themselves among their prospective enemies.

WHAT ABOUT CHINA?

Do not smile too broadly at China's approval of Uncle Sam's attitude on the submarine question. Just consider China for a moment. She is potentially the most powerful nation on earth. Her population is something like 450,000,000, figuratively speaking all under one roof. Her resources are incalculable. Organized for war and recruited on a ten per cent. basis she could raise an army of 45,000,000 men. On the French proportion her army would exceed 50,000,000, more than twice the aggregate of the combined field forces of the present belligerents. Of course so vast a force could not be kept equipped. It would not need to be. China could stand a casualty list of 7,500,000 a year and still have an excess of men who would reach military age under the conscript system every twelve months. She could sustain 20,000,000 casualties in three years of fighting without experiencing any difficulty in the supply of reserves. Indeed, more lives would be saved through the improved hygienic methods of the present war than in any other organization of the country than could possibly be lost in battle. A conflict in which a million or two casualties were suffered would be considered a minor affair by China. China has had a great many wars. She has been over-run and conquered, but it will be noticed that she always has swallowed her conquerors. If they

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were not actually Chinese before they tried it they became Chinese a few generations after the experiment. Every little while some well-intentioned party raises a great ado about dismembering China. As a matter of fact no power can dismember China except on paper. She simply absorbs the dismemberers. They cannot hold their own permanently against the influence of the mass. They can maintain an outward appearance of authority in certain districts, they can raise the flags of their respective countries here and there, but they are not undermining the real integrity of the empire. Instead, they really are helping to produce conditions which make dismemberment a physical impossibility. China's roots go down thousands of years, ages before most of the outside nations had any roots at all. In wringing territorial concessions from her they are merely nibbling at the surface. People might as well talk about dismembering the Rocky Mountains by blasting off a pinnacle or two as dismembering an empire which within one set of boundaries soon will number 500,000,000 souls.

Montreal Star: It is too soon yet to discuss what the Americans will do if and when they go to war. But it is nonsense to talk as if they could stand aside and let us do the fighting. They would be the last people in the world to submit to such a situation. Once the die is cast and Old Glory takes its place with the flags of Christendom against the Hun and the Turk, there will be thousands—hundreds of thousands—of ardent souls across the border who will insist on taking their place in the forefront of the battle. Time for preparation will be required; but the only thing which can then save the Germans from crossing bayonets with the Americans will be a quick and complete capitulation in the comparatively near future.

The most ruthless pirate that ever sailed under the skull and cross-bones in by-gone days could take lessons in heartless cruelty from the Hun in his madness, and, by the same token, the merchant captain of the present day is keeping his house flag flying in the face of difficulties and dangers without parallel in history. He is not playing the least heroic part in the war, all honor to him.

Herr Holweg prays to heaven that frightfulness on the sea may prove more effective than frightfulness in the air. Yet there was a time when the Hun was quite sure that Zeppelins would prove the ruin of England, Gott strafe her!

The first flurry of frightfulness seems to be over. The Kaiser's Jolly Roger is not proving the terror Berlin told us would be.

The Ottawa Citizen says Sir Robert Borden has not handed Hon. Robert Rogers his passports. Latest advices from Ottawa are that Hon. Robert, instead of being handed his passports, is to be elevated to the position of High Commissioner in London. The Minister

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of Elections seems to have a firm grip of things, notwithstanding the damning report of Mr. Justice Galt. The east is in the grip of the most biting cold snap of the winter, and with coal at a premium at that. GERMANY'S LAST CARD. New York Tribune. Germany is playing a desperate game in undertaking to starve out Great Britain by destroying all merchant carrying supplies to British ports. She is willing to declare war on all neutral maritime nations on the mere chance of beating her chief enemy into submission. Apart from the criminality of drawing the sword on neutral nations against which she has no grievance under international law, can she really expect to starve out Great Britain and her allies as dependent on the neutral nations for supplies? It must be remembered that Germany's promises to the United States, made after the Sussex incident, have really affected passenger steamers only. The German submarines have continued their warfare on the freight carriers of the entente powers and on neutral freight carriers other than those flying the American flag.

Norway has lost a larger percentage of her merchant marine since the beginning of the war than either Great Britain or France has. Holland and Sweden have lost nearly as large a percentage of their shipping as Italy has. Moreover, the losses of France, Great Britain and Italy, have been made up in part through the seizure of interned German shipping. Recent calculations of sea losses show that Great Britain's has been about 12 per cent. of the marine in existence before the war. But the ships built in 1915 and 1916 have offset most of this shrinkage. France has lost 12 per cent. of her shipping, but made up half that through new construction. Italy has lost 9 per cent. Portugal's marine is larger to-day than it was before the war. If it took Germany two years and a half to destroy this relatively small proportion of the merchant fleets of the entente powers, what can she expect to accomplish in an annihilation of neutral and belligerent carrying trade within the next six months? And six months is the period now set by the Germans for the realization of their last frantic hope of victory. From a military point of view submarine warfare has been of little profit to Germany. It has hardly repaid the money and energy spent on it. It has had no

results, and can have none, which would justify its continuation on a lawless and murderous scale, at the cost of war with the United States and other neutrals. Yet such is the Tirpitz obsession, which has also filled the German public mind, that the German government is willing, as Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg frankly says, to stake everything on the possibility of winning a victory through illegal and ferocious submarine warfare. Under the spell of this frenzied illusion Germany is willing to renounce humanity and cast aside all respect for the restraints of law and civilization. The new submarine campaign may yield many new victims. It may shake somewhat German thirst for revenge on the British. But it cannot pay. Germany can find no recompense in its horrors for being adjudged an outcast from civilization. The new submarine campaign may yield many new victims. It may shake somewhat German thirst for revenge on the British. But it cannot pay. Germany can find no recompense in its horrors for being adjudged an outcast from civilization. There was a fish dinner, and Henrietta, aged five, was doing considerable grumbling about a couple of bones that, despite her mother's caution, were in her portion. Edith, aged six, listened to Henrietta for some time without comment. Then, suddenly, she burst out, patience having apparently reached its limit. "For goodness sake, Henrietta, don't fuss so. God put 'em there."

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, Feb. 12, 1892.

The third annual conference of the Y. M. C. A.'s of British Columbia will be held in Victoria Feb. 26, 27 and 28. All the associations will be represented by delegates.

Plans have been prepared by Mr. Teague for a four-storey block to be erected by Young Bros., of the New England bakery. The building will be a handsome one with basement, and will contain 40 rooms, with restaurant on the ground floor.

Henry Fowkes and Henry Pilcher, just arrived from Alberni, report that they belonged to a small trading sloop which was wrecked near Carmanah lighthouse on the west coast. They were in the water for 12 hours, and experienced a thrilling adventure.

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Merchant of Venice Recital

Naval and Military Methodist church school room, Esquimalt, Thursday evening.

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Supervision of Asiatics

A petition is being circulated on the lower mainland which originated with the municipal council of Matsqui, asking the government to provide special police to look after Asiatic laborers as wards of the state.

Presenting a Cup

Hon. J. D. MacLean, provincial secretary, member of the legislature for Greenwood, is presenting a cup to the Boundary Girls' Hockey League, for annual competition between the teams of Phoenix, Greenwood and Grand Forks. Dr. MacLean is greatly interested in clean, healthy sport and has always been prominent in promoting this.

Conservative Meetings

Ward IV. Conservative Association holds its annual meeting for election of officers this evening, and Ward V. Association on Wednesday evening, both in the Conservative rooms in the Union Bank building. To-morrow evening, in the Alexandra Club ball-room, men and women of that party will meet together. Reginald Hayward, president of the Victoria Conservative Association, presiding.

Free Trade in Fishing

What would amount to free trade in fishing—with the almost certain extinction of the industry on the North Pacific coast—is asked for by the White Fishermen's Union, at a general meeting of which in Vancouver it was decided to lodge a protest both here and at Ottawa against what they term the monopolizing of fishing and canning by present holders and the barring of competition by American packers. A delegation from the city of Prince Rupert recently went to Ottawa on the same mission and the union will follow suit, urging that the industry be thrown open to the independent fishermen and independent canners.

Agricultural Extension

A public meeting in the interests of the advancement of agriculture in the Sidney district is to be held at Sidney on Friday, February 23, in Berquist hall, at 8 p.m. M. B. Jackson, M.P.P., will address the meeting on "Co-operation," and L. Stevenson, superintendent of the Government Experimental Station, Sidney, will talk on the question of production in the Saanich district. L. D. Rines, of the Western Picking Works, Victoria, has promised to talk on a subject of interest, telling what fruit and vegetables they will most require, and giving information as to prices they are prepared to pay. Dr. Stuart Tidesy is to speak on "The National Standpoint of Co-operation." G. Clark, of Deep Cove, will act as chairman.

Red Cross Raffle

The dump cart which has been on view in the C. P. R. ticket office, at the corner of Fort and Government streets, for the last couple of weeks, will be drawn for at the C. P. R. office at 3 o'clock on Thursday, February 15. A considerable number of tickets have been sold, but there are a few more to be had either at the C. P. R. office or at the "Superfluities" shop in the Belmont building. Tickets are 10 cents each.

Prince Rupert Requests

Through Mayor McCaffery the city of Prince Rupert, which was greatly handicapped by the action of the late government in the charter which it obtained from the legislature, has asked that the provincial government pay the local improvement and other civic taxes on the lands in that city in which the province holds an equity; that a reserve be placed upon the Work Channel water-power and any other water-powers tributary to the city; that the city be allowed to hold these without payment until such time as it has developed them, and that legislation be enacted to enable the city to have a reserve fund. These matters will be considered by the executive council.

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NEW TARIFF SCHEDULE FOR AUTOMOBILES

Terms on Which C. P. R. Will in Future Carry Cars to Island Ports

Various bodies united with the Island Automobile Association in endeavoring last autumn to secure a lower rate on automobiles and motorcycles crossing to the island from Vancouver and Seattle, in connection with the popularizing of the Georgian Circuit.

The city council and neighboring municipalities passed resolutions on the subject supporting lower rates, the general idea being to secure a flat rate of \$2.50 per car, irrespective of weight. However in the new schedule, details of which reached the city today, a graded tariff is maintained.

In a letter from H. W. Brodie, general passenger agent of the C. P. R., to Mayor Todd, as president of the association, he indicates some of the effects of the new schedule, one of the chief concessions being an increase in the minimum allowance by weight for the lowest rating, to 2,000 pounds. A flat rate is given for motorcycles, with and without side seats.

Automobiles with at least one passenger will be charged as follows:

Under 2,000 Above 2,000 to 4,000 4,000 to 6,000	lb.	lb.	lb.
Victoria and Seattle	\$5.00	\$7.00	\$9.00
Victoria and Vancouver	5.00	7.00	9.00
Victoria and Tacoma	5.00	7.00	9.00
Vancouver and Seattle (direct)	7.00	9.00	11.00
Vancouver and Seattle (via Victoria)	7.00	9.00	11.00
Vancouver and Nanaimo	5.00	6.50	7.50
Vancouver and Comox	7.00	9.00	11.00
Nanaimo and Comox	5.00	7.00	9.00

The other companies will be asked to meet the above tariff, and doubtless the C. P. R. scale will prevail generally.

For motorcycles with side seats the fare will be \$2; and for ordinary motorcycles \$1 flat rate.

Officers of the Automobile Association appear to be satisfied with the new tariff, although not securing the reduction which might have been hoped for on a flat scale for automobiles. Owing to the promised tourist business this year, the change will be appreciated.

Stockbreeders' Meet

Annual Convention Will Be Held in City on Thursday and Friday: the Programmes.

The B. C. Stockbreeders' Association holds its convention on Thursday and Friday; officers being elected at the forenoon meeting on Thursday. The president of the association is A. D. Paterson, Ladner, and the secretary-treasurer W. T. McDonald, provincial livestock commissioner.

An excellent programme of addresses has been prepared. On Thursday afternoon the members will hear Prof. J. A. McLean, of the animal husbandry department of the University of B. C., on "Fundamentals in Livestock Breeding"; T. E. Arkell, chief of the sheep and goat division of the federal department of agriculture, on "Wool Growing and Marketing"; Dr. S. Hadwen, of the Dominion experimental farm at Agassiz, on "Fera Polishing"; and the deputy minister of agriculture, W. E. Scott, on matters relating to greater production on the farm generally.

In the evening Prof. P. A. Boving, of the field husbandry department of the provincial university, will speak on "Roots, Their Culture and Feeding Value," and Dr. S. F. Tolmie, representative of the Dominion livestock branch in this province, on "Livestock Topics." On Friday morning the delegates will hear Dr. J. G. Rutherford, of the department of natural resources of the C. P. R. at Calgary, and Prof. L. S. Klink, dean of agriculture in the University of B. C., on the work done by and the plans for the future of the college of agriculture.

Acting Minister of Finance

Hon. H. C. Brewster is acting minister of finance during the illness of Hon. Ralph Smith.

Police and Compensation

The attention of the Workmen's Compensation board will be called by the police commissioners of Vancouver to the question of compensation for policemen who contract illness as a result of exposure while on duty. These do not come under the act at present.

Cannot Be Present

Mrs. Ralph Smith, who was to have addressed the meeting of women in the Belmont House ballroom this evening, on the occasion of the Women's Committee of the Y. M. C. A. Literary organization, owing to the illness of her husband.

Children's Aid Society

The management committee of the Children's Aid Society has requested a meeting with the special committee of aldermen detailed by the council to look into the management of the institution, and that meeting has been set for Wednesday morning at 10.30 o'clock.

PREMIER SENDS GOOD WISHES TO BANTAMS

Colonel Powley Voices Battalion's Determination to Do Its Duty

A message of goodbyes from the 143rd Battalion, B. C. Bantams, was received yesterday by Hon. Premier Brewster, despatched from Revelstoke, and the premier this morning sent a reply on behalf of the people of the province.

The officer commanding the battalion sent the following message:

"Revelstoke, B. C., Feb. 10th, 1917.

"Hon. H. C. Brewster, Premier, Victoria, B. C.

"B. C. Bantams bid farewell to our beloved province of which all ranks are so proud and which we leave with the earnest determination to uphold the glorious traditions and records made by the battalions which have preceded us.

"A. BRUCE POWLEY, Commanding 143rd Battalion, C.E.F.

The reply sent by Hon. Mr. Brewster was in the following words:

"Victoria, B. C., Feb. 12, 1917.

"Col. A. Bruce Powley, commanding 143rd Battalion, C.E.F. (on C.P.R. train east).

"Thanks for telegram 10th. British Columbia regrets necessity your departure but confident yours will uphold splendid traditions established by earlier battalions. Government wishes you safe transport, good luck, and hopes that you may be in at an early end of this terrible war—afterward a joyous return to your home province.

"H. C. BREWSTER."

SIDNEY BOARD

Annual Meeting Elects F. J. Roche to Succeed J. J. White as President.

The Sidney Board of Trade, at its annual meeting last Wednesday, elected F. J. Roche, formerly vice-president, as president, succeeding the retiring officer, J. J. White. W. H. Dawes was re-elected secretary-treasurer. The council is composed of the following: Messrs. J. Nicol, J. J. White, P. N. Tester, A. Harvey, G. A. Cochran, R. L. Pickering and A. E. Moore.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Guy Walker and S. Roberts for their help and active service on behalf of the board.

The address given by Mr. White, the retiring president, reviewed the activities of the board for the year, referring to the establishment of the military camp at Sidney last summer as one of the biggest undertakings handled by the body during the last twelve months. Reference was also made to the opening of Resthaven as a military convalescent home in the neighborhood, and to the securing of reduced fares for soldiers. The government wharf, the appeal for lower passenger rates on the lines between Sidney and Victoria, and the effort to get the authorities to avail themselves of Sidney as an aviation centre were also dealt with.

Secretary Dawes' report was another of the outstanding features of the annual meeting.

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WOMEN MEET TO-NIGHT AND WILL ORGANIZE
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A meeting of women interested in the formation of a women's Liberal organization is to be held this evening in the board room of the Belmont House, Government street.
This meeting all women of Victoria are invited to attend and take part in the organization which will be placed upon a permanent footing. Already a large number have signified their intention of joining it and taking an active interest in it.

The WEATHER
Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Feb. 12—3 a.m.—The barometer remains abnormally high over this province and rain has been general from the Lower Mainland to California, while on the Coast light variable winds prevail. Mild weather extends to the Rockies, temperatures are above zero in the prairie provinces except in Manitoba, and in Ontario and Quebec zero temperatures are general.

Forecasts.
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Tuesday.
Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, cloudy and mild.
Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, cloudy and mild, with occasional rain.
Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 30.31; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 43; wind, 2 miles N.; weather, foggy.
Vancouver—Barometer, 30.30; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 45; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.
Kamloops—Barometer, 30.30; temperature, maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 35; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, fair.
Barkerville—Barometer, 30.28; temperature, maximum yesterday, 34; minimum, 29; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.26; temperature, maximum yesterday, 41; minimum, 34; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.
Tatoosh—Barometer, 30.25; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 42; wind, 4 miles S. W.; rain, 12; weather, cloudy.
Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.25; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 41; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, 16; weather, cloudy.
Seattle—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 44; wind, 4 miles N. W.; rain, 16; weather, raining.
San Francisco—Barometer, 31.14; temperature, maximum yesterday, 56; minimum, 50; wind, 6 miles N.; weather, clear.

Temperature.
Victoria Daily Weather.
Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Saturday.
Highest 47
Lowest 41
Average 44
Minimum on grass 39
Rain, .16 inch.
General state of weather, cloudy.
Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Sunday.
Highest 44
Lowest 43
Average 43
Minimum on grass 42
Rain, .86 inch.
General state of weather, cloudy.

