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GERMANY MUST MAKE FULL REPARATION

GERMAN TROOPS ARE UNABLE TO WIN BACK ANY OF THE GROUND CAPTURED BY FRENCH IN THEIR RECENT DRIVE

Raiders Succeed in Entering Portion of Advanced Trenches, but Are Driven Out; Gen. Joffre Hands Over Command of Armies of the North and Northeast to Gen. Nivelle

Paris, Dec. 19.—A raid was undertaken by German troops last night on the Somme front north of Chilly. The announcement from the war office says the effort was without permanent success. On the Verdun front active artillery fighting occurred in the regions of Louvemont and Chambrettes.

The communication reads: "South of the river Somme yesterday evening German troops undertook a surprise attack upon our trenches north of Chilly. One detachment of the enemy was successful in penetrating a unit of our advanced trenches, but they were immediately driven out."

"On the right bank of the river Meuse the enemy artillery was active during the night in the region of Louvemont and Chambrettes. There is nothing to report from the remainder of the front."

"During the day of Dec. 17, two German aeroplanes were brought down by French pilots on the Verdun front. One of the enemy machines fell at Herbeuville, and the other came down at a point near Ornes."

"During the night of Dec. 18-19, French bombing squadrons threw down 600 bombs (1,200 pounds) of projectiles on the railroad station at Dunsur Meuse and at Montney, and upon certain barracks near Aasnes."

Surrender Command.
General Joffre handed over the command of the French armies of the north and northeast yesterday morning to Gen. Robert George Nivelle, recently appointed commander-in-chief of the armies. In a brief speech Gen. Joffre congratulated Gen. Nivelle upon his appointment. The principal officers of the grand headquarters staff who will remain at their posts until Gen. Nivelle forms his own staff, likewise offered their congratulations.

Gen. Nivelle replied, expressing admiration for the high military qualities of the victor of the Marne, whose selection as president of the allied military council he alluded to as a merited promotion.

GERMANS SAY THEY HAVE AMPLE RESERVES

Declare Shortening of Front in Roumania Has Freed Many Troops

Berlin, Dec. 19.—Although the German military authorities are making no effort to belittle the gains recently made by the French in the neighborhood of Verdun, and look for more attacks in the near future, they maintain that the results attained are small and have no effect on the general military situation. They do not believe the anticipated future attacks will necessitate any transfer of troops from the east to the west, since ample reserves are on hand.

The continued German advance in Roumania, aside from straightening the line and reducing the length of the front by several hundred kilometres, has freed large numbers of troops. The Germans are watching with interest for foreign speculation as to where Field Marshal von Hindenburg will employ these forces, whether against Italy, Russia, or the entente forces on the Macedonian front.

SEEKING INFORMATION.

Rome, Dec. 19.—The American ambassador, Thomas Nelson Page, is gathering evidence from the 25 American hostlers on board the Italian steamship Palermo, which was torpedoed and sunk recently off the Spanish coast. This evidence tends to show that the steamship was sunk without warning and without having attempted to escape.

SPANISH STEAMSHIP SUNK.

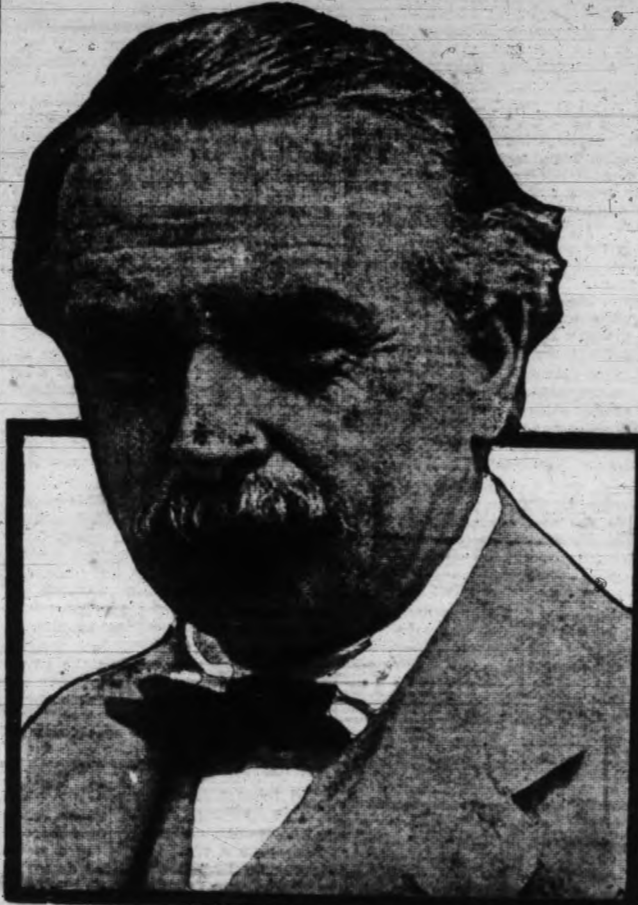
London, Dec. 19.—Lloyd's announces that the Spanish steamship Azon has been sunk.

The steamship Azon, of 2,985 gross tons, built at Cadiz in 1901, was last reported as arriving at Bordeaux on November 25 from Scotland.

MAY CLOSE THEATRES.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The Association of Paris Theatre Managers has notified the government that if the proposed new tax on theatres is imposed all the theatres will be closed.

MAKES STATEMENT TO-DAY IN HOUSE OF COMMONS; PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE



CONTAINS NO BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS

German Proposal Does Not Meet Demands of Civilization

ITALIAN MINISTER OUTLINES HIS VIEWS

Only Settlement Will Be One Guaranteeing Lasting Peace

Rome, Dec. 19.—Foreign Minister Sonnino said in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday that several resolutions which had been introduced in the Chamber in regard to the peace proposals of the central powers seemed to be based on the supposition that the government had or would have concrete and precise indications as to the basis on which negotiations would be opened.

"As I said on the day before yesterday, this supposition does not correspond with the facts," the foreign minister continued. "There is no sign of conditions or basis for negotiations in the enemy's note. I possess no information in regard to eventual conditions of peace, beyond the note from the enemy which I read in the Chamber."

"Should representations be made subsequently we should consider what to do, but it would be neither practical nor proper to discuss that question today. Moreover, it should be understood clearly that no one of the entente allies can take into consideration any condition whatever which by hypothesis might be eventually offered to him under separate form. In the public interest and out of respect to the allied governments I cannot communicate to you anything whatever as to the substance of the answer we shall give to the note of the four enemy powers. The answer will be published as soon as it is drawn up."

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FRANCE ORGANIZED AS FIGHTING UNIT

Factories Are Producing Munitions at Astounding Rate

New York, Dec. 19.—War preparations and the conversion of industrial plants into munitions factories have by no means crippled the steel industry of England, according to Dr. John A. Shellito, of the Ontario Steel Corporation, who has returned from a six months trip to England and France. He said that almost the normal quantity of manufactured steel products are being turned out, and that new industries are being established.

"In France," said Dr. Shellito, "I found the people anything but discouraged over the prospects of victory. The nation is organized as a fighting unit. Munitions are being produced at an astounding rate. I visited one factory where 4,000 women and 1,500 men were turning out between 50,000 and 75,000 shells daily."

CANADIAN BANDS ARE GIVEN HEARTY WELCOME

London, Dec. 19.—The visit of the massed Canadian bands to Paris was a great success. After the rehearsal on Saturday the bands gave a concert in the Trocadero on Sunday afternoon. They were welcomed by Lieut.-Col. E. H. Lebet, Quebec, of the Canadian hospital, Bandmaster Eugene Goossens conducted the performances, which were enthusiastically applauded. Madame Litvinne sang "O Canada." In the evening the bands were the guests of the Grand Opera, where they played on the stage. On Monday they visited Versailles and in the evening played a popular programme.

SHORTAGE OF CARS CAUSED COAL FAMINE

Chicago, Dec. 19.—With Chicago householders facing the possibility of a fuel famine, announcement was made today that Charles F. Cline, United States district attorney, and William L. O'Connell, chairman of the Illinois state public utilities commission, heading a delegation of shippers and coal consumers, will seek to obtain from the interstate commerce commission means to alleviate the situation. Coal dealers, who assert the situation is becoming more acute, attribute it to a shortage of cars.

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NO IMPORTANT EVENTS ON MACEDONIAN FRONT

Paris, Dec. 19.—The official communication given out here today in regard to the campaign on the Macedonian front says no important events occurred yesterday in that theatre of war.

