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COMPLETE UNITY OF VIEW CERTAIN

Conference at Rome Once More
Established One-ness of
Allies

IMPORTANT RESULTS FLOW FROM GATHERING

French and British Premiers
Objects of Popular
Demonstration

Rome, Jan. 8.—The conference between members of the entente allied governments was brought to a close yesterday afternoon.
It is announced that the conference established once again the complete unity of views of the entente allies on the various questions down for discussion and that the statesmen present will leave Rome with a strong resolution to introduce greater co-ordination in their efforts for the successful issue of the war.
At a luncheon given by Premier Borselli, in honor of the ministers present, cordial speeches were delivered in which the Italian and French premiers expressed absolute confidence in the victory of the entente allied powers.
On leaving, the guests were the objects of an enthusiastic ovation, M. Briand, the French premier, and Right Hon. David Lloyd George, the British prime minister, being cheered again and again.
Prior to the luncheon General Lyautey, the French minister of war, in the name of the French government, pinned the French war cross on the breasts of Lieut.-General Count Cadorna, the Italian chief of staff; General Morone, Italian minister of war, and Admiral Corsi, the Italian minister of marine. The decoration of the Italian war chiefs was greeted with applause.
The Giornale d'Italia publishes the following note:
"The third meeting of the entente allied delegates was held to-day. Yesterday the political and military ministers met first in general session, then separately. To-day, the order was reversed; the military ministers met first, then, toward noon the political and military delegates had a general meeting.
"We are able to affirm that already the results have been very important and favorable, as will be seen when executed. The conference has no fixed period; it will last until the completion of the discussion on the programme."
Among those taking part in the conference, which was held under the presidency of the Italian premier, Signor Borselli, were the British premier and Viscount Milner, the French premier and the French war minister, and General Pallatin, representing Russia.

CASUALTIES OF YEAR AMONG CANADIANS

Nearly Fifty-Four Thousand in
1916; Sixty-Eight Thousand Since War
Began

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—Casualties suffered by the overseas forces at the front, up to December 31, 1916, according to figures compiled by the casualty branch, numbered 68,290.
Of these 10,845 have been killed in action and 48,954 wounded. The missing numbered 2,970, while 4,010 died of wounds, 494 of sickness and 1,108 are put down as "presumed dead." These figures do not include prisoners of war.
Losses up to December 31, 1915, numbered 14,152, so that the casualties for the calendar year 1916 numbered 53,837.

NO PRISON CUT FOR THOMAS KELLY'S HAIR

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 8.—There is much adverse comment heard here on the lenient treatment accorded Thomas Kelly, contractor, serving a three-year term at Stony Mountain penitentiary, by the officials of the institution.
Kelly has had the penitentiary inspector's suite fitted up with easy chairs and other comforts, meals are sent in to him, he has not been embarrassed by the prison hair cut and he wears clothes of tailor cut.
The administration of the institution, although it is the penitentiary to which persons convicted within Manitoba are sent, is in the hands of the federal department of justice.

SWISS WAR LOAN.

Berne, Jan. 8.—The Swiss government has issued a 4 1/2 per cent loan of 100,000,000 francs, 20,000,000 francs of which will be used in repaying the first war loan of five per cent, due on February 24.

SHOULD BE HELP TO THIS PROVINCE

Federal Government Likely to
Assist Refining of
Metals

IMPERIAL NEED MOVING MINISTRY TO ACTION

Inquiries Being Conducted Into
Metaliferous Resources
and Industries

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—It is probable that at the approaching session, Sir Thomas White, minister of finance, will introduce legislation having for its object the refining of lead, copper, zinc and other metals in Canada, so that in war time the empire will not have to depend for these indispensable metals upon foreign sources of supply.
Officers of the department of finance for some time past, under instruction from the minister, have been making close inquiry into the metallic industries of Canada which are vital in the manufacture of munitions and for other war purposes.
The legislation to be enacted will be based upon the information which has been received.

JOHN FINLAYSON IS DEAD AT GREAT AGE

Pioneer Gold-Hunter, Born in
Scotland, Passes
at 105

Wrangell, Alaska, Jan. 7.—John Finlayson, the famous explorer, for whom Finlayson river and Finlayson lake, in Yukon territory, were named, is dead, aged 105 years. His age was well authenticated.
Finlayson was a native of Scotland. He prospected and mined for gold in Oregon and California until he was 95 years old and then went to British Columbia and Yukon territories and explored large areas into which white men had never before penetrated.
He was always a prospector of gold and was one of the first to enter the Stikine and Cassiar countries.
Finlayson was born a few years before the battle of Waterloo but his efforts to obtain the exact date of his birth were frustrated by a fire in Scotland which destroyed records a short time before he communicated with the authorities several years ago.
Finlayson entered the Fraser river country in 1858 and was in Cassiar in 1874, making Wrangell his headquarters for more than forty years. In all the time he lived in Alaska he was identified with the mining industry until his retirement about six years ago. While he never made a big stake, he always had plenty of money for his immediate needs until a short time before his death.
His death records the passing of the oldest man in the north and one of the oldest, if not the oldest, of Pacific coast pioneers.

SINKING OF SPANISH SHIP AROUSES IRE

Madrid, Jan. 7.—Public indignation has been aroused through the publication of a telegram received by the manager of the Cartagena Navigation Company, confirming the report that the steamship San Leandro was torpedoed by a German submarine. The crew has arrived at Hendaya, France, where they made statements before the Spanish consul, in which they said that they were 26 hours in an open boat before reaching the French coast.
The situation at the Canaries is described as grave by the latest dispatches from the islands. Only 233 ships called at Las Palmas in the month of December as against a normal average of 700 for that month.

HAVE MINING INTERESTS.

Montreal, Jan. 7.—The Marquis of Queensbury is at the Windsor hotel here, registered under his family name, Percy Sholto Douglas. Accompanied by H. Stanley Waugh, he is on his way to Alaska. Both men have mining interests in Alaska. They will leave for the West to-morrow.

SOLDIERS INVALIDED.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 8.—A large party of returned officers and soldiers from overseas landed here yesterday and left for their homes by special trains in the afternoon. There were in the party fifteen officers, three nursing sisters, 35 soldiers and 135 invalids. Among the returned officers was Lieut. R. C. Southern, of Vancouver.

CANADIANS FORM USEFUL FORCES

London, Jan. 8.—In connection with the coming-out process now proceeding among the Canadian forces in England, and at the base in France, two battalions of laborers, two railway construction battalions and two forestry battalions, have been formed from among the men graded for permanent base duty.

CUT OUT TRAINS TO HELP FREIGHT

Passenger Schedule Being
Limited on Big Canadian
Lines

MOVING OF MUNITIONS CHIEF END IN VIEW

Toronto, Jan. 8.—Slashing of the passenger train service out of Toronto on a wholesale scale, in order to reduce freight congestion, has been agreed upon at a conference of railway and transportation officials held here.
No less than forty-nine trains, 25 on the C. P. R. and the Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo lines, and 24 on the Grand Trunk, will be discontinued on Sunday next, when the new services on the different lines become effective.
The revised schedules will be tried until April 29. If it be found necessary to restore in the service some of the trains that have been discontinued the railway officials will meet and consider applications.
The reduction of service is confined to west of Brockville and Ottawa, and on the Toronto, Hamilton, London and Parry Sound divisions of the different lines. Another conference is being held to-day at Ottawa, where the railway officials are meeting the railway commission to take into consideration the advisability of reducing the passenger train service in the east. As far as the service of the Toronto-Montreal divisions of the C. P. R. and Grand Trunk remains undisturbed.
Under the new arrangements, upward of 225 employees, embracing 145 engineers and firemen and 78 trainmen, including conductors, will be available for the work of moving munitions and cleaning up the freight and coal collection at different points. Extra motive power will be pressed into service.
The changes so far made do not affect the Canadian-Northwest railways but they are only the precursors of further changes.

IS ABYSS BETWEEN HUN AND HUMANITY

Maeterlinck Declares They
Should Be Made to Feel
This Truth

Paris, Jan. 8.—President Poincare and King Albert of Belgium were represented at a large meeting yesterday organized to protest against the deportation of Belgian and French civilians.
Maurice Maeterlinck, the writer, and the Belgian minister of munitions, Emile Vandervelde, spoke. M. Maeterlinck referred to the appeal of the Belgian workers to the civilized world as an authentic document and one of the most heartrending cases of distress ever sounded on earth.
Concluding, he said the neutrals alone could prevent or punish certain crimes, against which, as they were beyond the reach of Belgian arms, the Belgians could do nothing.
"It is time," he said, "that the Germans be made to feel there is an abyss between them and humanity which can not be crossed except after long years of penitence, suffering and humiliation."
M. Vandervelde quoted from the workers' manifesto as follows: "Whatever be our tortures we want peace only with the independence of our country and the triumph of justice."
"It is their last word," said the minister, "and we would be unworthy of them, if it were not also ours."

CLAIMS AGENT DEAD.

Montreal, Jan. 7.—Charles H. Baillie, for the past 15 months C. P. R. claims agent at Calgary, died on Saturday at the home of his brother-in-law. He was born in Montreal 52 years ago. His widow and four sisters survive.

NEW MINISTER



HON. ALBERT SEIGNY
Speaker of the House of Commons,
who is taken into the Borden ministry
as minister of inland revenue.

SPEAKER SEIGNY GOES INTO CABINET

General Shuffle of Portfolios
Among French Ministers
From Quebec

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—Hon. Albert Seigny, Speaker of the House of Commons, was sworn in as a member of the Canadian government at noon to-day by the governor-general, the Duke of Devonshire. He fills the vacancy in the cabinet created by the death of Postmaster General Casgrain.
The accession of Mr. Seigny to the government is marked by a shifting of portfolios among the French ministers. Hon. P. E. Blondin has been moved from the state department and becomes postmaster general; Hon. E. L. Patenaude is moved from inland revenue and made secretary of state, and Hon. Mr. Seigny becomes minister of inland revenue.

The by-election necessitated by Mr. Seigny's elevation to ministerial rank will be held on January 37. He will offer for re-election in his present riding, Dorchester, Quebec.
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FRENCH REPULSE GERMAN ATTACKS

Air Squadrons Active Against
Enemy at Many
Points

HUN SURPRISE WAS AN UTTER FAILURE

Paris, Jan. 7.—German attacks against the French lines on the right bank of the river Meuse, in the Verdun sector, and near Vaux les Palenieux, in the Vosges mountains, were repulsed last night, according to the official statement issued this afternoon by the war department. West of the river Meuse skirmishing and hand grenade encounters took place. The official statement reads:
"To the west of the river Meuse there have been skirmishes and encounters with hand grenades in the Fille Morte sector and around Hill 304. Our artillery has bombarded actively the northern slope of Hill 2085, the Fort Chauvauche and also other German organizations in the region of Le Mort Homme."
"East of the Meuse a surprise attack of the enemy, supported by a spirited bombardment, resulted in a complete failure at a point to the east of Vaux les Palenieux."
"In the Vosges, at a point to the west of Sainte Marie Hill, an enemy attack was checked by our fire."
"The night passed quietly on the remainder of the fronting and hand grenades were used in the morning."
"During the day of January 4, Sub-Lieut. Delorme attacked a German aeroplane with machine gun at close range. The enemy machine, badly damaged, was compelled to land within our lines near Auve. The aviators were taken prisoners. This is the 25th machine brought down by this pilot."
"During the night of January 6-7, one of our air squadrons bombarded the aviation fields at Hancourt and Matigny, the railroad station at Cartigny, barracks of the enemy in Alancourt wood and trenches and storehouses at Hies."

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CONSCRIPTION NOT WISE TO-DAY

Hon. Martin Burrell Speaker in
Montreal Last
Evening

WOULD NOT OPPOSE IT TO DEFEND LIBERTIES

National Service Approved by
French-Canadian Hierarchy;
Cards Coming In

Montreal, Jan. 8.—"I do not think that conscription would be a wise or proper thing to put into effect in Canada to-day," said Hon. Martin Burrell, minister of agriculture, in an address at St. James Methodist church last evening in connection with an appeal on behalf of national service.
The minister added, however, that he would not oppose conscription if it were found that this was the only way to preserve the country's liberties. Hearty applause followed this latter remark.
Mr. Burrell said Canada had not risen to her full obligation, and he attributed this to a large extent to the mixed population.
He intimated that the government would look after those people in this country who are making large fortunes out of the war. He emphasized the need for every man and woman doing all possible to help win the war.
In all Protestant churches of the city this was khaki Sunday. Sir Robert Borden's appeal of January 2 to all Canadians to do all possible to assist the British empire and the allies was read from the pulpits.

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Holy Land May Figure As One of the Theatres of the Great European War

British Forces Appear to Be Preparing For
a Drive Through Palestine to Effect a
Junction With the Russian Army Which
Has Moved South From Caucasus.

New York, Jan. 8.—The Holy Land may be the next important theatre of war. Official dispatches received here indicate that the British forces in the Suez region are preparing for a drive through Palestine.

The object of this move undoubtedly is to join the Russian army that has moved south from the Caucasus cutting the Bagdad railway and ending Germany's dream of an eastern empire.

The New York Tribune is not permitted to reveal the nature of the dispatches which convey this information, but the conclusion drawn from this are amply supported by the facts of the present military situation of the belligerents, the Russian offensive in Asia Minor last spring which took Trebizond, Erzingjan and Mush has been halted far short of its goal.

The British campaign from the Persian Gulf up the Tigris-Euphrates valley ended in disaster at Kut-el-Amara; but the British forces at Suez recently captured El Arish, 75 miles east of Suez and have pushed on beyond there, how far is not known. The British are to-day farther east of Suez than at any time since war broke out.

The czar's army in the Tigris valley has been reinforced, and the Tigris army has been reorganized, and is pushing up the valley. Everything points to excellent chances of success if a combined effort from three directions is made against the Turks.

The Turkish censorship has closed down tightly on all news from Palestine, particularly from the Lebanon district, where it is evident preparations are being made to resist such a move. Djemil Pasha, direct in Turkey in Asia, has cut himself free of control of the central government at Constantinople, according to official information. This action, it is understood, was taken with the consent of Enver Pasha and Talaat Bey, who reserved to themselves the direction of affairs west of the straits. It is believed, on excellent grounds, that there is not the most perfect harmony between the government of two divisions.

Part of the trouble that the United States government has had with Turkey has been due to this division of authority. It has been found impossible to get relief for Americans in Smyrna through the central government. At Constantinople the American ambassador has been told that he must apply to Djemil Pasha direct. In spite of the fact that this condition has produced great irritation between

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PRISONERS TAKEN IN SUCCESSFUL RAIDS

British Troops Are Particularly
Active Against Common Foe

London, Jan. 8.—The British official communication last night says: "In the capture of the two hostile posts near Beaumont-Hamel, reported yesterday, 56 prisoners were taken. The enemy attacked these posts this morning after heavy artillery preparation but the attack was repulsed."
"We operated a successful raid to-day south of Arrmentieres. Nineteen German prisoners were taken."
"The enemy attempted to enter our trenches early this morning southwest of Wytschaete after a short heavy bombardment. The attackers were repulsed with considerable losses."
"Another enemy attempt early this morning under cover of an intense bombardment against advanced posts on our front north of Ypres was driven off by our fire."
"There has been artillery activity at various points along our front, particularly south of Souchez and in the neighborhood of La Bassée canal, Arrmentieres and Ypres."

DUTCH GOVERNMENT IS WISE.

London, Jan. 7.—In a written reply to a query by Deputy Van Best, says a Reuter dispatch from The Hague, the foreign minister, Dr. London, said: "The Dutch government has taken no steps for the promotion of peace, being convinced that such steps in the present circumstances would not serve the intended aim."

NORTH IRISH AND THE DOMINIONS

London, Jan. 8.—The Belfast correspondent of the Daily Telegraph declares that the Ulster Unionists will never allow their position in the empire to be decided by a dominions conference, called to deal purely with the war and after-war problems, especially as Ulster Unionists are precluded from deciding matters affecting the dominions.

PATROL ENGAGEMENTS.

Paris, Jan. 8.—Patrol engagements occurred last night in the regions of Bouchavesnes, on the Somme front and of Parroy forest, in the Lorraine. Otherwise there was little activity.

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CANADIAN FISH FOR BRITISH TROOPS

Will Be Served Out Weekly According to Report From London

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—Word has been received from England that the troops of the imperial army will at once begin their regular ration of Canadian frozen fish, which will be served to them weekly. This will be good news to the fishing interests on both the Pacific and Atlantic coasts, as the war office will take all kinds of fish which hitherto could not find a market. Black cod from the Pacific coast is now being sent to England frozen. New Zealand and Australian troops at present in hospitals in England are now getting a weekly fish ration through Canadian supply depot in London, which is under the control of Major Hugh Green.

UNLAWFUL PHOTOGRAPHING.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 8.—Chief of Police McKenzie arrested three men Saturday in Water street, Dartmouth, for taking pictures of buildings, in contravention of a military order prohibiting the taking of pictures within a mile of Halifax harbor. The men— one of whom claims to be from Ontario, another an American and the third a native Nova Scotian—claimed they knew nothing of the military order. A military guard brought them to Halifax.

RUSSIANS PRESSED HARD BY MACKENSEN

German Forces Slowly Driving Allied Troops to the Sereth

London, Jan. 8.—Along a hundred-mile front in southeastern Moldavia the troops of the central powers are slowly pressing the Russian and Rumanians back upon the line of the Sereth river. The Sereth has been reached by the troops of Field Marshal von Mackensen at two points between Fokshani and Galatz, the last Rumanian port on the Danube, and which is reported under the fire of German guns. From the Uzul valley to Galatz the Austro-Germans have been successful at several points, and have forced the Russians and Rumanians to retire before their attacks. At one point in the Uzul valley the Russians were victorious in a battle for the possession of a height. Heavy fighting is reported in the region of Soveia, in the Suchitsa valley, 10 miles inside the Moldavian frontier. South of the Troitus valley the Austro-Germans in their latest advance have taken 300 prisoners.

In southern Moldavia Field Marshal von Mackensen followed up his capture of Braila with the occupation of five towns, south of the Sereth and between Fokshani and Galatz, north of Braila. Petrograd admits that the Russians and Rumanians have retired across the Sereth.

Severe fighting has taken place around Riga at the northern end of the long eastern front. German forces, Berlin says, were successful in engagements south of Riga and near the river Aa, capturing 900 prisoners and several machine guns. Russian attacks further south along the Dvina river failed. Russian troops, says Petrograd, were successful in combats west of Riga, taking 275 prisoners and one battery.

There has been little activity along the rest of the eastern front except in the Carpathians, where a Russian attack in the region of Kiribaba was repulsed.

North of the river Ancre, in France, British troops in a night attack entered a German advanced trench. North-east of Verdun a German raid was made into the French lines. Artillery engagements are taking place at other points on this front.

FREIGHT TRAFFIC TO GET PREFERENCE

Railway Commission Chairman Meets Representatives of Various Lines

Montreal, Jan. 8.—Sir Henry Drayton, chairman of the Dominion Railway Commission, presided at a meeting of representatives of the various railways in the Canadian Pacific building here, at which tentative proposals for a reduction in passenger trains and service on the principal lines were submitted. Sir Henry expressed appreciation of the spirit shown by the companies in trying to meet the requirements of the war by expediting the movement of freight trains as much as possible through curtailing the passenger train service.

Ten days may elapse before anything of a practical nature can be done. A statement outlining the changes that are decided upon will be issued here or at Ottawa when the plans have received the sanction of the railway commission.

At the meeting of the railway companies' representatives and Sir Henry Drayton during the week at Ottawa, according to a local paper, satisfactory arrangements were made for the movement of grain in the eastern provinces as rapidly as the mills can absorb it.

It is understood that the agreement reached only affects consignments of grain required to be milled for immediate export. It is stated that millers have been seriously affected by a shortage of grain, and that for several days no shipments have come to hand. In view of the demands made for war purposes, the situation promised to become more acute, with the result that representations were made to facilitate transportation.