Gen. Nivelle, who has succeeded Joffre as commander of the allied armies in France, is extremely popular with the English. The reason for this is not hard to find, as Nivelle is half English, his mother being a Miss Sparrow, of Kentishire. Nivelle as a boy spent a good portion of his time in England, so that he is thoroughly English in his viewpoints and sympathies. The general's mother was studying French in Paris when she met young Nivelle, who was then a lieutenant in the army. They were married shortly afterwards, the husband dying some years ago as a colonel. Young Nivelle entered the army and made rapid progress, although he was only a lieutenant-colonel at the outbreak of hostilities. His appointment to the command will mean a very close and most harmonious working arrangement between the British and French armies in Paris.—Montreal Journal of Commerce.

Women—as is suggested in some legal quarters—might, nowadays, well serve as jurors; but there was a time when jury services would have severely taxed their physical powers. Until the passing of an act of parliament in 1870, jurors were prohibited from having "meat, drink, or fire" while considering their verdict. In a case which occurred in Kenyon, the jury sat for 13 hours without refreshment of any kind. Then in some courts the injunction "lay your heads together" had to be followed literally. When the jury dived beneath the level of their box an usher armed with a long wand drew near, and if any jurymen dared to come to the surface before the twelve minds were one, down came the wand on the head of the offender.—London Chronicle.

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The four munition girls whose objection to wearing trousers brought them before a munitions tribunal, displayed an antipathy to the garment (or garments) which was generally shared in earlier days by the Quakers. In 1866 a correspondent of "Notes and Queries" declared that: "In our retired northern dales the Quakers tenaciously held by their breeches, as a testimony against the modern vanity of trousers. I often heard my father—who could not endure the idea of trousers, uttering about his legs—say that when he was a boy all the male population, from three years old and upwards, except sailors, wore cocked hats and knee-breeches; and that if a man was seen in trousers he was at once set down as a mariner."—London Chronicle.

With money questions to the fore it should be recalled that just a century has elapsed since the gold sovereign reappeared in our coinage. The first sovereign, a noble piece, valued at 20 shillings and weighing 240 grains, was issued in 1489, and there were subsequent issues in the reign of Edward VI. After that it dropped out of use until 1817, when a new gold standard was established, and the guinea was displaced by a new coinage of sovereigns and half-sovereigns. The first issue, weighing 123 1/2 grains, was designed by Pistrucci, who introduced St. George and the dragon in place of the shield which figured on the guinea.—London Chronicle.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL
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F. E. Fulmer, of Vernon, is at the Dominion.
John Love, of Edmonton, is at the Dominion.
S. Van Sickle, of Winnipeg, is at the Dominion.
James Daisell, of Seattle, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.
E. J. Walsh, of Gaddiloc, Sask., is at the Dominion hotel.
J. H. Hoyle, Queen's Bay, Kootenay Lake, is here on business.
H. W. Bichel, of Calgary, is staying at the Empress hotel.
H. M. Lancaster, of Spokane, is registered at the Dominion hotel.
S. A. Jackson, of Brockville, Ont., is staying at the Dominion hotel.
G. M. McEwen, of Fredericton, N.B., is a new arrival at the Dominion.
A. C. Clagner is a Saskatchewan visitor staying at the Strathcona hotel.
Paul Paulgaard, a visitor from Provost, Alta., is at the Dominion hotel.
Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Evans, of Winnipeg, has registered at the Empress hotel.
F. E. Biggs and Mrs. Biggs, of Winnipeg, are guests of the Dominion hotel.
Mrs. Duncan Stewart and Mrs. Geo. Bishop are in town from Cowichan Lake and are staying at the Strathcona hotel.
C. Hawthorne is down from Duncan and has registered at the Strathcona hotel.
Geo. Coates has arrived from Buffalo, N. Y., and is staying at the Strathcona hotel.
G. A. Chick and Mrs. Chick, of Kelowna, are new arrivals at the Dominion.
R. Glendenning and Mrs. Glendenning, of Duncan, are stopping at the Dominion.
J. W. Craze and Mrs. Craze, of Regina, are visiting Victoria and staying at the Dominion.
John Aberson and D. McPhee are among the Vancouver arrivals at the Strathcona hotel.
Mrs. and Miss Cross, of Edmonton, have returned to the city, and are staying at the Empress hotel.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ward have arrived from Butte, Mont., and are staying at the Strathcona hotel.
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SPORTING NEWS

BOB BROWN OFF ON VISIT TO PLAYERS

Vancouver Magnate Expects to Sign All Tossers on Present Trip

Armed with a flock of contracts which he will distribute to a number of his gifted athletes who are wintering in Seattle and Tacoma, Bob Brown, president of the Vancouver Beavers, has left that city for the South. Before he returns he hopes to have the signature of all of the men to 1917 contracts. While in Seattle Brown will discuss the situation generally with President Bob Blewett and Dave Dugdale and Russ Hall, Seattle, and Tacoma magnates. The Vancouver baseball team has travelled via Bellingham, visiting the Bay City for the purpose of picking up Harry Follman's contract. "Follman, I figure, will be the league's leading batsman this season," declared Brown, and the fact that he will see Follman himself indicates that Brown is sweet on the youngster.

Will Not Stop Baseball.

Prexy-Brown doesn't believe that possible hostilities between the United States and Germany will stop baseball. "Of course, we will have to change our plans somewhat," he observed. "We would no doubt have a shorter schedule and there would be a general reduction of expenses, but so far as stopping the game I don't think such action will be necessary."

Deal May Be Called Off.

The Vancouver magnate has hustled another wire along to Butte asking the officials of that club to declare themselves immediately in the Roy Brown case. Conflicting reports have come out of Butte concerning the deal for the Vancouver second-sacker. So far, however, no payment has been made. It is Bob Brown's intention to bring Roy back to Vancouver if deal with Butte falls through. "I may use Roy at short or first base, but of course, everything depends on whether it will be 'Pug' Bennett or Scharney for the other infield position. If Scharney manages the club he will play short. In this event Roy may be given a trial at first."

President Brown expects to return to the Terminal City early in the week. Later he will go to Spokane to attend the schedule meeting of the league.

BOWLING NEWS.

Following are the standings to date in the Indoor Bowling League:

Commercial League	W.	L.	P.
Pressman	10	2	12
Pirates	10	2	12
Garrison	10	2	12
Wilson Hotel	6	3	11
Outlaws	6	3	11
Fairalls, Ltd.	6	3	11
Cameron	6	3	11
Silver Springs	3	3	11
B. C. Electric	3	3	11

Junior League	W.	L.	P.
Quality Press	5	0	6
Meters	4	0	6
Lameron	4	0	6
Dentals	1	2	3
Garrison	1	2	3
Toggerly Shop	1	2	3
Silver Springs	1	4	5
Volunteers	0	4	4
Navy	0	2	2

At the Arcade alleys Saturday night the Silver Springs defeated the Meters in the Junior Bowling League, the scores being as follows:

Silver Springs	122	106	119	228
Meters	98	87	82	267
McHugh	101	98	125	324
Crossman	110	114	129	353
Moulton	137	164	166	467
Crossman	121	128	106	355

Wanderers Lost to Canadians.

Wanderers	111	106	96	309
Canadians	122	79	87	288
R. Hudson	101	98	125	324
E. Eulian	121	135	134	416
L. Redgrave	130	138	97	365

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FIREMEN WIN GAME IN CITY LEAGUE

Basketball Matches Are Played at First Presbyterian Church

The City League basketball game which was played on Saturday evening between the Firemen and the Willows Camp resulted in a win for the former by a score of 32 to 26. The game throughout was a very close one, the scores being tied twice during the second half. This is the first match in which the Firemen have succeeded in scoring a win during the progress of the present league. Saturday's result should be very cheering to them as their efforts are now being rewarded. Owing to the fact that they had had very little practice when the league commenced they were not in a position to stand on equal terms with some of the other clubs and were necessarily defeated in all the games which they played. For the last couple of weeks, however, they have been attracting the attention of the spectators by the improved work which they have been doing. All the team needs is practice. The material for making good players is there, it needs to be developed.

Sunday School League.

The ladies of the Presbyterian "A" basketball team had no difficulty in winning over the Belmont ladies in the Sunday School League basketball game which was played on Saturday evening in the gymnasium of the First Presbyterian church. The score was 26 to 1. In the intermediate division the Presbyterians "A" team won from the Metropolitans by default. An exhibition game which was played by the Presbyterians against their seniors resulted in a win for the latter by a score of 22 to 26.

ONLY TWO GAMES PLAYED IN N. H. A.

228th Battalion Definitely Drops Out of League; Toronto May Follow

Toronto, Feb. 12.—Sensational developments took place Saturday in the National Hockey Association, the 228th Battalion team definitely dropping out of the league for the season, and only two games being played Saturday night, Quebec being defeated by Montreal, of the N. H. A., stated that at the special meeting called in Montreal it would be decided to also drop the Toronto team from the league, leaving Ottawa, Quebec, Canadiens and Wanderers to finish the season with a new schedule of home and home games. The winner of this schedule, if not Canadiens, will play that team who won the first half of the season's schedule for the championship.

Ottawa Defeat Toronto.

Toronto players will in all probability be dropped among the other four clubs. Ottawa beat Toronto Saturday in Toronto by 4 to 1 in a dull game. Darragh got 1, Nighbor 2, and Gerard 1 for the winners, and Conghlin, a new-comer, scored for Toronto. Teams: Ottawa—Benedict, Shore, Merrill, Darragh, Nighbor, Gerard. Toronto—Brook, Randall, Cameron, Skinner, Conghlin, Noble.

Wanderers Lost to Canadians.

Canadians beat Wanderers before a small crowd for the third time this season in Montreal. The Red Hawks led at the end of the first period by 2 to 1, but in the second the Frenchmen drew ahead and were never threatened. Final score, 5 to 2. Teams: Canadians—Vezina, Mummery, Corbeau, Lalonde, Pitre, Laviolette.

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RUGBY GAME ENDS IN DRAW; 3 POINTS ALL

University Boys and V. I. A. A. Meet at Mount Tolmie Grounds

A draw game was the result of the rugby match which was played Saturday afternoon between the University school team and the V. I. A. A. three points all being the final score. The V. I. A. A. players kicked off, but the University boys soon had the ball back on the club's 25, and with this start they maintained the offensive throughout the greater part of the first half. The first score was made when Dunn and Helmeck got into action with a good run down the field, the former took the ball over the line and made the touch well in the centre. Helmeck took the kick, but on account of a misunderstanding with the half who was placing the ball, it was grounded before he was ready. The V. I. A. A. players charged and the kick failed. During this period the University backs played up well and were well supported by their forwards.

The second half saw the V. I. A. A. players doing much better work; but in spite of this fact the school boys managed to hold them in check until Wallis got the chance for a good run, which he took and scored the first points for the club. Huxtable who took the kick was unable to convert. Another attempt to score was later made by Staples, who got away on a long run down the field, but he was stopped close to the line by Jackson, and no further score resulted.

The feature of the match was possibly the work of the University forwards, who, in spite of the fact that they were outwitted by their opponents' forward line, were nevertheless able to hold their own, and at many intervals to push their rivals at will. It might also be said that the school boys showed more united team work than the V. I. A. A. players. The three-quarters of the former team made some good runs and their passing was all that could be desired. The V. I. A. A. were a man short and Pelly II, of the University, assisted them. Dugnie also joined their line-up for a while until it was discovered that his addition had given the club 14 men.

For his first appearance on a senior team Reggie I., of the University, played a fine game as half-back, and the work of Lennie II. was also worthy of note. The game was refereed by Mr. Sparks. The teams were as follows: University school—Full-back, Pelly I.; three-quarters, Fraser, McDougall, Helmeck and Dunn; half-backs, Heggie I. and Lennie II.; forwards, Thurburn, Jackson (capt.), Green, Hale, Alexander, Whistley, Harvey and Belson.

TITLES AT STAKE IN MARCH BATTLE

Darcy-McCoy and Willard-Fulton Contests Promise to Revive Game

March promises to be a busy month for battlers in and around New York. Two important matches are already scheduled for the month, titles being at stake in both contests. On March 5 Les Darcy and Al McCoy are scheduled to battle ten rounds for the middleweight title, which is claimed by McCoy by virtue of a victory over Chip, the then recognized title-holder, two years ago in Gotham.

Heavies Will Mingle.

Following the middleweight tilt will come the ten-round bout on March 26 between Fred Fulton and Jess Willard, which was announced recently. Brown, the New York promoter, who is outbidding all other ring impresarios, has matched the heavyweights. He is also behind the McCoy-Darcy bout. This will be Willard's first appearance in a ring since his last meeting with Frank Moran. If he defeats Fulton he will have eliminated his most dangerous competitor and will have the field to himself.

Fulton Boxes Weinert Monday.

Fulton, although far from the championship class in the opinion of close students of the game, has been getting some easy money of late, and even if defeated by Willard will have a tidy bankroll. The majority of his matches have brought handsome returns. The fight he is scheduled to meet Charley Weinert in a ten-round bout in New York.

VANCOUVER HOCKEY TEAM WINS AGAIN

Spokane "Canaries" Had No Luck at All Against "Millionaires"

The Millionaires have a still better chance to overtake the Seattle Mets as a consequence of Saturday's game, although they have a hard game in Vancouver on Tuesday night when they meet the Canaries again. The Millionaires are within a game and a half of Seattle and given a win over Spokane on Tuesday night and if Seattle loses to Portland on Tuesday in Seattle there will be but a half game between the two teams. There is no certainty that Saturday night's performance will be repeated on Tuesday at the Vancouver arena for with a little luck the Canaries will put up a formidable game. They certainly had no luck Saturday, and their bombardments of the Vancouver nets brought no results, but on the end-to-end play measured right up with the Terminal City players. They are still a hard nut to crack.

If Frank Patrick's hirelings can continue to deliver the brand of hockey which they put up, when they defeated the Canaries there is no question about their being right there at the finish when the curtain falls on the P. C. H. A. season. The score, 8 to 1, hardly represents the play, however, for the Vancouverers were kept hustling by the visitors at all stages of the game. In the first part of the final stanza especially, Lester Patrick's stalwarts caused Hughie Lehman to mop his handsome brow frequently.

It was hardly Spokane's night. In the first place they were up against the strongest defence that has played on Vancouver ice for some time. Lehman was at his best and he was aided and abetted by Frank Patrick and St. Grifflis, who worked smoothly at all stages. They were up against a series of back-checking by McKay and Stanley which has seldom been equalled hereabouts. Then they had no luck in their shooting, bombarding Lehman from every angle in all three periods without results.

Here are the details of the contest:

The Teams.	Spokane.
Vancouver.	Goal.
Lehman	Point.
F. Patrick	Point.
Grifflis	Point.
McKay	Point.
Taylor	Point.
Roberts	Point.
Stanley	Point.
Timekeeper—P. J. Kearley.	
Score—Vancouver, 8; Spokane, 1.	

SCORING SUMMARY.

First Period.	Goals.
Vancouver—McKay	1:10
Vancouver—McKay from Stanley	3:02
Vancouver—Taylor from Stanley	4:1

P. C. H. A. Standing.

Goals.	W.	L.	E.	P.
Seattle	12	7	98	62
Vancouver	10	8	95	56
Spokane	10	10	91	44
Portland	7	12	91	53

Individual Scoring.

Goals.	Assists.	Pts.		
Morris, Seattle	19	27	15	43
Irvin, Portland	19	29	19	58
Roberts, Vancouver	18	29	9	38
Stanley, Vancouver	18	24	13	37
Foyston, Seattle	19	27	7	34
MacKay, Vancouver	18	15	29	43
Harris, Portland	19	17	9	26
Kerr, Spokane	18	19	7	26
Walker, Seattle	19	19	10	29
F. Patrick, Vancouver	18	11	9	29
McDonald, Spokane	18	11	9	29
Carpenier, Seattle	19	19	9	28
Griffe, Spokane	18	4	2	7
Genge, Vancouver	18	4	2	7
Mallen, Spokane	18	5	1	6
Marple, Portland	19	4	2	6
Loughlin, Portland	19	3	2	5
Barbour, Portland	19	2	3	5
Rickey, Seattle	19	1	1	2
Whalen, Vancouver	9	0	1	1

The game of the senior soccer league which was played at the Willows camp Saturday afternoon between the camp team and the Navy resulted in a scoreless draw. Considering the recent bad weather the field was in fairly good condition. The Navy won the toss and elected to kick against the wind, which was blowing down the field with considerable force.

For the first period of the game it appeared that the play was fairly even. The ball was kept travelling from one end of the field to the other with but few intermissions as a result of which both goalkeepers were kept quite busy. Up to the time that McPherson slipped and put his knee out of commission the balance of play was slight in favor of the Willow's team, and although the injured player returned to the field in the second half he was only able to play for a few minutes. The fact that Bridewater decided to stand out left the Navy eleven much weaker than they usually appear. Half time was reached without any score having been made.

The first part of the second half was also extremely uneventful, until about fifteen minutes after the whistle sounded when the Navy began to get back into their usual form, and from then on till the end of the game the play centred around the Willow's goal which the sailors continually bombarded. During the last few minutes the Willow's were led by Riach and Townsend made several rushes and got near the Navy goal but just as he sailors were again getting together for a combined attack on their opponents' net the whistle again sounded.