LLOYD GEORGE REPLIES TO PROPOSALS OF THE ENEMY; ALLIES IN COMPLETE ACCORD

PREMIER DEFENDS ATTORNEY GENERAL

Hon. H. C. Brewster Speaks at Campaign Meeting at Vancouver

HON. M. A. MACDONALD'S CHALLENGE TO OPPONENTS

Calls on Them to Make Public Scott's Alleged Affidavit

Vancouver, Dec. 19.—They tell us we must not publish Scott's alleged affidavit. I say to them, go ahead and publish it. I cannot speak for the five or six others, especially J. L. Sullivan, mentioned in it, but I can assure them that I will not bring any libel suit. I never said I would, Mr. Martin to the contrary."

This challenge was made by Hon. M. A. Macdonald, attorney-general, last night in the Orange hall, when his Premier Brewster and other speakers appealed for the re-election of this city's two representatives in the cabinet at Thursday's election.

Every inch of the seating capacity of the hall was occupied and a large number were standing. Mr. Macdonald was the last speaker and the big crowd waited till he came, rather late, as he had already been at two others, and waited till he was through, cheering him vigorously. Besides the premier and attorney-general, Hon. Ralph Smith, J. W. deB. Farris, M. F. P., and Walter Hepburn spoke. William Ball, president of the Liberal association of the West End of Wards 3 and 4, was chairman.

Premier Brewster.

Premier Brewster was given an enthusiastic ovation on rising. He assured the audience that he would not indulge in insults or personalities. However, he had no apologies to make in speaking to a Vancouver audience, as he considered he had treated the city decently in making his cabinet appointments. Although it was the first time he had ever opposed Liberals on the hustings, he would do so without venom, as British Columbia wanted something higher than that at the present time. The premier referred to the so-called investigation which had been instituted by former Premier Bower in the legislature on the plugging episode.

"It was an entirely political one," he said, "and after that every possible use was made of it by Mr. Bower to keep M. A. Macdonald out of the legislature. But the people decided otherwise. Then it fell to me to form a cabinet. I had Mr. Macdonald with me all over the province, and let me tell you, perhaps no member stands in higher respect throughout British Columbia as well as Vancouver than he."

"Just about that time I was called on the long distance phone from Seattle. The man speaking was John P. Scott, but there were others present. I know that. Mr. Scott said he was being hounded to death and wanted to come back to British Columbia. I told him that, so far as political protection was concerned he would get none, but if he would come and tell a true story any protection the province could legally give him he would get."

"Then a detective visited me and I called my solicitor, R. T. Elliott, K.C. The detective had a statement, but it was unsigned and not sworn, and when we asked who were 'the men behind' he did not know, except that one of them wore a coonskin coat. But as I was going to form my cabinet it was inferred that I would have to keep M. A. Macdonald out. They practically told me that I must not appoint Mr. Macdonald until the plugging was cleared up, and they would see to it that it was not cleared up for two or three years. I had been with Mr. Macdonald for some time and I saw that he was being made the subject of an attack which had some political significance. He had been returned at the head of the poll in the province's greatest city. Should I have said under those circumstances? 'Macdonald, you must stay out? I am too British for that.'"

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Prime Minister Declares Note Affords Small Hope and Encouragement for Honorable and Lasting Peace; Entente Powers Will Insist on Guarantees Against Prussian Militarism

London, Dec. 19.—Premier Lloyd George said in the House of Commons to-day that it was felt that they should know before entering upon negotiations that Germany was prepared to accede to the only terms whereon it was possible for peace to be obtained and maintained in Europe. He said that without reparation peace would be impossible.

"I appear before the House," he began, "with the greatest responsibility which has fallen on any man as chief adviser of the crown—in the midst of the most gigantic war ever waged, on which depends the destiny of nations and humanity. The responsibilities of the government are accentuated by the declaration of the German chancellor and the note communicated through the United States."

The premier said there were no proposals for peace. To enter into proposals of which they had no knowledge, was to put their heads into a noose with the rope end in the hands of Germany.

Much as they longed for it, the premier added, the central powers note and the speech preceding it afforded small encouragement and hope for an honorable and lasting peace.

Mr. Lloyd George continued: "Our answer will be given in full accord with our allies. Each of the allies has separately and independently arrived at the same conclusion. I am glad of the first answer given by France and Russia."

"The allies would insist that the only end of the war must be a complete guarantee against Prussian militarism disturbing the peace of Europe he said, and announced that the formal reply of the allies would be given in the course of a few days."

The premier analyzed the German chancellor's speech and then declared emphatically: "Without reparation peace is impossible. Moreover, what guarantee is there that subtlerguises will not be used in future to overthrow any treaties of peace whereto we might now enter?"

Must Be Complete Guarantees.
"We must keep a steadfast eye on the purpose for which we entered the war. We entered it to defend Europe from aggressions of the Prussian military caste. We must insist that there be the most complete guarantee against this caste ever disturbing again the peace of Europe."

"Prussia has been a bad neighbor. Now that the war has really been undertaken it would be folly not to see to it that this swabbing through the streets of Europe and this disturbance of peaceful citizens was dealt with here, and now as the most serious offence against the law of nations."

"We will await until we hear what terms and guarantees there are surer than those which Germany broke, meanwhile we put our trust in our unbroken army."

Allies in Accord.
"The German note was a mere paraphrase of the chancellor's speech. Each of the allies has separately and independently considered the matter and arrived at the same conclusion. I am glad the first answer has been given by France and Russia. They had unquestionably the first right to speak, for the enemy is still on their soil and their sacrifices have been great. I simply stand here to give clear and definite support to the statements they have made."

"Anyone who wantonly prolongs this conflict has a crime on his soul which oceans of tears could not cleanse," the premier declared, "but anyone who abandons the struggle without attaining the object would be even more guilty. Are we likely to attain our object by accepting the German proposals? To accept the proposals would be to put our heads into a noose. Historic examples cause us to regard the proposal with disquiet."

Strong Action Taken.
Dealing with the war situation, the premier said he had to paint a storm but not a gloomy picture. The Roumanian blunder was an unfortunate one, but at the worst it only prolonged the war and could not affect it. It might have a salutary effect, he contended, in calling the attention of the allies to obvious defects of organization. To prevent the Roumanian situation from becoming worse they had taken strong action. In Greece they were taking no risks. They had decided to recognize the agents of former President Venizelos.

The Western Front.
Speaking of the western front, Mr. Lloyd George referred to the growth of the British army there and continued: "I am convinced ultimate victory is sure if this nation shows the same spirit of endurance and readiness to learn as the mud-stained armies at the front."

Turning to the more purely political of the domestic problems before the new ministry, Mr. Lloyd George said: "We are anxious to avoid all controversial questions. The questions of Premier and leader of the House of Commons have been separated because it was believed the double tasks were too much for one man. The organization of the new cabinet is best adapted for the purpose of war. In war you want prompt decision, and the allies have suffered disaster after disaster from tardiness of decision."

Consulting Dominions.
The premier said the time had come when the dominions should be consulted more formally as to the war. An imperial conference would be called at an early date to discuss vital questions. The premier said it was proposed to appoint a director of national services and that all industries and services would be scheduled as essential or non-essential to the war.

He was convinced the Irish question was a misunderstanding and that he hoped this misunderstanding would be removed. Settlement of the Irish question, the premier added, would be a great war measure.

During the war, the premier said, shipping would be nationalized in a true sense.

Referring to the mobilization of labor, the premier said no man would be taken into the army if he were capable of rendering more useful service outside it.

Arthur Neville Chamberlain, he announced, had been appointed director-general of national service.

Former Premier Speaks.
After the premier's speech, which lasted one hour and fifty-five minutes, former Premier Asquith, rising to reply, said his one desire was to place at the disposal of the government whatever experience he possessed.

Mr. Asquith said it must be a peace which achieved the purpose for which the war was entered on, such a peace as would be accepted gladly and that "anything short of it we are bound to repudiate."

Awaited With Interest.
The first appearance of David Lloyd George before the House of Commons as premier was made to-day in circumstances seldom, if ever, faced by a new holder of the office. Even if the peace proposals of the central powers had not intervened, his statement of the policy of this government, which was chosen in reply to a public demand for more vigorous prosecution of the war, would have marked an important step in the world conflict. The peace note, however, shifted the interest, and every corner of the world awaited the announcement as to the British attitude toward the move of the central powers.

