

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday: Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, continued fine and cold. Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, continued fine and cold.

Royal Victoria—The Judgment House. Dominion—William Farnum. Pantages—Man's Woman.

EXTENSIVE RAID BY BRITISH IN BELGIUM; RAID BY CANADIANS

British Troops Killed Many Germans and Captured Twenty-seven in Houthulst Wood; Canadians Succeeded in Operation South of Lens

London, Feb. 19.—An extensive raid was carried out by British troops last night on the Flanders front, in the southern sector of Houthulst Wood, the War Office announced to-day. There were two other successful raids, one in the region south of Lens, carried out by Canadian troops, and the other on the old Arras front, in the region of Ephehy. Prisoners were taken in these raids. The Flanders raid was a particularly important affair, resulting in heavy casualties to the Germans.

The text of the statement follows: "Successful raids were carried out by us last night on three different sectors of the front.

Southeast of Ephehy, Irish troops entered enemy trenches in the neighborhood of the Gillemont farm and brought back a few prisoners.

Another successful raid, in which five prisoners were captured by us, was carried out by Canadian troops, south of Lens.

Further north Lancashire and Yorkshire troops raided German positions in the southern portion of Houthulst Wood on a wide front. A large number of the enemy was killed and twenty-seven prisoners and a machine gun were captured by us. Our casualties were slight.

French Report. Paris, Feb. 19.—Heavy artillery fighting is reported in an official communication issued here this afternoon.

Violent artillery actions occurred during the night in the region south of the forest of St. Ombain, in the sector of Chavignon and northwest of Bezinvaux, says the report. "There is nothing to report from the rest of the front."

American Front. London, Feb. 19.—Despatches state that on the American sector in France enemy aeroplanes have been busy over and behind the American lines. The American gunners kept the Germans high in the air and one of the enemy machines was brought down by an American aviator. Nine Americans were wounded by German shells.

GERMANS SAY APPEAL MADE BY UKRAINIANS

Teutons Clair. Latter Making German Help Against Bolsheviki

Amsterdam, Feb. 19.—The Ukrainian delegation to the Brest-Litovsk conference has issued an appeal to the German people, according to a Berlin dispatch, protesting that Russian Bolsheviki and hired bands of Red Guards from the north have united with deserters from the Russian army under the command of former gendarmes and are invading the Ukraine, burning and looting towns. The appeal is said to declare that the Petrograd Government told an untruth when it described this movement as a rising of the Ukrainian people and the Central Rada as a bourgeois Rada.

The real intention of the Bolsheviki, the appeal is said to state, "is to subjugate the Ukraine and send its grain stocks to the north. In this hard struggle we look around for help, firmly convinced that the peaceful and order-loving German people will not remain indifferent to our distress. The German army standing on the flank of our northern enemy possesses power to help us and by its intervention to protect the northern frontier against further invasion by the enemy. In this dark hour we know our voice will be heard."

BOLSHEVIKI WANT AN INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST MEETING

Petrograd, Feb. 12.—(Delayed)—The Central Committee of the Workers' and Soldiers' Council has decided to send a mission abroad to call a general conference of international Socialists. Among those already mentioned is Mme. Kollontay, Bolshevik Minister of Public Welfare. The mission will first go to Stockholm, then to Paris and London.

CONTROLLER IN MONTREAL

Montreal, Feb. 19.—Alderman Napoleon Turcott was elected by the City Council here yesterday to succeed the late Controller Thomas Cote as a member of the Board of Control. His term as Controller will be until April 2, when the municipal election will be held.

Berlin Not Anxious Germans Know Much About Army of U.S.

Geneva, Feb. 19.—The ban which several weeks ago was placed on the British, French and Italian newspapers at the German frontier has been lifted now and these publications are being allowed to enter Germany. American newspapers also are being admitted, but are carefully censored, especially those articles concerning the activities of the American troops in France.

Army Draft Treaties Between U.S., Canada and Britain Signed

Washington, Feb. 19.—The signing of the army draft treaty between Great Britain and the United States was announced to-day. The new British Ambassador, Earl Reading, affixed his signature to the document as his first official act in Washington. Later it was announced that the treaty with Canada also had been signed.

EXECUTIVE POWERS TAKEN BY ALLIED WAR COUNCIL, MR. LLOYD GEORGE STATES

London, Feb. 19.—Mr. Lloyd George to-day made in the House of Commons his eagerly awaited statement regarding the recent army changes. He said the Government had been anxious to retain the services of General Sir William Robertson as Chief of Staff so long as such a course was compatible with the policy decided upon in common with Great Britain's allies.

The policy of the Government was based upon the assumption that the Allies had suffered in the past through lack of concerted and co-ordinated efforts. It had been decided to set up a central authority to co-ordinate the strategy of the Allies. The general principles laid down at the recent session of the Supreme War Council at Versailles had been agreed to by all, the Prime Minister told the House. It also had been agreed that there should be an Inter-Allied authority with executive powers. The only difference which had arisen was as to its constitution. The first proposal at Versailles was that the central authority should consist of a council of the Chiefs of Staffs, but this had been abandoned, inasmuch as it was regarded as unworkable.

Quick Decisions. Mr. Lloyd George said it was essential that decisions should be taken instantly at Versailles. Meeting separately, the delegates of the respective Allied Powers, he explained, had considered their own plan, which in each case was identical. This plan was passed without a dissenting voice and accepted by all the military representatives.

Being under the impression that all the difficulties had been overcome, the Government had offered General Robertson a position on the Versailles Council, but he was unable to accept it, objecting to it on military grounds. General Robertson, added the Prime Minister, then refused the post of Chief of Staff with powers adapted to the position set up at Versailles.

American Representatives. The American representative at the Versailles conference declared "with irresistible power and logic" for the plan for expansion of the Supreme Council's power, the Prime Minister said. If he should read the document submitted by the Americans there would be no need to make a speech. "The case was presented with irresistible power and logic," he added. "What happened? We altered the proposal here and there. There was a good deal of discussion which took some hours. There was not a single dissenting voice so far as the plan was concerned."

If the House repudiated the policy, for which he was responsible, and of which he believed the safety of the country depended, Mr. Lloyd George declared he would quit office. His one regret would be that he had not greater strength and ability to place at the disposal of his country in its gravest hour.

Haig There. The British Commander-in-Chief in France and Belgium, Field-Marshal Haig, was present at the session of the Supreme War Council, continued Mr. Lloyd George. He (Haig) drew attention to two weak points in the proposition which the resources were adjusted by the conference. General Robertson was present when the decision was reported to the War Cabinet and did not object.

It was agreed, said Mr. Lloyd George, that the permanent military adviser at Versailles should be a member of the Army Council. It was a part of the arrangement that the Chief of the Imperial General Staff was to remain the supreme military adviser to the Government.

Mr. Lloyd George said the country was faced with terrible realities. He begged the House to have done with all controversy, adding that the Government was entitled to know to-night whether the House and the country deliberately arrived at its conclusions.

He asserted that the conclusions reached at Versailles by the delegates of other Governments, notably the American Government. General Robertson, said the Prime Minister, had suggested a modification of the proposal by making the representative at Versailles a deputy of the Chief of Staff. The Government was bound to reject this suggestion, as it involved putting a subordinate in a position of the first magnitude, which might impose upon him the necessity of taking vital decisions under instructions given him before the full facts were known.

"I hesitated for some time," said the Prime Minister, referring to the American representatives, "whether I should not read in the House of Commons the

Austria Again Has Closed Her Border Along Switzerland

Berne, Feb. 19.—The Austrian-Swiss frontier again has been closed completely by the Austrian authorities.

Rawlinson Named to Represent Britain On Allied Council

London, Feb. 19.—Mr. Lloyd George announced in the Commons this afternoon that General Sir Henry Seymour Rawlinson has been appointed to represent Great Britain on the Supreme War Council at Versailles.

Austria Is Asked if She Regards Herself At War With Russia

Berne, Feb. 19.—According to Vienna dispatches, Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, has forwarded a wireless message to Count Czernin, the Austrian Foreign Minister, reading:

"The German Government having re-established a state of war with Russia without even giving the stipulated seven days' previous notice, I have the honor to ask you to inform me whether the Austro-Hungarian Government also considers itself in a state of war with Russia, and if not, whether it believes it possible to reach a practical realization of the agreements worked out at Petrograd."

London, Feb. 19.—A dispatch received here yesterday from Amsterdam said that a dispatch from Vienna announced that an agreement has been reached between Germany and Austria-Hungary whereby, in the event of military action being necessary, the German troops would be confined to the frontier of Great Russia, and the Austrian troops to the Ukraine only.

FURTHER NOTE TO BERLIN FROM SPAIN REGARDING U BOATS

Madrid, Feb. 19.—Further representations to Germany respecting submarine warfare will be made by Spain in a note which is being prepared by Premier Albuquerca, upon which the Cabinet will pass to-morrow. This note will take up the torpedoing of the Spanish steamship Cofre near the Ferro Islands early this month and the Italian steamship Duca di Genova in Spanish waters.

A NEGRO LYNCHED IN GEORGIA TO-DAY

Fayetteville, Ga., Feb. 19.—Bud Cosby, a negro, was lynched near here to-day by a mob after he had attempted to rob the home of Mrs. Barney McElwaine near Aberdeen and kidnap her two-year-old baby. The child was found later in a 60-foot patch unharmed.

ALLIES QUITE READY FOR GERMAN EFFORT

Coming Battles in West Will Be Beginning of End for Enemy

GERMANS PLAN TO USE TANKS AND NEW GAS

British Headquarters in France, Feb. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—The great German offensive on the Western front may be expected to begin at any moment now, and as far as the British front is concerned the main thrust will be made on the sector between Arras and St. Quentin. Tanks and "a new mysterious gas" will be employed by the enemy in the attempt to break through the Allied line. Other attacks will be delivered further south. These facts have become known through captured German prisoners and from information gleaned in other ways.

The plans of the German higher command are complete, and after many weeks of intensive training of assaulting troops the Germans are ready to make the supreme and final effort which has been advertised so widely in the past weeks.

Surprise Attacks. Field-Marshal von Hindenburg and General von Ludendorff appear to have realized that the old methods of attack after a long bombardment is employed are too well-known to produce the results desired. Accordingly the German troops are being told that surprise attacks, such as were used in Galicia last summer, at Riga, and again on the Isonzo, are to be tried against the Allies on the Western front.

Much stress has been laid on the fact that tanks and new gas are to be used by the Germans, leaving the infantry little to do but to walk through the gaps and consolidate the positions captured. German troops have been trained to make long approach marches and then to storm enemy positions after a short gas shell bombardment. It is stated that those obstacles which the German artillery fire has not obliterated will be rushed by the troops or ignored. The German infantry will rely on weight of numbers, masses of machine guns and mobile batteries to finish the work begun by the tanks and the gas.

Word has been passed out by the German high command that few of the Allied troops will survive the effects of the tanks, the gas and the bombardment and that fresh German infantry will overcome speedily any resistance offered in captured positions.

Troops Not Enthusiastic. Despite these assurances and the intensive training to which they have been put, the German troops are frankly skeptical and are undertaking their task with no enthusiasm, according to prisoners. They feel they are going to be thrown into battle to be used as cannon fodder, and do not relish the prospect.

It is said General von Ludendorff recently addressed a body of infantry at Leon and asked how many men were willing to fight to a finish. Only five non-commissioned officers and privates stepped forward. The others declared their desire for an early peace "by arrangement."

Most of the German officers, on the other hand, appear to have the conviction they will be able to break through by means of their "secret attacks."

Von Hutler There. General von Hutler, who is reputed to have laid the plans for the capture of Riga, has come to the Western front to assist in the preparation. The lessons of the capture of Riga have been preached religiously to the German troops. It has been pointed out that a preliminary bombardment of four or five hours to cut the enemy wire and demolish defences was sufficient to give the Germans a firm footing in the Russian positions. The enemy troops have not been told, however, that the morale of the Russians at Riga was very low and that the German attack was a complete surprise.

Allies Quite Ready. The Germans will find the Allies morale at the highest pitch on the Western front and their attack will be far from the surprise desired. The Allies are ready for a big blow and await with assurance the next move of the German high command.

The German attack can not be delayed much longer. All information points to the fact that both the German civilians and soldiers are keyed up to such a pitch of nervous expectancy that the strain can not endure for long. They are waiting for the attack with feverish hope that the high command this time can make good its promise. The German troops are expected to fight well.

The coming battles will perhaps be the most sanguinary of the war, and they will be the most intense. But they will mark the beginning of the end, for if the Germans do not break clear through the Allied line—and they cannot—they virtually will be finished. The enemy is putting every ounce of strength into this great gamble, and if it fails in the early stages it means the end of Prussian militarism.

The Allied forces have a superiority in numbers, both of men and guns, and no doubt is felt on this front as to the outcome.

BOLSHEVIKI HAVE NO COURSE BUT TO SIGN THE JUNKERS' PEACE

Lenine and Trotzky Issue Statement Saying Russia Is Forced to Sign Terms Proposed by Germany; Germans Claim They Entered Dwinsk

London, Feb. 19.—Russia is now forced to sign peace upon the conditions proposed by Germany, says an official Russian statement received here to-day.

The statement was signed by Premier Lenine and Leon Trotzky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister. It protests against the German resumption of military operations, and says the Council of the People's Commissaries is now forced to declare its readiness to sign the peace dictated by the delegations of the Quadruple Alliance at Brest-Litovsk. It promises to give a detailed reply without delay to the German peace terms.

Berlin, Feb. 19.—German forces have entered Dwinsk, it was announced to-day by the War Office here. The Russians unsuccessfully attempted to blow up the bridge across the Dwina River.

Vienna, Feb. 19.—The German army group under command of General Alexander von Linsingen, according to an official statement issued by the Austrian War Office, has occupied the Russian town of Lutsk, in Volhynia, without fighting.

P. G. E. MADE ACCEPTABLE OFFER TO GOVERNMENT AND WITHDREW IT IN AN HOUR

For one solid hour on Thursday last there was every reason to believe that the climax to the lengthy negotiations between the representatives of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company and the Province of British Columbia had been reached. Acting on behalf of the contractors, R. T. Elliott made an offer of settlement to the Hon. John Oliver, which the latter was prepared to accept and so call off the pending legal action. Within the hour, however, after consultation with D. McLeod, who is generally understood to be the personal representative of Brigadier-General John Stewart, the offer was withdrawn. No reason was given and the closing of this phase of the negotiations was followed on Saturday last by the discharge of all employees, except watchmen, and the indefinite and absolute suspension by the Company of all train services.

Terms of the Offer. Hon. John Oliver announced this morning that the offer made to him by Mr. Elliott on behalf of the contractors, consisted of a first payment of \$500,000, a second payment of \$250,000 in ninety days, and an assumption of liability by bond of a further sum of \$250,000, payable only in the event of no subsidy being forthcoming from the Dominion Government; one million in all. In addition to the cash and deferred payments the contractors were prepared to turn over to the Government the whole of the assets of the three concerns: the Railway Company, the Development Company, and the Equipment Company.

Mr. McLeod was not present at the interview at which the offer was made to the Minister, and Mr. Elliott suggested that any proposal offered would be subject to ratification by Mr. McLeod. That the former's idea of the right channel to a settlement did not coincide with the views of the reputed representative of General Stewart was obvious from its withdrawal within sixty minutes.

Negotiations Will Continue. As far as the position is concerned to-day, with the system now more or less abandoned by the company, the Minister was not able to forecast what the Government's line of procedure would be, since the matter is under active advisement from the legal end.

It is understood that the rolling stock is the property of the Equipment Company over which the Government would have no control, despite the fact that Mr. Oliver suggests that it was paid for by Patrick Welch out of the profits of his contract. The formation of the Equipment Company and the transfer of the equipment in question, valued at somewhere in the region of \$750,000, safeguards this item to the company, according to the Minister.

It is now generally conceded that negotiations will continue in an endeavor to straighten out what has become an absolute chaotic situation. Facing Ruin. One of the immediate effects of the closing down of the line was the presentation to the Minister this morning of the case of five representatives of the saw mill interests on the Mainland. The deputations told the Minister of their investments on and adjacent to the line of the Pacific Great Eastern in more than one section covered by it on the Mainland.

Camps had been established for the purpose of conducting the general logging business, horses, men, and the attendant paraphernalia were there in a more or less stranded condition. Of immediate concern to the delegation was an assurance that everything possible would be done by the Government

ATTEMPT AGAINST LONDON A FAILURE

German Aeroplanes Were Beaten by Defence Guns Last Night

London, Feb. 19.—The attempt by German aeroplanes to raid London last night was a failure.

"There were no casualties or damage in last night's air raid," says an official statement issued here to-day. Defeated by Guns. London, Feb. 19.—German airmen took advantage of the clear moonlight last night to attempt to drop bombs on London. Their attack was a failure as far as the metropolis was concerned. Reports from outlying points of London say that the gun defence never was more effective. The Germans were engaged hotly by the guns, which maintained an incessant fire for forty minutes, filling the sky with bursting shrapnel. Fragments of shells fell to the ground in greater quantities than ever before. Eventually the raiders made off toward the east coast.

ANNOUNCEMENT IN MARCH OF OTTAWA'S RAILWAY POLICY

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—No immediate announcement of the Government's railway policy is expected, and it is anticipated that the hearing by the Government of the protest of the shipping section of the Winnipeg Board of Trade and other public bodies, both east and west, against the bringing into effect of the rate increases approved by the Railway Board will be proceeded with on March 1, as arranged. March 15 is the date fixed for the increases to come into effect if the Government does not accede to the request of the shipping men. It is expected, however, that there will be an announcement of the Government's policy between the date of the hearing and March 15 if there is no official announcement before the hearing.

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### ITALIAN PATROLS AND ARTILLERY ACTIVE

Rome, Feb. 18.—The following official report was issued here last evening:

"Between the Posina and Antico our patrols have displayed remarkable activity and our batteries have harassed hostile movements in the Lagni basin.