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NAVY AND WILLOWS PLAY SCORELESS DRAW

West's Win From the V. I. A. A. After Closely Contested Soccer Match

The game of the senior soccer league which was played at the Willows camp Saturday afternoon between the camp team and the Navy resulted in a scoreless draw. Considering the recent bad weather the field was in fairly good condition. The Navy won the toss and elected to kick against the wind, which was blowing down the field with considerable force. For the first period of the game it appeared that the play was fairly even. The ball was kept travelling from one end of the field to the other with but few intermissions as a result of which both goalkeepers were kept quite busy. Up to the time that McPherson slipped and put his knee out of commission the balance of play was slight in favor of the Willow's team, and although the injured player returned to the field in the second half he was only able to play for a few minutes. The fact that Bridewater decided to stand out left the Navy eleven much weaker than they usually appear. Half time was reached without any score having been made. The first part of the second half was also extremely uneventful, until about fifteen minutes after the whistle sounded when the Navy began to get back into their usual form, and from then on till the end of the game the play centred around the Willow's goal which the sailors continually bombarded. During the last few minutes the Willow's were led by Riach and Townsend made several rushes and got near the Navy goal but just as he sailors were again getting together for a combined attack on their opponents' net the whistle again sounded. The teams lined up as follows: Willows—Thomson; McPherson and

Gosnell; Cowie, Young and Townsend; Clarkson, Riach, Brass, Patterson and McCaslar.

Navy—Long; Rutte and Smith; Pearson, Lacey and Cronin; Davis, Burt, Jasper, Wylie and Wells. Referee, B. Robinson.

The final score in the senior soccer game which was played on Saturday afternoon between the Victoria Wests and the V. I. A. A. was 6-2. It was not until well on in the second half that the winners began to pile up their points, as the result at the end of the first period was 2-1 in favor of the V. I. A. A. The Wests at the commencement of the game had the slope in their favor, but this fact did not seem to aid them, and for half of the first period the play was very even, the ball travelling alternately from one end of the field to the other. Up to this time no point was registered. The V. I. A. A. were the first to score by Cummings, who shot the ball between the posts after some good play with Speak. This was closely followed by a foul made by Bob White in the penalty area and the kick which was taken by Cummings added another point to the score of the V. I. A. A. This seemed to stir up the Wests, and they took the ball down the field in a rush that ended in their first point. The half-time whistle blew with the V. I. A. A. in the lead by 2-1. Soon after play was resumed a penalty was awarded the Wests in consequence of Taylor using his hands in the penalty area, and Archie Muir, who took the kick put the ball fairly into the net. This evened the score, and the Wests who now appeared encouraged by the course of the play, soon took the offensive and bombarded the V. I. A. A. goal with but few intermissions for the rest of the game. For some time, however, no further score was made, principally on account of the splendid defensive game which was played by the V. I. A. A. The work of the Wests was really excellent. They missed many opportunities to score, but eventually notched another goal thus taking the lead by one point. The losing team made some consistent efforts to redeem their losses, but their efforts were in vain, and just before time Tom Peden and Archie Muir each added a goal to the Wests' total thus giving the team 5 points to 2 when the whistle sounded for time. The game was refereed by A. Lock-

BILLY MISKE'S RISE IN BOXING WORLD

St. Paul Battler Climbs to Champion Class in Six Months

Billy Miske's rise to a position justifying him in disputing the rival claims of Jack Dillon and Battling Levinsky to the world's light heavyweight championship has been so rapid that the fans back in his own home town can not believe it. In St. Paul, from whence he comes, Billy is still regarded merely as a boxer of mediocre ability, which but goes to show that a prophet is not without honor, etc. Maybe it was the change of climate, but whatever the reason is, it has been only since he went east that Miske has commanded serious consideration from the boxing fans. He went to New York last June seeking matches on the strength of a victory over Jack Dillon, scored in their first match at Superior six months before. In his last fight in the west he met Dillon in a return match in Indianapolis. He frankly admits that he was worsted that time. Last October Miske got his first match with Battling Levinsky, and gave him such a good battle that they were rematched less than three weeks later. It was the first Levinsky match that started Miske on his climb to the top. Thus it may be said that he developed into a star in less than three months. Since the return bout with Levinsky Miske has been in the limelight in six rounds; Bab Mohn, Larry Williams, Jack Dillon, twice; George (Knockout) Brown and Charlie Weinert.

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Hugh B. Koch and company present a dramatic sketch entitled "After Ten Years." This sketch is a novelty on the vaudeville stage and is presented in a manner different from anything usually seen. It is strongly dramatic and concerns "two men and a woman." There are three big scenes used in this fine production.

Goldsmith and Pinard present some good instrumental music and a lot of comedy talk in a very pleasing manner. The comedian plays the role of an eccentric bandmaster in a hilarious manner.

Evelyn and Dolly are two very clever girls who amuse as "the petite versatile girls." They offer some roller skating and a neat bicycle turn.

Marie Russell, "the belle of Kentucky," presents a "study in brown." She is described as the queen of ragtime and character songs, and she upholds that reputation very nicely.

The thirteenth chapter of the "Shielding Shadow" hints further of the closing stages of this popular serial. It is not without the thrills and tense scenes which have characterized the entire production. This serial will be followed at once by a return of popular Pearl White in "Pearl of the Army."

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Charlie Chaplin This Week at Columbia Theatre is Funnier Than Ever

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"Of course the policeman isn't really to blame for the public prejudice against his uniform—it's just the natural human revulsion against any sort of authority—but just the same everybody loves to see the 'cop' get it where the chicken got the axe."

Chaplin's make-up as the policeman is a triumph. The uniform he wears was made specially to order, and yet it is the worst fitting uniform ever worn by a policeman in the world's history. It is artistically ill-fitting. It bags just where Charlie told the tailor to bag it, and it pinches just where the comedian wants it tight fitting. The ensemble is precisely what was intended and when the champion funny man emerges from the shadows in "Easy Street" he is funnier than ever.

The fun in this production is cumulative. It starts off very quietly, works up to some speed in the first 15 minutes and finishes in a blaze of glory.

MADAME PETROVA

STAR AT DOMINION

Emotionally Impressive and Captivating to Audience in Beautiful Gowns

Madame Petrova, the supreme emotional actress of the screen, will be presented at the Dominion the first three days of this week in a drama of sustained interest entitled, "What Will People Say." Consciously or unconsciously a great many of us are said to be ruled by what our neighbors think. We wonder, what will people say? This very pertinent question was made the title of an interesting drama, produced in five reels by the Popular Players company with Olga Petrova in the role of a young woman who follows the dictates of worldly wisdom rather than her better judgment. It is in all respects a first rate photodrama. The director made every scene interesting and the scenes of the New York roof garden are unusually attractive, and every now and then there is an ingenious bit of camera work that pleases by reason of its novelty. Mme. Petrova is emotionally impressive and arrayed in magnificent costumes throughout the various scenes never fails to captivate her audience. She is splendid in this production, which will win for her greater popularity than ever.

Apart from Constantinople, the small slice of Europe left to the Turks is hardly worth having, but in Asia their malign influence still spreads over 200,000 square miles, though even there a shrinkage is in process. The sultan of Mecca has emancipated Arabia, the Russians are doing the same for Armenia, and the news from our own forces once again nearing Bagdad suggests that the sultan will soon have to wipe Mesopotamia off his map. And at one time the Turkish Empire extended from Persia to the gates of Vienna, from which they were driven by a Polish King—London Chronicle.

MARIE OSBORNE AT ROMANO THEATRE

Heroine of "Shadows and Sunshine" Now in "Joy and the Dragon"

One night a little five-year-old girl named Marie Osborne went to bed. She was unknown except to a privileged few. In the next twenty-four hours she had become famous. The Pathe Gold Rooster play entitled "Little Mary Sunshine," in which she was the star, had been shown that day in all the big cities of the country. Soon the vast world-wide organization of Pathe began to send her in round tin boxes to the ends of the earth and the entire civilized globe took her to its collective heart.

Then came "Shadows and Sunshine," in which she was again starred. Her latest vehicle is entitled "Joy and the Dragon," and is to be shown at the Romano Theatre to-day, Tuesday and Wednesday.

This is a thrilling story with the wonderful little girl's influence over the hardened miner as the theme. The story was written by Will M. Ritchey and the picture produced at the Balboa studios in California, under the direction of Henry King, with Ruth Hamilton Luckaye, J. Cullen Landis and the young director himself in the supporting cast.

The ill manners of a section of the London taxi drivers are somewhat reminiscent of the ways of the old-time cab driver. Who does not remember Mr. Pickwick and his friends' adventure at the Golden Cross hotel, on the outset of their travels, when the cab driver, suspicious of Mr. Pickwick's note-taking, challenged him to fight, knocked his spectacles off, pinched him on the nose, gave Mr. Snodgrass a black eye, and temporarily knocked all the breath out of Mr. Winkle's body. Cabmen's manners had still much room for improvement when taxis were first put on the streets, whose drivers were by contrast popularly credited with the manners of a Chesterfield and the patience of a Job, a grace and a virtue which they seem to have shed.—London Chronicle.

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at Majestic for Three
Days

The Majestic programme for the first
three days of this week is best describ-
ed as a variety one. The outstanding

feature being a screaming farce in
three acts entitled "The Skating Rink."
This film presented by the Biograph
Company, has had a remarkably suc-
cessful run in the east, and it is claim-
ed that it is one of the funniest pic-
tures ever screened.

"The sign of the broken shackles" is
a two-reel drama by The Kalem Co.,
in which Harry Millard and Alice Hol-
lister play the leading parts. This pow-
erful story of the underworld is one of
these photoplays that rivets the atten-
tion from start to finish. It is full of
thrills, and the cast exceptionally strong.

A Sells western story entitled
"Young Love," and another comedy of
the Jarr family series concludes the
bill.

**VARIETY
THEATRE**
TO-DAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY
BLANCHE SWEET
In a tense, original photoplay
The Evil Eye

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The thrilling story of an American Woman Doctor among
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**THRILLING DRAMA
AT VARIETY THEATRE**

"The Evil Eye" is Novel Plot
With Mexican
Setting

Blanche Sweet is featured at the
Variety all this week in the stellar role
of "The Evil Eye," a Paramount pic-
ture.

This thrilling story by Hector Turn-
bull was founded upon an occurrence
in one of the vineyards in California's
famous wine producing country. In the
photodrama, as in the actual incident
from which the story was written, a
woman doctor was sent to the Mexican
settlement to suppress a diphtheria
outbreak among the laborers and their
families. In order to examine the
throats of her patients the doctor wore
one of the familiar electric lamps on
her forehead. Several of the people
examined by the physician were beyond
recovery and shortly died. The super-
stitious Mexicans promptly decided that
they had been killed by "the evil eye"
on the doctor's forehead and promptly
devised a plan to capture the woman
and burn out her eyes. How he plan is
frustrated through the cleverness of
the owner of the vineyard, and how he
and the fair physician are finally
united, is brought about in a number of
unusual scenes.

**MAJOR ROBERTSON
ALMOST RECOVERED**

Lost Sight of Right Eye but
Will Soon Be Back
at Front

In a letter to his brother George, of
Elford street, Major F. A. Robertson, of
the 47th Battalion, who it will be re-
membered lost the sight of his right
eye at the taking of Regina, French,
states that the progress he has made
during the three months of hospital
treatment encourages him to the belief
that he will be back in the trenches
within a very short time, and much
quicker than he had dared hope for.
Major Robertson went to the front with
the 47th Battalion in the fall of 1915,
and saw much of the fighting at the
famous Ypres salient, and latterly on
the Somme front. He was associated
in business with his two brothers in
the city, and for a number of years,
together with Captain A. E. Robertson,
had been connected with the 5th Regi-
ment. He is a native of Northumber-
land county, and took his degrees of
B. A. and M. A. and Manitoba College,
after which and prior to coming out to
British Columbia, he studied law for a
time.

His escape from death in the taking
of Regina Trench was described by the
doctor as a miraculous one, since the
merest shade separated the passage of
the bullet from a fatal spot.

INVESTED BY KING

Miss Frederica Wilson, Matron of No.
5 Base Hospital, Receives Decora-
tion of Royal Red Cross.

Miss Frederica Wilson, announce-
ment of whose decoration with the
Royal Red Cross, the highest military
honor which it is possible for a woman
to receive in the British empire, was
invested on Saturday last at Bucking-
ham Palace with her decoration. Miss
Wilson, it will be recalled, went to Sa-
lonika under Lieut.-Col. Hart as ma-
tron of No. 5 Base Hospital, Canadian,
the unit which mobilized during the
summer of 1915 at Macaulay Plains
and which has been for nearly fourteen
months now in the Aegean port. Miss
Wilson was, prior to coming to Victoria
to take up her work with the military
hospital, matron in the Winnipeg Gen-
eral Hospital.

PERSONAL ATTENTION

Victoria Machine Gunners Will Deal
With the Hun in a Fitting
Manner.

Of the original thirty-two members
of the 103rd Battalion's machine gun
section now only thirteen have re-
mained together through their course
of training in Canada and England.
The thirteen are: Gardner, Johnson,
Ferkins, Bruce, Duncan, Vaughan,
Jones, R. Chapman, Maxwell, Berwick,
Bain and Stevenson. None of the
original N. C. O.'s will go with the sec-
tion now under orders for the front.
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while others have been appointed to

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instructorships. Reginald Vaughan, in
a recent letter to the Times, states that
"the thirteen above mentioned 'stick-
ers' will deal with the Bosche person-
ally, thereby fulfilling their original
mission. There are many cases in the
camp where sergeants of different
sections have revolved in the ranks in
order to get away with the boys of
their own districts, a splendid spirit
of brotherhood and a positive proof of
genuine grit."

**THRILLING ESCAPE
OF PETER NELSON**

Former Employee of Empress
Hotel Evades Guards at
German Prison Camp.

A letter has been received by Mrs.
Benaglia, wife of the manager of the
Empress hotel, from Peter Nelson,
formerly of the staff there, who re-
cently, after a third effort, succeeded in
escaping from a German prison camp.
"I'm sure you and Mr. Benaglia must
think me a very ungrateful fellow for
not writing. Really I almost went mad
with joy after escaping out of one of
the notorious punishment camps of
Germany. The determination, strength,
and energy required for escaping I at-
tributed to a great extent to your
splendid parcels and your encouraging
letters. Believe me I appreciated them
very much indeed. The life in the Ger-
man prison camps was hell on earth,



SERG. JAMES A. PASCOE

Whose death, reported in Saturday's
issue, has occurred at the front while
carrying dispatches through No Man's
Land.

and I did considerable time in dark
cells on bread and water for refusing
and refusing to work. I beat it twice,
April 29 and July 15, and made good
the last time on November 12.

"To give you the full account of my
experiences while a prisoner-of-war in
Germany would fill a book. In fact
my report to our government fills
thirty very large typewritten sheets of
paper. I shall certainly relate the
whole story to you all when this busi-
ness of war is over and done with.
However, my motto while in Germany
was to try, and keep on trying, and
either get shot or else get my liberty.

"The last camp I was in was a pun-
ishment camp with extra severe dis-
cipline. Prisoners there were all ex-
escapes and fellows who had refused
to work. Life here was miserable, and
to make matters worse fever and vari-
ous diseases broke out so I made
up my mind to go at the first
possible opportunity. This chance came
on November 12, at 5:30 p. m., German
light-saving time. The four sentries
outside the 12-foot barb-wire stockade
were having difficulties in getting the



PTE. THOMAS J. PASCOE

Brother of the late Sergeant Pascoe,
serving at the front with the Canadian
Engineers. Before enlisting he was
employed at the Acme Press.

carbide searchlights to burn. I knew
the lay of the country, as I'd studied
the map in the railway coach when we
got shifted from Munster to Burgstein-
furt district, and I noticed our new
camp was only about 25 kilometers (22
miles) from Holland. I climbed over
the wire like a wild-cat. This made
a lot of noise, so, as I landed on the
other side, I ran for my life towards
the pine woods only 50 yards away. I
knew I had two canals and two rail-
ways to cross, and was soon into a big
swamp. A strong breeze was blowing
from the west, and helping me to nav-
igate. I had a little compass. My
course lay straight west, and was a
running game all night, as they had
the camp bloodhounds out. But they
were no good in the swamp. At one
place, a large body of soldiers went
past on the road, and I had to lie flat
on a turnip field on a bridge near the
boundary. I spotted a sentry, so had
to walk down the bank further and
swim into another field. Later I spot-
ted a couple of scarecrows, and before

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I found out what they were they came
pretty near giving me the jumps. My
only weapon consisted of a club.

"I crossed the boundary in a large
swamp. At daybreak on the 13th I
was sure that I was in Holland, as I
saw plenty of young men on the road
on their way to work. I was a des-
perate looking character in my Cana-
dian Red Cross uniform, full of mud
and water, and one of my shoes mak-
ing a joyful flap on the road as the
sole was loose. As I marched along
the road two policemen arrested me
as an extremely suspicious character,
and marched me before some Holland
military officers. They guessed at
once that I was a Britisher, and so
spoke to me in English. I told them
which camp I had escaped from, and
after complimenting me on my smart
escape one took me to a restaurant,
where I sat down to the first bacon
and eggs I had had for over a year.
How I enjoyed that breakfast!

"I was then furnished with trans-
portation to Rotterdam, where I got a
royal reception in our consulate. I
had to destroy all my clothes on ac-
count of the vermin and the fever in
camp, and after a good hot bath I
was given a brand new civilian outfit
of clothes and a good hotel to stop
in awaiting the next government boat
for England. I was also given what-
ever money I wanted. I met some of
our interned sailors here, and tired as
I was, I went out with them and spent
an enjoyable evening. I spent three
days in Holland. They seem to be
hard up for sailors as several ships-
pers asked me to sign on for all sorts
of places. But having signed on for

the duration of the war I'll stay and
let it finished. After dodging the sub-
marines off the Hook of Holland we
soon made England on a fast steamer.
In London I had eleven days of high
life with sparkling Burgundy with
every meal.