Beside the peace proposals, the premier had to deal with many questions facing the new government, including the drastic war emergency measures, the Irish and food problems and the submarine menace.

Such was the interest in the speech that every member of the House of Commons (Concluded on page 3.)

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JURY TO DECIDE IF WHALE ATE JONAH

Case in Connecticut is Based on Law Passed 274 Years Ago

Waterbury, Conn., Dec. 19.—Did Adam and the whale eat respectively an apple and Jonah?

This state is likely to have a judicial decision on these questions. If the facts themselves are not settled by a jury here, at all events the jury will determine whether it is blasphemous to doubt the Bible versions of them.

Michael Mockus is to go on trial before a jury on complaint that he violated a law passed in Connecticut 274 years ago, under which there have been no prosecutions for at least a century.

The law provides penalty for any one "who calls into question any portion of Holy Writ," and the specifications against Mockus, a Lithuanian minister of the Unitarian faith, are that he expressed his disbelief in the story of Jonah and the whale, and also in the apple that Adam ate.

Other specifications against Mockus contain details that would generally be termed blasphemous.

Mockus was tried in September, but the jury disagreed. This time he has engaged as counsel Theodore Schroeder, of New York, president of the Free Speech League, and Lawrence L. Lewis, of this city.

Schroeder says he plans to argue that the statute of 1642 applied to all sacred beliefs and since those who framed the law believed in witchcraft and regarded that belief as orthodox and sacred every one who to-day denies the existence of witches is guilty of violating the statute.

In 1895 an attempt was made to prosecute for blasphemy, but the case was thrown out of court on the ground that there was no law forbidding it at that state. In 1891 there was a similar prosecution in New Jersey and the defendant was fined. Robert G. Ingersoll defended the accused and paid the fine himself.

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GERMAN OFFICIAL SIGNED CHEQUES

Evidence Tending to Show Consul General's Connection With Conspiracy

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—The government made its first attempt yesterday to definitely connect Franz Bopp, German consul general, with alleged "unlucky dynamiting conspiracies" for which he and consular attaches have been on trial in the United States district court for two weeks.

"Who signed consulate cheques?" asked United States District Attorney Preston, of Frederick Jensen, a clerk in the consulate, who was on the witness stand. "Mr. Bopp," replied Jensen.

Theodore Roche, of counsel for the defence, objected with the declaration that E. H. von Schack, vice consul, and also a defendant, likewise signed cheques.

"I intend to prove," Preston answered, "that up to the time the grand jury began investigating the evidence in this case, Bopp was the only one in the consulate who could sign cheques. I will prove that von Schack's name was written in on the bank card after that."

It is the purpose of the government, Preston said, to connect Bopp up with the money paid by the consulate to Louis J. Smith and C. C. Crowley for alleged dynamiting activities. Smith and Crowley are defendants, but Smith is chief witness for the government.

Charges that A. Carnegie Ross, British consul general in San Francisco, had plotted with secret agents to discredit representatives of the German government in this city were made by the defence yesterday.

Otto O. Orr, a private detective, and a government witness in the trial, said that he had seen Johannes Van Koolbergen, one of the defendants, carry a bomb with a clock exploding device to the office of the German consul general, on August 18, 1915. He said that Van Koolbergen was admitted to a room in the consulate office usually occupied by Consul General Bopp.

"Didn't you know the bomb was taken to Consul Bopp's office as a result of a frame-up between detectives and British Consul General A. Carnegie Ross?" asked Theodore A. Roche, one of the counsel for the defence. Orr denied that he had such knowledge.

HUNGARY APPOINTS FOOD DIRECTOR

Has Been Given Wide Powers; Situation in Many Districts is Desperate

London, Dec. 19.—According to the Hamburgischer Korrespondent, Hungary has got a food dictator whose powers far exceed those of his German colleague, von Buelck, though the Hungarian press asserts he is no true dictator. The Hungarian government have established by decree a state national food bureau, which will deal with the nation's food supply. It is not subordinate to any existing office, but independent, and is directed by a president, nominated by the prime minister. He will take part in all ministerial councils, so far as these concern food. Of the existing central offices erected during the war, all those will be placed under the new authority which deal with food supplies.

All committees, towns and communes are made subject to the new president in matters affecting food. His agents cannot be called to account for acts committed by his authority. He can suspend any employees who are guilty of negligence without any further legalities. These are greater powers than those possessed by Herr von Buelck.

The food dictator will be faced with a very serious situation. The rigor of the Hungarian censorship is extreme, especially with regard to internal conditions, but it does not succeed in altogether preventing the press from making allusions to a situation which, in certain districts, must be desperate. The following extracts from well-known Hungarian newspapers referring to the months of October and November are interesting:

"As far as the indispensable necessities of life are concerned, improvement is impossible. This year's harvest could not improve our food depots. The prospect is not rosy, and under the pressure of extraordinary times we must be prepared for a greater reduction in the commodities of life."—Vilag.

"The starving pigeons on the pavements of Budapest tap the asphalt all day long with their beaks in the hope of finding something to eat, and these birds produce a painful impression upon the starving public in Budapest."—Pester Lloyd.

"It takes a fortune to buy a winter suit in Budapest."—Hirap.

"Tradesmen are not allowed to sell more than a pint of paraffin a week to one family."—Narodni List.

"Owing to the lack of oil and paraffin it is impossible to employ agricultural machinery."—Magyarorszag.

The following are extracts from papers published in the Austrian provinces:

"In Rijeka (near Fiume) one egg costs 56 heller—nearly 5/10d."—Die Drau.

"In Agram the tradesmen have recently put up notices in their windows to the effect that there is no more sugar to be had."—Hrvatska Rijec.

"Yesterday was a red-letter day for Sarajevo. Potatoes were being sold, though at the maximum price. It goes without saying that this event was appreciated, because the public was in dire need of potatoes. When it was discovered that the total quantity destined for Sarajevo was only 1,000 truckloads, which means six pounds per head monthly, of course every potato increased ten times in value. There was a tremendous crowd at the railway station yesterday. But unfortunately our police have no talent for organizing. Everyone was pushing and struggling round the trucks, and only a fraction of the crowd succeeded in 'reaching the objective,' those, namely, who were the strongest and quickest. Those who do not know 'how to do it' must go back empty-handed."—Bosnische Post.

"Finally, we give the following note about the destitution among school children in Agram: 'In the beginning of the week it rained, and the wind was bitterly cold. In spite of the weather, 564 children came to school without shoes or stockings, 101 wore wooden sandals, 265 wore badly broken boots, while 200 remained at home owing to lack of footwear. The worst statistics are furnished by the elementary schools of Horvato, Lascina and Trnye, where over one-third of the children were either barefooted or in boots that were all holes.'—Hrvatska Rijec.

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BRITISH RAIDS ON MACEDONIAN FRONT

London, Dec. 19.—Successful raiding and air operations by the British on the Macedonian front are reported in yesterday's official statement regarding operations in that war area. The statement reads:

"British troops successfully raided enemy trenches in the Haznatar district, on the Struma front, and at Brest, on Lake Dairan, on Saturday and Sunday. Forty enemy dead were counted and prisoners were also taken."

CANADIANS AT BERNE.

London, Dec. 19.—The following Canadian prisoners of war, according to a dispatch to the Times, have reached Berne, Switzerland: Major Arthur Kirkpatrick, 3rd Battalion; Lt. Harvey Douglas and Lt. Fred Hubbs, 4th Mounted Rifles; Hugh MacDonnell, Princess Patricia's; Lt. John F. Brook, Royal Flying Corps, Toronto.

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CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The following list of casualties has been issued:

Infantry.

