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GREEK ARMY WOULD FIGHT BULGARIANS

Athens Govt. Willing Germans Should Cross, but Not Bulgarians

GREEKS CANNOT DISARM ANGLO-FRENCH FORCES

Germany Has Made Inquiries at Athens Regarding Facilities for Allies

London, Dec. 14.—Germany apparently has no intention of permitting Greece to grant any further concessions to the allies without a vehement protest. Reuters' correspondent at Athens says that German diplomats already have taken steps which are likely to add considerably to Greece's difficulties if peace is made.

It is announced unofficially at Athens, the correspondent continues, that Germany has asked Greece "whether the new facilities afforded the allies compromise Greek neutrality in any way."

Greek officials admit that the situation is becoming more delicate.

In a later dispatch, the correspondent states it is said in Athens that a demand will be made for "free passage over Greek territory for the Bulgarian and German forces which are following the allied troops."

Not the Bulgarians.

It is said unofficially in Athens that the Germans, if they aspire to the enjoyment of the same rights as the allies in Greek territory, probably will be allowed a free hand, but that if Bulgarians cross the frontier, the situation immediately will assume a different aspect, in the view of the Greek government.

The Athens newspaper Neon Asty attributes the following statement to an official source:

"In any event the Bulgarians and Germans do not demand the disarmament of the allied forces. Greece can not and does not wish to disarm the allies. German diplomacy, which hitherto has displayed common sense, will not demand of Greece what it is impossible to give."

London, Dec. 14.—The version of the Bulgarian official statement of December 12 received here from Sofia, says that the city of Giyevli, in southern Serbia, near the Greek border, is in flames.

Salonica, Dec. 14.—It is reported that all posts formerly held by the Serbians on the Grecian frontier have been occupied by the Bulgarians.

German Claims.

Berlin, Dec. 14.—Austro-Hungarian troops are advancing in northern Montenegro, it was announced to-day by army headquarters. The official statement reads:

"To the southwest and south of Plevje (in northern Montenegro) Austro-Hungarian troops again forced the enemy to retreat. Here and in the eastern Montenegrin mountains, about 2,500 prisoners were brought in."

AFTER ANCONA CASE HAS BEEN SETTLED

American Govt. Will Consider Actions of Zweidnek and von Nuber

Washington, Dec. 14.—No action in the case of Baron Zweidnek, Austro-Hungarian charge here, and Alexander von Nuber, Austro-Hungarian consul-general at New York, will be taken until after the Ancona case has been disposed of, officials said after to-day's cabinet meeting.

The two Austro-Hungarian officials are charged with having violated the neutrality of the United States.

No indication of what Austro-Hungary's reply to the American note on the sinking of the Ancona would be had been received to-day and at the cabinet meeting no details were taken up.

Secretary Lansing conferred with President Wilson just before the cabinet assembled. The note to France, protesting against the removal of Germans and Austrians from American steamships by a French warship near Porto Rico, was the principal subject taken up.

The cabinet meeting was devoted principally to a discussion of domestic questions.

TO FRONT AGAIN.

London, Dec. 14.—Capt. Turner, of the Fifth Battalion, has recovered from his wounds and returned to France.

AS SEEN BY A NEW YORK PAPER



THE KAISER'S COLONIAL SECRETARY FOR NORTH AMERICA — New York Herald.

HINDENBURG'S WORDS A NOTE OF DESPAIR

Pressure From Germans at Home Telling, Says Henry Watterson

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 14.—Under the caption "Terms of Peace," Col. Henry Watterson writes in the Courier-Journal:

And now the peace-word comes direct from the camp of the Hohenzollerns from the bloody lips of the Prussian Militarist—the devil quoting Scripture, while in condemnation of war.

"At present," says von Hindenburg, "the enemy won't make peace. They are not weakened enough. We must therefore keep it up further."

The rat, Aesop's fable tells us, having possessed himself for the moment of the cheese, made philosophic discourse upon the virtues and the graces of life, including his own magnanimity. Equally complacent is the field marshal. He was never a lover of strife. He would emulate Cincinnatus and "return to the plough." But, the war "having been thrust upon Germany," she "cannot sheath her sword," notwithstanding the fact that "every German would rejoice if an end were put to the terrible blood-letting."

Peeling the Pressure.

We may read between the lines that there has arrived at the front a pressure from the rear. For the first time the German people must be considered. In truth, small heed was paid to them at the outset. They had been "pared" by half a century of "kultur." Kruppian sat in the saddle. Militarism rode at will. All that was wanted was a pretext, and the signal. The murders at Sarajevo furnished the one, the war lord of Berlin gave the other. To catch Britain unready, if not unaware; to swoop across Belgium and on to Paris; possessed of France, to turn upon Russia. "Was to the Kaiser-mind as easy as falling off a log."

Now as ever, here as elsewhere—"the best-laid plans of mice and men gang aft a-gley."

There stood Belgium—little David with his sling!!!

Who so believed it possible? And, the French!!!

The Lord had not deserted France, and the French people—may heaven continue to bless France and the French people!!!

A little late and a little lame, rich old lubberly John Bull ambled up, but "got there." The battles of the Marne were fought. Slowly the encircling lines widened—the overconfident hordes drew back—and Paris was saved.

Was Lost Then.

There and then the cause of the Hohenzollern and the Hapsburg—to hell with them!!!—was lost. It was lost and they knew it. It was lost and they knew it.

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GERMAN SOCIALISTS WOULD TALK ABOUT PEACE TERMS AGAIN

London, Dec. 14.—Indicating that the discussion of peace terms may be continued in the reichstag, advices from German sources to-day state that 34 Socialist members have expressed dissatisfaction with the results of the recent discussion.

SUBSCRIBERS 24,803; AVERAGE OVER \$4,000

Allotment of Loan Being Made by Officials at Ottawa

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—The total number of subscribers to Canada's war loan, including banks, insurance companies and other institutions, was 24,803, and the total amount subscribed just a little less than \$104,000,000. This makes the average subscription a little in excess of \$4,000. Subscriptions for small amounts running from \$100 to \$2,000 were very numerous.

The allotment of the loan is being made as rapidly as possible by the officials of the finance department.

Gen. Smith-Dorrien Will Lead Against German East Africa

London, Dec. 14.—General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien has been appointed to the supreme command of the forces operating in East Africa.

General Smith-Dorrien was in service on the Franco-Belgian front in the earlier months of the year. He commanded the Second British army for a time, and in May was placed in control of one of Great Britain's six new armies. He returned to London in June. No official explanation was made.

A vigorous campaign has been instituted recently by the French and British to conquer German East Africa.

DISMISSED FROM SERVICE.

London, Dec. 14.—Capt. Jackson, of the Canadian Dental Corps, has been dismissed from the service by the sentence of a general court-martial.

OVERWHELMING PROOF AGAINST PLOTTERS

Officials at San Francisco Have Secured 300 Letters and Telegrams

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—Plans for the destruction of munitions plants at Aetna, Ind., and Ishpeming, Mich., were revealed to-day when there were made public details of the indictments returned yesterday against three conspirators in German bomb plots.

Gary, Ind., and Pinole, Cal., also were suggested to an agent of the conspiracy as a fertile field for similar work. Two fires and explosions occurred later at Pinole, at the plant of the Hercules Powder company. The letters suggesting these charges were three alleged to have been written to Louis J. Smith, witness for the government against Baron George Wilhelm von Brincken, Charles C. Crowley, a detective employed by the German consul-general here, and Mrs. Margaret Cornell, Crowley's employee, the three persons indicted.

All appeared to-day for arraignment on the two counts of each indictment and were released on bail bonds of \$10,000 each.

The indictments charge conspiracy to interfere with and destroy company, and works and buildings at Ishpeming, Mich., owned by the Aetna Explosives company, of New York. The indictments charge that the letters were of a character to incite Smith to destroy employees in the buildings.

The conspiracy is said to have had its inception here on May 1, 1915, and numerous dates and incidents and the contents of letters are set forth. Smith is said to have been employed on May 8 by the defendants at \$300 a month to further the conspiracy. The following day Crowley is stated to have paid Smith \$250 to go to Tacoma, Wash., to obtain information concerning the sailings of vessels from northern ports for Vladivostok, and other ports of the allies. The vessels under scrutiny included the steamships Hazel Dollar and Talithybus.

Money and Ticket.

Smith was sent two \$50 money orders on June 4 while he was at Tacoma, and on August 1 Baron von Brincken.

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BLEW UP TRESTLE IN THIS PROVINCE

Van Koolbergen Acted Under Instructions From Brincken, San Francisco

GIVEN \$100 BY F. BOPP FOR BOMB HE HAD MADE

Statements Made by Man Arrested in Canada Aid American Investigators

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—Indicted on two counts each by the federal grand jury on charges of being implicated in a nation-wide conspiracy to destroy ammunition plants and ships, Baron Wilhelm von Brincken, who says he is an attaché of the German consulate-general here; C. C. Crowley, charged as the ringleader of the conspirators, and Mrs. Margaret W. Cornell, Crowley's secretary, surrendered themselves to the federal authorities to-day and arrange for new bonds for their release.

ASTOUNDING revelations of war intrigues in San Francisco made by Johannes Henrikus Van Koolbergen, under-arrest in Canada, to the operatives of the department of justice and laid before the grand jury yesterday, are said to have clinched the evidence on which the indictments against the three conspirators were brought.

Van Koolbergen is declared to have confessed that he had been engaged to make bombs for Franz Bopp, German consul-general, in the German government building here and to have received \$100 for one bomb delivered, with an offer of an equal amount for every additional bomb made by him and delivered.

Dynamite Trestle.

He also is declared to have confessed to the receipt of \$1,000 for dynamiting a railroad trestle in British Columbia under the direction of Baron von Brincken.

Van Koolbergen also stated, it is said, that he had been paid \$250 by von Brincken and \$200 by a German official when he produced clippings from Canadian newspapers to show that the trestle had been destroyed. He also is said to have received \$1,750 for services, of which \$250 went to von Brincken.

These newspaper stories, which Van Koolbergen produced, it is said, were ordered printed by officials of the Canadian government who were directing Van Koolbergen's activities in an effort to trap the German agents in the United States. Every detail of the agent's meetings with German officials, with corroborating evidence, is said in this manner to have been given to United States officials.

Bopp's Admission.

Consul-General Bopp admitted to-day that he knew Van Koolbergen and had often been visited by him, but denied that he had employed him in any way, or had ever paid him any money. He declared that he had distrusted Van Koolbergen as a British spy and had never received from him any information of value.

One of the counts of the indictments returned late yesterday by the grand jury charges that the two men and the woman "used the mails to incite arson, murder and assassination," and the other indictment charges "interference with commerce by the destruction of munitions plants and vessels in foreign trade."

The latter was the charge on which Crowley and von Brincken were arrested in the first place.

Based on Letters.

The new charge, that about using the mails, is said to have been based on letters written by Crowley to Louis J. Smith, the informer, through whose confessions the entire conspiracy is said to have been exposed. Mrs. Cornell is charged with actually having written the letters in question for Crowley. Her bail is only \$1,000.

Van Koolbergen is said to be on his way back to the United States in the custody of federal officers, held as a detained witness.

ITALIAN CHAMBER HAS ADJOURNED; GREETINGS TO ARMY AT THE FRONT

Rome, Dec. 14.—The chamber of deputies adjourned last night until March 1. Adjournment was taken after an imposing demonstration in tribute to the king and army.

The greeting of the deputies were sent to the "victorious army at the front."

TWO CHINESE ABOARD ORTERIC WERE KILLED

London, Dec. 14.—The report that the British steamship Orteric had been sunk by a submarine was confirmed to-day by Lloyds. The members of the crew were saved, with the exception of two Chinese, who were killed. Three were wounded.

PAID \$100 FOR BOMB; CONSUL-GENERAL BOPP



A man named Van Koolbergen, arrested in Canada, states that besides being paid for blowing up a railroad trestle in British Columbia, under the direction of Baron von Brincken, of San Francisco, he was paid \$100 for a bomb he had made for Franz Bopp, German consul-general in San Francisco, with the promise of pay for whatever more bombs he would make and deliver.

S.S. MINNESOTA IS AT SAN FRANCISCO

Disabled Liner Towed Into Harbor by Tugs This Morning

AUTHORITIES ARE INVESTIGATING NOW

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—After having lain off the lights all night, the ill liner Minnesota was brought through the north channel this afternoon by the wrecking steamer Inaqua and the tug Dauntless, Sea Rover, Hercules and two smaller tugs.

When safely into the harbor, the vessel was anchored off Meigs' wharf and the government investigation into the causes of the breakdown of her machinery was begun at once.

The investigation is being directed by United States District Attorney Preston, assisted by department of justice agents sent here from Washington.

A BUTTER RIOT IN COLOGNE YESTERDAY

London, Dec. 14.—Twenty-six women who were taking part in a butter riot at Cologne on Monday were injured badly when the rioters were charged by the police, according to dispatches received here to-day from Amsterdam.

NARAMATA MAN IS FOUND NOT GUILTY

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Judge Gunn, in the Carleton county court to-day, found John Robinson, promoter of Naramata, B. C., not guilty of the charge preferred by H. Bowes, of Ottawa, of having procured C.P.R. stock from him by fraud and misrepresentation. The judge said he had some doubts as to Robinson's guilt, and on account of his previous good record would give him the benefit of the doubt.

The judge advised Robinson to make good to Bowes what he had lost and pointed out that a civil action could very well follow. However, a settlement had already been arrived at between Robinson and Bowes. It is understood that Robinson has made good practically all the latter lost by going into the Naramata Supply company.

ASKS FRANCE TO FREE GERMANS AND AUSTRIANS

Washington, Dec. 14.—The American note to France making representations against the taking off of Germans from the American steamship by the French cruiser Descartes and the operations of the warship against other American vessels, is on its way to Paris to-day. Officials here decline to discuss the note in any way. Arrangements for its publication will be made later.

The note asks for the immediate release of the six Germans and Austrians who were taken from the steamships Coamo, San Juan and Carolina.

PRUSSIAN LISTS AT TOTAL OF 2,244,248

Losses of Bavaria, Wurttemberg, Saxony and Navy Additional to This

CAMPAIGN IN BALKANS ACCOUNTED FOR MANY

Swiss Experts Say Germany, Austria, Bulgaria, Turkey Have Lost 317,000

Rotterdam, Dec. 14.—Prussian casualty lists No. 380 to No. 389, according to the Rotterdamse Courant, contain the names of 65,340 killed, wounded and missing, making the total 2,244,248.

The total is exclusive of the names of 237 Bavarian, 310 Wurttembergian, 233 Saxonian, the naval lists and the lists of those lost in Turkey, says one newspaper.

Losses in Balkans.

Geneva, Dec. 14.—Swiss experts have estimated the losses of the central powers and their allies in the Serbian campaign at 317,000 men killed, wounded or stricken with sickness. In this total they include German, Austrian, Bulgarian and Turkish troops. The losses of the four nations are given thus in the estimates:

Nation	Killed	Wounded	Sick
Germany	27,000	43,000	47,000
Austria	23,000	58,000	51,000
Bulgaria	11,000	32,000	8,000
Turkey	3,000	14,000

OPPOSE RESTORATION OF THE MONARCHY

Branches in Americas of Chinese Republic Association Taking Action

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—General Hwang Hsing, former minister of war of the Chinese republic, will leave Media, Pa., where he has been recuperating from an illness, for China as soon as possible, it was announced to-day here by Tong King Chong, president of the Chinese Republic association and executive head in the Americas of the movement to oppose restoration of a monarchy in China.

Tong King Chong received a telegram to-day from the aged general stating that he believed he would be needed in his country to further the recently announced movement, headed by Shen Chun Shen, former viceroy of the province of Canton under the Manchu dynasty.

The movement, which was given public expression at a mass meeting here on Sunday, has been in contemplation since the plans for a monarchy in China first were discussed. Organization of the opposition was completed some time ago and awaited only the announcement of Yuan Shi Kai's acceptance of the throne for public expression of its sentiments.

Subscription books will be ready in a few days, it was said, and they will be sent at once to the various association branches. Several members of the committee will visit the large branches to aid in the campaign. Three members of the association here, which is the controlling body for the Americas, recently went to Central America to extend their organization in anticipation of the proposed revolt against the re-establishment of the monarchy.

AUSTRIA CALLS UP YOUTHS UNDER 18

Berlin, Dec. 14.—Austria-Hungary is calling up, on January 1, youths who will attain the age of 18 during 1916. Civil-servants, merchants, manufacturers, teachers, professors and professional men generally under arms in Austria, are now allowed to wear a yellow armband to distinguish them from soldiers of inferior social position. Those wearing the armbands are entitled to live outside the barracks and are exempted from mental tests.

E. N. RHODES WILL BE DEPUTY SPEAKER

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—It is understood that E. N. Rhodes, member for Cumberland, N. S., will be made deputy speaker of the House of Commons when parliament meets, it being practically settled that Albert Selwyn, member of Dorchester, Que., will succeed Hon. Dr. Sprague as speaker. The mover and seconder of the address in reply to the speech from the throne have not yet been chosen.

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FANCY SEEDED RAISINS , Victoria Cross Brand. Large 16-oz. packets, 2 for 25c	NICE NEW TABLE FIGS , large. Per lb. 20c
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SIX INCHES OF SNOW IN NEW YORK CITY

Heavy Storm in Atlantic States; Telegraph Wires Broken Down

New York, Dec. 14.—The centre of one of the heaviest snowstorms this section of the country has experienced in several years passed northeast of New York to-day, leaving in its wake a tangle of broken telegraph poles and wires, railroad trains stalled in snow-drifts and large portions of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New England under snow from six to fifteen inches deep. Snow was still falling early to-day, although the severity of the storm had abated.

Some of the New York Central's through express trains from and to the west forced their way through the drifts and arrived here to-day hours behind their schedule. The whereabouts of other through trains were unknown to the railroad officials. The blockade of the electric zone of the New Haven road, between New York and Stamford, Conn., was described by officials of that line as the worst in years.

Telegraphic communication between New York and points west and north was cut off by the breakdown of wires and poles under the weight of snow. The companies stated that their service had been affected as far south as Virginia.

Cable communication to the British Isles was badly hampered by the fall-

OBJECT TO DESTROY TRADE OF GERMANY

Asquith Explains Purpose of Agreements Made With Neutral Countries

London, Dec. 14.—"The object of all these agreements with neutral countries is reduction of all German trade, while preserving to neutrals their legitimate rights," said Mr. Asquith in the commons yesterday in response to a question by Sir John Lonsdale.

Sir John intimated that recent agreements made by the foreign office with neutrals made it possible for goods essential to Germany to pass into that country through neutral countries. Mr. Asquith contended that the agreements involved no change of policy and did not indicate a failure of the British blockade.

"Are you aware," Sir Arthur Markham asked Sir Edward Grey, "that the neutral press has stated repeatedly that the allies, by sending troops through Greece, violated Greek neutrality in the same way in which Germany violated Belgium's neutrality, and will the government take steps to make it known in neutral countries that Greece requested the allies to send troops?"

Lord Robert Cecil, parliamentary under-secretary for foreign affairs, replied for the foreign office, saying: "I am aware such statements have been made, but they have been adequately ridiculed and contradicted."

COMMENTS OF LONDON AND NEW YORK PAPERS

All Agree Wilson's Note to Vienna is Strong in Tone

New York, Dec. 14.—Newspapers here comment as follows on the American government's note to the Austro-Hungarian government on the sinking of the Italian steamship Ancona:

Sun.—There is not a superfluous word in Secretary Lansing's note to Vienna, nor is there discussion nor even mention of any consideration apart from the "righteous" demand of this government. The next move is for Vienna. So clearly is the alternative presented by Secretary Lansing that any speculative discussion of ulterior aspects is unnecessary.

World.—Forecasts of Secretary Lansing's note spoke of it as an unusual ultimatum. It is more than an ultimatum. It is also an indictment. Addressed to the proudest court in Europe, it can be answered only by surrender or defiance. When, in an evil cause, Berlin surrenders, need there be expectation of Vienna's defiance?

Herald.—"In the note there appears the word 'demands' and the government of Austria-Hungary is notified that the United States expects it to accede to these demands promptly." Whether there is to be a crisis depends upon whether the government at Washington means action, and not just mere words.

Times.—"The case is grave, we say that plainly. But the crime was one 'condemned by the world as inhuman and barbarous.' There can be no palliation for such a crime. It is incredible that the government of Franz Josef, by a refusal of compliance, should put upon itself a stigma of blood-guiltiness, that it will assume responsibility for the murder of helpless women and children."

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—The following casualty list was issued last night:

Third Battalion—Died of wounds: Pte. E. May, Toronto.

Slightly wounded: Pte. Thos. Kirk, Scotland.

Wounded: Pte. James Raeside, Pine Grove, Ontario.

Fourth Battalion—Severely wounded: Lieut. H. L. Scriver, England.

Seventh Battalion—Died of wounds: Pte. Kenneth McKay, Scotland.

Wounded: Pte. Satvoikko Lavouchi, Montenegro.

Thirteenth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Fred Towns, Sydney Mines, N. S.

Fifteenth Battalion—Previously reported missing; now officially reported killed in action: Lieut. G. T. Langmuir, Toronto.

Nineteenth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. J. F. Clarke, England.

Twentieth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. John Owens, Scotland.

Twenty-fifth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. Rufus McGrath, Stellarton, N. S.

Twenty-eighth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. T. W. Horwood, England; Pte. Donald McLeod, Scotland.

Twenty-ninth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. A. Gair, Vancouver, B. C.; Pte. B. J. Smith, Scotland.

Seventy-third Battalion—Wounded: Pte. W. Bertram, Burdette, Alta.

Slightly wounded: Pte. W. J. Millard, England.

Thirty-first Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. W. D. McKinnon, Hithersdale, P. E. I.

Died of wounds: Sgt. E. S. Jobbing, England; Pte. H. Roberts, Wales.

Lord Strathcona's Horse—Missing since December 8: Lieut. J. Galt, Winnipeg.

Third Canadian Mounted Rifles—Wounded: Lieut. E. G. Rendell, Edmonton.

Engineers—Killed in action: Sapper Sidney Cripps, England.

ITALIANS CAPTURED TRENCH NEAR GORIZIA

Rome, Dec. 14.—The following official communication was issued last night: "On the Isonzo front and on the Carso front the enemy yesterday displayed great activity with his artillery. Toward nightfall his infantry delivered attacks in the direction of Osavala and Selz, but they were repulsed with heavy losses."

"On the southern slope of the Calvario heights, west of Gorizia, our detachments, favored by fog, captured an enemy trench, taking some thirty rifles and other material which had been abandoned by the fleeing enemy."

CONCERT AT COURTENAY IN AID OF RED CROSS

Courtenay, Dec. 14.—The people of Sandwick gave a splendid concert in the Courtenay opera house in aid of the Red Cross society. There was a very large attendance considering the inclemency of the weather. The sum of \$130 was the net result, to be added to this very worthy cause.

Mayor Kilpatrick has taken action against Alderman John Johnston asking \$5,000 damages, alleging slander and malicious libel. The alderman is charged with having stated in public that the mayor was dishonest, and later having reiterated the statement in print. P. P. Harrison, of Cumberland, has been engaged as counsel for the mayor and a firm of Victoria lawyers for Mr. Johnston.

LOSSES OF OFFICERS TO NOV. 29 WERE 21,171

London, Dec. 14.—Officers' casualty lists for the three weeks ended Nov. 29 were much smaller than for some weeks previously, indicating the comparative lull at that period in the operations at the Dardanelles and on the western front. During the three weeks the British army lost 183 officers killed or died of wounds, 307 wounded and 17 missing, a total of 507.

The losses among officers from the beginning of the war to Nov. 29 were 4,572 killed, 12,866 wounded, 1,733 missing, a total of 21,171.

Regimental-General Knatchbull was wounded and three lieutenant-colonels killed.

The Canadians lost two officers killed and twenty-one wounded during the three weeks in question.

YUAN CONGRATULATED BY THE CHINESE CABINET

Peking, Dec. 14.—The cabinet went to the palace in a body yesterday to congratulate President Yuan Shi Kai on his forthcoming accession to the throne. The president said condolences would be more in order, as he had assumed the gravest responsibility for himself and his family. He discouraged any idea of celebrating the re-establishment of the monarchy; Japan's attitude is now the subject of the greatest speculation in China.

MAYOR OF SASKATOON.

Saskatoon, Alta., Dec. 14.—Dr. A. M. Young was elected mayor yesterday by a majority of 33 over H. J. Baillie, labor candidate.

SERBIAN REFUGEES AIDED BY ALLIED GOVERNMENTS

London, Dec. 14.—The allied governments have taken steps to provide for the needs of the Serbian refugees as far as possible.

Ample supplies of food and clothing and facilities for shelter are being provided at the most likely points, in co-operation with the Serbian relief committee, according to a statement made by Lord Robert Cecil, under-parliamentary secretary for foreign affairs, in the commons.

F. M. COCKRELL DEAD.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 14.—Francis Marion Cockrell, former senator from Missouri, died here yesterday.

FRANCE NEEDS MUCH COAL FROM STATES

New York, Dec. 14.—The demand for American coal by the French government is becoming so urgent and the lack of steamships for its transportation so acute that coal dealers here say France may be compelled before long to establish a government fleet of steamships to obtain an adequate supply of fuel. Ordinarily, they say, France consumes sixty million tons of coal a year, about half of which she hitherto obtained from Wales, Belgium and Germany. Reports that France now needs 25,000,000 tons from this country to fulfill her annual coal requirements are said by local dealers to be exaggerated.

Exporters here say that not only France, but most of the European and nearby South American nations, are turning to this country for coal.

THREE BURNED TO DEATH.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Two men and one woman were burned to death and a score of persons were injured in a fire which destroyed a three-story rooming house at No. 35 East Grand avenue early to-day.

Dwellers in the rooming house, trapped in their rooms when the flames cut off the exits, jumped from windows and sustained serious injuries.

NO ALL-ROUND REDUCTION.