"On account of some international
rule I can't return to fight in France,
so I'm going to try for the navy.
When I was captured in Flanders the
Germans gave me an awful beating,
I could, of course, not put that in my
letter, as the German censor would
not let any letter of that kind go by.

SOLDIERS' CONVENTION

Meeting in Vancouver Next Monday to
Form Provincial Organization.

W. H. Hart, secretary of the Re-
turned Soldiers' Association of Vic-
toria, will be the delegate representing
that body at the convention to be held
at Vancouver on Monday next. The
chief business of the gathering will be
to discuss ways and means for the
formulation of an organization provin-
cialwide with a provincial head. Va-
rious cities and towns in British Co-
lumbia, such as Vancouver, Nelson,
Hewitson, Prince Rupert, New West-
minster, Princeton, North Vancouver
and other outlying municipalities will
be represented. Returned Soldiers' As-
sociations have already been formed
in New Westminster, Vancouver, Nel-
son and Prince Rupert.
The convention will start at 10
o'clock on Monday morning and the
whole day will be devoted to business.
In the evening there has been planned

a social and theatre party under the
auspices of the Vancouver association.
Preparations are being made to ac-
commodate a large number of men.

Those earliest Chinese banknotes
which antedated the first European
ones by about 37 centuries, were curi-
ously similar to ours in the information
which was printed upon them. They
were dated, their values were indicated
by both letters and figures, and to it
all was appended the secretary's sig-
nature. But there is one radical differ-
ence between the earliest and latest
treasury note: the Chinese government
did not allow the chance to slip of
pointing a moral to adorn their "facts,"
for they bordered the note with the
maxim, "However much you possess,
strive to be thrifty." Possibly Sir Hed-
ley Le Bas may act upon this prece-
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cle.

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Great Jan. 1, 1917, as
Jan. 1, 1916

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—That the world's merchant shipping tonnage at the close of 1916 was practically as great as at the end of 1915, despite the German submarine warfare, is the encouraging conclusion arrived at by the United States Bureau of Navigation.

According to reports received by that bureau from various unofficial sources entitled to credence, the merchant shipping built in the world during the calendar year of 1916 numbered 2,595 vessels of 1,899,943 gross tons, while during the same period 1,119 vessels of 2,952,552 gross tons were lost through war causes, a net reduction of about 209,099 gross tons, or one-half of one per cent. of the world's merchant shipping, which comprised 48,632,126 gross tons, according to Lloyd's register in June, 1916. Of the 2,595 new vessels built during the year, 1,213 were constructed in the United States, 510 in the United Kingdom and 782 in other countries, including 250 in Japan and 239 in Holland. Spain is at the foot of the list of shipbuilding countries with only four to her credit. China built more than nine times as many as Spain, or 38. Only 18 new merchant vessels are credited to Germany for 1916.

G. T. P. NORTHERN SERVICE

Prince Rupert Will Replace Prince George on February 25.

The steamship Prince George, which left port at 10 o'clock this morning for the north, will make two more round trips to Prince Rupert and Anyox before being withdrawn for her annual overhaul. It was reported aboard the Prince George this morning that she is posted to be taken off the northern run on February 25, the Prince Rupert, which is just completing her overhaul at Esquimalt, replacing the George on February 28, when she will leave here for the north.

It is reported that such a strong stand has been taken by the citizens of Prince Rupert, that the Prince George will be drydocked at the northern terminal this year.

ASK MODIFICATION OF LOADLINE REGULATIONS

The Dominion government is negotiating with the Australian government for a modification of the loadline regulations imposed on Canadian vessels trading with Australia. The matter is being handled by the marine department and it is expected that the discrimination which exists under the present regulations will be done away with.

HAS FORMOSAN SUGAR.

The Japanese freighter Azumasan Maru is due from Formosa with a cargo of raw sugar consigned to the B. C. Refinery.

Arrivals and Departures

COASTWISE SERVICES

For Vancouver
Steamer Princess Victoria leaves daily at 2 p. m., and steamer Princess Mary or Alice daily at 11.55 p. m.
Steamer Prince George leaves Mondays, 10 a. m.
From Vancouver
Steamer Princess Adelaide arrives daily at 9 p. m., and steamer Princess Mary or Alice at 5.30 a. m.
For San Francisco
Steamer President, Feb. 9.
Steamer Governor, Feb. 12.
For Seattle
Steamer Princess Adelaide leaves daily at 4.20 p. m., on 1st and 20th of each month.
Steamer Prince George leaves Sundays, 10 a. m.
From Seattle
Steamer Princess Victoria arrives daily at 1 p. m.
For Port Angeles
Steamer Sol Duc leaves daily except Sunday at 11.30 a. m.
From Port Angeles
Steamer Sol Duc arrives daily except Sunday at 9 a. m.

CHILEAN MINISTER RETURNING TO JAPAN

Francisco Rivas Vicuna Leaving on Shidzuoka; Three Liners Booked Ahead

When the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Shidzuoka Maru departs for the Far East on Friday she will carry among her cabin passengers Francisco Rivas Vicuna, Chilean minister to Japan, accompanied by his wife and four children.

Senior Vicuna has been on leave of absence and is now returning to his duties as Chilean minister at Tokyo. Other passengers who will leave on the Shidzuoka Maru include Geo. Glocker, graduate student in chemistry at the University of Washington, accompanied by his wife, Glocker, it is said, has accepted a position as tutor to William Reimers, a wealthy German, who has been detained in Japan by the military authorities because of the European war.

Reimers is preparing to enter one of the German universities at the close of the war, and Glocker will act as his tutor in mathematics, chemistry and physics.

Elias Costedel Readt, a Bolivian merchant, and M. M. Routh, an American business man, will leave for Yokohama by the Shidzuoka.

W. R. Dale, local agent for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, states that the entire passenger accommodation on the three outboard steamers has been booked.

The liner Kamakura Maru, which is the next ship of the fleet due here, sailed from Yokohama on February 9 with a big cargo of Oriental freight and good passenger list.

The liner Inaba Maru, of the same fleet, arrived at Yokohama on Saturday from Seattle and Victoria.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Seattle, Feb. 11.—Arrived: Str. Admiral Farragut, from San Francisco; str. Amur, from Anyox, B. C.; str. Morning Star, from Vancouver, B. C.; str. Alaska, from Southwestern via Southwestern-Alaska ports; str. Admiral Goodrich, from San Francisco, via Vancouver, B. C.; str. Queen, from Tacoma, via Everett; str. Prince George, from Anyox, B. C. Sailed: Str. Junaua, for Southwestern Alaskan ports, via Nanaimo, B. C.; str. Shidzuoka Maru, for Tacoma; str. Admiral Farragut, for Tacoma; power schr. Bender Bros., for Cape Pankof; power schr. Seaborn, for Taku Bar, via Blake Island; str. Prince George, for Anyox, B. C., via ports.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 10.—Sailed: Str. Governor, Seattle; Northern Pacific, Flavel; Desch, Portland. Arrived: Str. Chehalis, Grays Harbor; Westerner, Astoria.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 10.—Arrived: Str. Argyl, San Francisco; Santiam, San Francisco. Sailed: Str. Rose City, San Francisco.

Bellingham, Wash., Feb. 10.—Sailed: Oleum, Port San Luis.

Everett, Wash., Feb. 10.—Arrived: Str. Wilmington, Port Allen.

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 10.—Arrived: Str. Quadra, Britannia Beach.

Seattle, Feb. 11.—Sailed: Str. Admiral Watson, southbound; str. Admiral Cordova, Feb. 10.—Sailed: Str. Admiral Evans, southbound.

Juneau, Feb. 11.—Sailed: Str. Mariposa, westbound.

Balboa, Feb. 10.—Arrived: Str. Panuco, from Seattle and Tacoma, via San Francisco.

TIDE TABLE.
February, 1917.

Date	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time	
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1	10:59	9:33	11:55	2:41	11:55	2:41	11:55	2:41	11:55	2:41
2	10:58	9:32	11:54	2:40	11:54	2:40	11:54	2:40	11:54	2:40
3	10:57	9:31	11:53	2:39	11:53	2:39	11:53	2:39	11:53	2:39
4	10:56	9:30	11:52	2:38	11:52	2:38	11:52	2:38	11:52	2:38
5	10:55	9:29	11:51	2:37	11:51	2:37	11:51	2:37	11:51	2:37
6	10:54	9:28	11:50	2:36	11:50	2:36	11:50	2:36	11:50	2:36
7	10:53	9:27	11:49	2:35	11:49	2:35	11:49	2:35	11:49	2:35
8	10:52	9:26	11:48	2:34	11:48	2:34	11:48	2:34	11:48	2:34
9	10:51	9:25	11:47	2:33	11:47	2:33	11:47	2:33	11:47	2:33
10	10:50	9:24	11:46	2:32	11:46	2:32	11:46	2:32	11:46	2:32
11	10:49	9:23	11:45	2:31	11:45	2:31	11:45	2:31	11:45	2:31
12	10:48	9:22	11:44	2:30	11:44	2:30	11:44	2:30	11:44	2:30
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15	10:45	9:19	11:41	2:27	11:41	2:27	11:41	2:27	11:41	2:27
16	10:44	9:18	11:40	2:26	11:40	2:26	11:40	2:26	11:40	2:26
17	10:43	9:17	11:39	2:25	11:39	2:25	11:39	2:25	11:39	2:25
18	10:42	9:16	11:38	2:24	11:38	2:24	11:38	2:24	11:38	2:24
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21	10:39	9:13	11:35	2:21	11:35	2:21	11:35	2:21	11:35	2:21
22	10:38	9:12	11:34	2:20	11:34	2:20	11:34	2:20	11:34	2:20
23	10:37	9:11	11:33	2:19	11:33	2:19	11:33	2:19	11:33	2:19
24	10:36	9:10	11:32	2:18	11:32	2:18	11:32	2:18	11:32	2:18
25	10:35	9:09	11:31	2:17	11:31	2:17	11:31	2:17	11:31	2:17
26	10:34	9:08	11:30	2:16	11:30	2:16	11:30	2:16	11:30	2:16
27	10:33	9:07	11:29	2:15	11:29	2:15	11:29	2:15	11:29	2:15
28	10:32	9:06	11:28	2:14	11:28	2:14	11:28	2:14	11:28	2:14
29	10:31	9:05	11:27	2:13	11:27	2:13	11:27	2:13	11:27	2:13
30	10:30	9:04	11:26	2:12	11:26	2:12	11:26	2:12	11:26	2:12

LOUISE NIELSEN'S WATERHOUSE CHARTER

Third of Type Built for Norwegian Interests Fixed for Oriental Trade

Seattle, Feb. 12.—At private terms, Frank Waterhouse & Co., of Seattle, has chartered the new Norwegian steamship Louise Nielsen, now being completed by the Skinner & Eddy plant, for six months for operation in Seattle's trans-Pacific trade. The charter was closed through A. O. Anderson & Co., of Portland, Ore., the Pacific coast subsidiary of the big Norwegian shipping house of the same name, acting as agent for B. Stolt-Nielsen, of Norway, owner of the steel steamship.

The Louise Nielsen, like her sister ships the Niels Nielsen and the Hanna Nielsen, is a freighter of 3,000 tons deadweight capacity and has in addition to the Waterhouse fleet, strengthened Seattle's position in the foreign trade of the Pacific. It is understood that the charter will be renewed at the end of the six-month period.

General Manager David Rodgers, of the Skinner & Eddy Corporation, said last night that the Louise Nielsen will be completed the first of March. She will then be delivered to the Waterhouse Company for March loading for Japanese ports, Hongkong and Singapore. Most of the cargo is lined up and when she sails from Elliot Bay on her maiden voyage, the big carrier will have a capacity load, consisting mostly of general freight.

The Niels Nielsen, the first of the Nielsen ships built by Skinner & Eddy, is loading 240,000 cases of soy, bean oil in Dairen, Manchuria, for her return voyage to Seattle, under charter to Mitsui & Co. The Hanna Nielsen arrived in Yokohama from Seattle Jan. 29 on her maiden voyage, and will steam in a few days for Singapore to load return cargo. She is under charter to Andrew Weir & Co., of London, for operation in the Pacific trade.

The Louise Nielsen last week had her boilers installed at the plant of the Commercial Boiler Works in the East Waterway, the Commercial Works having the contract for building the boilers for all the Nielsen ships.

WIRELESS REPORTS

Feb. 12, 8 a. m.
Point Grey—Fog; calm; 30.22; 42; dense seaward.
Cape Lazo—Overcast; hazy; calm; 30.24; 35; sea smooth.
Pachena—Overcast; N., light; 30.28; 44; sea smooth.
Estevan—Cloudy; calm; 30.02; 32; sea smooth.
Alert Bay—Overcast; calm; 30.06; 32; sea smooth. Passed out, str. Princess Sophia, 7.45 p. m., northbound.
Triangle—Fog; S. E., light; 30.29; 40; sea moderate. Spoke str. Princess Beatrice, 11.19 p. m., MIBANK Sound, southbound; spoke str. Princess Sophia, 2.15 a. m., off Pine Island, northbound; spoke str. Alki, 4.15 a. m., Queen Charlotte Sound, northbound; spoke str. Princess Maquinna, 6.45 a. m., off Ivory Island, southbound.
Dead Tree Point—Rain; S., light; 30.21; 38; sea smooth.
Ikeida Bay—Cloudy; S. E.; 29.73; 40; sea smooth.
Prince Rupert—Cloudy; N. W., light; 30.10; 40; sea smooth.
Noon.
Point Grey—Fog; calm; 30.21; 45; dense seaward.
Cape Lazo—Fog; calm; 30.31; 41; thick seaward.
Pachena—Overcast; calm; 30.30; 45; sea smooth.
Estevan—Cloudy; calm; 30.02; 40; sea smooth.
Alert Bay—Cloudy; calm; 30.01; 24; sea smooth.
Triangle—Overcast; S. E., light; 30.20; 42; sea moderate.
Dead Tree Point—Rain; S. E., light; 30.12; 38; sea moderate.
Ikeida Bay—Overcast; S. E., strong; 29.78; 41; sea moderate.
Prince Rupert—Overcast; calm; 30.10; 41; sea smooth. Passed in, str. Chelohain, 9 a. m., northbound.

BREAKWATER LIGHTHOUSE

Parfitt Bros. Awarded Contract for Tower at Ogden Point.

Parfitt Bros., contractors of this city, have been awarded the contract for the construction of the lighthouse tower which is to be erected at the end of the Ogden Point breakwater. This firm recently completed the construction of the new wharf, store and buoy sheds at the site of the new marine depot here.

The breakwater lighthouse tower will rise 25 feet above the foundations formed by the headblock of the seawall and will be an imposing structure. The beacon surmounting it will be of the Aga type, which system is now being extensively adopted on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

FREIGHTER STRINDA DUE FOR OVERHAUL

The Norwegian steamer Strinda is fully due from Vladivostok and other oriental ports with a cargo consigned to the C. T. R. After discharging her cargo on the mainland the Strinda will come to Esquimalt to be dry-docked for overhaul and minor repairs. Yarrows, Ltd., will undertake the work. The Strinda is one of the fleet plying between Vancouver and Vladivostok under time charter to the C. P. R., others being the Arabian, Kenon Maru No. 8 and Unkai Maru No. 5.

FIFTY O. S. K. SHIPS COMING WITHIN YEAR

Liner Chicago Maru is Crossing Pacific With Capacity Oriental Cargo

Steamships of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha fleet will make fifty calls at this port up to the end of December, 1917, 25 inward and a similar number outward, according to the schedule just issued by the Japanese company covering its trans-Pacific sailings. The liner Tacoma Maru, which has been withdrawn to enter the South American trade, is conspicuously absent from the list, her place being taken by the Panama Maru.

The next O. S. K. liner due here from the Orient is the Chicago Maru, which the agent reports having sailed from Yokohama February 4 for Victoria and Puget Sound ports. She is due here February 19 with 42 passengers all told and a full Oriental cargo. She will be followed in turn by the liners Canada Maru, Panama Maru, Manila Maru. On her next outward trip the Chicago will terminate her run at Yokohama and will return here direct from the Japan port, arriving on this coast in April.

Then will come the Mexico Maru and Hawaii Maru in order. On the east-bound voyages from Hongkong, Shanghai, Nagasaki, Moji, Kobe, Yokkaichi, Shimidzu and Yokohama, will be touched at, while on the westbound trip from Victoria the ports of call will be Yokohama, Kobe, Moji, Nagasaki, Shanghai and Manila.

Only when sufficient inducement offers will the steamships of this fleet make the extra call at Vancouver. The cargo routed to the mainland will almost invariably be trans-shipped at this port.

The next steamship of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha fleet scheduled to reach here is the Kamakura Maru, her arrival being looked for next Sunday. During March there will be four N. Y. K. arrivals, the Sado Maru, Awa Maru, Inaba Maru and Yokohama Maru.

VESSELS SEARCHING FOR OVERDUE CRAFT

Sea-Going Dredge Mexico Sent Out and Other Ships Diverted to Find Pilot

Cable advices received this morning at the local offices of the B. C. Salvage Association from Capt. W. H. Logan, stated that the salvage steamer Pilot had not yet turned up at Ocos, the Guatemalan port for which she was bound from Salina Cruz, and is now many days overdue.