MONTREAL EXPERIENCES A MIDNIGHT EARTHQUAKE

Montreal, Jan. 8.—Perceptible earthquake tremors started a number of residents of Montreal just before midnight Friday. The section of the city affected was along the higher levels. The tremors, which lasted several seconds, came between 11.50 and 11.55 p. m.

North Bay, Ont., Jan. 8.—Late Friday night a slight earthquake shock was felt here. The shock, which travelled from east to west, was accompanied by a loud roar. In a number of houses crockery and utensils were upset.

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SPECULATION ON REPLY TO WILSON

General View is It Will Make Plain Exchanges Not Welcome

Washington, Jan. 8.—Indications increased in all diplomatic circles here to-day that the reply to Dr. Wilson's peace-note, while following in the main the reply to the central powers, will have some additional features calculated to make it more clear whether a continuance of the negotiations is desired.

If the allied governments are determined to press the war to a military solution, it is expected that they will leave no doubt that further exchanges at this time will not be welcomed; if not, the reply is expected to leave the door open for additional correspondence.

The meeting of the allied premiers in Rome is regarded here as of great importance, because the entente governments were expected to take the opportunity to discuss their whole fundamental attitude towards peace, and particularly America's part in securing peace. The decision reached is expected here to be final so long as the military situation remains unchanged.

NONE BUT HONORABLE PEACE IS WELCOME

London, Jan. 8.—Lord Buckmaster, formerly lord high chancellor, speaking at Keigley, said all peace proposals ought to be published at the earliest possible moment.

None should be summarily rejected, but each should receive full and carefully considered answers.

IN CRITICAL CONDITION.

Glenwood Springs, Colo., Jan. 6.—The condition of Col. William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) took a turn for the worse early to-day and his physician announced he was hurrying the colonel back to Denver. "Colonel Cody is slowly nearing the end and can not recover from his present illness," Dr. W. W. Cook, in attendance, announced.

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London, Jan. 8.—Lloyds announces that the British steamer Carlyle and the Danish steamer Naesborg have been sunk. The crews were saved.

The Carlyle measured 66 gross tons and was owned in Dundee. The Naesborg, of 1,647 gross tons, was owned in Copenhagen.

The Norwegian steamship Fama is believed to have been sunk. Lloyds announces. The Norwegian steamer Erica, recently reported sunk, has arrived in port, says another Lloyds announcement.

The steamer Fama, of 1,332 tons net, sailed from Portland, Me., on December 8 for Marselles, putting in at Sydney, C. B., on December 11; with a broken bulkhead, and resuming her voyage on December 21. A Lloyds announcement on January 3 reported the sinking of the steamer Erica.

FLOODS IN KENTUCKY.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 8.—Thousands of dollars of damage has already resulted from floods in several Kentucky streams and in parts of southeastern Kentucky railroad traffic has been practically suspended. The highest stage for several years has been reached along the headwaters of the Cumberland and Kentucky rivers, which still are rising. Streams are also rising rapidly. Much damage has been done as the result of flooding fields planted to winter crops.

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ENSLAVING OF THE BELGIAN POPULATION

Germans Search Out the Skilled Workers in Stricken Country

London, Jan. 8.—From an authority whose identity cannot be revealed for obvious reasons, it is learned that the German military authorities in Belgium and the occupied territory of France are forcing civilian population to do work of a distinctly military character, such as digging trenches and carpentering them, laying electric wires for military work and preparing ground for wire entanglements. The informant says he has seen this with his own eyes.

From Belgian sources a copy of a letter has been received, drawn up by the deputies and senators of Mons, in reply to General von Bissing's claim that deportations of Belgian workmen were for the benefit of the Belgians themselves, inasmuch as the measures taken were designed to improve appalling conditions provoked by idleness

and lack of work in Belgium. In their letter these legislators say: "As witnesses of enlistment for deportation in our provinces, we are convinced that the execution of the decrees relating to unemployment has been made in open violation of the considerations exposed by you. We can but repeat that the motive of this operation has not been to procure work for the unemployed or to relieve public charity by giving help to men out of work. We beg permission to bring to your notice some facts as an example."

The facts cited include the following: "At Quaregnon, of 1,000 workmen called up for control, 304 have been deported. Among the latter are 227 who are not unemployed, including four farmers, five master bakers, six bakers, one master butcher, one brewer, one engineer, the manager of a large brewery, one conspicuous merchant, the son of a director of iron works and a master printer.

"At Dour, of 137 deported, there are 117 employed men, among them nine farmers, four students and numbers of small shopmen, working at home.

"At Wasmes, of 138 deported, 130 were employed.

"At Frameries, of 200 deported, 157 were employed.

"At Horou, of 140 deported, 75 were employed.

"At Petringes, of 155 deported, 109 were employed.

"At Wavre, Burgomaster, Ind' informed the recruiting officers that all men called up for control were employed. He had himself made inquiries, and he asked to be allowed to produce his evidence. His remarks were brushed aside, and of 450 men called up for control, 45 were deported, all employed.

Senators and deputies go on to say that German recruiting agents seem to "particularly seek for the most skilled workmen of certain industries," citing iron works and rolling mills at Baume, La Croviere, La Louviere, Haines St. Paul, and a glass factory at Jambages. After pointing out what disruption of these particular industries the deportations entail, the senators and deputies of Mons point to the fact that the deportees are actually taking part in military work and to the relation of military deportees and civilian service in Germany. They conclude: "Never, your excellency, has the law of nations acknowledged such an abuse of power in favor of victors, and it will never consecrate it. Do not ask us to tell our people that it is in their own interest that they are sent to Germany. In doing so we would be traitors to our country."

REPRESENTS VIEWS OF JAPAN.

Tokio, Jan. 7.—It is officially stated here that the allies' reply to President Wilson's note to be shortly delivered through France, will represent the views of Japan, as well as those of the other entente powers. According to the statement of officials, the reply will not contain specific peace terms which are regarded as premature at this time.

CAMPAIGN IN EAST AFRICA.

London, Jan. 8.—The British official statement on the campaign in German East Africa Saturday night said: "Our columns pursuing the enemy in the Rufiji Valley occupied a German camp on the Tshokowali River and reached Kibambawo, on the north bank of the Rufiji, on the morning of January 5. The enemy still holds the south bank."

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CANADIAN SURGEONS IN IMPERIAL ARMY

Findings of Bapstie Board on Disputed Matters Are Made Public

London, Jan. 8.—The report of the supplementary inquiry into the Canadian medical service in England and France conducted by the Bapstie board, it is understood, will be printed at once, and presumably will be obtainable by anyone interested in the matter. However, there is practically nothing in the report that has not been referred to in the press cablegrams.

The Manchester Guardian, discussing the Bapstie report, says: "Col. Bruce naturally feels deeply hurt by the extraordinarily outspoken condemnation by the Bapstie board of his criticisms and proposals in regard to the Canadian army medical service. Col. Bruce thus follows General Sir Sam Hughes, who appointed him, into retirement. Although one of the finest physicians in Canada, he had had little experience in military medical organization when he undertook his unlucky mission of inquiry."

The British Medical Journal in its November issue contained an article which declared: "We fully believe that the tenor of the report of the inquiry will be such as to lead to the reinstatement of Surgeon-General Carleton Jones and justify Sir William Osler in withdrawing his resignation."

This, it is argued on behalf of Col. Bruce, in some measure proves that the findings of the Bapstie commission were early almost a foregone conclusion.

Private cable dispatches indicate that efforts may be made in Canada to discredit the personnel of the Bapstie board. Sir George Perley, on this subject, did not hesitate to give the Canadian Associated Press an answer about the board being "handicapped."

He had received no communication from them, he said, prior to their appointment. The chairman was chosen by the war office. Doctor Ashton belonged to the short-lived militia council appointed by Sir Sam Hughes. The three other members were Canadians who had served in France. The special reason for selecting them was that English opinion had shown itself utterly opposed to segregation of Canadian sick and wounded.

The British Medical Journal this week devotes considerable editorial comment to the Bapstie report. It welcomes the findings.

"To what degree Col. Bruce allowed himself to be obsessed by a 'watertight compartment' policy," the Journal says, "appears from the paragraph implying that he entertained the view that the Canadian medicals should not be associated with the British medical corps in scientific inquiry. It seems extraordinary that at this day such a contention should have been raised."

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—The following casualties are announced:

Killed in action—Pte. D. D. Clark, Golden; Pte. H. R. Allen, Atcheltz, B. C.

Previously reported missing; now killed in action—Pte. A. Finlayson, Vancouver.

Previously reported wounded; now wounded and missing—Pte. R. H. Corbett, Victoria.

Wounded—Pte. G. L. Edwards, Port Alberni; Cpl. V. L. Jackson, Duncan; Pte. T. F. Ryan, Hardy Bay; Pte. J. C. Smith, Nanaimo; Pte. J. J. Clay, Kildonan.

SENTENCED FOR FRAUD.

London, Jan. 8.—James Henry Healy, who not long ago was given a commission in the Royal Engineers after service as a private in the Canadians, has been sentenced to three months for obtaining money on worthless cheques.



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DRAMATIC CRITIC DEAD.

Winnipeg, Jan. 7.—Charles H. Wheeler for the last twenty-five years dramatic and music critic of the Winnipeg Tribune, died in the general hospital to-day, aged 79 years. The death of Mr. Wheeler was hastened through a fall on New Year's Day, when he fractured a hip, causing a shock to his nervous system. Only last month the deceased completed a book entitled "The Story of Music and Drama," dealing with music in Winnipeg in the early days and dating back as far as 1882, when Mr. Wheeler first came west.



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WILL THE HUN NAVY FIGHT?

Will the German High Seas Fleet emerge from its bases and challenge Britain's naval supremacy before the close of the present war? There are two schools of conjecture on this point. One does not believe there will be a decisive battle at sea of the enemy's choice for a number of reasons. First, it contends, the Kaiser will fear to risk the destruction of his fleet owing to the disastrous effect failure would have upon the German people and that, instead, he will endeavor to force his foes to agree to peace terms by submarine piracy on a large scale and tremendous efforts on land. If these fail, peace is likely to come suddenly; the German people will rise in revolt and it would be too late to try a gamble at sea.

Those who anticipate a great naval battle believe that Germany will play every card in her hand and this means the navy along with the others. They declare that this will be forced by the German people themselves, whose chief trouble is due to the strangling clutch of the British blockade rather than to the pressure on land. If the central empires are menaced by starvation relief can be gained in only two ways. One is by inducing the allies to agree to peace, the other is by defeating the British navy and opening the trade lanes across the sea. The first cannot be accomplished on land; the allies are too strong for that no matter how great an effort Germany is bound to make very soon. Nor can it be gained by the submarine, for while the unrestricted use of underwater craft will do a great amount of damage and probably inflict real distress upon the entente peoples, it must inevitably align neutrals against Germany, which in turn will react disadvantageously upon her economic position, already becoming precarious, the state of mind of her people and her actual position in the field.

We support the second theory. Germany will use her navy as a forlorn hope simply because it is the only weapon with which she can gamble on a counter-stroke against her greatest danger. If her economic condition is as bad as it is believed to be, the logic of the situation leads to a decisive sea fight. This probably will not be until after the failure of her next big land effort unless she sees a favorable opportunity for a surprise attack, because the destruction of her fleet would extend the scope of the British blockade to the Baltic, besides opening the way for an attack upon her bases and the invasion of German territory under cover of naval operations. Moreover, the German navy in any case would be one of the spoils of victory if it were intact at the end of the war. Rather than lose it in that way Germany would send it out to fight.

There is another line of speculation based upon the future policy of the British navy in consequence of the recent changes in direction and command. The progress of the enemy's submarine campaign might influence an attempt to attack him at his bases

in the hope of destroying the lairs of the practical underwater craft incidental to the destruction of the German fleet. This, however, would be a costly and hazardous operation, involving the diversion of a considerable fleet to the Baltic, for Kiel as well as Wilhelmshaven would have to be attacked. Under the cautious administration which has just been unseated it would not have been permitted, but the ginger group is now in the saddle and there is an influential school which thinks the navy is not adhering closely enough to the traditional policy embodied in the instruction "seek out the enemy and destroy him," the policy of Nelson's day. As to that, it is hardly necessary to point out that the allies to hold their own in this war have had to unlearn many of the things they learned in other wars, and that this includes war on sea as well as on land: We have seen that policies on land which would have made for dazzling success a century ago are very apt to result in a disaster to-day, and no doubt the same considerations are applicable to the war at sea.

FOR RAILWAY WORK.

According to a dispatch from London two battalions of laborers, two railway construction battalions and two forestry battalions have been organized among the Canadians graded for permanent base duty in England and France, and will be set to work behind the battle lines.

This is an eminently practical and common-sense move and it is somewhat surprising that it was not decided upon before. The new units, no doubt, will be composed of men physically fit for the strain of front-line work and those who are over age, of whom there must be a very large number. Sir Douglas Haig has stated that as far as possible he is anxious to draw his fighting men from those between eighteen and twenty-five years of age. These react less to strain, stand hardship better and recuperate more quickly from wounds and sickness.

The auxiliary service of railroad construction is one of the most important branches of war work. Good communications are as vital to success as artillery or anything else. Without them an army is hopelessly handicapped; it cannot get food, equipment or munition in time to conduct either a successful offensive or defence. This, indeed, is as much a war of railroads as of artillery. Von Hindenburg owes his reputation and Russia her heaviest reverses to the superiority of German communications. The Germans hoped for success in their Verdun offensive because their guns commanded the main railroad line to that salient. Only the foresight of Petain and Nivelle, which provided a remarkable remedy with motor transport, enabled the French to make their position impregnable.

The French railroad communications have always been admirable for military purposes, yet since the outbreak of war more than 3,000 miles of railroads have been constructed behind the allies' line. It is the intention to establish many more communications, and it is on these that Canadians unfit for first-line military duty will be employed. In this they will be rendering services of the most essential character.

AIDING PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The morning paper wants to know in what way the late government could have assisted genuine productive enterprises out of its finances and credit more profitably than by its railroad programme. The very question, from such a source, emphasizes the hopeless conception of policy and responsibility held by the administration which, after squandering the country's resources and imperilling its credit, bequeathed to its successors an empty treasury and crushing obligations—wreckage which will take years to clear away.

Under the railroad policy of the late administration the taxpayers of the province assumed a liability of \$50,000,000 in principal and more than \$100,000,000 in interest charges on behalf of two railroad systems, both of which became financially embarrassed and have not been completed. We now are paying the interest on one of them at the rate of \$1,000,000 per year. We have been saved the necessity of paying this interest on the other only by the Dominion government, which is now trying to find some way of escape for itself. One of those roads for a large part runs through unproductive territory, besides paralleling, a few yards away, the greatest transcontinental railroad line on the continent. What has this policy produced except contractors' profits, provincial indebtedness and an annual drain upon the pockets of the public running into millions?

It cost the province about \$50,000 to learn from a royal commission that other countries promoted land settlement and agriculture by means of government assistance in money and credit. This is a productive enterprise.

How much settlement has there been along the C. N. P. and the P. G. E. for which we stand to pay an enormous annual sum? The mining industry could have been assisted in numerous ways through similar means. Aid to prospectors, roads and trails to promising prospects, the multiplication of test stations, encouragement of smelting, and refining, and assistance in experimental work, could have been provided for. All this is an old, old story in mining countries governed by men of sound business sense. From one big mining centre alone, developed with government assistance, the province would derive more benefit in a few months than it will derive from the two roads so heavily subsidized in years.

We paid out some millions raised from the sale of guaranteed bonds for a railroad to the west coast of Vancouver Island, which, judging by the present outlook, never will be completed. Could not that sum or part of it have been more profitably devoted to assisting the development of our iron resources? The railroad has developed nothing but a forest on its right-of-way. As we have pointed out, there is nothing new in this form of aiding provincial development. In varying degrees it exists in every country richly endowed with resources whose government believes that permanent progress must be based upon something more substantial than soap bubbles and prospectuses. It was recommended for years by the present government when in opposition, and Mr. Bowser, who apparently was many years ahead of the morning paper, showed some belated recognition of the soundness of the advice when he adopted the principle in regard to shipbuilding and aid to agriculture.

GERMANY'S FOOD SHORTAGE.

According to Arthur E. Marsh, an eminent American economist and editor of the Economic World, if Germany holds out until the next harvest she will have performed the greatest agricultural miracle of all times. Mr. Marsh, who is an authority on agriculture and who before the war travelled extensively in Europe, investigating the agricultural and industrial methods of all the countries west of Russia, concludes that Germany is short of food and actually cannot hold out until the next harvest.

According to the Toronto Mail and Empire, Mr. Marsh in a full-page article recently published in the Economic World, presents figures to show that before the war Germany produced about 80 per cent. of her foodstuffs and imported about 20 per cent. She imported various quantities of everything her people ate except rye and sugar, the latter being produced from beets. All her tea, coffee and cocoa were imported, of course, as well as all her rice, which was an important article of diet. All the edibles were imported, and the total imports of tropical and sub-tropical fruits and nuts were extremely large. Since the beginning of the war these exports have almost wholly ceased. What Germany has been able to get through the blockade—Mr. Marsh does not think amounts to more than 10 per cent. of what she imported before 1914. Roughly speaking, then, and assuming that Germany has had normal crops, she has been obliged to get along with about 82 per cent. of what she ate before the war. Since the soldiers would expect to be rather better fed than before, the chief deprivation would be borne by the civilian population.

Mr. Marsh says that for a population to be deprived of the fifth of its usual food allowance might be an inconvenience, but would not prove serious. In fact, many people might be the better for a like reduction of diet. But he proceeds to show that by no conceivable possibility can the German crops have been normal. It was claimed that the 1915 crop was good, and this might have been expected, but it has been admitted in Germany that in some respects the 1916 crop was not so good. A statement of a high official which leaked out through Switzerland was to the effect that the German grain crop was only two-thirds of normal. The potato crop has been admittedly bad. It is only three-fifths of what it was, and it is to be borne in mind that Germany was a large importer of potatoes. Mr. Marsh is able to calculate that by reason of the lack of feed and fodders for animals the German production of milk, butter and meat is only about one-half of what it was in normal times.

The chief reason for the German crop shortage is not unfavorable weather, but impoverished soil. As a whole, German soil is not rich, although Germany has been able to show a greater return from her farm lands than any country in the world, except perhaps Holland and Denmark. This is not due, as the writer explains, to superior German efficiency or industry. It is wholly accountable by the great use Germany made of fertilizer. Before the war Germany imported more than 1,800,000 metric

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tons of fertilizer and exported some 150,000 metric tons. Mr. Marsh then discusses Germany's former importations of potential manures, namely, grains, by-products of the milling and oil extracting industry and fodders suitable for immediate feeding to animals. He calculates that before the war Germany imported more than 7,000,000 metric tons annually of cattle feed, and more than 1,000,000 tons of oil cakes and meals, which were fed to cattle after the oil had been extracted. In other words, Germany imported annually more than 10,000,000 metric tons of manurial materials before the war. The loss of this material and regulations which she has had to make with regard to the feeding of stock must have reduced the fertility of her agricultural lands by at least one-third and probably one-half. Boasts of what German science will be able to do in 1917 in the way of devising chemical substitutes for what the blockade has deprived her of are beside the question. Not what will happen to the crops in 1917, but what did happen to them in 1916 is the vital thing. Mr. Marsh concludes that before the next harvest is reached the German nation will be down to half rations, and that upon half rations the enemy cannot continue the war.