London, Dec. 14.—The government does not intend to propose an all-round reduction in ministerial and parliamentary salaries, Mr. Asquith announced in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

LLOYD GEORGE TO MAKE A STATEMENT TO-MORROW

London, Dec. 14.—To-morrow Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George will make in the House of Commons a statement of the progress of his work as minister of munitions.

On Thursday Mr. Asquith will ask the house of commons to grant power to raise an additional 1,000,000 men for the army. In the house of lords to-morrow Lord Strachey will ask Earl Kitchener for details of the results of the Derby scheme for recruiting. On Thursday Lord Strachey will question the government about the trade agreement with Danish merchants.

TREACHEROUS ATTITUDE OF SOME ARAB TRIBES

London, Dec. 14.—Asked regarding German wireless reports of the treacherous attitude toward the British of supposedly friendly Arab tribes in the recent fighting in Mesopotamia, Rt. Hon. J. Austen Chamberlain, secretary for India, declared in the commons yesterday: "I have every reason to believe the reports are quite untrue."

RUSSIANS DISLOGGED GERMAN DETACHMENT

Petrograd, Dec. 14.—The following official communication was issued last night: "On our western front there is no change in the situation. In the region west of Lake Bogushele a detachment of our troops, having outflanked the enemy, dislodged a half company of Germans at the point of the bayonet from the village of Voynusny, capturing an officer and some soldiers and a machine gun."

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PARISIAN CAPTURED

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ITALIANS CAPTURED TRENCH NEAR GORIZIA

Rome, Dec. 14.—The following official communication was issued last night: "On the Isonzo front and on the Carso front the enemy yesterday displayed great activity with his artillery. Toward nightfall his infantry delivered attacks in the direction of Osavala and Selz, but they were repulsed with heavy losses."

"On the southern slope of the Calvario heights, west of Gorizia, our detachments, favored by fog, captured an enemy trench, taking some thirty rifles and other material which had been abandoned by the fleeing enemy."

CONCERT AT COURTENAY IN AID OF RED CROSS

Courtenay, Dec. 14.—The people of Sandwick gave a splendid concert in the Courtenay opera house in aid of the Red Cross society. There was a very large attendance considering the inclemency of the weather. The sum of \$130 was the net result, to be added to this very worthy cause.

LOSSES OF OFFICERS TO NOV. 29 WERE 21,171

London, Dec. 14.—Officers' casualty lists for the three weeks ended Nov. 29 were much smaller than for some weeks previously, indicating the comparative lull at that period in the operations at the Dardanelles and on the western front. During the three weeks the British army lost 183 officers killed or died of wounds, 307 wounded and 17 missing, a total of 507.

YUAN CONGRATULATED BY THE CHINESE CABINET

Peking, Dec. 14.—The cabinet went to the palace in a body yesterday to congratulate President Yuan Shi Kai on his forthcoming accession to the throne. The president said condolences would be more in order, as he had assumed the gravest responsibility for himself and his family. He discouraged any idea of celebrating the re-establishment of the monarchy; Japan's attitude is now the subject of the greatest speculation in China.

SERBIAN REFUGEES AIDED BY ALLIED GOVERNMENTS

London, Dec. 14.—The allied governments have taken steps to provide for the needs of the Serbian refugees as far as possible.

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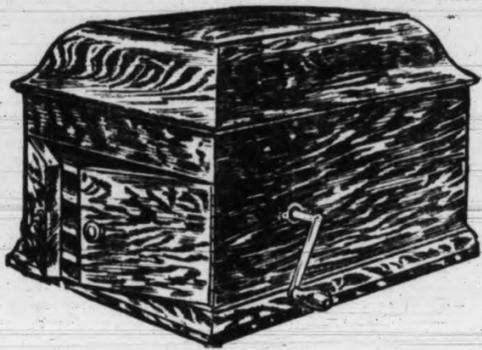
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DAYLIGHT SAVING PLAN IN CALGARY

Calgary, Dec. 14.—The quietest election in years resulted in the election of eight aldermen and four public school trustees, and the adoption of a wider franchise and the "daylight saving" scheme. The franchise extension will give the ballot to about 8,000 citizens, hitherto

deprived of it, including 5,000 women. Any British subject, male or female, who has resided in the city for six months prior to the completion of the voters' lists, may now vote for mayor and other city officials, but not on money bills.

The daylight saving plebiscite, which authorizes the setting back of the city time for one hour during six months of the year, carried by a narrow margin. The aldermen elected are: R. C. Mar-

shall, ex-Commissioner A. J. Samis, S. H. Adams, J. McNeill, G. H. Tull, T. J. Skinner, A. P. Patrick and R. J. Tallon. The latter was the candidate of the central Trades and Labor council.

STRIKE IN PORTUGAL

Lisbon, Dec. 14.—A general strike throughout Portugal was declared today. Police and strikers clashed in many places.

SAYS ECONOMIC BODY FACES GREAT TASK

Sir Geo. Foster Tells Commission Heavy Responsibility Lies Upon It

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—How the industry of agriculture may be stimulated for the good of Canada, for the good of the empire and to help and heal and resuscitate that large portion of the world now suffering untold miseries because of the war, was the topic of a speech delivered before the economic commission yesterday in the railway committee room by Sir George Foster, minister of trade and commerce and acting prime minister.

Sir George declared that the war had brought many changes, and one of these was the quickened sense of public duty awakened throughout the country. Canada had suffered and sacrificed to some extent in the war, but the staple and basic industry, agriculture, had been stimulated enormously with regard to the marketing of the crops. The question was how the distance could be bridged most economically.

"We cannot cut down the emiles," he said, "but it is possible to cut down the cost of transportation and the profits of those who intervene between the producer and the ultimate consumer." "The matter of rates by sea and land is another question for your earnest consideration," he said, "we do not lack railways. As to ocean tonnage, I hope you will consider it. The question is one that has vexed all governments, and it seems about as far away from a solution as it has ever been. As an adjunct of the agricultural industry, any light which you can throw on this question will be greatly appreciated."

For Returned Soldiers. "The next question is that of immigration, or rather settlement on agricultural lands. What shall be done for our returned soldiers? How can these young men be placed on the great wild lands of the Dominion for agricultural and rural development? They will have to be settled, and guided when settled."

"It is up to you," concluded Sir George. "This is just about the biggest work that has ever been entrusted to any commission. Everybody seems to think things will be different after the war. Everybody is asking what our attitude will be toward the great basic industry, agriculture, on which all other industries must depend for their success. I do not think the government has been niggardly to it in the past, but there is a feeling abroad that still more is expected. I welcome you gentlemen to your labors. The government will place everything at your disposal which will be of advantage, and the country will give you every opportunity to work out something which will be of advantage."

UNIONISTS DECIDE TO CRITICIZE BILL

Attitude of Sixty Members of Imperial House Toward Extension of Term.

London, Dec. 14.—Sixty Unionist members of parliament, with Henry Chaplin, member for the Wimbledon division of Surrey, presiding, met privately last night, and decided to discuss and criticize the bill extending the duration of parliament a year when it comes to its second reading. The Daily Mail says:

"Many speeches were made, including one by Sir Edward Carson. A majority declared that the government had forfeited much of parliament's confidence by its mistakes, and that it ought not to ask for an extension of power for a year. The speeches were of the frankest nature and arraigned the government on many points."

"The tone of the meeting may be reflected in parliament to-day, when it is likely that there will be a general discussion regarding the conduct of the war, and amendments will be submitted limiting the extension of parliament to three or six months."

"The meeting proposed to elect Sir Edward Carson to the leadership of the Conservative party, but many speakers affirmed their loyalty to Andrew Bonar Law."

TRYING TO MAKE GUNS TAKE PLACES OF MEN

London, Dec. 14.—The Daily Mail's Copenhagen correspondent telegraphs the following, basing it on information received from Berlin:

"More than 100,000 machine guns have been added to the strength of the German eastern front. The Bulgar and Turkish armies recently have been plentifully supplied with machine guns from Germany."

"All trains from Germany to Constantinople since the Orient railway line has been repaired have been used in transporting munitions and machine guns, as well as great quantities of rails for Palestine."

DOGS WERE KILLED BY BIG METEORITE

Dawson, Dec. 14.—Three dogs driven by Andrew Johnson, a telegraph line, which fell on the Yukon telegraph line near Nahlin, south of Atlin, according to word reaching here. Johnson, who was traveling fifty feet behind the animals, was stunned for several hours. The meteorite made a hole almost fifty feet in diameter. The earth all about appeared to have been subjected to intense heat. Johnson has fully recovered.

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Philadelphia Company Says It Will Revolutionize Warfare; Rapid Fire

Philadelphia, Dec. 14.—An electric gun by which huge shells can be hurled through the air without the use of gunpowder as the force of propulsion is being perfected by the Electric Gun company here.

That the new invention is to revolutionize warfare and soon will be perfected and in actual use on the battle-lines in Europe is the claim of V. H. Conkle, secretary of the new company.

Although declining to discuss the mechanism of the gun, Mr. Conkle asserted to-day that a recent experiment with the gun had demonstrated its efficiency.

"It is noiseless and odorless," he said, "and from a military viewpoint, the last word in ordnance, because there is no smoke and, consequently, it is hidden from the enemy."

A 300-pound shell can be fired for a distance of ten miles, and will penetrate 42 inches of armor plate. Owing to the construction of the gun, it has an efficiency of more than 300 per cent over the ordinary cannon in the matter of loading and discharging. It will be possible to fire the biggest of the guns with the rapidity of our present-day machine guns."

R. FAY AND OTHERS PLEAD NOT GUILTY

New York, Dec. 14.—Max Breitlung, Dr. Herbert Klenke, Englebert Bronkhorst, Robert Fay and Walter Scholz, recently re-indicted in connection with activities to destroy ships carrying munitions to the allied countries, pleaded not guilty yesterday when arraigned before United States Judge Mayer. The original bail of \$30,000 was continued. Fay and Scholz, who were unable to give bail, were remanded to jail. The court, some time during the next four days, will hear a motion for the appointment of a commission to go abroad and take testimony in the prisoners' behalf.

HUGE EXPORTS THROUGH PORT OF NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 14.—Past month's exports valued at \$4,800,000, intended for use by the British navy in chasing submarines, were shipped from this port during the week ending Dec. 4, according to statistics made public yesterday afternoon. Exports from this port during the first week of this month totalled \$6,711,174, in contrast with \$2,361,714 for the same period in 1914.

PROHIBITION SENTIMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN VOTERS

Saskatoon, Dec. 14.—The determination to temperance forces to keep Saskatoon as nearly "dry" as possible was demonstrated in northern Saskatchewan yesterday, when partial returns came in from the Biggar and Watrous liquor districts, where voting took place as to whether the existing liquor stores should be abolished or not. Returns in Biggar have still to be received from all Glenside R. M., all of Bushville R. M., part of Perdue R. M., and part of Mountain View R. M., and part of Biggar R. M., but enough is known in the latter to predict that the present majority of 238 for abolishing the Biggar liquor store will be increased. In the Watrous liquor district, where a store is in existence, the result is not in doubt, the "dry" party being in the majority by 676 to 258, with only six polls to hear from.

RETURNED SOLDIERS FOR GOVT. POSITIONS

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—W. B. Northrup, Conservative member for East Hastings, is here advocating a change in regard to party patronage. He proposes that when a vacancy occurs in the outside service the job should be given to a returned soldier. He proposes that the choice should be made by the sitting member and his opponent at the last general election. Should they fail to agree, the matter could be referred to the party whips, and if necessary, to the party leaders.

GERMAN PROFESSORS LECTURE IN HOLLAND

London, Dec. 14.—The Daily Mail's Rotterdam correspondent telegraphs: "German professors are lecturing on the war in private clubs throughout Holland. Pro-German feeling is extensively cultivated, especially among the intellectual classes. Dutch feeling is hardening against the allies. Dutch citizens in pay of the Germans have been sent to England, and turn up frequently in cafes in Holland saying that the people of England realize that the war is lost, and that the whole country is depressed."

HAWTHORNE MAYOR OF MEDICINE HAT

Medicine Hat, Dec. 14.—A. C. Hawthorne was elected mayor yesterday for a second term, defeating Nelson Spencer, member of the legislature, by 263 votes. The three aldermen elected are J. T. Berry, George Worthy and J. W. Hamilton. Mrs. E. J. Williamson, the first woman ever elected to the school board here, headed the polls for school trustees. B. W. Bellamy, a labor candidate, is the other successful candidate for the school board.

FRENCH GOVT. WILL NOT BUY MERCHANT SHIPS

Paris, Dec. 13 (delayed).—The bill to authorize the state to purchase a merchant fleet of 50 ships from a British firm has been withdrawn from the Chamber of Deputies, according to the newspaper Liberte. The measure has been strongly criticized as both useless for the purpose designated and too costly. Minister of Finance Ribot and Minister of Marine Lacaze, whose counter-signatures to the measure were necessary, are said to have pronounced against it after a careful examination. It is stated that in place of this bill they have sent circulars to the leading shipowners inviting suggestions as to the best means of increasing the French mercantile fleet and decreasing freight rates, and promising the full support of the government.

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN ROME 391 TO 40

Rome, Dec. 14.—During the debate in the chamber of deputies which preceded the adoption of the bill giving full financial powers to the government for six months, Premier Salandra raised the question of the chairman's confidence in the government. A vote of confidence was adopted by 391 to 40.

DEFAUDING SOLDIERS.

London, Dec. 14.—Arthur Francis, of Indianapolis, believed to be a deserter from the United States army, was sentenced yesterday to nine months' imprisonment for defrauding British soldiers.

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CANNOT BE "HUSHED UP."

A correspondent thinks an attempt is being made in interested quarters to hush up the charges in connection with the excavation contract at the outer harbor. He need have no apprehension of that score. The matter has gone too far for the successful administration of chloroform. Nobody or nothing can suppress it. There will be a full inquiry either by a commissioner or by the public accounts committee of parliament.

This is not a subject of purely local or provincial concern. In a material sense the people of British Columbia are affected in only a very small proportionate measure. They represent but one-fifteenth of the population of Canada and the expenditure on harbor improvements comes out of the nation's pocket. For that reason local politicians would be powerless to prevent the probing of the accusations even if they had a mind to do so. Messrs. W. F. Garland and A. De Witt Foster, former members whom Sir Robert Borden read out of his party, will bear witness to the fact that the public accounts committee of parliament is a pretty live body.

DERBY PLAN SUCCEEDS.

Dispatches from London forecast a favorable report from the Earl of Derby on the result of the recruiting campaign planned and directed by him. The scheme was a final test to determine whether the voluntary system of enlistment could be depended upon to provide sufficient men for the growing military needs of the nation. The government declared that if the result of the test was unsatisfactory it would have no hesitation in adopting compulsory measures. In this the preponderating sentiment of the country was behind the government, for although no people as a whole are more sternly set against the principle of conscription than the British people are, they exhibited their willingness to fetter their convictions as soon as they were shown that the safety of the cause for which they were fighting called for it.

It is impossible to say how many recruits the Earl of Derby required within the time limit set by him in order to justify the continuation of the voluntary system. It is evident that the enrolment had to be sufficient to make certain a British army strength of four million men by spring. Several months ago Mr. Asquith stated that the enlistment in the United Kingdom since the outbreak of war had been a little short of three millions. These did not include the regular forces, the navy or the armies raised by the overseas dominions, which would have accounted for another million or more. Undoubtedly the empire has raised considerably more than four million men altogether since the war began, but it also has had something like six hundred thousand casualties. The British authorities desire to have beyond peradventure the assurance of sufficient men to keep the ranks of their field army filled for a long time. That field army, of course, will not be four million; Germany has not that number on all her fronts, and by next summer her aggregate will be nowhere near it. There are almost a million British troops in France and Flanders, and the necessity of taking over larger sections of the French front may require as many more. This great force must be kept at full strength, while operations in the Near East will make heavy demands upon the supply of men. But John Bull intends to take no more chances with insufficient land troops; he intends to have more than enough.

If the United Kingdom has raised an army of four million men under the voluntary system it has recorded one of the most striking achievements of this or any other war. In a generous

tribute to the British people on this point Frederick Palmer, the noted war correspondent, asks Americans to picture an army of nine million men under arms in their own country and they will realize then just what Great Britain, a non-military nation, has done. Incidentally the vindication of the voluntary system will be a sore blow to the Northcliffe press and certain other advocates of conscription. It was to force their pet system on the country that they pursued a deliberately calculated campaign of disparagement of the allies and their prospects. They attacked every supporter of the voluntary system in the public life of the nation—Kitchener, Asquith, Haldane, Balfour, Grey, McKenna, Simon—in an undisguised attempt to force them out of office. Their plot seems to have egregiously failed.

LIFE-SAVING FACILITIES.

The recent wreck on the west coast of this island calls for an inquiry into the life-saving system in operation there with a view to remedying its defects. Are the stations properly distributed? Are the facilities adequate and efficiently conducted? Is there dependable communication between the lifeboat quarters, wireless stations and lighthouses? How are lifeboat crews appointed—according to competency or on the recommendation of political associations without regard to their knowledge of the important work for which they are selected? The plight of the Caremapu became known through the mere chance. The Princess Maquinna came across her wallowing in the sea, while returning from one of her regular trips. But for that accidental encounter nobody would have known of the wreck for some days and the five men who survived might have perished on the shore from exposure. The lifeboat crew at Clayoquot knew nothing about it until the Maquinna reported it.

Unless an effective patrol of that dangerous coastline be maintained in stormy weather and certain means of communication with lifeboat stations established, there will be more marine tragedies in that neighborhood. In any case an air-propelled lifeboat has obvious limitations; in the case of a large steamer in difficulties in a heavy sea it would be useless. The United States government maintains a powerful tugboat for the patrol of its coast and some similar provision might be made by the Canadian authorities. In that connection it might be possible for the two governments to make some joint arrangement for the proper patrol of the whole dangerous area. The question should be examined by practical men, experienced navigators who know the difficulties. But whatever may be decided, for heaven's sake keep the matter out of politics. The politician or government who mixes up life-saving with politics ought to be dropped overboard.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal, always a matter of interest to Canadian business men, possesses an exceptional significance this year on account of the unique character of the twelve months under review. Both the figures of the annual statement and the utterances of the president and of the general manager, which are given at length elsewhere in this issue, will be found to contain much matter for reflection and for congratulation. The authoritative character of the pronouncements and the magnitude of the bank's business (its assets now exceeding three hundred millions of dollars), are such as to warrant a careful study of the report.

The president, Mr. H. V. Meredith, in an address full of sound and well reasoned confidence balanced with caution, pointed out that the effect of the war upon Canadian trade had not been as injurious as was expected, and that the bountiful crop was now being a decided stimulus and might be expected to attract renewed immigration to the Dominion later on. The country must be prepared, however, for a readjustment of trade conditions at the close of hostilities, and for the advent of a new set of problems. He urged upon Canadians the necessity of continued economy, of increased production of exportable wealth, of protecting the gold supply and of keeping strong in working capital.

Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, the general manager, in his review of the bank's position, observed that the balance sheet reflected the results of twelve months of business conducted under unprecedented conditions, with no violent crises but with a continuous series of problems differing from any in former experience. The ratio of quick assets to liabilities showed a large increase, 64 per cent. as against 55 per cent. a year ago, but these very large reserves were a safeguard now and would be an invaluable source of strength when the situation clears. He emphasized the fact that the bank had met all the usual legitimate requirements of its clients of all classes, merchants, manufacturers, farmers and ranchers, and had given special con-

sideration to those temporarily embarrassed by prevailing conditions. The general manager's remarks are amply supported by the figures of the annual statement. As is well known, the demand for commercial accommodation from the banks has been greatly reduced during the past year owing to reduced activity in nearly all lines of trade. Yet the reduction in the Bank of Montreal's current loans in Canada is only about nine per cent., from \$108,845,332.96 to \$99,078,506.38, and loans to municipalities show a marked increase.

On the liabilities side there has been a great increase, amounting to \$38,860,138.52, in deposits, which is partly accounted for by special transactions, but must be regarded as highly satisfactory and as an especial mark of public confidence. The total of liabilities to the public has increased from \$221,350,378.47 to \$264,540,758.56. The necessary result of this increase in deposits and decrease in demand for loans has been the growth of liquid assets alluded to by Sir Frederick, and these have now reached the record figure of \$176,007,568.02. Such large reserves are not in themselves favorable to profits, and it is an evidence of excellent management that the bank should have been able to earn, in spite of war-time difficulties (including a war tax of \$187,347.53), profits sufficient to pay the full usual dividends and bonus with a comfortable margin.

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The dividends of the bank, as Sir Frederick very reasonably points out, are only a very moderate return on the shareholders' money, including both capital and accumulated profits in reserve. Canadians as a whole may be pardoned a degree of patriotic pride in the showing of Canada's premier bank, which ranks high among the strongest banking institutions of the world.

When the British authorities selected the Earl of Derby to devise and direct a recruiting campaign they made no mistake in the man. He has discharged his important duty with marked sagacity and thoroughness and in a spirit which has won the confidence of the people regardless of class or opinion. Personally he supported the principle of conscription, but he shelved his private preference and devoted himself wholeheartedly to the task of making the voluntary system succeed. It is not the first time that a member of his historic house has rendered striking service to the state in time of trial. The fine achievement of the present title holder shows that notwithstanding the exacting standard established by some of his illustrious forbears, there has been no deterioration of the Stanley strain.

Says the Edmonton Bulletin: An Ottawa dispatch of November 7 of last year stated that a special order-in-council has been passed prohibiting the publication of newspapers, tracts, or

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general publications containing articles, news or information bearing directly on the present war which is not in accordance with the facts. Such papers may be refused the mails and any director or officer of a company contravening the order is subject to a fine or imprisonment not exceeding five years. How far the threat thereby conveyed, has not been carried out may be judged by the fact that Le Devoir, edited by Henri Bourassa, is still published. During the great civil war in the United States forty-eight thousand Canadians fought with the north against the south. They stood for freedom against slavery. The issue which is being determined on the battlefields of Europe and Asia to-day is the same as that which was settled at Appomattox. The organization of an American battalion in Ontario and the enlistment of thousands of Americans in the Canadian and French armies indicate that this is becoming appreciated more and more south of the international boundary line.

"War is a game which, if the people were wise, kings would not play at." Other nations besides those ruled by Ferdinand the Fox and little "Tino of Greece will appreciate the force of this old saying before the great game started by the Kaiser is finished. The Hapsburgs and Hohenzollerns will not have an opportunity to play it again.

Parker Williams, M. P. P., who has had some experience, says that in the year 1910 the McLeod government ceased to be Conservative and became a band to control the treasury benches. Honest Conservatives who are beginning to have qualms may derive consolation from and strengthen their determination on such a statement.

Now is the time to commence your Christmas shopping. Do not wait until the last day. Show some consideration for the clerks in the stores. They are not made of iron. Besides, it is easier and more convenient for the purchaser to buy now.

STICK TO THE BRIDGE HORATIO! Ottawa Citizen. Superintendent Nelson, of the public works dredging fleet on the British Columbia coast, is reported to have resigned at a time when Mr. Hammet P. Hill, of Ottawa, is investigating certain phases of dredging contracts in Victoria, to resign command of the dredging fleet would be most unlike a Nelson. Perhaps the minister of public works, Hon. Robert Rogers, will act a naturally anxious country at Superintendent Nelson is an old comrade in arms of the minister from Vancouver. During the regime of Sir Rodmond Roblin, of glorious memory, the Hon. Robert and the gallant Nelson negotiated many a telephone pole together. Surely the superintendent will stick to the fleet. To resign all Hon. Robert's friends resigning is most disturbing. Where will they all be if the niceness about patronage and contracting is allowed to take its course?