"Our artillery shelled troops marching along the Calmar Valley. There was reciprocal cannonading at the salient of Monte Solarolo.

"Our patrols carried out effective harassing activities against advance posts at Grav di Papadopoli, on the middle Piave.

"Along the coastal regions the enemy intensified his artillery fire and pushed various patrols toward Cortellazzo. They were driven back, however, by hand grenade fire."

### PETROGRAD CLUBS LOOTED BY ROBBERS

Petrograd, Feb. 16.—Delayed.—A gang of sixty armed men in motor lorries last night visited two social clubs in this city and robbed the members of 64,000 rubles and the guests of 200,000 rubles, as well as a large amount of diamonds and other jewelry. Two of the gang while under arrest were lynched by a crowd, which took them from the police.

### HEDERVARY, FORMER HUNGARIAN PREMIER, NOW REPORTED DEAD

Amsterdam, Feb. 18.—German papers report the death of Count Khuen von Hedervary, formerly Hungarian Premier.

The death of Count Khuen von Hedervary was reported in a paper in Budapest, which said he had died on April 25 of that year at the age of 65.

As late as December, 1915, however, a lengthy article on the war situation was published under his name.

### ESTHONIAN BARONS HAVE BEEN OUTLAWED

Petrograd, Feb. 18.—The executive committee of the Estonian Council of Soldiers and Workmen's Delegates has proclaimed the baronial caste outlawed and has ordered the wholesale arrest of more than 17 and women over 21. More than a thousand persons already have been imprisoned. The barons are charged with plotting against the Council in sending delegates to ask Kaiser Wilhelm's intervention and German occupation to save Estonia from ruin.

### B. C. MENTIONED AT C. N. R. ARBITRATION

Chairman Drew Counsel's Attention to Remarks Oliver Was Quoted as Making.

Toronto, Feb. 18.—Sir William Meredith at yesterday afternoon's sitting of the Canadian Northern Railway Arbitration Board called the attention of F. H. Phippen, counsel for the C. N. R., to an article in a Vancouver paper of February 7 in which Hon. John Oliver, Minister of Railways of British Columbia, was quoted as threatening to institute an action against the C. N. R. for alleged over-payments by the British Columbia Government of \$1,061,955.35 to the Canadian Northern Railway. The Minister also was quoted as declaring that he wanted a recorded official of the C. N. R. to discuss the matter with him or he would go to the courts.

Sir William Meredith stated he had received a garnishee order from the Supreme Court of Edmonton implicating the C. N. R. The order was for \$1,015.11, and had been taken out against James O'Connor & Company, sub-contractors of the C. N. R. Last June Mr. Justice Walsh had given judgment for the amount against the contractors.

### FRENCH SOCIALISTS AGREE WITH BRITISH

Paris, Feb. 18.—The Socialist national convention of France adopted yesterday by a vote of 2,917 to 213 a resolution accepting as a basis of discussion by the Inter-Allied Convention the memorandum prepared by the British section.

Albert Thomas, former Minister of Munitions, speaking for the majority of the committee, said that a referendum regarding Alsace-Lorraine, though accepted by the majority and a greater part of the minority, must not be considered an indispensable condition, previous to disarmament. He was interrupted by one delegate, who said: "We do not care anything about Alsace-Lorraine."

M. Thomas brought the entire convention to its feet with an eloquent speech on Alsace-Lorraine. Referring to the interruption, he said: "That coarse interruption reveals a doctrine which we will never accept, because it is a doctrine of abdication and cowardice."

### LAND IN RUSSIA.

Petrograd, Feb. 16.—(Delayed)—The peasant section of the Assembly of Councils of Soldiers and Workmen's Delegates in agreement with the General assembly, has approved the law of socialization of landed property and demands the immediate confirmation and publication of the law.

The method which causes a woman to attend a murder trial makes a man give up \$10 to see a prize fight.

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### ROUMANIANS AIDING UKRAINIAN TROOPS

A Joint Army Commanded by Stecherbatcheff is Opposing Bolsheviki Forces

Petrograd, Feb. 15.—(Delayed)—Roumania, dispatches received here indicate, has perfected an alliance with the Ukrainian Government opposed to the Bolsheviki, and a joint army, including some Russian officers and battalions and several Ukrainian regiments, is commanded by General Stecherbatcheff. These troops have occupied Kishinev, the capital of Bessarabia, but have been driven out of Tiraspol, on the Dniester, by Bolsheviki troops.

The Roumanian cruiser squadron is reported to have rebelled and joined the Russian Bolsheviki. A number of revolting Roumanian troops were executed at the order of General Stecherbatcheff.

General Alexieff, defeated at Rostov and Voronezh, has fled to Novo-Tcherkassk, in the Don territory.

During the recent bloody events in Kiev Metropolitan Bishop Vladimir and General Ivanoff, formerly commander on the Russian southwestern front, were killed.

### "FINISHED MYSTERY" CASES IN TORONTO

Toronto, Feb. 18.—W. C. Douglas and four other officers of the International Bible Students' Association, the Pastor Russell cult, were arrested and arraigned in Police Court here yesterday charged with having in their possession literature prohibited under the War Measures Act in having 4500 copies of book called "The Finished Mystery." They were remanded until February 25 on bail of \$2,000 each.

### Too Nervous To Sleep

Nerves Wrecked by Accident—Was Afraid to Go in a Crowd or to Stay Alone—Tells of His Cure

Much sympathy was felt in this city for Mr. Dorsey, who met with a distressing accident when his foot was smashed in an elevator.

The shock to the nervous system was so great that Mr. Dorsey was in a pitiable condition for a long time. He was like a child in that he required his mother's care nearly all the time. He feared a crowd, could not stay alone and could not sleep because of the weakened and excited condition of his nerves.

Detroit doctors did what they could for him, but he could not get back his strength and vigor until he fortunately heard of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food.

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Mr. Laurence E. Dorsey, 39 Stanley Street, London, Ont., writes: "About three years ago I got my foot smashed in an elevator in Detroit, which completely wrecked my nerves. I doctored with the doctors here, but they did not seem to be able to help me. My nerves were in such a state that I could not go down town alone or go any place where there was a crowd. Sometimes my mother would have to sit and watch over me at night, and sometimes I could not get any sleep at all. But one day last winter I commenced using Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and before I had completely used the first box I could see a difference in my condition. I continued using these pills for some time. The result was splendid. I feel so much better, can sleep well at night, can go out on the street and attend gatherings like the rest of people. I am so pleased to be able to tell you what Dr. Chase's Nerve Food has done for me, and to recommend it to other people."

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### FOOD PRODUCTION IN COWICHAN AREA

Some of the Things Being Done on Land; People From Prairies

Duncan, Feb. 18.—A few prairie visitors have come to Cowichan to look about among the farms for sale and a number of sales have been made to them, the latest being that of Mrs. F. Berkeley-Calcott's place of about sixty acres to Mr. Gordon, a Saskatchewan man. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon will move in and begin their spring work at once. Last year, besides looking after two or three cows and poultry, the owner of this place had all the available land put under crops of oats and wheat.

In another part of Cowichan an officer's wife keeps two cows, quite a number of poultry, three brood sows and a small garden, doing all the work herself. A soldier's wife in another section, with the help of her eldest boy of fourteen, who goes to school, has five cows, three mother pigs, a team of horses and a hundred laying pullets, and cultivates over twelve acres of feed for her own stock, and her farm is paying and is being improved each year.

On a large farm in another section and with only the help of women, excepting that of an Indian who did several days ploughing, one woman managed to keep several head of cattle and horses, several hens, turkeys and other fowls and pigs, and raised a large quantity of the feed needed and hauled it in.

### VACANT LOTS.

A movement is on foot in the City of Duncan to encourage the cultivation of vacant lots and home gardens. One woman in Duncan with two or three vacant lots beside her own home keeps from 200 to 300 fowl, has several hives of bees, grows some of the green food for the fowl, and from the use of this land and her own work clears about \$30 a month the year round, besides attending to her own household.

Several women who have never kept poultry or rabbits before are beginning in a small way and planning to plant sufficient green food for them in their gardens. On larger places oats is grown, and now and again wheat. The local grown wheat is so much better for fowl than the partially frozen stuff which is almost the only kind brought in for poultry. Several Indians grow wheat last year which they put on the market at \$3.25 to \$3.50 a hundred weight and made a good thing out of it. The probability is that this will be extended as Indian Agent W. R. Robertson is doing everything he can to encourage agriculture among the Indians, and partly through his efforts they have in many places good implements and a threshing machine.

Last year more vegetables were put down in soil, or dried in boxes or kept in various ways than ever before in Cowichan, and the women, having learned what may be done to advantage in this way, know what to plant for the coming season. Government bulletins on the scientific methods of keeping vegetables and fruits were of the greatest use. The use of last year's beans, cauliflower, peas, tomatoes, onions, cabbages, carrots, parsnips and celery, which things, with two or three exceptions, must be bottled, are easily kept, is a tremendous saving at the present time both in the monthly bills and in the amount of exportable food used. The housekeeper who has not tried has no idea how much can be saved in this way and how nice these vegetables may be, especially if home-grown.

### GOVERNMENT SECRETS GIVEN BEAVERBROOKE; LORD NORTHCLIFFE TOO

London, Feb. 18.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—Replying to Frederick Whyte in the House of Commons yesterday, Rt. Hon. Andrew Bonar Law stated that Lord Beaverbrooke still retained his interest as proprietor of The London Daily Express, although he was informed he had resigned from the board. Mr. Bonar Law said he presumed Lord Beaverbrooke received confidential Government information.

Mr. Whyte asked whether the House was to understand that another newspaper owner also received confidential information.

Mr. Bonar Law: I presume the reference is to Lord Northcliffe's appointment as Director of Propaganda in Enemy Countries. I presume the appointment has been made because it was thought Lord Northcliffe would do the work in a more effective manner than anyone else."

After some further questions regarding Lord Beaverbrooke, Claude Lowes said: "Is there any reason whatever for imagining that Lord Beaverbrooke should not be entitled to confidential matter and has he not by his conduct in this House and his service to the Empire proved himself not only a most enlightened, but a trustworthy member of the community?"

The Speaker intervened and no answer was returned.

### RUSSIAN CHURCH.

Petrograd, Feb. 18.—(Delayed)—The Most Rev. Dr. Tikhon, Patriarch of all Russia and formerly representative of the Russian Church in the United States, has issued a proclamation urging faithful Russians to observe the old calendar and church holidays, which have been abolished by the Bolsheviki Government.

### WOMAN DIES AT 115.

Charlottetown, P.E.I., Feb. 18.—Miss Lizzie Palmer, the oldest person in Prince Edward Island, if not in Canada, died in the provincial infirmary here yesterday at the age of 115. She became blind two years ago. Her hearing was acute and her other faculties were normal.

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### BOLSHEVIKI MARINE MINISTER WAS HANGED; COSSACKS TOOK MONEY

San Francisco, Feb. 18.—How the Bolsheviki Minister of Marine, carrying a fund of 500,000 rubles and 1,500,000 Mexican dollars to buy supplies, was hanged by Cossacks and his money confiscated, was related here yesterday by Dr. G. B. Shribman, a member of an American Red Cross mission to Russia and Roumania.

When the Minister's presence became known to two Cossack officers on the train who were present when he was boasting that he had killed fourteen naval officers during a revolt at Cronstadt, they sent word ahead. He was taken from the train by a Cossack band at a later stop and notice of his fate was received on the train shortly afterward, Dr. Shribman said.

### "MANDARIN" AT DUNCAN.

Duncan, Feb. 18.—The sale of seats for "The Mandarin" performance here in aid of the Red Cross next Saturday night is proceeding very satisfactorily. Already more than enough have been sold to cover the expenses. A committee of men is busy arranging the Agricultural Hall for the performance.

W. M. Dwyer, of the Imperial Clothing Store, is kindly taking charge of the plan of seats.

### NEWSPRINT PAPER.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Under conditions less favorable than those in the United States, Newfoundland manufacturers are able to produce newsprint paper at a cost running from 543 to 545 a ton, William Scott, manager of Lord Northcliffe's Newfoundland mills, said at yesterday's session of the Federal Trade Commission's price-fixing inquiry. These estimates range from 515 to 515 a ton below the production costs claimed by American manufacturers.

### GERMAN FICTION.

London, Feb. 18.—A German official statement received here says: "On the night of February 15 Ger-

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man light forces again raided the eastern part of the English Channel. The protecting patrol forces heretofore encountered were no longer there. An outpost steamer off Dover was sunk.

The British Admiralty denies that any British steamer was sunk, or even fired on, and declares that the patrols were at their posts.

### CLAIM NOW IS MADE COURTS OF ALBERTA MAY GRANT DIVORCES

Edmonton, Feb. 18.—Claiming that the courts of Alberta have the power to grant divorce decrees, H. C. Macdonald, of the firm of Short & Cross, yesterday filed a petition in the Supreme Court here in behalf of William Board, of Edmonton, who is seeking a divorce from Mary Board and who names William Kuzek as co-respondent.



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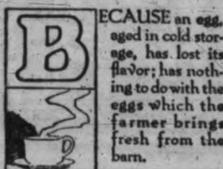
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ANOTHER COLD SNAP ON THE PRAIRIES

Winnipeg, Feb. 19.—The entire prairies and eastern British Columbia again are in the grip of a severe cold spell, temperatures ranging from zero at Kamloops to thirty-eight below zero at Minnedosa, Man. At Vancouver twenty above was the coldest in the last twenty-four hours. At Port Arthur six below is mild compared with the extreme cold at practically all points between the Great Lakes and the Pacific coast.

It was twenty-two below at Prince Albert this morning, and reports from every other city in the three prairie provinces, including Southern Alberta, show still lower temperatures.

The forecasts are for continued cold over the prairies.

HEARD IN A CONSERVATORY.

She—You've been to Palm Beach? Isn't it lovely there? A perfect Garden of Eden.  
He—Yes, but—er—a trifle more dreary, don't you think?—Boston Transcript.

GERMANS HELD OFF IN THE CHAMPAGNE

Again Defeated by French; Many Bombs Dropped by French

Paris, Feb. 19.—The following official report was issued here last night: "Both armies were active in the region of the Aisne River.

"In the Champagne in the course of the afternoon German troops made another attack southwest of Butte-du-Mesnil. Our fire checked the enemy, who was not able to reach our lines. The attack launched this morning in the same region was carried out by three German detachments led by shock battalions. The enemy was everywhere driven back and suffered heavy losses, leaving thirty prisoners, including one officer, in our hands.

"Two German aeroplanes were brought down by our special guns. Our bombing aeroplanes carried out various expeditions against the railway stations at Thionville, Thiaucourt, Metz-Sablons and Pagny-sur-Moselle, enemy establishments at Hirson and divers aviation grounds, upon all of which numerous projectiles were dropped. Thirteen thousand kilos of explosives were dropped, causing several fires and explosions."

Belgian Report.

A Belgian official statement issued last night said: "On February 17 our artillery silenced several German batteries and bombed enemy organizations near St. Georges, Dixmude, Wolled and Kloosterschote. The enemy directed artillery fire against our trenches and communications in the regions of Ramscapelle, Pervyse, Cassekerke, St. Jacques Capelle and Merckem. There was bomb fighting at Dixmude. There was a slight artillery activity during the night of February 17-18. German troops attempted to approach one of our posts south of Dixmude and were repulsed.

"On February 18 there was a lively bombardment of German trenches along the whole front. Our batteries vigorously caught under their fire enemy detachments and enemy batteries in action near Mannekeuvre and Slype."

British Report.

London, Feb. 19.—A report from British headquarters in France last night said: "During the night enemy troops attempted to raid one of our positions near Epehy but were driven off by our rifle and machine gun fire. Hostile artillery was active southwest of Cambrai and in the neighborhood of Armentieres, and also southeast and northwest of Ypres."

London, Feb. 19.—The casualties in

the British ranks reported during the week ended yesterday totalled 4,105, divided as follows: Killed or died of wounds, officers, 25; men, 1,005. Wounded or missing, officers, 119; men, 2,944. The casualties for the week just ended reached the lowest total recorded in many months.

Turks and Bulgarians. Amsterdam, Feb. 19.—The Nieuw Rotterdamse Courant reports from the frontier that 20,000 Turks and Bulgarians are understood to have arrived at Vervier, Belgium, fourteen miles east of Liege.

British Army. London, Feb. 19.—The estimates for the army to be submitted by the Secretary of State for War provide for 5,000,000 men.

Washington, Feb. 19.—An American naval seaplane on scout duty in European waters has been shot down and its pilot, Ensign Albert Dalton Sturtevant, of Washington, D. C., is missing. The Navy Department was advised yesterday by cable from England. No details were given in the dispatch, but the Department's announcement said it was feared the ensign had been lost.

DAYLIGHT RAIDS BY BRITISH AIRMEN

Barracks at Treves and Steel Works at Thionville Bombed

London, Feb. 19.—Ten German aeroplanes were brought down and six more disabled by British airmen Sunday, according to an official statement on aerial activities issued here last night. Hundreds of bombs were dropped on various targets and on Monday British aviators raided Treves and Thionville. The text of the report follows:

"There was fine weather Sunday and the incessant bombing that had been in progress for thirty-six hours continued. More than six tons of bombs were dropped on various targets and aerodromes in the neighborhood of Tournai, Lille and Courtrai.

"Again there was severe air fighting, enemy scouts making determined but unsuccessful attacks on our bombing machines. Ten enemy machines were downed and six others were disabled. Three of our machines are missing. Sunday night there were further bombing raids on Conflans. A ton of bombs was dropped on the railway. There were several bursts and a fire was started. All our machines returned.

"To-day some of our bombing squadrons raided by daylight the barracks and railway station at Treves and the steel works and railway station at Thionville with excellent results. All the machines returned safely."