Killed in action—Pte. D. Ketter, Ingleford, Sask.; Pte. J. G. McDougall, Goodwater, Sask.
Accidentally killed—Pte. J. Defoe, Brougham, Ont.
Died—Pte. H. Wilkinson, Lawrence town, N. S.
Previously reported missing; believed died of wounds; now missing, believed died in action—Pte. M. Green, Toronto.
Missing—Pte. A. J. Mann, Acton West, Ont.
Previously reported wounded; now reported wounded and missing—Pte. F. R. Hall, Port Arthur, Ont.
Previously reported prisoner of war; now reported seriously ill—Cpl. Thos. Graham, Scotland.
Dangerously ill—Pte. C. C. Wannop, Brougham, Ont.; Sgt. L. Patterson, Winnipeg.
Wounded—Pte. I. B. Bowell, Vancouver; Pte. D. P. Dack, Winnipeg; Pte. W. Dunn, Montreal; Pte. C. Erickson, Duluth, Minn.; Pte. Wm. Fardale, England; Pte. H. Hagman, Winnipeg; Pte. A. Houston, Carman, Man.; Pte. J. Raymond, Buffalo, N. Y.; Pte. J. Lawrence, Scotland; Pte. C. W. Lother, Oxford, N. S.; Pte. W. A. McPherson, Foxwarren, Man.; Cpl. J. Young, Montreal; Pte. I. S. Vido, Serbia.
Killed in action—Pte. D. Craig, Ottawa.
Previously reported wounded; now reported killed in action—Pte. R. G. Lether, Springhill, N. S.
Previously reported missing; now unofficially reported prisoner of war—Pte. E. P. McQuade, Port Hope, Ont.
Previously reported missing; now wounded but on duty—Pte. W. F. Tollin, Halifax.
Previously reported prisoner of war; now arrived in England—Pte. M. E. Kitteridge, Quebec.
Seriously ill—Lieut. E. A. Edwards, Kamloops, B. C.; Pte. J. H. Elliott, Vancouver.
Wounded—Pte. E. M. Bush, Clarendon, Alta.; Pte. D. Hull, Winnipeg; Sgt. C. P. Kennedy, Winnipeg; Pte. C. J. Miller, Winnipeg; Pte. E. D. Neelands, Portage la Prairie, Man.; Pte. L. Parent, Quebec; Sgt. Maj. D. W. Altkin, Winnipeg; Pte. H. J. Archer, Sydney, N. S.; Cpl. D. Duffin, Redcliffe, Alta.; Capt. Chas. Dunn, Quebec; Pte. C. W. Field, Maxwell, Ont.; Lieut. F. R. Henry, Edmonton; Pte. C. Lundberg, Sutton Bay, New Ontario; Pte. M. Reid, Halifax; Pte. M. Slaunwhite, Mahone Bay, N. S.; Pte. A. M. Gardner, Ottawa; Cpl. C. W. Jaxon, City View, Ont.

Services.

Seriously ill—Sgt. W. Imison, Toronto; Pte. P. Papineau, Montreal.
Wounded—Cpl. J. Young, Winnipeg.

LT.-COL. A. R. GORDON DEAD.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Lieut.-Col. (Dr.) Andrew R. Gordon, a well-known city physician, and a brother of Rev. Dr. C. W. Gordon (Ralph Connor), died here Saturday night, the victim of an illness contracted while on active service. Lieut.-Col. Gordon is survived by his widow, a son, Lieut. A. R. Gordon, C. M. T. C., and a daughter.

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GERMAN STEAMER ASHORE

Stranded While on Voyage. From Bremen to Norwegian Port.

London, Dec. 19.—Copenhagen dispatches state that the German steamer Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm is stranded between Samsøe island and Northern Funen, and that salvage steamers are trying to save her. The steamer was en route to Bremen from Yardo, Norway, where she had been since the outbreak of the war, after having, according to German reports, succeeded in running the gauntlet of British destroyers which were lying in wait for her off Bergen, Norway. The island of Samsøe, which belongs to Denmark, is situated between Zealand and Jutland.

The steamer, according to the National Tidende, says a Reuter's telegram from Copenhagen, was escorted by a zeppelin and two torpedo boats when passing Obrestad lighthouse, Norway. The steamer kept within Norwegian and Swedish territory on the whole journey. Danish torpedo boats are aiding in the effort to float the vessel, which with its cargo is valued at more than a million pounds sterling.

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There was never a problem in economics that was not solved sooner or later and rubbers and overshoes seem to be the answer to the augmented price of shoes this winter.

FOOD RESTRICTION GOES INTO FORCE

London, Dec. 19.—The first food restriction went into force in England yesterday. Hotels and restaurants are now forbidden to serve more than two courses for breakfast or luncheon and three courses for dinner.

Little inconvenience was experienced in connection with the first two meals. It was arranged for a dinner of three courses that the caterers experienced the greatest difficulty, but even in this case few are likely to go hungry, as hors d'oeuvres and soup count only half a course and the other courses, dinners have the choice of fish, entrees or roasts, with vegetables and desserts. Cheese with bread and butter or crackers is not counted as a course.

The "meatless" day which is expected to follow shortly will prove a more difficult problem for restaurants which make a specialty of roasts.

J. D. ARCHBOLD'S WILL

Leaves Estate, Estimated at \$100,000, to His Widow and Children.

New York, Dec. 19.—The will of John D. Archbold, president of the Standard Oil Company, of New Jersey, filed for probate here, divides an estate roughly estimated at about \$100,000,000, among his widow and children, with the exception of a few minor bequests. The widow receives Mr. Archbold's Tarrytown home and a one-third share of the estate. The children Mrs. Marie A. Vanburen, Mrs. Annie M. Sanderson, and John F. Archbold, receive the remainder in equal proportions.



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THE CROAKER.

The Montreal Gazette, one of the most influential conservative journals in Canada, does not know yet why this country is at war.

The spectacle presented by the Asquith government in the first days of August, 1914, was unlike anything that could have been imagined.

It is hardly necessary to say that this is base slander, as much so as anything Bourassa ever wrote. Is it any wonder that recruiting is slow in Quebec when the fanatical Nationalist leader can point to the frigid columns of the Montreal Gazette for justification for his disloyal attitude?

The Gazette is what is known as a "big interest" newspaper. It is the chief advocate of the cause of trade restrictionists, trusts and combines and special privilege.

HER NEW ROLE.

A Washington dispatch quotes a "man high in the confidence of the German government," whose identity can easily be guessed, as saying that "Germany's interest in the creating of the new Polish kingdom arises, of course, from our desire to protect the small nations of the world."

One of the reasons why Germany's peace package is being returned unopened is the shallow pretension in which it is wrapped.

The pretence behind the claim of the Kaiser and the Chancellor is easily understood. Hohenzollernism, which means Prussian militarism, must be justified at all costs, while anything that comes from that source is accepted as gospel by the German people.

Every encyclopaedia, no matter how obscure, tells how Poland was first partitioned at Prussia's instigation. It describes the plundering of Schleswig-Holstein from Denmark in 1864, the annexation of Silesia from Austria two years later.

Prussia hates small nations, not only because she thinks they stand in her way, but because they are small. "Small nations have no right to exist" is a time-worn commonplace of Prussian world politics.

TWO BROKEN ILLUSIONS.

Two illusions, cherished by elements as far apart as the poles, were shattered at the outbreak of this war. One was that another great world conflagration had been made impossible by the internationalization of financial interests.

The other illusion was that the internationalization of the labor and Socialist movements would prevent war. The workingmen simply would not fight. They would throw down their tools and strike.

But neither of these elements cut any figure at all when the war cloud rose. The international affiliations of high finance snapped with a crack that echoed around the world.

gell's thesis became a splendid ruin. The profit and loss account of wars was forgotten. The theorists did not care to take any chances on their theories. Nor did the working classes throw down their tools, participate in a general strike or rise in revolution.

POOHI RUNS AWAY.

One Joseph Martin has decided not to contest the majority election in Vancouver. The announcement will be received with wide-spread regret in that city.

There is, too, a sentimental reason why Mr. Martin's decision will be deplored. He has long been known as "Fighting Joe," a sobriquet of ancient vintage, originating, we believe, in his first quarrel with a board of school trustees when he was laying the foundations of his career as a school teacher somewhere along the turbulent Ottawa river.

New York Sun: The immeasurable power exercised by Wilhelm II. is in his hands, as he often assures the world, by divine birthright, because God put it there as a circumstance of paternity.

An American contemporary comments in a bantering way on the fact that Germany practically has sold Switzerland to mind her own business and not send impertinent notes to the Kaiser's government on the purely domestic matter of the enslavement of Belgians.

The agitation against the high cost of living moves the Toronto Globe to remark that the present government was returned to power on a high cost of living platform and that the people therefore are getting what they asked for, though probably not in the form anticipated.

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decipherable—probably being a civil servant and entitled to latitude in such matters—offers a suggestion which we pass on to the proper authorities. It refers to the holiday question, which in its various phases is an absorbing or disturbing issue at the present time.

President Wilson is gathering information regarding the destruction by Hun submarines of another ship carrying American citizens. The trouble with Mr. Wilson seems to be that he has acquired such a mass of information on matters of a similar kind that the lump is indigestible.