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DAVID SPENCER, Ltd Very New Are These Handsome Chiffon Broadcloth Suits at \$40 Absolutely the very newest in Suit styles for present and late winter wear. These Suits were only received on Saturday, having been forwarded direct from the tailors by our buyer now in the east. The exclusive novelty of the styles, together with their moderate price, will at once appeal to all women of refined taste. A beautiful quality chiffon broadcloth is used, and the coat is made in a very loose style with ripple hips, handsomely trimmed on collar, cuffs, and around bottom edge with Alaska sable fur, fastening with cloth-covered buttons. These Suits are very specially priced at \$40.00 Plain Velvet Suits, some trimmed with fur and others with military braid trimmings. Exclusive values at \$45.00 and \$57.50 Suits of fine French navy serge, made with shirred back and pleated sides; trimmed with velvet piping on collar and cuffs. Coat is lined with Skinner satin and skirt pleated. Excellent value at \$39.75 Navy Blue Serge Suits in strictly plain-tailored styles, Skinner satin lined. \$22.50 —First Floor

Values to \$18.50 in Men's House Jackets, Clearing at \$5.75, \$7.50 and \$9.75 For the Christmas sale we have grouped our stock of Men's House and Smoking Jackets into three prices for quick selling. These Jackets make very serviceable Christmas gifts, and at the reduced prices should help you solve the perplexing question what to give father, husband, brother or friend. Regular \$7.50 values go at \$5.75 Regular \$10.75 values go at \$7.50 Regular \$18.50 values go at \$9.75 —Main Floor

Dainty Gifts of Whitewear Many very dainty pieces in Whitewear. Very appropriate for Christmas gifts. A special table is set apart for sample pieces—these are marked at very special prices. You will find it worth while looking these over. Dainty Corset Covers of white net, trimmed with lace insertion, short kimono sleeves, neck and sleeves edged with lace and trimmed with narrow beading and ribbon. Each \$1.25 Nightgowns of fine nainsook, made in various styles, daintily trimmed with lace embroidery and ribbons. Special value at \$2.00 Tea Aprons of fine marquisette, trimmed with embroidered net, also various other styles. Special, each \$1.00 —First Floor

A Very Pretty Brassiere at 75c One that would make a very dainty and most acceptable Christmas gift. Made of fine quality batiste, beautifully trimmed with Cluny lace. Exceptional value at a price within the reach of all. 75c —First Floor

Pudding and Mixing Bowls Utensils you cannot very well do without, especially now that you are preparing your cakes and puddings for Christmas. Pudding Bowls, each 35c, 30c, 25c, 20c and 15c Pudding Moulds, each 45c, 40c, 30c, 25c and 20c Household Covered Jars, each \$1.00, 75c, 50c and 40c Mixing Bowls, 85c, 75c, 50c, 40c and 35c Lipped Bowls, \$1.00, 85c, 75c, 60c and 40c —Second Floor

A New Sweater Set With Tam o'Shanter These Sweater Sets are the very latest novelty and they have a very smart appearance—especially for young people. Made from a nice quality wool, brushed finish, and the coat has neat breast pocket, and self-covered buttons. The tam o'shanter has tassel finish and scarf belt to match. In shades of Copenhagen, camel, Paddy, canary and rose. A set \$7.50 —First Floor

Leather Pocket Writing Cases for Soldiers The handiest and most convenient Pocket Writing Case yet seen. Strong and durable, yet not at all clumsy. Special, each \$1.00 Leather Pocket Wallets and Letter Cases. Various styles and sizes. Price, each \$1.50 to \$3.00 —Main Floor

50 DOLLS FOLDING BUGGIES GO OUT WEDNESDAY AT 75c Reg. Value \$1.00 A useful size Doll's Folding Buggy, finished in green or brown leatherette. A serviceable quality at a very special price to encourage quick selling. Price, Special, Wednesday, each, Express Wagons, finished in red. Special, Wednesday, each, only \$1.00 —Third Floor A Useful Box Cart and Wheelbarrow, on sale Wednesday. Special, each \$2.50 —Toyland, Second Floor

Slippers, Always Acceptable as Christmas Gifts A nice pair of Slippers always makes an appropriate and serviceable Christmas gift. By selecting from our large assortment of different grades and styles you choose from the largest stock of finest values in the city. Find out the size you require and come along and make your choice from these. Women's "Kozy" Bedroom Slippers, made of all felt with a padded leather sole; trimmed with threaded ribbon, in colors brown, scarlet and sage blue; at per pair \$1.00 Arctic Plaid Slippers, with turned-down collar and felt and leather sole; at pair, \$1.00, and \$1.25 Moccasins, in brown suede trimmed with fur—Women's sizes, 3 to 7, at pair \$1.25 Girls' sizes, 11 to 2, at per pair \$1.00 Children's sizes, 4 to 10, at per pair \$1.00 Children's Felt Slippers: 1-strap, in scarlet and navy. A good house slipper for the children. All sizes, from infants 4 to misser 3, at pair, 50c and \$1.00 —First Floor

Quilted Satin Boudoir Slippers, with pompon and felt sole; in shades of pale blue, cerise, brown and black; at pair, \$1.00 —First Floor

Electric Reading Lamps In plain brass, finished with silk and glass shades. Very handsome and a most useful gift. Special value at \$15.00, \$11.75 and \$10.90 —Second Floor

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New Sweaters for Big Girls A large size Sweater Coat suitable for girls of 12 years. A fine knit finished with roll collar and in shades of sage and Alice blue. A splendid school Sweater. Price at each, \$2.75 and \$2.50 —First Floor

Infants and Children's Pinafores Are here in a big variety of dainty styles, made from fine muslins, lawns and embroideries. Some neatly trimmed with insertion and laces. Very serviceable qualities, excellent values and most appropriate for Christmas gifts. Sizes 9 months to 10 years at all prices up to \$1.00 from \$35¢ —First Floor

Dainty Silk Waist Lengths in Christmas Gift Boxes A most appropriate Christmas gift and one that your friend will thoroughly appreciate. There are all kinds of pretty silks to choose from in floral, striped and cheek designs. Each length is packed in a pretty holly box, just ready for sending away. Each, \$3.00, \$2.50 and \$1.75 —Main Floor

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TEACHERS ARE APPOINTED

Vacancy at High School and Two in Graded Schools Are Filled.

The city school board yesterday appointed Charles M. Haverstock, a graduate of Acadia university, as an instructor in mathematics at the city high school.

An effort was made to stop the appointment of more than one teacher to the three vacancies on the staff of the public schools, but although a motion was put to restrict it to that number, it was decided by the majority to select two teachers, Misses Carson and Sehl being accordingly appointed.

The board granted the use of portions of the high school for the entertainment to be given by the Women's Canadian club for the children of soldiers at the front.

No action was taken with the second report of the special committee on munitions instruction, the committee being given further time.

The following extract from headquarters letter dated Nov. 10, 1915, is published for general information: "Seymour Rowlinson, officer commanding of associated commands and sub-units on Vancouver island, to be sub-commandant (major)."

Lieutenant-Colonel Andrew C. P. Haggard, D. S. O., who has hitherto been an honorary member of the corps, is taken on strength of the legion from December 1, 1915.

On account of the military tournament which will take place at the riding school at "The Willows" in the near future, the mounted parade called for Thursday, December 16, is hereby cancelled.

SEYMOUR ROWLINSON, Major, Commanding Vancouver Island Associated Commands and Sub-Units.

Phoenix Stout—2 qts. for 25c. Xmas Gift Problem Solved at Wengert's, 623 Yates street. 25 per cent. discount.

Saturday Afternoon, Dec. 18. French Red Cross Tea. H. B. "Imperial" Lager Beer, quarts, \$2.00 per dozen.

Garage Permit—A building permit has been issued to R. Shields for a garage to be built at 927 Yates street, for G. Miles and J. Deans, from designs of H. S. Griffith, at a cost of \$4,500.

Overseas Mail In.—A big mail arrived at the local post office on Sunday, comprising 115 sacks of newspapers and 70 baskets of parcels.

C. O. F. Meets Friday Night.—The Canadian Order of Foresters will hold their regular monthly meeting on Friday night at 8 o'clock, in Orange hall, Yates street.

Mid-Week Market.—The mid-week market to-morrow will witness a large attendance of growers and a full line of all-seasonable produce.

Merritt Copper Activity.—T. J. Corwin, D. B. Baker, E. C. Johnson and W. H. Richardson, Seattle mining men, who purchased the Aberdeen copper property in Mamette lake district from Clapperton estate a short time ago, have arrived in Merritt to make arrangements for the establishment of a working camp at the property.

Equiptment Friendly Help.—The Equiptment Friendly Help will hold a special meeting at the rooms, Jones building, Canteen grounds, on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock.

Superfluities Sales.—To-morrow at 2.30 o'clock there will be sold by auction the following articles: Pianola with 75 records; old ship's telescope; cycle-hatch incubator; richly upholstered settee; cameras; handsome walnut buffet; oak sideboard; mirror back; extending dining table; handsome butler's silver; wooden toy gun and carriage and other wooden toys; Winchester rifle; 22 Winchester rifle; oil painting by Kriehoff; pair of paintings by Shrapnel; set of books, "Great Events by Famous Historians," twenty volumes; pair of oil paintings by Bionanni; old oil painting after Rembrandt; billiard table in good condition, slate bottom, 7 inches by 3 feet 6 inches, adaptable for use as dining table; book of Tennyson's "Carmina," and a lot of other goods suitable for Christmas presents, now on view at Belmont House.

"SHELF" PROFITS

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Lake Hill Women's Institute.—The Lake Hill Women's institute will hold its monthly meeting in the North Dairy school, on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Civil Service Recruits.—The response to the call for recruits from the ranks of the civil service of the province has been so general that there is some hope that the members of the service can go to the front as a unit.

Ladies Needlework Guild.—The committee of the Ladies Needlework guild is grateful to the many who have undertaken the work of making gifts.

Victoria West Meeting.—A meeting of the parents of children in Victoria West is called for next Monday night, Dec. 20, at 8 o'clock, in the assembly room of Victoria West school.

Fortnightly Whist Drive.—The fortnightly whist drives of the Ladies Auxiliary of St. Andrew's society will be held to-morrow evening, December 15, at 8 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Ward, 48 South Turner.

Y. M. C. A. Dollar Day.—The results of the Y. M. C. A. dollar day collection on Saturday last are that \$733.64 has been added to the funds.

Camosun Chapter Tea.—To aid the patriotic fund the Junior members of the Camosun Chapter, I. O. D. E., will hold a sale of dolls and dolls' clothing at the residence of Mrs. Thornton Fell, "Forin," Fowl Bay road, on Friday, December 17.

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Red and Blue Cross Flower Guild.—There will be a meeting to-night of the Red and Blue Cross Flower guild at 8 o'clock in the schoolroom of the Reformed Episcopal church, Humboldt street, to make arrangements for the sale of the holly which yesterday and following days is being donated and left at the Empress hotel.

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FOR THE CHILDREN

During these changeable, chilly days, the children must be kept warm. We are offering some splendid lines in Children's Goods which we invite you to see.

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Separate Plush Muffs, white, only, 60c and 45c.

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COMEDY ORCHESTRA WEEKLY-NEWS

AT THE THEATRES

DOMINION THEATRE.

When the Famous Players presented their beautiful feature film "The Eternal City," in which Miss Pauline Frederick appears, there were assembled in the invited audience what was surely the greatest gathering of managers, stars, producers and critics from the "legitimate" that ever viewed a motion picture at the same time. Many very well-known "big men" and "big stars" sat in the first and second balconies, there having been such an unusual demand for seats. And the picture proved a revelation to many of them.



No expense was spared by the Famous Players in presenting this great literary masterpiece, and it is most gratifying to note that they secured results. The principals were taken to Italy so that the exterior scenes could be made in the true localities of the story, and this in itself meant a very heavy expenditure. Some remarkable beautiful bits of photography resulted. The story itself is big—it is almost tremendous. Yet the picture version has taken this great story and developed it so that the thread of action and the development of the characters is made plain at all times. Miss Frederick was beautiful, charming and effective in her very different parts, and her support was all that might be asked, the types selected fitting perfectly with the characters one would look for after reading the book.

A peculiar accident occurred in the filming of one of the scenes of the Vitaphone Blue Ribbon Features, "The Turn of the Road," now being shown at the Columbia. While adding a touch of realism to the picture, it was unfortunately free from any fatality, except in the shaking up of the players concerned in its enactment. In the big scene where Joseph Kilgour as John King, and Virginia Pear as Marcia Wilbur, are eloping in King's machine, a high-powered touring car, in making a sharp turn in the road, to avoid colliding with an approaching automobile, they are forced over an embankment. Mr. Kilgour, who was driving, ran the machine too near the edge of the embankment. The earth, too soft to sustain its weight, started to slide. Half-way down the declivity, the automobile struck a stump and turning a complete somersault, landed at the bottom in an up-right position. Neither the players nor the auto received a scratch.

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but both Miss Pearson and Mr. Kilgour had the scars of their lives. The camera man had his camera set ready for work and "caught" the machine in its wild slide. The greater part of the accident is shown in the completed picture, the climax, where the elopers are being rescued from beneath the overturned machine, being staged later. "The Turn of the Road," is one of the Vitaphone's most ambitious dramatic offerings, and is being released as a quality picture in five parts. It is replete with all features necessary to an interest-holding story, not the least of these features, being an all-star cast, including besides Miss Pearson and Mr. Kilgour, Naomi Childers, Bobby Connolly, Robert Gaillard and Edwina Robinson and was produced under the direction of Tefft Johnson.

ROYAL VICTORIA. "Pro Patria" which is the name of the feature film being shown at the Royal Victoria for the first three days of this week, is well worth seeing. The meaning of "Pro Patria" is "For the Homeland," and in staging Sardou's celebrated play for screen presentation no expense has been spared to make it an intelligent and enjoyable visualization. The story deals with the efforts of the people of the Netherlands to throw off the iron rule of Spain, and the plots and intrigues which were perpetrated at that time. It was staged in Louvain, Belgium, that beautiful city which has since been ruined beyond redemption by German shells. The picture is in natural colors, and in the big scenes the effect is sometimes wonderful over a thousand people take part in the production, and the exquisite gowns are worth going far to see. Or the same programme there is a good comedy and a Weekly News.

VARIETY PHOTO-PLAY THEATRE

TO-NIGHT AND TO-MORROW

J. WARREN KERRIGAN in "The Palace of Dust" First of the new Adventures of Terrence O'Rourke. Final episode of the "Broken Coin" WEEKLY NEWS VARIETY CONCERT ORCHESTRA Director A. Rumsby. REGULAR PRICES

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender. B. M. Carruthers is now residing at the Strathcona hotel. M. M. White, of Duncan, is staying at the Dominion hotel. Francis D. Reid, of Laxton, B. C., is at the Dominion hotel. A. W. Maguire, of Calgary, is a guest at the Hotel Metropolis. A. M. Hilton, of Courtenay, is stopping at the Dominion hotel. A. W. Leitch, of Ashcroft, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday. William McGaffrey, of Seattle, is staying at the Empress hotel. G. Hunt, of Heath, Alta., arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday. Mrs. E. Grandy, Fort Abner, is paying a visit to friends here. George A. Moore, of Toronto, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday. Mrs. D. Snowden, of London, Eng., is a guest of the Dominion hotel. Dr. O. C. Gilbert is residing at the Strathcona hotel while in the city. J. W. Henderson, of Vancouver, is a new arrival at the Hotel Metropolis. E. E. Rogers is here from Vancouver, and is staying at the Metropolis. Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Hillman, of Seattle, are registered at the Empress hotel. George Glover and Mrs. Glover, of Laverne, Alta., are at the Dominion hotel. G. Hanson and Paul Paulgaard, of Calgary, are stopping at the Dominion hotel. W. H. Davis and W. Lloyd Craig, of Vancouver, are guests at the Empress hotel. Miss S. Cochran, of Ottawa, en route to China, is staying at the Dominion hotel. Sidney Leary, of Nakusp, B. C., was among yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion hotel. C. F. Davies and Mrs. Davies, of Chipman, Alta., are guests of the Dominion hotel. Col. H. H. Dobbie and Mrs. Dobbie, of Maple Bay, are guests of the Dominion hotel. Miss Phyllis Sheridan, of Keewatin, Ont., is a guest of Mrs. F. Forner, 1770 Denman street. P. O. Foss, Mrs. Foss and children, of Prevest, Alta., are stopping at the Dominion hotel. C. L. Patch, from Ottawa, is a visitor in the city and is registered at the Strathcona hotel. Mrs. Halley and Mrs. A. J. Smith, Ganac Harbor, are spending a few weeks in the city. Miss R. E. Smith, from Calgary, is visiting in the city and is a guest at the Strathcona hotel. J. W. Foster, from Brooks, Alta., registered for himself and Mrs. Foster at the Strathcona hotel. T. F. Geiger has arrived in the city from Cowichan Lake, and is staying at the Hotel Metropolis. John MacLeod, Mrs. MacLeod and Miss A. MacLeod, of Calgary, are registered at the Dominion hotel. John Carr, who has been seriously ill with pleurisy for the last two weeks

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at his residence, 130 Joseph street, is now progressing favorably.

Robert J. Carter, Mrs. Carter, Miss Ruth Carter and Stanley and R. D. Carter, of Edmonton, Alta., are stopping at the Dominion hotel.

Hon. W. R. Ross, minister of lands, has returned from Vancouver, where he was attending the annual meeting of the Conservative association.

Miss Agnes B. G. Herd, daughter of H. D. Herd, Duncan, who has completed a course in the Normal school here, has been appointed a teacher in the public school at Cobble Hill.

Captain Lionel Halsey, C.M.G., who was here in command of H. M. S. New Zealand, is now in command of H.M.S. Iron Duke somewhere in the North Sea. In a letter to Sir Richard McBride, just received, he recalls the pleasant visit he and his officers and men had to this city.

Hon. Angus and Mrs. McDonnell were guests of H. R. H. the Governor-General and the Duchess of Connaught at Rideau Hall, Ottawa, last week. They are on their way from British Columbia to spend the holiday season with the Earl and Countess of Antrim at Glenarm Castle, Larne, and in London.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 14—5 a.m.—The barometer is comparatively high along the coast, and fair weather is general with moderate winds. Colder weather is reported in the province and snow has fallen in Cariboo and Southern Kootenay. The temperature in Manitoba ranges from 10 to 20 below zero.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Wednesday. Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and cold at night. Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and cold.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.94; temperature, maximum yesterday, 49; minimum, 34; wind, 2 miles N. W.; weather, fair.

Vancouver—Barometer, 29.94; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 34; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .04; weather, cloudy.

Entrance—Barometer, 29.94; temperature, maximum yesterday, 50; minimum, 40; wind, 20 miles W.; rain, trace; weather, cloudy.

Crabrook—Temperature, maximum yesterday, 35; snow, .28.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.55; temperature, maximum yesterday, 34; minimum, 24; wind, calm; weather, fair.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.56; temperature, maximum yesterday, 28; minimum, 18; wind, calm; snow, .30; weather, clear.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, maximum yesterday, 31; minimum, 20; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Tatsoo—Barometer, 29.94; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 40; wind, 10 miles N. E.; rain, .40; weather, cloudy.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 29.95; temperature, maximum yesterday, 41; minimum, 34; wind, 4 miles N.; rain, .01; weather, foggy.

Seattle—Barometer, 29.06; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles N. W.; rain, .01; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.93; temperature, maximum yesterday, 56; minimum, 48; wind, 4 miles N. W.; rain, .01; weather, clear.

What Thin Folks Should Do To Gain Weight

Good Advice for Thin, Undeveloped Men and Women.

Thousands of people suffer from excessive thinness, weak nerves and feeble stomachs who, having tried advertised flesh-makers, food-fads, physical culture stunts and rub-on creams, resign themselves to life-long skinniness and think nothing will make "big fat." Yet their case is not hopeless. Recently discovered combination of assimilative agents has made fat grow after years of thinness, and it is also unequalled, judging from reports for repairing the waste of sickness or faulty digestion and for strengthening the nerves. This remarkable preparation is called Sargol. Its strength-giving, fat-producing assimilative elements of acknowledged merit have been combined in this preparation, which is endorsed and used by prominent people everywhere. It is absolutely harmless, inexpensive and efficient.

A few weeks' systematic use of Sargol should go far to produce flesh and strength by correcting faults of digestion and by supplying nourishing fats to the blood. If not, every druggist who sells it is authorized to return the purchase price. Increased nourishment is obtained from the food eaten, and the additional fat that thin people need are thus provided. D. E. Campbell and other leading druggists supply Sargol and say there is a large demand for it.

While this new preparation has from reports given splendid results as a nerve-tonic and vitalizer, its use is not recommended to nervous people unless they wish to gain at least ten pounds of flesh.

Business was very brisk, so the firm appointed Patrick foreman, a position of which he was very proud. He was always fussing round, ordering this and altering that. One morning his gang of men stopped work because they heard the well-known voice of their new foreman shouting loudly. Down below on the ground stood Pat, yelling lustily, and waving his arms wildly. "O! say, you, up there," he shouted. "You know that ladder at the end of the scaffolding? Well, don't any at you try to come down, because O've taken it away."

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Library Books

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PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION.

- Aliotto, Antonio—Idealistic reaction against science. 1914. 149-A41d.
- Seashore, Carl Emil—Psychology in daily life. 1913. 150-S44p.
- Brierley, Jonathan. (Pseud. "J. B.")—Ourselves and the universe; studies in life and religion. 1905. 245-B350u.
- Johnson, Franklin Winslow—Problems of boyhood; a course in ethics for boys of high school age. 1914. 267.3-J57p.
- Weinel, Heinrich, and Widgery, Alban Gregory—Jesus in the nineteenth century and after. 1914. 232-W42p.

SOCIOLOGY.

- Ellis, Henry Havelock—Criminal. 1913. 365-E47p.
- Flexner, Bernard, and Baldwin, Roger Nash—Juvenile courts and probation. 1914. 354-F64j.
- Markham, Edwin; Lindsey, Benjamin Barr, and Creel, George—Children in bondage; a complete and careful presentation of the anxious problem of child labor, its causes, its crimes and its cure. 1914. 331.3-M24ch.

NATURAL SCIENCE.

- Morgan, Thomas Hunt—Hereditary and sex. (Columbia University Lectures.) 1913. 575.9-M34he.

USEFUL ARTS.

- Hogan, Walter—(All of the best) of the science of the selection and breeding of poultry. 1913. 636.5-HT1ca.
- Quinn, Mary Josephine—Planning and furnishing the home. 1914. 643-Q7p.
- Steinhardt, Irving David—Ten sex talks to boys (10 years and older). 1914. 612.9-S82te.
- Wheeler, Marianna—Young mother's handbook; home treatments diet and physical training for children. 1914. 619.1-W56p.

FINE ARTS AND AMUSEMENTS.

- Cust, Lionel—Notes on pictures in the royal collection. 1911. Ref. 759-C79n.
- Dawson, Mary, and Telford, Emma Padlock—Book of parties and pastimes. 1912. 793-D27b.
- Griffith, Benjamin Leese Crozer and others—Monologues and novelties. 1896. 793.3-G45mo.
- McGraw, John J.—How to play baseball; a manual for boys. 1914. 797.4-M14th.
- Merington, Marguerite—Festival plays; one act pieces for New Year's day, St. Valentine's day, Easter, All Hallows' even, Christmas and a child's birthday. 1913. 793.3-M56p.

LITERATURE.

- Benson, Arthur Christopher—Orchard Pavilion. 1914. 832-B47or.
- Blake, William—Poetical works of Wil-

liam Blake; lyrical and miscellaneous. 1913. 812-B45po.

Jones, Henry Arthur—Dolly reforming herself; a comedy in four acts. 1910. 822-J77do.

Jones, Henry Arthur—Hypocrites; a play in four acts. 1908. 822-J77hy.

LeGallienne, Richard—Highway to happiness. 1913. 872-L49hl.

MacMechan, Archibald McKellar—Life of a little college and other papers. 1914. 831.5-M16LL.

Mackaye, Percy—Sanctuary; a bird masque. 1914. 821-M15sa.

Pinero, (Sir) Arthur Wing—Gay Lord Quex; a comedy in four acts. 1900. 822-P65ga.

Pinero, (Sir) Arthur Wing—Benefit of the doubt; a comedy in three acts. 1895. 822-P65be.

Pinero, (Sir) Arthur Wing—His house in order; a comedy in four acts. 1905. 822-P65hr.

Sudermann, Hermann—Magda; a play in four acts. 1895. 823-S94ma.

Sutro, Alfred—Walls of Jericho; a play in four acts. 1906. 822-S96wa.

Sutro, Alfred—Five little plays. 1914. Contents: Man in the stalls, Marriage has been arranged, Man on the kerb, Open door. Bracelet. 822-S95f.

Wentworth, Marion Craig—War brides; a play in one act. 1915. 821-W47ca.

HISTORY.

- Ashmead-Bartlett, Ellis—Dispatches from the Dardanelles. 910.2-22de.
- Brailsford, Henry Noel—War of steel and gold; a study of the armed peace. 1914. 940.9-BR1wa.
- Cooper, Elizabeth (Beaver)—My lady of the Chinese courtyard. 1914. 915.1-C77my.
- Foord, Edward and Home Gordon—Invasions of England. 1915. 942-F68in.
- Gordon, W. J.—Flags of the world; past and present; their story and associations. 1915. 929.9-G66fl.
- Mommsen, Theodor—History of Rome. 4 vol. 937-M73ht.
- Stark, James Henry—Illustrated Bermuda guide; containing a description of everything on or about these places of which the visitor or resident may desire information. 1902. 917.289-S79il.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

- Baldwin, James—Story of the golden age. 1888. J878-B18st.
- Boyd, Ida Estelle—When mother lets us cut out pictures. 1912. J792-B78wh.
- Crozier, Gladys Beattie—Half-holiday pastimes for children. 1914. J790-C95ha.
- Lango, Dietrich—Lost in the fur country. 1914.
- Fich, G. Ellingwood—When mother lets us make paper-box furniture; a book which shows children just how to make the most attractive toy furniture out of materials which cost practically nothing. 1914. J792-R49wp.
- Tomlinson, Everett Titsworth—Houseboat on the St. Lawrence. 1900.

FICTION.

- Beach, Rex Ellingwood—Heart of the sunset. 1915.
- Burnett, Frances Hodgson—Lost prince. 1915.
- Creville, Henry—Demoiselle de Puygarrou. Fr.2-C926de.
- Daudet, Leon—Fausse étoile; Roman contemporain. 1912. Fr.2-D232fa.
- Farnol, Jeffrey—Beltane the smith; a romance. 1915.
- Isham, Frederic Stewart—Nothing but the truth. 1914.
- Keller, Gottfried—Village Romeo and Juliet. 1914.
- Ohnet, Georges—Grand matiere. Fr.2-025gr.
- Segur, Sophie (Rostopchine) Comtesse de—Malheurs de Sophie. 1911. Fr.2-S456ma.
- Segur, Sophie (Rostopchine) Comtesse de—Pauvre blaise. 1908. Fr.2-S456pa.
- Segur, Sophie (Rostopchine) Comtesse de—Petites filles modeles. 1903. Fr.2-S456pe.
- Segur, Sophie (Rostopchine) Comtesse de—Vacances. 1911. Fr.2-S456va.
- Verne, Jules—Tour du monde en quatre-vingts jours. Fr.2-V531to.
- Williams, Maud E.—Sorrow stones; an unfinished story. 1912.

The Woman—"Here's a wonderful thing: I've just been reading of a man who reached the age of forty without learning how to read or write. He met a woman, and for her sake he made a scholar of himself in two years." The Man—"That's nothing—I know a man who was a profound scholar at forty. Then he met a woman, and for her sake he made a fool of himself in two days."

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Interesting Session Held Last Evening
 F. Napier Denison Talked on
 Seismic Disturbances.

The Natural History society met last night in the King's Daughters' rest room, the president, Mr. Kermod, in the chair. It was announced the society would not meet again until January 10.

C. C. Pemberton exhibited specimens of ivy showing sexual and asexual reproduction. He also exhibited a trunk of ivy, some six inches in diameter from an old house removed on Broad street. F. Napier Denison next exhibited and explained curves illustrating the work of his seismographic laboratory at Gonzales Hill.