The Pilot is a staunch vessel, and although a certain amount of concern is felt over her non-appearance at her destination, the probabilities are that she was unable to hold her course in the face of the tempestuous weather met with, and was forced out to seaward. The theory is advanced that the vessel may have been driven some 500 miles offshore as it would be impossible to buck against the force of weather which is reported to have swept the Mexican seaboard for five days without a break. Acting on this theory a number of steamers are now searching the waters of the Pacific off Mexico and Guatemala.

According to the messages received here the Pacific Mail steamer City of Paris, southbound from San Francisco, and the steamer George W. Elder, have been diverted from their courses with a view to picking up the Pilot to seaward, and the big sea-going dredge Mexico has been dispatched from Salina Cruz to scour over an extended radius in an effort to locate her.

The Pilot sailed from Salina Cruz on Feb. 1 with a shipment of rubber hose for salvage work in connection with the floating of the steamer Resonance at Ocos. Within a few hours of her departure, a strong northerly gale broke and raged for five days. The average run from Salina Cruz by a vessel of this type is 22 hours, so by allowing for the possibility of the Pilot seeking shelter during the period of the storm, she would still be considerably overdue.

It is more generally believed that the vessel was driven offshore, as there is practically no shelter along the entire length of coastline between Salina Cruz and Ocos.

Local Men Aboard.
Should the Pilot be drifting, even disabled, out to sea, those aboard her would be in no immediate danger, as she is laden with a large supply of coal and provisions destined for the salvage expedition at Ocos. Three local men are known to be aboard the Pilot. She was under the command of Capt. J. Birss, who left Victoria with Capt. F. C. Stratford, as first mate. The other two local men known to be aboard are: E. A. Patterson, second engineer, and T. McLaughlin, fireman. Although the little steamer is eleven days out on a trip which usually takes but 22 hours, the hope is still held out that the search vessels may find her drift.

FAILURE OF DIVER CAMPAIGN IS EVIDENT

Would Take Five Years to Destroy British Tonnage at Present Rate

The first ten days of Germany's new and aggravated form of submarine warfare, beginning February 1, netted its divers 168,932 tons, averaging over 15,000 tons daily. Of the destroyed tonnage, Great Britain lost 101,561 tons; Norway, 24,224 tons; Spain, 9,307 tons; Holland, 4,409 tons; Greece, 4,000 tons; Sweden, 3,843 tons; Russia, 3,652 tons; France, 3,200 tons; United States, 2,200 tons; Belgium, 2,909 tons; Italy, 2,192 tons; Peru, 4,500 tons, and Denmark, 1,469 tons.

According to semi-official German statements, Great Britain had an available net tonnage of 11,000,000 to 12,000,000. It was asserted that of this, the Teutonic methods would sink 1,000,000 tons monthly, and therefore within three months a sufficient percentage would be destroyed to bring England to her knees. On February 6 a total tonnage of 45,277 was destroyed, of which over 31,000 tons was British. This was the only day on which the pace set by Berlin, 33,000 net tons daily, was nearly reached. Since then the work of the submarine pirates has slackened, noticeably. The average British loss for the ten days was slightly over 10,000 tons gross.

At this rate it would consume about five years to destroy the British tonnage, and according to the British rate of construction before the war, this could be more than replaced within that period.

It was recently officially stated that Great Britain was building two tons for every ton destroyed. On Saturday it was reported that 1,100 vessels had entered and cleared ports in the United Kingdom since the new "blockade" was declared.

The following table gives the number and tonnage of vessels sunk, day by day, since February 1:

February 1	February 2	February 3	February 4	February 5	February 6	February 7	February 8	February 9	February 10	February 11	February 12																																						
British—Trevan, 3,081; Dundee, 2,278; Ida, 100; two trawlers, 200 tons; three smacks, sixty tons.	Belgian—Euphrates, 2,509.	Dutch—Epsilon, 2,111.	Tonnage, 10,929; lives, eight.	British—Ravensbourne, 2,000; Esanite, 580; Violet, 200.	Norwegian—Nora, 1,127; Hecla, 524.	Spanish—Algeria, 2,116.	Belgian—Marcelle, 199.	Tonnage, 6,847; lives, ten.	American—Houatonic, 2,209.	Spanish—Butron, 2,000.	Greek—Eleftron, 4,000.	French—Quebec, 3,000.	Dutch—Gannia, 2,198.	Tonnage, 14,398; lives, two.	Spanish—Dos de Noviembre, 2,000.	Tonnage, 2,000; lives, one.	February 5	British—Eveaton, 1,791; Isle of Aran, 1,918; Garnet Hill, 2,272; Hurstwood, 1,229.	Danish—Lars Kruse, 1,469.	Tonnage, 8,670; lives, none.	February 6	British—Port Adelaide, 8,181; Bedford, 1,955; Florida, 4,777; Wartley Pickering, 4,196; Wartenfels, 4,511; Palmleaf, 3,206; Cliftonia, 4,303.	Russian—Corona, 2,512.	Norwegian—Rigel, 1,171; Wasdale, 1,855; Songdal, 2,889; Tamara, 463.	Swedish—Bravalla, 1,553.	Tonnage, 45,277; lives, two.	February 7	British—California, 8,652; Vestra, 1,021; Crown Point, 5,218; Lorton, 1,419; two trawlers, 200; two fishing boats, 20.	St. Ninian, 3,025; Corstean Prince, 2,716.	Italian—Ferruccio, 2,192.	Peruvian—Lorton, 1,500.	Spanish—Macarcua, 1,152.	Tonnage, 27,146; lives, fifty-seven.	February 8	British—Turino, 4,900; Boyne Castle, 245; Vedamore, 4,122; Dauntless, 2,157; Saxonia, 2,000; Hollinside, 2,682.	Swedish—Varing, 2,200.	Norwegian—Sonetto, 2,063.	Russian—Bangpuh, 150.	French—Yvonne, 100.	Tonnage, 10,200; lives, twenty-seven.	February 9	British—Hanna Larsen, 1,310.	Norwegian—Hans Vinck, 2,467; Ida, 1,172; Oden, 1,075; Storskog, 2,191.	Spanish—Nueva Montana, 2,029.	Tonnage, 10,424; lives, two.	February 10	British—Mantala, 6,826; Luellington, 2,816; Beechtree, 1,277; Japanese Prince, 4,985.	Norwegian—Solbakken, 2,616; Ellavore, 2,709; Havgard, 1,100.	Tonnage, 13,535; lives, two.

WANT NO SPIES IN PANAMA CANAL ZONE

Washington, Feb. 12.—An executive order to exclude spies and other undesirable persons from the Panama canal zone and give the governor virtually unlimited authority to regulate immigration there has been signed by President Wilson.

VENTURE STRUCK WRECKAGE.

Vancouver, Feb. 12.—When the steamer Venture arrived to-day from Northern B. C. ports she reported that on the voyage north she struck some submerged wreckage and as a result two blades of one of her propellers were stripped off and the tail shaft bent. The steamship moved to the dock of the B. C. Marine, Ltd., at noon for repair and overhaul.

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MERCHANT OF VENICE

ADMIRABLY PLAYED

High School Students Give High Class Rendition of Merchant of Venice

The "nature's journeyman" who fashioned the Shylock for the High school performance of "The Merchant of Venice," given on Saturday night before a capacity house, certainly did work well. Unmeasured praise to do fine a piece of work is meant as no criticism of the part subsidiary to the title role. All played admirably, but in Bruce Hutchison is surely discovered one of the finest young actors which it has been the good fortune of the school to tutor.

The custom of having an annual play, and that play preferably Shakespearean, is one which the more serious lovers of good speaking and pure literature would like to see established permanently in connection with the High school. For two years in succession now the students have shown unmistakable taste for the study of drama in its highest form, and even were the results less praiseworthy than they have proved in "Julius Caesar," given last year, and "The Merchant of Venice" there would still be every reason to encourage the pursuit of Melpomene and Thalia in so worthy a manner.

The parts were already cast, it is understood, when Miss Badgley, a lady well-known for her work in the city in coaching young people in the art of acting and speaking, undertook the training of the actors. For the most part the choice was very commendable. A general resume makes it possible to say that it was throughout well above the average in the way of student performance of plays by the great Elizabethan dramatist, while in the tragic character of the Jew money-lender, the school has discovered one who should some day be invested with the robes of

genius. The amount of work which was evidenced in the direction of the play called forth well-deserved applause for Miss Badgley and the stage manager, Valdemar Bendroft, the former being presented with a bouquet before the evening was over. The staging was after the simple manner of the Ben Greet school, a principle which is to be commended for student performers who should be trained to depend for effect on well-spoken lines and apt gestures rather than on elaborate stage properties. On the other hand the costumes were very rich, and assisted some of the players to appreciate the better the significance of the relation of clothes to manners.

The characters are named in the programme-always in a rotation which places Shylock well down the list, but it is of the performance of this part that the playgoer first thinks when he appealed to for a criticism of the play. Bruce Hutchison's presentation was marked not only by the greatest consistency of intention but of actual expression of that intention, viz., to make of the Jew money-lender a man of fierce hates and vengeful passions who suddenly, under an overwhelming cataclysm of adverse circumstances, breaks down utterly and completely, the spirit of his mean but only power stamped out and only the lineaments left of the socially-outcast race to which he belonged. The reading was singular in that it coupled the readings of two such eminent but directly opposed personalities as Macklin and Edmund Keane. Whether the young actor was conscious of the interpretations given by such disputed schools is not known, but the blending of the ideas made for a third definite, interesting, and plausible conception of the great role.

In the arts of gesture, stage deportment, and voice Hutchison astonished everyone who saw him. His careful separations each from each of the salient words, his varied inflections, his remarkably fine control of his voice, were models of elocutionary instinct. In the same way he made his gestures suit his purpose, impressive when the lines demanded, trivial when the sense was such. His impersonation of an enfeebled, bent, yet vindictive and wolfish old money-lender, was sustained with the greatest consistency until the last moment of the trial scene, when the defeated Jew tottered from

the courtroom amid the jeers and hisses of the onlookers.

Other parts were splendidly upheld. Fortia, a part which has left to the world some of the most immortal of Shakespeare's lines, was very expressively read by Miss Kathleen Palmer, a student who possesses the necessary grace and dignity, both of voice and of figure. She, too, succeeded in giving a very thoughtful reading, marked throughout by real feeling, although slight inadequacy of expression owing to sometimes careless facing away from her audience when speaking. The famous plea commencing "The quality of mercy" was beautifully spoken, and left a very fine impression of the actress' abilities as an elocutionist. With Fortia should be coupled her companion, Nerissa, a part quite charmingly played by Miss Winnifred Bell, who truly acted the lady of temper in the ring scene which followed the exchange of favors in the court scene. Jessica (Gertrude Bryce) was played in a way which thoroughly roused the sympathies of the audience, and appealed to their sense of mercy and justice.

The characters of Antonio (Victor Emery), Bassanio (Arthur Gee), Gratiano (Claude Campbell) and Lorenzo (Edna Wriglesworth) were all very evenly carried. That of Antonio was perhaps the mantle of the four, due principally to a certain dignity of carriage and gesture. Bassanio merits particular mention for making his lines so audible. Gratiano showed ability which might bid him to higher place in some future cast. Miss Wriglesworth made a courtly and gallant lover and proved herself among the best of the elocutionists in the play.

The characters of Launcelot Gobbo, the impudent and talkative little servant to Shylock, was played with much liveliness and comedy sense by Wm. Turpel; Old Gobbo, played by Henry Gilliland, was a strikingly clever character study of an old man no longer fit for the buffeting of a rude world, and brought the play to at least a measure of the applause he so well deserved.

In minor parts, sufficiently well sustained to merit mention, were Salanio and Salariano, friends of Antonio, played by Ernest Knapp and Harold

Pearce; Richard Campbell, as Tubal, the Jew friend of Shylock; Warren Cooper, the Duke of Venice; Leonardo, played by Leslie Mitchell, and Balthasar and Stephano, servants to Portia, played by Vernon Jones and Roland Lege. Eleanor Hadow was clerk of the court, and Elsie Armstrong and Margaret Beckwith were attendants to Portia. Others who took part as characters in the various street and court scenes were Lillian Smethurst, Alison Chrow, Irene Craig, Marjorie Gosse, Margaret Cameron, Robert Wootton and John McGregor.

The school orchestra played in the centre-acts, their numbers being very welcome.

The business committee was Messrs. Frank McNamee, Frank Stephens, Arthur Gee and Claude Campbell, and a number of the Cadet Corps acted as ushers.

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HIGH COST OF WATER.

To the Editor:—I notice in your issue of yesterday a letter headed, "Grow Something," and signed "Potatoes." It is perfectly true that a large amount of vegetables could be raised on vacant lots and the cash we pay for imported vegetables would be kept at home. It would also apply to the Chinese pedlar. There are many vacant lots large enough to raise vegetables on, sufficient to supply a large family. The great drawback is the water question. To be successful you must do a certain amount of irrigation, and if a lot owner had to install a meter and lay pipes and then pay meter rent and also for the water used, it would be cheaper to buy the vegetables and save the few dollars. If water was charged for according to the quantity used, it would be fair, but to pay for it every month in the year is unjust and owners will not install the water. I know of several good and large vacant lots, and am asking the owners why they did not utilize them, said: cost of meter, pipes and labor, water, etc., would cost more than they could purchase the vegetables for.

LOT OWNER.

Feb. 10.

AGRICULTURAL PUBLIC OPINION.

To the Editor:—I appear to have got under the skin of the little party of the Farmers' Institute Advisory Board. I admit that I was to a certain extent inaccurate, and I must therefore ask those gentlemen to accept my apologies. The results are so similar that I forgot in my haste that such results may be attributed to different causes.

I therefore beg to substitute in place of carefully packed farmers' convention, gaggled farmers' convention, and for appointed by the government, the words, elected by a convention of dummkies.

Now let me give further offence to the numerous gentlemen who at one time or another have been delegates to farmers' conventions. I must ask your courtesy to allow me a little space to explain.

The following are facts: 1. The agenda of farmers' conventions are never placed before institutes so that they may instruct their delegates, consequently these delegates are given no instructions save those regarding local resolutions.

2. The question of the election of members of the advisory board is never taken up before institutes prior to convention, and consequently the delegates have no instruction or knowledge how to act.

3. No opportunity is given to neighboring institutes to get together and discuss matters to be brought up at the convention either on their own behalf or on the behalf of other institutes. By taking time very much by the forelock neighboring institutes may effect common action on any particular resolution of their own, but they have no opportunity of effecting common action against particular resolutions moved by other institutes.

4. The order of procedure of the convention and the order of the resolutions to be brought up at the convention is in the hands of the deputy minister.

Now the net result is this: The great body of the delegates, having no instructions, are of necessity dummkies. It takes a great deal of courage for a man to get up and block progress, not knowing whether he has a single supporter, and that is the only action possible. Most men for peace's sake are acquiescent and the complaint of our delegates from here has been that the business of the convention was cut and dried, and there was no possibility for free discussion.

The question of the election of an advisory board has never been laid before the farmers' institutes individually, and if that body took up the resolutions sent down to them for consideration they will find two from Shavulgan, passed unanimously, one advocating the appointment of district representatives, and one the abolition

of their august selves, and the formation of district advisory boards, with the above official as ex officio secretary. Trusting that this explanation will satisfy Messrs. Hamilton, Vlek, McBride, Bailey and Brown, I will conclude by stating that the average farmer knows little and cares less about what he reads in this part of the province, neither the convention nor the advisory board is in any way representative of agricultural public opinion.

H. B. WINGATE WHITE.
Cobbie Hill, Feb. 9.

WOMEN AND THE FRANCHISE.

To the Editor:—At the women's meeting held last Monday at the Liberal Club for the purpose of discussing the formation of a women's Liberal organization, in anticipation of the promised extension to them of the franchise, the chair was occupied in a very capable and tactful manner by a lady provisionally chosen, presumably by the originators of the movement. After clearly explaining the necessity of such an organization she proceeded to invite those present any suggestions they might desire to offer. Thereupon a somewhat difficult position was created by a motion to the effect that another lady present be elected president. The lady thus prematurely nominated thereupon addressed to the meeting some very sound and mature advice, but in a direction diametrically opposed to the object for which we were called together, namely, that instead of forming an independent organization, the women should become incorporated in the existing male Liberal Association! And this proposal was actually put to the meeting and carried by about 32 to 12, the remainder of the 160 present not voting.

This occurred at an early stage, and was followed by the instructive and impressive addresses of the premier and others, all strongly urging independent organization and impressing upon their audience the absolute necessity of energetic and earnest individual effort in the study of the conditions of organization necessary to be understood for the purpose of effectually and conscientiously exercising the franchise so long and so persistently demanded.

What I wish to submit, therefore, for the consideration of those interested, on the evening of another meeting, is this: That although to join the men's organization would be easiest, following the line of least resistance, and would dispose of independent responsibility and the trouble of studying methods of procedure and the questions of the day, it would at the same time constitute a deliberate and deplorable renunciation of the rights and principles for which we have agitated so long and so patiently, and its net result would be a mere duplication of the vote. If we are to reap the full benefits of the franchise by the introduction of decent conditions of environment and the elimination of some of the glaring evils and inconsistencies which are a menace to the sanctity of our homes and the welfare of our children we must, before all things, be self-reliant, independent, and make a stand, steadfastly and uncontrolled, for that wholehearted element of freedom and justice the fair and equal share of which is our reasonable, common heritage.