ROBERTSON'S DECISION COMMENDED BY PRESS

British Papers Praise General for Accepting Command of Eastern Division

London, Feb. 19.—The tension in the political sphere of the United Kingdom in connection with military affairs has relaxed considerably. This is due largely to the acceptance by General Robertson, formerly Chief of Staff, of the Eastern command, which has removed the anxiety that his services might be lost to the country. The Eastern command is a first-class commission with all the highest emoluments, and is especially important, as it likely would be the first to be affected by an attempted German invasion.

Nevertheless the announcement of the general's transfer was received in the House of Commons with some merriment, as if it struck the hearers as derogatory. General Sir Henry Wilson, who succeeds General Robertson as Chief of the Imperial General Staff, himself held the post for some months last year, and it has come to be regarded popularly as a temporary appointment.

General Robertson's acceptance of the Eastern command is commended warmly by the press as an example of soldierly compliance with duty and discipline, and as showing that he is not influenced by any notion of personal dignity because of the recent controversy.

Talk of displacing the Lloyd George Government virtually has disappeared, and it is said also that the Earl of Derby is certain to remain Minister of War.

FRENCH MILITARY ATTACHE AT MADRID RELIEVED OF POST

Paris, Feb. 19.—A decree has been promulgated relieving General Denigues, French military attaché at Madrid, of his post, and sending his assistant, Lieut. Paul de Levis-Mirepoix, back to his regiment. The Ministry of War, in a note, declares there is no question of espionage or treason in connection with this move, the patriotism of the two officers being above reproach.

According to the newspapers here, the officers are charged with indiscretion and gross negligence and now are awaiting court-martial. The case, the papers state, has its origin in the findings by a Parisian actress of a portfolio in a taxicab containing diplomatic documents of a confidential character. Premier Clemenceau, it is stated, declared an example must be made of the officers at fault.

TIME EXTENSION IN CONNECTION WITH THE DOMINION INCOME TAX

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—Official announcement is made by the Department of Finance that the time for making returns by individuals and companies under the income tax regulations of last year has been extended from February 28, the date fixed by law, to March 31.

An extension has become necessary, as the organization of the departmental staff which will have charge of the collection of the taxes is not yet completed. An announcement as to the personnel of this staff probably will be made next week.

BOLSHEVIKI DENY LOSS OF MOHILEV

Say Story Polish Troops Took It is Pure German Invention

London, Feb. 19.—Denial is made in a statement issued by the official Russian news agency in Petrograd that Polish troops have captured Mohilev and seized Ensign Krylenko, the Bolsheviki Commander-in-Chief. This report is described as a masterpiece of German invention.

Polish officers arrested by Bolsheviki troops, according to a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd, have been taken to that city for trial before a revolutionary tribunal. They are charged with resisting the disarming of a Polish uhlan regiment by Bolsheviki troops.

Occupation of Mohilev by Polish troops of the Russian army and the arrest of Ensign Krylenko and his staff were reported in a wireless dispatch received at Berlin from Kiev and transmitted through Amsterdam to London on February 7.

CANADIAN SOLDIER SEVENTY-THREE YEARS OLD HAS RETURNED

Kington, Ont., Feb. 19.—Among the soldiers who arrived here yesterday from overseas was Pte. J. W. Boucher, of Gananoque, who is seventy-three years old. For eight months he faced the German lines and bravely endured the hardships. When his age was discovered, Boucher was ordered out of the line and sent with a special pass to Buckingham Palace to meet the King, who was anxious to see the oldest man in khaki. The veteran was graciously received by His Majesty, and complimented on his courage and determination. Pte. Boucher fought in the American Civil War.

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"THE FINISHED MYSTERY"

Statement by the INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION, of Victoria, B.C.

"Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."—Acts 19:36.

The history of the Christian Church from the time of the Apostles until these momentous days records an age-long struggle between light and darkness, truth and error, liberty and oppression; the culmination is at hand. Frequently to the onlooker, the issues have been obscure and involved, but never has it been demonstrated that intolerance of religious convictions has done other than retard the progress of mankind.

Through the drifting mist and clouds of present world turmoil, occasional fleeting glimpses are discernible of a glorious sunlit future. All hearts are stirring with expectancy of happier days in a world-wide kingdom of peace based on the eternal principles of justice, righteousness and love. The past forty years have witnessed marked progress in every phase of human activity, scientific research, and mechanical development. The world appeared to be sweeping forward into a new era, where the ages of barbarism, slavery and cruelty were a thing of the past.

Yet now the roseate hues of early dawn have given place to the black thunder clouds of war and revolution, and the gaunt spectre of famine stalks through the earth. What is the meaning of this incredible catastrophe? What is happening? What new birth is presaged by the present agony of travail?

"Watchman, what of the night?  
Watchman, what of the night?  
The watchman said 'The Morning cometh, and also the night.'"  
—Isaiah, 21:11.

The new day is assured though for the present the horizon is darkened. The brief, dark night foretold by the Scriptures is now upon us and all minds are groping in perplexity for the

light. In such times of doubt and uncertainty one might well look to the inspired testimony of the Bible to find comfort and instruction. As Bible Students who have diligently sought to understand God's Word, not only have we received such comfort and instruction, but we have put forth every effort to make known to others the panacea for all earth's woes. In the language of Scripture, our message has long been: The Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand. This is the one hope held out by our Lord Himself, and promulgated by the Apostles. It is the one hope which has inspired the Lord's footstep followers through the darkest hours of Christendom's history.

From time to time crucial episodes have arisen and crises have been passed which have cost the blood of martyrs. Who will say that their sacrifices have been in vain? Jesus was opposed by the scribes and pharisees of His own day, and He paid for His fidelity to the truth with His life.

His Apostles, faithfully following in His steps, confronted the same opposition, the established ecclesiasticism of their day.

As we trace the progress of the true Christian Church down the stream of time, we find the experience of every enlightened religious reformer identical with that of the Master.

"A decadent churchianity, outgrown by the general enlightenment and spirit of the times, has always sought to hinder or obstruct the path to progress. Every attempt to break the shackles of ignorance, prejudice and superstition has aroused the animosity of those whose worldly interests and prestige were thereby jeopardized. The tortures of the inquisition

and the social ostracism of more modern times are all evidences of the same spirit, antagonistic to social and religious reform. For long centuries the Bible, wrapped in the sackcloth and ashes of a dead language was beyond the understanding of the common people. The persecutions visited upon its translators, the penalties for possessing a copy of the same, and the public burning of confiscated copies within the very sight of edifices ostensibly erected to the One of whom the Bible speaks, all bear eloquent testimony to the same spirit of a great opposing Enemy whose kingdom of darkness is threatened by every new ray of light.

The mystery of the Christian dispensation is now no longer a secret. What we thought was Christ's Kingdom has indeed proven to be Satan's stronghold in which the true church as sheep in the midst of wolves and wheat in the midst of tares has always existed. Satan's great master-scheme has been the counterfeiting of the promised Kingdom of Christ. As indicated by Scripture, he has posed as an angel of light and his servants as ministers of righteousness, but none-the-less it has been a kingdom of darkness and is now due to be overthrown.

Pastor Russell's last and posthumous work: "The Finished Mystery," now under the official ban of the Canadian Censor, is a commentary on the little-understood books of Ezekiel and Revelation. It reveals a prophetic indictment of the great religious systems of Christendom, and is, we believe, the message now due.—Rev. 16:17.

Once again, as in every similar crisis of the past, the situation will demand the blood of the saints. They will not pose before men as such, but on the contrary, "If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more

they of His household? It is enough for the servant that he be as his Master and the disciple as his Lord."

The message which Pastor Russell, the "angel" to the last and Laodicean stage of the Church, and we as members of the International Bible Students' Association, his co-workers, have sought to present free of all charge to the people of this and every civilized land by lectures, tracts and moving pictures, has been the message of the true Kingdom of Christ, peace on earth, goodwill to all men. It has of necessity been accompanied by the proclamation of the downfall of all other kingdoms, with their religious, financial and social bulwarks. It has of necessity pointed out the false and erroneous teachings of the Dark Ages which still linger in the minds of many. As a consequence it has inevitably exposed the blindness of many who have been leading the blind.

GOD'S KINGDOM IS AT THE DOOR

We would remind you of the message found in Acts 5, 38-39:

38. And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone; for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought.  
39. But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it: lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.

With good-will toward all and malice toward none, we are, on behalf of the

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SOLDIERS AND THE LAND.

The Ottawa Citizen says the Dominion Land Settlement Board is about to take steps to ascertain the extent and location of uncultivated lands in Western Canada suitable for occupation by returned soldiers...

Not a few of Canada's problems are due to the fatal habit of substituting Boards and Commissions for prompt, resolute action on known facts.

The returned soldier problem has to be solved and that solution calls for action. The Government should have had a scheme in operation several years ago.

This is one of the important questions now under consideration by the Premier at Ottawa and it is to be hoped that from that conference will arise a policy by which the Dominion and Provinces, in co-operation, not only will give to returned soldiers the stake in the country they have earned but will prove a most effective instrument of national development and progress.

Consider, for a moment, British Columbia. Settlement has hardly scratched it. Three-quarters of its population is concentrated in the cities. Although it has spacious areas of rich agricultural land it imports \$20,000,000 worth of agricultural products every year.

"More production" has been the country's slogan for years. It has now become a religion. Within the next few years it will be the most necessary thing on earth, next to humanity itself.

THE EAST FRONT IN ACTION.

Berlin announces that the German army on the northern sector of the East Front has crossed the Dvina, the river which flows into the Gulf of Riga, and that the army based upon Kovel, which is a little south of the German centre, is moving eastward.

It is hardly likely the enemy will undertake so hazardous an expedition. It is more probable that the crossing of the Dvina, to which he retired a few months back because he could not feed his forces in their advanced positions, is more of a demonstration to intimidate the Bolshevik into making peace and to force them to draw their troops out of the Ukraine, where they are holding Kiev, destroying the food supplies, and otherwise preventing the Rada delivering to Germany the things for which she negotiated peace and for which she carved out another chunk of Poland.

The northern purpose mainly is to mask the southern object, the occupation of the Ukraine and all the territory southward from Kiev to the Black Sea, giving her control of Odessa and its supplies of food and war material and enabling her in time to force the Russian Black Sea fleet, now in Bolshevik hands, into her arms.

On the surface all the conditions are propitious for the success of the German scheme. The Ukrainians and Russo-Romanian armies are at war with the Bolsheviks and if they continue in that attitude they will become automatically the allies of Germany.

Germany is trying to negotiate peace with Roumania by promising her Besarabia if she will cede Dobruja to Bulgaria, but it is hardly conceivable that Roumania will agree, for she must know that she will be given neither and, besides, will lose her own country if she should walk into the parlor of the Teutonic spider.

In this latest development, however, Germany must operate without the co-operation of Austria. The Government of the Dual Monarchy has intimated that this is Germany's private affair, and that Austria has no intention of imperilling her peace prospects by taking a hand in it.

DOPING THEIR ARMY.

According to the Associated Press Correspondent at British headquarters the German offensive on the West Front is expected to begin at any time. German prisoners say they have been assured of complete victory by their leaders.

The German leaders must have a very reluctant army when they have to resort to such nonsense to inspire its warlike spirit. They evidently are not sure of those East Fronters. Moreover, it is not a success, according to the German prisoners. The soldiers do not believe it. They know what fighting on the West Front means and they have felt the weight of the Allies' arm.

DAYLIGHT SAVING.

It is altogether likely that the daylight saving scheme which has been satisfactorily tried in the United Kingdom will be adopted in the United States this summer. A bill with this object has passed the United States Senate and has been favorably reported to the House of Representatives.

hour of sunlight which not only will give them additional time for recreation in the evening, but will effect a considerable saving in artificial light. The Canadian Government is in communication with Washington on this subject, and a similar measure may be adopted by Parliament in the coming Session.

Before this year is over Victoria will probably send out an S.O.S. signal to the Councils of Spanish, Esquimaux and Oak Bay to come in and help her solve her financial problems.

We gladly welcome our Rotarians back from Spokane. The spirit of their organization is so much the spirit that Victoria as a whole should have that we miss their shining lights even when they are absent for a few days.

Appropos of the thirty-thousand appeals in Quebec under the Military Service Act the Ottawa Citizen remarks that while the legal process involved may not be expediting reinforcements, the legal fraternity certainly is reaping a great harvest.

The Toronto Globe says the present Government is not to blame for the thirty thousand exemption and appeal applications in Quebec. Technically, no doubt, this is true for the present Government has had no opportunity of amending the Act in Parliament.

According to a London dispatch the name of General Allenby, commander of the British forces in Palestine, which took Jerusalem, has given him a remarkable prestige in the East, according to statements told by military men returning from Palestine.

The Bolsheviks must be horribly disappointed in the German proletariat and proletariat having followed a gesture of approbrium by walking into German territory with the object of pinning the Bolsheviks with its bayonet.

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NEGOTIATIONS WITH COMPANY POSTPONED

Oak Bay Council Would Learn What Powers are Given by Act

At a meeting of the Oak Bay Municipal Council held two weeks ago it was decided to forward a letter to the British Columbia Electric Railway Company inquiring whether the company was prepared to enter into negotiations with the municipality for the purpose of concluding an agreement with the district in accordance with the recommendations contained in the report of Dr. Adam Shortt on traffic in Greater Victoria and Vancouver.

Council a reply was received from the company in which it was pointed out that the city of Victoria was also considering the subject and would in all probability be conferring with the company. The letter further suggested that it would be well to delay opening negotiations with Oak Bay until the city and adjacent municipalities might confer with the company at one time.

On a motion of Councillor J. J. Shallcross it was decided to communicate with the company according to the suggestion that negotiation be postponed for a short time. A further clause of the motion set forth that the solicitors of Oak Bay be asked whether the Municipal Act gives the municipality full power to carry out the provisions of the Shortt report if thought desirable, and that if in the opinion of the solicitors further powers are thought desirable that they be requested to prepare the necessary clauses for incorporation in the Municipal Act at the coming session of the Provincial Legislature.

A letter was received from the Victoria and Island Development Association requesting that the council make a grant to the association for the year. Commissioner Armstrong in the communication pointed out that Oak Bay as a district benefited largely by reason of the work of the association. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

Councillor Toms reported at some length on the activities of the Oak Bay Delegates to the Central Iron and Steel Committee, and on his motion it was decided to vote a subscription of \$150, provided it was part of \$1,500 raised by the central committee, to aid in financing the delegation that it is proposed to send to Ottawa with reference to the establishment of a smelting plant in B. C. for the production of pig iron.

LORD'S DAY ACT LEAVES VICTORIA IN OLD POSITION

No Proper Request for Prosecution Made and None is Granted

The interesting interchange of views and communication between the Attorney-General and the Board of Police Commissioners now appears to have reached the conclusion of the chapter. Mr. Farris received a further letter from the Board yesterday in which the Commissioners declare that through an unfortunate error in a former communication the word "our" intruded itself for the word "you."

The sentence stated that the list of culprits guilty of transgression on Sunday, February 2, had been compiled at this office. Mr. Farris disclaimed responsibility therefor, stating that he had not, directly or indirectly, offered any such request or instruction. This phase of the situation is now quite satisfactorily cleared up by the latest communication from the Police Commissioners.

NO PROPER APPLICATION YET.

The Attorney-General says that so far no proper application for leave to prosecute has been made to him, in which case it has not been possible for him either to give or withhold permission to allow the law to take its course. The nearest approach to anything of the sort, says Mr. Farris, is the communication received from the Chief of Police and attached to the long list of the "guilty ones" who braved the decree on February 2.

MUST BE SPECIFIC.

Until that specific request for permission to prosecute certain situated cases, in the unmistakable terms required by the Act, is made to him, the position the Attorney-General will take will be exactly in accordance with that already maintained to date.

Mr. Farris is definite upon the point that no prosecution can go forward until the consent of the Attorney-General has been obtained. A request for the whole of the circumstances surrounding the recent decree and the attitude of the A.-G. will be included by Mr. Farris in his letter of reply to the communication from the Commissioners received yesterday.



MR. FLUMERFELT REPLIES.

To the Editor.—Some little time ago you were good enough, in common with four or five other dailies within the province, to publish a series of letters written by myself in respect of the economic and financial condition of British Columbia.

Such letters were written with great care and after mature thought. The figures presented were anything but comforting and are unpleasant reading. I was impelled, however, to give publicity to these facts in the hope that concerted attention might be fixed upon our general situation and that some move would be made, looking towards the correction of what appears to be an impossible situation.

My proposal was, rather, a capitalization of a proportion of the outstanding interest and a readjustment of the payments of interest, on a graduated scale, beginning at a low rate, and, where possible, to exchange the proposed new issue for the present outstanding ones, and one must recognize that this would add something to the cost by so doing.

The position of British Columbia is somewhat analogous to a large manufacturing or producing institution, having assets beyond computation, very heavy overhead charges, with large outstanding obligations and excessive demands upon its receipts, with a very low percentage of production.

That, after all, is all I desire for this province: my aim is to have the province pay its obligations in full, principal and interest, but believe this cannot be successfully accomplished in our present condition unless we are able to readjust our interest payments, which will give us a breathing spell.

I take second place to no man within the province in my estimation of the potential wealth of British Columbia, but we have now been some forty-six years in Confederation; have had railway transportation for some thirty odd years, with excellent banking facilities, etc., etc., and have only increased our population some 280,000 since 1872.

It is imperative that something must be done! What that something is, or who is to do it, is for the people to decide, but in my view we are facing a crisis, sitting on the very edge of a volcano. Over Gallipoli, Great Britain was obliged to write TOO LATE; over Salonica, France had to write TOO LATE; over the Isonzo, Italy had to write TOO LATE; over the Canadian food problem we must write TOO LATE; I devoutly hope that we shall not be compelled to write over our financial condition TOO LATE!