He also showed a picture of his seismograph. The pendulum has on it a mirror. On this a ray of light strikes and is reflected to a strip of sensitized photographic paper, where its position is registered at every moment of the day. The position of the new observatory it was pointed out is quite an ideal station for an earthquake laboratory, the swing of the pendulum being greater here than in the old location in the post office.

There is a daily variation of the line a yearly variation and secular variations. About 1904 was the middle period, when the pendulum was approximately average. In 1906 the curve was more pronounced, and more irregular, as there was an eruption of Vesuvius. Some three weeks later occurred a great earthquake in Formosa, and again the earthquake in San Francisco. Such things are apt to run in threes, it was stated, and to be separated by about a third of the earth's circumference. The rock mantle settles first in one place and then gradually in the others.

A vote of thanks was very readily accorded the speaker. It was proposed by Dr. Hong, who noted that when he had visited the earthquake laboratories in Europe, he had been shown Mr. Denison's Victoria reports, which were evidently much appreciated.

"ROLLED LIKE A RABBIT"

Glasgow Man Tells Story of How He Won D. C. M.

The first man in the 7th Scottish Rifles (Territorials) to be recommended for the distinguished conduct medal is Sergt. William Gavine.

In a letter to a friend in Glasgow, Gavine gives a vivid description of a bayonet charge in the Dardanelles in which the battalion took part.

"It was terrific," he writes, "when our bombardment started. We moved up through the trenches under a hail of shrapnel and high explosives. We had very few men, though it seemed as if nothing could live in it.

"Then came the order to drop packs, and the order came along to Colonel Wilson. 'Now, Wilson,' he said, 'let your men pull themselves together, they've got to go over and take a trench with the bayonet. You should have seen my brave boys' faces as they fixed bayonets and we passed on. I took one end of the platoon. As it happened, it was my end that reached charging point first, so I had the honor of leading the platoon in its first charge. We halted under the parapet of the firing trench, which was held by another regiment, to gain our wind.

"Then the whistle blew. Captain Howatt, Lieutenant Duff, Davy McWilliam, and I were first across our parapet, and after us came the boys yelling like fiends. It was grand, but the fire was terrible from machine guns and rifle and shrapnel. Men went down right and left, but we held on, the wounded who could move rising and staggering after us. Half-way across I got an awful blow in the left shoulder that rolled me over like a rabbit, but I got up and carried on. Our men were swept away; there was no formation; but 13 and 14 platoons were still charging on. We burst over the parapet like a torrent. My bayonet had been shattered by a bullet, but the Turks had cleared out. We chased them round traverses.

"The Turks held half the trench. They had a machine gun in the traverse, and we couldn't dislodge them, so we built a barricade of sand bags, and for three hours we threw bombs at each other, while our fellows picked off every Turk who showed himself. We used every bomb in the trench, and blew a good few of them to pieces with them, while we lost none ourselves. As soon as they threw a bomb we dropped a Turkish overcoat (of which there were plenty) on it, and it did no harm. For a time I was too busy to think of wounds, and suddenly I found my shirt was soaked in blood, and my tunic as well, about the shoulders and chest. The boys took off my equipment and tunic, tore open my shirt, and I found I was wounded in half-a-dozen places, either by splinters of my bayonet or bullets. With their aid I bound them up with my field-dressing and ambulance outfit, and for an hour or two was able to carry on. Then the arm stiffened, and I could not hold my rifle. I begged—to lend me his revolver, but he ordered me to go down to the far end of the trench, where we were placing the wounded, and I had to go."

Sergt. Gavine, who was wounded in

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the left shoulder and breast, was later removed to a hospital at Alexandria. He was complimented by staff officers for his work and has been recommended for the D. C. M.

RED CROSS HOLLY SHOWER.

Arrangements have been made by the Red Cross society with the B. C. Holly Export Co. for the shipment of assorted holly clippings, and variegated holly is wanted particularly. Arrangements can still be made for delivery from those who through the recent rain or any other cause have been unable to make their contributions.

To avoid congestion or loss by delay, deliveries are requested as follows: From area between Hillside avenue and Saanich boundary on December 15 and 16.

From Saanich and other districts not covered by above list, deliveries are asked as may be convenient up to Dec. 16.

Contributors are requested to cut only berried clippings, to make these as large as convenient without spoiling trees or including too much heavy wood, and not to crush the holly and to deliver it at 755 View street the same day as cut.

Those who cannot deliver their gift

HELP
 By Subscribing to the
Victoria Patriotic Aid Fund

Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
 Who never to himself hath said:
 This is my own, my native land.

Most of the armored motor-cars used in the present war for outpost and scout duty are encased in a light frame of tough steel plate, ranging in thickness from three-sixteenths of an inch to a quarter of an inch, and are impervious to every important action. —Montaigne.

Harold was paying his first visit to his fiancée's home, and, although he was very nervous, he naturally wanted to make a good impression. Presently he was left alone with his fair Gertrude's little brother, aged eight. "Mr. Brown," asked the small imp, "can you stand on your head?" "I'm afraid not," smiled Harold. "Well, I can," was the proud reply. And in a second the lad's head was on the carpet, and his feet waved wildly in the air. "Very good," applauded the visitor. "Who taught you to do that?" "Gertrude said I mustn't tell," was the youngster's innocent reply.

Desirous of buying a camera, a certain fair young lady inspected the stock of a local shopkeeper. "Is this a good one?" she asked, as she picked up a dainty little machine. "What is it called?" "That's the Belvedere," said the handsome young shopman politely. There was a chilly silence. Then the young lady drew herself boldly erect, fixed him with an icy stare and asked again: "Er—and can you recommend the Belva?"

BANK OF MONTREAL

Annual General Meeting Held 6th December, 1915

The 98th Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Bank of Montreal was held at noon Monday, Dec. 6, in the Board Room of the Bank's Headquarters.

Among those present were: R. B. Angus, H. V. Meredith, Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, E. Forbes Angus, G. L. Ogilvie, E. Flako, C. Chaput, A. Edington, W. Hanson, John Peterson, C. J. Fleet, K. C. Wainwright, Percy H. Gault, W. B. Blackader, C. R. Hosmer, G. Caverhill, S. G. McEwen, Hon. Robert Mackay, Geo. C. Foster, Dr. Shepherd, Sir Thos. Shaughnessy, Geo. H. Hooper, C. R. Black, James Rodger, G. C. Wainwright, W. Yule, W. McMaster, Harold Kennedy, E. B. Greenhalgh, Huntley Drummond, Jas. Skoche, Ed. Sawtell, Dr. Wm. Gardner, G. C. Hart, W. A. Leney, E. Archibald, F. J. Cockburn, E. P. Winslow, D. J. Barker.

On motion of Mr. R. B. Angus, Mr. H. V. Meredith was requested to take the chair.

Mr. C. J. Fleet, K.C., moved, and Mr. A. Piddington seconded, that the following gentlemen be appointed to act as Scrutineers: Messrs. George R. Hooper and G. L. Ogilvie, and that Mr. O. R. Sharp be the secretary of this meeting. This was carried unanimously.

The Chairman then called upon the General Manager, Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, to read the annual report of the Directors to the Shareholders at their 98th Annual General Meeting, held Monday, Dec. 6, 1915.

THE ANNUAL REPORT

The Directors have pleasure in presenting the Report showing the result of the Bank's business for the year ended 30th October, 1915:

Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 31st October, 1914.....	\$1,222,669.42
Profits for the year ended 30th October, 1915, after deducting charges of management, and making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts.....	2,108,633.06
\$3,331,302.48	
Quarterly Dividend 2 1/2% paid 1st March, 1915.....	\$ 400,000.00
Quarterly Dividend 2 1/2% paid 1st June, 1915.....	400,000.00
Bonus 1% paid 1st June, 1915.....	160,000.00
Quarterly Dividend 2 1/2% paid 1st Sept., 1915.....	400,000.00
Quarterly Dividend 2 1/2% payable 1st Dec., 1915.....	400,000.00
Bonus 1% payable 1st Dec., 1915.....	160,000.00
\$1,920,000.00	
War Tax on Bank Note Circulation to 30th October, 1915.....	127,847.53
2,047,847.53	
Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward.....	\$1,283,952.95

Since the last Annual Meeting a temporary Branch was opened at Valcartier Camp, P. Q., for the convenience of the troops during their stay in camp.

The following Branches have been closed:— In Quebec—Valcartier Camp.

In British Columbia—West Summerland, Invermere, Alberta, Lumbly.

The Directors have to record, with deep regret, the death of Mr. David Morrice, who had been a member of the Board since 1907.

All the offices of the Bank, including Head Office, have been inspected during the year.

(Sgd.) H. V. MEREDITH, President.

THE GENERAL STATEMENT.

The General Statement of the position of the Bank on 30th October, 1915, was read as follows:—

LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock.....	\$ 16,000,000.00
Reserve.....	16,000,000.00
Balance of Profits carried forward.....	1,283,952.95
\$17,283,952.95	

Unclaimed Dividends.....	73.00
Quarterly Dividend, payable 1st December, 1915.....	\$400,000.00
Bonus of 1% payable 1st Dec., 1915.....	160,000.00
660,000.00	
\$17,343,952.95	

Notes of the Bank in circulation.....	\$ 17,276,782.00
Deposits not bearing interest.....	76,745,729.78
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date of statement.....	160,277,083.72
Deposits made by and Balances due to other Banks in Canada.....	9,474,694.61
Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada.....	482,681.89
Bills Payable.....	1,283,836.56
264,540,768.56	
Acceptances under Letters of Credit.....	3,678,559.00
Liabilities not included in the foregoing.....	910,212.47
\$302,980,554.98	

ASSETS.	
Gold and Silver coin current.....	\$ 15,808,701.46
Government demand notes.....	24,461,103.00
Deposit in the Central Gold Reserves.....	1,500,000.00
Deposit with the Minister for the purposes of the Circulation Fund.....	790,000.00
Deposits made with and Balances due by other Banks in Canada.....	266.43
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada.....	\$26,793,149.87
Call and Short (not exceeding thirty days) Loans.....	70,957,527.82
and United States.....	97,750,677.69
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities not exceeding market value.....	463,281.08
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks not exceeding market value.....	13,332,074.07
Canadian Municipal Securities, and British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian.....	4,475,487.35
Notes of other Banks.....	1,632,471.00
Cheques on other Banks.....	5,893,506.02
\$170,907,568.09	

Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest).....	\$9,078,506.28
Loans to the Government of Canada.....	5,000,000.00
Loans to Cities, Towns, Municipalities and School Districts.....	11,203,472.08
Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of interest).....	5,893,975.38
Overdue debts, estimated loss provided for.....	594,686.33
\$22,770,640.77	

Bank Premises at not more than cost (less amounts written off).....	4,000,000.00
Real Estate other than Bank Premises.....	175,553.67
Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit (as per Contra).....	3,678,559.00
Other Assets not included in the foregoing.....	3,356,827.45
\$302,980,554.98	

H. V. MEREDITH, President. FREDERICK WILLIAMS-TAYLOR, General Manager.

To the Shareholders of the Bank of Montreal:— We have checked the cash and verified the Securities of the Bank at the Chief Office and at several of the Principal Branches at various times during the year, as well as on 30th October, 1915, and we found them to be in accord with the books of the Bank. We have obtained all information and explanations required, and all transactions that have come under our notice have, in our opinion, been within the powers of the Bank. We have compared the above Balance Sheet with the Books and Accounts at the Chief Office of the Bank, and with the certified returns received from its Branches, and we certify that in our opinion it exhibits a true and correct view of the state of the Bank's affairs according to the best of our information, the explanations given to us, and as shown by the Books of the Bank.

Montreal, 15th November, 1915.

GEORGE HYDE, J. MAXTONE GRAHAM, JAMES HUTCHISON, Auditors, Chartered Accountants.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS. Mr. H. V. Meredith, in moving that the report of the Directors, as read, be adopted, said:—

The unprecedented conditions under which trade and commerce have been conducted during the past year remain unchanged, and are the cause

plus to be carried to credit of Profit and Loss Account. In view of the trying circumstances prevailing, the need of maintaining large reserves and the low rates of interest obtainable in the United States and until quite recently in England, I think you will agree with me that this result of our banking year is quite satisfactory.

Our widespread operations make us concerned with conditions in other countries. In Great Britain normal conditions no longer prevail. Large numbers of men have been withdrawn from their customary occupation to enter the army, factories have been diverted to the production of war supplies, and a considerable shortage of labor exists. The result is that trade passes from British firms into the hands of neutrals, thus disturbing the balance of trade, but it is believed that in the early future this condition will right itself and the obligations abroad of Great Britain will be correspondingly reduced.

The financial situation has, of course, been affected by the disturbance of trade and large domestic borrowings by the government, but it is gratifying to know that the strain arising from the war has been readily and easily borne.

Business in the United States has greatly improved during the year. War orders account for much of this improvement, while large grain crops, following a period of liquidation, have stimulated trade. Deposits in the banks of that country are enormous, and the United States, for the time being, has become the great creditor nation.

All things considered, the trade of Canada has been well maintained both as to volume and character. For some time before the outbreak of war, a restraining hand was placed on speculative ventures, which, in an era of prosperity, had run to dangerous excess, and we were, as a consequence, fairly well prepared to face the closing of the London money markets to fluctuations of all kinds. A temporary dislocation in many branches of trade followed. Reorganization in some cases were, and may yet be, found necessary to adjust capitalization to earning power, the only logical course to be pursued when such conditions have to be dealt with. As the year progressed, the effect of the war on the trade of Canada proved less injurious than was expected. In fact, business conditions distinctly improved.

Natural resources continue to be developed and their product to find a ready and profitable sale, while many branches of manufacture have been employed to capacity in turning out munitions of war, the money value of which runs into scores of millions. The resulting employment of labor has been of almost incalculable advantage.

HARVEST AN ENCOURAGING FEATURE. The most encouraging feature of the year, however, from a trade and financial standpoint, has been the bountiful harvest of the Northwest, where a greatly increased area under cultivation has given the highest average yield in the history of the country. It is estimated that the grain crop of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta has a market value to the producers of approximately four hundred million dollars, in the use of which we may anticipate not only the liquidation of much indebtedness, but the stimulation of current trade.

These truly remarkable results will, I think, have the effect of attracting the tide of emigration to our shores when the world is again at peace.

In the older Provinces, the harvest has been rather better than the average. Farming, the backbone of the country, is prosperous.

There is a greater demand for the products of the mines, at higher prices. From the Atlantic to the Pacific good fisheries are reported, also at enhanced prices.

The lumber business generally throughout Canada, though suffering from inability to obtain tonnage to market the cut, shows some improvement.

The textile and allied industries are at the moment well employed, while the Steel Companies and those engaged in the manufacture of munitions of war are fully occupied.

In the wholesale trade stocks of merchandise have been depleted, and necessary replenishing and better demand has stimulated business.

The financial position of the Dominion Government has been recently more clearly defined by the Minister of Finance that I refer to it now only to state that the country has been fortunate to have, come through a period of general financial upheaval with its needs fully provided for, and with the strength and soundness of its credit unimpaired.

FAVORABLE TRADE BALANCE. The restoration of a favorable balance in our foreign trade is a factor of supreme importance at the present time, as it enables us to conserve our gold supplies and to curtail our borrowings abroad to some extent. As you are aware, the balance of foreign trade against Canada had been quite large for several years past, due principally to the ease with which we were able to borrow in the London market. Now that this avenue is closed, we have been compelled to curtail imports and increase exports in order to meet interest obligations and maintain our credit. How successfully we are meeting the situation a few figures will show: In the seven months ending October 31st, 1915, the value of exports of Canadian products was \$245,559,000, and in the same period of 1914 was \$228,767,000; while this year in these seven months we have exported Canadian products of the value of \$226,430,000, or \$100,000,000 more than last year, and the great crop surplus has still to go forward.

Compare the foreign trade of Canada for the seven-months period ending with October, imports have declined from \$390,544,000 in 1913 to \$253,107,000 in 1915, while exports of

domestic products, as I have said, have risen from \$245,550,000 to \$226,430,000, an adverse balance of \$145,000,000 being converted into a favorable balance of \$73,328,000, or a betterment in respect of foreign trade of no less than \$218,000,000 within the short space of two years.

War contracts, of course, have contributed substantially to this expansion, the value of manufactures exported having risen from \$39,000,000 in the first seven months of the last fiscal year to \$84,000,000 in the same period of the present year, and, as in the case of cereals, this export trade is on an ascending scale.

DOMINION LOAN IN U. S. An outstanding feature in Canadian finance has been the issue by the Dominion of its first loan in the United States. The rate of interest at the time, to those unacquainted with conditions, might have been considered onerous, but the important collateral advantages which the loan achieved by giving immediate relief to the exchange situation, as well as, in a degree, to the London money market, greatly counterbalanced the rate of interest paid and amply demonstrated the prudence and wisdom of the transaction.

The same remarks apply to the recent Anglo-French Loan, which may properly be considered as an Exchange transaction. The sum obtained was known to be inadequate to regulate the chaotic situation which had arisen, and consequently failed for the time being in its purpose, but it is hoped that the loan, together with the other measures now being taken for the purpose of giving stability to rates, will prove effective and gradually bring about the results desired.

SUCCESS OF CANADIAN LOAN. The signal success of the recent Canadian Loan is very gratifying on every ground, the large public subscriptions evincing the patriotic spirit of the people and their ability to share the burdens entailed by the war, while at the same time measurably relieving the Mother Country. It is well, however, to remember that, in the nature of things, Canada is and must long continue to be a borrowing country, with large annual commitments for interest and principal payments which can be met only with gold or commodities. Largely owing to the strength of its banking position, Canada is at present able to bear this strain without curtailing the supply of credit and capital for business requirements. But obviously there is a limit to the conversion of a floating indebtedness into a permanent one, and the prudent banking resources, and it is most desirable that, as far as possible, our borrowings should be effected in outside markets in order to avoid the depletion of bank deposits or a too great redundancy of the circulation of Dominion notes, as in either or both contingencies the whole financial fabric might be seriously menaced.

THE GENERAL MANAGER'S ADDRESS. Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, the General Manager of the Bank, then made his annual address, as follows:— Gentlemen:—The balance sheet, which it is my privilege and duty to

present to you to-day, reflects the result of twelve months of business conducted under conditions such as this country and its banks have never before been called upon to face.

In previous years we have experienced the effects of outside panics and crises, many of them of an injurious and even alarming nature, but as a rule the danger was brief, and the damage quickly repaired.

The year under review differs, in that there have been no such financial crises, but what has been more difficult to surmount, a continuous period of anxiety with problems not only varying in character, but differing from any in our former experience.

You will undoubtedly feel gratified that your Bank has come through the unsettled conditions referred to without loss of strength, and is enjoying increased prestige.

As for the future, the daily difficulties will be grappled with as they arise, and we gauge, to the best of our ability, the somewhat obscured trend of coming events.

As the President has reviewed in general the trade and financial conditions in Canada and at the chief financial centres abroad, my duties are confined to a short account of the working of the Bank, an explanation of the more important features of the accounts submitted to you to-day, with some detailed references to the points arising therefrom, and to local conditions in our Provinces.

As you are well aware, this Bank long ago ceased to be merely a domestic financial institution, and therefore it is necessary, in presenting to you the annuals of the business, to touch upon conditions affecting us in London and in New York, where we carry such a material portion of our primary and secondary reserves.

LONDON. During the first six months of our bank year, rapid disbursements by the Imperial Government, made monetary conditions in London so extremely easy, that our earning power at that point was seriously diminished. Indeed, for many weeks the large balances were impelled by discretion to carry with our London bankers were free of interest.

Subsequently the rate for money rose to a point in keeping with its real value, and had we felt free to fully employ our funds there without regard to liquidity, the profit thereon would have been materially augmented. Caution and established policy, however, compelled with the fact that we had large deposits of a special nature, decided us to keep an important portion of our resources readily available.

Since last June the earning power of money has been greater in London than in New York, a condition reflected in fair profits at the former point, even after payment of the now onerous income tax.

In March of this year, the Dominion Government floated a \$5,000,000 4 1/2 per cent five-year loan in London at 99 1/4. With that exception, an outstanding feature of Anglo-Canadian finance is that Canada has received no capital supplies from London, as in the years preceding the war. On the other hand, Canadian Treasury Bills, to the extent of about \$10,000,000, offered in that market at the outbreak of war, have been reduced to the nominal sum of about \$25,000. The fact that we were thus able to protect our maturing obligations redounded to the credit of the Dominion.

It is noteworthy that during the ten years prior to the war, your Bank alone was the medium through which some \$600,000,000 of loan moneys were raised in London and transferred to Canada.

UNITED STATES. In the United States money has been continuously cheap and plentiful. This condition has been highly disadvantageous as regards our profits, but, as it has enabled the Dominion, our Provinces, Cities, and Railways to finance their requirements to an extent that we could scarcely have hoped for a year ago. Including the \$45,000,000 Government loan, Canada borrowed in Wall Street during the past twelve months about \$142,000,000, an amount that can with interest be compared with about \$50,000,000 from that source in the previous year, and with \$185,000,000 borrowed in London in the calendar year 1913.

Another interesting fact is that the balance of trade between Canada and the United States during the past year was \$112,000,000 in favor of the latter, to which must be added the year's interest of approximately \$32,000,000 on our previous borrowings in the United States is acting in accordance with my forecast of a year ago in providing us with funds by way of loans with which to purchase goods, wares and merchandise in that country of the national exchequer.

The balance of our trade with Great Britain for the same period was \$191,000,000 in our favour, but this sum is automatically reduced to \$41,000,000 by our annual interest indebtedness of \$150,000,000.

It is obvious that New York has made ambitious strides towards becoming a greater international financial centre. In view of this development it is satisfactory that our credit is good in that market, and of vital importance that it should be maintained.

PROFITS. It seems in place to further comment upon our Banking Profits by stating that in the ninety-eight years during which this Bank has been in existence the interest return on capital has averaged over 8 per cent per annum. As for the year under review, you will doubtless agree that you have good reason to feel satisfied that your dividend and bonus will be increased. But in the archives and to the families and relations we give expression of our profound admiration of their devotion to country and Empire and tender our sincere sympathy in their loss.

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DEPOSITS. Canadian Bank Deposits aggregate \$1,240,208,190, as compared with \$1,144,199,224 the preceding year, and \$1,146,739,868 in 1913. Your total deposits have increased \$38,000,000 during the past year, and are \$46,450,000 greater than in 1913, the figures for the three years being:—

1913.....	\$19,572,838
1914.....	19,222,674
1915.....	28,022,812

We have had entrusted to our care since the outbreak of war special deposits running into large figures in connection with special transactions.

CIRCULATION. Our Notes in Circulation are \$45,290 more than a year ago. The tax on our circulation payable to the Government amounts to \$127,347.

QUICK ASSETS. Partly from policy, and partly from force of circumstances, the ratio of our quick assets to liabilities has increased to 84 per cent, from 53 per cent a year ago, and from 48 per cent two years ago. There have been times when the percentage has seemed needlessly high but you will doubtless agree as to the wisdom of being on the safe side.

Idle reserves are a safeguard, not a feature for regret, and should prove invaluable when the situation clears. In this connection it is well to emphasize the fact that we have not only met the usual legitimate requirements of merchants, manufacturers, farmers and ranchers, but have given special consideration to applications from those temporarily embarrassed by the prevailing conditions.

CURRENT LOANS IN CANADA. The fact that our current loans in Canada are lower than a year ago reflects the general trade conditions throughout the Dominion. They were on 31st October, 1913.....\$117,596,073

31st October, 1914.....	\$108,845,332
31st October, 1915.....	\$ 99,078,506

Our loans to Municipalities have varied as follows:— 31st October, 1913.....\$ 5,227,905

31st October, 1914.....	\$ 4,017,232
31st October, 1915.....	\$11,302,474

Over 80 per cent of such advances have been in anticipation of the collection of taxes, and less than 20 per cent represent capital expenditure.

COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA. Commercial failures in Canada during the twelve months ended October 31st, 1915, numbered 2,883, against 2,583 for the previous year, and 1,669 during our bank year 1913-13.

SUMMARY. In summarizing my remarks, I may say that a year ago I expressed the opinion that Canada was standing the strain without collapse. This summing up of the situation still holds good. The strain is less than could have been reasonably expected, and we are encouraged to calmly face the troubles still ahead of us because of the confidence that comes from having successfully surmounted the ordeals of the past twelve months, ordeals that came upon this country without warning and found us inadequately prepared.

There is now a decidedly more hopeful feeling throughout the Dominion, and there is excellent ground for that assurance in the material advantages that have resulted from a bountiful harvest. When we consider that the Northwest alone has produced several hundred millions of dollars worth of agricultural products in the past year in an area where in the boyhood of the middle-aged not a sod was turned, we feel that this is a form of genuine prosperity to inspire confidence and in which our pride is pardonable.

When we begin to analyze other features of the situation there is less room for satisfaction. The war in which the Empire is engaged to protect its integrity has made it incumbent upon Canada to assist the mother country in every way possible.

We have already provided a large number of troops and more will follow. In the manufacture of munitions, clothing and other requisites, we are doing our full share. This has brought profitable employment to Canada when sorely needed; and at the same time rendered great service to the common cause. Let us, however, remember that the manufacture of war materials is a grim and transient form of so-called prosperity, that the cost thereof comes out of the national exchequer of Great Britain or of Canada, and from the blood of the fower of our manhood.

Also the United Kingdom has advanced large amounts to Canada for military expenditure, and the time may come when it will be desirable, if not necessary, for the Dominion to finance its own requirements. In any case, we must economize in every way possible so that we may bear our full measure of responsibility during the war, and be prepared for the taxation that must follow.

Canada's greatest wealth lies at her feet, her economic future is bound up in the development of vast agricultural areas of unsurpassed fertility. The rate at which that development can be accelerated is dependent upon the rate of increase in our farming population. In natural sequence immigration can best be attracted to the Dominion by reducing and keeping down the cost of living. That in my opinion, is the key to the whole economic situation.