The present terrible conditions of national danger have combined to enable the women throughout the Empire to demonstrate their title to that right of citizenship which is respectability, and it is time for any of us to shirk our obligations but rather, laying aside all petty personal ambitions and prejudices, to work loyally together for the common good, taking advantage, with good will and courtesy, of the knowledge of any amongst us who may be competent to guide us, irrespective of the more or less imaginary grades of social distinction which in the past have relegated many a gifted woman to oblivion upon an alleged plea of the "lack of social influence," and thus have lost to the community their helpful light and leading. There are many such quietly working for good amongst us, and it seems to me that this is the moment of relinquish many of our old world fantasies—the fetishes and petty snoberies of another hemisphere—and to begin content with what is nearest, and what is best; for old things are passing away, and the dawn of a saner day is at hand.

I notice from your issue of yesterday that Mrs. Ralph Smith, wife of the Minister of Finance, will address Monday's meeting, and it occurs to me that if this talented lady could be invited and induced to accept the leadership in the present movement it might simplify matters very greatly, as it would naturally remove the possibility of any friction of conflicting claims, since, as the wife of the minister, she would naturally bear the prestige of the mandate of the electorate which has happily fallen upon her husband, and she would consequently share the strong sentiment of loyal co-operation which predominates amongst the right-thinking women of Victoria towards Mr. Brewster and his administration.

MARY WILSON.

February 10.

Mrs. Jenkins, a regular visitor in the doctor's consulting room, started on the history of her troubles. The doctor inquired it patiently and gave her another bottle. At last she started out, and the doctor was congratulating himself, when she stopped and exclaimed: "Why, doctor, you didn't look to see if my tongue was coated." "I know it isn't," he replied, "but the medical man, 'You don't find grass on a race track.'"—Epworth Herald.

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THE MINING INDUSTRY

The Western branch of the Canadian Mining Institute has asked the Vancouver board of trade for the use of its rooms for a convention on March 15.

James Cronin, the Spokane operator, who is interested in mines in the Babine district, has returned to the city to-day.

The following resolution is of some interest: "It having been brought to the attention of the mining committee of the Vancouver board of trade that certain questionable mining shares and investments are being offered to the public by unscrupulous persons, the committee begs to sound a note of warning to all citizens, visitors, and strangers to use every precaution before buying any mining shares or claims without having first instituted a thorough investigation and inquiry from responsible parties. The chamber of mines, located in the Molsons bank building, invites the general public to make use of its rooms and secretary, who will furnish any information relative to mining matters free of charge. The mining committee is most desirous of encouraging legitimate mining development in this province, and therefore wishes, if possible, to prevent wildcatting."

Dr. H. I. Jensen, late chief federal geologist of the northern territory of Australia, says that the finest wolfram property in the world is lying idle on account of probate difficulties consequent on the death of the owner. This property, the Burns Wolfram mine, is situated 30 miles east of Pine creek, in the territory, and in seven years has produced \$250,000 worth of wolfram.

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While C. J. Mosedale with his wife and children were out fishing with friends yesterday afternoon for about a couple of hours, what had been his residence at Deep Cove was reduced to a heap of smouldering ashes by the time he returned. Up to the present moment he is quite unable to account for any cause and, while the contents of the house were partly covered by insurance, there were a number of effects of a personal nature with a considerable amount of sentimental value attached to them. Mr. Mosedale was formerly employed by the B. C. Electric Railway and latterly he has been engaged in military duties with the 5th Regiment at Signal Hill fort.

Bradshaw, our old friend and indispensable guide, will undergo more changes this month than it has done for many years, perhaps more than at any other time in its long history. It is only two months since the thousandth number of the guide was published. At its old price of sixpence Bradshaw was a bargain, containing information which would have cost several shillings if we had had to purchase the inde-

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CYCLISTS - Oak Bay only, Canadian tires, \$2.20; tubes, \$1.50; in pairs, \$3.50. Danvers, Oak Bay. Phone 458.

TO PLANO BUYERS - We must close out our stock of warehouse and returned rental pianos to make room for our new Spring stock. We are offering bigger bargains to buyers than ever before in our Victoria history. Easy terms can be arranged. See our windows or specialists. In included many of the best known Canadian makes that can be bought for a saving of from \$200 to \$500 less than normal prices. We want the rooms - you want a piano now. You can have one almost at your own price and still be able to pay. To show our determination to get rid of this stock, we quote several cabinets for as low as \$99.50 up to \$140. We expect the lowest prices will soon clear our floors. Do it now. Montellus Piano House, Ltd., 718 Yates street.

FOR SALE - 50 ft. second-hand bricks, cleaned; lot of new, dimension lumber, 2x4, 2x6 and 6x8; old sash and sash weights, etc.; cheap. Tel. 1783L. 712

FOR SALE - Maltese Cross gum boots, \$1.50; heavy wool blankets, \$2.20; rubber footstool, \$1.20; pocket barometer, \$2.50; Schiele carburetor, \$7.50; Bosch magnet, \$3.00; auto hand horns, \$2.50; bicycles with new tires and mud guards, \$12.50; carbide, 10c. per tin; pumps, 25c.; bicycle oil lamps, 10c. per set; bicycle maker's tools, 10c. per set; carbide lamps, \$2.25; Gillette safety razor, \$1.50; new, unused, 2 for \$3.00. Jacobson's new and second-hand store, 572 Johnson street, Victoria, B. C. Phone 4747.

PROCLAMATION - This famous value store for men, Clifton's London House, 87 Johnson street.

FOR SALE - Muff and stole, Australian opium, beautifully marked. 712

ORGAN for sale, in first-class condition, eleven stops; a snap, 440; owner leaving city. 1228 Yates street. Phone 2153L. 712

FOR SALE - Heintzman piano, \$150; 7 months, 1817 Quadra.

FOR SALE - 50 ft. launch, heavy duty engine, in first-class condition, 20 hp. 1000; motor, propeller, ignition, complete, \$125. Causeway Boat House, Box 87.

HOT RED SASH, 3 ft. x 5 ft., only \$2.50 each, delivered in city. City or country orders receive careful attention. E. W. Whittington Lumber Co., Ltd., 281 Bridge street, Victoria, B. C. 712

SELLING OUT - Maroon, cycle specialist, 571 Johnson St. Call and investigate our closing out snap.

MEN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS - Balance of winter stock to clear at \$12.50, \$15.00 and \$18.00. Qualities impossible to replace at these prices. First-class. Westholme Block 1413 Government St.

FOR SALE - AUTOMOBILES. FOR SALE OR TRADE - Five-passenger car, late model, in first-class condition. Will take good Ford at part payment. Apply 1784 Fort, or Phone 4230L. 712

FOR SALE - LIVESTOCK. FOR SALE - Good delivery horse, wagon and harness, cheap. Phone 4931L. 712

GOOD DRIVING HORSE for sale, or will exchange for heavier horse and pay part cash. Apply Driver's Grocery, 712 Yates street.

HELP WANTED - FEMALE. WANTED - A good stenographer, who will take a course. Apply Box 1310, Times Office.

WANTED - Girl, aged 15, to assist in house. Apply 1790 Bank street.

WANTED - Good girl, for general housework. Apply 1310 Victoria street. 712

IF YOU HAVE WORK for a few hours, days or weeks, work in the Municipal Free Labor Bureau and let us send you the man or woman to do the work.

MISCELLANEOUS. MISCONCEPTION - We repair other cars besides Fords. Try our service. About ten hours for results. Arthur Dandridge, Gordon street. Phone 623.

PARTY with knowledge and approximate location of several mining prospects some of which are believed to be extremely rich and extensive, would like to make financial arrangements for the location of same. None but responsible parties need apply. Box 523, Times Office.

MAGNETS AND COILS REPAIRED by expert. 329 Burnside.

A LADY WILL CALL for ladies' gents' and children's high class clothing. Mrs. Hunt, from Winnipeg and Calgary, the most reliable wardrobe dealer in the west. Canada. Phones 421, or call 512 Johnson St., opposite Victoria Wood Yard. Business strictly confidential.

PARTY who has a little knowledge of geology and who knows of some splendid mining prospects would like to arrange for the further prospecting and staking of said prospects. About ten licenses needed. None but reliable parties need answer. Box 523, Times Office.

LAWN MOWERS REPAIRED, collected, delivered. H. Dandridge, Collection Phone 1234R.

RESTORE HAIR to natural color. Formula, send 10c. Matthews, 137 Crescent road.

R. KNESSHAW, healer and medium, 1605 St. John street, off Coleridge, Tel. 323. Times Office.

DIAMONDS, antiques, old gold bought and sold. Mrs. Aronson, next Dixi Bldg.

BEST PRICES paid for gents' cast-off clothing. Give me a trial. Phone 2607. 1408 Store street.

QUALITY, PRICE AND SERVICE. These are the basic principles of sound business. In the most trusted and reliable object to give you the benefit of all three, to which we add a quick delivery. Try us. H. Schuchman, 101 West Market, Oak Bay Junction. Phone 1028.

PERSONAL. Little fishes in their play. Swimming club in Cadboro Bay. Send the people who would like to see the chocolate selling for dollars. But now they know of just as also selling fast at half the price. The little fishes put their wits, and now the public goes and buys. 23 At Hamsterley Farm, Public Market. 712

EXCHANGE

FARMS and city property for exchange. Chas. F. Bagley, 517 Sayward Block, Phone 518.

5 ACRES at Metcalf, all cultivated; will exchange for residence. Box 1925, Times.

WILL EXCHANGE two clear title lots on Quadra street for house. Box 1924, Times.

UNDERDRIGHNED would exchange beautiful Fairfield residence for Ontario property. O. Pommerville, 423 Metcalf street.

FOR RENT - HOUSES (Unfurnished). FOR RENT - HOUSES AND APARTMENTS, furnished and unfurnished, in all parts of the city. Lloyd-Young & Russell, 212 Broad street, ground floor, Pemberton Building. Phone 422.

TO LET - 7 roomed house, 318 Oswego. Apply 1228 Montrose Ave. Phone 3281L. ms

FOR RENT - Bungalow, 284 Beach Drive, Oak Bay, 5 rooms, kitchen range, stands and sink, all cultivated and ready to plough. Apply British American Trust Co., 721 Fort street.

TO RENT - Three roomed cottage, Prior street, electric light, water, etc. Phone 5190L.

TO LET - Four room cottage; modern conveniences, Davida street, George Robert & Apply F. Higginbotham, cor. Robert and Davida.

FOR RENT - HOUSES (Furnished). TO LET - Three roomed suite, nicely furnished, all conveniences. Apply 2041 Fernwood road, or Rees's Meat Market.

COMPLETELY FURNISHED three-room cottage, \$12.50; 1843 Crescent road, Fow! Bay. Phone 5131L.

HOUSES TO RENT, furnished and unfurnished, at a large number of houses to rent, several new ones. The Griffith Company, Hibben-Bone Bldg.

FOR RENT - MISCELLANEOUS. FARM TO LET - 10 acres, Saanichton, all cultivated, with four-room house, chickens, cow, etc., close to car, church and school. Rent \$100 month. Heisterman, Forman & Co.

TO RENT - 100 acres, Courtenay, 25 acres cultivated, 30 acres pasture, buildings, no stock. \$150. Phone 3921L.

ONE AND TWO-ROOM OFFICES to let in Times Building. Apply at Times Office.

HELP WANTED - MALE. ELECTRICIAN, for maintenance man on plant; must be capable of winding machinery, care for phone system, do insulating and line work; single man; steady position. For particulars address Gifford Powder Co., of Canada, Ltd., Nanaimo, B. C. or Vancouver, B. C.

WANTED - Messenger boy, with bicycle. Apply Wilkerson & Brown, 612 Fort St.

INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS, 122 Douglas, corner of Douglas and Yates. Tel. 1920.

WANTED - Teamster, for farm work; also a milker. Apply Box 187, Times Office.

EMPLOYERS OF HELP who may now or in the immediate future require skilled or unskilled labor, either male or female, should send in their names at once to the Municipal Free Labor Bureau.

HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS. TO LET - Furnished, two large housekeeping rooms. \$10. Phone 4237. 415 Fernwood road.

AT 528 MICHIGAN ST., near Parliament Bldg., newly furnished housekeeping rooms. Phone 1022L.

ROOM AND BOARD. ROOM AND BOARD, \$5.50 per week; also housekeeping rooms. 942 Pandora. Phone 4364L.

TO LET - One double and one single bedroom, well furnished for gentlemen, suitable for friends; full or partial board; centrally located. Phone 3252L.

WANTED - MISCELLANEOUS. WANTED - To purchase for cash, the furniture of a 6 or 8 roomed house, good or medium class. Phone 272.

WANTED - Any quantity of copper, brass, lead, zinc, etc.; highest price paid. Canadian Junk Co., 529 Johnson. Tel. 5055.

HAVE YOU ANY FURNITURE for sale? Ferris gives best prices. Phone 1929 mi

WANTED AT ONCE - Furniture for bedroom, dining room and kitchen. I will pay cash. S. H. J. Mason, Hillside and Quadra. Phone 3170L.

FURNITURE WANTED, must be good; state price. 1429 Vining.

READ THIS - Best price given for ladies' and gents' cast-off clothing. Phone 2947 call 70 Yates.

BICYCLES bought for spot cash. Magnet, 650 Fort.

HIGHEST PRICE paid for ladies' and gents' clothing, any condition. Phone 1947. All business strictly confidential. 412

WANTED - Any quantity chickens or ducks, cash paid at your house. Phone 6015L, or write 615 Elliot street, city.

HERMAN, 141 Government, buys for cash, gents' clothing. We call 1000-000 EMPTY SACKS, at any quantity, wanted. D. Louis, 923 Cambria Ave. Phone 3058.

FOR SALE - LOTS. BETTER THAN A BANK ACCOUNT. Lot 5, Laurel street, Oak Bay. Lot 2, Austen avenue, off George road. Lot 1, near St. Albans street. All for \$425, terms. Apply P. R. Brown, 1112 Broad St. 712

CHOICE, sheltered waterfront property, close to city, comprising modern house, well laid out grounds of one acre, to be sold for fraction of value. Most desirable home. Buyers only. 712

FURNISHED ROOMS

ST. GEORGE'S HOTEL - Under new management. Rooms, with or without board; reasonable terms arranged. 712

ORRORNE COURT, 87 McClure St. Phone 3273. Well furnished bedrooms, with or without private bath; hot and cold running water; terms reasonable by day, week or month. 712

WELL HEATED ROOMS, at Dunsmuir House, 722 Fort Street, from \$2 per week up; modern conveniences. 712

BRUNSWICK HOTEL - 50c. night and up; 25 weekly and up; best location, first-class food; terms reasonable. Yates and Douglas.

SITUATIONS WANTED - FEMALE. MUNICIPAL FREE LABOR BUREAU is prepared to fill any vacancy for male or female, in skilled or unskilled labor at once. Phone or write.

WANTED - AUTOMOBILES. WANTED - Second-hand Ford, cheap; will pay cash, or will exchange 1914 2-speed Indian motorcycle, in good condition, with side-car, value \$200. Apply P. O. Box 882.

WANTED - LIVESTOCK. WANTED - Sound, reliable horse, weight 1200, must be good full particulars, Hills, Rocky Point. 712

WANTED - 30 head of horses for Eastern market, weighing from 1,200 to 1,600 lbs.; also 20 sets of double harness. Will pay spot cash. Box 1811, Times. 712

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT. Notice is hereby given that a Court of Revision for the purpose of hearing complaints against the assessment for 1917, as made by the Assessor, and for revising, equalizing and correcting the Assessment Roll, will be held in the Municipal Hall on Thursday, February 23, 1917, at 10 a. m.

All complaints or objections to the said Assessment Roll must be made in writing and delivered to the Assessor at least ten days before the date of the first sitting of the Court, namely, the 23rd day of February, 1917.

Dated at the Township of Esquimalt this eighteenth day of January, 1917. G. H. PULLEN, C. M. C.

NOTICE. Estate of Charles Henry Norris, Late of Books District, B. C. Deceased. All persons having any claims against the estate of the late Charles Henry Norris, who died on or about the 15th day of August, 1916, and whose will has been proved in the

FIVE BRITISH SHIPS SUNK BY SUBMARINES

Two of Them Small Craft; Story of Sinking of Spyros

London, Feb. 12.—The sinking of the British steamship Netherlee is reported by Lloyds Shipping Agency. The steamship Lycia has been sunk, Lloyds Agency also announces. The crew was saved. Lloyds Agency also announces that the British steamship Voltare, of 409 tons gross, and Olivia, of 241 tons gross, were sunk.

The Netherlee, of 4,227 tons gross, was last reported on her departure from Philadelphia Jan. 21 for Dunkirk, France. The British steamship Lycia was a Cunard vessel of 2,715 tons, built in 1896 at Middleborough. London, Feb. 12.—The British steamship Saltagh has been sunk, Lloyds Shipping Agency announces.

New York, Feb. 12.—A German submarine entered the neutral Spanish harbor of Las Palmas, Canary Islands, on December 8, and sank the Greek steamship Spyros, according to two of her seamen who arrived today on the steamship Morro Castle. The sailors arriving here said the Spyros put into Las Palmas on a voyage from Buenos Ayres, carrying gain for Hull, Eng. The boat entered the harbor, they asserted, and notified the captain to abandon his ship within forty minutes, at the end of which time it would be destroyed, and the threat was fulfilled.

Maritime records told of the Spyros being towed to a Spanish port after being torpedoed. An "Overseas" Statement. Berlin, Feb. 12.—Of seven steamships and three sailing vessels reported sunk by German submarines on February 9, it is said by the Overseas News Agency, two steamships carried metal and three were laden with either corn, nuts or provisions. Two sailing ships carried victuals for England.