Discussing the reply of the allies to the German peace note, the New York Sun says: "It is this quality of the note, emphasized by the paragraphs devoted to the case of Belgium, that particularly marks it as an important contribution to the education of German public opinion. It displays the unanimous conviction of the peoples in arms against the Central Empires that the struggle they have undertaken against the most efficient military machine the world has known is for the attainment of the highest objects: honorable peace and justice between nations in a world ruled by reason and not dominated by fear. That this idea persists after thirty months of unmitigated horror cannot be without effect on the German mind. In no paragraph or phrase of the reply made by the Allies is there evidence that they are depressed by the past or downcast as they examine the future. Instead, a high confidence appears that is based in assured conviction that right and truth must eventually prevail, and that their establishment will be accomplished without compromise or the sacrifice of a single worthy principle."

The Times acknowledges the receipt of several communications extolling the virtues and accomplishments of aldermanic candidates. Demands upon our space are too exacting in these times of war and rumors of war to permit of the publication of such documents—except as advertisements at regular space rates. Besides, public meetings have been called for such purposes.

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Victoria Times, Jan. 8, 1892.

The new government steamer Quadra is at present being painted and cleaned in Esquimaux harbor and will enter Victoria harbor next Monday.

Mr. Henry Henley, who has kept the Henley house at Clover Point for 33 years, died this afternoon.

The Licensed Vintners' Association held a meeting at the hall this afternoon to make steps to make a test case of the Sunday Closing Act. It is understood that one of the principal saloons is to keep its doors open on Sunday.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of the First Presbyterian church will open a mission hall at Stanley avenue next Sunday afternoon.

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Meeting Natural History Society, Girls' Central, Monday, 8th, 8 p. m. Paper: North Sea Birds.

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British Mail is Expected.—A large English mail which has been somewhat delayed en route from the Old Country is expected to arrive in the city tomorrow, via New York.

Half-Holiday Infraction.—The only cases at the city police court to occupy the attention of Magistrate Jay this morning, were two infractions of the Half-Holiday act. In one case the defendant pleaded that his store was open for the purpose of stocktaking, and in consequence of a similar case pending decision by the magistrate, no order was made for the moment. The Chinese offender, although he claimed that he was not open for the business, was fined \$10 on the evidence of the constable, who witnessed the accused hand-carrying goods to Chinese customers.

Saturday Night Concert.—There was a first rate concert at the Oak Bay theatre Saturday evening, the third of the series in aid of the Red Cross funds. The selections were excellent, the singing of Capt. Crompton and Miss Burns meeting with special favor by the audience. One or two comedians who were expected did not appear, but a most enjoyable evening was spent. The total proceeds amounted to \$9.40, of which \$1 was spent for advertising, and the balance of \$8.40 paid over to the Red Cross funds. Next week the entertainment is expected to be of a much lighter nature, a good deal of humor being promised by the organizers. Those who took part last night were: Miss Gray, Mrs. (Capt.) Hunter, Miss Bullock-Webster, Capt. Crompton, Miss Burns, Miss Morrow, Mr. Torrence, Miss White, Miss Buckle, J. G. Brown and H. F. Pullen.

Fernwood Branch Red Cross.—There is to be a meeting to-night at the Library of the Victoria High school of the newly-organized Fernwood branch of the Red Cross Society. Proceedings will begin at 8 o'clock, and it is hoped that besides the committee there will be present anyone in the district who is interested in the work.

Liberal Meetings.—Ward I. Liberal Association holds its regular monthly meeting at the Liberal rooms, Arcade building, this evening, for the transaction of general business. There will be a meeting of Ward III. Association on Thursday evening next.

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Illustrated Sermon Series.—There was another large congregation at the First Presbyterian church last night to hear the third of the series of Bible readings by Rev. J. G. Inkster on "The Life of Christ." The subject last Sunday night was "Christ's Ministry of Healing," dealing with a number of the outstanding miracles and illustrated with ten of Harold Copping's pictures. The pictures illustrating the miracle of cleansing the leper, giving sight to Blind Bartimeus, the raising of Lazarus were most striking in their conception and harmonious in coloring. The reading closed with a picture of the Ascension which gave a graphic description of the closing miracle in the life of Christ. The fourth and last of the series of illustrated messages is to be given next Sunday night, and will deal with Paul's ministry, with the history of the early Christian church, with Bible readings from the Acts of the Apostles. At last night's service Mrs. Hudson sang "Nearer My God to Thee," and a quartette sang without accompaniment, "The Beautiful Shore."

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ORGANIZATION IS FACTOR IN FIGHT

Mayorality Election Will Depend on Effectiveness of Campaign Management

The mayorality candidates have entirely taken to themselves the interest of the present municipal election, although the personnel of the candidates out for aldermanic honors shows a more experienced type of citizen than has been the case for some time. The council of 1917 will be drawn from experienced public men, that is already assured.

Alderman Porter's organization is undoubtedly strong, and the canvass is an active one, in fact there is more definitely an air of an election contest there than in the case of his opponents' headquarters. Alderman Todd's friends appear to rely more on personal inquiry than the usual organization of the political canvass.

Candidates appear to be looking for a poll of about 4,500 strong on Thursday, which of course is a material dropping off from the usual vote for mayor, and a very substantial fall from the last contest in 1914, but there are so many electors away that anything like a representative poll is now impossible.

"Work will win" is a platitude at election time, and it seems on this occasion that the candidate whose organization is the most effective will come out on top when the ballots are counted next Thursday evening. Both have served the city well, and are life residents of the city, and have been so much before the public in various directions for several years, that personality will count little in this contest and more on bringing the vote out.

There is no meeting this evening on account of the council session, and the next campaign meeting will occur tomorrow, when the candidates are due at North Ward school. It is hoped there will be a better attendance there than was the case at George Jay school on Friday, when the gathering had to be abandoned.

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SCHOOLS RE-OPEN

Spring Term Began To-day in All Public Schools of Province. Schools opened for the spring term throughout the province to-day. The changes are much fewer at this time than at midsummer, and only about five or six new teachers in the city schools took over their divisions when school opened, the remainder continuing in charge of their former classes. There are no changes on this occasion among the principals. The evening classes also open this evening, with some minor changes in the gasoline, and art sections to which allusion has already been made. The number of permits issued to children attending school for the first time is naturally less than in the fall term, still the percentage, according to school board officials, is as good as at any Christmas recess of recent years, showing that the school population is remaining constant. One or two of the primary schools this morning reported some pressure on accommodation, which will be adjusted before the week is over.

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NATIONAL SERVICE
Board of Trade Will Discuss Subject at Quarterly Meeting Friday.

The meeting of the Victoria Board of Trade scheduled for Friday evening next will be the quarterly gathering of the board, to which rather more than usual interests attaches. The president will report to the board on the work carried out by the council last quarter.

It was also ordered by the council, at their meeting held last week, that at the regular sitting on Friday evening of "National Service" in time of "Need" should be open for full discussion. It is not intended that this shall be taken up purely from the point of view war time, but more in the nature of bringing out suggestions for the best utilization of manhood and womanhood at any time of national stress. It is felt by the board that in the period of reconstruction which will be required every possible element of civil assistance that it is possible to recruit.

Friendly Help Association.—The Friendly Help Association will hold their monthly meeting to-morrow (Tuesday) morning, at 11 o'clock in their rooms, Market building, Cormorant street.

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WHAT MIDWINTER BRINGS IN STYLES

Chemise Frock Has Come to Stay Through Season; Millinery

New York, Jan. 5.—The winter fashions have been thoroughly put to the test, for here we are fully launched into the midwinter season. The leading events which always mark the opening of the social season in New York having already taken place, it is very easy for even the casual observer to differentiate between the rejected and the accepted modes.

It is very unlikely now that there will be any surprises in store for us before the spring fashions begin to appear, and it is still too early to anticipate these, though it must be admitted that such a thing as spring talk, even as early as this, has not been unheard of.

We may be thoroughly assured, however, that the straight lines and slim silhouette, of which we have heard and seen so much, are to stay with us throughout the season. On every side we see countless variations of the chemise dress, which has certainly been the most insistent note from Paris all along. There is no doubt that this



A Favored Paris Model

is the leading style of the moment, both in Paris and New York.

A Paris model which has been copied again and again with great success is illustrated here. It is of Copenhagen blue chiffon velvet with silver metallic embroidery worked in the simple darning stitch, one of the most widely used garnitures for the fashionable dresses at present. The overdress effect is such that it may be carried out in two materials. For a very rich effect there is no smarter combination than satin and velvet, unless it be Georgette and velvet. These combinations, with the addition of fur, occasionally, are in excellent taste and entirely approved by fashion leaders.

It is well established also, that satin is one of the leading materials for dresses this season. An popular and numerous as were the taffeta dresses in the autumn, so are the satin frocks this winter. One of the reasons for its popularity is that this material is not too light to be worn comfortably under the top coat, even in cold weather. Again, it is not considered too dressy for informal wear, while it is always just right for receptions, teas and matinees.

The Latest in Millinery. The use of satin is not limited to dresses and suits only, but it is quite extensively used by the milliners, especially in the fashioning of small turbans. In many of the latest hats it is noticed that the trimming is placed directly in front. Small round hats or shapes with upturned brims are often trimmed with a high aigrette in the very centre. Hats which are entirely untrimmed except for the heavily embroidered veil which serves as an adornment are still very popular.

Chantilly and metallic laces have also entered the field of millinery. With so much metallic lace used on dresses, the milliners have seen its possibilities as applied to hats and are using it most successfully combined with satin or velvet. Not infrequently, there is another addition in the form of fur. By reason of the formality of these materials, these hats are, of course, worn for formal occasions.

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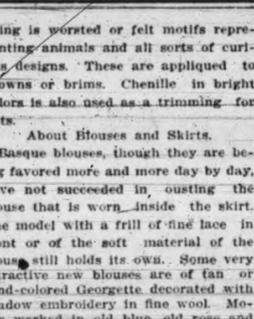
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W. R. Baker, C. V. O., secretary of the Canadian Pacific railway and assistant to the president, has retired. Mr. Baker is an Englishman, having been born at York in 1862, but came to Canada as a young man and entered railroad work, serving first for the Canadian Central railway, then with the Allan Line steamships; then for a time as private secretary and comptroller to the Marquis of Dufferin, governor general of Canada, later entering railroad work. He has been with the C. P. R. since 1881, except for a few years when he was connected with the Manitoba & Northwestern railway. During the past few years his position as secretary and assistant to the president brought him in contact with all the nobility visiting Canada. He is succeeded by Ernest Alexander. —Montreal Journal of Commerce.

"HIAWATHA" GIVEN FOR CHAPTER FUNDS

Daisy Chain Members Present Longfellow's Drama-Poem Before Big Audience

An audience composed very largely of parents and friends of the numerous young performers was present at the Old Victoria theatre on Saturday evening to see an interesting dramatization by Miss Helen Badgley of Longfellow's "Hiawatha," presented by members of the Daisy Chain Chapter, L. O. D. E., in aid of the funds which they require to carry on their patriotic work.

The performance reflected great credit on the performers and on Miss Badgley, who had charge of their training and the production of the drama. Interest was sustained throughout, a fact which is probably one of the best tests of the successful character of the performance, as numbers of very young people to whom the heroic measure of the verse would ordinarily have failed to appeal were among the audience. The picturesque Indian costumes, which were supplied by Mrs. Suttie, were a very important item when it came to consideration of the production as a whole, as this gave realism to the story, excused—to the unpoetical mind—the stately and studied character of the dialogue, and stimulated the imagination of the onlooker. Generous use of war paint, which together with the wigs almost completely disguised each of the small performers and masked her temporarily in the guise of a red savage, enhanced the impression so wonderfully suggested by the dress and contributed to the perfection of the merely mechanical art of the stage.

In few instances only did the little actresses fall short in the histrionic ability required to make the parts of individual interest. Miss May Forrester, who spoke the beautiful lines of the prologue admirably, conveyed the spirit of the epic which was presently to appear in drama form before her hearers. Very clearly and musically were the lines spoken, apt gesture suggesting by degrees the snow-burdened forest, the wind-swept plain, whose inhabitants were shortly to come upon the stage in the story of Hiawatha.

Throughout the setting was a pine forest at the edge of a lake. The youthful Hiawatha was very charmingly portrayed by Miss Mary Ross, who suggested the intelligence, poetic imagination and high spirit of the young chief. The dialogue with Nokomis (Miss Dorothy McDiarmid) was very prettily sustained, the affection existing between the ten-year-old Hiawatha and his aged and bent grandmother being nicely conveyed. In the same scene came the frolic of the birds and animals, a number of the smallest performers impersonating rabbits, squirrels, birds, etc., in costumes appropriate to the part. Hiawatha, the mat, was equally well portrayed by Miss Margaret Campbell, on whom devolved the greater part of the spoken lines in the whole drama. Throughout the character was sustained with great dignity, and the faultless manner in which the long passages were spoken, the unflinching attention to the meter and emphasis of the outstanding words showed a mature conception of the part, which could not have been better acted.

Second in importance in the central interest which she forms in the drama is Minnehaha. This part was taken by Miss Katie Collinson, who made a pretty and becomingly shy Indian maid, her relatively few lines being nicely spoken and her general demeanor such as the play demanded. Several of the minor parts were carried with distinction, notably that of Iagoo, a swaggering but very human sort of person, impersonated splendidly by Miss Laura Macklin; Pau-Pa-Keewis, the top and best dancer, who was a lively and animated spirit as interpreted by Miss Mabel Rhodes, who was deservedly applauded at the conclusion of an all too short Indian dance; Lazy Kwasind, the strong man (Hiawatha's friend), admirably presented by Miss Aldersey Hallam, who made the part prominent without speaking much. The Arrowmaker was Miss Dorothy Nicol, and Chiblabas, the sweet singer, was Miss Dorothy Spencer. The latter was recalled for an encore, singing very expressively and with vocal quality. Miss Dorothy McDiarmid, as already mentioned, was very fine as the aged Nokomis.

The dances suffered somewhat from lack of sufficient rehearsal. Otherwise these would have been one of the outstanding features of the production, particularly the symbolic Indian corn dance. The dance of the maids and braves suffered in less degree from the same fault. All dances were originated by Miss Badgley, who as author, manager and director deserves great praise.

Accidental music was supplied by Mrs. Roberts's orchestra. Among the children still mentioned who took part in the performance were Miss Dorothy Nicol, Miss Doris Macklin, Miss Mary Campbell, Miss Mona Miller, Miss Thurlay Wilkerson, Miss Dorothy Norris, Miss Enid Brown, Miss Lillian Norris, Miss Peggy Lum-

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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

Albert Dunham, of Prince Rupert, is registered at the Dominion.

W. M. Cake, of Portland, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday.

John Kelly is down from Smithers and is stopping at the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. M. S. Jones, of Spokane, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

R. L. Supple, of Tacoma, is a guest at the Empress hotel, arriving yesterday.

The Rev. H. Payne, of Saturna Island, is a guest at the Dominion hotel.

J. Kinney and Mrs. Kinney, of Seattle, are stopping at the Dominion hotel.

R. Anders and Mrs. Anders, of South Wellington, are guests of the Dominion hotel.

J. W. T. Cormack, of Winnipeg, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

Mrs. Taylor and Miss Taylor, of Vancouver, are new arrivals at the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. and Miss Annie Demestri, of Vancouver, are registered at the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. W. Phillips and Miss Corinne Phillips, of Vancouver, are at the Dominion hotel.

H. A. Richards and Thomas A. Billings, of Calgary, are stopping at the Dominion hotel.

James Strang and W. G. Fraser are down from Ladysmith and are guests at the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. James McGregor of Harrison

Hot Springs, is making a short stay in the city, and is a guest at the Empress hotel.

B. L. Thornton and Mrs. Thornton, of Forestburg, Alta., and L. O. Thornton, of Vancouver, are stopping at the Dominion.

Mrs. W. E. Richardson, of Vancouver, entertained at tea on Saturday in honor of Mrs. Fred Booth, of Victoria, and Miss Mary Scanlan, of Seattle.

Mrs. R. D. Kenney and Miss Doris Kenney will be at home to their friends, 506 Niagara St., on Wednesday, and after, on the first Wednesday of the month.

Mrs. C. M. Marpole, assisted by Mrs. R. Marpole, entertained last Friday at a children's party for her son, Harry Marpole, one of the students at the University school, Victoria, who has been passing the holiday season with his relatives in Vancouver.

A quiet wedding took place at the Metropolitan Methodist church parsonage on January 3 when Ethel Mary, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wright, 1753 Bay street, Victoria, was united in marriage to Mr. Robert Knight, of Huntly, Aberdeenshire, Scotland. The bridegroom is a returned soldier.

Rev. Dr. H. Gowan, D. D., and Mrs. Gowan are to be the guests of honor at a reception to be given on Thursday evening next in the parlors of the Young Women's Christian Association, Seattle. Both Dr. and Mrs. Gowan are well known in Victoria, having been frequent visitors here, while Dr. Gowan has lectured or preached many times in the city, always delighting his hearers with the scholarly character of his discourses. Although born at Great Yarmouth, England, of English parents, and educated there and at St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, Dr. Gowan was destined to become more widely known after leaving his native country. He was curate at the cathedral at Honolulu for four years prior to his arrival in British Columbia. This was in 1892, when he came to the province to fill the office of curate at the cathedral, New Westminster. In 1896 he went to Holy Trinity church, Seattle, remaining there for some years. At present he is professor of Oriental language in the University of Washington.

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POPULAR PLAYERS ON PANTAGES BILL

Preponderance of Lady Entertainers in This Week's Offering at Vaudeville House

The vaudeville bill which opened to a crowded matinee audience at the Pantages theatre this afternoon offers many interesting features. It is notable for the exceptional predominance of girls in the casts.

"The Courtroom Girls" is another George Choo attraction, and the headliner of the bill. The leading roles are taken by Robert Milliken, Ruth Francis and Herbert Broake, and there is a sparkling chorus of seven pretty girls who form an attractive background for the wit and song of the "Ragtime Travesty on Trial." The presentation is offered in Croos's customary classy and finished style.

The piece is a rollicking and gay little musical comedy with the scene laid in a futuristic courtroom, with a female court in session. Into this scene

two male malefactors are brought to trial. There is fun in every line. The comedian, Robert Milliken, who is one of the pronounced favorites with eastern audiences, is heading the cast. He is surrounded by a lively bevy of dancing girls who sing well and wear an assortment of stunning novelty gowns. One little scene that is worthy of special notice is introduced in the form of "ragtime" testimony when Milliken is put on trial. Elaborate and artistic scenery adds to the worth of the production, which is pretentious in every respect.

Daniels and Conrad are two talented young fellows who have created a countrywide sensation by their masterly playing of the piano and violin. They present in vaudeville a programme of classical selections that are bound to meet with the approbation of all lovers of good music. They also offer a sprinkling of popular airs.

The Four Portia Sisters present an elaborate, well-staged and truly wonderful physical culture offering. Each of these girls has won many prizes in physical culture contests and exhibitions, demonstrating to a degree the possibilities of development through muscular exercise. They give a remarkable presentation of body flexibility with the use of various pieces of odd apparatus.

comes all the more funny in their capable hands. Their lines are bright and snappy, the situations ludicrously funny, and the finish is a big surprise. The Four Cook Sisters are four nice-looking harmony-singers who offer a varied repertoire of songs as solos, duets and quartettes in excellent voice. They appear in several changes of wardrobe which add to the attractiveness of their act.

The latest episode of the "Shielding Shadow" is filled with interesting situations. One Lamp Louie, sent by Sebastian to confirm the rumor that Leontine and Revengar are sheltered in a lighthouse after their plunge into the sea from the balloon, arrives at the place in the midst of a terrific storm in course of which the lighthouse is destroyed by a bolt of lightning. Louie escapes to report to Sebastian that the others had perished in the ruins. Sebastian then prepares to wed Bianca but is interrupted by Louie under the spell of the Shielding Shadow. A fight follows, at the end of which Louie is thrown to his death. Sebastian staggers to his rooms to find Leontine comfortably seated before the fire. How had she escaped?