I have before me a statement regarding the trade and general condition of the Province, which with your permission, I will omit reading as it will appear in the published reports of this meeting.

GENERAL MANAGER SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON PROVINCIAL CONDITIONS. ONTARIO. A year ago conditions in Ontario

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Presently, however, Government orders for the manufacture of war munitions increased rapidly and many woolen mills, tanneries and machine shops were soon working to capacity. With prospects of a large crop and increasing Government expenditure for war munitions misgivings began to disappear. The farmers, at least a fair average, that ever before, and, as a result, a splendid crop, perhaps the best in the history of the Province, has been harvested. Prices have been good. Economy is still being practised in keeping with new conditions. Wholesalers and retailers report smaller turnovers, with collections slow.

The lumber trade has been quiet. Stocks are heavy for this time of year, and the local demand light. The American trade has been moderate, but a marked revival is promised. It is expected that the cut this season will be much reduced. The mines are now active, though the total production is less than last year. The output of silver will doubtless increase, in consequence of the rapid rise in price. The value of gold mined has increased by 50 per cent. The nickel and copper mines have been greatly stimulated by the demand created by the war. Municipal expenditure has been in keeping with the general spirit of economy. No new railway construction of importance has been attempted, nor any large power scheme undertaken. The value of first class city property and good farm lands is maintained, holders being unwilling to make sacrifices. Bidding in Toronto is reported to show progress and the labor situation has greatly improved. Confidence, which was lacking a year ago, now seems to be restored.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC. With improved agricultural markets, and crops above the average, the rural sections of the Province are in a satisfactory condition. The high freight rate and scarcity of tonnage for shipments to Great Britain, together with a limited demand, until recently, from the United States, have resulted in a somewhat unsatisfactory year for the lumber trade. Large stocks of lumber are being wintered, and forest operations for the coming season will, as a rule, be curtailed. Scarcity of tonnage for shipment of paper to England has increased the price of that important commodity to the United States, although the price of news print there has not maintained the level to which it rose during the early days of the war. Wholesale and retail business is reasonably good, but the commercial agencies report failures above the average. General manufacturing conditions, especially in Montreal, have steadily improved throughout the year. The textile companies report business as being quite good, and the manufacture of munitions of war has brought activity and profit to certain important industries. There has been little movement in real estate. The high prices at which properties are still held in the chief centres are not an accurate guide to realizable values. MARITIME PROVINCES. General conditions are reasonably satisfactory throughout our Maritime Provinces. The crops, excepting apples, have been bountiful, with good prices. Fishermen have had a successful season with a larger catch than last year and high prices. Lumbermen on the whole have not had a good year. Last season's cut was above the average, but a dull American market, combined with scarcity of tonnage and high freight rates to England, caused a falling off in sales. Large stocks of lumber are being carried into the winter and in consequence the coming season's operations probably will be curtailed. Within the last few weeks, however, there has been a marked revival in the American demand. The output of the coal mines will be greater than last year. Due in large measure to the requirements of the steel plants, the business of which has been largely increased by war orders, Wholesale and retail trade is reported as in a healthy condition. NORTH WEST PROVINCES. The North West has recovered to a marked extent from the economic dislocation of a year ago. The season's wheat and other cereal crops have exceeded all previous records in quantity and quality, and despite the enormous yield, prices have been uncommonly well maintained. It would be difficult to exaggerate the importance of these results to the Prairies Provinces—and the Dominion at large. Live stock, which was decreased somewhat last year when feed was scarce, is again being increased, and the prosperity of those engaged in mixed farming and in ranching is most encouraging. Packing plants are finding business satisfactory. The combined capacity of the plants in the North West is about 15,000 hogs daily. The four mills in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta are busy and are doing well. These combined daily capacity is about 27,000 barrels. With important exceptions, coal mining, which is largely confined to the Province of Alberta, has not been profitable during the past year. Oil prospects have been disappointing. Real estate is quiet—speculation has ceased. Public and private expenditures in the North West has been comparatively small in the year. The expenditures of the Provinces and the Municipalities were reduced to a minimum. There has been some

expenditure by Railways on new construction, principally in Southern and Northern Alberta, in both cases serving good arable lands. Work on the Hudson Bay Railway has been continued.

A considerable amount has been spent by the Dominion Government in the erection of large interior storage elevators.

The large advances of the Dominion Government to farmers in certain districts, principally in the forest of seed, were made very opportunely and have been amply justified by the very large crop yields in those districts.

Business in many important lines is good and should continue to improve as returns from grain yet to be marketed are received.

The general business outlook has been transformed by the large crop.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Following the outbreak of war, British Columbia was seriously affected by the stoppage of expenditure on railway construction and extension, and in the outlay upon public works, also by the cessation of inflow of capital to develop the lumber, mining and other resources of the Province.

Speculation in real estate had risen to a height where prices were quite beyond reasonable productive values. Business has now been forced by adversity to a sounder basis and shows signs of recovery.

There has been a very general tendency toward economy and retrenchment with beneficial result. During the past year mining of all classes has revived, bringing increased employment and a growth of orders for equipment and supplies.

The establishment of a refinery would be of great benefit to the country. In agriculture good crops are reported, and, although prices are disappointing, it is satisfactory that the Province is gradually getting into the position of feeding itself.

The fruit crop is excellent and is being marketed under better conditions than formerly and at better prices.

The salmon catch exceeded expectations for an off year, and demands and prices have been satisfactory. The halibut catch has been satisfactory also and marketed under favorable conditions.

The lumber trade is in a better position than when under review a year ago, largely in consequence of improved demand from the Prairie Provinces, but still suffers through lack of shipping for the export trade, which trade could be greatly increased with adequate facilities.

The population has temporarily fallen off through enlistment and lack of employment in building trades and railway construction.

With return to more settled conditions, there is bound to be an influx of new people and some resumption of the flow of capital to develop the great natural resources of this Province.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

This year's catch of cod, the great staple product of Newfoundland, will be equal to that of last season, while the prices being realized are exceptionally high. In consequence trade, wholesale and retail, is good and general business conditions throughout the country may be considered satisfactory.

The sealing voyages of last spring were the most unprofitable on record. On account of the very high freight rates offering, it is probable some of the best iron ships will be withdrawn from seal fishing for service elsewhere; therefore the prospects for next spring's sealing are poor.

The pulp and paper business has been disappointing. Markets for ground wood pulp were poor, freights high, and tonnage scarce. Large quantities will be carried over this winter by the mills.

The adverse sterling exchange has largely militated against exports, as exports of this product are mainly to Great Britain.

General conditions, however, are largely governed by the cod fisheries, and the excellent returns from them are causing the Colony to weather the universal storm with a fair measure of comfort and confidence.

MEXICO.

The business of our office is practically at a standstill, and our very limited operations are being performed under extraordinary trying conditions. It was then moved by the President, seconded by Mr. R. B. Angus, that the Report of the Directors, now read, be adopted and printed for distribution among the Shareholders.

This was unanimously carried. Mr. William Yule, in making a motion that the thanks of the meeting be presented to the President and Directors, said:

"In such crises as we have experienced during the past year the President and Directors must have had a strenuous time, and I feel that they are entitled to the warmest thanks of the Shareholders for the manner in which they have carried on the affairs of the Bank up to the present day. When you see that they have in quick success \$179,000,000 you can appreciate that the Bank is on a very sound footing. In addition to that they have been able to pay the usual 10 per cent dividend and the 2 per cent bonus, while they have added \$60,000 to the balance of Profit and Loss Account and paid the war tax of \$127,000. In face of all this, I am sure you will agree with me that we have every reason to be satisfied with the manner in which they have conducted our affairs." (Applause.)

The vote of thanks was the unanimously carried and replied to by the President, Mr. H. V. Meredith.

Mr. E. B. Greenfield in speaking to the motion of thanks to the General Manager and Staff said in part:

"I know the General Manager of the Bank has had a very trying time during the past year. I think all agree that he has, with the assistance of the Assistant General Manager, the Superintendents, and the Branch Managers, conducted the affairs of the Bank in a singularly able manner. (Hear, hear.)

"I have attended very many annual meetings of this Bank, and a resolution similar to this has been presented at each one, and passed in what might be called speaking silence. That is because when you say a man has done his duty well it is almost superfluous to say anything more. But this year I think all the Shareholders would like to record their appreciation of the number of gallant young men from

the Bank's staff who have volunteered to follow the country's banners to war, and joined in the great fight for liberty against tyranny. (Applause.) Many of these have already given their lives for their country, and are now sleeping peacefully beneath the green fields of France, forming eternal links of love between that country and ours.

"But while supplying soldiers for the front, we should also remember that we must support them. Many other members of the Staff have also been most anxious to go to the front, but they have had to remain behind to look after the interests of a great institution such as this, because, if such institutions are not sufficiently manned it would be impossible properly to take care of the men at the front.

The motion was seconded by Mr. William McMaster and carried. In acknowledging the vote of thanks, the General Manager, Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, said:

"On behalf of myself, the Assistant General Manager, the Superintendents, Inspectors, Managers and Staff, I beg to express my very keen appreciation of the complimentary terms which you have referred to our services during the past year.

"It has been a more trying year for the officials of the bank than they have ever before experienced. They have been overworked, because we have found it impossible to provide experienced men and women in sufficient numbers to take the place of those on military duty. They have been deprived of holidays for the same reason.

"The circumstances it speaks well for the loyalty and sense of duty of our staff that they have been so appreciative of the situation and so ready to do their share towards carrying on the business of this great Bank in which we all take such a pride, and thereby helping our country in this hour of trial.

"The percentage of our men with the colors is not surpassed, if equalled, by any other important corporation in Canada. I also take occasion to refer with pride to the splendid spirit and qualities of these men, and with pride and profound sorrow to our ever lengthening Honor Roll."

The ballot for the appointment of auditors and the election of directors for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and the scrutineers appointed for the purpose reported that Messrs. George Hyde, C.A., J. Maxtone Graham, C.A., and James Hutchison, C.A., were duly appointed auditors, and the following gentlemen duly elected directors: D. Forbes Angus, R. B. Angus, A. Baumgarten, H. R. Drummond, C. B. Gordon, E. B. Greenfield, C. R. Hosmer, Sir William Macdonald, Hon. Robt. Mackay, Wm. McMaster, H. V. Meredith, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, K.C.V.O.

At a subsequent meeting of the directors Mr. H. V. Meredith was re-elected president.

HINDENBURG'S WORDS

A NOTE OF DESPAIR

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proclaimed it lost by the last ditch campaigns of murder which followed on land and sea. Terror might piece out the shortage of "kultur" — the deficiencies of Kruppism might perchance be made good by frightfulness. Fatal mistake!!!

Cause Cannot Win.

God never meant that such a cause should win. In all the world it never has. In all the world it never will.

Now comes the winter of the people's discontent — nature's signal for the undoing of Hapsburg and the Hohenzollern that erst-cried havoc and let slip the dogs of war, to put up a poor month and talk of peace; to talk of peace like a very drab; regardless of Serbia lying dead at his feet; regardless of Belgium slain in her sanctuaries; yet betraying the spirit of his dream of blood and conquest when he said, "If the French want Alsace-Lorraine, let them come and get it." Please God they will, nor the war end until they do.

Significant Visit.

Truly that visit of the Hohenzollern to the Hapsburg the other day — "its a long way from Berlin to Vienna — was not without significance! But what of America? Fittingly the president gave the cue and spoke the word. Let us all rally about and stand by the terms of his noble utterance.

The loyal, the true American hates no land and no people, but he loves only his own; and loving his own, he says to the rest: The United States would stand friendly and just in this combat of nations, demanding that each shall respect the law of nations; expecting each to obey the laws of God, but requiring of all the homage due alike to our dignity and prowess; due alike to our rights and our standing; our rights on land and sea; our marine, commercial, industrial and territorial rights.

We may take nothing for granted, however; we must press to defend our rights. If Germany win our turn will come; nothing is surer than that. In that event the kaiser would snap his finger in our face and exclaim, "A fig for your Monroe Doctrine!!!"

Fighting For Liberty.

We have no quarrel — could have no quarrel — with France. Our quarrel with Britain is but skin deep. Putting the hating Englishman and the spreading American aside, John and Jonathan can always reach some kind of common ground. Touching the issues of this war, John is wholly right — he is indeed fighting the battle of Liberty — and Jonathan asks only that he have a care and not monkey too freely with the buzz-saw of Yankee sensibilities. But, apart from our obvious interest in a European balance, with the Hohenzollern and the Hapsburg — not the German people — we have a score to settle which will down at no man's bidding; the organized movement to involve us in civil war by a pro-Teutonic propaganda which was none the less an invasion than it was contemptible and absurd; the murders in the Irish Sea, yet unatoned for and unavenged; the criminal activities directed from Berlin at once against our neutrality and our industries, and the impudent support given these first by the Hapsburg,



H. V. MEREDITH, President of Bank of Montreal, who presided at the 98th annual meeting held on Monday, December 6.

through Dumba, then by the Hohenzollern through Berastorf, Boy-Ed and Ven Papen yet lingering on the forbidden threshold.

Unity in States.

Except for these, public opinion in the United States might be divided. It is substantially united. As matters stand the American who sides with the Hohenzollern and the Hapsburg — to hell with them!!! — is disloyal to America. Whoever he is, wherever he be found, he is a traitor to his country; the man Ford, whether he is a self-exploiting advertiser for a poor wretch made insane by the onrush of gold; the man Bryan, whether he be the crazy visionary he has always seemed of a sleek humbug out for gate money and the Nobel Prize — in short, the man behind the alleged peace societies, whether a crank or an emissary.

Note of Despair.

Von Hindenburg sounds the first official note of despair. The Prussian staff begins to realize that there is a people, if not a God. The popular shoe is pinching at home. There is a German winter ahead, yet, though the Russian winter ahead, peace were a boon indeed. Nor will the government of the United States stand idly by and see the slaughter go on if there be some Teuton power definitely to deal with on the basis of the only settlement which the world can permit of tolerate, the dismemberment of the German empire and the relegation of the four kingdoms embracing it back to their original sovereignties; the recession of Alsace-Lorraine to France and the return of the money wrung from France in 1870; complete indemnity to Belgium; and, finally, universal disarmament.

Belgium First.

Our little billion account of the Lusitania, the Arabic and other matters pertaining to the massacre of women and children, not to mention pay for each factory destroyed by German agents, can wait awhile. The Hohenzollern and the Hapsburg — to hell with them!!!

Being down and out, we shall not be too pressing. But, Belgium first!!! Come, Hind, old sport, since you are such a lover of peace, how do you like the layout?

BRITISH OCCUPIED MINE CRATER; ARTILLERY BUSY

London, Dec. 14.—The following report from Field-Marshal Sir John French was made public last night: "Last night we blew up a mine in front of Givenchy and occupied the crater. Today there was considerable activity at various points on the front. We bombarded the enemy's positions east of Ypres and in the neighborhood of Frelingheim, and shelled with heavy howitzers many enemy mine shafts north of La Bassée canal. In the neighborhood of the Somme there was some fighting with trench mortars and rifle grenades. The weather was bright and cold."

SECURITIES WILL BE BOUGHT BY BRITAIN

London, Dec. 14.—After an explanation by the chancellor of the exchequer, Rt. Hon. Reginald McKenna, and a short debate, the house of commons last evening passed the second reading of the bill empowering the government to mobilize American and Canadian securities by purchasing or by borrowing them, to be used primarily as collateral for loans, or in case of necessity, to be sold to meet Great Britain's liabilities in the United States.

The scheme is entirely a voluntary one, and the chancellor made it clear that the government has no intention of swamping the American market with securities, which would be unfair to holders here, as they are to be paid for at the market price.

TURKS WERE REPULSED AT KUT-EL-AMARA

London, Dec. 14.—Turkish attacks on the British army at Kut-el-Amara, Mesopotamia, have been repulsed, it was announced in an official statement last night. British reinforcements are being rushed forward.

The statement follows: "General Townshend reports that the enemy shelled his position all day on December 8. The bombardment continued during the night, when the enemy made desultory attacks from all sides. On December 10 the enemy heavily bombarded Kut-el-Amara and developed an attack against the north front position, which, however, was not pressed.

"On December 11 the bombardment was renewed, and two attacks were made on the north front, which were repulsed with heavy loss to the enemy. Since then there has been less activity.

"The attitude of the Arabs is reported as satisfactory. "Reinforcements are being rushed forward."

ZEPPELIN DESTROYED BY RUSSIAN GUNS

Petrograd, Dec. 14.—Russian artillery destroyed a Zeppelin airship on the night of Dec. 5, according to details which have just arrived here. It was destroyed near the station of Kalkon, on the Libau-Rostov railway.

LIFETIME OF SICKNESS

Worn Out, Thin and Miserable Until She Took 'Fruit-a-tives'

"Palmerston, Ont., June 20, 1914. "Stomach Trouble and Distressing Headaches nearly drove me wild. Some time ago, I got a box of Fruit-a-tives, your famous fruit medicine, and they completely relieved me. Today I am feeling fine and a physician, meeting me on the street, asked the reason for my improved appearance. I said, 'I am taking Fruit-a-tives.' He said, 'If Fruit-a-tives make you look so well, go ahead and take them. They are doing more for you than I can.'"

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OVERWHELMING PROOF AGAINST PLOTTERS

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Bracken, at the Palace hotel here, paid Smith \$345.50. A ticket to New York was bought for him by Crowley on June 11.

One of the letters set out in the indictments and signed "C." is dated here August 12, 1915, and contains a clipping telling of a 70 per cent wage increase to employees of the Aetna works. The letter is without punctuation and reads:

"L. J. S. enclosed find clipping this stuff goes to the — I am sure they here will give five hundred for each and newspaper clippings and dispatches to show what do you think happening and outside Gary, Ind., let me hear from you nothing else, new."

On August 12 the defendants are said to have put in the mail a letter of a nature to incite Smith to burn buildings of the Hercules Powder company at Pinole, Cal.

Papen Consulted. "There were negotiations concerning the destruction of the Pinole plant, according to federal officials, who said that letters and telegrams in the possession of the government showed that Smith had fixed a price for the "job" and that the matter had been "put up" to Franz von Papen, recalled military attaché of the German embassy at Washington.

A letter in which reference was made to these negotiations is included in the indictments. It is dated August 31, and reads:

"Dear S — "Your last letter with clipping to hand-to-day and note what you have to say. I have taken it up with them and B. (which federal officials say stands for Franz Bopp, German consul-general here) is awaiting decision of P. (said to stand for von Papen) in New York.

"In New York so cannot advise you yet and will do so as soon as I get word from you. You might size up the situation in the meantime."

The last half of the letter refers to arrangements for aiding Smith in obtaining a passport from German authorities in Germany his father's military records. In all about 300 letters and telegrams passing between the conspirators have been obtained by federal officials.

Mrs. Margaret Cornell, indicted yesterday after she had been kept under ball bond of \$1,000 for a week, simply as a witness, is said to have been the go-between between von Brincken and Crowley.

PREPARATIONS IN HAND FOR BIG TOURNAMENT

Naval and Military Event on Thursday and Friday Will Attract Crowds

Extra cars will be run on the B. C. E. Ry. next Thursday and Friday for the convenience of patrons of the great naval and military tournament which is to be held at the Horae Show building, Willows camp. Bodies of men have been set to work to make all preparations and the road leading to the scene of the tournament from the entrance to the camp will be cleared of mud. In the building, flags, bunting and evergreens will be used to hide the bareness of the walls, and a system of heating has been specially installed so that those who attend will not suffer discomfort from cold.

The men of both services have entered into the preparations with great spirit, and a good deal of friendly, but keen, rivalry is promised for the occasion. The lieutenant-governor, Rear Admiral Storey, and Col. Ogilvie, D. O. C., will be among those present. Already there has been a big demand for tickets, and a proper plan of the seats will be opened at Fletcher's music store at 9 a.m. to-morrow.

One of the biggest attractions of the affair will be the musical ride by the 11th C. M. R. under the direction of Capt. Bruce. The squad which will be armed with lances, will consist of officers and non-commissioned officers of the unit. This particular performance will be brought to a close with a realistic charge which will give an idea of a cavalry attack under service conditions.

The programme and entries received to date follow: Grand march of contestants headed by the massed bands of the 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles, C.E.F., 5th Regiment, Canadian Garrison Artillery, 67th Battalion Western Scots, C.E.F., 88th Battalion, Victoria Fusiliers, C.E.F., under Bandmaster Slatter, 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles, C.E.F.

Centipede race, teams of eight men astride a ten-foot pole. Entries: H. M. C. S. Rainbow, Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve, Royal Canadian Regiment, 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles, C.E.F., 5th Regiment, Canadian Garrison Artillery, 67th Battalion Western Scots, C.E.F., "B" Section No. 1 Field Ambulance Corps, C.E.F. One prize for each man on winning team.

Naval field gun display by Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve. The pipes and drums of the 67th Battalion, Western Scots, under Pipe Major Wishart, will play a march, strathspey and reel.

Teams of ten men. First pull. Entries: H. M. C. S. Rainbow, Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve, 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles, C.E.F., 5th Regiment, Canadian Garrison Artillery, 67th Battalion, Victoria Fusiliers, C.E.F., "B" Section No. 1 Field Ambulance Corps, C.E.F., H.M.C.S. Shearwater. One prize to each man on winning team.

Exhibition of physical drill by 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles, 88th Battalion, Victoria Fusiliers, C.E.F., 50th Regiment, Highlanders of Canada, C.E.F., Blinded-folded squad drill: Teams of eight men and N.C.O. Entries: Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve, Royal Canadian Regiment, 5th Canadian Garrison Artillery, 67th Battalion, Western Scots, C.E.F., 50th Regiment Highlanders of Canada, "B" Section No. 1 Field Ambulance Corps, C.E.F. One prize to each man on winning squad.

The pipes and drums of the 58th Battalion, Victoria Fusiliers, C.E.F., 50th Regiment, Highlanders of Canada, C.E.F., Blinded-folded squad drill: Teams of eight men and N.C.O. Entries: Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve, Royal Canadian Regiment, 5th Canadian Garrison Artillery, 67th Battalion, Western Scots, C.E.F., 50th Regiment Highlanders of Canada, "B" Section No. 1 Field Ambulance Corps, C.E.F. One prize to each man on winning team.

Competition with 6-inch loaders for challenge cup. Teams from H. M. C. S. Rainbow, Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve.

Tug-of-war: Semi-finals. Tug-of-war on horseback. Entries: 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles, C.E.F., 5th Canadian Garrison Artillery. One prize to each man on winning team.

Musical ride by 11th Regiment, Canadian Mounted Rifles, C.E.F., under Captain W. D. Bruce. At intervals during the tournament the bands of the 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles, C.E.F., under Bandmaster Slatter, 5th Canadian Garrison Artillery, under Bandmaster Smith, 67th Battalion, Victoria Fusiliers, C.E.F., under Bandmaster Rumsby. God Save the King, by massed bands.

The personnel of the general committee follows: Chairman—Major Colin C. Harbottle, 67th Battalion, Western Scots, C.E.F. Royal Canadian Navy—Lieut-Commander H. E. Holme, R.C.N.; Lieut-Commander W. T. Walker, R. N. Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve—Lieut. R. Harper, Sub-Lieut. D. C. Roberts, 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles, C.E.F.—Captain T. H. Callaghan, Lieut. L. G. Rietchel, Royal Canadian Regiment—H. H. D. Hemmel, 5th Canadian Garrison Artillery—Lieut. A. Molesworth, Lieut. G. P. Havers, 67th Battalion, Western Scots, C.E.F.—Major Stuart Armour, 88th Battalion, Victoria Fusiliers, C.E.F.—Lieut. C. G. R. Kilpatrick, Lieut. G. B. Benson, 50th Regiment, Gordon Highlanders of Canada—Lieut. W. Turnbull, No. 1 Field Ambulance Corps—Capt. Biggar, Secretary to the committee—Lieut. L. G. Rietchel, 11th C. M. R., Ringmaster—Captain T. H. Callaghan, 11th C. M. R.

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CIVIC FINANCES

Situation for Eleven Months is Better Than Would Be Expected.

It is proposed by the city treasurer to present to the council at an early date a segregated statement showing how the taxes paid up to the period of rebate last month were distributed over the various items—land tax, sewer rental, bulkhead maintenance, water frontage rate, etc.

Taken in conjunction with the comptroller's statement for November, which was filed in council last evening, the situation for the eleven months of 1915 is satisfactory, the revenue having been well maintained for an off year. It is believed that by the time the annual statement is completed a month hence, it will be found that 1915 has not been a bad year for the municipality, in spite of all restraints enforced in the twelve months.

YAGUI INDIANS RAIDED RANCH OF AN AMERICAN

Topolobampo, Mex., Dec. 13.—Via radio to San Diego, Cal., Dec. 14.—The first connected story of the losses sustained by Americans in the Yaqui valley through raids by Yaqui Indians was received here to-day.

Although the Yaquis have been killing, raiding and wantonly destroying property in the Yaqui valley since December 9, Mexican troops, except for three hours' fighting the first day, have remained inactive in the immediate vicinity, stating that they were there to fight Villa troops, are from the state of Jalisco and, like the majority of Mexicans, do not operate against the Indians with the spirit necessary to subdue them.

On December 11 seventy-five Indians went south and took possession of the Cajome ranch, an American property, where they emptied 2,500 sacks of rice freely, carrying away the sacks and some corn.

The raiders left the valley that afternoon by the route generally used when entering the district, but they met with no resistance and succeeded in driving off 200 mules loaded with provisions, their winter's supply.

Appeals for help were sent out by the Richardson company to the larger Mexican garrisons a few miles away, but no troops arrived until yesterday.

What punishes a lie almost immediately is the necessity of defending it by other lies.—Emile Augier.

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DESTROYED SUBMARINE CAPTURED BY TURKS

London, Dec. 14.—A dispatch to the Chronicle from Salonica says: "The French submarine Turquoise, after being captured in the Sea of Marmora, had been placed on exhibition at Constantinople. Turkish officers, not understanding the mechanism, summoned a French engineer, who realized the opportunity of destroying the submarine and managed to set the machinery in motion.