Germany boldly announces that no peace will be satisfactory which does not guarantee the inviolability of weak nations. Never again let it be said that the Teuton squarehead has no sense of humor.

The German kaiser, in addressing his troops in France and Belgium, described the west front as the rear. In that case two-thirds of the German army are acting as a rear-guard.

Constantine has issued a warrant for the arrest of Venizelos. The guarantees of Tino evidently are worth just about as much as the scraps of paper of other Huns.

THE ENDLESS CHAIN AT VERDUN.

(By Horace Wyatt in the London Chronicle.) Out on the road again, Tireless, heavy and slow, Links of an endless chain, Up to Verdun we go.

Tireless, heavy and slow, Into the twilight grey, Up to Verdun we go, Grinding the miles away.

Into the twilight grey, Leaving the reddening west, Grinding the miles away, With never a thought of rest.

Leaving the reddening west, Cleaving the sombre night, With never a thought of rest, When the roaring dawn glows bright.

Cleaving the sombre night, Meeting the new-born day, When the roaring dawn glows bright, Where ceaseless cannon play.

Meeting the new-born day, We bring the food of the guns, Where ceaseless cannon play, On the swollen ranks of Huns.

We bring the food of the guns, We carry an army's store, On the swollen ranks of Huns, Our deadly loads outpour.

We carry an army's store, That the might of France may grow, Our deadly loads outpour, And back from Verdun we go.

That the might of France may grow, Out on the road again; And back from Verdun we go, Links of an endless chain.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY
Victoria Times, Dec. 19, 1891.

Commencing on Jan. 2 the San Francisco steamers will sail from and arrive at Victoria every seven days instead of twice in ten days, the company having decided to withdraw the steamer City of Puebla from the route during the winter months.

Rev. J. K. Smith, D. D., will officiate at the morning and evening services in the First Presbyterian church to-morrow. Dr. Smith was for 20 years at the Galt Presbyterian church.

Lists of all American citizens deceased during each quarter are required to be filed by friends at the nearest consulate, according to an order from Washington, D. C.

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Why Not have that gramophone adjusted, cleaned and repaired at Wilson's Repair Shop, 614 Cormorant?

Hudson's Bay "Imperial" Lager Beer, pints, \$1.00 per dozen.

Daughters of England Lodge Primrose Anniversary Supper and Dance, Tuesday next, Alexandra ballroom, Courtney street. Tickets, 50 cents.

Boys' Pocket Knives, 15c to \$1.50. R. A. Brown & Co., 1392 Douglas St.

Well-Known Jewelry Firm forced to vacate premises. Store occupied by F. L. Haynes, 1124 Government street, is to be pulled down! Stock must be disposed of regardless of cost! See windows for prices.

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Help the Military Y. M. C. A.—If you have any last month's magazines that you have read leave them at the local Y. M. C. A. building. Also if you have any gymnasium equipment not in use loan it to the Willows gymnasium for the winter.

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Manicurist at the Capital Barber Shop.

Court Camosun, No. 9233, A. O. F., are holding their regular quarterly meeting this evening, the court opening at 7:30 and closing at 8:30, the rest of the evening being devoted to a social time, with musical programme and dancing, and all members as well as the officers and members of the other courts of the city are cordially invited to be present.

Nickel Refinery in Canada.—The city council last evening endorsed the motion of the Duncan Board of Trade in favor of a nickel refinery in Canada, as already published.

Citizens Educational League.—The Citizens Educational League has applied to the city council for the use of the chamber for meetings. The first Wednesday evening in each month is suggested. The mayor was against the proposal, but Alderman Cameron supported the idea, believing that better systems of selecting public men could be secured. The communication went to finance committee.

Dominion Meteorological Service.—The superintendent of the Dominion Meteorological Service wrote to the city council last evening that the correct time is obtained astronomically and offering to supply it for the tower clock of the city hall. The council, however, did not accept the offer, fearing that the clock would have to be electrically operated to render this possible.

Has Given Pup.—Frank Campbell, of Prospect Lake, has given to the Victoria City and District Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society, a blood-bred spaniel pup, from his celebrated sporting strain. The pup is now offered for sale for the benefit of the Red Cross funds. It is a bargain at \$25, for which price one of his litter brothers has already been sold. The pup is to be seen in the windows of the Electrical Shoe Shop of Mr. F. West, who has kindly taken charge of it for the society until it is sold. It may be seen at No. 636 View street.

See Special Announcement of **The People's Cash Grocery** on Page Seven.

5TH REGIMENT HAS IMPORTANT FUNCTION

Popular Victoria Corps is Doing Garrison and Not Home Guard Duty

A circular letter addressed to the officers commanding the different regiments and battalions in the district has recently been issued from the headquarters which clearly defines the duty the different units are performing.

In making reports to the headquarters, commanding officers have shown their commands as performing garrison duty, instead of guard duty, and the letter advises that this is not in order, as only one unit, the Fifth Regiment, C. G. A., is performing garrison duty, and all other active militia units are performing the different guard duties.

This is taken by the men of the 5th Regiment as an official denial that they are classed as "Home Guards," as a great many civilians, not understanding the artillery training necessary for overseas service, have so designated this regiment, notwithstanding that 800 of its men are now serving overseas, and continuous drafts are being sent forward to augment this number.

The Royal Canadian Regiment, which has a detachment here, has also, in error, been termed a "home guard." This regiment, which had its inception in the South African war, where it did yeoman service, has one complete battalion in France, to which the local company is continually sending reinforcement drafts.

The drafts from both have made records for getting away without loss of time, as has been the case in a great many of the C. E. F. battalions. As is the custom in permanent units their departure has always been made quietly, and in consequence, have often been overlooked by the civilian.

J. MARTIN'S PLANS

Stormy Petrel of B. C. Politics, Will Not Run for Mayorality in Vancouver.

Joseph Martin, stormy petrel of British Columbia politics, will not be a candidate for mayor of Vancouver at the coming city election.

This announcement was made by Mr. Martin on Monday following the discovery by him that he would be compelled to leave the city early in February to take care of appeal cases of the Dominion Trust Company in London.

"I feel that it would not be fair to make the race and then be necessarily absent from the city for an indefinite time following the election," said Mr. Martin in stating his position.

LARGE PULPMILL WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN B. C.

Mr. William Gilfoxy, of Calgary, who is largely interested in timber areas in British Columbia, returned to Vancouver on Monday after a trip north in the direction of the Queen Charlotte Islands. He declined to say the exact spot he visited in company with the Seattle financiers who were looking over the ground with the intention of purchasing a large tract of land well timbered. There is considerable work being done in the North, said Mr. Gilfoxy, who added that the negotiations with regard to the establishment of a big pulpmill in British Columbia are making satisfactory progress. He expects that something definite in this matter will be done within the next few weeks and said there was no question about the deal going through.

Flowers for Christmas.—Our specialties are Fancy Baskets, Poinsettias, Cyclamen, Freesias, etc. Our flowers speak for themselves. See our display at our branch store, 1099 Government street, opposite Angus Campbell & Co., and at 615 Port St., A. J. Woodward.

Isolation Hospital.—The medical health officer reported to city council last evening, in response to a query from the Civic Retrenchment Association, that the per capita cost per patient had been 1914, \$3.93; 1915, \$4.58; 1916 (eleven months), \$2.87.

Early Closing By-law.—The question of early closing of stores, in the form of a by-law regulating the hours from Monday to Friday, Saturday being dealt with by provincial and Sunday by Dominion statute, will be left over to the 1917 council. This was decided by the city council last evening.

Objects to Action.—The city council went on record last evening, and ordered the Duncan Board of Trade to

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- R337—Sorrow. From "A Christmas Carol." Bransby Williams.
- 1227—Christmas Symphony. Prince's Orchestra.
- 1736—Christmas Memories. Band of H. M. Scots Guards.
- 1737—Christmas Hymns. Band of H. M. Scots Guards.