A. C. FLUMERFELT. Victoria, Feb. 18, 1918.

VACANT LOT CULTIVATOR.

To the Editor.—Is there anything more urgently needed for protection for vacant lot cultivators than a notice to the effect that anyone found trespassing on any land that is being cultivated will be heavily fined whether the said land be fenced or not?

some other person's land fenced when, perhaps, they are only using it for one season? Won't this initial expense be a drawback to many in taking part in the campaign now being launched? It appears to me that if the police were given power to summon anyone disturbing another person's work there would be no necessity to have lots fenced. The writer would also like to see the grass plot on Pandora Street ploughed up and utilized, and thinks that this would be an incentive to residents to plough up their lawns in connection with this greater production scheme. EDWARD EVANS. Victoria, February 17.

WHO RULES CANADA?

To the Editor.—A handful of so-called labor men have protested to Ottawa that they will not agree to national service, otherwise called industrial conscription. In other words, they are quite willing that as many of the two million workers in Canada that are willing to be conscripted for the Dominion's industrial welfare shall be enrolled, but their select organization, representing about one-fifteenth of the real workers, must not be interfered with.

We have heard so much about "organized labor" of late, not only in Canada, but in almost every other country, that the time has come to ask ourselves just what organized labor means. Dealing with Canada first, and eliminating non-essential labor in war time, and labor which can easily be performed by women, as is being done in every belligerent country but Canada, organized labor represents less than 20,000 persons, or one-hundredth of Canada's industrial population.

The list could be continued indefinitely, but the real question is: Shall Canada's policy be determined by these men or by those whom we elected to run the war? WALTER FOSTER. Marigold P. O., Feb. 18.

PATRIOTIC PIGS.

To the Editor.—I should not like to be called the Pig Lady, but I must own risk it. I attended a meeting at the City Hall on Saturday, and was much interested in the proceedings. One gentleman stated that there was only one per cent. of wastage in the garbage tin—this in criminal at a time like the present, but I feel sure that where chickens are not kept, it is far higher.

Another gentleman warned us of swine cholera. If the hogs are inoculated, with care, cleanliness and common sense, the danger of this is slight. What of our boys risking famine fever in the trenches? I do not think people realize how much of the animal fat needed to keep the human machine in order comes from the hogs. They only think of him as the breakfast bacon.

ALICE THOMSON. Victoria, Feb. 18.



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They have a municipal piggery in Vancouver, why not in Victoria? In London on many of the balconies of the old-historic houses, chickens are kept, and ladies of the highest birth wait for hours in the queue to secure a quarter of a pound of margarine.

We must produce, produce, produce and produce till our land shall give her increase to the uttermost. ALICE THOMSON. Victoria, Feb. 18.

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—Women's Boots, First Floor

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—Ribbons, Main Floor

## Flannelette Night Attire for Men, Youths and Boys

Prices are advancing, and the qualities get poorer. There's policy in buying now. Why not fill in your needs before the next advance takes place? Here are a few items offered at the old prices:

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- Women's Lisle Hose, in black, tan, white and colors. Special value, a pair ..... **50c**
- Women's Lisle Hose, in black, tan and white; superior grade. A pair at ..... **65c**
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—Hose, Main Floor

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### A BEDTIME STORY

#### UNCLE WIGGLY AND THE FROZEN WELL

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(By Howard R. Garis.)

Once again, as it had been many times during the winter, it was very cold in Woodland, near the Orange Ice Mountains. Perhaps it was because of the mountains, but no one knew that for sure. Anyhow, the mountains had to stay where they were, for they were too large to move. So it was very cold.

Nurse Jane Fuzzy Wuzzy, the muskrat lady housekeeper for Uncle Wiggly Longears, the bunny rabbit gentleman, came down stairs in the hollow stump bungalow one morning, and, as she shivered and shook before baking the buckwheat cakes, she said:

"Oh, this is very cold! I hope none of our pipes are frozen!"

"And none were, I am glad to say, because Uncle Wiggly had been out rather late the night before, to a fox-trot party, and coming home, he had turned on the fire a little bit, so the pipes did not freeze."

"But I am sure the pipes of some of my animal friends in Woodland are frozen," said the bunny uncle, as he looked out of the window, which was all white. For in the night Jack Frost, the winter picture artist, had drawn fairies, and elves, and snow and ice caves on the windows with his magic brush.

"You are not going out to-day, I hope, Uncle Wiggly," said Nurse Jane to the bunny after breakfast, and when he was sitting near the fire reading the morning paper, trying to find out when it would be spring, so the carrots and lettuce would grow in his garden.

"No, I think I will not go out," he said. "It is too cold!"

But just then the telephone rang. It is never too cold for that.

"Yes, I'm here!" said Uncle Wiggly, as he answered it. "What's that? Oh, I'm so sorry! Yes, I'll be right over," he went on.

Then as he turned to get his tall silk hat and his fur overcoat down from the rack, Nurse Jane said:

bucket down in the well to draw up any water.

"Oh, dear! What shall we do?" quacked Alice.

"I'm going to wash in some snow," said her sister Lulu, who was a sort of Tomboy duck, but very nice.

"Wait a minute," said Uncle Wiggly. "Have you a fire in the house, Mrs. Wibblewobble?"

"Yes," answered the duck lady; "we have a fire. I know that coal is very stylish and expensive now, but we have a little."

"Then I can unfreeze the well," said Uncle Wiggly.

"How?" asked Jimmy, the duck.

"Wait until I get a pall and a piece of wire," said the bunny.

Mr. Longears found an old pall with some holes in the bottom. This pall he fastened to the end of a long wire.

"Now take a shovel," he said to Mrs. Wibblewobble, "and bring me out a shovelful of red-hot coals from the stove."

## MAKE UNIVERSITY A WAR MEMORIAL SAYS MRS. FARRIS

### In Address to Women's Canadian Club, Minister's Wife Outlines Work of Institution

"When we recall what it means to us to read, the intense efficiency of Germany, how she has developed sciences to such a degree that her unparalleled preparation for this terrible war has taught the Allied Nations the most severe lesson they have ever had to learn—one which, alas! is not even yet mastered—it behooves us to take every step to secure efficiency, so that never again will we have to sacrifice our best and bravest as the first men in this gigantic conflict were sacrificed, to the ruthless science of an unscrupulous foe." Thus Mrs. J. W. deR. Farris, M.A., B.A., wife of the Attorney-General, in the course of an intensely interesting address before the Women's Canadian Club this afternoon on the subject of "The Relation of the University of British Columbia to the Life of the Province."

History of University. Mrs. Farris opened her address with a recapitulation of the history of the University. She dwelt on the early days of the University and paid a striking tribute to the work of Dr. F. F. Westbrook, appointed president in 1913, and his staff of forty-five deans or professors.

Proceeding, Mrs. Farris recalled the \$500,000 voted by the Legislature in 1914, and of which only \$100,000 had materialized owing to the financial chaos caused by the collapse of the real estate boom, followed closely by the outbreak of war, with its paralyzing effect on human action and those projects which seemed to have no connection with war. These conditions necessitated the temporary abandonment of the Point Grey scheme, and the starting of the University in the building formerly used by the McGill University College. Only one of these buildings was of a permanent nature, and the increase in the number of students had since necessitated the erection of further temporary buildings, but space was still too limited.

The speaker stated that the total number of regular students this year was 413, of whom 221 were women and 198 men. In addition, the returned soldiers who had been in attendance for the short courses this year already numbered 143. Mrs. Farris pointed out that the University of B. C. was the only one in Canada, and perhaps in America, whose attendance was increasing, and this in spite of the fact that 443 students had already gone to the front, and that only eight of the present students were affected by conscription.

Money Needed. Continuing, Mrs. Farris spoke of the grant being sought by the governors of the University for the Legislature. She explained that much money was needed to provide proper housing, pay salaries and strengthen the departments and that even if only for material or economic reasons the University would soon make a financial return satisfactory to the most hard-headed business man. British Columbia's greatest sources of wealth were her forests and mines, but the University was hindered by lack of finances from developing the Forest Products Laboratory and the School of Mines, in both of which branches progressive results could be so quickly obtained.

Post-Bellum Conditions. But the intellectual value was not to be computed in dollars and the value of a college graduate to the community was not purely a commercial one. In addition to its importance as a centre of education for the returned soldier whose injuries prevented him from resuming his ante bellum vocation, Mrs. Farris spoke of the part it would play in after-the-war history.

"We must face the fact that at the close of the war, if not before, we will almost surely have a large immigration into B. C.," said the speaker. It is to be hoped that this increase of population, which is so badly needed for domestic service, for our mines and factories, for our forest and farms, will be of a nature that we can assimilate. At the best, we cannot hope for many trained minds or leaders among them. In any event, we must prepare our own children to direct and control the great movements attendant upon reconstruction.

Need Women's Support. Mrs. Farris reminded her hearers of the sacrifices that had been made in the cause of education in the Eastern provinces in the early days, when the women had given up so much for the sake of future generations, and appealed to the women of this province to make similar sacrifices for the great cause of higher education. Continuing she said:

"All of us here to-day belong to organizations that send comforts to the soldier while he is overseas, meet him on his return at train and boat, follow him to the hospital or our own industry has built and equipped, where we see that he is provided with delicacies, books and amusements, in addition to the best of medical and surgical care. All of this is womanly work of the gentlest and tenderest sort; but war demands sterner qualities and we must do more, we must meet him at the door and help him again to the ways of peace, an honest livelihood and pursuit of happiness. The man who has been the most successful soldier is eager to take his place in the world, he does not want for one mo-

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ment to be an object of charity, nor is this problem one to be left to the end of the war. We are facing it today, we will be facing it to-morrow, but the more quickly we can arrange to solve it, the less difficult it will be. If we can train the men as they return, and help them to their avocations the less complicated will the final problem be. Here the University is ready to render a national service. Can you afford to prevent it? Can you afford to let our returned men seek their training in other provinces, where, if they once go, they are likely to remain and be a loss to B. C.?"

Suggested Memorial. In concluding her address, Mrs. Farris spoke of the various schemes that had been mooted from time to time, as a memorial to the men of the province who had fought and died in this world struggle, and urged the completion of the University as a monument.

"Why not make the University of B. C. the monument for the whole province. Would it not be a grander one than any statue, no matter how rare the marble, how beautiful the carving, how exquisite the description. In each town a simple brass plate with the names of the fallen heroes could be fastened to the Municipal Building, then let all the energy and money of the citizens be devoted to the up-building of the University of B. C. The person poor in money could give a book to the library, those better off could equip a laboratory, the rich could endow a professorship or build beautiful buildings. What more constant reminder could the brothers, sisters and children of those who have given their lives for their country, have of their heroism and their devotion to the freedom of the world? Shall we not then by the united action of a great people of a great province, build on Point Grey a war-time University, the lights of which streaming out over the waters of the Gulf shall be but symbols of the intellectual radiance which it will shed throughout the whole of the province, a University which shall stand a splendid and undying memorial to those who have given their lives that truth and honor, justice and integrity might prevail throughout all nations."

### JUDGMENT HOUSE SCENES FILMED AT OYSTER BAY

Commodore J. Stuart Blackton, who filmed several of Sir Gilbert Parker's most famous novels for the Paramount, took many of the outdoor scenes at his estate in Oyster Bay, Long Island. The photoplay is exceptionally beautiful, especially night scenes of a lawn party on his estate, "The Judgment House," which is the joint work of a famous producer and a renowned author, is the attraction at the Royal Victoria to-night. On the same programme is also shown Fatty Arbuckle in his latest comedy "A Country Hero."

### JUNGLE ACT FEATURES VAUDEVILLE BILL

Headlining the six new acts that are coming to Pantages Theatre this week, commencing to-morrow afternoon, is "Billy King's Exploits in Africa," said to be one of the best singing numbers to come here in months. The all-negro company consists of ten or twelve members, among whom are Ann Wilkins, who possesses a lyric soprano voice of exceptional sweetness, and a male quartette. A chorus of pretty girls rounds off the company. The scene is set in an African jungle, which gives an opportunity for new scenic effects and striking costuming.

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### Social & Personal

Robert Brenchley returned to the city this morning from a business trip to Vancouver.

C. P. W. Schwengers was a passenger to Vancouver on yesterday afternoon's boat.

Major Arthur Fletcher and Lieut. Rolston were passengers from Vancouver to this city on the night boat.

S. C. Elkington crossed to the Mainland yesterday afternoon and will remain in Vancouver on business for two or three days.

C. M. Woodworth, of Vancouver, was in the city on a business yesterday and returned to the Terminal City on yesterday afternoon's boat.

H. J. Scott, of the Canadian Explosives, Limited, left the city yesterday on business and crossed to the mainland on the afternoon boat.

Arthur Cox, Chief Architect to the Military Hospitals Commission, spent the week-end in Vancouver and returned to Victoria this morning.

Mrs. John Quinlan, accompanied by Mrs. Wingate, went to Vancouver yesterday afternoon, where they will make holiday for the next few days, returning to the city early next week.

A naval social will be held at the Sailors' Club, Esquimalt, Road, to-night from 8 to 11 p. m., when officers and men from H. M. C. Navy will be guests of the officials and members of the Naval and Military Methodist Church.

Hon. John Oliver, Minister of Agriculture and Railways, and Hon. J. W. deR. Farris, Attorney-General, went over to Vancouver yesterday afternoon and returned to their duties at the Parliament Buildings this morning.

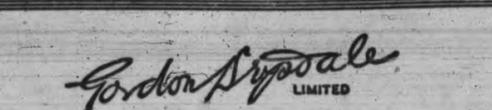
Parker Williams, former M. P. for the constituency of Newcastle and now a member of the Workmen's Compensation Board, was in the city over the week-end in connection with his official duties and returned to Vancouver on yesterday afternoon's boat.

W. J. Bowser, M. P. P., leader of the Opposition, and Walter Leek, secretary of the Vancouver Conservative Association, were passengers on yesterday afternoon's boat. Mr. Bowser expects to remain in the Terminal City for the balance of the week.

Charles A. Semlin, of Cache Creek, B. C., arrived in the city this morning to attend the annual meeting of the British Columbia Stockbreeders' Association. Although in his eighty-third year Mr. Semlin continues to take a very active interest in the livestock industry of the province. He was Premier of British Columbia from 1898 to 1900.

A juvenile cabaret, the principals in which were the Misses Elle Exham, Barbara and Joan Barrow, aged eleven, nine and seven years, respectively, was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Exham, Beechwood Avenue, Saturday evening, and delighted a score or more friends. The drawingroom was tastefully decorated for the occasion and the dancing of the little folks evoked much applause from the appreciative audience. Hollywood Branch of the Red Cross will benefit by a neat little sum as a result of this pleasant little affair.

Nearly a hundred guests attended the post-nuptial reception held by Mrs. Hadwen at "Ambhacote," Quamichan, yesterday afternoon in honor of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. G. H. Hadwen. Mrs. Hadwen was assisted by her daughters in receiving the guests in the reception rooms, effectively decorated with daffodils and spring flowers and ferns. The bride wore a charming gown of pale grey and white voile, trimmed with Oriental embroidery. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Musgrave, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Stokes, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Elkington, Mrs. Inverarity, Mrs. Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Carr Hilton, Mr. and Mrs. T. Gibbons, Mrs. C. Lamb, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. J. B. Green, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Stanhope, Mrs. C. G. Palmer, Mrs. Haycroft, Mrs. and Miss Basset, Mrs. and Miss Currie, Mr. and Mrs. Rudkin, Mrs. Townsend, Mrs. Poley, Mrs. Whitmore, Mrs. Hamish Morten, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Mellin, Mrs. C. F. Walker, Mrs. Pressey, Mrs. Skrimshire, Miss B. M. Hall, Mrs. Stillwell, Miss Violet Hayward, Mrs. and Miss Stephenson, the Misses Wilson and Mr. Ronald Wilson.



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Two Million Dollar Dolls

<b>Dorothy Harris</b> Little Girl With Big Voice.	<b>Lawrence Johnson</b> Ventriloquist.	<b>The Steiner Trio</b> Comedy Bar Artists.
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## Countess Verona

The Gypsy Beauty—The Musical Genius

## The Hidden Hand

Garbage Can Order.—Instead of ordering 1,000 garbage cans, as requested by the City engineer, the Council last evening limited the number to 500. Tenders will be invited for that number.

## ROYAL VICTORIA TO-NIGHT

**The Judgment House** by SIR GILBERT PARKER  
**Fatty Arbuckle** in A Country Hero.

## DOMINION THEATRE TO-DAY

**WM. FARNUM** in "PLAYING FAIR"

VICTORIA THE NORTHWEST AND THE WORLD

DUACK APPEAR HERE ON AUGUST 10

V. I. A. Directors Also Contemplate Victoria Day Sports

The Board of Directors of the Victoria and Island Athletic Association decided last evening that August 10 should be the date for the appearance of Miss Fanny Durack, the famous Australian swimmer, in this city.

In view of the fact that Miss Durack's visit is to be made the occasion of the holding of the Pacific Northwest swimming meet in this city, the directors of the V. I. A. expressed the opinion that the occasion would be of primary importance in advertising Victoria.

For the earlier part of the coming season the V. I. A. is also endeavoring to provide the city with sport, and preliminary action will be taken last evening pointing to the holding of a Victoria Day celebration of track sports at the Royal Athletic Park, on grounds similar to those arranged for by the Association last year.

SOCCER ADOPTED BY UNIVERSITY OF WASH.

Game, Long Popular Here, Now Receives Attention by Americans

With the coming of spring a great program of athletics is to be inaugurated by the University of Washington, and principal among the sports that will be introduced on a permanent basis is that of Association football.

BASEBALL TRADES ARE REPORTED IN THE EAST

New York, Feb. 18.—The New York American League baseball club has announced the release of Pitchers—Bart Tipton and Clifford Markle to the St. Paul club of the American Association.