"THE COMMON LAW" AT ROYAL VICTORIA

Clara Kimball Young is Star in Famous Story Re-production

Of all the film productions announced for this autumn none has aroused greater interest among the millions of motion picture fans than the presentation of that beautiful and tremendously popular star, Clara Kimball Young in a six-reel adaptation of Robert W. Chambers's world-famous novel, "The Common Law," which will be seen at the Royal Victoria theatre to-night, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. In addition to the interesting combination of favorite star and favorite American author the production is particularly noteworthy as the first offering of the Clara Kimball Young Film Corporation, organized by Mr. Lewis J. Selznick for the purpose of presenting the noted screen star on the opening-plap, free from the restraining influence of a programme system.

This picture was produced under the guidance of her director general, Albert Capellani, the famous French master of screencraft who is best known to American picture followers as the producer of such illustrious feature plays as "Les Miserables" and "Camille." It is expected that the picture will set a new mark for novel and artistic photographic effects as well as for breadth and power in action.

The star has been surrounded by a cast of players of the highest order. The leading male role has been entrusted to Mr. Conway Tearle, for years one of the best known and most popular of the leading men on the American stage. Paul Capellani, who played Armand to Miss Young's Camille, will be seen in the role of Querida, the "villain." Miss Edna Hunter, long a favorite with Universal and Vitagraph followers, plays the sympathetic part of "Rita," and Miss Lillian Cook, formerly with World Film productions, lends her charming personality to the portrayal of the ingenue part. Others in the cast include Julie Stuart, Edward Kimball, Lydia Knott, D. J. Flannigan and Edward Mortimer.

The story of "The Common Law" has been changed very little in its adaptation to screen requirements. The millions who have read the Chambers's novel and thrilled with sympathetic solicitude for its heroine, will find the picturized version even more to their liking, while those who have never read the story will enjoy the picture for its own sake as one of the few worth-while film productions of the year.

"THE PLOW GIRL" AT DOMINION THEATRE

Compelling Drama of South African Veldt and English Drawing Rooms

Theodore Roberts, the celebrated actor, and Lasky star, will be seen at the Dominion to-night in support of Mae Murray in the Jesse L. Lasky production of "The Plow Girl," a compelling drama of the South African veldt and English drawing-rooms, adapted from the famous story by Edward Morris and prepared for the Paramount programme by Charles Sarver.

Although he made such a great reputation for himself as the drunken father in support of Miss Mae Murray in "The Dream Girl," Mr. Roberts has surpassed himself as the besotted, cruel, Boer farmer in "The Plow Girl." His make-up in this production is considered a masterpiece, even for him, and were it not for his wonderful artistic performance, it is doubtful if anyone in the audience would recognize this creature to be Theodore the Great.

Lady Brentwood is constantly longing for her grandchild of whom no trace has been found since her parents perished in South Africa. She tells Lord Percy, a titled fortune-hunter and distant relative, that if he will find her grand-daughter, he may marry her and share the estate. He imparts this news to Pantani, his friend and confidential agent, and they make arrangements to send John Stoddard, a struggling attorney, into South Africa to find the heiress—or a substitute.

Margot, a delicate little girl, is the family drudge of John Varley, a drunken South African farmer. She is forced to work in the fields. Varley sells her to Kregler, for forty pounds, the amount of his indebtedness. Kregler goes to Margot's room at night and she flees. She is overtaken by Kregler and her screams are heard by Stoddard, who rescues her. Stoddard has previously whipped Varley with the lash which he (Varley) was wielding upon Margot, and he now takes the girl to his own cabin. Lord Percy instructs him to present Margot to Lady Brentwood as the lost grandchild, and Stoddard makes Varley and Kregler sign a receipt for forty pounds, the price he pays for Margot's release.

Lady Brentwood's cordial reception wins the girl's love, and a wonderful transformation takes place in Margot, now Alice.

Stoddard and Alice decide to make known to Lady Brentwood their deception, and as the girl is telling the old lady she is an impostor, Varley enters and states that she belongs to him. Lady Brentwood leads the way to the art gallery and takes them to her daughter's portrait, telling Margot, who is dressed in an old gown she has found, that this is her mother, who in the picture is wearing the same gown. Varley then confesses that he took Margot from her dying mother's arms. Stoddard, conscience-stricken at his part in the deception, is remanded by Margot that he bought her, and quickly takes her into his arms.

King Victor Emmanuel, of Italy, celebrated his forty-seventh birthday a few days ago with his troops at the front. To a very large extent the Italian king shares with King Albert of Belgium the distinction of being the real head of his army. Ever since Italy took the plunge on the side of the allies her king has been with his army on the snowy summits of the Alps. He has been on the throne for nearly seventeen years, succeeding his father, King Humbert the First, who was assassinated. The king, who is married to Princess Helena of Montenegro, has strong domestic tastes, and cares more for home life and the simple pleasures of life than all the pomp of courts. His chief recreation in life is fishing.—Montreal Journal of Commerce.

"ISLE OF LIFE" IS FINE FEATURE PLAY

Roberta Wilson Starring at Variety Theatre To-night

Roberta Wilson is starred in the feature play, "The Isle of Life," at the Variety for the showings on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. This photoplay is the first production of the new Universal director, Burton George.

Mr. George has had a long and varied stage experience. Since entering the motion picture field he has been connected at various times with the Biograph, Eclair, Reliance, Universal, Lubin and Edison companies, and a short time ago joined the Universal as director, his first work being the direction of "The Isle of Life."

"The Isle of Life" is a fine picture to introduce George to the movie followers as it has the "punch" that is so necessary in modern productions. But there is no use in starting to list Mr. George's good points, as his pictures are full of them and should prove to be a treat to all the lovers of really high-class productions.

ITALIAN ACTOR AT COLUMBIA THEATRE

Slave Giant, "Machiste," is Wonderful Character; Hero Was Day Laborer

The slave in Cabiria is soon to be seen in another big picture along entirely different lines. The New York papers are loud in praise of this Italian actor who has in just a few months arisen from the position of a common laborer. Those who will see "Cabiria" at the Temple assuredly will be favorably impressed with the character of the negro slave Machiste, a veritable giant. So remarkable is his make-up,

the fact that he is a white man never is suspected by the audience.

Earnesto Pagani, now known to fame as Machiste, now appears in a picture named after him.

Speaking of the production and the man, Robert Grau, of Grau opera fame, special writer and critic, and who has introduced to American audiences more famous foreign stars than any other New York manager, says:

To those patrons of the movies who worship at the shrine of that colossal figure known to fame as Machiste, the latest production for the screen release by the Itala company of Italy, will be hailed as a welcome novelty.

Those who hoped that another classic along the lines of the epoch making "Cabiria" would be forthcoming in the eight reel picture Machiste, the Unconquerable, will be disappointed.

But as an illustration of what is termed filmcraft the new offering is perhaps the most entertaining of all the "exploit" type productions seen to this day.

In Cabiria and in Machiste the

methods of Pagani are so wholly new, yet so remarkable in their effect, that it is hard to believe the stories that he was accidentally discovered working as a day laborer at the time "Cabiria" was being prepared for the screen.

This story may be seen in picture at the Columbia theatre to-night.

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**Capt. Selous Had Adventures
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At the age of 45 Capt. Frederick Courtenay Selous, the great big game hunter and sport writer, according to a message published in Saturday's Times, has been killed in battle, fighting in East Africa.

Other great game hunters willingly placed him in the first rank as the leading exponent of their perilous craft, and as a slayer of lions and elephants, he had no equal.

Capt. Selous spent some considerable time hunting in British Columbia in 1907, following a visit to the Yukon, and particularly in the Selkirk, later visiting his cousin, Mayor Selous, of Nelson.

He has been regarded as the original for Allan Quartermain's heroic deeds, in the series of Sir Rider Haggard's South African stories, and while physically he did not look the hero of romance, he had faced death many times in the past 45 years.

He went to South Africa at 19 years of age in 1871, and from that time onwards was associated with big game hunting in South Central Africa. He became known as one of the best of shots and riders. Although his nerves were of the strongest, he was an inveterate tea drinker, insisting on copious supplies of that beverage with every meal.

One of the most exciting of Captain Selous's relaxed adventures occurred when he was going down the Zambezi in a canoe. The little craft was sunk in about 12 feet of water by a hippopotamus, and Mr. Selous, having lost all his belongings, was forced to swim for his life. Luckily he reached the shore in safety, but it was an eerie experience, and one of the hunter's narrowest escapes from death.

When Selous first went to Matabeleland railways were unknown there and the interior of the country was a sealed book to the European. At one time he was away three years without seeing a newspaper, a telegram, or any kind of money, and, so he related, he was perfectly happy.

In 1890 he acted as guide to the Pioneer expedition in Mashonaland, which established forts at Tuli, Victoria and Charter, and two years later took part in the Matabele war. He was in Matabeleland again in time to witness the outbreak of the rinderpest and a native insurrection in that country.

At the outbreak of the European war he joined the forces with the legion of frontiersmen, seeing action in East Africa.

During his life he published many books on sport and travel, and was honored repeatedly by learned societies.

**CHANGED TO RAILWAY
CONSTRUCTION CORPS**

The 228th Battalion to Be Officered by Engineers of Experience

The change of destiny of another infantry battalion is announced from Ottawa which states that the 228th, under the command of Lt.-Col. Erchman, will proceed to France in the near future as a railway construction unit. Seven such units have been sent from Canada and in view of the fact that there is a great demand for Railway Construction Corps, it is intended to bring the number of such units up to ten. The 143rd, British Columbia Bantams, and the 228th will bring the number up to nine.

The 228th Battalion has been largely recruited in the Ontario districts of Sudbury and Nipissing, and is largely composed of railwaymen, miners and woodmen. Reorganization of the staff is to commence immediately as only officers with qualifications as engineers are able to hold commissions with Railway Construction units. The commander of the 228th is an engineer by profession and several of his officers likewise possess the necessary credentials.

The Bantams, as stated in our issue of Saturday last, are especially fortunate in that the battalion possesses no less than ten officers with expert engineering qualification, while a great number of qualified men are to be found in their ranks who have had previous railway experience.

RETURNED SOLDIERS

Large Addition to Vancouver Association; Officers Elected.

There were more than a hundred members present at the meeting of the Returned Soldiers' Association in O'Brien's hall, Vancouver, Saturday night, and forty new members were made in addition to transaction of the principal business of the evening, which was the election of officers for the ensuing year. Lieut. C. B. Watson, who has held the presidency since the inception of the association, resigned, and was succeeded by Mr. W. Drinnan, while Sergt. H. E. Stafford, who had held the post as secretary-treasurer, was chosen vice-president. Mr. H. A. Lea and Mr. D. Laughman were elected secretary and assistant secretary respectively, with Lieut. Watson again assuming official duties in the office of treasurer.

Sergt. "Doc" Wells resigned from the vice-presidency, and together with Mr. F. Trasker, Sergt.-Maj. J. Robinson, D.C.M., Cpl. Harrold, Cpl. Carter and Pte. Fisher, was appointed on the social committee. The association without dissenting voice decided to co-operate with the Returned Soldiers' Club for social purposes, and in anything which could be done for the welfare of the invalided soldiers. The balance of funds shown to be in the treasurer's hands was \$1,000, which was considered very satisfactory when compared with \$133 which was the balance in hand at the time the 1916 executive took charge of the affairs of the association. All the retiring officers were complimented on the efficient manner in which they had carried out their duties, and the feeling was generally expressed that the association had a bright and useful future before it.

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NOW STANDING BY**

Lt.-Col. Carruthers Arrives in the City on Artillery Business

Lt.-Col. G. A. Carruthers, of the Divisional Ammunition Column, arrived in town this morning in connection with the overseas draft of the 5th C. G. A. He has the task of raising eight hundred men for the complete overseas column and a draft of sixty-seven is now complete in the city awaiting its final instructions to proceed to England. The draft which will go eastwards in charge of Lieut. Irwin, has been training at the Willows, the work consisting of dismounted drill, learning to ride, and instruction in knotting and lashing. The names of the men composing the draft are as follows: Sgt. J. Roberts, Cpl. S. Davis, Cpl. L. S. Weston, Cpl. E. L. Yoe, Gunners F. J. Arthur, A. D. Ballantyne, S. R. D. Bayne, G. Bell, O. H. Borradaile, W. R. Brackett, F. R. Butler, H. N. Crowther, R. Easton, R. P. Forrest, E. Freeman, J. T. Hamilton, G. O. H. Johnston, M. E. Knutle, W. R. Mackintosh, G. Parfitt, R. B. Prendergast, R. E. Ritchie, G. B. Rynes, J. W. Shakespear, F. C. Smith, G. Smith, S. Whittle, F. L. Yates, S. R. F. Yates, A. Byss, D. R. Parfitt, G. W. Paterson, H. Waters, H. Cross, T. H. McAdam, A. S. Carrington, S. A. Lownds, R. E. McGregor, C. H. McGregor, E. S. Bailey, J. H. Johnston, H. C. McGuffie, A. P. Archibald, J. Macpherson, R. C. Gibson, S. B. Dunsy, E. H. Steele, Trumpeters A. H. McLaughlin, A. E. Read, Colonel Carruthers, who will command the column, has already seen service at the front with the rank of major.

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In the woman's story is to be found one reason why Canadian soldiers' wives should remain in Canada. With very few exceptions women arriving in England fall into one of two sets of circumstances; either they are drawn into the reckless, excitement-seeking class who do no credit either to themselves or to their country, or they are drawn into the lonely class. In addition to this important consideration there are four other reasons why Canadian wives should stay at home. First: Because their presence in England makes it harder for England to feed herself—each additional soul in England makes that much more food to be imported from abroad or else other people are to eat less. Second: Because they are taking Canadian money out of Canada, and thereby reducing Canadian prosperity by that much. Third: Because, when the war is over, it will take over a year, using every available vessel, to get all our soldiers back to Canada, and such impedimenta as soldiers' families will have to wait till after the troops are transported before there will be space for them in any sort of ship sailing from the old world to the new. And fourth: Because it is due to Canadian husbands and Canadian children that the soldiers' home be maintained in his absence, or else that it be instantly ready for him when he gets back. It is in the interest of the soldier, of his wife, of his children—it is in the interest of Canada that soldiers' wives and dependents stay home.

HIGHLANDERS RECRUITING

Central District Office to Be Opened at Nanaimo.

Lieut. Heath, of the Overseas Company, 50th Gordon Highlanders, left the city to-day for Nanaimo in the interests of recruiting.

It is intended to make Nanaimo a central office for the surrounding district in this connection. The 50th have already established sub-offices at Ladysmith, Cumberland and Courtenay and are hopeful that by a carefully organized system it will be possible to get into touch with every "eligible" in the locality so linked up. Sergeant Graham, Sergeant Sargent and members of the company left with Lieut. Heath.

Capt. Williams stated to-day that he had five recruits to appear before the medical board this afternoon and that enlistments on the whole were showing signs of improvement.

Lieut. L. B. Plumbly, late of the Steppay Ranch, Enderby, who recently left Vernon with the 172nd Battalion, Rocky Mountain Rangers, over six hundred of whom are already in France, has been successful in passing the necessary test equipping him for service with his majesty's land ships, now commonly known as the "tanks."

Captain Tweedie has been in Vancouver during the last week for the purpose of obtaining recruits for the Royal Canadian Regiment and is expected to be back in the city early this week.

**DAY OF DEPARTURE
IS DRAWING NEARER**

Col. Powley Gets Query "How Soon Can You Be Ready?"

It was naturally assumed that when the 143rd Battalion, British Columbia Bantams, received such explicit instructions relative to their change from an infantry battalion to a railway construction corps, that any more than the necessary interval for the required preparation, would be allowed to elapse. That has been more or less borne out. Colonel Bruce Powley has now received official notification from the Militia Department, in the form of a request for information as to how soon the battalion could be ready for departure.

Chatting with a Times representative this morning Col. Powley indicated that he lost no time in advising the proper authorities that the Bantams, are ready from the word go. "If there are any men with red blood in their veins who really want to go, and do their share at the front," said the colonel, "now is the time for them to come to us and don the uniform." The old excuse of uncertainty as to when the battalion would get its marching orders was now of no avail, for in the very immediate future the small men would soon be on their way eastwards. "We have still room for a number of men," stated Col. Powley, "and if they want to get to the other side in record time they should not lose a minute in calling at the recruiting office of the battalion, where full particulars and information is always readily given."

OFFICERS' WIVES

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CYCLISTS PLATOON

Third Unit Being Raised Here for Overseas Service.

Lieut. F. E. Dorchester, late of the 72nd Highlanders and now officer commanding the newly authorized Cyclists' Platoon, is expected in the city within the next few days for the purpose of securing recruits for the new platoon. It should be observed that all recruits will receive their training here, and in view of the fact that under forty men go to form the required number for a Cyclists Platoon, as soon as the proper strength has been raised, the men will proceed overseas.

This will be the third platoon raised in British Columbia, and is a branch of the service wherein men may get their full share of incident and interesting experience. Those who are intending to join would do well to secure information without delay from Capt. C. Tweedie, D. L. O., at Work Point.

AIDED MEN TO DESERT.

Sherbrooke, Quebec, Jan. 8.—Joseph Richard, of Coaticook, Que., charged with supplying civilian clothes, giving information as to roads and warning of the whereabouts of guards and sentries, to deserting soldiers, was fined \$100 and costs here Saturday. A similar charge against L. A. Durand, by whom Richard was employed as a clerk, was discontinued when Richard paid his fine and the costs.

10 Days' Clothing Sale

10 Days of Cut Prices on

10 Days' Clothing Sale

MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING

Stock-taking has been completed, and we find some departments are overloaded with goods. For instance, we are carrying a stock of seven hundred Men's and Boys' Suits. Also a complete stock of Overcoats in all weights. For ten days we are going to give Special Prices.