"The craft left the shore with six Turkish officers aboard, and in the struggle that ensued the submarine was seen to sink. All six Turks were lost, with the gallant Frenchman."

BRINCKEN, CROWLEY AND MRS. CORNELL INDICTED

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—Baron George W. von Brincken, who says he was an attaché of the German consulate-general here, C. C. Crowley, a detective employed by the consulate, and Mrs. Margaret W. Cornell, a secret agent in Crowley's employ, were indicted last yesterday by the United States grand jury on two counts each.

The first count charges conspiracy to interfere with and destroy commerce between the several states of the Union and foreign countries. The second alleges use of the mails to incite to arson, assassination and murder.—mail was fixed at \$5.00 for each count in the three indictments.

MONTREAL VISITED BY BIG SNOWSTORM

Montreal, Dec. 14.—Montreal experienced its first big snowstorm of the season last night and this morning. The official register showed that slightly more than six inches of snow had fallen at noon.

LT.-COL. BULLER IN COMMAND.

London, Dec. 14.—Lieut.-Col. Buller has left Shorncliffe for France to resume command of the Princess Patricia's.



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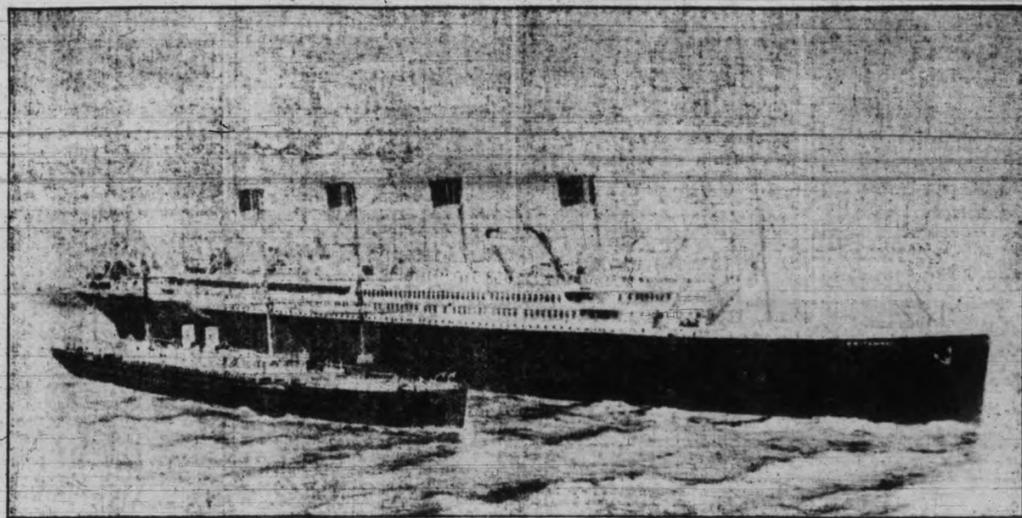
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BRITAIN'S LARGEST LINER TO BE USED AS A HOSPITAL SHIP



S. S. BRITANNIC

Liverpool, Dec. 14.—The Post says the Admiralty has taken over the White Star liner Britannic, of 48,000 tons gross, and has converted her into a hospital ship.

The above photograph shows the growth of shipbuilding during the past 40 years. The old Britannic and her handsome sister are reproduced and it strikingly illustrates the development of the past four decades.

Prior to the launching of the Britannic, the Aquitania, of the Cunard line, was the largest British ship afloat. The new White Star liner now holds the palm, and when her keel was laid the owners hoped to have her in the trans-Atlantic trade this year, but the war has changed things.

The Britannic has a gross tonnage of 48,000 tons. She is 2,900 tons smaller than the Imperator, of the Hamburg-American line, which is tied up in Hamburg, and 7,000 tons less than the Vaterland, of the same line, which is interned at New York. The White Star liner is over 900 feet in length and the owners had excellent designs on finishing her interior so that it would be the finest vessel that was ever seen afloat.

As a hospital ship the Britannic will be able to carry thousands of men. She will be fitted up with dispensaries, operating rooms, and one of the most complete sets of surgical instruments ever placed on a hospital ship.

Half of the coast. There are none on Long beach, near where the Carelmapu accident occurred. The trail on the coast should be extended and kept in the best shape so that men can walk without difficulty.

I am also of the opinion that there should be some appliances for saving life from the shore. If we could shoot a line over a ship, which could not be reached by a rescue fleet, it would be instrumental in saving numbers of lives. Why look at the Valencia wreck, if there had been appliances for shooting a line over her, many more persons would have been saved.

Another thing I think we should have are patrol men on the coast from Long beach north during the winter time, forming a kind of a coastguard service. The crews of the lifeboats could do part of it.

Every time we read of a wreck on the west coast we see the glaring type that another ship had left her bones to rot in the graveyard of the Pacific. Then why don't we do something to help prevent these disasters?

Considerable support is being given the Times in its agitation for increased life-saving facilities on the west coast of Vancouver island, and also on the Queen Charlotte islands. Seafaring men who are constantly exposed to the dangers of these waters express themselves strongly in favor of the movement. In the winter season their voyages are full of peril, and they feel that some adequate protection should be offered them in case anything disastrous should happen.

Capt. Geo. Heater, who has had 25 years' experience off the west coast, granted the Marine Editor an interview yesterday. For a long time he has pointed out the inadequacy of the present equipment, and three years ago made the statement that if a wreck did occur all hands would be lost. His prediction came almost true in the loss of the Carelmapu, when only five out of twenty-four managed to save their lives.

I have the same views as I had when I made a statement to you three years ago, said Capt. Heater. We have no protection for the saving of life and property on the west coast of Vancouver island and the Queen Charlottes. It is true that we have the motor lifeboats in Barkley Sound, 15 miles apart, and a rowboat at Clayoquot, which couldn't get out in half a gale of wind, let alone when there is a storm on. Certainly a rowboat should be a thing of the past nowadays. This shows that about 30 miles of the coast is protected after a fashion. What, then, about the rest of the coast which is far more dangerous and farther from habitation? It is wholly unprotected and there is not even a trail.

Charter Boats For Winter. If we can't have a life-saving tug like there is on the American side to patrol the west coast, why can't the government charter boats, such as the whalers, for use in the winter months? There is no suitable ship for the work in the government service. We all know that this is a dangerous coast in the winter, and if a life-saving steamboat is stationed there then it should be manned by a crew which would consider it their duty to be at sea in all weathers and not hang about in a snug bay while the wind howls outside.

I think there should be more lifeboats to work in conjunction with the steamboat. The two boats now stationed in Barkley Sound could be split, one being placed on Village Island, in the centre of the sound and the other at Clayoquot. Village Island commands a view of the whole of Barkley Sound, and if there was cable communication with Cape Beale and Clayoquot this would be the ideal place for a station.

From Nootka north there is nothing in the shape of protection, and there is hardly a settler. A ship could get lost, something like the King David, and be there for weeks, and the crew starve to death before anyone learned of it. Along this part of the coast as well as the Queen Charlotte Islands, there is absolutely no protection, and the only news that a steamer happened to pass, and this might be some time after the accident occurred.

Fishermen Need Protection. The British Columbia fishermen are now fishing off the west coast of the Queen Charlotte Islands, and yet there is no protection for them whatever. Hundreds of men are pursuing this industry and are in constant danger, yet the government has not seen its way clear to establish life-saving stations or commission a vessel to look after the craft in case they break down.

I think the government should establish shelter huts the same as those placed at points along the northern half of the west coast, and which would be of valued assistance to shipwrecked mariners along the southern

MANY MISSIONARIES LEAVE FOR ORIENT

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Capt. G. Heater Thinks Better Life-Saving Appliances Should Be Established

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 14.—The coastal steamer Senalac, owned at this port, with cargo from Charlottetown for St. John's, caught fire this morning and burned to the water's edge.

St. Pierre, Miquelon, Dec. 14.—Officers and crew numbering twenty-nine of the British steamer St. Kilda, which foundered off the west coast of St. Kilda in a storm last week, were brought here yesterday on a tug which went to their assistance.

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The 1916 tide tables have reached this city from Ottawa, and may be secured on application to the marine department, Wharf street.

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PACIFIC MAIL SELLS LAST OF ITS SHIPS

Seven Vessels Which Formerly Operated to Panama Reported Disposed Of

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—There have been many rumors of late of the sale of the Panama fleet of the Pacific Mail Steamship company, and yesterday was no exception. This time, among the many different purchasers reported as having acquired these vessels, the name of Capt. John Barneson was mentioned, and it now seems as if this is the case, for, according to reports in reliable quarters, this well-known capitalist has formed a corporation of San Francisco people to take over the balance of the Pacific Mail's fleet.

The vessels in the deal are as follows: Newport, Aztec, City of Para, San Juan, San Jose, Pennsylvania and Peru. All are equipped as passenger carriers except the Aztec, which is also the "youngest" of the fleet, being only 31 years old, while the Pennsylvania is 42 years old.

The Newport, while having been launched thirty-five years ago, is the best of the fleet, as she was practically rebuilt a couple of years ago, this having been made necessary owing to an accident to the vessel at Balboa when she was sunk at the wharf.

Bringing eleven passengers but no cargo, the steam schooner Klamath arrived on Sunday from Guaymas and Mazatlan, Mexico, via San Pedro.

The Russian ship Tasmania arrived at Southampton last Wednesday, according to advices received by the marine department of the chamber of commerce. The Tasmania sailed from Puget Sound on May 28, so it took her 194 days to make the voyage.

She carried a cargo of 1,807,561 feet of Douglas fir lumber, shipped by the American Trading company, and received a rate of 87c. 6d. for the trip.

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LES DARCY WILL VISIT VICTORIA IN JANUARY

Sensational Australian Middleweight to Tour America; Has Remarkable Record

Morris Condon, manager of Joe Bayley, Canadian lightweight champion, yesterday received a letter from Jack Kearns, the well-known manager of a string of American fighters, announcing that he is now handling the affairs of Les Darcy, the sensational Australian middleweight, who by his recent decisive defeat of America's premier 155-pounder has established a claim to the middleweight title. Kearns is planning a tour of America with Darcy. He plans to arrive in San Francisco on January 5, and will pass through this city en route. Kearns states that he would be only too pleased to have his protégé give an exhibition to the local public during his brief visit to this city if a suitable opponent can be procured. The one aim of the Australian sensation is to get Mike Gibbons into the ring for a twenty-round bout.

Darcy is but a boy, having just passed his nineteenth birthday, and up to one year ago he was apprenticed to a blacksmith, but is considered by all his American opponents to be the strongest boxer in the game to-day. He has received numerous offers from various theatrical managers, but will not accept until he is the undisputed king of the middleweight division. Darcy has beaten Eddie McGeorty, King, Jeff Smith, Billy Murray twice, and Jimmy Clabby, four of these being America's foremost middleweights. McGeorty he flattened in 15 rounds. Smith felled him in the second round. Clabby lasted 20 rounds, but was easily outpointed, and while Murray stayed 20 rounds in their first meeting, their second scrap was entirely different, the Australian blacksmith dropping the American in 6 rounds. After the second scrap Murray de-

scribed Darcy as the greatest boxer of any weight in the world. "He might be beaten in a 10-round bout in America," added Murray, "but in a match to a finish no man living—middle or heavyweight—could defeat him. He is so abnormally strong and such a tremendous puncher." Murray made these remarks upon seeing the rubbering-down board, palpably fatigued, and the picture presented a strong contrast to that in the adjoining room, where Darcy, smiling as he always does through a contest, sat joking with his supporters. From appearances he might have just concluded a friendly spar.

Darcy was born on October 28, 1895, in Australia, his parents being Irish. His weight is around the 158-pound mark.

His record for the past year is as follows:
Feb. 27—Frank Loughrey; won; Sydney; 20 rounds.
March 13—Fritz Holland; won; Sydney; 20 rounds.
April 3—Henri Demien; knockout; Sydney; 5 rounds.
May 1—Fritz Holland; knockout; Melbourne; 13 rounds.
May 22—Jeff Smith; won on foul; Sydney; 2 rounds.
June 12—Mick King; knockout; Sydney; 16 rounds.
July 31—Eddie McGeorty; knockout; Sydney; 15 rounds.
Sept. 18—Billy Murray; won; Sydney; 20 rounds.
Oct. 8—Fred Dyer; knockout; Sydney; 4 rounds.
Oct. 23—Jimmy Clabby; won; Sydney; 20 rounds.
Nov. 1—Billy Murray; knockout; Melbourne; 6 rounds.

Jack Kearns, who is now managing Darcy, took a stable of American boxers to Australia this summer, including Joe Bonds, the Tacoma heavyweight; Red Watson, lightweight; Ray Temple, lightweight; and Billy Murray, middleweight. He also approached Joe Bayley to make a trip to the Antipodes with his school, but the local boy declined. It is not known as to whether Kearns has dropped these boys, but in Darcy he has a protégé who could net him far more than his former quartette.

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SPORTING NEWS

LOCAL AGGREGATION IS CONFIDENT OF VICTORY OVER CHAMPS. TO-NIGHT

Manager Patrick May Reverse His Line-up; Rosebuds and Mets to Battle for League Leadership

If determination counts for anything, the Victoria hockey team will have re-established themselves in the pride and esteem of their local admirers ere the close of their clash with Vancouver to-night on the latter's ice. This afternoon the local team left for the Terminal City chock full of "pep," and with supreme confidence that they will take their first step upwards. To date there has been very little to choose between the four rival P.C.H.A. clubs, only the breaks in the game giving the two American city teams their victories.

Victoria went through a strenuous workout yesterday afternoon, and the two subs, Box and Riley, showed such rare form that the local manager is undecided as to the team which he will place on the ice to-night. The younger players are improving fast, a much revised team representing Victoria may be seen after the New Year.

Riley's work much resembles that of Bobby Geise when the latter broke in here. He is a little slow, but he holds on to the puck well. Box is still raw, but will continue to show improvement.

A delegation of local admirers accompanied the team to Vancouver for their clash to-night.

The probable lineup of the teams will be:

Victoria	Goal	Vancouver
McCulloch	Goal	Lehman
Genge	Point	Griffin
Patrick	Cover Point	Seaborn
Mallen	Rover	Taylor
McDonald	Right Wing	Stanley
Kerr	Left Wing	Cook
O'Leary	Centre	McKay
Riley	Sub.	Duncan
Box	Sub.	Rickey

Seattle, Dec. 14.—Realizing that there is not really room at the top of the

ladder for both of them, the Seattle Metropolitan will to-night endeavor to plant a steel-shod hoof in the face of the Portland Rosebuds and shove them down into second place in the percentage column of the league. At the present time both teams are crowding each other on the top rung with two victories each and no defeats. Somebody's record is going to get deflated to-night, and the Metropolitan are confident enough to believe that it won't be theirs.

The Portland team is in Seattle to-day, and will get a little practice on the ice before the contest. Captain Outman says that his men are in good shape, and he refuses to subscribe to the popular local belief that the Rosebuds are to be defeated. He is bragging a vigorous contest before his team throws in the sponge.

The teams:

Portland	Goal	Seattle
Murray	Goal	Holmes
Irvin	R. Defence	Carpenter
Johnson	L. Defence	Rowe
Quinn	Rover	Foyston
Dunderdale	Centre	Morris
Tobin	Right Wing	Wilson
Harris	Left Wing	Walker
L'Esle	Substitute	Hines

Spague Cleghorn, who has been elected captain of Montreal Wanderers this season, is perhaps the best all-around player in the N. H. A. He can hold down either the line or defence, is fast, a fine stick-handler, and carries a grand shot. He led all defence men in scoring last season. His great forte is intercepting a pass or bursting a rush and getting off to a flying break for the other end of the rink. He stands alone in this class. Spague has a head as well as hands and feet.

George Kennedy has received word that Ray Marchant, his spare net-minder for several seasons, was out of the game for good.

Marchant lives in Kingston, and learned the game with the Kingston Frontenacs. He has received many tempting offers, but says he will remain in Kingston, where he is settled down in business. Ray has a bouncing baby boy.

MAGNATES ASSEMBLE FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Business of Importance Will Be Transacted at American League Gathering

New York, Dec. 14.—Major and minor league baseball clubs were well represented at several of the uptown hotels to-day. Plans and rumors of deals for next year's playing season were heard on all sides, but only two definite statements were made. One was that Charles Herzog will remain as manager of the Cincinnati Nationals for at least another year. The other was to the effect that President Joseph J. Lannin and Charles H. Ebbets had arranged for a series of three games to be played in Brooklyn between the Boston world's champions and Wilbur Robinson's team on Ebbets field on April 6, 7 and 8.

President Edward G. Barrow called the annual meeting of the International League to order late to-day, and after a thorough session he announced that the meeting had been adjourned, to meet here again on January 17. Every club in the league was represented and the session was for the greater part devoted to arranging for next year's circuit. Alvin Smith and Jack Dunn, of the Richmond, Va. club, denied having any intention of shifting their franchise.

Just after the session was concluded, President Barrow said: "The International League has weathered every storm safely, and to-day it is in a sound condition, sounder in fact, than might be expected after such a bad baseball year."

The National League meeting will be held here to-morrow and club owners and managers from Chicago, Pitts-burgh, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Boston and Brooklyn were on hand early to-day. None of the Philadelphia or New York club officials had appeared at the meeting place up to a late hour to-night. Capt. Huston, of the New York club, and President Lannin, of Boston, will leave here early to-morrow to attend the annual meeting of the American league in Chicago on Wednesday.

Talk of Trades.
Chicago, Dec. 14.—Arriving here yesterday to attend the American league meeting Wednesday, Col. Jacob Rupert, president of the New York Americans, said he would be glad to trade Third Baseman Maisel for Eddie Collins, of the White Sox, but would not commit himself regarding a rumor that the White Sox would offer him First Baseman Jack Fournier in exchange for the little third sacker.

AMATEURS WORKOUT

The final practice of the Victoria Amateur Hockey club will be held at the Arena this evening from 7 to 8 o'clock, when the team to oppose the 67th battalion, Western Scots, for the city championship will be selected. On Thursday evening the first match of the city championship series will be played. The following players are requested to be present at to-night's workout: A. Straith, Wickson, Smith, G. Straith, McKinney, Hughie Burnett, Vaseley, Archibald, Stewart, Bill Healy, Meadum, Davidson, Stady, Christie, McAdam.

to-day for the league's annual meeting to be held to-morrow. President Johnson said that among the subjects to be taken up are post-season tours by so-called all-star teams, the practice of players writing for newspapers and shorter training seasons.

Offers of trades involving Jack Fournier, first-baseman of the White Sox have been declined by President Coniskey, it was announced to-day.

NO ENGLISH COUNTY CRICKET NEXT SEASON

London, Dec. 14.—With the majority of first-class cricketers either with the colors or engaged on war work the Marylebone Cricket Club, the governing body of county cricket, has announced that whether the war is over or not before May next the English county cricket competition for the season of 1916 will not be played.

For the first time on record the members of the bowling staff attached to the headquarters at Lord's have been notified that their services cannot be utilized. J. T. Hearn is at the war office, H. Butt and R. Reif are making shells, George Cox and F. Martin are working at Woolwich, W. A. E. West and J. W. Hearne are in a munition factory and Murrell is with the torpedo makers.

BOUT POSTPONED.
Cincinnati, Dec. 14.—The Johnny Kilbane-Ritchie Mitchell contest scheduled to take place here to-night, was postponed until Wednesday, Dec. 15, according to an announcement made here to-day. Kilbane was taken ill yesterday and his attending physician said he would be unable to enter the ring to-morrow night.

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Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—President James Sutherland, of the Ontario Hockey association, is the new president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey association, and President W. Van Walkenberg, of the Saskatchewan Amateur Hockey association, is vice-president; both being elected last night, no other nominations being offered for either office. Dr. W. F. Taylor, Winnipeg, president of the young governing body for amateur hockey in Canada, was elected honorary president.

Allan cup games will be played this winter as usual. The vote on the subject showed Thunder Bay, Ontario, and Saskatchewan in favor of Allan cup games, while Manitoba's delegates had been instructed to vote against them though there will be no expense entailed by the defenders next spring as the finals are to be played in Winnipeg.

In view of the extraordinary conditions existing, the incidence rule has been amended by adding an exception in the cases of soldiers or students, but the time limit is set as December 10, after which date no new commissions from any district (not military) may qualify to play on teams contending for the Allan cup.

In view of the stand that the C. A. H. A. has taken with regard to the playing of Allan cup games, the by-law concerning professionals is to be strictly adhered to as in the past. This was made a minute of the meeting on account of a request received by the Winnipeg Patriotic Hockey league from one of its teams, the soldiers, for a permit allowing Lieut. Ivan (Mike) Mitchell, of the 79th Battalion, to play with that team this winter.

BREEZY BITS

Victoria should break into the win column to-night.

Portland are slight favorites over Seattle for their clash to-night.

Tommy Dunderdale is playing a great game at centre for the Rosebuds.

Gerard has come to terms with the Ottawa manager.

Jack Laviolette is holding out on the Canadiens.

Johnny O'Leary has called off his bout with Kid Scaler.

The Pacific Coast baseball league will open its season of 1916 on April 4 and will close on October 22.

The Chicago Americans have signed a semi-pro pitcher named George Stellar.

Branch Rickey, manager of the St. Louis Browns, is said to have made a fine offer to H. M. LeGore, the Yale ball player.

Sam Crawford, the slugging Detroit outfielder, just failed to get over the 200 mark this year.

Word comes from Spokane that Pat Callahan is to return to Indians in the spring.

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INTERNATIONAL LEAGUER HAS PERFECT RECORD

New York, Dec. 14.—According to the official fielding averages of more than 20 of the leading major and minor leagues, Fred Smith, of the International league, was the most constant outfielder of the past season. Smith, who played left field for the Rochester and Montreal clubs during 1915, figures in 108 games with a perfect average, having 217 put-outs, 12 assists and no errors. His nearest competitor for first place honors was Edgington, of the Central league, who fielded 590 in 123 games. The leading outfielders, in the associations which have published their averages to date, are as follows:

League	Player	Games	Pct.
National-Wilson	105	.984
American-Hugh	117	.981
International-Smith	107	1.000
New York State-Walker	111	.985
Central-Edgington	123	.990
Texas-James	141	.982
Western-Smith	138	.978
Virginia-Gray	129	.978
Canadian-Shaubnessy	201	.983
South Atlantic-Ezell	90	.982
Ohio State-Nutter	103	.983
Interstate-Brooks	52	.981
Three F-O'Brien	128	.974
Northern-Brokaw	121	.985
Pacific Coast-Kane	131	.981

OTTAWA FOOTBALLERS ON ACTIVE SERVICE

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—In reply to criticisms concerning the action of the club in continuing this season, officers of the Ottawa football team have issued a list showing that no fewer than 28 of their members are now on active service. It is as follows:

"Sandy" Cameron, D. J. O'Donohue, Sid Hobart, Jack Williams, Eddie Phillips, Charlie Fleming, Bill Megloughlin, Arthur Black, Jack Ryan, Bert Stronach, Charles Disney, Les. Tubman, Walter Gillis, Eddie Lewis, Bill McLean, Howard Boorne, Cecil Dewar, Jesse Ketchum, Lyman McColl, Parley Carruthers, Charlie Connell, Barney Devine, Charlie Knight, Don Brocky, Fred Davies, Felix Sowden, Jack Merrifield, Gordon McLennan, H. E. Connelly, George Raft, Dick McGee, K. Wilkinson, Eric McDonald, Eric Skead, K. Cassels, Drew Thompson and Grey Masson.

HEAVYWEIGHTS MATCHED.

Lima, O., Dec. 14.—Lima boxing fans are much interested in the outcome of the match between Jack Dillon of Indianapolis and Yankee Gilbert of Philadelphia, to take place before the Shamrock Athletic club in Dayton, Dec. 21.

This is the match that was scheduled to take place here last Saturday, and which was stopped by Sheriff Sherman Eley, when he called out the militia and ejected all persons from the Murphy street ball park at the point of bayonets.

WELSH OUTPOINTED.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 14.—Fredie Welsh, the lightweight champion, was outfought in a six-round bout here last night by Jimmy Murphy of this city. They met at catch-weights, and both appeared to be several pounds above the lightweight limit. Although Welsh was the cleverer of the two, his work was marred by frequent clinches. Murphy was very aggressive and led in every round after the first. In the second round he cut Welsh's lip with a hard left and in the fourth round staggered the champion with a right cross to the head, Welsh saying himself by clinching.

N. H. A. STARS WON.

Montreal, Dec. 14.—A team of all stars made up from the Wanderers and Canadiens of the National Hockey association met Monday night and defeated in a fast and clean hockey game a team made up from the ranks of the Canadian Grenadier guards, a battalion now recruiting from Ontario and Quebec. The score was 10 to 6.

Two recruits to the N. H. A. ranks from the Pacific Coast Hockey association appeared in the game—Skinner Poulin, secured by Canadiens, and Lindsay, signed by Wanderers.

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RETURNS TO SPOKANE.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 14.—Robert J. ("Pat") Callahan, the Spokane south-paw pitcher, sold last August to the Cincinnati Reds, will wear the uniform of the Spokane team in 1916. President F. C. Farr received word yesterday from President August Herrmann, of the Cincinnati Nationals that Callahan would be returned to Spokane because Callahan was not yet ripe enough for major league purposes.

A small payment was made at the time Callahan was sold with the understanding that the balance would be forthcoming next May provided Callahan made good.

BANTAMWEIGHTS TO BATTLE.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Plans for a ten-round bout between Johnny Corbin, ex-bantamweight champion of the world, and Johnny Ertle, a claimant to that title, are now under way. The promoters of the Gary Athletic club approached the ex-champion making a proposition to him which he readily accepted. It is proposed to stage the match early in January. Ertle has not yet agreed upon the terms tendered him by the promoters, but it is likely that he will accept.

AUTOS AND HUMAN NATURE.