HEARTS AND COUGHLANS IN VANCOUVER FINALS

Vancouver, Feb. 18.—Hearts and Coughlans qualified on Saturday to battle in the final of the Bower Challenge Cup.

SEATTLE UP IN AIR IN BIG ICE BATTLE

Millionaires Put Metropolitans Through the Cleaner by Eight to One

ICE TEAMS TIED FOR LEAGUE LEADERSHIP

Vancouver, Feb. 18.—When 6,200 fans, the largest crowd at the arena for a hockey game with one exception, chased for the stairs last night the Seattle Metropolitans were wending their weary way to the C. P. R. boat wrapped in gloom and an 8-1 score, and the Millionaires were again sharing first place with them.

Every fan who read about the famous Seattle board of strategy and saw last night's game could enjoy a giggle. The Millionaires sprang a board of strategy, too. Their scheme was simple; they did not bother about bottling up one player, they just bottled up the whole Seattle team and whanged away at Norman Fowler until their heretofore calm youth went up with the rest of the team.

Fred Taylor was a star. With a back so sore from a cold that he could hardly straighten up, the veteran made what attempts there were to blanket him look childish, shut four goals and took so many shots that Fowler saved every thing he came down the ice.

VANCOUVER TEAM TO PLAY SEATTLE AND CAMP LEWIS ELEVEN

Vancouver, Feb. 18.—Arrangements were completed on Saturday for a visit of the All-Star Mainland League football team to Vancouver next Sunday.

RECEIVES ORDER ON ISSUE OF CONTEMPT OF COURT VERDICT

New York, Feb. 18.—The Baseball Players' Fraternity yesterday obtained a Supreme Court order here requiring Harry M. Frazee, president of the Boston American League club, to show cause to-day why he should not be punished for contempt of court for his refusal to pay Kurt W. Hagerman, a pitcher, \$2,336, which the player claims is due him.

MILITARY AND NAVAL BOXING TOURNAMENT REPORTED POSTPONED

Announcement was made last week that on Wednesday next there would be another military and navy boxing tournament at the Willows Camp. It was learned to-day that it would be necessary to postpone the event indefinitely.

TYRONE - 2 1/2 in. AN ARROW form-fit COLLAR. CLUETT, PEABODY & CO. MAKERS

ONLY THREE RINKS WITHOUT A LOSS

Results in All Contests Now Being Played at Winnipeg

Winnipeg, Feb. 18.—There remain but three rinks without a loss, in the running for the grand aggregate, Gillespie, of the Winnipeg Granites, suffering his first defeat in the 4 o'clock draw of the Dingwall trophy event.

In the 10 o'clock draw yesterday, Adams, Regina, won his game in the Birks, while Ross and Low, also of Regina, won in the McLaren and Lieutenant-Governor's events.

In the Dominion match, at 4 p. m., Ross and McKee, Regina, were beaten fifteen to nineteen, by Ronaghan and Gibson, Napinka. In the Birks event, Adams, Regina, won from Kerr, Neepawa, ten to nine.

Ross, Regina, triumphed over Ronaghan, Napinka, nine to eight, in the 7 o'clock draw last night. This takes the 10 o'clock draw last night, the 7 o'clock draw last night, the 10 o'clock draw last night, the 7 o'clock draw last night.

CHAMPION GIVES K. O.

Toledo, Ohio, Feb. 18.—Ted Lewis, welterweight champion of the world last night knocked out Jimmy Duffy, of Lockport, N. Y., in the first round of what was to have been a fifteen-round bout.

DISPLACE LEADERS.

Cincinnati, Feb. 18.—The Christ Church team of Cincinnati with a score of 2749 displaced the Heidelberg team of New York, as the leaders in the five-man team event in the American Bowling Congress tournament late last night.

FRENCHMAN HAD EDGE.

Philadelphia, Feb. 18.—Benny Veiger, the French bantamweight, out-pointed Joe Lynch, of New York, in their six-round bout here last night. The Frenchman had the better of every round and when the fight ended Lynch was bleeding freely from constant jabbing by Veiger.

K. O. DECISION.

Panama, Feb. 18.—Harry Wills, American negro heavyweight pugilist, was awarded a knockout decision in the fifth round of his bout with Sam McVey here yesterday. McVey, who took the count in this round, claims Wills had hit him foul, but the referee declined to allow the claim.

CHANEY GETS DECISION.

Baltimore, Feb. 18.—George Chaney, of Baltimore, got the decision in a ten-round bout with Eddie Wallace, of Brooklyn, here last night.

FOUGHT TO A DRAW.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Willis Jackson, of New York, and Rocky Kansas, of Buffalo, fought ten rounds to a draw here last night.

WANDERERS WINNERS.

New York, Feb. 18.—The New York Wanderers hockey team defeated the Boston Navy Yard team here last night by a score of three to two.

Along the Waterfront Shipping News from Day to Day

DO NOT PROPOSE TO RENEW AGREEMENTS

Vancouver, Feb. 18.—That it is very probable that a strike will be called at all British Columbia shipyards, machine shops, boiler shops and in other allied industries on March 1 was the information given here yesterday by Duncan McCallum, business agent of the machinists. The men are working under an agreement with the contractors and shops and this agreement expires on March 1.

Yesterday notices were sent to the employers stating that the agreements would be renewed only with a ten per cent. increase. The matter therefore is much broader than a dispute in the wooden yards building for the Imperial Munitions board.

The dispute started at these yards when the men filed demands for a ten per cent. increase which would bring the scale to the same rates as now paid at the American yards since the United States shipping corporation granted a ten per cent. increase. The men state that they had a promise from Director of Shipbuilding, R. P. Butchart, that he would pay the same as the Puget Sound plants and therefore, they say, they have nothing to arbitrate and all their cards have been laid on the table.

The statement wired from Victoria that J. D. McNiven, representing the Department of Labor is coming to Vancouver to endeavor to get Judge Murphy to act as arbitrator arouses an interest in labor circles. The business agents have not heard from McNiven and say that they are only awaiting Mr. Butchart to live up to his agreement.

RECORD SHIPMENT OF SEA FOOD PRODUCTS

Vancouver Secures Delivery of 700,000 Pounds of Fish To-day

Vancouver, Feb. 18.—Approximately 700,000 pounds of fish of all varieties reached port to-day, from various points. This is the largest quantity of sea food that has been brought to this city in one day for many months.

Two other fishing schooners are also due with fair catches which will make the day's import close to the three-quarter million mark.

The greater part of the total brought in arrived on the C. P. R. steamer Princess Sophia which brought 600,000 pounds of frozen halibut, salmon and codfish from the New England Fish Company's plant at Ketchikan to the firm's plant here. The Sophia makes a trip every two weeks and always brings a good quantity of fish south.

Heading the deep sea fleet which is on its way back from the banks is the fishing steamer Kingsway which has arrived with 20,000 pounds of halibut and 15,000 pounds of codfish. The Kingsway had but worked two or three days during the entire trip. The Kingsway will be forced to repair for a few days on account of minor trouble with her boiler. The fishing schooner Nornan arrived from Nanaimo with 30,000 pounds of herring. The fishing vessel Peschwa is on her way with a good catch of the Carliotta G. Cox is due at 9 o'clock with a catch of 8,000 pounds of halibut and 15,000 pounds of cod. Smaller and independent fishing craft brought in from 8,000 to 10,000 pounds of mixed fish.

WIRELESS REPORTS

February 19, 8 a. m. Point Grey—Clear; calm; 30.00; 23; sea smooth. Cape Lazo—Clear; calm; 29.00; 27; sea smooth. Pachena—Clear; N. W. light; 29.30; 31; light swell. Estevan—Cloudy; calm; 29.63; 29; sea smooth. Alert Bay—Clear; calm; 29.74; 23; sea smooth. Triangle—Cloudy; N. W. light; 30.10; 29; sea moderate. Spoke str. Princess Is. mid. night, off Ivory Island, southbound. Dead Tree Point—Cloudy; N. light; 30.14; 29; sea smooth. Bay—Clear; N. E. gale; 29.73; 32; sea rough. Passad str. Prince John, 7.40 a. m., northbound. Prince Rupert—Clear; calm; 30.08; 23; sea smooth. Spoke str. Norwood, mid. night, Greenville Channel, northbound. Noon. Estevan—Clear; N. W. light; 29.75; 28; sea smooth. Alert Bay—Clear; N. W. light; 29.50; 23; sea moderate. Triangle—Clear; N. E. light; 30.22; 34; sea moderate. Dead Tree Point—Clear; N. fresh; 30.31; 29; sea rough. Kleda Bay—Clear; N. E. strong; 29.90; 34; sea moderate. Prince Rupert—Clear; calm; 30.12; 26; sea smooth. Spoke str. Spokane, noon, off Mary Island, northbound.

Vancouver, Feb. 18.—The American barkentine Puako arrived Sunday in tow from San Francisco and is at Hastings Mill to load lumber for South Africa.

TREND OF TRAVEL COMING THIS WAY

W. E. Duperow Says North Pacific Coast Becoming Winter and Summer Resort

"Tourist traffic last year exceeded all expectations and we anticipate an even greater rush of travel to the coast during the coming season," said W. E. Duperow, general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and G. T. P. Coast Steamship lines, this morning following his arrival from the mainland.

Mr. Duperow, accompanied by Mrs. Duperow, has been touring California resorts, and after a short stay in Victoria will return to his headquarters in Winnipeg.

"I have just come away from California and I must say that I cannot understand why people should wish to go south in the winter when you have such a magnificent climate right here. The North Pacific Coast Tourist Association has and is still doing valuable work, and has undoubtedly been responsible to a large extent in stimulating travel in this direction."

"Last year saw an increase of 400 per cent. over the previous year in the amount of passenger traffic handled over our lines, and the indications are that there will be even greater business during the coming summer."

Summer Schedules. "In anticipation of this we are already preparing our summer rail and steamship schedules which will be practically the same as was the operation last year."

The company, stated Mr. Duperow, is fully alive to the possibilities of the Alaska trade, and special attention will be paid to this branch of the steamship service in the coming season. The beginning of June, it is anticipated, will see the large Prince steamships making regular weekly sailings to Alaska points, with an alternating weekly schedule to Prince Rupert and Anyox.

The G. T. P. is conducting an advertising campaign throughout Canada and the United States, and the result of the Company's efforts in this particular direction will doubtless be seen within the next few months.

When it is generally conceded that all the avenues of tourist travel will lead to the Pacific Coast, a lot of tourist business is being developed out of California, and while in the south Mr. Duperow learned from transportation officials that the prospects for the approaching season were exceptionally good.

"The people of the East are also being gradually educated up to the climatic and scenic advantages of the North Pacific coast. They are beginning to realize over there," said Mr. Duperow, "that it is not necessary to cross the Atlantic, although at the present time that is out of the question, in order to get a pleasant sea trip. We are continually hammering this into the people down East, and we expect results."

Prairie Prosperity. "There are evidences of great prosperity throughout the Prairie provinces," said Mr. Duperow, "in speaking of conditions in the interior. The crops last year were unusually heavy and the money is there."

"Our colonization scheme has exceeded all expectations, and the farmers are coming in from the United States in large numbers to locate." "Cheap lands and transportation concessions," he stated, "were the great inducements. A much larger percentage of American farmers had located in Canada since the United States entered the war."

To Interview Government. While here Mr. Duperow will interview members of the Provincial Government in connection with railway matters. He expects to leave for the East within the next few days, and in the meantime will experience a most pleasant time in meeting his old friends and acquaintances.

STRIKES ARE BLOW AT LABOR ITSELF

Threaten Safety of Armies in Europe, Says William Blackman

Seattle, Feb. 18.—"Uncalled for strikes threaten the safety of our armies in Europe," William Blackman, director of labor of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, telegraphed to the Washington State Council of Defense to-day. "A shipyard strike is in effect a lockout aimed at all labor in the country and threatens the very life of labor itself," the telegram read in part. Interests of organized labor are vitally at stake in the shipping matter, the telegram said, and the whole force of their mighty influence must be kept the shipyards running full time and to block any attempt to paralyze the nation's business through strikes.

WRECKED MAHUKONA WELL-KNOWN HERE

Capt. McDonald Frequently Brought His Vessel to B. C. Waters for Lumber

The American schooner Mahukona, which was recently reported in telegraphic dispatches as a total wreck in the South Seas, was particularly well-known at this port, as is her master, Capt. McDonald. On more than one occasion in pre-war days the vessel took aboard lumber cargoes here and was a frequent visitor to the Royal Roads.

Formerly a Hind-Rolph vessel the Mahukona was built for and operated in the Hawaiian sugar trade for many years, with occasional voyages to the Far East. About two years ago she was acquired by J. C. Davenport, who purchased her after the world war, created such a demand and such high prices for all bottoms. Early in 1900 the Mahukona was one of a fleet of about 20 vessels which the Hind-Rolph Company used in the Hawaiian and off-coast-trade along the Pacific Coast. Included in this fleet were such well-known vessels as the John Ena, Hawaii, Kohala and Koko Head. Like the Mahukona most of the Hind-Rolph ships were given Hawaiian names.

It is estimated that the loss of the Mahukona means a sum somewhere near \$30,000. The Mahukona was a four-master with a deadweight carrying capacity of 653 tons, and registered at San Francisco.

ADMIRAL SCHLEY WILL BE DAY LATE ON SOUTHBOUND TRIP

Agents of the Pacific Steamship Company have been advised that the steamship Admiral Schley will be a day behind schedule in clearing port on her southbound trip to San Francisco. This is accounted for by the fact that the steamship was delayed in getting away from San Francisco on her northbound trip.

The Schley arrived here early this morning, and after disembarking passengers and discharging freight left for Seattle. Southbound the steamship will leave Seattle at 11 a. m. on Friday; will arrive here at 4 p. m., and sail at 5 p. m. for San Francisco.

COLD STORAGE PLANTS Union Fisheries and Cold Storage Company Build First Plant at Clayoquot.

Vancouver, Feb. 18.—With a view of placing British Columbia deep-sea fish on the Pacific markets a company has been formed to operate cold storage plants on this coast. The concern, which will be known as the Union Fisheries and Cold Storage Company, will be unique in this respect that many of the employees will have a financial interest in it. Already a contract has been let for the laying down of the first plant, which will be located at Clayoquot, on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. The capacity of this factory will be 1,000,000 pounds of fish, and the company contemplates constructing two other factories. One Education and Provincial Secretary, this morning with the request that provision be made at an early date for an addition to the High School at Point Grey.

The delegation pointed out to the Minister that the exigencies of space at the present time were somewhat hampering the efficient carrying on of the work and that action on the part of the Government would be appreciated by the residents and ratepayers of the locality. The Minister took full particulars of the presentation, and while not in a position to make any definite promise, assured the visitors that the matter would be taken, with other requests of a similar nature, into consideration.

GORDON HEAD SCHEME

The report of City Engineer Rust and Municipal Clerk Cowper on the proposed irrigation scheme for Gordon Head will be discussed at a meeting of the joint committee set for tomorrow week. This is the special committee dealing with a concrete plan, with estimates of cost, etc., and is distinct from the committee recently suggested, and now in course of formations for a general irrigation scheme for the Saanich peninsula.

Modern Bungalow in Oak Bay OFFERED AT A BIG SNAP, 6 ROOMS

Full basement, concrete floor, furnace, laundry tubs, built-in ironing board, drawing room, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, beamed ceilings, paneled walls, built-in buffet, etc.; paved road and boulevard. LEVEL LOT, 40 x 104. Price reduced for a quick sale to ONLY \$3,350. (Cost the owner over \$5,000.)

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OBITUARY RECORD

The funeral of the late Sister Mary Bruno took place from the Chapel of St. Ann's Convent at 8.30 this morning. Right Rev. Bishop Macdonald, officiated, assisted by Rev. Father Lateran and Rev. Father Cortenraad, of Saanich. The convent choir rendered Pontifical Requiem Mass, and several hymns. The Bishop delivered a very beautiful eulogium, taking as his text the verse "O grave where is thy victory? Oh death where is thy sting?" Interment took place in the private-burial ground of the Order at Ross Bay, the following officiating as pallbearers: M. Lawless, E. H. Fletcher, D. Tourigny and J. L. Ford.

WANT MORE ROOM

Hon. J. D. MacLennan Has Request for More Accommodation at Point Grey High School. Capt. Stuart and the Secretary of the Point Grey School Board waited upon the Hon. J. D. MacLennan, Minister of Education and Provincial Secretary, this morning with the request that provision be made at an early date for an addition to the High School at Point Grey.

MENNEN'S COLD CREAM advertisement with image of a tube and text: 'For hands and faces in Winter weather. Keeps the skin soft and velvety.'

SERBS INOCULATED WITH TUBERCULOSIS BY AUSTRIAN CAPTORS. San Francisco, Feb. 19.—Serbian soldiers captured by the Austrians have been inoculated with tuberculosis germs before being released...

PRAIRIE PROVINCES WANT RESOURCES. Turning Over of Natural Resources by Dominion to Be Debated. Ottawa, Feb. 19.—It is probable that the long standing question of the transfer to the prairie provinces of their natural resources will be definitely settled at a special conference to be held between representatives of the Dominion Government and the three provinces concerned within the next few months...

MEMBERS OF RADA ORDERED ARRESTED. Bolsheviki Caught Some of Them and Peace Delegates at Kiev. London, Feb. 19.—Further belated dispatches from Petrograd received here to-day give additional details of recent happenings in Russia. An official news agency dispatch under date of February 12 announces that the Bolsheviki authorities ordered all the members of the Ukrainian Central Rada and the Ukrainian delegates to the peace conference, including Chairman Holubowicz, arrested and tried for treason against the people...

BRITISH ENGINEERS REJECT CABINET'S MAN-POWER PLAN. London, Feb. 19.—The Amalgamated Society of Engineers, according to a statement issued to-day by the secretary of the society, has rejected the Government's man-power proposals by 33,547 votes. The figures were: For the Government proposal, 27,470; against, 121,017.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

MONTREAL STOCKS (By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.) and NEW YORK STOCKS. Lists of various stocks with their respective prices and market movements.