Washington, Feb. 12.—It was learned in a dispatch from Consul-General Frost, at London, that the Norwegian S. S. Solbakken, the sinking of which was reported on Saturday, was carrying a cargo of wheat from Buenos Ayres to Cherbourg when torpedoed off Finistère. Two of her crew died, one from cold, and a boat containing the captain and 14 men is missing. The British steamship Saltagh, about which there is doubt of identification, is given as a 325-ton vessel.

COAL SITUATION IN EAST IS SERIOUS

Feared Some Large Industries Will Have to Close Down; Railway Workers Wanted

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—The coal shortage at the Capital and throughout eastern Ontario is becoming more acute every day. It is altogether likely that several of the capital's big industries, including J. R. Booth's big newspaper mill, will have to close down before the end of the week, unless a supply of coal arrives within the next few days. This mill uses 300 tons of coal per day, and its stock is running low. Supplies of coal are now held up somewhere between Ottawa and Buffalo. Sir Henry Drayton, chairman of the railroad board, who has been endeavoring to find a solution of the difficulty, has been receiving scores of telegrams from municipalities and others asking for relief. These telegrams reveal a serious shortage both of soft and hard coal. As announced on Saturday, the services of several hundred ex-railway workers have been requisitioned through the National Service Commission. It is understood that the men who are being asked to help the railroads out include a number of workers in munitions plants, but even this is considered justified because if the supply of coal fails, some munitions plants may have to close down. The seriousness of zero weather has added materially to the difficulties of the situation. Sir Henry Drayton has gone to Toronto to see if anything further can be done to relieve the congestion in that district where it is realized that it is particularly acute.

HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE IN MINNEAPOLIS FIRE

Minneapolis, Feb. 12.—At least 12 persons are missing and are believed to have lost their lives in the fire which destroyed the Kenwood hotel, Twelfth street and Hennepin avenue, shortly after midnight, according to police estimates this morning. In addition to the known missing, there are 11 others unaccounted for who may be in the ruins, according to E. N. Stalker, proprietor of the place. One person is known to be dead. Mrs. Lucille Squire suffered a fractured skull when she leaped from a third-story window. She died shortly afterward at the city hospital. Officials believe that many persons were precipitated into the basement by crumbling floors and were buried in the debris. A thick layer of ice now covers the ruins, hampering the work of search for victims.

SIGHTED MYSTERIOUS CRAFT IN ATLANTIC

Those on Kroonland Saw Steamship and What They Thought Submarine

New York, Feb. 12.—Two mysterious vessels, one said to be a submarine, the other having every appearance of being a German Raider of submarine supply ship, were sighted in mid-ocean on Monday, Feb. 5, by officers and passengers of the American Line steamship Kroonland, which arrived here yesterday from Liverpool. A local Associated Press dispatch sent out from here, it adds: "On Feb. 5, one day out from Liverpool, those on board declared they had witnessed the destruction of a Dutch freighter by shell fire from a submarine. The Kroonland then was about 11 miles off the Irish coast and opposite the Fastnet light. Captain Barman, master of the Kroonland, says he was getting ready to go to the rescue of the crew when he saw that the submarine had in tow the one lifeboat in which the crew had taken refuge. A Submarine. "It was at 7:55 a. m. on Feb. 5 that officers of the Kroonland sighted, several miles off the Kroonland's port bow, what they declared was a submarine. All they could see was the conning tower, looking like a funnel of a steamship partly submerged. The craft approached within a couple of miles, remained in sight for about 15 minutes and then disappeared. "Two hours later, the officers added, a one-funnelled ship, painted black or some dark color, appeared. For some time the mysterious stranger kept a course parallel to that of the Kroonland, then veered sharply, swung in a circle away from the American liner and disappeared."

Starvation Becoming General in Constantinople; Russia's Relentless Blockade

Amsterdam, Feb. 12.—A neutral, long a resident in Constantinople, who has just arrived at The Hague, declares, according to the Telegram, that a state of slaughter prevails in eastern Europe and peace is eagerly desired in Constantinople. Russia's power, after the taking of Trebizond, asserted itself in a blockade on the Black Sea, and the population of Constantinople is without coal, what exists has been appropriated by the munitions factories, electrical works, the railways and the navy. If the coal famine becomes complete, darkness will prevail. The Russians have destroyed the Turkish fleet, and the merchant fleet is not worth anything. The Bosphorus is wholly shut off and engineers have not been able to repair the Goeben. She is still in dock. Some Turkish torpedo boats and submarines are still in existence despite the Russian shells. The Breslau is still afloat, as she is so swift that she always escaped the Russians. Only four ships of the Turkish merchant fleet remain. Besides the few ships now seen, in Istanbul lies the Turkish warship sunk by a submarine in broad daylight. The Turkish guns replied, but instead of hitting the submarine, they destroyed a couple of houses and two or three ships.

MORE MEN; GREATER SUPPLIES FOR FIELD

Bonar Law Tells Commons of Great Britain's Fine Position

London, Feb. 12.—"We have a superiority over the enemy, not only in men, but in equipment," said Rt. Hon. Andrew Bonar Law in the Commons this afternoon. He asserted that the increase in the production of munitions was going on all the time, being as marked now as at any previous period. The smallest increase in any kind of shell, as compared with the average of the first year of war, was 25 times that output. In making advances to her allies, the chancellor continued, Great Britain considered one thing only—whether it would be in the general interest. He emphasized the importance of co-ordination in every field, and said the conference at Rome had resulted in a decision in regard to the policy to be adopted toward Greece, which policy now was being followed. Mr. McKenna said that never had such a large credit been asked at the beginning of a session, and that the government must either be intending to prevent parliament from reviewing the expenditures during the coming months, or else the money thus provided should tide the country over a possible parliamentary recess or election. Mr. Law said the question of a general election had never entered his mind.

JAPAN APPROVES CHINA'S ATTITUDE

Refusal to Acquiesce in Savagery at Sea is Right Course

Tokyo, Feb. 12.—Viscount Motono, Japanese minister of foreign affairs, at a conference with the Chinese minister yesterday, approved the attitude of China towards Germany as it has been expressed in China's reply to the German note on unrestricted submarine warfare, according to the newspapers today. The approval, it is said, is on the ground that the position taken by China will aid in uprooting German influence in the Far East and be to the benefit of the entente.

LEFT GRAUDENZ

Berlin, Feb. 12.—The American Red Cross contingent of three surgeons and three nurses which have been on duty at the hospital in Graudenz, Prussia, for the past two months, received an order from the American ambassador at Berlin to leave Graudenz and departed immediately, says an Overseas News Agency statement today. TO MARRY IN ENGLAND. London, Feb. 12.—The marriage of C. W. Troben, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, to Marjorie, daughter of F. Burpee, of Vancouver, has been fixed for February 14 at Weybridge. Mexican Ambassador. Washington, Feb. 12.—Ignacio Bonillas, one of General Carranza's representatives on the Mexican-American joint commission, has been named ambassador from Mexico to the United States.



The Band of Hope had their school treat today.

SERIOUS CONDITIONS NOW RIFE IN TURKEY

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BERLIN PAPER TAKES A DIG AT GERARD

Lokal Anzeiger Makes Comments After Former Ambassador's Departure

Berlin, Feb. 12.—The Berlin press is confining itself to the most perfunctory references to the departure of former American Ambassador Gerard and the American Embassy staff. The Lokal Anzeiger, the only newspaper printing editorial comment, says: "It can hardly be said that in the person of the representative of the United States, who left yesterday, a popular figure disappears from Berlin. Assertion that he was a pronounced opponent of Germany is stretching the case a bit, yet he surely was no friend of Germany, and it may be calmly set down that the relations of the United States and Germany would have reached a far less deplorable stage if the great trans-Atlantic republic had been represented in Berlin in the person of a man who possessed a greater appreciation of the difficulties and peculiarities of our position, and he further had been inclined to keep his government quietly informed with respect to the campaign of lies and vilifications to which we are daily exposed. "If on the whole Mr. Gerard was no outspoken friend of Germany, he was equally disinclined to share the blind admiration for England and everything English with which his countrymen seem obsessed. From the beginning of the war he expressed his inability to see how the entente could ever be victorious over the central powers, and this opinion he never surrendered. The following American correspondents have remained in Berlin: James O'Donnell Bennett, Cyril Brown, Wm. Bayard Hale, Oswald F. Schuette and Mr. Anders.

AMERICAN HOUSE CONSIDERS DEFENCES

Discusses Amendment of the Naval Bill Made Necessary by Situation

Washington, Feb. 12.—By a vote of 281 to 19 the House today permitted consideration of an amendment to the naval bill to include \$1,000,000 to buy basic patents on aeroplanes for the government, and also to empower the government, if needed, to take over private shops and munitions plants. By ordinary rule such legislation is barred from appropriation bills. An amendment to increase the number of submarines from 18 to 50 was rejected, as was an amendment to substitute for the bill the general board's programme of two cattle cruisers, four battleships, four scout cruisers, twenty destroyers, one destroyer tender, one submarine tender, eighteen coast submarines and nine fleet submarines. An amendment to provide for one battleship only, instead of the three in the bill, and thirty submarines, instead of eighteen, also was rejected.

GIDEON ROCHON, M. P., SUCCUMBED YESTERDAY

Montreal, Feb. 12.—Gideon Rochon, M. P. for Terrebonne, Conservative, died in St. Jerome, Quebec, yesterday.

WISHES TO IMPEACH U. S. RESERVE BOARD

Washington, Feb. 12.—Rep. Lindberg, of Minnesota, Republican, in the House today read articles of impeachment of all five members of the Federal Reserve Board, whom he charged with conspiring with financial interests to manipulate credits. The articles were referred to the judiciary committee, as is the custom, without debate.

URGING REFERENDUM BEFORE DECLARATION

Washington, Feb. 12.—The Emergency Peace Federation, at a meeting here today, pledged itself in favor of measures pending in congress to provide for a popular referendum before declaring war.

COLD AT DETROIT

Detroit, Feb. 12.—The coldest weather in years and the worst shortage in coal of the winter resulted in much suffering here today. Twelve degrees below zero was officially recorded in the heart of the city this afternoon.

BERLIN EXPECTS WAR WITH STATES

Little Expectation Exists Outbreak of Hostilities Can Be Avoided

Copenhagen, Feb. 11.—Via London, Feb. 12.—Little hope or expectation prevails in Berlin that war with the United States is avoidable or that a modus vivendi reconciling the policies of the two governments can be found. There is now a desire on the part of the German authorities and the vast bulk of the German people to avoid actual hostilities in any way consistent with the general lines of the present submarine policy, but only in such a way. Accordingly, instructions were given, so the Associated Press has been reliably informed, to the German submarine commanders before they started on their mission on February 1, to take the safe side when neutral vessels, particularly American, were in question whenever possible. Enemy merchantmen, when recognized as such, were ordered to be sunk at sight, but neutral merchantmen were to be warned when such action, in the commanders' judgment, was consistent with the object of the campaign and the safety of their own craft. Only Delay. It was realized, however, after the prompt and resolute stand taken by President Wilson, that these orders could only be palliative and only defer, not avoid, an ultimate break. Also, that if President Wilson stood by his announcement that the destruction of American lives or ships would be regarded as an act of hostility a causal belli must come sooner or later—probably very soon on account of the number of Americans on enemy ships. Moreover, there was the discretionary nature of the instructions to the submarine commanders, who were informed that, while the careful course toward neutrals was recommended and desired they would no longer be subjected to punishment for departing from their former procedure of warning, if they found this advisable. It is considered now that only possibility of the avoidance of hostilities would result from a modification of its standpoint by one or the other side, and so far as could be judged from the positive declarations of Alfred Zimmermann, the German minister of foreign affairs, and other officials before the Associated Press correspondent's departure from Berlin, there was no probability that Germany would give way this time or abandon the ruthless campaign now started. Rigid Censorship. From a neutral cable office it now is possible to tell the story of the development of the present crisis on which the most rigid censorship has been applied in Germany. To the observer in Berlin, the approach of the crisis had been plainly and distinctly evident since the rejection of Germany's peace overtures. Information as to Germany's definite decision to start a sharpened submarine war and even the form it would take, namely, an effort to blockade specified regions (though the idea of a "prohibited zone" was substituted later for that of a "blockade" at the request of the naval authorities, who anticipated possible formal objections under the blockade regulations) was received by the Associated Press almost on the morning of Ambassador Gerard's speech on German-American good relations, delivered at the banquet of the American Association of Commerce and Trade early in January. A week later it was stated that a complete decision in the situation had not been reached and the campaign would not be launched until after further consultations with Germany's allies and the receipt of certain information from Count von Bernstorff and Count Tarnowski of Tarnow, respectively German and Austro-Hungarian ambassadors to the United States, on their conception of armed merchantmen and their liability to attack as warships.

CLAIM MADE ABOUT GERMAN WAR LOAN

Amsterdam, Feb. 12.—A telegram received today from Berlin says the payments to the fifth German war loan have brought the total payments on the five war loans to \$7,500,000,000 marks. Of this sum \$29,000,000 marks was subscribed through loan banks.

HONOR LINCOLN'S MEMORY

Washington, Feb. 12.—The national celebration of Abraham Lincoln's birthday anniversary. Appropriate exercises were held in congress and the public schools and at patriotic gatherings. F. L. Maynes, 1125 Government St. The store for reliable watch and jewelry repairs.

SHOULD PRACTICE AS WELL AS PREACH

From the Edmonton Bulletin. The influence of preaching depends largely upon whether it is backed up by practice. The Canadian public are being urged daily by their government to do without things they would like to eat or wear or use, and to lend the money to the government to help carry on the war. When the country's financial situation is thus officially declared to impose the duty of economy in this personal way upon the citizen and his family it cannot but be supposed that the individual will want to know how far the government is living up to the preaching it demands that he shall accept. And he is very likely to interpret the "thrift" admonitions in the light of the government's conduct and to take the advice offered him no more seriously than it seems to be taken by those who offer it. To the man who is sincerely disposed to heed the demand that he "save" at the expense of his own comfort and that of his family in order to help the country through the war it is not by any means encouraging to note that the ministers who are so assiduously calling upon him to save are not illustrating their precept by practice. So far as the public are aware, Ross rifles are still being turned out, and served out to Canadian soldiers en route overseas, only to be discarded in England. The expensive Oliver equipment is likewise understood to be still issued in Canada and as regularly "scrapped" in England. A few days ago came the news that the government had duplicated the waste of last year, when they exhibited Senator Forget from the financial slough, by buying a local railway in New Brunswick, for which there is no public necessity. Can it be supposed that while the government continues to shovel out money in this way by millions of dollars that the individual citizen is going to take seriously the government's claim that it is his duty to deny himself and his family even things ordinarily considered necessary in order to lend money to the country? The idea is preposterous. He simply will not do it. There is need in Canada of quite as energetic "thrift" campaign as Sir Thomas White is trying to promote—desperate need of it for social as well as national reasons. But it will never get anywhere until the government leads the way.

HAD PLANNED TO DESTROY VESSELS

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At 3 o'clock this afternoon there was opened in the Congregational church, Quadra street, the interesting "Child Welfare" exhibit which has been ushered into the city under the auspices of such outstanding bodies as the Social Service Commission, City Council, the Medical Association, the Local Council of Women, the Board of Health, the Board of School Trustees and the various churches of the city.

The programme remains practically an original announcement, with the exception that Miss Bell, not Mrs. Hamilton, is speaking this afternoon on "The Little Mothers' League."

The programme for this afternoon is as follows: 7:30 to 8 p. m.—Demonstrations in domestic science and manual training.

8 to 9:30 p. m.—Address, "Importance of Pure Milk Supply," Dr. C. D. Holmes, medical health officer for Saanich; solo, Mrs. (Dr.) Gill; "Care of Delinquent Children," illustrated with lantern slides, Rev. Hugh Dobson, Western secretary of the Board of Social Service of the Methodist Church.

Tuesday afternoon—Chairman, Alderman Alex. Peden, chairman of the Victoria Board of Health.

10 a. m. to 10 p. m.—Exhibit. 2 to 3 p. m.—"Baby Clinics," "Care of the Child's Teeth," Dr. A. H. Tannar; demonstrations in domestic science and manual training.

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DEPUTATION OF WOMEN Executive Will Hear Requests for Early Opportunity to Exercise Franchise.

To-morrow afternoon the provincial executive will meet a deputation of women who desire to be heard in regard to an early opportunity of exercising the franchise which will be theirs in a few weeks.

It is understood that the deputation represents women's associations and organizations of Victoria, Vancouver, Nanaimo and the ridings of Newcastle and Alberni, where bye-elections are pending.

The deputation will be received by the ministers at half-past three o'clock.

Larry Boyle was one of the substantial men of a thriving Western town. "I hear you boys are going on a hike," he said one day to a soldier. "When you come to Snake river take a good look; it is full of undercurrents and eddies. I am the only living man who ever swam that river."

Some days later the men crossed the river on a cable ferry, and the ferryman casually inquired of a waiting soldier: "You don't happen to know a man down your country by the name of Larry Boyle, do you? They tell me he's got rich."

"Yes," said the soldier, "I was talking to him the other day. He told me he swam Snake river once." "That's right," said the ferryman. "He sure did, but we was all shooting at him."

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WOULD ENCOURAGE PROSPECTORS' EFFORTS

Committee of Victoria and Island Development Association Makes Suggestions

Following up the representations made by the iron and steel committee of the Victoria and Island Development Association to the executive council to facilitate the development of the magnetite deposits of southern Vancouver Island, the committee met this morning.