A Selected List—

- 1310—When Irish Eyes Are Smiling. Chauncey Oleott.
- 1337—Mother Machree. Chauncey Oleott.
- 2103—Can't Yo' Heah Me Callin', Caroline? Taylor Trio.
- 5839—A Perfect Day. Oscar Seagle.
- 1672—Arrival of the British Troops in France. Descriptive sketch.
- 2300—We'll Never Let the Old Flag Fall. Herbert Stuart.
- 1664—When Father Papered the Parlor. Billy Williams.
- 5709—Lucia di Lammermoor. Columbia Operatic Sextette.
- 5718—I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen. Oscar Seagle.
- P16—Boys in Khaki, Boys in Blue. Stanley Kirkby.
- 1616—Aloha Oe. Hawaiian melody.
- 5775—Tales of Hoffman. Prince's Orchestra.
- 1945—Battle of the Nations. Prince's Band.
- 5874—Overture 1812. Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.
- 5871—Cavalleria Rusticana. Prince's Symphony Orchestra.
- 1972—Come Back to Erin. Taylor Trio.
- 1089—Silver Threads Among the Gold. Taylor Trio.
- 4001—I'll Be a Long, Long Way From Home. Imperial Quartette.
- 5689—Irish Waltz. Prince's Orchestra.
- 264—Miserere, Trovatore. Cornet solo.

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The history of the market property, which was carved out of a disreputable part of Chinatown of that day, has been one of the most chequered of city institutions. While it is common knowledge that for years it did not achieve the object for which it was erected...

To give access to it, Broad street was opened through the block to Cormorant street. In that way it became one of the more accessible sites of the city, and the fire department, growing beyond bounds, began as far back as 1894 to use part of the premises for stables...

The market yard, part of which is now occupied by the new police headquarters, has always been well patronized by farmers, the stall being convenient. For some years it was the terminus of the Victoria & Sidney railway...

The scales in the yard are greatly appreciated, and in the future it looks as if the yard itself would be more valued when the proposed live stock market is started.

Call of Fire.—The fire department was called out during the night to extinguish a fire in ashes deposited in the basement at 615 Trench street.

Sailor Injured.—A sailor, G. P. O. Caley, received attention yesterday through the police for a cut in the forehead. After treatment he was sent back to his ship.

School Board Meeting.—There will be a meeting of the city school board in the immediate future, probably this week, to make appointments to the vacancies in the teaching staff.

Blue Cross Raffle.—The drawing for the toy raffle in the Blue Cross room will take place on Wednesday afternoon. Holders of winning tickets are asked to call for prizes not later than Thursday, after which day the room will be closed for a week.

Plaintiff Wins.—Judgment was given for the plaintiff this morning by Judge Lemmon in the county court in the case of Thomas Grayson vs. D. Morton Co., Ltd. His honor decided that the defendants were responsible for lumber which had been stored with them...

Interest for Borrowers.—A regulation has been drawn up and published by the agricultural credits commission, dealing with the interest on mortgage loans.

Cooper's Cove Cableway.—Recollections of the thrilling ride up the hillside from Cooper's cove to the grade of the Spooke flow line are recalled by the announcement of the sale of the hoisting engine to F. C. Barker, of Happy Valley, for a small sum. It has not been possible to unwind the hoisting cable from the drum, and meanwhile it is to go to the purchaser of the engine, and will be acquired by him, if he can make the necessary financial arrangements, on a basis determined with the water commissioner.

Another draft will be recruited here as soon as this one has left, and anyone who wishes to get overseas with a little delay as possible cannot do better than join the Royal Canadian Regiment. Intending recruits should apply to the adjutant, No. 6 station, R. C. R. Work Point Barracks.

WITNESSED TITANIC GO TO HER GRAVE

Two Passengers on Empress Were Rescued From Tragedy of Mid-Atlantic

Included in the 40 passengers who departed from the Empress of Asia here yesterday and proceeded to Seattle en route home were Mr. and Mrs. George A. Harder, of Detroit. They are a young couple who were on their bridal trip when the Titanic went down and were among the rescued passengers. Few of the men survived that terrible catastrophe, but they happened to have left the ship in one of the earlier boats to get away from the ill-fated leviathan.

It is rare to find an American business man who is prepared to face the Japanese merchant in his own market unafraid, but S. Rosenthal, a prominent San Franciscan, told the Times that the manufacturer and exporter from that side who will deliver in China and Japan what is wanted at the right price, and the way the orientals want it put up, can hold the trade. Since he has made twenty trips across the Pacific his opinion is to be prized.

With him was Captain S. S. Sandberg, of the Luckenbach Steamship line, who formerly commanded the crack liner Korea, now in the T. K. K. service. The captain has been on a business trip to ports in the Orient. The passengers who waited here for the four hours after the transpacific steamer berthed said some kind things of Victoria, in spite of the refreshing gale whirling the leaves on the Empress hotel lawn, and it is safe to judge they will return for a longer stay when outbound again.

JUDGMENT RESERVED IN PANDORA-ST. CASE

Question Raised as to Whether Proper Legal Notice Was Given

Mr. Justice Clement reserved his decision in the Pandora avenue assessment injunction proceedings which came before him again this morning in the supreme court. The final arguments came down to the question of whether proper legal notice had been given of the intention to proceed with the work as required by statute.

Mr. McDiarmid did not think so. There was nothing before the court to show that the owners of the property were notified of the work proceeding. Regarding the statement that there was nothing to show that the charge was against the property, he said that every careful solicitor would go to the city hall and make inquiry regarding local improvement work, especially at a time when such work was proceeding in almost every part of the city.

Mr. Robertson, in his final answer, claimed that the notice was bad and therefore the whole thing was nullified.

R. C. R. TO SEND DRAFT NEXT WEEK

Major Verstrone-Bumbury, officer commanding No. 6 station, the Royal Canadian Regiment, has received word from the headquarters of the regiment at Halifax, N. S., that a draft will be leaving early in January for England, to reinforce the Royal Canadian Regiment in France. A draft has been recruited here and will leave next week for Halifax, N. S., to join and proceed overseas with the draft from Halifax.

The Royal Canadian Regiment has a great reputation at the front, and has suffered very heavy casualties. A steady stream of recruits is necessary to maintain the regiment at full strength. Men are enlisted into the regiment on the same terms as the C. E. F., but they are not drafted into any other unit on arriving in England. They are enlisted for the Royal Canadian Regiment and are sent to that unit in France.

TWENTY-EIGHT ARE KILLED BY HUNS

British Horse Transport Sunk; Seventeen Americans Among Victims

London, Dec. 19.—Seventeen American muleteers and eleven of the crew of the British horse transport steamer Russian, which was sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean on December 14, have been killed, the British admiralty announces.

The admiralty announcement follows: "The empty westbound British horse transport ship Russian was sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean Sea on the 14th. Eleven of the crew were killed, including the chief officer, the first officer and the second officer. Also seventeen American muleteers were killed. Their names have not been communicated to the American consul."

The transport Russian referred to probably is the British steamer of that name which sailed from Newport News, Va., on November 16 for Alexandria, Egypt, and which would be about due to return. Her net tonnage was 5,753. The Russian was formerly the Victorian, owned by F. Leyland & Co., of Liverpool. She was built in Belfast in 1896, and had a gross tonnage of 8,825. The steamer was 502 feet long, with a beam of 59 feet and a depth of 29 feet.

Many Americans on Board. Newport News, Va., Dec. 19.—There were ninety-one Americans on the British horse transport Russian, reported sunk in the Mediterranean on December 14 by a submarine. Sixty-eight of them were white cattlemen and twenty-two negroes. In addition there was a veterinarian, Dr. E. A. Carpenter. The Russian, formerly the Victorian, was in command of Capt. James Dickenson, one of the oldest Leyland line masters, and was said to have carried no armament when she sailed from this port November 16.

Sends Report. Washington, Dec. 19.—Ambassador Page at London to-day transmitted the British admiralty report of the sinking of the British horse transport Russian by a submarine in the Mediterranean on Dec. 14. It said seven of the crew and 17 American horsemen were killed, but gave no details and did not state whether the ship was sunk by gunfire or torpedo, or whether she had been sunk without warning.

FIRE DESTROYS FREIGHT SHED.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 19.—Fire at Windsor destroyed the Dominion Atlantic Railway freight shed and three cars of freight. The loss is estimated at \$29,000. The Dominion Atlantic is a C.P.R. subsidiary.

CANADIANS REACH HALIFAX.

Halifax, Dec. 19.—The steamer Northland, which arrived here last night from Liverpool, brought, among other passengers, 23 officers and 193 other ranks of the Canadian overseas troops, some on leave and others wounded and invalided.

Ledges a Protest.—The manager of the Columbia theatre has lodged a protest against the city complying with the request of the Victoria branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society to secure power to impose a tax on theatre tickets. His letter indicated that he is under the impression that the tax would fall on the management, instead of on the patrons, as is proposed.