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON WINNIPEG MARKET. Winnipeg, Feb. 19.—Owing to the extreme lightness of the offerings in cash notes the spreads of Monday were maintained and the lower grades were 1 cent better. There was a good demand for cash barley of the higher grades with offerings light. Cash flax was stronger and higher, with offerings light. Oats closed 1/2 higher for May and 1/4 higher for July. Barley closed 1/2 higher for May and 1/4 higher for July.

CHICAGO GRAINS MAKE BIG ADVANCE. Chicago, Feb. 19.—Some of the largest holders of oats sold out yesterday morning and did not replace their lines before the close. They were in the market early to-day and found a great scarcity of offerings. The demand was stronger and higher, with offerings light. The embargo was put on. There also had been considerable selling by shorts on the theory that the embargo would force lower prices. New high prices were made all around and retained.

NEW YORK CURE. (By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.) Bid. Asked. Lists of various commodities and their prices.

"BUD" FISHER JOINS STAFF OF ARTISTS OF CANADA'S ARMY. Montreal, Feb. 19.—"Bud" Fisher, the famous American cartoonist, is the latest addition to the staff of artists working in connection with the Canadian War Records Office in London under Lord Beaverbrook. Mr. Fisher has been an officer in the American national army for several months, but in his anxiety to get to the front quickly he resigned his commission in order to join the Canadian forces. Mr. Fisher is in Montreal to-day completing arrangements and expects to sail for England within a few days.

NEW YORK COTTON. (By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.) Open High Low Last. Lists of cotton prices and market activity.

NEW YORK SUGAR. New York, Feb. 19.—Raw sugar steady; centrifugal, 8.06; molasses nominal; refined steady. Cane granulated, 5.45.

EVEN BILLBOARD MEN IN DOMINION WILL SAVE FLOUR. Ottawa, Feb. 19.—Information has been received by the Canadian Food Board that the Poster Advertising Association, representing nearly all of the bill posting plants in Canada, has decided that in future no member of the association shall use wheat flour for the making of bill poster paste. As a substitute for wheat flour the poster men will use cassava flour and a low grade of corn starch. This action is expected to save a considerable amount of low-grade wheat flour.

RUSSIA'S DEBT. Petrograd, Feb. 15.—(Delayed)—The protest made by the Allied and neutral diplomatic representatives against the repudiation of Russia's national debt by the Bolsheviki Government, Foreign Minister Trotsky intimated to the central executive committee of the All-Russian Workers' and Soldiers' Congress last night, indicated a silent understanding with the German imperialists. He said: "The protest of all the Ambassadors against the nullification of these loans looks around us a ring of international imperialists."

ATTACK ON RUSSIA EXPECTED IN LONDON. British Observers Foresaw German Move While Brest-Litovsk Event Proceeding. London, Feb. 19.—The renewal of the German attack on Great Russia fulfills the expectation widely held here since Germany consented to negotiate with the Bolsheviki at Brest-Litovsk. The view often has been expressed that Germany had peace less in mind than to secure possession of what was valuable in Russia, and that the temporizing attitude toward the Bolsheviki would be maintained only until the moment she awaited had arrived.

A HUNGARIAN QUARREL. Amsterdam, Feb. 19.—Count Karolyi, according to a dispatch from Budapest to The Frankfurter Zeitung, has submitted to the Hungarian military authorities a charge of high treason against his cousin, Count Michael Karolyi, president of the Hungarian Independence Party. The council of the Budapest Honved district decided that the material furnished was sufficient to justify the opening of criminal proceedings against Count Michael. The final decision rests with the Honved ministry.

SMALLER CATCH OF FISH; MORE PROFIT. Canadian Fishermen Found Last January More Profitable Than January, 1917. Ottawa, Feb. 19.—Notwithstanding the fact that the total catch of sea fish in Canadian waters during January this year was much smaller than for the corresponding month in 1917, its value, \$830,267, was \$2,757 greater than a year ago. This fact, which is brought out in the monthly report on deep sea fisheries issued from the Department of the Naval Service yesterday, no doubt is accounted for by the advance in the price of fish during the last year. The decrease in the size of the catch is largely due to the abnormally cold winter weather which prevailed on the Atlantic coast during January.

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COTTON SITUATION IN RUSSIA GROWS RAPIDLY MORE ACUTE. Petrograd, Feb. 16.—(Delayed)—Reports received here from the Moscow cotton factories indicate that, since of them are still running will exhaust their cotton supplies by Easter. A further supply is not available. Russia's cotton crop during the coming year will be very small because of the disorganization of the country, the lack of seed, machinery and money, and the doubtful situation regarding state land rights.

SESSION AT OTTAWA NOW IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON MARCH 20. Ottawa, Feb. 19.—Wednesday, March 20, is now regarded as the date for the opening of the first session of the new Parliament of Canada. The House of Commons always meets on a Wednesday when it has to elect a Speaker—a thing that is necessary when a new Parliament assembles for the first time.

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THE TIMES WANT AD CONTEST

IT STARTS TO-DAY!

- Below will be found the list of candidates in the Contest in the order in which nominations were handed in: MISS DOROTHY KIRK, "Kirby," Esquimalt Road; B. BICKWELL, 1203 Langley Street; THOMAS SPENCER, General Delivery, City; THOS. C. SORBY, 429 Quebec Street; MRS. K. C. THOM, 838 Yates Street; H. I. HOPKINS, 3171 Mars Street; P. A. GOODWIN, 941 Kings Road.

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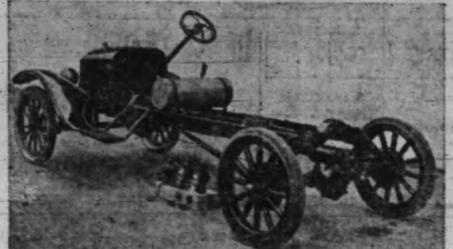
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**Under the auspices of the Psychic Research Society, Mr. Maynard will give a lantern exhibition of the Early Days of Victoria, and other interesting views. Old-timers specially invited. Eight p. m. February 22, in St. John's Hall, Herald Street. Admission free.**

**Furnaces installed—Watson & McGregor, Ltd., phone No. 745.**

**Mrs. Boyd wishes to announce that henceforth her dances at Alexandra Ballroom will be held Wednesday and Saturday evenings from 8.30 to 11.30. (Please note change from Tuesday to Wednesday evenings.)**

**To Consider Question.**—On Alderman Fullerton's suggestion, the City Council last evening promised, in establishing a charge for the renewal of garbage cans, to allow repair of cans instead of charging the householder the full fee for a new can.

**Civic Road Tax.**—At the meeting of the City Council last evening it was resolved that the suggestion of the City Solicitor to have a by-law drawn to authorize the imposition of a road tax in 1918 should be adopted.

**Supports Scheme.**—Last evening the City Council voted \$500 towards the expenses of the Increased Production and Food Conservation Committee. The clause with regard to the keeping of pigs within the city limits was dropped from the report, but will be dealt with separately at an early date.

**Warning of Schools.**—The City Council last evening decided to refer to the Streets Committee the request of the School Board for warning signs to motorists to be placed near city schools. The Engineer will be asked to report to the next meeting of the Committee.

**Civic Baby Clinic.**—It was resolved by the City Council last evening that the Estimates Committee should take up a request from Dr. A. G. Price for better quarters for the baby clinic. This clinic is very successful and is conducted at offices which the doctor says are unsuited, but in better quarters he stated more effective results in the conservation of life could be achieved.

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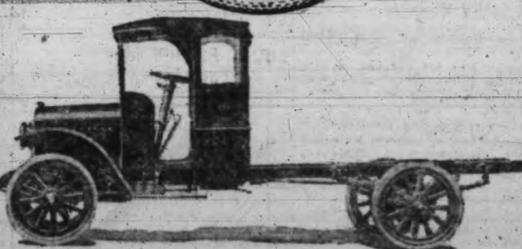
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**Mr. Hinton Regrets the recital in St. Paul's Church, Esquimalt, has to be postponed owing to the illness of Mrs. Haugh-Allen.**

**School Children Must Be Vaccinated** or furnish teachers with objection forms immediately.

**Treasury Certificates.**—The necessary by-law for renewing one million dollars' worth of treasury certificates next week was adopted in the City Council last evening.

**Leaves for Seattle.**—Brig-Gen. R. A. Heimer, Director-General of Musketry, and acting director of training, who has been in the City since Saturday inspecting training arrangements, leaves this afternoon for Seattle.

**Killed by a Shell.**—Sgt. Neil C. McLean, a New Westminster man, who previously had a men's furnishing business in this city, and who went overseas as quartermaster-sergeant with the 11st Battalion, is reported to have been killed by a shell on the Western front.

**Weather Synopsis.**—The barometer remains high, and fine cold weather is general southward to Oregon, and light to moderate winds prevail on the Coast. Zero temperatures continue in Cariboo and parts of Kootenay and in the Prairie Provinces they range from twenty to thirty-six below.

**Change of Name.**—Captain A. R. Hoffman, of Werbury, Shetia Island, has by deed, relinquished the name of Hoffman and assumed the surname of Forbes, which is the name of his mother's family. Capt. A. R. Forbes, who was decorated with the Military Cross last year, is now reported, ill in Salonica Hospital.

**Anniversary Celebrations.**—The three-day anniversary celebration at the First Presbyterian Church, concludes to-night with a Scotch supper and old-time social. The speakers at the public meeting to be held after the social will include Hon. Dr. King, Mayor Todd and Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, while ex-Mayor Alex. Stewart will officiate as chairman. An orchestra will be in attendance during the evening.

**Cyril Maude Not Coming.**—Victorians who had been looking forward to the appearance at the Royal Victoria Theatre of Cyril Maude, the eminent English actor, are doomed to disappointment. He was to appear in the Coast cities upon his arrival from the Antipodes, but owing to the lateness of the boat in arriving has been obliged to cancel his Coast engagements, and will go straight through to San Francisco.

**May Be Reunited.**—Prospects of a new life for Julia Smith, a woman who has led a degraded life for a long period after her husband divorced her, were opened out in the City Police Court to-day, when it was stated that the husband would take her again and there would be a re-marriage. The Magistrate remanded her in custody pending the presentation of a formal undertaking to reclaim her on the part of relatives.

**Sends Seeds to France.**—An assorted selection of good seeds was forwarded yesterday by Mayor Todd to a relative in military service in France to have sown as near the firing line as may be thought desirable. The Mayor also plans to see some Douglas firs eventually growing in France from the product of the trees in Mount Douglas park. He considers that the re-afforestation of the maimed areas could well be helped from British Columbia by this method.

**Rotary Luncheon.**—An interesting and novel programme will be presented at the weekly luncheon of the Rotary Club at the Empress Hotel on Thursday. The "Stunt" which made such a hit at the Spokane convention will be the feature of the day. Following the presentation there will be several short talks on "Impressions of the Conference." The members who have recently returned from the Spokane meeting will, it is said, have considerable to say on this question. Rotarians are privileged this week to take their lady friends to the luncheon and any gentlemen whom they may wish to invite.

## FORTY-TWO YEARS IN DOING GOOD WORKS

Late Sister Mary Bruno Buried To-day; Was Known Throughout Province

Funeral services for the late Sister Mary Bruno took place at the chapel at St. Ann's Convent, Humboldt Street, this morning, the Right Rev. Bishop Macdonald officiating at the services and at the graveside at Ross Bay Cemetery.

The late sister made her vows in the Mother House of the Order of St. Ann at Lachine, near Montreal, at the age of nineteen, and immediately afterwards came out to this province, and at the time of her death had spent forty-two years on the Pacific coast. Victoria is the headquarters of the Order on this coast, and the earliest part of her life was spent in this city, but for the past twenty years or more her work lay in Alaska. Part of this time was spent at the Order's hospital at Juneau, where she was Superior for nine years, and at Douglas Island, where she did splendid work in connection with the Treadwell mines. Sister Mary Bruno had been in all-around health for some time and, acting on the advice of the doctor, who thought the change would be beneficial, decided to return to Victoria. When the boat reached Ketchikan, however, she took a turn for the worse and on her arrival here two weeks ago, her friends realized that the end was near.

She was the youngest of four sisters who took their vows and joined the Order. Two remained in the East, but the eldest, Sister Zeno, is one of the most famous women of the Northland, where her name is a household word by reason of her good work among the miners for the past thirty-two years. Sister Zeno accompanied Sister Mary Bruno to Victoria when she came from the north two weeks ago.

Sister Mary Bruno was one of the most widely-known and beloved members of the Order of St. Ann in this province. Possessed of a keen sense of humor and full of quaint philosophy, she had great influence over young people and a wonderful gift for religious teaching. Of a very versatile temperament, she displayed great inventive genius, and in addition, was the most widely-read sister in the province, both in English and French literature. Her death brings to a close a life spent in the amelioration of the lot of the sick and destitute and her loss will be felt throughout the whole of the Pacific coast, where her name was synonymous with well-doing.

## IRENE VARLEY COMING

Talented Pianist to Give Recital Here for Red Cross, Assisted by Other Artists.

An event of interest to music-lovers of the district has been arranged for Wednesday, February 27, when Miss Irene Varley, a Seattle pianist, will give a recital at the First Congregational Church in aid of the Red Cross. Miss Varley is well-known in Vancouver and the Sound cities, both as a pianist and composer. In addition to her opera, recently played by the Russian Symphony Orchestra in the United States, she has set a number of Shakespeare's songs to music. C. Lazenby, who will give readings and a lecture on Poe's "Gyn," also, Rebecca Salmon, a brilliant young violinist, who, accompanied by Mme. Pratt-Stuart, will play a "Suite" by Arthur Hinton, a modern composer.

## GUARANTEE AT FAULT

Supply of Sweet Cider Seized Which Was Declared to Be Under Legal Limit.

The possession of sweet cider formed the subject of a charge in the Police Court to-day, under the Prohibition Act against E. McEvoy, the proprietor of the Wilson Hotel.

D. E. Whittaker, provincial analyst, stated that the percentage of proof spirit was 4.25. Asked whether amateurs could make cider of high alcoholic percentage, he stated that one of the janitors of the Parliament Buildings had made cider containing eleven per cent. proof spirit.

Defendant stated that he had bought the liquor as sweet cider from a traveler of the Hudson's Bay Company last November. It was labelled and guaranteed by the company. He had since learnt it came from a farmer on Salt Spring Island.

Magistrate Jay said the defendant had been misled by the label and guarantee. He, however, would allow an adjournment for forty-eight hours to permit additional evidence to be presented.

To Greet Orangemen.—To-morrow afternoon Mayor Todd and a number of members of the City Council will attend the Orange Grand Lodge at the invitation of grand officers to extend an official welcome to the organization.

At Work on Pipe Situation.—Mayor Todd commenced work to-day on behalf of the increased Production Committee in devising a scheme for pig raising within the City limits. The late Council rejected the proposal then presented by the health officer.

The Island Highway.—Efforts are in hand through the Victoria and Island Development Association to present a case to the provincial authorities to lay an eighteen-foot cement paving from Craigflower Road to Colwood, where the Goldstream and Sooke Roads fork, that being the worst part of the Island Highway covering a distance of three and one-fourth miles. The deputation believes it will be able to present a case showing that a good road would save the maintenance cost in a very short time.

## TRIBUTE IS PAID TO PAARDEBERG HEROES

British Campaigners Place Wreath on Tablet in New Drill Hall

In accordance with the custom which has prevailed for a number of years' past, some thirty members of the British Campaigners' Association, accompanied by several members of other veteran organizations, gathered at the new Drill Hall last night for the purpose of placing a wreath on the tablet erected by the 5th Regiment to the memory of those Victorians who fell at the battle of Paardeberg.

A company of the 5th Regiment, R. C. G. A., was in attendance and the well-known band of the Regiment supplied the music. Bishop Schofield addressed the little gathering and gave a graphic description of the famous battle which culminated in the surrender of General Cronje and some four thousand Boers. He paid eloquent tribute to the indomitable courage of the Canadians during the memorable fight and their magnificent work throughout the campaign.

Major-General R. G. Edwards Leckie, to whom the placing ceremony of placing the wreath on the tablet was entrusted, extolled the deeds of heroism performed by the men from Canada during the South African War, the glory of which could scarcely be outdone even by the splendid courage and devotion of the Canadians in France during the great struggle, now in its fourth year.

The singing of "O Canada" and the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

## MANY ENJOY LADIES' MUSICAL CONCERT

Victorians Hear Well-Known Flautist; Delightful Numbers by Ladies' Chorus

An enthusiastic audience gathered in the Empress ballroom last night to enjoy the concert given by the Ladies' Musical Club, nor were they disappointed in the excellent programme arranged by Mrs. Grace R. Davenport, the convener for the occasion.

The chief feature of the evening were the flute selections, contributed by W. R. Flasket, who came from Tacoma for the occasion, and the varied numbers rendered by the Ladies' Chorus of the club. Of the latter the most charming were, perhaps, the two numbers, "An Indian Lullaby" and "An Irish Folk Song," both sung as a double quartet, with exquisite harmony; and the "Eastern Song," rendered by the full chorus. The characteristic Oriental rhythm of the latter was emphasized by the use of the tympanum as well as by the violin accompaniment. Very quaint in melody were the two ancient English glee in the second half of the programme, "The Nightingale" and "Dumpty." Owing to the illness of Mrs. Golden, who was to have taken the solo part, Poldini's "Dancing Doll" was omitted from the programme. The chorus singing was marked by a delicate precision and nicety of attack, which speaks well for the training of Mrs. Davenport, the conductor.

Of the flautist's numbers "Dance Bergamesco" with its airy, capricious melody, was perhaps the most popular. Carl Buschke's "Dawn" is a fine composition, eminently suited to the flute, and in common with Mr. Flasket's other numbers, was marked by delicate phrasing and expression.