"It takes an automobile to develop the human side of a man's nature," observed P. T. Corwin, of Columbus, Ohio, at the Shoreham. "A man can walk along the street and see a fellow in distress without taking a second look, but when he gets to own an automobile and catches up with a fellow motorist who has had an accident, run out of gasoline or got stuck in the mud he will go to all sorts of trouble to help his fellow."

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THE SPIRIT OF THE COLONIES

"Slackers" and those maudlin persons who have been going about London raising a cry against conscription as part of their sinister campaign for "peace with surrender" have been put on notice that it will be well for them hereafter to keep some distance beyond the reach of the brassy arms of Canadian and Australian soldiers. That said upon the "Union of Democratic Control" on Monday evening, which resulted in its being driven from Memorial Hall and its meeting being turned into one for recruiting, revealed the spirit of the great self-governing colonies. Men who have gone from the ends of the earth to fight for the empire cannot be expected to have much patience with English stay-at-homes. They have none for those who under any pretext are doing their little best to hamper the government and destroy the work of the brave men on the battlefields of Europe.



WHY GERMANY CANNOT TRIUMPH

From the Toronto Mail and Empire. If Germany is not defeated in a series of pitched battles upon the western and eastern fronts she will be defeated by the process of attrition, just as the Southern Confederacy was defeated by Grant. Lee himself said that his own lines were worn so thin that they broke. They were not shattered; they collapsed. The time will come when the German armies will be outnumbered by two to one, and when they will be no longer able to replace killed or wounded men with reserves. Up to the present time the German, Russian, French and Italian armies have remained about the same size as they were a year ago. The French army is almost at the point where it will decrease in numbers. The British army has grown from 150,000 to more than one million. The Austrian army has begun to diminish. Within a few weeks it seems certain that there can be no further German increase; the reserves will be barely sufficient to fill the gaps of war, and the lines will be no longer able to hold their present positions. They will begin to contract; while the armies of the allies will continue to expand. It is merely a question of time when the Teutonic alliance will be outnumbered two to one. Man Power of the Nations. Writing on this subject in the New York Tribune, Mr. Frank Simonds calculates the original man power of the warring nations; their losses and the general military situation next spring or summer. In countries where the armies are raised by conscription it is estimated that one-tenth of the population is fit for military service. Germany, therefore, could supply 6,500,000, Austria 5,000,000, Italy 3,700,000, France 4,000,000, and Russia 17,000,000. Great Britain has raised about 3,000,000 under the voluntary system. In other words, the central powers had 11,750,000 available soldiers, as compared with 7,500,000 of the allies. He makes no calculation regarding the Turkish, Serbian, Belgian and Bulgarian armies, for allowing for the half-million men the British have available in this theatre of war, the rival forces are about equal. Slowly Approaching Defeat. Germany knew from the outset, of course, that her only hope of winning against these odds was to defeat her enemies separately, to conquer France and force her to make peace before Russia had finished the war. This plan has utterly failed. It is essential to remember that neither side could use at first all or even half of its numbers. If the whole man strength had been hurled into the firing line there could have been no reserves and the armies would have grown smaller every day. As a matter of fact, the German armies have numbered between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 for the past year; the armies of Russia about 2,000,000, and of France about the same number. Half German Armies Gone. It has been calculated by the French government that the net German losses a month, that is, the number of men permanently eliminated by death, capture or disablement, amount to 250,000. If this calculation is correct Germany would have lost 3,750,000 out of her total 6,500,000, leaving her now with 2,750,000 soldiers, or something less than the number which, it is generally thought, has been the average figure for her active armies during the war. In that case the German armies have already begun to shrink. According to calculations made by British experts, German losses up to Nov. 1 amounted to about 2,000,000. Germany's own claims indicate a loss of 2,400,000. The only material difference in these figures for the purpose of this article is that, according to the French figures, the German decline has already begun, according to the British figures it will begin about the New Year, and according to the German figures it will begin next summer. The Inevitable End. Of course the other warring nations have lost in about the same proportion to the number of men engaged, and the Russians and Austrians probably more. Taking the British method of calculation, Mr. Simonds finds that on April 1, 1915, Germany will have armies of 2,300,000 men, the French will have 1,500,000, while besides the diminishing French army will be a British force of 1,000,000, and reserves capable of supplying all casualties, as well as another half million men for service against the Turks or wherever they may be needed. This, too, is exclusive of all volunteers from the Dominions and colonies. In other words France and Britain would have between them more than the whole of the German forces left in existence. Austria would have 1,200,000, Russia 2,000,000, all the men she can handle, with reserves to keep up this strength for years, and Italy would have her original army of 750,000, with a reserve of 3,500,000. On April 1, then, the central powers would have left 3,500,000 soldiers, and the allies 6,500,000, while Russia and Italy will have millions of reserves. Britain at least a million, and Germany and Austria not one man. A now famous painter, who, in connection with most artistic aspirants, in early life had a hard struggle to make both ends meet, was once asked by an acquaintance to subscribe ten shillings towards the funeral of a man who had died penniless. "What was he?" asked the artist. "A ballist, sir," replied the applicant. The artist's eyes lit up with memories. 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HUNDRED AND FIVE CHINESE GO TO JAIL

Wholesale Raids by Police Bid Fair to Cost Ratepayers Heavily

Police activity in the last few days in the matter of raiding places in Chinatown where gambling is carried on bids fair to cost the ratepayers considerable money before it is done with, and according to reports in police circles the work has only begun.

Already as a result of a raid on the Oriental club in Fan Tan alley on Saturday night the ratepayers will have to find \$1575 for one month's board and lodging in the Saanich pen on farm for 165 Chinese, who were yesterday afternoon fined \$10 and costs each, or one month in jail, and who had not the money to pay the fines, even though the police magistrate made these half the minimum fixed by the criminal code when he saw that the men were not of a class that could pay.

Attack Upon Gambling.

The order for a wholesale attack upon gambling both in the Chinese quarters and in social clubs used by whites is understood to come from a member of the board of police commissioners, and in the form of strict instructions to all members of the police force that whenever they have suspicions that gambling is being carried on in any premises they must immediately apply for a search warrant and proceed to make a raid. This applies to constables on beat or on station duty, and to detectives. Hitherto the making of such proposals has been in the hands of the plainclothes branch but of course every constable was under orders to report any suspicions.

From a financial point of view the matter came up during discussion of the estimates in council last evening, when City Comptroller Raymur informed the aldermen that if the raids in Chinatown were going to continue it would be necessary to materially increase the vote in the police department estimates for the maintenance of prisoners, which had been cut down last week. Mr. Raymur pointed out that the city has to pay fifty cents a day for all prisoners sent to the provincial jail from its courts.

Empire Club Raided.

Last night a raid was made upon the Empire club, at 558 Fisgard street, by the members of the detective department, and eighty-three Chinese were taken. The place was entered by force by Detective Inspector Perdue, Detective Sergeant O'Leary and Detectives Carlow, Murray, Heather and Macdonald. It took some hours to get the prisoners all searched and entered on the charge book at headquarters. Five of them succeeded in getting bail, but the other 78 remained in jail overnight. What would have been the condition of overcrowding if the others had not been taken out by the "oriental Express," as the patrol wagon is now being called, officials do not like to imagine. A great number of additional blankets have been purchased and a lot of mattresses are to be bought to provide some means of keeping the prisoners off the cold cement floor in view of the wholesale arrests coming.

The men were arraigned in police court to-day, and were defended by R. C. Lowe, who was instructed in the matter by a young Chinese lawyer.

Roland H. Powell, one of the police commissioners, was an interested spectator of the proceedings for a short time, leaving as soon as the decision of the court was announced.

Inspector Perdue told of the raid made last night about ten o'clock in the pursuit of a search warrant. The premises were upstairs, approached by a long flight of stairs. Some of the men tried to get away by the doors and the fire escapes. The majority were around a large fantan table, and the others in front of the lottery game. Inspector Perdue stated that he has known the premises for years and had always had the reputation of being used for gambling purposes. They had not been raided for a considerable time.

Sergeant O'Leary described the approach of himself and Detective Carlow to the upstairs rooms, and as they did the door at the head of the stairs was being closed against them. Detective Carlow threw a hammer, which lodged in the interstice and prevented its being fastened. This door, like a second one ten feet further in and being the door of the gambling room, was constructed of planking in two thicknesses, each layer being at right angles to the other. The second door was locked and had to be broken in with mallets and crowbars. There were four fantan tables in the room, and complete paraphernalia for playing fantan and lottery, consisting of several thousand blank and used lottery tickets, ink, brushes, buttons, markers, brass cups, hundreds of pieces of brass money, and the like. There was the usual furniture and the stove was going.

Doors as Exhibits.

The two doors were put in evidence as exhibits, and the contrivance used to keep the door ajar and to close it by pulling a rope when an alarm was raised.

Counsel for the accused Chinese, by his questions, endeavored to suggest that the search warrant was issued before the written request for it.

"Do you imagine that I would issue a warrant without the necessary legal preliminaries?" asked his worship.

Counsel went on to argue that the warrant was addressed to another peace officer than the one who laid the information, but he was overruled. The court held that the materials found in the room and the obstruction of the officers at a closed door established a case as to the illegal character of the place.

Prisoner No. 81, regarding whose name there appeared to be some doubt, was called in by Mr. Lowe for the defence. File No. 81 said he had worked in many places, including Sidney, from

INSTITUTIONAL UNION IN FOUR PROVINCES

Representatives of Western Executives in Consultation To-day to Seek Agreement

An interesting mission brings four of the western ministers to Victoria to-day to confer with members of the provincial executive, more particularly with Hon. Dr. Young, in whose department lies the bulk of the matters which inspired their visit.

The visitors are Hon. J. A. Calder, minister of railways; Hon. G. A. Bell, provincial treasurer, of Saskatchewan; Hon. J. R. Boyle, minister of education in Alberta, and Hon. T. H. Johnson, minister of public works, Manitoba.

Mr. Calder remarked that the prosecution had used the tickets yesterday for identification of the prisoners.

Attracted By Light.

No. 36 went up to the rooms to amuse himself, but in what way he expected to do so he was not clear. No. 3 just happened to walk up; like the moth to the candle, he was attracted by the light.

Mr. Lowe laid emphasis on the fact that no money had been found in the place, and no stamps for marking lottery tickets. He termed the whole proceeding as preposterous, and could not see where the city could gain any credit.

It would not be urged that the morals of Chinatown were being hurt, and there was no question of whites being drawn in. There was nothing unlawful in the playing of fantan among themselves without money.

City Prosecutor Harrison contended that the evidence showed all the material for these games, and it was quite likely that during the delay at the locked door money and other evidence had been got rid of.

Magistrate Jay pointed out that the difference between this case and yesterday's was that there the money was on the table and the stamps for marking had been found. On the other hand men who had been there swore there had been no gambling, and were willing to show their story was not true. Looking at the defendants, they did not appear to be a body of men in a position to gamble, and if they had done so it could not have been for more than five or ten cents.

"It must be remembered," continued his worship, "that latterly the by-law has closed up all the shops in Chinatown, which used to be a rendezvous for Chinese in the evenings, and they have either to walk the streets in the dark or go somewhere else to seek amusement and intercourse. Which I cannot countenance, gambling, the Chinese, as well as others, must have some place to congregate."

The cases were all dismissed.

The police magistrate was occupied for a couple of hours yesterday afternoon in hearing the cases of the 148 men who were arrested in the Oriental club on Saturday night.

Not One Escaped.

Inspector Heatley and Sergeant Fry gave evidence as to the raid and the arrests. The Chinese made a wild rush for all the exits when the officers entered, but as police had been stationed at every possible opening and on the roof not one of the men escaped. The doors which the police had to break down to get into the gambling premises and the paraphernalia and money which were taken were put in evidence.

W. C. Moresby and R. C. Lowe defended the prisoners and the men on bail, and City Prosecutor Harrison conducted the case for the crown.

Counsel pleaded that the men were nearly out of work and had gone to the club rooms solely for the purpose of get heat and comfort, that few of them could pay a fine, and that if it would mean expense to the city if they had to be kept in jail for the period of imprisonment in default of paying. He made a complaint of the overcrowding in the city jail on Saturday and Sunday nights, and the fact that many of the men had to sleep on the cold stones of the floor.

Magistrate Jay said he could not let the men off in any way, but he made the fine half the minimum, or \$10 each, with one month in jail in default of payment.

Forty-three of the men paid the fines and the others were conveyed out to Wilkinson road during the evening and night to work out their time.

HOGGAN WILL CASE

Court Directs Settlement of Claims as Presented by Administrators of Estate.

In the suit brought by William Skinner and George Cox, of Nanaimo, as administrators of the estate of the late William Hoggan, for direction of the court towards a settlement on behalf of the sixty heirs named as defendants, the main points were placed before Mr. Justice Murphy this morning and adjudicated upon.

Mrs. Leachman, sister of John Hoggan, testified that the latter had left Gabriola island many years ago, and had not been heard of for twenty-five years. It had been reported, she said, about twenty-five years ago, that he had been drowned in the great lakes. He was a brother of the late William Hoggan.

Before his death the late William Hoggan gave away portions of his estate to relatives, and direction was made by the court in regard to these this morning the various claimants retaining possession. Argument is being continued this afternoon by the eight lawyers engaged for the various parties in the suit, as to costs. The lawyers are asking that costs be paid out of the estate.

HON. J. A. CALDER

They have come here on Hon. Dr. Young's invitation.

The object is to talk over the best method of arranging the distribution of public institutions for imbeciles, deaf and dumb, blind, etc., and to avoid duplication in the western provinces. The second object is to arrange if possible for uniform text books suitable for the whole of the west in the schools.



HON. J. A. CALDER

To the Times this morning Mr. Johnson said: "We have no positive scheme to lay before the British Columbian ministers, but the object is to prevent duplication. Those institutions which are thoroughly established, and are doing good work will be maintained, but it is hoped that we can save the cost of administration by some joint effort. The idea is to distribute the buildings as far as possible over the western provinces. Following a conference in Winnipeg recently, it was decided to co-operate with British Columbia, and cordial support has been forthcoming from the provincial secretary.



HON. J. R. BOYLE

Hence this gathering has been set for to-day.

With regard to the second question Mr. Johnson stated that the cost of text books for the schools could be considerably reduced if an arrangement to print the books required for the four provinces could be made, so that in multiplication of copies, the initial cost was cut down. The schools wanted books which would be applicable to western industries and development, and that was an important factor.

Mr. Boyle, whose enthusiastic work for the cause of the education of the foreign element in Alberta is well known, said the Albertan government hoped for much good resulting from the conference. "The new issue of the department of education year book, which is just off the press," he said, "gives some interesting information supplementing that of the previous issue, with regard to compulsory education of the rural population with us. However, surprising results have been obtained among the Ruthenians and other foreigners."

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CORNER GOVERNMENT AND BROUGHTON STREETS

TRADED AUTOMOBILE AND GETS IT BACK

Thin Horse Did Not Fatten Up in Three Weeks, but Mean-time Auto Was Sold

Early in August last Sidney Chapman and August Lustig met and discussed a trade of a thin horse, buggy, harness and wagon for an automobile. Mr. Lustig owned the automobile, which he used to drive in from Sidney, and considered the other mode of conveyance would be more useful to him. Having looked over the horse he was of the opinion that it was not much of a horse, and told Mr. Chapman so. The latter asserted it was a perfectly good horse, but was at a disadvantage because its ribs were much too plain. He asserted that three weeks' good feed would make a real horse out of it.

Mr. Lustig agreed to take a chance, and see if three square meals of hay and oats per day would fill out the cavities and make the animal less lumpy, so he took the horse, buggy and harness to Sidney, and handed over the automobile. He did not take the wagon, but was to get it at the end of three weeks when the horse had filled out.

The horse did not fatten, and at the end of three weeks Mr. Lustig came to the conclusion that Mr. Chapman had made a mistake in his estimate of the horse, so he came to Victoria to get back his automobile and call the trade off. On the way to Victoria he met an automobile man in the train who told him that Harry Vernon, of Reardon & Vernon, grocers, Fort street, was in possession of the automobile. Mr. Lustig went there to get it, and was told by Mr. Vernon that he had bought it from Mr. Chapman for \$135. He said this was the first he knew of it, although Mr. Vernon declared the sale had been discussed with Mr. Chapman in Mr. Lustig's presence.

The story of the trade was related to Judge Lammiman this morning when Mr. Lustig sued for recovery of his automobile. Mr. Vernon was the defendant, and it was explained that Mr. Chapman had left Victoria after selling the automobile. The plaintiff contended that he first met Mr. Vernon when he drove Mr. Chapman to the grocery store. Mr. Chapman said Mr. Vernon would teach him to drive the car, and that Mr. Vernon had been called out to the sidewalk, and had said when asked if he could drive that kind of car, "Sure thing."

Mr. Vernon had a different story. He said the sale from Mr. Chapman to himself was discussed, and the price agreed on in Mr. Lustig's presence, and Mr. Dove, an employee at the grocery said he overheard some of it. There was, however, a difference of opinion between them as to the position of the automobile and the distance it was from the sidewalk. Mr. Vernon said also that when Mr. Lustig called for the car he said to Mr. Vernon that Mr. Chapman still owed him \$25, the value of the undelivered wagon in the trade. Judge Lammiman decided that the automobile should be returned to Mr. Lustig, who will also hold the thin horse, the wagon, and the harness pending a claim for them by Mr. Chapman.

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ADVERTISING VICTORIA

Error in Canadian Northern Matter Rectified; Applications Received for More Printed Matter.

An advertisement recently appeared in an eastern magazine on behalf of the Canadian Northern Railway company in which Vancouver only was referred to in connection with winter excursions to the coast. The matter was taken up by the Victoria Island Development league with the Canadian Northern railway advertising department, and this morning the commissioner received a telegram announcing that all the previously issued advertisements had been cancelled and that Victoria is to be included in all further issues. In the same telegram was a request for more printed matter regarding Victoria for distribution among the Canadian Northern railway ticket agents in the prairie provinces.

The commissioner has received from the Canadian Pacific railway a copy of the poster that is hung in all the eastern ticket offices. It refers to winter excursions to Victoria and Vancouver and carries one large illustration, that of the causeway entrance to Victoria. The head of the publicity office writes that Victoria is extensively and very profitably advertised throughout the prairies by the C.P.R. with the illustrated matter sent from the development association.

ANOTHER VIOLINIST.

Joseph Sutcliffe, of Vancouver, to Perform at Ladies' Musical Club Concert on Thursday.

A slight change has been necessitated in the programme to be given by the Ladies' Musical Club on Thursday evening at the Empress hotel, as Mrs. Nash this morning received word that Miss McCraney, a young player who was to have given a violin selection during the evening, would be unable to come down from Vancouver owing to illness. Fortunately the club has been lucky in securing the services of Jasper Sutcliffe, of Vancouver, a violinist who is very well known both in that city and in Victoria. Mr. Sutcliffe is a professional, and for nineteen years was a teacher in the Royal Academy of Music, London, England. His numbers are certain to delight the audience.

The programme will take place at the Empress ballroom.

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We have received a shipment of COMOX NUT—the only real FURNACE COAL on the island. This coal is nearly the size of sack-ful, and will last longer than the ordinary \$7.00 coal. The price is \$5.75 per ton. COMOX PEA COAL, \$3.75 per ton.

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CHRISTMAS PLAY AT UNIVERSITY SCHOOL

Special Car Service Arranged for Patrons of To-morrow's Entertainment

The Christmas play at University school will take place to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. Special cars have been arranged as follows: Two cars will leave the city at 7.15 p.m., arriving at the school at 7.35 p.m. One car will leave the Jubilee hospital corner at 7.45 p.m., arriving at the school at 8 p.m. Two cars will leave the school for the city at 10.30 p.m.

The Christmas term at the school ends on Wednesday, December 15, and the following programme will mark the closing.

Christmas play, acted by members of the school, entitled "Headsy Andy," a drama in two acts by W. R. Floyd. Characters: Handy Andy, A. R. I. Dobson; Squire Egan, A. Tomlinson; Squire O'Grady, T. Thurburn; Mr. Murphy, A. K. H. Oxenham; Dick Dawson, J. DePencier; Mr. Furlong, A. Helmecken; Edward O'Connor, W. B. Garwood; Simon, L. Pickard; Donah Rooney, W. Holmes; Mack Nancy, D. Small; Fanny Dawson, P. R. Heison. The Glee club will render: "March of the Men of Harlech"; "The Minstrel Boy"; "O Canada," to be followed by "The School Song" and God Save the King.

ARRIVES EARLY TO-DAY

Pts. McRae Here This Morning; Three Arrivals on Afternoon Boat.

Although the day was young when Pts. McRae arrived at the C. P. R. wharf by the morning boat to-day, the mayor and John Day, secretary of the Welcome club, were on the wharf to welcome the returning soldier. At the early hour it was difficult to secure a car, but eventually one was found to take him to the Esquimaux Convalescent hospital. McRae was a transport man at the front, who has been wounded, but having recovered from his wounds, he became crippled by pneumonia, and had to retire from active service.

GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

Women's Canadian Club To-day at Alexandra Club Collecting Presents for Soldiers' Children.

The Women's Canadian club has finally decided on the new Victoria High school as the scene of the big children's entertainment and tea which is to be held on Wednesday, December 22. To-day the committee was at the Alexandra club receiving gifts for the decoration of the room which is to provide something for each one of the 1,200 little folks whose fathers are now serving the colors, and numbers and many other citizens brought parcels of all shapes and sizes which are stored away until the tree is ready for the loads of good things which are to be handed round by Santa Claus. On the whole the response of the ladies and gentlemen of Victoria has been very good, and it is hoped that there will be something for every child.

WIRES BETWEEN GREECE AND SERBIA ARE CUT

London, Dec. 14.—Telegraphic communication between Greece and Serbia has been severed, advices received here to-day say.

SESSION WILL BEGIN AT WINNIPEG JAN. 6

Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—The cabinet to-day passed an order-in-council fixing January 6 as the date for the opening of the Manitoba legislature.

REPUBLICANS AT CHICAGO

Washington, Dec. 14.—Chicago was selected by the Republican national committee this afternoon as the meeting place of the 1916 Republican national convention, to be held June 7, one week before the Democratic convention in St. Louis.

ALONG FRONTIER

London, Dec. 14.—In a dispatch filed at Salonica on Monday, Reuters' correspondent says the Bulgarians have occupied the positions formerly held by the Serbians along the Greco-Serbian frontier. At last reports all was quiet there.

The funeral of the late Professor E. G. Wickens, it is now arranged, will take place from the chapel of the B. C. Funeral company on Thursday at 2 o'clock.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Frank Clayton Will Face Higher Court on Charge of Passing Bad Cheque.

Frank Clayton, who has a record in police circles, and who was in the city police court yesterday on a charge of obtaining goods on false pretences, was brought up this morning in the Saanich court on a charge of obtaining credit by a cheque to the extent of \$20. The magistrate remarked that there apparently ought to be a charge of forgery entered.

Clayton has been posing as a returned soldier, a member of the Princess Patricia's regiment, who is home from the war wounded and suffering from having been "gassed." He has occasionally been "varying the story" with the statement that the same shell which wounded him killed his brother.

On December 3 he gave a cheque for \$20 drawn on the Imperial bank and signed by Frank Clarke to Adam Gettel, a jitney driver.

Robert Gibson, a clerk in the Imperial bank here, stated that there is no account there in the name of Frank Clarke, and that the cheque had been refused for that reason.

Adam Gettel, clerk of being engaged by Clayton to take him from the Burnside hotel to the Willows and back and later out to Goldstream and return, and of giving him the cheque in payment.

Provincial Constable Robert Owens arrested the man on Saturday night at Cherry Point, near Cobble Hill. Clayton said then that if he was paid some money he was owed by a man at Malahat he would settle up the cheque matter.

The prisoner was committed for trial. E. L. Tait conducted the prosecution.

In the city court Clayton was again remanded on a charge of obtaining goods to the value of \$255 from James Roberts.

WESTERN SCOTS TO PLAY NAVY

The 67th battalion, Western Scots' football team will play a team from the H. M. C. S. Rathow at the Canteen grounds to-morrow afternoon at 2.15 o'clock. Both these teams will be represented in the next league, and are starting early in preparation for the opening.

WILSON ASKED NOT TO RECOGNIZE MONARCHY

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—An appeal to President Wilson not to recognize the Chinese monarchy was mailed to Washington to-day by Tong King Chong, president of the Chee Kung Tong, known as the Chinese Republic association, which is said to have a membership of about 60,000 in the United States and 300,000 in North, Central and South America.

HAMBORN TURNED OVER TO AGENT OF CROWN

Halifax, Dec. 14.—The Dutch steamship Hamborn, seized by a British cruiser and brought here Oct. 31 with the American steamship Hocking, was released to-day from the prize court and turned over to an agent for the crown, as was done in the case of the Hocking. Both vessels probably will be loaded with grain and sent to the United Kingdom for one trip.

AMERICAN WOMAN IS PRISONER IN SERBIA

Salonica, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Walter Farwell, a Chicago newspaper woman, is held a prisoner in Serbia by the Bulgarians. News of her detention was brought here to-day by her husband. The Bulgarians advised Farwell that his wife was safe and was being well treated.

ANGLO-FRENCH BONDS ON NEW YORK MARKET

New York, Dec. 14.—Regular sales of Anglo-French five per cent. bonds were made on the stock exchange to-day at 95.75, establishing a new low record for this security on direct or immediate sale and forcing the price 3/4 of a point under the figure paid by members of the syndicate.

SHIPMENTS HALTED BY STRIKE AT CHICAGO

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Six hundred engineers, firemen, trainmen and switchmen employed by the "Belt" railway of Chicago struck to-day and a serious tie-up of voluminous freight shipments is threatened. Nearly all of five thousand cars, which the Belt line has carried daily, have been switched at Clearing. Every railroad entering Chicago is affected. Thousands of tons of Christmas and other seasonal goods, food for the Pacific coast and war supplies for Europe are halted.