Read This List Over Carefully

20 Men's Suits, Reg. \$20 Values, Sale Price \$13.75

LOT NO. 1 We are showing some exceptional values in Plain and Fancy Worsted Suits, made in two and three-button styles with semi-fitting back. Sizes range from 32 to 44. Regularly priced at \$20.00 and \$22.50. Sale Price **\$13.75**

Better Quality Currie Raincoats at \$11.75

LOT NO. 6 In this Lot we are showing our better grade of Currie Coats, well finished with plaid linings. This Coat is worth \$17.50. Ten Days' Sale Price **\$11.75**

95 Men's Suits, Reg. \$25 Values, Sale Price \$16.75

LOT NO. 2 In this lot we are showing 95 Men's Suits, made of imported cloths, tweeds and worsteds, nice, neat patterns, made with real style. All sizes, in stout and regulars. Regulars values, \$25.00. Ten Days' Clothing Sale Price **\$16.75**

\$17.50 Tweed Raincoats at \$11.75

LOT NO. 9 We are showing a complete range of Tweed Raincoats with rubber linings. This coat can be used for dress purposes as well as for rainy days. Values to \$17.50. Sale Price .. **\$11.75**

230 Men's Suits, Reg. \$30 and \$32.50, Sale Price \$19.50

LOT NO. 3 Consists of a fine assortment of styles and cloths—English Worsteds, Scotch Tweeds and Grey Panama Cloths, all well tailored and finished to your liking. Regularly sold at \$30.00 and \$32.50. Ten Days' Sale Price **\$19.50**

\$27.50, \$25 Tweed Raincoats \$16.75

LOT NO. 10 Now is the time to save money on a real dressy Tweed Raincoat, made in the latest styles, with rubber linings. Values in the lot up to \$27.50. Ten Days' Sale Price **\$16.75**

\$35, \$37.50 Men's Suits, Sale Price \$22.75

LOT NO. 4 We are showing the cream of our stock in the finest cloths procurable and in any style you wish. These Suits are all unfinished. We finish them to your order free of charge. Regular prices \$35.00 and \$37.50. Sale Price **\$22.75**

\$10.00 Boys' Suits, Ten Days' Sale Price \$7.75

LOT NO. 11 Twenty-five only, Boys' Tweed Norfolk Suits, in neat patterns. Sizes, 28 to 34. Regularly sold up to \$10.50. Ten Days' Sale Price **\$7.75**

29 Only, Men's Navy Blue Cheviot Suits, Reg. Price \$22.50. Sale Price \$16.75

LOT NO. 5 In this lot we are going to offer exceptionally good values in Navy Blue Cheviot Suits. They are made in three different styles, 2-button, 3-button and Norfolk, well finished. Reg. price, \$22.50. Ten Days' Sale Price **\$16.75**

\$14.50 Boys' Suits, Sale Price \$9.75

LOT NO. 12 In this Lot we offer you some select cloths, nicely made in different styles. This is the biggest bargain we have yet offered. Values to \$14.50, in fancy tweeds and blue chevots. Sale Price **\$9.75**

\$30.00 Navy Serge or Cheviot Suits, Sale Price \$21.75

LOT NO. 6 Here we are showing some Belwarp Serges, made in fine and medium twill, all styles, finished with the best of linings and trimmings. This is our leading line at \$30.00. Ten Days' Sale Price **\$21.75**

Big Bargains in Boys' Overcoats

LOT NO. 13 Our entire stock of Boys' Overcoats will be cut in two prices. They are made of heavy tweeds and twill coating cloth with storm collar or Chesterfield style. Values to \$11.50, for **\$7.75** Values to \$9.50, for **\$6.00**

Currie's Guaranteed Raincoats \$7.95

LOT NO. 7 Twenty-nine only, Currie's Guaranteed Raincoats; made of the same high quality stock we have sold for years. Regular price (this line was specially marked) at \$10.00. Sale Price **\$7.95**

\$20.00 Men's Overcoats at \$13.75

LOT NO. 14 Thirty-three only, Men's Heavy Tweed Overcoats with storm collar, 46 to 50 inches long; just the coat for Winter; made with belt or box back. Regularly sold at \$20.00. Ten Days' Sale Price **\$13.75**

100 Pairs of Boys' Pants at \$1.35

LOT NO. 15 One hundred pairs, of sizes from 24 to 30; big assortment of patterns; made with the guaranteed "Governor" fastener. Values up to \$2.00. Sale price **\$1.35**

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SPORTING NEWS

SEATTLE IS ANXIOUS TO STAY IN LEAD

Metropolitans and Spokane "Canaries" Will Have Hard Struggle To-morrow

With a pair of successive defeats starting them in the face, and their leadership in the Northwest Ice Hockey League seriously threatened, the Metropolitans of Seattle are working out vigorously in the effort to recover team balance for the forthcoming ice hockey contest against the Spokane "Canaries," which is scheduled for the Seattle Arena Tuesday night.

Not only are the "Mets" pitted against the "Canaries" to-morrow night, but on Friday they are slated for a second home engagement at which latter time they will meet Frank Patrick's Vancouver Millionaires.

Two Games This Week.

With two such hard contests on their minds, and in the face of the recently administered brace of defeats, the Metropolitans' speedy glacial gladiators are practicing, and practicing hard, to retrieve their recently lost laurels. The "Mets" are still at the top, but the "Canaries" which also occupies first place by reason of being tied with the local contingent.

This bowknot situation tersely means that Tuesday's ice scrap will bring out some strenuous play. The "Mets," having tasted the leadership, are decidedly anxious to keep it in front, and another incentive for this determination is the rapid progress being made by that ever dangerous Portland bunch, who have been coming strong of late.

Spokane Tied With Seattle.

Spokane has been Seattle's rival for first place honors in the past several weeks, and prior to that time, enjoyed the distinction of leading the league.

Lester Patrick, leader of the "Canaries," is fully as confident of setting the pace as is Muldoon, and the Spokane contingent will be out to win from the start.

For several hours Sunday Manager Muldoon and Capt. Fosvold put the "Mets" through their paces on the ice at the Arena. The possible return to the game of "Cully" Wilson is an anxiously expected event in Seattle hockey circles, for the absence of this aggressive player, who has been kept off the ice through injuries, is expected to materially assist the septet.

"Cully" Wilson May Play.

With Wilson back in form, and the other players awakened to the necessity for harder play, Seattle may prove able to retain first place, and Manager Muldoon is closely watching each workout with a view of lining up the team to-morrow night to beat advantage.

The closeness of the race, and the position of the competing clubs can mean little less than one of the most exciting contests Seattle's hockey fans have seen since the sport became the popular winter amusement in this city.

CITY BASKETBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Season 1917 Promises to Be Interesting One for Local Team

The following is a schedule of basketball games of the city league:

Jan. 6—At Willows; Presbyterians vs. High School; Willows vs. Firemen.

Jan. 13—At Presbyterian church; High School vs. Y. M. C. A.; Presbyterians vs. Firemen.

Jan. 20—At Y. M. C. A.; High School vs. Firemen; Y. M. C. A. vs. Willows.

Feb. 3—At Willows; Firemen vs. Y. M. C. A.; Willows vs. Presbyterians.

Feb. 10—At Presbyterian church; Willows vs. Firemen; Presbyterians vs. High School.

Feb. 17—At Y. M. C. A.; Presbyterians vs. Firemen; Y. M. C. A. vs. High School.

Feb. 24—At High School; Y. M. C. A. vs. Willows; High School vs. Firemen.

March 3—At Willows; Presbyterians vs. Y. M. C. A.; Willows vs. High School.

March 10—At Presbyterian church; Firemen vs. Y. M. C. A.; Presbyterians vs. Willows.

March 17—At Y. M. C. A.; Firemen vs. Presbyterians; Y. M. C. A. vs. High School.

March 24—At High School; Willows vs. Firemen; High School vs. Presbyterians.

March 31—At Willows; Firemen vs. High School; Willows vs. Y. M. C. A.

April 7—At Presbyterian church; High School vs. Willows; Presbyterians vs. Y. M. C. A.

April 14—At Y. M. C. A.; Willows vs. Presbyterians; Y. M. C. A. vs. Firemen.

GARRISON DEFEATS NAVY SOCCER TEAM

Wins From Presbyterians and Willows From Firemen

The City Basketball League opened its schedule games on Saturday evening at the Willows' camp. Two matches were played, the first between the High School and the First Presbyterians, and the second between the Willows' camp and the Firemen.

In the first game the teams seemed to be in ignorance of the up-to-date rules, and many fouls were made causing the referee to be continually blowing his whistle. This fact had a tendency to make the game rather slower than it otherwise would have been, as both teams showed that they had the power to play real fast games. The result of the play was a win for the High School by a score of 34-15. Stevens was high scorer for the winners, with 13 to his credit, and for the Presbyterians, Sargison, who netted 5.

The second game was won by the Willows by a score of 24-23. The winners had the ball all to themselves during the first period, and when the whistle sounded for time they were in the lead, by 14 points. The Firemen seemed unable to shoot with any success, and made only one field goal during this period. In the second period, however, they surprised both spectators and their opponents by pulling together and playing a very aggressive game. Two field goals and three fouls were put in by the Firemen during this period while the soldiers were only able to make 18 points. Excellent combination was shown by the civilians, and if the whistle had not blown, it is probable that with a few more minutes to play they would have won the game. The high man for the Willows was Erickson with 10 and for the Firemen, Guyer with 15.

The teams which are hereby referred to are: Willows Camp—Forwards, Erickson, Wilkinson and Paritt (centre); guards, Boyes and Riach.

Firemen—Forwards, Kerby, Gee and Guyer (centre); guards, McDonald and Crawford.

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CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF OAK BAY ELECTION OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

PUBLIC NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Electors of the Municipality of the District of Oak Bay, that I require the presence of the said Electors at the Municipal Hall, Oak Bay, on Monday, the 8th day of January, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing two persons as members of the Board of School Trustees.

THE MODE OF NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

The Candidates shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of this notice and 2 p.m. of the day of the nomination, and in the event of a Poll being necessary, such Poll will be opened on the 13th day of January, 1917, at the following places:

Home.

Ward One—Soldiers' and Sailors' Home.

Ward Two—At the store on the corner of Arm and Craigflower road.

Ward Three—At the store on the corner of Arm and Craigflower road.

THE QUALIFICATION FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE shall be any person being a British subject of the full age of twenty-one years actually residing within the district, and having been for the three months next preceding the day of his nomination the registered owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property situate within the Municipality of the assessed value, on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, of two hundred and fifty dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge, and being otherwise qualified by this Act to vote at an election of School Trustees in the district.

Given under my hand at Oak Bay, B. C., the 30th day of December, 1916.

JAMES FAIRWEATHER,
Returning Officer.

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF OAK BAY Weekly Half-Holiday Referendum

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"WEEKLY HALF-HOLIDAY ACT"

Are you in favor of a weekly Wednesday half-holiday?

Are you in favor of a weekly Saturday half-holiday?

Place a cross (thus X) opposite the day you favor for a half-holiday.

A VOTE IN FAVOR of either day shall be marked by placing a cross (thus X) in the space opposite the word "Wednesday" or opposite the word "Saturday" on the ballot paper.

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CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

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IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Electors of the Municipality of the Township of Esquimalt, that I require the presence of the said Electors at the Municipal Hall, Esquimalt, on the 8th day of January, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Reeve and Councillors.

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THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR A COUNCILOR shall be his being a male British subject and having been for the three months next preceding the day of his nomination the registered owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property situate within the Municipality of the assessed value, on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, of two hundred and fifty dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge, and being otherwise qualified by this Act to vote at an election of School Trustees in the district.

Given under my hand at Esquimalt, B. C., the 30th day of December, 1916.

G. H. PULLEN,
Returning Officer.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT REFERENDUM

Notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of the Township of Esquimalt that a vote will be taken on SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 1917, on the question as to whether the WEEKLY HALF-HOLIDAY SHALL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAYS OR SATURDAYS.

The poll will be open from 9 a. m. to 7 p. m. on the 13th day of January at the following places:

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THE MODE OF NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

The Candidate shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of this notice and 2 p.m. of the day of the nomination, and in the event of a Poll being necessary, such Poll will be opened on the 13th day of January, 1917, at the following places:

Home.

Ward One—Soldiers' and Sailors' Home.

Ward Two—At the store on the corner of Arm and Craigflower road.

Ward Three—At the store on the corner of Arm and Craigflower road.

THE QUALIFICATION FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE shall be any person being a British subject of the full age of twenty-one years actually residing within the district, and having been for the three months next preceding the day of his nomination the registered owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property situate within the Municipality of the assessed value, on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, of two hundred and fifty dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge, and being otherwise qualified by this Act to vote at an election of School Trustees in the district.

Given under my hand at Esquimalt, B. C., the 30th day of December, 1916.

G. H. PULLEN,
Returning Officer.

SAANICH MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of Saanich, that I require the presence of said electors at the Council Chamber, Municipal Hall, Royal Oak, B. C., on Monday, the 8th day of January, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Reeve and Councillors.

THE MODE OF NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES shall be as follows: The candidates shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of this notice and 2 p. m. of the day of the nomination, and in the event of a Poll being necessary, such Poll will be opened on the 13th day of January, 1917, at the following places: For the First Ward, at Cedar Hill School House, Cedar Hill Cross Road; for the Second Ward, at Tolmie School House, Boleksine Road; for the Third Ward, at the Hall, Tyndall Avenue, Gordon Head; for the Fourth Ward, at McKenzie Avenue, corner McKenzie Avenue, Carey Road and Raymond Street; for the Fifth Ward, at Royal Oak School, near the junction of the East and West Saanich Roads; for the Sixth Ward, at the Temperance Hall, East Saanich Road; for the Seventh Ward, at the Store, corner of Tullicum Road and Obed Avenue; and such polling places will be open from 9 o'clock a. m. to 7 p. m., of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

THE QUALIFICATION FOR REEVE shall be his being a male British subject and having been for the three months next preceding the day of his nomination, the registered owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property situate within the Municipality of the assessed value, on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, of five hundred dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge, and being otherwise qualified by this Act to vote.

THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR A COUNCILOR shall be his being a male British subject and having been for the three months next preceding the day of his nomination, the registered owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property situate within the Municipality of the assessed value, on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, of two hundred and fifty dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge, and being otherwise qualified by this Act to vote at an election of School Trustees in the district.

Given under my hand at Royal Oak, British Columbia, this 1st day of December, 1916.

R. R. F. SEWELL,
Returning Officer.

Corporation of the District of Saanich REFERENDUM

Notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of Saanich that a vote will be taken on Saturday, January 13th, 1917, on the question: "ON WHICH DAY ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF A HALF HOLIDAY?"

The poll will be open from 9 a. m. to 7 p. m. on the 13th day of January, at the following places: For the First Ward, at Cedar Hill School House, Cedar Hill Cross Road; for the Second Ward, at Tolmie School House, Boleksine Road; for the Third Ward, at the Hall, Tyndall Avenue, Gordon Head; for the Fourth Ward, at McKenzie Avenue, corner McKenzie Avenue, Carey Road and Raymond Street; for the Fifth Ward, at Royal Oak School, near the junction of the East and West Saanich Roads; for the Sixth Ward, at the Temperance Hall, East Saanich Road; for the Seventh Ward, at the Store, corner of Tullicum Road and Obed Avenue; and such polling places will be open from 9 o'clock a. m. to 7 p. m., of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

"WEEKLY HALF-HOLIDAY ACT"

Are you in favor of a weekly Wednesday Half-Holiday?

Are you in favor of a weekly Saturday Half-Holiday?

Place a cross (thus X) opposite the day you favor for a half-holiday.

A VOTE IN FAVOR of either day shall be marked by placing a cross (thus X) in the space opposite the word "Wednesday" or opposite the word "Saturday" on the ballot paper.

Given under my hand at Royal Oak, British Columbia, this 1st day of December, 1916.

R. R. F. SEWELL,
Returning Officer.

Corporation of the District of Saanich ELECTION OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of Saanich, that I require the presence of said electors at the Council Chamber, Municipal Hall, Royal Oak, B. C., on Monday, the 8th day of January, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing two (2) persons as members of the Board of School Trustees.

THE MODE OF NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES shall be as follows: The candidates shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of this notice and 2 p. m. of the day of the nomination, and in the event of a Poll being necessary, such Poll will be opened on the 13th day of January, 1917, at the following places: For the First Ward, at Cedar Hill School House, Cedar Hill Cross Road; for the Second Ward, at Tolmie School House, Boleksine Road; for the Third Ward, at the Hall, Tyndall Avenue, Gordon Head; for the Fourth Ward, at McKenzie Avenue, corner McKenzie Avenue, Carey Road and Raymond Street; for the Fifth Ward, at Royal Oak School, near the junction of the East and West Saanich Roads; for the Sixth Ward, at the Temperance Hall, East Saanich Road; for the Seventh Ward, at the Store, corner of Tullicum Road and Obed Avenue; and such polling places will be open from 9 o'clock a. m. to 7 p. m., of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

THE QUALIFICATION FOR REEVE shall be his being a male British subject and having been for the three months next preceding the day of his nomination, the registered owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property situate within the Municipality of the assessed value, on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, of five hundred dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge, and being otherwise qualified by this Act to vote.

Given under my hand at Royal Oak, B. C., this 21st day of December, 1916.

R. R. F. SEWELL,
Returning Officer.

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH.

Ward Meetings Will Be Held as Under:

Ward 1—Cedar Hill School, Friday, January 12.

Ward 2—Boleskine Road, Tuesday, January 9.

Ward 3—Gordon Head Hall, Monday, January 8.

Ward 4—Colquhain Hall, Thursday, January 11.

Ward 5—Royal Oak Hall, Tuesday, January 9.

Ward 6—Temperance Hall, Thursday, January 11.

Ward 7—Presbyterian Church, Wednesday, January 10.

Y. M. C. A. BASKETBALL SEASON IS OPEN

Three basketball games were played at the local Y.M.C.A. yesterday evening. In the senior series, the Centennial Boys' Club defeated the St. John's Club 13-4. McEwan, Grant and Leigh scored six points each for the winning team, while Marshall and Chadwick were the high scorers for the losers.

The first game of the intermediate series was between the Metropolitan Methodists and the Y.M. Acha Woes, the former team winning by a score of 17-16. Lewis made 10 for the winners.

The second game of this series was between the Y.M. Business Boys and the Minilinos, the latter being defeated by 22-10. The winners were the heavier team and surpassed their opponents in combination. Gollie and Fullerton were the high scorers for the winners and Archie Boyd did some clever playing for the Minilinos.

The game which was played in the morning between the Esquimalt High School and the Central Boys resulted in a win for the former. The Esquimalt team is in good form and promises to give an excellent account of itself in the matches that it is expecting to play.

SOUTH VANCOUVER FOOTBALLER WOUNDED

Pte. Arthur Wilkins, a former member of the Riverview Football Club of South Vancouver, has been wounded, and is now recovering in a hospital at Halifax, Yorkshire, England, according to word received by his brother, Pte. C. Wilkins of the Canadian Army Service Corps, and who resides at 347 Sixty-fifth avenue, South Vancouver.

Pte. Wilkins went overseas with the 47th Battalion, and early in November received a gunshot wound in the thigh during the attack on Regina trench on the Somme. Prior to coming to Canada a few years ago he played amateur football in the Old Country. Among the clubs he assisted was Maidstone United, for whom one season he kept goal. Upon his arrival in Vancouver he played with the old Riverview club, guarding the nets for two seasons.

GARRISON DEFEATS NAVY

The game at Work Point was one characteristic of about the middle of the period, when the Garrison began to display superior staying powers, and the Navy's defence commenced to show weakness. At this point, Wells put the Garrison in the lead with a good shot

LADIES' SWIMMING CLUB

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Swimming Club was held in the King's Daughters' rest rooms to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. All members and any ladies interested in swimming are asked to attend.

P. C. H. A. RESULTS

Standing of Clubs.	Goals	To
Pld. W. L. F. A. Ast. Pct. Play		
Spokane	9 5 4 41 66 27 355 15	
Seattle	10 5 5 40 40 22 500 14	
Portland	19 5 5 26 42 22 500 14	

Next matches, Tuesday, Jan. 9.—Portland at Vancouver; Spokane at Seattle.

RETAILERS WIN GAME FROM CONGOS TEAM

Five goals to one was the result of the intermediate soccer game played on Saturday afternoon at Beacon Hill between the teams of the Retailers and the Congos, the former club proving to be very superior to the latter. During the first period the Congos played a good game, and when the whistle blew the score was in their favor 1-0.

In the second half the Retailers took the offensive and soon had the score well in their own favor. It is probable that they would have made more goals than they did but for the fact that the high wind interfered with the passing and shooting. The final result was 5-1 for the Retailers.

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SCHOOL EXPENDITURES.

To the Editor:—I have read with keen interest and appreciation the very valuable suggestion of Mr. Edgar Fawcett in his letter to the Times of the 4th inst. entitled "More School Houses." As that worthy gentleman remarks, our taxes in this municipality are becoming alarming, and in arrears to the extent of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

It appears some of the trustees, who have little or no taxes to pay, will vote for any amount of money to be spent. The sooner the people wake up to the fact that there is too much money squandered in this direction the better it will be for everyone.

Esquimalt municipality is not desirous to emulate the city of Victoria in spending lavishly for all kinds of facts in connection with the so-called system of up-to-date education, viz., domestic science, swimming, dancing, millinery and dress-making. If such things must be taught, why should the taxpayer and not the individual bear the burden?

J. GEO. THOMPSON, Esquimalt, Jan. 8, 1917.

CIVIC RETRENCHMENT.

To the Editor:—There seems to be a good deal of misunderstanding with respect to the Civic Retrenchment Association. If you can spare the space in your paper I would like to point out to those of your readers who are in error the objects and aims of the association.

The association consists of both large and small taxpayers of the city of Victoria. There are no politics of any kind mixed up with it, and it is in favor of ratifying any policy which will be of permanent benefit to the city generally.