Miss Eva Hart sang exquisitely in Liza Lehman's "Snake Charmer," with flute obligato, her wonderful notes blending exquisitely with those of the instrument. A similar delightful combination was heard in "The Charming Bird" (David). As an encore to her first number, Miss Hart sang delightfully that ever popular favorite, "The Last Rose of Summer." Miss Denise Harris sang the solo part in "A Song of Canada" with much clarity and sweetness, the chorus joining in the rousing lines, "Still onward, onward to fame."

Owing to the indisposition of Miss Lillian Blackway, Mrs. Gideon Hicks very kindly gave a reading entitled "My Own Canadian Home," which was warmly received. Beethoven's Andante, Op. No. 25, was given as an instrumental tri by Mrs. R. Bristol Bennett (violin), Miss Ida Morris (viola) and Mr. Flasket (flute), the three instruments blending harmoniously.

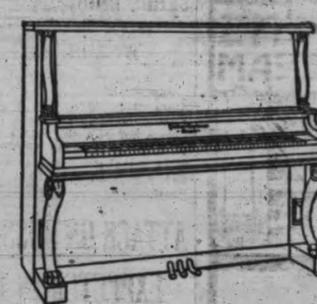
Mrs. A. J. Gibson acted as accompanist for the vocal solos and flute numbers in her own inimitable, sympathetic fashion. Mrs. R. W. Hannington officiating most capably in a similar role for the chorus numbers.

## IS ADJOURNED

"Finished Mystery" Case Laid Over for a Week; Crowd Expectant.

A large crowd of sympathizers had gathered at the Victoria Police Court to-day to listen to the hearing of a summons under the Consolidated Censorship Orders against Iwan C. Edwards, an elder in the International Bible Students' Association's branch here, for being in possession of a forbidden publication, "The Finished Mystery."

An adjournment, however, was immediately taken, on the application of W. W. B. McInnes, who appeared for the defence. The case will come up for trial on February 27.



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EDWIN C. SMITH  
Treasurer and Collector of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, B. C.  
City Hall, Victoria, B. C., 4th February, 1918.

LAND REGISTRY ACT.  
Notice Under Section 36.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made to register Elsie Munro as the owner in Fee-simple, under a Tax Sale Deed from the Collector of the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt

to Elsie Munro, bearing date the 25th day of November, A.D. 1917, in pursuance of a Tax Sale held by said Collector on or about the 1st day of September, 1917, of all and singular certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the District of Esquimalt in the Province of British Columbia, more particularly known and described as: Lot 4, of part of Suburban Lot 51, Map 61A.

You and those claiming through or under you, and all persons claiming any interest in the said land by descent whose title is not registered under the provisions of the "Land Registry Act" are required to contest the claim of the tax purchaser within 30 days of the service of this notice upon you. Otherwise you and each of you will be forever estopped and debarred from setting up any claim to or in respect of the said land, and I shall register the said Elsie Munro as owner in fee.

I direct that service of this notice may be made by publication in The Victoria Daily Times twelve consecutive issues. Dated at the Land Registry Office, at the City of Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 28th day of November, A.D. 1917.

J. C. GWYNN, Registrar-General.  
To G. H. Stewart Esq., Assesed Owner.

LAND REGISTRY ACT  
Section 21  
In the Matter of Part of Sub Lot One, Fernwood Estate, Victoria City, Map 85.

Proof having been filed of the loss of Certificate of Title No. 1952A, issued to Thomas Sinclair Gore on the 15th day of July, 1915, I hereby give notice of my intention, at the expiration of one calendar month from the first publication hereof, to issue to the said Thomas Sinclair Gore a fresh Certificate of Title in lieu thereof.

Dated at the Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., this 25th day of December, 1917.

J. C. GWYNN, Registrar-General of Titles.

## WAR IMPOSES EXTRA DUTIES ON POLICE

Chief Langley's Report Summarizes Work of Department; Reduction in Cost

In submitting his annual report to the City Police Commissioners Chief Langley states that additional duties due to the war have continued to be performed by the force, and to these have been added the enforcement of the Prohibition Act since October 1 last. Point duty was reduced during the greater part of the year to special occasions only, in order to relieve the pressure of work on the lesser number of men employed.

The necessity of controlling the loitering of young girls in parks and outside districts has rendered necessary the re-establishment of the mounted patrol.

Police Court fines in 1917 amount to \$8,462, and in 1916 to \$6,677, an increase for the year of \$2,385. Forty-six names appear on the roll of the department.

Administration of first aid continues to be an important part of the duties of the force, 185 cases out of a total of 233 having been thus treated during 1917. Of accidents 232 were reported to the police, against 257 in 1916. There were 1,038 arrests and summonses in 1917, a decrease of 38 on the previous year.

The Chief bears tribute to the good work done by the various units of the force, and the usefulness of the motor patrol.

To show how the cost of the Department has fallen, it may be stated that the Police Department cost \$38,000 in 1913 and last year was carried on for an expenditure of \$11,000, a decrease of practically 70 per cent.

A number of statistical tables, showing the various details of service, are attached to the report.

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WANTED—Girl for light house work. Apply 1113 Yates Street. 121-3. GOOD COOK—GENERAL family of two, small house in town. Box 186, Times, 121-9. WANTED—A cook and house-parlor maid. Apply Mrs. E. Crow Baker, 62 Gorge Road. 121-9. WANTED—Cook, general servant. Apply telephone 3191. 119-9. CAPABLE BUSINESS LADY desires position. Apply 15, Times, 120-2.

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EXPERIENCED CHAUFFEUR returned soldier, desires position. Apply Box 18, Times, 121-19. ON HING & BRO., 555 Fingert Street. Chinese Employment Agency. Prompt service. Phone 287. 11

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Miscellaneous

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Room and Board

APARMADE CASTLE JAMES BAY—High-class boarding house, now open to-day with extra lot for rooming. 24 Niagara. Phone 3291. 121-14. WANTED—Boarders, girls preferred. Phone 4191. 121-14. THE BOND ACCORD, 46, Princess Ave., Room and board; terms reasonable. Ladies or gentlemen. Phone 2871, 728-24. ROOM AND BOARD, home cooking, terms reasonable, 942 Pandora. Phone 4284.

Houses Wanted

WANTED—Eight to ten-room house around Fairfield district, must be up-to-date with extra lot for rooming. good soil; must be a big snap; will pay cash from \$5,000 to \$7,000. Write 284, Times. 121-23. FAIRLY FURNISHED summer cottage on Gorge waterfront, near car line; state rent, etc. Box 18, Times. 121-23. WANTED—To rent, 5-room house, near car and school; reasonable. Box 125. Times. 121-23. WANTED—Small, modern cottage, partly furnished preferred. Apply Box 185, Times. 121-23. LOST—A small handbag, containing about \$5 and car tickets. Phone 3291. Reward \$10. 121-14. LOST—Airscrew dog, wearing leather collar. Phone 1301. 121-17. LOST—Last week gold locket, with initials E. H. S. engraved on same. Phone 2168. Reward. 121-23. LOST—Military brooch button, silver. Phone 4693. 121-17.

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60 MONTH—Pleasant and comfortably furnished bungalow, has Monarch range and every convenience, 1153 Mason, above Cook Street. 121-16. TO LET—Well furnished, 6 roomed house, furnace, Oak Bay, Dalby & Lawson, 615 Fort. 121-16. COTTAGE TO RENT, Willow beach, partly furnished, \$6. Apply K Book Shop, Government Street. 121-16. VERBINDER AVE., handsomely furnished, 10 rooms, \$75. FEIN STREET, fully furnished, 7 rooms, \$35. Possession February 21. HEISTERMAN, FORMAN & CO., 608 View Street. Phone 55. 121-16. TO LET—Well furnished, 6 roomed house, 74 Dalby & Lawson, 615 Fort. 121-16. FOR RENT—Charming 5 roomed, Oak Bay bungalow. Phone 2691. 121-19. TO RENT—Small, 4-room cottage, 6, including water, not modern. Apply 4113 Denman. 121-18. TO LET—Six-room house, close in, garden, 743 Market Street. 121-18. TO LET—UNFURNISHED. FAIRFIELD—Corner house, large lot 20 by 120, 3 rooms, fine garden, chicken houses, etc., all in good condition, \$30. Possession February 24. SHAKESPEARE STREET—Nice, 6 roomed bungalow; possession February 24; rent \$15. HEISTERMAN, FORMAN & CO., 608 View Street. Phone 55. 121-18. SIX-ROOM MODERN DWELLING, extra well finished, situated 3 miles out, close to car line, rent \$12.50. McPherson & Fullerton Street, 520 Central, Victoria. Phone 1888. 121-18. TO LET—Fine, modern, 8 roomed—new residence, garage, furnace, tubs, choice residential district, Dalby & Lawson, 615 Fort (uptown). 121-18. FOR RENT—Houses, furnished and unfurnished. Lloyd Young & Russell, 1023 Broad Street. Phone 4322. 121-18. 1509 RICHARDSON STREET, 3 rooms, large garden, \$20. 958 FISGARD STREET, 5 rooms, \$15. 626 PINE STREET, Victoria West, 4 rooms, \$15. Possession March 1. 525 ELLICE STREET, 5 rooms, \$5.90. Possession March 15. 503 BELLEFLORE STREET, 5 rooms, \$5.90. Possession March 10. 527 ELLICE STREET, 5 rooms, \$5.90. 529 JOHN STREET, 5 rooms, \$9. 222 SHAKESPEARE STREET, 6 roomed bungalow, \$15. 530 BEACH DRIVE, 7 rooms, \$25. HEISTERMAN, FORMAN & CO., 608 View Street. Phone 55. 121-18.

Personal

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Motor Cycles and Cycles

WANTED—Horse manure; will pay 75c per month for each horse and take it away. State how many horses you have. Apply Marine Iron Works, 115 Pembroke St. 121-12. KITCHEN RANGE wanted, fairly large. Phone 631. 121-12. WANTED—Ten good steel ranges, any size or make. We pay cash. Jack's Store, 1365 Yates Street. 121-12. WANTED—Glass showcases for wall or counter; give size and lowest price. Box 202, Times. 121-12. HIGHEST CASH PRICES PAID for shotguns, rifles, carpenter's tools, clothing, trunks, valises, boots, machinery, diamonds and jewelry, etc. Jacob Aaronson's New and Second-hand Store, 172 Johnson Street, Victoria, B. C. Phone 5841. 121-12. WANTED—Furniture and stoves, etc.; highest cash price paid. Phone 441. 121-12. FRANCIS, 319 Yates St. (opposite Dominion Theatre), always open to buy good class and antique furniture, carpets, etc. Phone 1153. 121-12. WANTED—Any class of old metals; any class of junk; good prices paid for bottles, sacks, auto tires, carpenter's tools, etc. Ring up 1229, City Junk Co. E. Aaronson, 55 Johnson Street, House phone 5841. 121-12. HOUSE OF FURNITURE wanted for cash. Phone 272. 121-12.

Coming Events

THE J UNIT CHAPTER of the I. O. O. F. will hold its annual meeting for the election of officers on Tuesday, February 19. This meeting also to include a "playing card" shower for the benefit of the Hospital. All members specially requested to attend and to contribute a pack of cards. 121-20. QUEEN CITY SERVICE CLUB will give a military five hundred on Wednesday, February 20, in aid of P. Hall, North Park Street, in kind of the Service Club. Tickets \$1.50 p. m. Tickets can be had from committee at door. 121-20. VICTORIA EVANGELISTIC MOVEMENT—Hall, 716 Courtney Street. Tuesday boys' supper, 8 o'clock; Serje Maynard will address boys' meeting at 7. Thursday, business girls' supper, 8 o'clock; Rev. B. N. West will address girls' meeting at 7. 121-20. DANCE—Royal Oak Hall, February 21. Gents 5c, ladies bring refreshments. Bus leaves Yates and Broad 5 o'clock. 121-20. DAUGHTERS OF ENGLAND—Princess Alexandra Lodge will hold their anniversary dance—Friday, February 22, Orange Hall, Yates Street. Members of Princess Lodge, O. D. E. Alexandra and Pride of the Island, Sons of England, are cordially invited. 121-20. LADIES' AID, Reformed, Episcopal Church, silver tea at 4 o'clock of Mrs. Heilmann, 215 Moss Street, Wednesday, 3 p. m. Demonstration of soy bean by Mrs. Swanton. Informal talk of soldiers in hospital overseas by Miss Clark V. A. D. 121-20. THE GREAT WAR NEXT-OF-KIN ASSOCIATION will hold a progressive-50c in the small I. O. O. F. Hall, Douglas Street, 214, at 8.15 p. m. Good prices. 2c. 121-20. VICTORIA EVANGELISTIC MOVEMENT—Tuesday evening at 8 Mr. Robson, 1215 Yates St. a grand old address. Address the meeting. 121-20. THE PRICE of "Garden, Orchard and Farm" will be raised to \$1 a year after March 1. Subscribe now and get two free. This month's issue contains articles on "How to Grow a Garden," "How to Prepare a Vacant Lot for Cultivation." 121-20.

Dancing

MODERN BALLROOM—Dancing properly taught. Private lessons only. Phone 2181. 121-12. DANCES (public) every Wednesday and Saturday evening at Alexandra Ballroom, Ladies 25c, gents 5c. Ozard's orchestra. Under management of Mr. Boyd. 121-12. DANCING LESSONS (private). Jazz, Little, Kiss Trot, One-Step, etc. Mrs. E. H. H. Studio, 419 Campbell, bell block. Phone 9 to 10 a. m. 121-12.

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Poultry and Eggs

FOR SALE—Toussou gamester, Brown Leghorn, Rhode Island Red, White Cochin bantam cockerels. West, 1909 Hamilton, late of Victoria, 12-23. FOR SALE—Two White Wyandotte cockerels; would exchange one for two broody hens. Little, Marigold. 121-23. FOR SALE—White Leshorn hens, good strain. Phone 2261, or 2099 Albany. 121-23. SETTING EGGS, H. Black Minorca, R. Red, W. Wyandotte, Barred Rocks, Phone 2891, Watton, Mt. Tomlin and Lansdowne. 121-23.

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Lots for Sale

LOT FOR SALE. DALLAS ROAD, facing the sea, 26 ft. x 120 ft. \$200 terms, \$20 cash, balance monthly, 6 per cent interest. Apply P. R. BROWN, 1112 Broad Street. 121-25. FOR SALE—Cordova Bay, front lot, 60x100. Phone 6534. 121-25.

Houses for Sale

HOUSE AND REALTY BARGAINS. 8 ROOMS, modern, furnace, half mile circle, good locality; taxes low; value, \$4,500; price, \$3,800, terms. 121-13. 7 ROOMS, modern, furnace; mile circle; taxes; value, \$3,800; price, \$3,000, terms. 121-13. FIVE ACRE FARM, Sooke River, close to C. R. station, road and river frontage; water laid on; partly cleared; 100 per acre, terms. HIGH-CLASS RESIDENCE, 8 rooms, about half acre in tennis lawn and garden; best locality; value, \$24,000; price, \$16,000, terms. W. T. WILLIAMS, Care "Nag" Paint Co., Ltd., 1302 Wharf Street. FRAISE MEN—An ideal spot for future retirement and steadily increasing value. Lot 200 x 12 x 50, and small buildings, waterfrontage in choicest bay around Victoria. Mortgage, \$1,000; assume this balance, \$250 for this honest snap or exchange anything useful. Assessed at double, and \$1,500. Offers been refused. Apply Owner, Box 105, Times. 121-25. FOR SALE—Beautiful, new, modern 7 roomed house, Oak Bay district, garage, tubs, furnace, built-in fixtures, hardwood floors, fine electrical fixtures, choice location; price \$3,000; cash \$1,800, balance on mortgage. Dalby & Lawson, 615 Fort (uptown). FERNWOOD ROAD—Near High School, 5 roomed cottage and lot 3x110; price only \$1,500; small cash payment will handle and monthly payments for balance. SIX ROOMED DWELLING on Niagara Street and lot 2x113; this property is close in and price is \$2,000, which includes furniture; terms, \$300 cash, balance arranged to suit. MICHIGAN STREET—One block from Parliament Buildings, 7 roomed, modern house and lot 3x110; taxes light; terms, \$500 cash and assume mortgage of \$2,000. 121-25. CORNWALL STREET—Comfortable, 3 roomed, modern cottage and lot 6x30; improved street and taxes reasonable; price \$1,900, any reasonable terms. DAVEY STREET, OAK BAY—Seven roomed, modern dwelling and lot 6x130; price \$2,500; terms, say, \$50 cash, balance at 7 per cent. B. C. LAND & INVESTMENT AGENCY, LTD., 323 Government Street. 121-25.

Houses for Sale (Continued)

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**WIN-THE-WAR LEAGUE WINS THE COUNCIL**

Found It Easy to Secure Esquimalt's Aid in Vacant Lot Cultivation

The deputation from the Esquimalt branch of the Win-the-War League, with A. S. Barton, chairman, as chief spokesman, which attended in force before the Esquimalt Council last night, found Reeve Coles and the municipal councillors most willing to do everything in their power to assist a strong local movement in the direction of vacant lot cultivation, the Council heartily endorsing the proposals put forward.

Mr. Barton made the tentative suggestion that a public meeting should be held at which the Council could advise what they would be prepared to do in the matter, and it was arranged that this meeting should take place on Friday evening. Mr. Barton said that he was confident that the people would be willing and ready to do their utmost to assist in extra-food production, and in making concrete suggestions on the subject mentioned the very satisfactory experience of Mr. Drader, of Belmont Avenue.

Made Good Profit.