ARAB BAND DEFEATED ON SINAI PENINSULA

London, Dec. 14.—The defeat of an Arab band in an engagement with a British reconnoitering party on the Sinai peninsula, is announced in an official statement issued in Cairo, Egypt, says a Reuter dispatch from that city, which transmits the statement as follows: "A band of 300 hostile Arabs was routed on Saturday by a British reconnoitering force in the vicinity of Matrah, on the Sinai peninsula. The Arabs, 35 of whom were killed and 7 captured, were driven eastward. The British casualties were 15 killed and 3 officers and 15 men wounded."

THE ENEMY CAN NOT OUTFLANK ALLIES

British and French Reforming in Macedonia; Future Campaign Being Planned

London, Dec. 14.—While the entente powers are generally understood to feel much relieved over the improvement in Greece's attitude toward their operations in the Balkans, as expressed by the withdrawal of Grecian troops from the region of Salonica, the central powers are reported as making determined efforts to prevent Greece making any further concessions to the entente powers. From a military standpoint it is evident that the position of the allies gives them breathing space to plan their future campaign.

A correspondent with the allied armies analyzes as follows the reasons for the series of misfortunes which have dogged the steps of the entente forces ever since their arrival in the Balkans:

First, the expedition started too late. The why and wherefore of the delay must be found elsewhere than with the military authorities.

Second, the forces at the immediate disposal of the allies are inadequate for the task set before the staff, while topographical conditions necessitated the virtual creation of new means of transporting supplies.

Third, the failure of Greece to respond to the expectations of the allies.

Fourth, the fact that the Serbian army retreated westward toward Montenegro, instead of southward toward Salonica, where it might have united with the allies and received reinforcements and supplies from their base.

It is claimed in the latest Bulgarian official reports that the allied armies are still being pursued and harassed, but all dispatches direct from Macedonia indicate that the French and British troops have gained a line which gives them the opportunity of reforming in comparative freedom from attack and relieves them of the danger of being cut off or outflanked.

From Italy comes the report that only Austro-German forces will cross the Greek border, leaving the Bulgarian army to form the second line. These advices indicate that the chief field of the war in the Balkans is being concentrated around Salonica.

General Sarrail, the French commander, has brought his brilliant retirement to an end, according to Paris, after destroying everything of use to the Bulgarians.

Cleveland, the last Serbian railroad station held by the allies, is in flames, and everything along the road has been burned or otherwise destroyed, it is reported.

Along the other fronts only minor operations are reported.

AMERICAN AMBASSADORS HAVE NO COURIERS NOW

London, Dec. 14.—Special courier service between Ambassador Page here and Ambassador Gerard, in Berlin, has been suspended at the instance of the German government.

Since the beginning of the war the two American ambassadors have employed special messengers to carry their messages to one another. The German government objected to any persons, no matter how far above suspicion, continually passing between that country and this. All of the embassy couriers have been Americans.

SAYS GERMAN SUBMARINE SANK THE LINER ANCONA

London, Dec. 14.—An eyewitness of the sinking of the Ancona, says the Daily Express, declares that Austria-Hungary has been placed in a most serious predicament by the American note of protest. He says: "The submarine undoubtedly was German. In the first place, the Austrians have no submarines of the size and size of the one that torpedoed the Ancona; secondly, the officers and men on board the liner were surely Germans, not Austrians. It would be idle for the Austrians to pretend it was their craft, although she flew the Austrian flag."

WILL ALLOW LOGWOOD TO BE SENT TO STATES

Washington, D.C., Dec. 14.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, received word to-day from the foreign office in London that the British government is considering American representations looking to the modification of its embargo on logwood exports from the West Indies and that a satisfactory solution is hoped for.

STOCK MARKET FEARS A DROP IN BUSINESS

London, Dec. 14.—The government's scheme for the mobilization of American securities was much discussed to-day in the American section of the stock market, which fears that the plan will cause a further depletion of business. Several sales of American and Canadian old bonds were recorded, but railroad shares lacked attention and declined. Rubber shares were in good demand.

NEW YORK CUBAN PRICES

Table with columns for various commodities like Am. Marconi, Buffalo, Can. Car Fdy, etc., and their prices.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Table with columns for various cotton grades like Jan., Feb., Mar., etc., and their prices.

NEW YORK SUGAR

Table with columns for various sugar grades like New York, Dec. 14, etc., and their prices.

MORE THAN 500,000 RECRUITS AT LAST

London Evening News Says Rush Brought in Half Million

London, Dec. 14.—According to the Evening News, last week's rush for enrollment brought in more than 500,000 recruits for the army.

The vote for another million men for the army, which Mr. Asquith intended to move on Thursday of this week, has been postponed until next week.

The prime minister had promised to give the house of commons the results of the Earl of Derby's campaign also on Thursday, but it has been impossible to tabulate the figures on time and this announcement likewise has been postponed until next week.

MONTREAL PRESBYTERIANS ARE IN FAVOR OF UNION

Gave Majority of 1514; the Vote in St. Paul's Church, Winnipeg.

Montreal, Dec. 14.—Final figures of the church union vote in the 25 congregations and 12 mission stations of the presbytery of Montreal, as sent forward to Toronto yesterday by Rev. Dr. James Patterson, show a majority of 1,514 elders, members and adherents in favor of union. The total vote stands as follows: Elders, 258 for, against, 22; members, 4,114 for, against, 3,372; adherents, 718 for, against, total, 5,390 for, 3,878 against.

Although this shows a total majority of 39 per cent. in favor of union, the results by congregations and the votes given in other parts of the Dominion are convincing even the staunchest advocates of union that there is no sufficient strong sentiment in the churches to make it worth while braving dismemberment in order to achieve their ideal.

Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—The vote on church union in St. Paul's Presbyterian church stands: Elders, 29 for, against, 24; members, 244 for, against, 193; adherents, 55 for, against, total, 439 for and 67 against, leaving a majority of 373 in favor of union.

MINNESOTA'S CAPTAIN ANSWERED NO INQUIRIES

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—A federal inquiry into the cause of the disablement of the liner Minnesota has been started. John W. Preston, United States district attorney, and officers of the federal steamboat inspection service are in charge.

All last night and this morning the Minnesota lay off the lightside outside the Golden Gate. But though she was near at hand, not a word could be obtained of the cause of her return to port. Captain Garlick was as mum as ever to all wireless inquiries and the federal officials here, if they knew, would not give out a word of the liner's interrupted cruise.

BRITISH NEWSPAPERS FAVOR M'KENNA'S PLAN

London, Dec. 14.—The plan presented in the Commons yesterday by Rt. Hon. Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer, for mobilization of American securities is received with favor by a major part of the press.

Some newspapers, however, are inclined to await further details before expressing a definite opinion. In particular there is a demand for a clearer definition of the government's plans for disposing of securities secured by purchase.

The whole scheme will come under close scrutiny in the house of commons before final approval is given to a measure which puts such large power into the hands of the treasury.

MONTEAL STOCKS

Table with columns for various stocks like Am. Marconi, Canadian Marconi, etc., and their prices.

WHEAT SOARS AT FIRST THEN RECEDES SHARPLY

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Clearances of wheat were less than usual. But it was not there was only 200,000 bushels of spring wheat left over after the close of navigation, against 5,000,000 a year ago.

The Minneapolis Journal says Duluth and Minneapolis received 43,000,000 bushels more and about 56,000,000 more than a year ago, showing a phenomenal demand.

Broomhall advises that Spain has authorized the purchase of 7,500,000 bushels of free trade and that it probably will be bought from America. New York reported export business quiet early, but some hard wheat worked well. The Gulf at a discount of 3 cents under May in Chicago.

Early news was of an unflattering character, and the pit trade were somewhat at sea, but inclined to the bear side. The market shot up 2 1/2 cents from low level of that time and as quickly receded again to last night's closing levels. The strength in the northwest was a factor in helping the early advance, after which there was the decline precipitated by profit taking.

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GREECE IS FEELING THE PINCH KEENLY

Takes All Ships in British and American Ports for Supplies

London, Dec. 14.—The Greek government, it was learned here to-day, has commandeered all Greek shipping in British and American ports in an effort to supply the deficiency in food and coal which exists in Greece as a result of the restrictions imposed by the entente powers.

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Financial News

CORONATION OFFERS STOCKS DID BETTER BUT RANGE NARROW

Howe Sound Made Gain and Standard Lead Held Strong To-day

Neither Bulls Nor Bears Eager to Press Their Individual Position

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

New York, Dec. 14.—Prices were a little higher. The international political situation was the dominating influence. Stocks, it is true, have come out in volume on the declines, but even so, signs were not lacking today of nervousness among at least a portion of the best informed investors. Bearish inclined are rather timid, as relatively little progress has been made so far on the down side, but the disposition

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GIVE WHAT YOU CAN

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Copper Wire Lined Spark Guards

Have you seen our new shipment of serviceable Spark Guards in the following sizes?

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- 42 x 36 \$3.60

Useful Xmas Gifts

Every woman appreciates a gift that, while useful, can be used to beautify her home. May we suggest a few articles that make practical and charmingly beautiful gifts?

CASH PRICES

- Copper and Nickel Chafing Dishes, \$6.30 and \$16.25
- Nickle Teapots, \$1.35, \$1.57, \$1.80, \$2.05, \$2.25 and \$3.15
- Traveler's Companion, with alcohol lamp, at only \$1.05
- Afternoon Tea Kettles, with stand and alcohol lamp, from \$4.50 to \$9.00
- Coffee Percolators, \$8.10 and \$11.25

Cushion Tops

A choice assortment of Cushion Tops, made up with contrasting backs, ready to receive pillows, of handsome silk brocades, tapestries, plushes, French and Genoa velvets, in beautiful designs and colorings that make charming Christmas gifts, at the extremely low price of \$1.00 each.

BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION PRECEDES TAXATION

Committee Lays Emphasis on Importance of Making Old Reserve Taxable

"There are in the neighborhood of 119 acres of this land, which should be paying taxes to the city and is not. It is almost in the heart of the city, and cannot be brought under taxation until it is alienated from the provincial government, which cannot be done until it is placed upon the market and sold. It cannot be placed on the market and sold unless communication with the city is established.

"It was estimated at the time that the taxes from this land, when taxable, would more than pay the interest and sinking fund necessary under the by-law that must be submitted."

The foregoing is an extract from the report of the Johnson street bridge committee, laid on the council table last evening by Ald. Okell, chairman of the committee.

Ald. Okell's report shows that at the present time four bridge plans are before the council. Plan A calls for an outlay of \$380,000; Plan B, \$364,000; Plan C, \$377,000; Plan D, \$392,000. The committee favored Plan D. All plans called for a swing structure with two clear openings of 110 feet each. A basic type of bridge would cost from \$40,000 to \$50,000 more. The cost of the approaches (not included in the above estimates) would be the same in the case of any of the plans, viz., \$75,000. The bridge would have a clear width of seventy-eight feet. On the south side would be a ten-foot walk, then a roadway of forty-one feet six inches from curb to curb, then the railroad track of 16 feet and a four-foot walk on the north side.

The alderman went at some length into the history of the negotiations. Options are held, it was stated, on land valued at \$160,000 for Green, Burdick & Company, and \$70,000 for Mrs. Munn's property required for the eastern approaches of the bridge.

The total cost of the land, approaches and construction of the bridge will be \$672,000, of which the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway contributes \$81,000, and the government \$175,000. Thus the city's share is \$417,000.

The E. & N. railway is to pay \$150 an acre taxes on the reserve land, but is to be exempt from local improvement on the roadway to extend Johnson street. The company gives an approach through its present property on to the bridge, and pays \$2,000 a year maintenance for the structure. The company, it was stated, has declined to sign the agreement in view of financial conditions, and the lack of assurance that the city will be able to dispose of the debentures for some time.

In conclusion the report bears tribute to the harmony which has marked proceedings throughout Ald. Okell's chairmanship, and that of his predecessor, Mr. Cuthbert.

Y. W. C. A. REPORTS

Executive Decides to Hold Usual Christmas Dinner for Girls Away From Home.

There was a meeting of the Y. W. C. A. on Friday afternoon. Mrs. Frank Adams, the president, in the chair. Twelve members of the board were present. The general secretary reported a busy month. Twelve clubs from the different churches are now using the gymnasium, besides a number of badminton teams. The Sunday services are well attended. The Young Women's Auxiliary and other girls' clubs, it was reported, are meeting weekly. In January there is to be a story-hour given each Friday afternoon by Miss Hughes of the public library, and to this any young girl is invited.

The employment bureau report for the month just closed showed that a considerable service was being filled by this depot, as twenty-three women during November were placed in permanent positions and 12 in temporary. About 125 meals were served daily. The Christmas dinner, it was decided would be served as usual, and any girl who was away from home would be welcomed. The miscellaneous shower held during the month was not very successful, perhaps owing to bad weather. The public, however, will be given another opportunity shortly to support the association through this medium, as another shower is being arranged for.

The Travelers' club met last evening and 40 trains, and assisted 17 people. There were 30 new members welcomed during the month, and 10 renewals received.

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COMPLAINT TO BE INVESTIGATED

Operations of Butchers in City Market Will Be Examined

A meeting will be held on Friday afternoon to deal with the complaint of the Retail Merchants' association that the butchers in the produce market are selling cold storage meat, contrary to the principles under which the market is operated. A further allegation was made, in a letter read in city council last evening, with regard to the use of some of the stalls by non-producers.

Alderman Sargent thought it would be very hard to hold an investigation of general charges, and thought specific cases should be quoted.

Two more damage claims for injury to property in the western sections of the city as the result of blasting for the northwest sewer work were before the council, and were ordered to be paid, the finance committee recommending \$50 to Capt. Brown and \$100 to C. J. Brown, One Howard road.

The council received and filed the resolution passed by the Civic Refreshment association at its meeting on Tuesday asking for the mayor's salary to be cut down to \$2,000 a year and the aldermen to forego the receipt of salary in 1916.

Immediate attention will be given to a complaint that in violation of the agreement made two years ago, telephone poles are being erected on Medina street, instead of in the backyards.

The attempt to secure a rebate of the taxes on new St. John's church for 1912, when both land and buildings were to be exempted when used for ecclesiastical purposes, will fall on the ground that the church was only building in that year and the first service was not held till December 27, before the church was actually completed.

A committee composed of Aldermen McNeill, Bell and McCandless was appointed to deal with the application of the city school board for additional accommodation in the old jail building, and also to arrange better accommodation for the janitor in portion of the building.

The Victoria Machinery Depot having been refused permission to erect a gasoline tank containing 12,500 gallons at the foot of Russell street, has secured power for the establishment of a tank underground on the depot's own property, in accordance with the terms of the by-law.

Equipment has now withdrawn from the arrangement whereby the city health officer looks after fumigation and quarantine in the township.

PROJECTED JAIL DELIVERY

Aliens at Field Internment Camp Plan a General Escape but Are Frustrated.

Through the vigilance of the guards at the Field Internment camp what might have been a serious break for liberty was frustrated last week, according to reports coming from there.

For some time it had been noticed by the guards that an air of surliness encompassed the interned aliens, and it was decided to increase the vigilance and be prepared for eventualities. The matter came to a climax a few days ago, when upon making the rounds of the sleeping quarters of the prisoners, it was discovered that a number of them had retired in the clothes in which they worked and were prepared against cold weather. Some are said to have kept on their gloves.

It is the belief of the guards that the men had prepared a plan for overpowering one or more custodians and making a break for liberty. It would be impossible for the aliens to travel far before being overtaken, unless the plan called for commandeering an engine or freight train and escaping south.

Since the episode a stricter watch is being kept and the guards have been ordered to take no chances.

A KAMLOOPS RUMOR.

Reported That Hon. W. J. Bowser is Looking for a Residence in That Altitude.

In a recent issue of the "Herald Sentinel," published at Kamloops, appears the following item: "It is credibly reported that Hon. W. J. Bowser is coming to reside at Kamloops for the winter, for the benefit of his health, which his many friends and political supporters will regret to hear has been far from satisfactory during the past two or three weeks. If this anticipation proves true the renown of Kamloops as a health builder is not likely to suffer, and we should confidently expect to see Mr. Bowser restored to his wonted health and energy after a few weeks of the special air and sunshine of this locality. Although no positive statement can be made negotiations have been proceeding for a temporary residence for the minister of many portfolios, and we believe arrangements are being made for a lengthy absence from Victoria."

Giles purchased a horse on Monday morning, and went home very proud of his new acquisition. But Tuesday morning found him back at the house of the vendor of the animal—a careful Scotsman—full of indignant wrath. "I thought you told me that this horse had won half a dozen prizes in competition with some of the best horses in the country?" "I did so," replied the Scot equably. "Oh, it was a lie!" snorted the purchaser. "Why, he can't do a mile in less than ten minutes." "Who said he could?" replied the Scotsman. "It was in ploughin' matches that he won sax prizes!"



Letters addressed to the Editor and intended for publication must be short and legibly written. The longer an article the shorter its chance of insertion. All communications must bear the name of the writer. The publication or rejection of articles is a matter entirely in the discretion of the Editor. No responsibility is assumed by the paper for MSS. submitted to the Editor.

SUPERFLUITIES.

To the Editor:—We, the undersigned members of the Women's committee make an urgent appeal to the women of Victoria for more superfluous gifts. The Red Cross society has received, in some cases we know of, women have given their most cherished possessions, realizing they were unable to give money; yet in other cases (purely we know, through want of thought) others have not yet sent us the superfluous things they can send. Victoria has not yet contributed to these sales, and we refuse to believe that the owners have no wish to assist our brothers at the front.

There are, of course, imaginary excuses. It has even been suggested that the idea of superfluous sales is somewhat akin to the custom obtaining in the Selkirk Isles, where they are supposed to live by taking in each other's washing. But one must realize that what might be superfluous in one home is urgently wanted in another. Besides, it has been proven at the recent sales that a large proportion of buyers were from the United States.

The Superfluous committee have a perfect organization. There are no running expenses now; everything is given, and if the women of Victoria will only give what they do not want, that which they do not use, that which has no sentimental value, they are after all, making very little sacrifice, and these sales will be able to continue throughout the period of the war. If they do not, the sales will have to stop at the end of the year and this organization broken up.

The demands of the Red Cross are urgent and unceasing. It is futile to argue that the government looks after our wounded soldiers—of course it does. So does the government look after our poor, but the Red Cross society, in many cases working as independent units, being a message of love and help which is as different to the direct military assistance of the kindly disposed giver to the post is to government assistance via the work-house.

It should be a pride and privilege for us women to do our share. We cannot all have the honor that our Red Cross sisters have of active service, but we can all give what we can do without.



When the history of this war is told and we learn how the Red Cross has been hampered by want of funds and we realize that, perhaps the hoarding of a "superfluity" has meant parched lips, unstanched wounds, pain and agony that might have been assuaged by our giving of that superfluity, there will be no pride of possession, there will be a shame in possessing.

We make this urgent appeal to the women of Victoria to give us of their superfluities, to give freely and to give quickly.

KATHLEEN GORDON, ETHEL PITTS, MARIAN PITTS, GUNNIE BOWSER, MOLLY PEARCE, For the Women's Superfluous Committee, Canadian Red Cross, Dec. 13, 1915.

ROTARY CLUB

Business for Thursday: Christmas Tree Presents Are Bought and Wrapped. Up to Hang on Tree.

The one hundred and sixth meeting of the Rotary club, to be held at the Empress hotel, Thursday at 12.30, will be the first under the direction of the newly-elected officers. The president, James Hunter, will preside.

The entertainment for the day is in the hands of the new officers who will outline their policy for the year. At the annual meeting the balance sheet was presented and a discussion of the accounts will be in order on Thursday. The directors say that for several reasons they require the largest possible attendance.

Rotary is all ready for the Christmas tree to be held at the Victoria theatre on December 23. Last night a dozen Rotarians assembled at a store on Fort street and wrapped up Christmas presents for two hundred and fifty-five children. Each parcel bears the address of the child who is to have the gift, and all that now remains is for it to be hung on the tree, waiting the call of the child's name by Father Christmas from the stage of the theatre.

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- B. C. Salmon, 3 tins for 25¢
- Edgar's English Peas, 2 tins for only 25¢
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- Bon Bon Seeded Raisins, 2 pkgs. for 25¢
- Dixi Plum Puddings, from 75¢ up to \$2.00
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HEALTH COMMITTEE

ESTIMATE CONSIDERED

Question of Doctor's Salary Raised; Library Contributions From District Councils

A short meeting of the civic committee on estimates was held last evening in order to interest the neighboring municipalities in the contribution of a fair share towards the maintenance of the Carnegie library. It was decided to approach Oak Bay, Saanich and Esquimalt for the sum, respectively, of \$400, \$250 and \$250, being the cost of library books used by residents of those municipalities. The previous effort last year to secure a contribution had failed because the municipalities had framed their estimates. Oak Bay council then showed a desire to recognize the justice of the contribution. The city makes no effort to collect towards the maintenance of the building.

Alderman McNeill secured the passage of a resolution to have an estimate prepared showing the cost of store buildings at Garbally road yards, with a view of concentrating all the stores at this point, and avoiding the present distribution over three or four centres. A report is also to be secured from the engineer to show how many employees are at present engaged. The works department estimates were not touched, as a meeting to reach some settlement for reduction of them by arrangement with the engineer had not been held. The health department estimates were the object of attention, the payment of \$4,000 a year to the medical health officer, who is also receiving a sum (stated by the mayor to be \$155 a month), from the military authorities, being considerably criticized. It was stated that the salary was increased in 1912 so that the doctor could give his whole time to the work. Alderman Porter observed that while the doctor appeared to be receiving a large salary under present conditions, he had kept the city remarkably free from disease. The matter was left over for consultation between the mayor and chairman of the health committee, Alderman McCandless. Alderman McNeill said, when the vote for the Jubilee hospital was before the committee, that the directors were preparing a statement of the minimum appropriation required, which would be forwarded as soon as possible through the president, R. S. Day.

A visitor to a hospital for soldiers was surprised to hear one of the patients being addressed by the nurses by his Christian name, it being customary to address patients by their surnames only. Upon inquiry as to why this distinction was accorded to the particular soldier referred to, the reply received was: "Well, we can't very well call him by his surname." "But why not?" queried the somewhat astonished visitor. "You see," was the overwhelming answer, "his surname is Love, and it's rather awkward."

French Red Cross Tea, Oak Bay hotel.

ANOTHER GOOD BILL.

Crowded Theatre Assured for Pantages This Week; More Mysteries and Much Amusement.

Following a sort of established habit on the Pantages, circuit that "good things never come alone," the first-rate bill of last week is succeeded by another of the same kind this week. Everything from the Pantagescope to the "Colonial Days" musical sketch was worth being present to see, and audience and orchestra alike took part in the performance before the entertainers were over. Another mystery is before the Pantages patrons. What is Crew? Where does she come from? How is it done? Whatever this "Mystifying creation of woman from a rag, a bone, a hank of hair" may be, she is "fully protected by law." So perhaps the solution is beyond probing. Very little was said by the manufacturer, the scant wire dress-form was draped in view of the audience, and a plaster face painted and powdered and set atop the whole. Just where the breathing, living form entered the dress prepared for it will remain a mystery.

A very dainty and charming is the concluding act, in which all the characters appear in the "powder-period" brocades, panniers and perukes. The setting, a sunny walled rose-garden, was very attractive, and quite enough plot was introduced to weave in songs and instrumental numbers which were all pleasing. The voices were all good, and there is at least one delightful actor of the old school, William Zampier, who possesses a rich baritone and "the grand manner" of the well-trained player.

A delicious bit of droll dialogue is furnished by S. H. Dudley and Mr. Ramsey, assisted by their mule "Pat." Without once stepping into the region of the vulgar they afforded an entertainment rich in humor and innuendo, and the dialect of the "culled-up puss" was inimitable. Pat was as amusing as his master, but his performance was short.

Les Arados have a cave which might have been made for Aladdin. But they use it simply as a retreat to practice some entertaining acrobatic turns, principally on a high see-saw that is always hitting them in the wrong place at the wrong moment.

Dancing Davey is also full of entertainment, and took his audience into his confidence in asking them to request any special numbers they wished to see performed. He wears wooden heels and soles to his shoes, perhaps it is just as well, for although as light as a feather he taps a thousand spots to the minute in his pitter-patter to the music which is provided for the various dances. He is certain to be quite a favorite during his appearance here.

During a certain law case a woman entered the witness-box, and calmly stated that she was thirty years of age. The judge looked at her thoughtfully and then searched his memory. "Look here, madam," he said suddenly; "didn't you appear before me five years ago in such-and-such a case, and didn't you say then that your age was thirty?" "Yes," replied the woman promptly. "Then what do you mean by coming here now and deceiving the court?" thundered the judge. "I did not intend to deceive the court," was the calm reply. "But I'm a woman of my word and don't believe in saying one thing one time and something else another."

FOUND DROWNED.

A coroner's jury sat yesterday afternoon for the purpose of inquiring into the cause of death of Edward G. Wickens, a professor of music whose body was found Sunday afternoon in the water off Dallas road. A verdict of found-drowned was returned. The only evidence before the jury was that of Albert Rudge, 129 Menzies street, that while walking on the cliff he saw the body in the water, and notified the police. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the premises of the E. C. Funeral Furnishing company. Arrangements are in the hands of the Masonic lodge.

Acid Stomachs Are Dangerous

Common-Sense Advice by a Distinguished Specialist.

"Acid" stomachs are dangerous because acid irritates and inflames the delicate lining of the stomach, thus hindering and preventing the proper action of the stomach, and leading to probably nine-tenths of the cases of stomach trouble from which people suffer. Ordinary medicines and medicinal treatments are useless in such cases, for they leave the source of the trouble, the acid in the stomach, as dangerous as ever. The acid must be neutralized, and its formation prevented, and the best thing for this purpose is a teaspoonful of burdock root, a simple antacid, taken in a little warm or cold water after eating, which not only neutralizes the acid, but also prevents the fermentation from which acidity is developed. Foods which ordinarily cause distress may be eaten with impunity if the meal is followed with a little burdock magnesia, which can be obtained from any druggist, and should always be kept handy.

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