The committee will ask the government to supply some authoritative information as to the deposits, by diamond drilling of showings, etc., so that definite information on ore body quantities may be available, and that not only should the result of assays be provided to prospectors as quickly as possible, but that the cost of assays should be reduced to place within the disposal of the prospector of limited means the opportunity to have a number of assays made, when the ore requires a variety of samples to be examined.

A letter embodying these suggestions will be forwarded by Commissioner Cuthbert to the government, and the hope will be expressed that it may be possible to give an early opinion on the questions raised by the recent deputation.

Those attending the meeting were ex-Alderman Porter, chairman; Col. the Hon. E. G. Prior, Messrs. Clark, H. W. E. Canavan, C. B. Jones and H. E. A. Courtney.

LARGE SUBSCRIPTION.

Canadian Explosives, Ltd., and Chemical Company Give \$10,000 to Patriotic Fund.

The Victoria Patriotic Aid Society is still busy collecting toward the \$200,000 campaign fund which was inaugurated last December at the instigation of Sir Herbert Ames for the purpose of keeping up finances sufficient to meet the ever-growing demands. Good news has come to hand.

Mr. Moore (of the Canadian Explosives, Limited) and the Victoria Chemical Co. advised the Victoria Patriotic Aid Society that the Canadian Explosives, Limited, have decided to subscribe \$10,000 to the Canadian Patriotic Fund to be allotted in the west, and the Victoria Chemical Co. the sum of \$5,000. Victoria will receive \$2,500 of the amount subscribed by the Canadian Explosives, Limited, and the \$5,000 of the Victoria Chemical Co.

NEW DEAN COMING

Rev. C. S. Quainton Will Arrive Here on Monday; Induction Takes Place Tuesday.

Rev. C. S. Quainton is to arrive here next Monday from the prairies, and will be inducted on Tuesday evening as Dean of the Diocese of Columbia and rector of Christ Church. After the induction there will be a reception at Christ Church schoolroom, when members of the church and congregation will have an opportunity of extending a personal welcome to their new dean. Bishop and Mrs. Schofield are removing this week from Christ Church rectory to Bishop's Close, and Mr. Quainton and his family will take up their residence in the former place within a very few days.

HELD CONFIRMATION

Six Candidates in Class Held Yesterday at St. Saviour's Church.

The Bishop of Columbia held a confirmation class at St. Saviour's church yesterday morning in connection with the 11 o'clock services. There were six candidates, three boys and three girls.

APPEAL ALLOWED

Knotty Point Disposed of Under the Homestead Act Regarding Seizure.

In the case of Keena vs. Hanover, Judge Lampman granted an appeal in his written judgment handed down on Saturday last. On his goods being seized, an auto in this case, under an execution the defendant by his solicitor made a claim to the sheriff for exemption under the Homestead Act. The claim was disallowed, and the defendant appealed, when counsel for the sheriff contended that a claim for exemption could not be made by a solicitor or agent, but must be made personally. On which his honor opines "Because by virtue of the interpretation section the personal representative may make the claim in case the debtor is dead, or any member of his household in case he is absent, it does not follow that in case he is neither absent nor dead he may appoint someone to act for him. What would happen if he were too ill to act himself? To give the statute the effect contended for he must then lose his stuff. The appeal is allowed."

PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Coming Session Will See Few Bills Asked for by Private Interests.

There will be very little private legislation this session, so far as can be seen. The only bills of which notice has been given is the annual one to amend the Vancouver city charter and one for the incorporation of Port Mann as a city. The latter, however, has been abandoned.

There are a couple of bills heard of but they will be late, if proceeded with at all, and to secure consideration double fees will have to be paid. The rules of the House are well-known but there is always the same delay on the part of those desiring private legislation session after session.

This year there is less excuse than ever since the session was first called for January 18 and the time limit for commencing advertisement of the fact of intention to apply for a bill had expired before the postponement to Feb. 22 had been decided upon.

FRUITGROWERS WILL CONVENE TO-MORROW

Many Leading Horticulturists of Province Have Arrived for Annual Gathering.

A number of leading horticulturists have arrived in the city for the annual gathering of the B. C. Fruitgrowers' Association, the twenty-seventh to be held by the organization. A directors' meeting is in progress to-day, and will be followed by the convention on Tuesday and Wednesday, commencing at 10 o'clock to-morrow.

The executive officers are: Thomas Abriel, Nakusp, president; R. M. Palmer, Cowichan, vice-president; James Rooke, Grand Forks; George Heggie, Vernon; J. E. Reekie, Kelowna; and C. E. Barnes, Walthachin; with the provincial horticulturalist, R. M. Winslow, as secretary.

The directors, according to the divisions, are as follows: Victoria, W. F. Summers, Gordon Head; Duncan-Nanaimo, R. M. Palmer, Cowichan; Gulf Island, F. Robson, Mayne Island; Lower Mainland (south of Fraser), Geo. I. Thornton, Sardis; Lower Mainland (north of Fraser), Mission and East, J. H. Lawrence, Hastele; Lower Mainland (North of Fraser, West of Mission), J. C. Metcalfe, Hammond; Lytton to Kamloops (including Lillooet), C. E. Barnes, Walthachin; Salmon Arm, Armstrong, W. E. Chapple, Armstrong; Vernon, North, Geo. Heggie, Vernon; South, A. T. Howe, Vernon; Kelowna, North, J. E. Reekie, Kelowna; Kelowna, South, L. E. Taylor, Kelowna; Peachland-Westbank, Thos. Powell, Peachland; Summerland, R. V. Agur, west Summerland; Penticton, E. W. Match, Penticton; Similkameen, J. J. Armstrong, Keremeos; Kettle river, J. Rooke, Grand Forks; Arrow and Siocan Lakes, Thos. Abriel, Nakusp; Nelson and Lower Kootenay, Jas. Johnstone, Nelson; Kaslo and Upper Kootenay, J. H. Hoyle, Queen's Bay, and Creston and East Kootenay, Jas. Coupland, Boswell.

The principal visitors are Frederick MacKenzie, secretary of the Canadian Council of Agriculture, Winnipeg, and Vice-President Trego, of the United Farmers of Alberta, who is taking the place of President H. W. Wood, detailed in Saskatchewan on another convention. Both gentlemen are scheduled to speak to-morrow evening.

The premier and minister of agriculture will extend formal welcomes, and to-morrow afternoon W. E. Scott, deputy minister of agriculture, will give an address.

At the morning session the president will deliver his address, reports from the secretary and executive committee will be laid before the members, and the committee which has been working on the question of the standardization of packages will submit a report. In the afternoon matters of marketing and advertising will be considered, commencing with reports from R. C. Abbott, the coast markets commissioner, and W. E. McTaggart, the prairie markets commissioner.

During Wednesday forenoon there will be a discussion of the reports presented at the opening of the convention and on fruit inspection standards, the latter being led by R. G. L. Clarke, chief inspector for the prairie province. In the afternoon directors for 1917 will be elected, and the report of the resolution committee considered. This committee consists of J. C. Metcalfe, chairman; Dr. H. T. Rutherford, W. E. Chapple, James Johnstone and R. V. Agur.

VICTORIA BOYS COME BACK FROM FRANCE

Ptes. Dodd, Bartlett and J. R. Kingham Arrive This Afternoon

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It was stated some time ago, in view of the fact that the 231st Battalion Seaforth Highlanders were recruited over seven hundred strong, that they would go overseas as a battalion. As an indication of early departure, Lieut.-Colonel Leach, the officer commanding the battalion, together with his officers, announced that they will be at home to their friends for the last time on Wednesday next at Hastings Park. That the Kitties will be soon following Colonel Powley's men on their long journey overseas seems certain.

WOUNDED IN ACTION

Alexander Lanchick is Wounded; Saw Service in Russo-Japanese War.

Pte. Alexander Lanchick, whose name appears in to-day's casualty list, is a son of Mrs. Lanchick, who resides at Douglas and Roderick streets. Pte. Lanchick is a native of Russia, where he was born 38 years ago. He came to Canada with his people in 1908, and for a considerable length of time was in the employ of the Canadian-Puget Sound Lumber Company. He enlisted with the 163rd Battalion on December 14, 1915, and left with that unit for overseas. After being in England for a month and a half he went to France with a draft of the 29th trenchers, and while fighting in the trenches he received a wound in the foot.

Besides his mother he has a brother, Peter Lanchick, of the 56th Gordons, of this city. Both men have seen service in the Russo-Japanese war.

COUNCIL MEETS THURSDAY

Executive of Board of Trade to Discuss Soldiers' Employment Question.

The major part of the time at the regular meeting of the Victoria Board of Trade on Thursday last was occupied in the discussion of plans for the solution of the returned soldiers' employment problem. It was decided that the council, with powers to add to their number, should meet subsequently and go into the matter with a view to giving their assistance, primarily to the local committee handling the matter, in the absence of proper legislation in this regard. The council have decided to meet with their colleagues on the afternoon of Thursday this week at 3 o'clock for the purpose, the result of which deliberations will be made known in due course. At the meeting on Thursday last Colonel Prior cited the fact that "the most practical scheme so far advanced was that of J. S. Denis, of the C. P. R., full details of which have already been published."

COURTESY RETURNED

Administrator and Premier Make Calls Upon Admiral and Officers of Japanese Navy.

This forenoon his honor the administrator of the province, Hon. J. A. Macdonald, chief justice of the court of appeal, returned the call of courtesy made upon him on Saturday by Rear-Admiral Isam Takeshita and officers of the Second Division, Imperial Japanese Navy.

His honor was accompanied by the private secretary to his honor the lieutenant-governor, H. J. Muskett. He was received with the usual salute to a representative of the sovereign.

Hon. H. C. Brewster, prime minister of the province, this afternoon paid an official call upon the rear-admiral and officers, returning the call made upon him by the rear-admiral and suite on Saturday.

SUPREME COURT

Grant Smith, President of the Contracting Company, to Take Stand To-day.

This morning's proceedings in the Supreme court before Mr. Justice Macdonald in the case of Grant Smith & Co. versus The Kettle-Valley Railway Company, were taken up mainly with the conclusion of the putting in of documentary evidence bearing on the case. At this afternoon's sitting it is expected that Grant Smith will take the witness stand on his first examination.

THEY WERE RUNDOWN

How often we hear it said of a man or woman that "they were rundown in health" which accounts for their present sickness. For that reason it is important that when you find you are really, when your nerves are troublesome or your work is irksome, you should strengthen your system immediately with the blood-enriching, tissue-building food in Scott's Emulsion which contains the purest cod liver oil and is free from harmful drugs.

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Firemen's Uniforms Wanted

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President of B. C. Fruitgrowers' Assn. Speaks of Changed Sentiment on Prairies

"The most noteworthy feature of my year in office as president has been the endeavor, and I believe a successful one, to make the prairie farmers understand the position of the British Columbia fruitgrower," said Thomas Abriel, head of the organization whose directors' meeting is taking place to-day in Victoria. The annual convention will occupy to-morrow and Wednesday.

Mr. Abriel pointed out that the fruitgrowers faced a hostile feeling in the western prairies after the imposition of the duty, resolutions which would have led to a boycott of B. C. fruit by making the request to members to favor fruit from other sections of the continent. By personal work and explanations to the farmers' unions and similar bodies it had been shown to them that there was a considerable dissimilarity between the marketing of grain and fruit. He pointed out that wheat would not suffer from holding back, whereas ripe fruit must be sold or else return to earth. He had also emphasized the position of the United States as a fruitgrowing country, since a wide range of temperature enabled various sections to grow all kinds of fruit, as a consequence of which the production of apples greatly exceeded the capacity of the market. Hence the American growers found themselves with an abundance of fruit at the termination of the season, and dumping commenced in order to get rid of the boxes at the cost of picking and packing, a competition which had cut seriously into the market for B. C. fruit in the prairie cities.

In regard to the soft fruits, in which Vancouver Island shippers are greatly interested, Mr. Abriel explained that the association was working hard to restore the former privilege of unloading cars in transit, which had enabled the shippers to distribute on route in places where the market would only absorb part of the carload, but which privilege was cut off last year. "We have," he said, "to sell fruit on the prairie at such a price as will encourage the consumer to buy. If the shipping cost is so great as to raise the price of a perishable commodity above a certain level it becomes prohibitive to the purchaser and business ceases. We are as anxious to improve the position of the soft fruit grower as of those cultivating the other varieties."

AWAITING STEAMER

New York Lawyer and Party Here to Make Tour in South Pacific.

Awaiting the departure of the Niagara this week, Mr. and Mrs. Luis James Phelps, with Miss Phelps, are registered at the Empress hotel. Mr. Phelps is a well-known New York lawyer who was induced by the representations of a New York man with business connections here to spend a few days in the city, before he leaves on a South Pacific tour. He plans to visit the Fiji and Samoan groups, and will probably return by way of San Francisco.

Mr. Phelps says there is a good deal of eastern capital for investment in Canada, for honest enterprises, but with the present state of international politics very little will move outside the United States. There is considerable interest taken in the Pacific northwest, and the development of its natural resources.

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GREATER INTEREST IN WEST COAST IS URGED

Prospector Would Have the Grantees of Crown Holdings Improve Claims

An enthusiast for the mining development of the west coast of Vancouver Island is Thomas Rowley, of Port Alberni, who has been prospecting and mining up and down that section for the past thirty years. Mr. Rowley has been in the city for some days, and in view of the activity on the west coast with various mining propositions the Times sought his opinion on the subject.

"I believe," he said, "there is as good copper, silver and gold between Quatsino and San Juan as in any other part of the coast. The surface showings are excellent, but owing to the dense vegetation which covers so much of the island, beyond the coast line, it is not fully known what mineral possibilities the island possesses. I have conducted geologists of the federal department into the interior, and they have been surprised at the promise of the rock formations, although until logging has done something to clear the virgin forest, exploration of the interior is exceedingly difficult. The removal of the bush would result in the agriculturalist having an opportunity to get in, and wherever there is a mining community, it helps the agriculturist in giving him a market for his produce, so that the progress of these three industries on the coast co-relate, and co-operate with the development of the whole island."

"Those of us who know so many crown-granted properties on the shores of the inlets which have been abandoned after work has been done upon them, and are lying idle, think some amendment of the regulations should be made to compel the surrender of properties which are giving no value at present, or else they should be operated. Locations back in from the waterfront become an expensive proposition to operate, and development has been held back by the difficulties of transportation."

Mr. Rowley, who has mined from California to Atlin, says that the west coast offers some attractive possibilities for high grade ore "at several points, both in sections prospected over many years ago, and in areas known practically to the Indian only. There are not only metallic ores accessible, but some valuable crystalline limestone, which will be eventually quarried for marble. I claim there are much better deposits than that worked at Nootka, in places where the limestone does not dip, but has a free

workable face, close to tide water," he added.

Mr. Rowley believes that investors have shown greater interest in other mining areas because of more imposing records, and that the west coast will come into its own when one or two valuable bodies of ore have been exploited, and something better than disappointing surface showings have been examined.

INMATES OF GAMING HOUSE ARE FINED

Police Raided Premises Where Game of Chuckaluck Was in Progress

In the police court this morning ten out of the twelve prisoners who were taken to the police quarters on Saturday night on a charge of being inmates of a gaming house, pleaded guilty and were fined \$10 each. Two were Chinamen and these were charged \$2.50 costs as well as the \$10 fine.

The raid took place on Saturday night on premises at the back of 559 Commercial street. The police entered at about 9 o'clock and found the twelve persons who were made prisoners—either engaged or watching a game of chuckaluck which was in progress. The whole of the paraphernalia of the game as well as that of a lottery contest was taken by the police. The sum of \$44.90 was also found on the table and in the drawers nearby.

A Chinaman by the name of Bo, who is accused of being the keeper of the house, pleaded not guilty and his case was remanded till Wednesday morning.

John Roberts was the only other prisoner who pleaded guilty. In stating his case he said that he was only on the premises for a lawful purpose, namely, to collect a bill of \$8 which was owed to him by Duck Yin, a Chinaman.

On being questioned by Prosecutor Harrison, it was learned that the accused had arrived about fifteen minutes before the police and had received his money during the first five minutes that he was in the house. It therefore appeared that there was no excuse for his remaining in the premises for ten minutes after his lawful business was accomplished. He was fined \$10.

The following are the ten who pleaded guilty to the charge: J. C. Curtis, James H. Duffy, James Barber, Tom Beasly, Albert Roberts, Stanley Levy, Lawrence Nelson, Robert Pouth, Sing, and Duck Yin.

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- An attractive model, made of coarse knit, in colors rose, purple, royal, gold and Copen, with collar, cuffs and belt in..... **\$10.75**
- Tomato stripes. Price..... **\$10.75**
- Fine Weave Sweater, large roll collar, cut square style, wide belt, finished buckle. Colors melon, trimmed white, black trimmed white, sky trimmed self. Price..... **\$12.50**
- A stylish Sweater, in fine weave, with full-cut coat, square collar and Raglan sleeves with turn-back cuffs; sash to match. Colors gold, rose, sky and white. Price..... **\$16.50**
- A handsome Coat in plain and fancy weave, cut in full flare style, trimmed with deep sailor collar, cuffs and sash. Colors, emerald, pink, canary and coral, trimmed in contrasting colors. Price..... **\$19.00**
- A new style Sweater-Coat, with large square collar and turn-back cuffs, trimmed with fur. Waist is corded and finished with sash. Price..... **\$22.50**
- This model is made of heavy knit with deep flare collar, deep cuffs and pouch pocket, finished with straps and buttons; sash to match. Colors coral, Nile, orange, amethyst, canary, pink, reseda, black and white. Price..... **\$25.00**

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