Mr. Drader, he mentioned, carried out the work, not to make a profit out of it, but for patriotic food production, and on the lots he cultivated he made a profit, during the year of 1917, which would have been one-third higher but for dogs and other trespassers. He proposed that all vacant lots should be cultivated at Esquimalt, and that the Municipal Council should finance the scheme by money, not given but loaned.

He also suggested that ploughing, harrowing and seed should be paid for by the Council and the money refunded by any resident who took over the lot. In the case of vacant acreage, this might, he considered, have to be handled entirely by the Council, and afterwards the Council could recoup themselves for the expenses, and divide the balance between the Red Cross and the Patriotic Societies.

Offer a Prize.

In supporting the scheme, Rev. Mr. Hughes, in addition, advocated that the Council should offer a substantial prize for those growing the most food and cultivating the greatest amount of land, and Mr. Barton considered it would be a good thing for the Council to advertise for offers of lots.

"We did that last year," mentioned Reeve Coles, "spent \$50, and got two replies." He pointed out that one of the Indians was willing, and Councillor Anderson, who thoroughly concurring in the idea, mentioned that last year he offered a vacant lot, but nobody seemed to want it; for no one accepted the offer. However, he moved that the Council endorse the proposals and do all in its power to assist the movement.

"Food is needed, badly needed," remarked Rev. Mr. Hicks, "and if the private citizen will not realize this the public citizen will." Capt. MacDonald, A. Lockley and other members of the deputation also expressed their views, and the resolve stated they thoroughly agreed with Mr. Barton's proposals. A working committee was promptly formed, and the Council, notwithstanding its last year's unfavorable experience, decided to advertise, asking all owners of vacant lots willing to have their vacant lot cultivated, to communicate with them.

Water Rates.

In regard to the question of water rates the following letter from the Esquimalt Water Company to Mr. Barton was read:

"Confirming a conversation of date, February 15, the company will make the following special water rate for extra cultivation in Esquimalt for the year 1918:

"All water used over and above that used in 1916 for parallel month will be charged at ten cents per 1,000 gallons. This course was pursued in 1917. In the event of the vacant lot being cultivated for the first time we will charge all water at ten cents per 1,000, with first the minimum rate of \$1.25 per month including meter rent."

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**GETS STIFF SENTENCE**

Found guilty last week of stealing articles from the house she rented on Hampshire Road, Mrs. Edith Lillian Morris, formerly Stalker, was this morning given the stiff sentence of eighteen months imprisonment by Judge Lammiman, after which, weeping, she left the court on her way to Oakalla Prison Farm.

N. W. Whitaker, in making a plea for leniency for prisoner, stated she had, for a considerable time, been in very poor health. He asked the prosecution whether the things taken at Prince Rupert had been returned.

G. L. McInnes, from the Attorney-General's Department, said he was informed that all claims against prisoner in that city had been squared up, but accounts in Victoria showed money still owing. Prisoner had received a pension of \$50 to \$60 a month owing to her first husband's death at the front, and there was a sum of about \$700 still payable to her by the Pension Board.

Judge Lammiman stated he did not see that he could take into consideration the civil circumstances and the sentence would be eighteen months imprisonment. As regards her condition of health he was satisfied the restraint at the prison would be to her benefit.

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**HOW T. D. PATTULLO FORESHADOWS SOME USEFUL LEGISLATION**

Differs From Dr. McKenna on Surrender of Reversionary Interests

The interest of the Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands, was aroused somewhat by the suggestion put forth by J. A. J. McKenna, in a letter to the press, that the Dominion-owned lands in British Columbia should be given back to the province and that the Provincial Government in turn should surrender its reversionary interest in Indian Reserves, foregoing interest in suggested cut-offs in the latter. Dr. McKenna was a member of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, and offers the opinion that the matter as outlined by him at some length should be taken up for consideration at the conference of Provincial Premiers now in session at Ottawa.

Already Under Discussion.

"The question of the Dominion Government transferring its right in the Railway Belt and the Peace River block to the Province is being taken up by Premier Brewster in Ottawa at the present time," said the Minister of Lands to a representative of The Times this morning. "Before he left here data was prepared by both this Department and by the Department of Mines in that connection." Mr. Pattullo recalls that at the Winnipeg convention held last summer a resolution favoring this action was passed by the convention unanimously and received the support of the Hon. A. L. Sifton and J. A. Calder, who are members of the present Government at Ottawa. The Minister suggests that this fact alone should materially strengthen the situation for British Columbia.

The Other Side.

Passing on to the suggestion made by Dr. McKenna that the province should surrender its rights in certain Indian Reservations, without committing himself one way or the other on the proposal, Mr. Pattullo points out that it might be well to see if there were not another side to the question. He says that at the present time the Indians have reservations located at some of the most favorable spots in the province. Most of the locations are entirely undeveloped, and he further observes that at the moment the Government is following a policy that those who control the natural resources of the province must put them to beneficial use. Legislation is in fact being prepared which he hopes will assist very materially in bringing into use lands which have been alienated from the Crown and which are at present idle.

Treat Indian Fairly.

"Everybody, I think, will agree that the Indians must be generously treated. At the same time," recounted the Minister, "some considerable argument can be advanced against the policy of allowing large sections of the choicest lands to be idle and, in some instances, to block general settlement. If the white population is compelled to put its property to beneficial use, might not the same principle be applied to the Indian reservations? queries the Minister.

Mr. Pattullo wished it to be clearly understood that, in throwing out the suggestion, whatever action might be taken would involve the absolutely fair treatment of the Indian. At the same time, he remarks, in the not very distant future, the question of the development of the very choice areas held by the Indians will surely come to the fore.

**DEGREE ABSOLUTE GIVEN IN DIVORCE**

Evidence Given Points to Legitimate Explanation Says the Court

"The case is rather weak, but I am inclined to think the evidence given is the legitimate explanation. You can take your degree and, as we have nothing in the nature of a King's Proctor in the province it may as well be a decree absolute."

In these words Mr. Justice Clement this morning disposed of the undefended divorce action brought by Albert James Gray, clerk, Victoria, against his wife, Annie Beatrice Gray, formerly Rose, Herbert Hall, formerly in the real estate business on Yates Street, was named as co-respondent. J. A. Ailman appeared for petitioner.

The parties, it appeared, were married in the city in March, 1905, and afterwards, until February, 1911, lived on Fort Street, when they separated by mutual consent. There is one child of the marriage, now aged ten, who is at school at Vancouver, where she was placed by her mother. Counsel stated Mrs. Gray was now in San Francisco, and Hall, who had been duly served without entering an appearance, was in Saskatchewan.

Out Till Midnight.

Petitioner stated that after they had been married for five years he rarely found his wife at home, the latter often returning at midnight, or 2 a. m. He taxed her with her conduct, when she

**THE VEDDER RIVER**

Hon. J. H. King Hears Trouble of Large Delegation From Chilliwack; Serious Situation

A large delegation from Chilliwack waited upon the Hon. J. H. King, Minister of Public Works, this morning, asking that his Department take some action to safeguard their lands and property skirted by the Vedder River. It was pointed out to the Minister that unless some sort of protection is afforded serious consequences are likely to ensue, as already this year a good deal of land has been literally "eaten into" by the waters of the stream, while some structures were entirely demolished as a consequence.

Chief Engineer Foreman was present at the interview and the Minister assured the delegation that the matter would have the prompt consideration of the Government.

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**First General Meeting of the Unionist Association of Victoria**  
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### COUNCIL MAKES GOOD REAL ESTATE DEAL

#### Esquimalt Secures Three Lots Adjoining Municipal Hall for \$2,250

That the papers had been accepted and signed in connection with the purchase by the Council, for the sum of \$2,250, of three additional lots at the rear of the Municipal Hall, was the information given by Reeve Coles at the meeting of the Esquimalt Council last night. The Reeve added that the purchase was the best bargain the municipality had ever made, and as it was appreciatively pointed out that the Council had been using the land for a very considerable time, free of all expenses, it was agreed that it assume one year's taxes thereon.

The engineer reported that the cost of repair of three leaks to the sewer at Grafton Street would cost \$393. As, apparently, the leak would cause no inconvenience the Council decided not to undertake the repairs, but refer the matter to the Health Officer for his opinion as to the sanitary aspect.

On the suggestion of Councillor Anderson property owners are to be notified not to pay sewer assessment on Dominion and Arm Streets to the city, as through the dual ownership of the sewer has frequently been done, but to pay the money to the Esquimalt Council. The Engineer is to confer with the City Engineer to endeavor to make a permanent arrangement.

To-Morrow's "Iron" Meeting. Councillor Wise reported that he and Reeve Coles had attended the opening meeting of the Central Iron Committee and gave details of what had been accomplished thereat, also calling attention to the desirability of as many people from Esquimalt attending Wednesday night's meeting as could possibly do so.

J. Isbister applied for permission to keep one pig, and, although the Council created a precedent, it decided to grant the necessary permit, provided the aforesaid pig be continually kept in a sanitary condition, and subject to the Sanitary Inspector having no objections in the matter.

On consideration of various applications for grants the following were agreed to:

Grants Made. Patriotic Fund, \$150, with a suggestion also carried that all employees of the municipality be asked to voluntarily subscribe to the fund each month. Esquimalt Sailors' Club, \$100; Victorian Order of Nurses, \$25; Esquimalt Friendly Help Society, \$50 half-yearly; Victoria Public Library, \$250.

In connection with the latter grant it was stated by the Reeve that he had been informed that if \$500 was subscribed the Library Board would be prepared to put in a library at the Lampson Street School. The Council, however, could not see its way to go beyond the \$250.

The applications from the Victoria and Island Development Association and the Salvation Army were tabled, the Council deciding, in the former case, they would consider the application later on, and, in the latter case, that the grant could not be made, as the Council were now worse off financially, than was the case when the grant was applied for and refused last year.

FISCAL AGENTS ARE BACKED UP BY BANK

Manager of B. N. A. Suggests Recommendations of Dominion Securities Be Followed

"I should like to mention that I consider the credit of the City would be improved if the delinquent taxes for 1914 were included in the tax sale arranged for next October." So wrote Manager D. Doig, of the Victoria Branch of the Bank of British North America to the City Council last evening.

The letter said in part: "I understand the following suggestions have been made regarding the City affairs by your fiscal agents—the Dominion Securities Corporation—and they are thought by our general manager as being worthy of your serious consideration:—

First: That the annual reduction of assessment be stopped immediately, and a fixed assessment be made. In this connection we have advanced the idea that the assessment for the year 1913 should be over \$50,000,000, if possible.

Second: That the City of Victoria, which has practically no income except that from taxes on realty, be given a part of those taxes collected by the Province from the City, viz: part of the taxes on income, automobiles, fire insurance companies, amusements, and so forth.

Third: That water rates be increased so that there is no annual deficit. That all other rates and taxes be raised or levied which might reasonably be imposed.

Fourth: That taxpayers who obtain relief for a term of years with respect to arrears of taxes, should be made to enter into an agreement to pay their current taxes and the proportion of arrears arranged by the Committee, and that failure to carry out the agreement should render his property subject to speedy sale.

Alderman Cameron suggested that the letter should be tabled, a course which was adopted.

WINS MILITARY MEDAL

Serjt. Cyril H. Cross, who went overseas with the 8th Battalion, May, 1916, and to France in the following November with the 14th Machine Gun Company, has been awarded the Military Medal for bravery displayed in the fighting at Paschendaele. Both his wife and parents live in the city.

### ALDERMEN DISPERSE WITHOUT ADOPTING RELIEF PROPOSAL

#### Principle of Local Improvement Extension on Future Assessments Approved

#### MAJORITY OF ONE IS AGAINST TWO-YEAR SALE

The City Council last evening took one positive and one negative decision on the tax delinquency scheme. Positively it was decided to approve the principle of an extension of time on the local improvements outstanding. Negatively it was determined to reject the proposal for a two-year tax sale, and to stay by the decision for a sale for 1913 delinquencies subsequently.

The minority again declared the scheme was futile without the two-year tax proposal, a statement denied by the majority. The meeting broke up at a late hour without any definite decision as to what principles will be embodied in the draft of the private Act.

Favors Old Scheme. The Mayor declared that as the Council would not accept the report of the joint Board of Trade and Council committee without mutilation, he thought the original bill, based on his proposal, would be most acceptable, because while it only provided for a one-year tax sale, it was not so lenient to delinquents.

Alderman Porter said the Board of Trade scheme was favored because it would liquidate one-tenth of the delinquencies, eventually extinguishing them.

Some of the minority wanted to abandon the proposal in view of the vote that evening, reverting to the 1917 plan.

Alderman Porter was strongly against letting the whole thing go by the Board, bad as the condition appeared to be, but failed to secure the passage of any future resolution, so far as the joint report was concerned.

The Discussion. Alderman Cameron objected to the plan of a two-year tax sale unless adjustment preceded it, a policy supported by Alderman Peden.

Alderman Porter stood out for a two-year tax sale, while Alderman Andros declared that the city would be deprived of its legitimate income by temporizing. Alderman Andros went on to criticize the present method of financing. "We have proved to our creditors that we do not carry out our undertakings," the Alderman observed emphatically. "The voluntary system of taxation has broken down, and we have got to conscript the taxes. Things are not going to be any better for a number of years after the war closes, and it is no use to allow taxpayers to live in a fool's paradise."

Separate Sales. Alderman Dinsdale believed it would be a good idea to divide the sale into two parts, 1913 and 1914, separated by an interval of three months at least.

Alderman Peden: "Unless a readjustment is made, a tax sale will be futile, as it will not produce the money, and will be a deception of the bank."

Alderman Fullerton held the view that a tax sale for one year's taxes is sufficient.

The Mayor asserted that the plan hinged on the two-year tax sale. The division was exactly as one week ago, except that with Alderman Fullerton present, the tie was broken, and the proposal to have a two-year tax sale was defeated by six votes to five.

Those supporting the two-year sale were the Mayor, Alderman Porter, Dinsdale, Sangster and Andros, while those supporting a one-year sale were Alderman Sargent, Cameron, Walker, Harvey, Fullerton and Peden.

Extending Time. Alderman Fullerton, who first expressed his regret that he was unable to be present at the last debate, said he was sorry to note that the joint committee's report did not deal with the extension of time on local improvements, although treating very generously with delinquency among the general taxpayers.

It could not be questioned, he said, that the city in many expiation proceedings had benefited very greatly, and would have to come to the relief of the owners in a more generous way than in other cases.

Persons who had bought land in subdivisions bearing the whole cost of local improvements ought to be more fairly treated. The local improvement owners required better terms, in the form of extension of time, if they were to be enabled to meet their obligations.

that the Council ought to consider the principle of extension of time in the future as a proper form of relief.

Alderman Harvey wanted to see a report from the City Solicitor as to what powers the Council had to extend the period of repayment.

Alderman Sargent said the Council was like a train behind a landslide, without giving relief in the future they were likely to try to proceed without removing the obstruction first.

Alderman Walker was not very much afraid of the legality of the movement, and thought it should be tackled.

Alderman Andros stood out strongly for endorsement merely of the principle of extension of time, and no commitment to details.

A motion, supported by seven members, and therefore carried was adopted to endorse the proposal, and refer the subject to the joint committee for report.

Court of Revision. In view of the necessity of dealing with the civic assessment roll, as returned on January 18, by setting the date of the Court of Revision, the Council resolved to take the customary steps. If the law is modified by revision of the private bill, the bill will include a provision abrogating the function of the court.

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Council Grant for Steel Delegation. Aldermen Vote \$500 but Not Without Murmurs of Dissatisfaction

"We shall have to act provincially if British Columbia is to secure the proposed smelter." Mayor Todd told the City Council last evening, when a vote was contemplated to aid the Central Iron Committee. This appropriation was for the purpose of helping the dispatch of a delegation to Ottawa to push the matter.

The committee had recommended a sum of \$500 on condition that the Victoria and Island Development should give a similar amount, though Alderman Andros declared that the delegation would not require as much money as the Iron Committee had estimated, and \$500 would be an adequate proportion of the whole fund.

The Mayor found strong opposition in the Council to vote money for a scheme which would be provincial in character, hence his remarks. His Worship proceeded to argue that there must be a determined united front from all quarters to be presented to Ottawa for a plant on the Coast, then when the Government was committed to the scheme and the expert had reported, the time would be ripe for the various localities to use every influence to keep the smelter in their locality.

He observed that various quotations had been read stating that this or that locality should be favored. Courtenay for instance had strong arguments for the Puntledge water power development, but he thought if it came to the last analysis the City and B. C. Electric Railway would be able to offer attractions at Sooke harbor, which would be second to none. As to whether the ultimate design of the Vancouver delegation was to secure the proposal for the Vancouver area, time would show, but at present they could not expect to do other than accept the Vancouver declarations at their face value.

Alderman Fullerton pressed the Mayor to state, if it was a fact that the Rotary Club originally proposed a scheme for Vancouver Island, if it was a scheme for the Island he would vote \$1,000 willingly, but not to aid the mainland promoters. The appearance of the Vancouver delegation here to-morrow might be merely a ruse to pacify Victoria feeling.

Alderman Walker believed they would do well to act provincially in this matter, and he pointed out that the agitation originally started in North Vancouver.

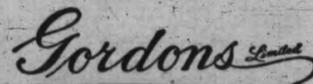
The Aldermen agreed to vote the \$500 and attend the meeting to-morrow in a body.

HELD JOINT MEETING. Astronomical and Natural History Societies Addressed by Dr. R. K. Young.

A joint meeting of the Astronomical and Natural History Societies, presided over by W. S. Dreyer, president of the Astronomical Society, was held last evening in the School Board room of the City Hall. The feature of the evening was an address on "Amateur Astronomy" by Dr. R. K. Young, of the Astro-Physical Observatory.

The address was listened to with much interest. The speaker pointed out that astronomers in observatories were as a rule overloaded with important work which could be done only by those men who were properly trained and possessed of the necessary equipment. For that reason it was desirable that amateurs should learn the star constellations as much could be done by them with simple appliances.

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