The association is not antagonistic to the civic officials or employees; its main object is to assist in suggesting means to bring about the strictest economy in the management of municipal affairs, and consequent low taxation, without which we cannot hope to see population and business increase in the city, which can never prosper if property is overtaxed, because high taxation leads to unproductive investment, lack of enterprise and unemployment.

It believes that all permanent prosperity in the city must be based upon sound property values, because profitable investment in property means increased work and increased manufacture, and that when Victoria experienced a great temporary advance in land values with correspondingly increased assessments and taxation, it was not for the permanent good of the city, as none of these can be maintained under existing conditions, and that a renaissance of the city on some fixed basis which cannot fluctuate without legitimate cause would be a good thing for the city.

H. BURT SMITH, Secretary, 611 Fort St., Victoria, B.C., Jan. 6, 1917.

"ELIGIBLES"

To the Editor:—In your issue of the 5th inst. on this subject there is an interesting letter from "Returned." From my own knowledge he is right. There are men who got positions in the naval and military offices when the war started who should have been at the front long ago. There are also "eligibles" in the civil service of both the Dominion and Provincial governments who are holding down jobs which should months ago have been given to older men who have families to support and are not fit for active service. As these young men, married or single, have not marched, should be sent to volunteer they should be booted out. They have held these easy jobs long enough, while their brothers are fighting, so that they and their wives and sisters may live here in peace and comfort. But, alas, these are not the only slackers. They are in offices and stores and, worst of all, in khaki; officers and men who have been in uniform since the war started, some before the war started, whose only ambition seems to be to get promotion at an increased cost to the taxpayer. This is common talk on the streets and has done much to hinder recruiting. How any man pretending to be a soldier dares to be seen on the streets in khaki month after month, and in some cases year after year of war, when his comrades are fighting and dying in the trenches is past my understanding. The militia department in a measure is responsible for allowing this abuse of privilege to exist, but nothing can excuse the individuals, especially the officers. This should be remedied without delay, and only shows the great need for registration, which has been too

late in coming. This is not only Great Britain's war, not only Canada's war, but the war of every red-blooded, liberty loving, right thinking soul that has any pretense to call himself a man. As one who has fought for his king and country and who has two sons and other relatives at the front, it is maddening to me to see so many "eligibles" cowering in their soft places. How can any young man who has a spark of spirit stay at home when he knows what his fellowmen are doing and suffering for him on the battlefields? The glorious story of heroism and self-sacrifice is enough to inspire the most hardened. What kind of souls can these slackers have? Even the lower animals will defend their own. The day of reckoning for such as these will come when the war is over and our brave boys come back. They will be all marked men, and any government or public institution that dares to keep such creatures filling positions which those who have fought the battle of righteousness should have had will pay for their neglect of duty.

At the time of civic elections right thinking people should take care that no young "eligibles" who are seeking the support of the electorate get their votes. They can serve us better at the front. This is the time for action. All loyal citizens should unite together to win the war and sink their personal prejudices and ambitions. Nothing else should count now. Anti-registration leaguers and all who are too proud to fight should be given short shrift and go where they belong, across the line.

After the war we will deal with the grafters and profiteers, but now be British and face the music.

I enclose my card.

Jan. 7, CAMPAIGNER.

PUBLIC EDUCATION—THE REAL ISSUE.

"What is the use of knowing so much if what we do know is not true?" Dooly.

To the Editor:—This letter is little else than a condensation of the last chapter of that remarkable book, "The World Storm and Beyond."

One of the effects of the present war will be to make some of us more humble, more willing to learn, more willing to reconstruct our ideas in harmony with the new view-point which progress is forcing upon us. We shall realize that it is not so much new institutions that we need as a new and fervent idealism that will warm and shine through existing institutions.

Never was the spiritual seen so far ahead of the material as now. Our only hope lies in the fuller unfoldment of humanity. We have mistaken literacy for education. The common people had a practical knowledge of pioneer life, but were without the broader culture that comes through a knowledge of world-literature. We built an educational system to change their condition from ignorance to literacy, and worshipped literacy more and more, to the exclusion of life.

Realizing our mistake, we have begun to educate the hand and eye; to turn our schools into workshops. Work, not literature, is the normal function of the human being. Work is the language of humanity. This goal of the modern world is efficiency. Co-ordination of brain and hand—that is the new education. Work to be the herald of the new age. This is the test of making good, accepted by all who are convinced that the world is a factory.

Efficiency—what does it mean? A concentration upon some particular thing until one's mastery of it is complete. It is the perfection of method, the elimination of waste. Efficiency produces a workman. Education, unfoldment, produces a human being. Can we afford to purchase efficiency at the price of eternal verities? Where efficiency has reached its maximum human life has no meaning. Germany alone among the nations has added to its educational system this last story of mechanical efficiency—and is fast hastening to its death.

Efficiency as a servant has been fruitful of vast good, as a goal of effort as the master of life, into what unspeakable crime will it not lead! Only yesterday we were all at school to Germany. Berlin was the gate to the future; even the writer of this letter bowed before German professors. We did not question the relation between mind and morals. If one advanced, how could the other lag behind?

It needs no Treitschke now to tell us that "the German army constitutes a peculiar and necessary continuation of the scholastic system." Given the German training, the war was inevitable as a stone which was dropped four feet will drop the fifth, if there be a fifth. It is the logical outcome of a false view of life, the inevitable result of the worship of efficiency, carried out into national life. With the finest educational system of its kind in the world, Germany is less able to get along with her neighbors than any other nation in the world. The moment a man becomes merely a technician, whether he be a traction engineer or a lawyer, that moment he becomes less than a human being, a mere unit of labor.

This is the debris of an educational system that has utterly failed to give security to life, failed even to protect life. The present war is the horrible message of idolized mechanical efficiency spelled out in terms of blood; for efficiency, character has been neglected, for the almighty dollar, man is being destroyed. What then is our duty? Let us face towards life from literacy to education, from information to unfoldment, our eyes are open to the place of work and to the place of

the moralities. We are ready to admit that to get along with people is an essential part of education; and to know what is right is quite as important as to know what is true. We shall supplant manual training with man training. We shall add to efficiency of production, efficiency of understanding. "When we have found us teachers capable of making these things clear, we shall have gone far toward making war impossible and peace worth while."

ERNEST A. HALL, January 6.

FOOD WASTE.

To the Editor:—When the government and necessity are urging upon us economy in food, and the use of more vegetables and less meat, allow me to point out a source of enormous waste in food, as well as deterioration in health, by the wasteful methods of cooking vegetables, commonly adopted. The United States authorities have made a careful study of this for their people, and the results are issued in the Farmers' Bulletin No. 43, which may be obtained by anyone sending five cents to the superintendent of documents, government printing office, Washington, D. C., U. S. A. I briefly summarize the results:

Potatoes cooked in their skins—the loss is very trifling.
 Potatoes peeled and soaked in water for several hours, as is often done—the loss of nitrogenous material is about 50 per cent, and of mineral matter 40 per cent.
 Potatoes peeled and boiled at once lose about 8 per cent, protein and about 30 per cent, of starch.
 Carrots cut into small pieces and boiled, lose about 20 per cent, total food material present. Sugar lost by boiling in this way equals 1 pound per bushel of carrots.

Cabbage boiled loses one-third total food material present, especially ash and mineral matter. Eaten raw, it is digested in half the time required for boiled cabbage.
 Vegetables steamed lose only one-third of the material that is lost by boiling.
 The above are striking facts. The loss of food and valuable salts may be avoided by baking, steaming or if boiled, the water should all be used in soups or sauces, but much of the delicate flavor of vegetables is lost by boiling. Since the beginning of the war Germany has forbidden the cooking of potatoes without their skins, even in private houses, to save waste.

F. W. GODSAL, Cowley, Alta., Jan. 6.

DELINQUENT TAXES.

To the Editor:—I am surprised beyond measure at the position the mayor takes on the tax delinquency question in his annual report. He seems to think that it is the "speculators" who are responsible for the appointment of the tax delinquency committee and who are behind that body. In this he is wrong in his premises and therefore wrong in his conclusions. So far as I was able to judge by what took place at the last meeting of that committee, the real speculators present had little or no sympathy with the object of the committee. They spent an hour or more asking irrelevant questions and in drawing red herrings across the track.

How many speculators are there living on the north side of Pandora avenue from, say, Vancouver street to McGregor avenue? How many of them got huge sums in the way of land damages, which put out at interest would pay all taxes for the period of fifty years? So far as I have been able to learn, not one. Yet many of these residential owners, through local improvement taxes piled up against their homes, as a first mortgage against them, amounting in many instances to two or three times their assessed value. Unless something is done these people will be sold out of their homes, through tax sales. Has the mayor no sympathy for these? Does he think that because certain speculators through operations on the other side of the street got huge grabs all the people, innocent and guilty alike, should be penalized?

But selling them out would not meet the case. In many instances the property would not sell for half enough to pay the local improvement taxes charged against it. In that case the city would have to take over the properties, losing both local improvement and general taxes, and the deficit thus created would have to be made good by the general taxpayer, by those who stay in the game till the end. It comes to this, then, that sooner or later the general taxpayer will have to help carry the load, and the sooner he does it the lighter will his portion be, for the interest is accumulating all the time.

It is because of these things that the delinquent tax committee was appointed, and I believe its members are honestly attempting to find some solution of this very difficult problem. And the city should take over a part of this burden. Through the mismanagement of its agents, our representatives on the council, much of the local improvement carried out has cost double and even three and sometimes four times the estimated cost. For instance, in extending and widening Pandora avenue from Chambers street to McGregor avenue, the actual exceeded the estimated cost by \$179,072.25. There was over \$179,000 charged up against property owners on that street which they had no voice in contracting and against which they had no opportunity of protesting themselves. Because a few "speculators" made big money out of these schemes the mayor may think it just and right to "soak" all property owners on the street, even those who got no damages whatever, but I certainly do not.

cess of incubation certain high-brows in our midst, one of them prominent in judicial circles, used to paint fancy pictures in the press about making this street a "magnificent boulevard, a main thoroughfare extending from tidewater to tidewater, relieving the congestion on Fort street" and so on. If these high-brows want the congestion on Fort street relieved and a magnificent boulevard, etc., created, they should help to pay for it. Why should the people on this street bear the cost of all this kite-flying? As already shown, even that would not settle the bill.

I agree with everything the mayor says about the speculator, but it is the other poor devil for whom I plead.

F. ANDREWS, Jan. 6.

"MEETING POSTPONED"

Fearing Damage to Premises, Lessee of Theatre Would Not Rent Building.

During the 30 minutes between 7.30 and 8 o'clock on Saturday evening last, a number of people approached the entrance of the Princess theatre, attracted by the two-worded announcement pasted on the main entrance door, "Meeting Postponed." It was learned by the lessee of the building that in view of the nature of the proceedings trouble might ensue, with resultant damage to the premises. The promoters

of the meeting, therefore, in spite of the considerable amount of publicity that had been given to the event through the press and by means of handbills, and had no alternative but to defer the proceedings.

Nothing daunted, however, the members of the Citizens' League on their discovery that a gathering in the theatre was impossible, posted notices in the Labor temple calling a gathering in the quarters of Trades and Labor. The executive of the Trades and Labor council, however, decided against this move, consequently no meeting was held.

President E. Christopher, of the Trades and Labor Council, asks the Times to explain that the use of the hall was declined because the time at

the disposal of the executive prevented the summoning of a meeting to deal with the subject, and at any event the halls upstairs are not suited for large meetings such as this one would have undoubtedly developed. The attitude of the Trades and Labor Council to registration did not enter into the decision.

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15 Pairs Men's Boots—Medium heavy, leather lined Box Calf Bluchers, double waterproof sole. Reg. \$7.00. Closing-Out Sale \$5.25	24 Pairs Men's Boots—Extra quality Tan Calfskin Oxfords, Blucher or button style. Regular \$6.00. Closing-Out Sale \$3.75	140 Pairs Ladies' Evening Slippers—A beautiful assortment of patent or dull kid styles; all sizes and widths. Reg. \$6.00. Closing-Out Sale \$4.50
22 Pairs Men's Boots—Dr. Brandon's famous Cushion Sole Shoe, Made in Blucher style, of extra fine vici kid. Reg. \$8.50. Closing-Out Sale \$6.50	34 Pairs Men's Boots—Nice quality velour calfskin, in either straight or swing last; slip sole. Regular at \$7.50. Closing-Out Sale \$6.00	63 Pairs Ladies' Pumps—Fetiching styles in all nubuck or nubuck with patent vamp; instep strap. Regular at \$6.00. Closing-Out Sale \$3.50
130 Pairs Ladies' Boots—Assorted styles and all high grade qualities. Regular values \$5.00 and \$6.00. Closing-Out Sale \$4.00	22 Pairs Men's Boots—Velour Calfskin Boots, in smart, dressy last, single sole, button style. Regular at \$7.50. Closing-Out Sale \$5.75	65 Pairs Ladies' Shoes—This is the famous Red Cross Shoe—always a favorite with the nurses. It is made in a lacing style with medium heel, Regular \$7.00. Closing-Out Sale \$5.50
20 Pairs Ladies' Boots—Nice Velour Calf Lacing Boots, with black cravenette 9-in. tops; heavy single sole and medium heel. Regular \$5.50. Closing-Out Sale \$4.00	15 Pairs Men's Boots—Patent Blucher Oxfords, in all sizes and widths. Regular at \$6.00. Closing-Out Sale \$3.75	98 Pairs Men's Evening Pumps—Made in plain pump or lacing style. Patent, vici kid or gun-metal calfskin. Regular \$5.00 and \$5.50. Closing-Out Sale \$4.00
140 Pairs Ladies' Boots—The famous Walk-over make. Fine quality kid, in assorted styles; 7 and 8-in. tops. Regular at \$7.00 and \$8.00. Closing-Out Sale \$6.00	21 Pairs Ladies' Boots—Dull Kid Boots, with 8-in. tops, novelty pattern, finished with smart buttons. Regular at \$6.50. Closing-Out Sale \$5.00	35 Pairs Men's Pullman Slippers—In black or dark chocolate. Nice quality. Regular at \$3.75. Closing-Out Sale \$2.75
238 Pairs Children's Shoes—A big assortment of styles; button or lacing, black or brown. Regular \$2.00 and \$2.75. Closing-Out Sale \$1.50	64 Pairs Ladies' Pumps—An assortment of fresh new styles in patent leather or gun-metal calfskin; Goodyear welted soles. Regular at \$6.50. Closing-Out Sale \$4.00	53 Pairs Military Boots—Tan Winter Calfskin. Genuine Sliter. Stamped on sole \$7.00. Closing-Out Sale \$6.00
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SAILED UP STRAITS

Schooner Philippine Arrives on American Side Bound for Vancouver.

The American schooner Philippine, Capt. F. S. Phillips, en route to Vancouver to load lumber offshore, put into Port Angeles on Saturday afternoon from San Francisco, having beat her way up the straits under canvas. The Philippine is awaiting a tug to tow her from the American side to Vancouver, and it is expected she will pass up to-day. The vessel has just completed the round trip to Suva, returning via the Golden Gate.

TO UNDERGO CHANGES.

The steel freighter Grace Dollar, recently purchased by the Pacific Steamship Company for its Alaska trade, is to have a steel upper deck and house built, giving her a flush deck. At present she is of the well deck type. The Grace Dollar is practically a new vessel, having been launched only three years ago.

MAKURA COMING ON.

The Canadian-Australian liner, Makura, Capt. J. D. S. Phillips, sailed from Honolulu on Saturday on the last leg of her voyage from the Antipodes. She is looked for here on Friday morning. The liner has a light passenger list but carries a capacity cargo.

BOAT SECTIONS WILL BE HAULED OVER ICE

Material for New White Pass Craft Will Be Shipped North on Princess Sophia

H. Wheeler, general manager of the White Pass & Yukon route, states that the C. P. R. steamer Princess Sophia, leaving here on January 28 for Skagway, will carry the timbers, frames and gasoline engines for the power craft which the company will place in service on Atlin lake this season. The "forming" is being done by Cousins Bros. of Victoria, and the vessel will be taken in over the ice from Caribou to Atlin. The company is also having a sternwheeler built in sections locally, and this material will go north at the earliest possible date.

The former boat will be of the twin-screw gasoline-driven type, her dimensions being 87 feet long and 18 feet beam, having accommodation for 100 passengers. The sternwheeler will be 165 feet long and 35 feet beam, with berthing accommodation for 80 passengers. This vessel will ply between Caribou and Taku. The contract for the framing of the two boats was placed locally by H. Wheeler on December 20 last. A. E. Henderson, the company's designer and shipyard foreman, is superintending the work here.

INABA MARU IS DUE.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Inaba Maru, Capt. Higo, is due to reach Victoria to-morrow with passengers and cargo from Kobe and Yokohama. The vessel has not been reported by wireless but she is expected to put in an appearance on schedule.

The Inaba has 13 passengers and 628 tons of general cargo for this port, and 124 passengers and 5,000 tons for Seattle.

The Tacoma Maru, of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha fleet, is posted to sail on Friday for Yokohama on her last voyage in the company's trans-Pacific service.

'LUZ BLANCA' NOT COMING.

The tanker Luz Blanca, of the Union Oil fleet, previously reported bound for British Columbia, cleared from San Francisco yesterday for Pisapur. She was delayed three days by her crew striking for higher wages.

CUNARD MAY PLACE SHIPS ON PACIFIC

Big British Line Said to Have Two Huge Vessels Building for Oriental Route

Shanghai, Jan. 8.—It is reported that the Cunard Line has two ships under construction in England which will be put on the run between Vancouver and the Far East. The steamers which are reported to be building are said to be intended for practically the same route in the Far East now covered by the Toyo Kisen Kaisha ships and the Pacific Mail ships operating out of San Francisco. That is, stops will be made at Yokohama, Nagasaki, Shanghai, Hongkong and Manila, with a return over the same route.

IMPEROYAL OVERHAULING

Canadian Tanker on Ways at Vancouver: Other Marine News From Mainland.

Vancouver, Jan. 8.—The Canadian tanker Imperoyal, Captain Wilkie, returned to Vancouver on Saturday night after a trip to Prince Rupert with gasoline and yesterday was hauled out at the Wallace shipyard No. 1, North Vancouver, for cleaning. The vessel, which came here from Sarnia, Ont., via the Panama canal and Peruvian ports, has a big accumulation of weeds and barnacles on her hull. She is owned by the Imperial Oil Company.

The Japanese steamer Kenkon Maru No. 3 sailed yesterday from Vladivostok with a full cargo of railroad material. The Japanese steamer Unkai Maru No. 5, which arrived on Friday afternoon with sulphur from Japan, is loading rails at the C. P. R. wharf but will sail for Union Bay to-night to take on bunkers, returning here to complete cargo for Vladivostok. Both vessels are under charter to the C.P.R.

The nine vessels of the Canadian Fishing Company and New England Fish Company, which have been undergoing repairs here for some weeks, are now preparing for sea and it is hoped to get two of the craft outfitted for a fishing venture by the end of the week. The steamer King's Way is due this afternoon from the banks with a load of halibut and the C. P. R. steamer Princess Sophia is due in the morning with a shipment of frozen fish from the Ketchikan plant of the New England Fish Company.