Application Adjudged.—An application was made this morning in the supreme court to quash a judgment of the county court in the case of Tweedie vs. Lowe on the ground that it was outside the jurisdiction of the court. The plaintiff, it was explained, was a hotel keeper at Keremeos, B. C. The application was reserved for a month in order to give the parties time to secure more information.

The 16th Battalion, Canadian Scottish, in which so many of the Victoria men are fighting, is now commanded by Lieut.-Col. Cyrus W. Peck, who is well known both here and in Prince Rupert. The former commander, Lieut.-Col. Leckie, is now brigadier general. He is well known both here and in Prince Rupert.

An amusing sidelight on the manner in which fraudulent vendors of the people's necessities were punished in the good old days is to be found in Maitland's "History of London." During the reign of King Edward I, drastic laws were framed against "Engrossers, Forestallers, and all sorts of Frauds and Impositions in the sale of provisions, especially against bakers, who had got into a way of making bread under the standard weight, and against millers who dealt in bad measure." For a first offence the baker had his light bread confiscated, a second offence was punished by imprisonment, while for a third he was pilloried. For the "thievish miller" a sterner punishment was meted out. He was put on a tumbrel, i. e., carried in a dung-cart through certain streets exposed to the derision of the people—London Chronicle.



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SPORTING NEWS

AMERICAN TEAMS PROVIDED SURPRISES

Seattle and Portland Clubs Stir Up Interest in the Hockey Series

Things are scheduled to happen in the series of the Pacific Coast Hockey association very shortly. The "under dogs" have declared war and made their first successful charge against the league leaders—Spokane and Vancouver—last Friday, and the warfare will be continued with relentless vigor.

The fight for the supreme laurels in the puck game seemed to rest between the Canucks and the Millionaires until Friday's games. Seattle's sweeping victory over Lester Patrick's crew from the inland city and the triumph of the Uncle Sams over the Vancouver team was all against the hope of the hockey-wisecracks.

With Taylor out of the game Vancouver's chances are somewhat dimmed. With him in the line the Millionaires looked like the best in the league. No one can be found to fill the vacancy caused by the "Cyclone's" absence.

The showing made by Portland and Seattle in last Friday's games indicate that the two teams, which have been engaged in a struggle to keep out of the cellar, have struck their stride and are determined to ascend in the league's standings.

The reversal of form displayed by the Metropolitan in Friday's game was indeed remarkable, and Manager Muldoon, however sceptical he was at the outset, is now enthusiastic about his squad. He believes the Seattle team soon will land in first position. With every man playing in spectacular style and Harry Holmes, goal-tender, showing his old-time form, the Metropolitan has a squad that is as good as any in the league.

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PACIFIC ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS CALIFORNIA

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—Members of the Pacific States Tennis Association are rallying to the support of three of California's greatest stars to prevent the national body from disqualifying them as amateurs.

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COBB WILL TRY TO MAKE GOOD DEFEAT

While disappointed at his failure to lead the American League in batting for the tenth successive time, Ty Cobb is in no measure discouraged and feels certain that he will win back his laurels next season. "I aspired rather highly, but it was my desire to top the American League batters for twelve successive years, but now that my bubble has been burst it is my hope to set a record mark for continuous batting service. I have already topped the league nine times and figure I have enough years of service left to win that honor at least three more times, which would bring my record as leader up to twelve. If I am able to do so I believe I will have set a mark that the boys will be shooting at for a long time."

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MICHIGAN PLAYERS START TOUR TO-DAY

Six or Eight Games Will Be Played on Coast by the Visitors

University of Michigan footballers will start from Ann Arbor, Mich., today on the first leg of their Pacific coast tour, according to dispatches from the eastern city. The trip, which will be under the direction of Graduate Manager E. C. Behrens of the University of Stanford will extend over one month and the itinerary includes three California cities, Vancouver and Victoria.

Mr. R. P. Woodward, who will look after the arrangements for the match in Vancouver against an all-star team, asked Mr. Behrens yesterday morning asking for the probable dates for the Vancouver and Victoria games. Next Saturday a trial match will be played at Brockton Point and the team to meet the touring footballers selected.

The Michigan party will include 22 players and manager. The tourists are scheduled to play in Los Angeles, Palo Alto, San Francisco, Victoria and Vancouver, coming around this way on their return trip. Two matches are scheduled with Stanford at Palo Alto.

SEEK MAN TO TAKE WILLARD'S TITLE

Promoters Are After New Heavyweight to Put in the Ring Next Year

A new heavyweight will be sprung on the public some time before the year of 1917 has passed into history unless the plans of men who control a big part of the boxing game fail.

Tex Rickard and several other promoters are now scratching the woods, doing their best to dig up a man who will be able to knock the crown loose from Jess Willard's brow. The probable entry hasn't been sprung, nor has the location of the bout, but all indications point to a meeting between Fred Fulton and Willard some time late in January or early in February at the Tia Juana race track. If Fred's quest for championship honors proves successful the promoters will get busy on another tangent.

It is the feeling in New York that the boxing game, which began to recover from a long attack of Jack Johnson shortly after Willard ascended the throne, is again on the skids. The skids are not greased with any very slippery substance, but everyone is agreed that a brand new variety of pug, alias a new heavyweight champion, is the thing to drag it another notch up the ladder to public favor.

There are few heavyweights who stand a chance with Willard, but there are some, and there are many who believe Willard's days as champion will end the first time he tries another bout over the marathon distance.

Carl Morris has been mentioned as a probable opponent, and Harry Pollock is doing a lot of work in an effort to give Charlie Weinert a chance. Weinert seems the most improbable of the three, and public opinion would eliminate Morris in a short time.

But no matter who is put up for the first chance, or the last one, it is certain that the promoters are on the trail of a new champion, and that they are going to trot one out if it is at all possible.

FIREMEN WIN.

The Firemen defeated the V. I. A. basketball team last night by a score of 40 to 16. A return match will be played on Friday evening at the club-rooms, Victoria West.

FEATHERWEIGHT LIMIT IS DEFINITE

High Authorities State That 122 Pounds is Regulation Rule

The controversy over the question of the recognized featherweight limit has reached a deadlock. Bobby Evans claims that Joe Flanigan, Muff Bronson's manager, by his own admission has shown that Bronson can't make the recognized limit.

Hence, unless Flanigan agrees to do this, and doesn't try to fall back on the subterfuge of the American Congress of Boxing ruling which he has done, calling for a weight of 125 pounds at 6 o'clock on the night of the battle, Flanigan's bluff will not hold water.

For the information of boxing fans, here are a few facts in regard to this question of weight. George Dixon, one of the greatest bantams the world ever knew, who later joined the featherweight class, lost the title to Terry McGovern, the pair meeting at 118 pounds. Young Corbett, who beat McGovern, weighed 125 pounds, but was never regarded as a legitimate featherweight, and soon after entered the lightweight class, although a trifle light to stack up against the 133-pounders.

Abbe Attel claimed the title when both Corbett and McGovern entered the lightweight class, and always defended his honors at 122 pounds, the recognized weight.

Attel held the title until he met Johnny Kilbane at Los Angeles, February 27, 1912, when the latter won a 20-round decision, the men weighing 122 pounds.

Kilbane has always defended his title at this weight, the recognized limit, doing so last Labor day when he met and stopped George Chaney in three rounds.

The Police Gazette was recently called on to decide this question, and gave its decision, which was to the effect that the featherweight limit was 122 pounds, ringside, which means that the boxers must weigh in at the ring, not in their dressing rooms, and fully equipped with gloves, trunks and shoes.

Now for the American Boxing Congress claim, which Flanigan is trying to employ in an effort to show that Bronson is a legitimate feather. With in the last year Tom Andrews, Milwaukee sport writer and boxing authority, as well as promoter of boxing, was the prime mover in a plan to organize all of the responsible boxing promoters in the country, settle the question of weights, establish a standard, and put through other reforms much needed in the game.

It was agreed to fix the featherweight limit at 125 pounds, weigh in at 6 o'clock, but the movement was not even countrywide, much less national, and has never been recognized as official by any well known sporting authority. Can you imagine Kilbane, champion of his class, who has tried to raise the weight above the point where other champions before his day held it, agreeing to meet a contender for his title, weighing, say, 125 or 126 pounds? If Flanigan is a legitimate featherweight, and thinks he can make the limit, let him try to get a match with Kilbane, and see what happens.