MIGHT AS WELL HAVE BEEN AT WAR

Norway Lost 203 Vessels of 259,850 Tons Up to End of October

From the commencement of the war up to the end of October, 1916, the Norwegian mercantile marine had lost 147 steamers of 218,906 tons gross, and 56 sailing ships of 41,044 tons, or a total of 203 vessels of 259,850 tons, according to the Anglo-Norwegian Trade Journal. The losses of the Norwegian War Risk Insurance Club amount to about 100,000,000 kr., or about \$28,000,000. From September 15 to October 26, 44 steamers aggregating 55,530 tons gross, and insured for 26,820,000 kr., were sunk by submarines or mines, in addition to eight sailing ships of 2,328 tons. This does not mean, however, that the Norwegian insurance companies have lost heavily, because war insurance on the hulls of Norwegian steamers is not covered in private companies, but in a mutual club established by the shipowners themselves. Any profit or loss on such war hull insurance does not therefore concern Norwegian insurance companies. The Norwegian companies, however, are interested in the war insurance on cargoes, as all Norwegian insurance companies are reinsurers of "The Norwegian War Insurance Institution for Goods," which institution was established on the initiative of the Norwegian government. Up to date "The Norwegian War Insurance Institution for Goods" has brought the Norwegian companies a handsome profit, so that Norwegian marine insurance companies, consequent upon the good results obtained from war insurance, are now in a still stronger position than they were before the war. The amount of Norwegian-owned tonnage has decreased by about 10 per cent. since the war began, and the present tendency is for war rates to be increased, so that instead of Norwegian steamers getting more favorable consideration as neutrals, it would seem that they will have to be classed as a worse risk than British steamers.

Immediately after the report of the Tees being made the Dominion telegraph got in touch with Port Benfrew, from which point telephone communication is maintained with Carmanah, and the lightkeeper at the latter station reported that he had not sighted any lifeboats, the weather being very thick, but a good look-out was being kept for any traces of wreckage. There has been no reports of any vessel in distress off the west coast of Vancouver Island.

SUBMARINE QUAKE

Dutch Steamer Reports Peculiar Experience Off Japanese Coast.

San Francisco, Jan. 8.—A submarine earthquake which lasted for 48 seconds and was so violent that it snapped a blade of the ship's propeller, was reported by Capt. Van Wyrck Jurriaanse, of the Dutch liner Tjikembang, on his arrival here from Batavia.

The steamer was out one day from Nagasaki, steaming at 14 knots through a smooth sea, when a shock was felt as if the liner had struck a submerged rock. Then the shaking started. The ship was shaken, said the skipper, like a rat in the teeth of a terrier, shaken until all on board feared she would fly to pieces. Panic seized the Oriental crew and the stowage passengers, and the cabin passengers made frantic efforts to launch a lifeboat. Calm was restored when the vibration ceased, but the Tjikembang had to limp all the way to Hongkong, where she drydocked and another propeller was shipped.

WIRELESS REPORTS

S. a. m., Jan. 8. Point Grey—Rain; S. E.; 39.14; 49; sea smooth. Cape Lazo—Overcast; S. E. fresh; 30.10; 41; sea moderate. Pachena—Misty; S. E.; 30.11; 45; light swell. Estevan—Rain; calm; 29.55; 28; light swell. Alert Bay—Rain; calm; 29.57; 39; sea smooth. Passed out, steamer Princess Sophia, 7.35 a. m., southbound. Triangle—Fog; drizzling rain; W.; 29.97; 43; heavy swell. Spoke steamer Princess Beatrice, 1.05 a. m., Queen Charlotte Sound, southbound; spoke steamer Alameda, 10.55 p. m., 400 miles north of Cape Flattery, southbound; spoke steamer Princess Maquinna, 10.45 p. m., abeam Ivory Island, southbound. Dead Tree Point—Rain; S. E. light; 29.38; 34; sea smooth. Ikeda Bay—Rain; S. E.; 29.12; 26; sea smooth. Prince Rupert—Rain; S. E. strong gale; 29.22; 40; sea rough. Spoke steamer Prince Albert, 1.30 a. m., due Granby Bay at noon. Noon. Point Grey—Rain; S. E.; 30.09; 41; sea smooth. Cape Lazo—Overcast; S. E. fresh; 30.05; 42; sea moderate. Pachena—Rain; W.; 30.10; 46; heavy swell. Estevan—Rain; calm; 29.81; 43; sea rough. Alert Bay—Rain; S. E. strong; 29.72; 33; sea moderate. Triangle—Rain; S. W. strong; 29.90; 44; sea rough. Dead Tree Point—Overcast; W. fresh; 29.54; 37; sea moderate. Ikeda Bay—Rain; S. E. strong; 29.22; 42; sea moderate. Prince Rupert—Rain; S. E. gale; 29.20; 39; sea rough. Spoke str. Chelohsin, 9.45 a. m., due Granby Bay, 5 p. m.

ALASKA TRAVEL BRISK

Prince George Takes Out 57 Passengers to Connect With Northern Steamer.

Travel continues to be brisk over the G. T. P. route to Alaska. When the steamer Prince George got away for the north at 10 o'clock this morning she had aboard, in addition to her Prince Rupert list, 57 passengers from Seattle for Skagway and other Alaskan points, who will make connections with the steamer Prince John at Prince Rupert. As the Prince John has first class accommodation for but 60 passengers, the indications are that she will have to leave a number behind on her forthcoming trip between Rupert and Skagway.

There are a large number of bookings from Vancouver to Ocean Falls and Prince Rupert by the Prince George. It is expected that all her accommodation will be taken up when she gets away from the mainland port to-night.

STEAMER GEORGIC IS CLASSED AS MISSING

New York, Jan. 8.—The World says that the word having come of the White Star Line freighter Georgic, now 96 days out from Philadelphia for Brest, France, and Liverpool, she has been officially classed in the Maritime Register as missing. It is added that White Star officials are hopeful the Georgic may have put into a French port and not been reported because of the British admiralty rule against announcements of steamer movements.

WRECKAGE REPORTED ALONG WEST COAST

Tees Brings Word of Much Lumber and Two Boats Washed Ashore

With the arrival of the C. P. R. steamer Tees in port this morning it was reported that large quantities of lumber was adrift along the coast between Clayoquot and Cape Beale, and that two unidentified lifeboats had been washed ashore somewhere in the vicinity of Carmanah. The story brought by the officers of the Tees indicates that a lumber-laden vessel had either met with disaster or lost a considerable part of her deckload off the West Coast of Vancouver Island.

According to the story given out on the Tees lumber was adrift right down to the entrance to the straits and the vessel had to be carefully navigated in picking its way through the floating timbers. A quantity of the lumber has been washed ashore at various points along the coastline, and two boats, with no marks by which the vessel they belonged to might be traced, were piled up at Carmanah.

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BOUND FOR THE ORIENT.

Three big freighters got away to sea yesterday bound for the Far East. The Talthybius sailed yesterday forenoon with 17,000 tons of general cargo for Yokohama and Hongkong. The steamers Bessie Dollar and Kenkon Maru No. 8 passed out from Vancouver for Vladivostok.

TWO LINERS REPORT.

J. J. Forster, general agent, C. P. O. S. Ltd., advises that the liner Mont-eagle reached Yokohama at 7 a. m. Jan. 6. The liner Empress of Japan arrived at Hongkong 9 a. m. same day.

PRESIDENT ARRIVES.

The steamship President, of the Pacific Steamship Company, reached port at 2 o'clock this afternoon from San Diego, San Pedro and San Francisco.

TIDE TABLE.

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Table with columns: Service, Ship Name, Arrival/Departure Time, Agent.

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MARKED INCREASE IN NUMBER OF SEAL HERDS

Washington, Jan. 8.—More than 100,000 seals have been added to the protected herd in Alaskan waters during 1916, according to government reports. The herd now numbers approximately 400,000. The closed season, provided by international agreement, will close in 1917 and many young males can then be killed for their pelts. This is expected to bring the price of seal-skin now very high—back to a normal price again.

Until the seal-herd, which is declared to be the most valuable herd of any kind of animals in the world, was placed under government protection it was being rapidly destroyed by indiscriminate hunters who killed the seal regardless of sex and without regard to the necessity for reproduction to save the breed. The seals have been given a chance to multiply under the international agreement and have taken advantage of the opportunity. The bureau of fisheries has charge of the herd, which makes its home on two American-owned islands in the Behring Sea.

GRAY GOING SOUTH

Whaling Tender Will Make Two Trips to San Francisco With Fertilizer.

Two more trips will be made between this port and San Francisco by the Victoria Whaling Company's steamer Gray with fertilizer from the whaling stations. The steamer is fully due here from the west coast to take on supplies preparatory to clearing for the Golden Gate. She has already made one trip to San Pedro this season.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

Table with columns: Date, Sunrise, Sunset, Hour, Min.

Hudson's Bay "Imperial" Lager Beer, pints, 3 for 25c.

Is Your Telephone On A Party Line?

When you wish to use your telephone, listen for a moment after you take the receiver off to ascertain if the other party is using the line. If so, hang the receiver up again so as not to disturb the conversation. If each party on the line observes this convention, there will be no cause for annoyance to either.

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Vital Railway Lines at Front

Toronto Mail and Empire

A writer in the Windsor Magazine a short time ago said that the British army had built nearly 1,900 miles of railway behind its lines in France and Flanders. This seemed a tremendous achievement, but when one reflects that Canada alone is sending 1,000 miles of railway to the front, some faint notion is received of the construction campaign that is under way. A record that staggers the world to-day is surpassed to-morrow and the day after is like a record made on a high-wheel bicycle. Railways are just as important as shells for winning this war, for without the railways the shells could not get to the front. This is one department in which we have not yet caught up to Germany. Behind her at home she has all her own wonderful system of strategic railroads, and in addition has the French and Belgian roads which she has seized as well as the many she has built in the past two years. It is because of her railway systems that she won her most notable victories early in the war. She could shuttle troops from the western to the eastern front, and could abolish practically one of these fronts. In effect her railroads gave her the advantage of fighting on one front, and that the front she selected.

Roads Long Prepared.
Germany began the construction of her military railroads against France and Russia many years ago. They were as frankly military in their design as a fortress. Many of them would not earn the grease for their wheels as commercial projects. Russia, though she could not build important strategic railroads of her own, took a step that tended to counter Germany's move. She decided to break the gauge at her frontier. The German railroads were built according to the European standard of about 4 feet 8 1/2 inches. Russia built her railroads 5 feet 6 1/2 inches. So that a train that ran through Germany to the Russian border would not be able to get any further until the Russian rails had been torn up and laid down again. In order to facilitate the dispatch of perishable commodities some trains were constructed with adjustable axles, but the quantity of this rolling stock was so small as to be negligible from a military point of view. France and Belgium had no such protection. The only way in which they could block the invaders was to destroy the tracks, and blow up the bridges as they retreated.

Military Railroaders.
Tourists in Germany before the war were struck by the fact that every freight car they saw was marked with the number of men and horses it could transport, another plain evidence that was at the back of the mind of the managers of the German railroads. They also observed that on reaching a station the engine drivers and guards saluted the station master as though they were soldiers reporting to an officer. It was well known, too, that a part of Germany's preparation for war was the building and destroying of railway lines. Their construction battalions were trained on a thirty-mile railway that runs out of Berlin. Regularly it would be dynamited, its bridges and culverts destroyed, its ties burned, and the military construction crews, working under a stop-watch, would get the road in shape again in a few hours, minutes and seconds as was possible. A German engineer devised a portable bridge 90 feet long which the German armies were taught to throw across a stream in an incredibly short space of time. In fact they were as well drilled and trained as firemen are in a civilized country. They were immeasurably more advanced in these matters than any of the allies, but the latter are catching up to them.

A Wonderful System.
Exact figures are not available, but it is probable that there are tens of thousands of railwaymen, laborers and others employed upon the British and French lines to-day. Often their work is as dangerous as that of the infantry in charge. They have to lay and repair tracks under heavy fire. They have to operate their trains in the midst of an engagement, and if the enemy can locate a line it will devote as many shells to its destruction as to a line of trenches or an advancing body of men. The railways they build are of all sizes, from the standard gauges to the mono-rails that operate down the trenches and the little toy roads, with rails already bolted together, that can be laid down almost as fast as a man can walk. The cars vary greatly. Some are not much larger than a boy's sleigh. Others are larger than any ever constructed before the war. The latter are used for hauling the great howitzers which throw a 1,400-pound shell ten miles. These guns are never removed from the trucks, nor the trucks from the rails, whether the guns are in action or silent.

Getting Up the Shells.
While every allowance is made for motor transport, the fact remains that the great bulk of the hauling to and from the battle lines in France is done on railroads, whether by hand cars or huge locomotives. In one week's attack north of Verdun, it is estimated that the Germans threw 2,400,000 4-inch shells and 600,000 larger ones, a total weight of 47,000 tons. So that 240 large trains, each carrying 200 tons, were necessary to assemble this mountain of munition. To take Hill 304 on the Meuse 17 trainloads of ammunition, each of 40 cars, were necessary. In the first four weeks of the Somme offensive British gunners fired 5,000,000 shells of all sizes. These shells had to be conveyed for the most part to artillery cunningly concealed in positions remote from any of the well-known roads. Going back the railways move the guns which have to be

overhauled, and everything else that cannot be moved by motor trucks or horses. The men laying down the rails from Canada behind the British army will work in the sure knowledge that their picks and shovels are doing as much to win the war as the rifles in the front trenches.

BARON RHONDDA.

"Taffy was a Welshman, Taffy was a thief," as the non-Welsh love to sing about the people of the Little Principality, will have to be changed now that Lloyd George has put Wales on the political map of the United Kingdom.

The new British cabinet is headed by Lloyd George, a Welshman—the first Welshman to head a British parliament. In his cabinet as president of the Local Government Board is Baron Rhondda, better known as D. A. Thomas, the Welsh coal-baron. Then there is Sir Alfred Mond, who is First Commissioner of Works. Mond is not a Welshman, but as head of the big nickel refinery at Swansea, Wales, his interests are very closely bound up with the progress and prosperity of Wales. Baron Rhondda is one of the ablest business men in Great Britain. He was born at Aberdare in 1854 and was educated at Cambridge, then went

into the coal mining business in Wales, in which he has amassed an immense fortune. Thomas is also interested in coal properties in the United States and Alaska. A year ago when the munition question was an acute one in Canada he came to this country as a representative of Lloyd George and substituted the present Imperial Munitions Board for the one that was previously in control. For years he has been an intimate friend of the new premier and undoubtedly will bring a large measure of strength to the Lloyd George cabinet. Baron Rhondda was on the Lusitania when it was torpedoed.—Montreal Journal of Commerce.

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THE DARDANELLES FOR RUSSIA
Napoleon Used India and Constantinople to Set England Against the Czar
(From the New York Times.)
The Russian premier's announcement in the Duma of an agreement made by Great Britain, France and Russia in 1915, consented to by Italy afterward, establishing "in the most definite manner the right of Russia" to the Dardanelles and Constantinople, confirms officially what has long been rumored and believed. The promise of such a realization of the secular hope and necessity of Russia must be a powerful impulse to the national patriotism. The enthusiasm of that vast, awakened people is stirred, not merely by the passion, freshly seen again in the fall of Sturmer, to overthrow German dominance and influence, but by the grand opportunity to fulfil a strong and lasting aspiration. Economically Russia gains, on paper, to be sure, as yet the long sought outlet of the Black Sea and access to the Mediterranean. But there is much more than that in the Russian popular feeling. Byzantium is a holy city to the Russians, who have crusaded against the Ottoman infidels. A religious emotion supplements the economic motive, and to the Slav temperament is even more appealing.

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AN INTOLERABLE SITUATION.
The visit of the U-33 sufficiently warns us that the North Sea and the Mediterranean will not be the only fields of operations. The realization of such a plan would certainly bring the war to its close. It would reduce the submarine issue in even uglier form than that in which it vexed us a year ago, for so long as German kept without the three-mile limit and destroyed no ships without warning and without saving the human cargo, she could plausibly claim that her acts were entirely legal. On the other hand, it is quite certain that the American people would never consent to a continuous campaign of this sort. We do not care to have our waters constantly filled with non-combatants afloat in boats; we would not for long tolerate a situation in which our destroyer fleet should be a handmaid to German submarines, to act practically as auxiliaries to them for the saving of our own citizens' lives which they impudently would submit to a situation which would constantly threaten some mishap that might plunge us into the war. Our destroyer fleet might not always arrive in time to save the drifting passengers; the German submarines might at any time sink an American ship; or a British destroyer, hunting out its prey, might easily send an American submarine to the bottom. Thus the situation would be an intolerable one and Germany, by retaining this new issue now, can hardly be regarded as having acted otherwise than in an unfriendly spirit toward the United States—World's Work.

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JAMES ISLAND WILL HAVE ASSEMBLY HALL

Canadian Explosives, Ltd., to Erect Recreation Building for Employees

The Canadian Explosives, Limited, is prosecuting a genuine attempt to provide its continually growing colony at James Island with some sort of social advantages which will tend to outweigh the present and perfectly natural sense of isolation.

The completed plans portray an excellently laid out building with every practical device included calculated to provide under one roof a veritable town of amusement. As some evidence of the provision the company has in view it may be observed that on the ground floor no less an area than thirty-one feet by fifty-two feet is to be set aside for the dancing hall, while other sections of the ground floor will include a reading room, pool room, barber shop, refreshment room as well as every other convenience that can be associated with a building of this description.

It has long been felt by the company that some innovation of this kind was necessary, not only from the purely practical standpoint, but also in common fairness to the employees, whose limitations in the way of recreation at James Island need no emphasis.

MANY CONTRIBUTIONS

Linen, Cash and Various Useful Articles of Furniture Given on Saturday for "Resthaven."

Up to date the total list of cash contributions toward the furnishing of comforts for "Resthaven" amounts to \$681. More contributions, however small, would be gratefully received by the treasurer of the women's auxiliary, Miss E. Frances Mann, as the furnishing of the easy chairs, couches, writing and card tables and other articles which are not provided in the ordinary way will require still further funds.

The following are the subscribers to date: Mrs. Arthur Burdick, \$105; Mrs. Dunsuir, \$100; Mrs. Barnard, \$50; Mrs. C. F. Todd, \$50; Mrs. Von Rosenfelt, \$25; Mr. Outhout, \$25; Mrs. Butchart, \$50; Mrs. Curtis Sampson, \$10; F. Angus, \$50; D. R. Ker, \$25; J. A. Mara, \$20; Mrs. Beedham, \$5; Hon. J. S. Helmeck, \$10; F. B. Pemberton, \$15; Mrs. G. H. Barnard, \$10; Miss C. I. Alexander, \$5; Mrs. M. C. \$50; Mrs. Sayward, \$50; Mrs. Dowser, \$10; Mrs. H. B. Robertson, \$4; Mrs. Pooley, \$5; Miss Lucy Angus, \$2; Mrs. Shallock, \$5.

In spite of the rather inclement weather on Saturday many called at Government house with their linen donations for "Resthaven," the supplies of additional useful articles such

as clocks, rugs, chairs, etc. being also much appreciated.

The following donations were received: Sheets from Mrs. G. L. Milne, Mrs. A. W. Jones, Mrs. Audain, Mrs. Galletly, Mrs. Parker Hibben, Mrs. W. Todd, Mrs. R. W. Gibson, Mrs. James Angus, Mrs. McPhillips, Mrs. James Todd, Mrs. Mrs. J. Grahame, Mrs. A. T. Goward, Mrs. Andrew Wright, Mrs. Agnew, Mrs. Angus, Mrs. M. Jenkins, Mrs. R. H. Pooley; pillow slips from Mrs. Frewen, Mrs. Galletly, Mrs. M. Jenkins, Mrs. H. G. Beasley, Mrs. C. Trevor Cross, Mrs. W. Todd, Mrs. R. Brett, Mrs. R. W. Gibson, Mrs. McLimont, Mrs. E. G. Wilson, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Geo. Jay, Mrs. W. Fleet Robertson, Mrs. Wasson, Mrs. T. J. Jones, Mrs. Audain, Miss Agnew, Mrs. H. Fleming, Mrs. D. M. Eberts and the Misses Eberts, Mrs. Forbes, Mrs. Wilkerson, Mrs. H. Heisterman, Mrs. H. H. Rowley, "Two Friends," and "Anonymous"; bath and hand towels; The Sunshine Chapter, I. O. D. E., Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. P. F. Curtis, Miss Lovell, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Humphreys, Miss Hudson, Mrs. F. Willis, Miss Allen, Mrs. Bruce Powley, Mrs. W. R. Higgins, Mrs. McLimont, Mrs. A. Heddie (Oakland, Cal.), Mrs. John A. Turner, Mrs. C. A. McFavish, Mrs. Angus Campbell, Mrs. H. Butchart, Mrs. J. Holmes, Mrs. Aslin, Mrs. W. W. Basset, Mrs. R. W. Gibson, Miss Ley, Mrs. Seabrook Young, Mrs. R. F. Green, Mrs. R. Fowler, Mrs. Frank Scott, Mrs. R. P. Butchart, Mrs. H. M. Cleland, Miss G. MacKay, Mrs. A. W. Corker, Mrs. E. H. Hiscotes, Mrs. V. Logan, Mrs. Mary Ritter Hamilton, Mrs. Frank D. Lee, Mrs. R. A. Playfair, Mrs. R. C. Richards, Mrs. Stanger, Mrs. Stuart Robertson, Mrs. H. H. Rowley; table linen from Mrs. Henry Croft, Mrs. Burroughs, Mrs. Galletly, Mrs. P. F. Curtis, Mrs. Eberts, Mrs. D. R. Ker, Mrs. H. R. Beaven, Mrs. Curtis Sampson, Mrs. Robin Dunsuir, Mrs. McE. Smith, Mrs. Montzambert, Mrs. C. de Veber Schofield; handkerchiefs, Mrs. Henry Croft, Mrs. Curtis Sampson; bedspreads, Mrs. D. J. Angus, Mrs. H. W. R. Beaven, Mrs. Curtis Sampson, Mrs. J. D. Pemberton; pillow, Miss Kenby; jam, pickles and fruit, from Lady Lougheed, Mrs. Basset, Mrs. F. Scott, Miss Beryl Scott, Mrs. Etha Canavan, Mrs. Thomson; Mrs. Wasson; Mrs. Butchart, Mrs. Bond, Mrs. Collison, Mrs. Stuart Robertson, Mrs. Hasell, Miss Angus, Mrs. Laxton; games and sundries, Mrs. Jas. Raymur, Mrs. Laxton; sofa, table, rugs, couch, chairs, smoking set, clock, ink stands, etc., Mrs. R. P. Rithet; clock, Mrs. Andrew Wright.

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"SUPERFLUITIES" RE-OPEN

Raffle Advertised for December 27 Not to Be Drawn Until February.

Giving to the fact that the Superfluties Shop was closed for over two weeks, and the work the management has had in connection with the pantomime, the raffle advertised to be drawn on December 27 will not be drawn now until February 2. The superfluties have added to the already valuable list of prizes a most beautiful collection of goods that will be on view at Messrs. T. N. Hibben's store.

The value of the prizes to be given away in this raffle are well worth \$1,500, and it is hoped that before the date of drawing, over \$1,000 worth of tickets will be sold.

It is well known how the superfluties management conducted a raffle, how the prizes are always drawn by the public, and the expenses of printing, etc., practically nil. If anybody wishing to help the Red Cross Society by selling tickets for the raffle would kindly communicate with the Superfluties Shop, Belmont house, a book of tickets will be sent to them. The rooms have been reopened again, now that the possibility of conflicting with other shops' Christmas business is over, and the management will be greatly pleased to have their stock of superfluties supplemented.

Pte. H. H. Corbett, of Victoria, a brother of E. E. Corbett, the foreman pressman of the Victoria Times, who was recently reported wounded, is now officially stated as having been missing since October 8, 1916.

SAANICH ELECTION OPENS OLD SORES

Apparently Impossible to Fight Without References to Conditions Three Years Old

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REPATRIATION

Labor's Attitude of Returned Soldiers in Civil Life.

The attitude of organized labor to the employment of returned soldiers in the opinion of local labor leaders having been subject to much misconception, A. S. Wells, secretary of the B. C. Federation of Labor, made a statement on the subject this morning.

In part Mr. Wells said: "Our opposition with regard to the employment of returned soldiers is directed to prevent employers taking advantage of the pensions the soldiers will receive to exploit them, and take advantage of the position to pay lower wages. We have no wish to see national pensions used as a means of enabling cheaper labor to be employed, and so augment the incomes of employers. We wish to see a ministry or bureau of labor established in this province to assist in the distribution of labor, and the employment of returned soldiers in the same way as the Saskatchewan government is handling the situation."

The attitude of organized labor to repatriation is founded on "our" view that it should be preceded by national control of armament factories and similar military plants. It is likely that we should oppose the employment of soldiers as such when many of them are from our own members? In my own craft local here there are 40 men in the ranks. Organized labor has to speak not only for itself, but for the unorganized workers, who have also to be protected. The subject will be taken up fully in the forthcoming meeting of the B. C. Federation of Labor."

BLUE CROSS FUND GOES TO HELP HORSES

Amount Collected Locally Since May Last is \$3,599

The Blue Cross fund in Victoria was only opened in May, 1915, but the total receipts from all sources to December 31, 1916, have amounted to \$3,599.08. The funds have been disposed of as follows: Forwarded to London in cash, \$3,000; total expenditure, \$285.80; balance in Bank of Commerce, \$313.28. The expenditure includes purchase of hospital supplies, printing of all tickets, programmes, postcards, literature sold in room, freight, express, stationery, postage, etc., and a refund of \$112.56 to the W. A. of the S. P. C. as follows: \$40 borrowed for Blue Cross work and \$72.56 half proceeds of the "mute appeal," as originally arranged.

The Blue Cross fund has organizations at all the allied fronts, and every penny sent in is used to the utmost advantage, but the work is carried on in proportion to the financial support received. The hospitals are always filled with patients and accommodation is often sorely overtaxed. Some of the hospitals have been necessarily moved according to the positions of the battle lines. Thus, in France the two hospitals established at Troyes and Serrequeux during the first year of war have been removed and five other positions have been chosen. At Moret there are four hospitals, at St. Mammes one large one, at Provins four, and one each at La Grande, Romaine and Faviere.

On the Italian front there are twelve hospitals, five of which were moved to the rear for a time, but have been now returned to their former positions. Rome, Paris, Naples and other cities have opened subscription lists to help carry on this work. In addition, quantities of goods have been supplied to regiments of British and overseas forces and to the horses of Russian and Belgian divisions.

In the military camps in England Blue Cross ambulances are in use and many comforts and necessities are supplied.

His Majesty King George and Queen Alexandra have both recently inspected Lord Londsdale's beautiful gift to the fund, a motor ambulance for horses. It is used by the war office and has been sent to Salonica.

In connection with the local work, the committee wishes to state that the running expenses of the room so generously lent by C. T. Cross are practically nil, and special thanks are due to all those friends who have given their services in keeping the room open during the past year.

Thanks are also extended to the press, and to many helpers, especially the children, who have made hospital supplies, arranged entertainments, collected funds, or who have made contributions of any kind. From the sufferers on whose behalf the work is carried on no thanks will ever be forthcoming, but if one could only see what is being done, and the dumb gratitude which speaks as plainly as words, there would never be any need to ask for funds.

The WEATHER Daily Bulletin Published by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Jan. 8-5 a. m.—The barometer is abnormally high from this southward while on the northern B. C. coast it is low and mild weather is general with rain, except snow is reported in Cariboo. Chinook winds are causing springlike weather in Alberta.

Forecasts. For 24 hours ending 3 p. m. Tuesday. Victoria and vicinity—Increasing southerly winds, unsettled and mild, with rain. Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, unsettled and mild, with rain.

Reports. Victoria—Barometer, 30.26; temperature maximum yesterday, 41; minimum, 41; wind, 10 miles S. E.; rain, .01; weather, raining.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.36; temperature maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 40; wind, 6 miles E.; rain, .50; weather, raining.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.96; temperature maximum yesterday, 41; minimum, 32; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.04; temperature maximum yesterday, 34; minimum, 24; wind, calm; snow, .40; weather, cloudy.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.76; temperature maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 40; wind, 8 miles E.; rain, .58; weather, raining.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.50; temperature maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 44; wind, 16 miles S.; weather, raining.

Temperature. Max. Min. Nanaimo (Entrance Is.) 44 .. 35 Pentelton 35 .. 24 Nelson 34 .. 24 Prince George 37 .. 24 Calgary 42 .. 26 Edmonton 42 .. 26 Qu'Appelle 20 .. 6 Winnipeg 6 .. -6 Toronto 29 .. 24 Ottawa 34 .. 24 Montreal 23 .. 23 Halifax 43 .. 23

Victoria Daily Weather. Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Saturday: Temperature. Highest 45 Lowest 41 Average 42 Minimum on grass 36 Rain, 12 inch. General state of weather, cloudy. Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Sunday: Temperature. Highest 43 Lowest 40 Average 41 Minimum on grass 33 Rain, trace. General state of weather, cloudy.

LUNAR ECLIPSE TOOK PLACE LAST NIGHT

But Cloudy Condition of Skies Concealed Phenomenon Locally

People who were apprised in advance had an opportunity to see something of the effect of the total eclipse of the moon which took place last night and which was visible, weather permitting, over practically the whole of the North American continent. The moon began to enter the penumbra or outer shadow about 8.30 o'clock, and emerged just shortly before 3 o'clock this morning. People who were up late noticed the effect of eclipse particularly about 11 o'clock, when it became very dark, and about 12.30 the same watchers noticed that it became lighter, although there were only rare and very brief intervals during the whole evening when even a shadowy glimpse of the moon could be obtained. The moon was totally eclipsed between 11 and 12.30.

This is to be a year remarkable for eclipses. There will be four eclipses of the sun, and two more eclipses of the moon. The former will take place on the following dates: January 22, partial eclipse of the sun (not visible here); June 19, partial eclipse, visible in north and west of Canada, as well as north of Scandinavia, Russia, Siberia, and the Arctic regions; July 19, partial eclipse, visible only in the Antarctic; and December 14, visible in places only south of equator. The lunar eclipses, of which three seldom occur in a single year, will be on July 4, visible only in Asia, Australia, Africa, Europe and South America; and December 28, total eclipse, visible in North and South America, the Pacific, Eastern Asia, and Australia. The eclipse of December 28 will make the second total eclipse within a year which will have been visible from most parts of North America.

Major Riddell for School Trustee

I shall endeavor to maintain efficiency in our schools, with due regard for economy.

To the Electors of the City of Victoria

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Yours respectfully, W. F. FULLERTON

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British-Israel

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SHOULD BORROW ON TAX DELINQUENCY

Mayor Indicates View in Course of Annual Report to Council

In his annual report Mayor Stewart says: "Finance is, as it always has been, one of the foremost questions of the day. Victoria city is still one of the leading cities of the west financially, and with proper and careful handling I believe she will be even more firmly entrenched on a sound financial basis at the end of the year 1917 than is the case to-day.

"We have, in common with many other western Canadian cities, a number of property owners in our midst who for various reasons have not paid their taxes for a number of years. We are, however, in this position to-day, that we have not borrowed any money on tax arrears, while many other cities have done so.

"I am of opinion that the city should in the ensuing year borrow about \$500,000 on tax arrears in order to relieve the legitimate property owner, particularly the small owners, who have had a big struggle to pay their taxes and keep their heads above water.

"There is a suggestion to relieve the speculators—I may say that I have no sympathy with them—by means of what are known as the tax delinquency proposals. This is simply an attempt to convince the small home owners that it is in their interests to assume part of the speculators' burden and shift a portion of the said burden—preferably the whole—to the small legitimate property or home owner, and endeavor to make him believe that he can tax himself rich.

"I would point out, and can prove, that there are quite a number of these speculators who, when the city has widened streets have received cash from the corporation in payment of their claims, which cash is invested at 6 per cent. would be sufficient to pay their taxes on the expropriations anywhere from one to three times over. And it can further be proved by the books of the corporation that many of these property speculators have not returned one cent to the city in repayment according to the by-laws. These people naturally want the burden of taxation moved from themselves to some of the less speculative taxpayers, whose only concern was the getting together of a good home and the gradual improvement of the city in every way. In the year 1912 I pointed out the great mistake made by the council in 1911, and while the mistakes of 1911 were calamitous, an even greater calamity is in sight. If the tax delinquency proposals are adopted, I would therefore warn the citizens to be very careful and not fall into a trap by endorsing these proposals, which they would forever regret. The city is now at a most critical point in its history, and it is for our citizens to be very careful as to what proposals they may endorse.

"If any adjustment is considered necessary or advisable it should not be along the lines of the tax delinquency proposals at this time, for the reason that conditions prevalent just now are abnormal and we are therefore liable to make the mistake of allowing ourselves to be governed by sentiment and not sound business principles. We should take time to consider any plan that may be suggested must carefully before adopting any. Otherwise we are liable to bring discredit upon our city in the financial world, which we cannot afford to do. In other words, my advice is, 'Do not be stampeded.'

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PRODUCTION IS DUTY OF THE HOUR

Minister of Finance Sends a Message to Business Interests

FORESEES ACTIVITY IN THE COMING YEAR

Hon. Ralph Smith Emphasizes Duty of All to Labor Strenuously

The ministers of the Brewster cabinet are all seized of the immense resources of the province, and the need there is for the development of these if it is to progress as it should. All are optimists of the right kind, but not of the kind so prevalent a few years ago.

"They are to the administration of the province's affairs with complete faith in its ability to overcome the burdens placed upon it by the incapacity of the late government, while fully realizing what a task is theirs as a result of past mismanagement. A cheery and inspiring message to the businessmen and the financiers of British Columbia primarily, but one which is applicable to the whole country, has been written by the minister of finance, Hon. Ralph Smith, and appears in the current issue of the British Columbia Times, published in Vancouver. Writing on Thursday last Hon. Mr. Smith says:

"I think the New Year holds great promise for activity and general business prosperity in British Columbia. While 1916 has been a favorable one in mining, lumbering and agriculture, and a reasonably active one in fishing, I fully anticipate that it will be surpassed by the present year, much of that which has impeded progress consequent on the outbreak of war has been surmounted, and this year we stand ready to avail ourselves of the opportunities that exist as never before.

"Permit me to urge upon the business interests of British Columbia the supreme necessity to produce—to produce something—to do as much of sound business as possible. During these stern times, and apart from the effect on the individual, it is the patriotic duty of each to labor strenuously, in his trade or vocation, to create wealth and prosperity for its beneficial effect on the state in the waging of war. This is no time for the slacker in business, as it is not the time for the slacker in the army. The difference is only in matter of degree.

"Along with production, the supreme necessity, as it is exemplified in our mining industry, reasonable attention should be paid to development of resources, so that on the conclusion of war, and with it the cessation of war's demands, we may be in a position to meet the situation, together with its keener competition for markets that will likely obtain when peace returns.

"Production and development are the clarion calls to businessmen, and I do not know my fellow citizens of British Columbia if I believe that they will not respond to these calls with every possible energy.

"Let me in conclusion urge rigid economy in business and private expenditure in order that the proceeds of savings may be used to buy war bonds, so that the prosperity that shall be ours this year may be placed completely at the service of the state."

CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT TO-MORROW

Number by Local Composer Will Be Feature of Programme

The final rehearsal for the Choral Society's concert, to be given to-morrow night at the Empress ballroom, will be held to-night at 8 o'clock in the King's Daughters' rest room.

The programme to-morrow will be the thirteenth given by the choir, and the first this season. On this occasion there will be several part songs and chorals instead of one big work by the choir. Of outstanding interest in this connection will be the choral, "The Canadian," the music of which is by Edward Parsons, secretary of the Choral Club and well known in musical circles in Victoria, while the words are by J. A. Shanks. The work is being sung for the first time, and should prove of more than passing interest. The last number on the programme will be Mendelssohn's "Happy and Blest are They," from "St. Paul," which will be sung as tribute to the fallen heroes of the allies in this war.

The conductor of the choir, J. Douglas Macey, will lead the choir in the choral numbers. The solo artists, as will be noticed in the following detailed programme, will be Mrs. Jesse A. Longfield and Mr. E. Butterworth, vocalists; and Miss Marian Heming, whom the choir are fortunate to have as pianoforte soloist for the evening. There will be a small orchestra besides the pianist, Mrs. Conyers Bridgewater, to accompany the various choral numbers, the instrumentalists being J. C. A. Long, cello; H. Searle, flute; and G. King, clarinet.

The following is the programme, which commences at 8.30 o'clock sharp:

- Part Song—Take Heed, Ye Shepherd Swains De Pearsall
- Song—She Alone Charmed My Senses Gounod
- Mr. E. Butterworth.
- Part Songs—(a) The Mother's Lament (Irish) (b) Frog Song Art. by T. F. Dunhill
- Pianoforte Solo—(a) Reverie MacDowell (b) Prelude MacDowell
- Miss Marian Heming.
- Song—The Enchanted Glade, Lois Barker
- Mrs. Jesse Longfield.
- Choral Song—The Canadian Edward Parsons (Conducted by the composer).
- Part Song—The Dawn of Song E. C. Baird
- Song—Like to the Damask Rose Sir E. Elgar
- Mr. E. Butterworth.
- Part Songs—(a) Out Upon It Sir Hubert Parry (b) My Bonnie Lass She Smiled E. German
- Pianoforte Solo—La Source Enchantée Dubois
- Miss Marian Heming.
- Song—Moon of the Cherry Garden Ivor Novello
- Mrs. Jesse Longfield.
- Chorus—Happy and Blest Are They (With orchestral accompaniment).

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DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE IS DOING GOOD WORK

Herbert Cuthbert Reports That Publicity Campaign is Proving Successful

The fine work that is being done by the Vancouver Island Development League is daily becoming more apparent. Victorians who are returning from the Northwest give reports that are very favorable concerning the publicity campaign that Herbert Cuthbert, manager of the local league, is carrying on. A former resident of this city who arrived recently from Winnipeg said that the large transparent photographs of portions of Victoria which Mr. Cuthbert had placed in the window of the C. P. R. ticket office of the prairie city are attracting much attention by arousing interest in this the most western part of the Dominion. Travelers who reach here from the Northwest also make mention of the very attractive posters that the Development League is placing in many of the large centres of the provinces on the other side of the Rockies. These posters have been especially designed to represent the resources and the industries of Vancouver Island and their part in bringing people to this part of the country should be considerable.

Mr. Cuthbert is doing a great deal of advertising in the press of the prairie provinces, and in this way is bringing the Island into direct touch with the people of the Northwest and especially those of the larger cities, such as Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, and other well known centres. An extract from one of these papers in which news of Victoria is given is here printed: "Temperature At Victoria.

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Letters from the prairies are continually being received by Mr. Cuthbert asking the prices of land and the rental charged for houses in this community, showing clearly that interest in the development of the Island is becoming keen. All local land owners would do well to call at the office of the local development league in order to get in touch with communications being received by Mr. Cuthbert.

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Ernest T. Brennen, Well Known Here, Succumbs After Short Illness

The death occurred last night at the Royal Jubilee hospital of Ernest T. Brennen, son of H. S. Brennen, of 621 Pine street.

The deceased was very well known in Victoria, having been born here 25 years ago and attending school in his early boyhood at Victoria West. His mother died when he was still very young, and when his father went to South Africa at the time of the Boer

war he and his brother were sent to Belfast, where they were in school for six or seven years. Later, however, they returned here, and before going east to Detroit, some two and a half years ago, the deceased, who was an electrician, was with the Carter Electric Company in this city.

The late Mr. Brennen arrived here the day before Christmas for a short visit. Last Thursday he was removed to the hospital suffering with blood-poisoning. Beside the father and step-mother the only immediate surviving relative is a brother, Earl S. Brennen, of the C. P. R. ticket office here.

The funeral has been arranged to take place at 2.30 on Wednesday afternoon from the Sands funeral parlors, Rev. S. J. Thompson, of Wesley church, Victoria West, to officiate.

"How is your boy Josh getting on with his studies?" "I dunno," replied Farmer Cornsossel. "I guess Josh is trainin' himself to be one o' these diplomats. If he has succeeded in learnin' anything worth talkin' about he surely is managin' to keep it a secret."