Evans in his controversy with Flanigan doesn't claim that Billy can beat Bronson at catch weights, because he knows better. But he is going to let a legitimate featherweight climb into the ring with a man who can't begin to make the featherweight limit, and be strong. Flanigan had better either lay off this featherweight talk or agree to make the poundage which has long been recognized, and is still regarded as the legitimate title limit by the champion of his class, as well as Sam G. Austin, editor of the Police Gazette.

JEFF SMITH ANXIOUS TO MEET LES DARCY

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Jeff Smith, the Bayonne, N. J., middleweight, promises to make things miserable for Les Darcy as soon as the sensational Australian boxer sets foot on American soil. He says he will demand a match with the Antipodean without a moment's unnecessary delay and will not give him any peace until he is accommodated.

"Smith has met Darcy twice, the first battle having been staged at Sydney January 23, 1915," says Al Lippe, Smith's manager. "After going four rounds Jeff dropped Darcy with a left hand punch to the stomach. Les was in apparent agony and the referee started the count. When eight was reached the gong sounded, ending the round. Darcy's seconds carried Les to his corner. The referee counted nine over the Australian while he was sitting in his chair, and Dave Smith, who was handling Les, threw in the towel in acknowledgment of defeat."

ELEVEN OF FOURTEEN TEAMS ARE TIED

New York, Dec. 19.—Eleven of the 34 teams entered in the 34th annual six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden were tied at 7 a. m. to-day, the 31st hour, with 64 miles and 9 laps to their credit. The Spencer-Carroll team dropped out at 2:47 a. m. and was given four hours to provide team partners.

Shortly before 7 o'clock, having failed to do so, they were officially declared out of the race.

GEORGES CARPENTIER IS MOST PATRIOTIC

French Boxer is Anxious That His Country's Arms Shall Triumph in War

Georges Carpentier, the heavyweight boxing champion of Europe, who is now in Paris on leave from war service, has written for a London newspaper a little story of his experience and his prospects. He looks forward to re-entering the ring and is convinced that it won't be long before he is free to put on the gloves for fighting of a different sort from that in which he has been sharing for many months past. Expressing this confidence, he says:

"Will I be glad to get out of this hell? A thousand times yes, but not before we have seen to it that the gates of hell have been shut so tight that they will never be flung open again.

"I shall always remember that when I fought your Bombardier Wells at Ghent Belgian people screamed that boxing was cruel and ghastly and must be no more. Then they did not know. A squeamish Belgian can never be again. For Belgians have lived too long in a world of horror."

Relating his experience at the front, he writes:

"I have seen sixteen months on the firing line as a pilot. Much have I seen. I have had fights high in the clouds. I have been wounded. I have received the war cross (Croix de Guerre), and I have been recommended for and shall receive shortly the Medaille Militaire.

"I have been lucky, immensely so, for I have been in many tight corners. It may be that some of the charms given to me when I left London instead of fighting Young Ahearn have brought me good fortune.

"But I would tell what the 'Order of the Day,' which is what you would call your 'Gazette,' says about what I did to win the Medaille Militaire. It is that I flew over the German lines at a height of only 200 yards and that when I returned to our lines my biplane was found to have received no fewer than fifteen rifle bullets.

"When flying, if it be that you are chasing your arm; shall I say, you have no sense of danger. I never in all my fights thought or even dreamed of being beaten. I always believed in myself. It is so now with my machine. It is as some human. You feel that it knows you, that it is part of yourself; you come to believe it is invincible, and although in my last big fight, in which I can now well believe I was hugging and wrestling with death all the time, I did not once quake with fear. I was, of course, conscious that I was being potted at all the time.

"To fly as low as I did was risky, perilous, but the knowledge that it had to be done if I were to be of service to our artillery seemed to fill me with a sense of security. It was only when I got back into our lines and saw the fifteen bullet marks and the holes that had been riddled in my machine that I realized that I was as near being knocked out as ever I have been in my life."

DARCY IS OFF FROM CHILE TO NEW YORK

M. Deschamps States Carpentier Will Be on the Ground Before Opponent is Picked

The latest dope on Les Darcy is that the Australian wonder is on his way to New York from Chile on the steamer Hattie Lucken. It is practically certain that Darcy has left Australia, as Snowy Baker, the boxing king of the Antipodes, admits that his champion has fled to New York.

All of which makes a Darcy-Carpentier match more probable, as the popular sentiment is against Willard meeting a man as small as the Frenchman.

Latest on Carpentier.

M. Deschamps, who is still manager of Carpentier, is still in the land of the living. Deschamps has cabled all about Carpentier and Carpentier's terms for coming to America to fight Willard or somebody.

Carpentier, it appears, is willing to take a trip to America, the war department permitting, to fight for the benefit of the French wounded. However—and here he shows real intelligence—M. Deschamps states clearly that he prefers to have Carpentier on the ground before he accepts any opponent. Deschamps is a good manager, and he has Carpentier's interests at heart. He doesn't care to have the ring and war hero slaughtered to make a getting a holiday. He declines to match Georges with the gigantic Willard offhand, just like that. No! Let Georges land in New York and give 'em the once over before putting his fist to the articles.

Inducements Not So Great.

Incidentally, Deschamps mentions the inducement, which isn't, it seems, as great as reported. Tex Rickard's offer to Carpentier, according to Deschamps, is 100,000 francs, and as the American dollar is now worth more than five francs, that would be something less than \$20,000. Probably Tex meant to offer \$20,000, and merely translated it into francs without referring to the present rate of exchange.

Boxing is prohibited in France during the war, so Carpentier hasn't had any real trout for two years.

Baker Admits Darcy's Gone.

Snowy Baker, of Australia, writes very mildly about Les Darcy's departure from the island continent.

"You have heard," writes Baker,

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AUSTRALIAN WILL PLAY IN VICTORIA

George Gray, the Australian billiard champion, has announced that he intends to play a series of games throughout Canada and the United States. His first match will be in Vancouver, following which he will come to Victoria and then proceed to Eastern Canada.

After touring the Dominion it is his intention to proceed to the States and give exhibitions in most of the large cities. Gray thinks that it is not improbable that he may meet Hoppe, the famous American player, in a series of games which are now being arranged.

The Australian will return to the Commonwealth after his tour, where interest in billiards is said to be booming.

PREMIER DEFENDS ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Mr. Brewster said that the Scott affidavit implicated the Conservative party largely.

"If Mr. Macdonald is proved to have been implicated I will not need to ask for his resignation. They tell you they came to me with a club and demanded that I take him in. Let me tell you no man or party can work the government in Victoria to-day. Try it if you can. We are engaged in bigger things. We have already butted our heads against some land messes. We have the problem of the returned soldiers, and we are going to deal with it. We are also going to develop the natural resources of the country so that every one will benefit. If you want to help us mark your ballots on Thursday for Messrs. Smith and Macdonald."

Endorses Premier's Action.

Liberals of Ward I, at their meeting last night passed a resolution heartily endorsing Premier Brewster and his cabinet selections, especially Hon. M. A. Macdonald and Hon. Ralph Smith,

LLOYD GEORGE REPLIES TO PROPOSALS OF THE ENEMY

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Commons, with the exception of the considerable number on the sick list owing to the prevalence of influenza and those in active service in distant countries, made efforts to secure a seat or standing room, while for the public and private galleries the tickets were long ago exhausted.

Enthusiastic Reception.

When the premier entered the House just before 4 o'clock he was cheered enthusiastically from all quarters. Former Premier Asquith, who entered a moment later, also was cheered vociferously by the Liberals.

Sir William Robertson, chief of the imperial staff at army headquarters, dressed in khaki, was in the gallery. Every seat on the floor and in the galleries was filled. The diplomatic representatives of Great Britain's allies occupied seats in the gallery for distinguished strangers. On the benches reserved for lords were members of the Upper House who took a prominent part in bringing about the recent change of Government. Among them were Lords Northcliffe, Reading, Burnham, Islington and Pirie. There was also a scattering of dominion ministers, including Premier Massey and Former Premier Ward of New Zealand.

The mayor of a tough Texas town was about to engage a preacher for the new church. "Parson, you aren't by any chance a Baptist are you?" "Why, yes, not necessarily. Why?" "Well, I was just a-goin' to say we have to haul our water twelve miles."

BOWLING NEWS.

The Garrison bowlers won from the B. C. Electric last night in the Commercial Bowling League at the Arcade alleys. The scores follow:

Garrison.	
Barton	147 129 155
Bayley	147 132 149
Musgrave	163 94 149
Slater	167 146 125
Pirie	146 177 146
	645 678 705
Total—2,622.	
B. C. Electric.	
McKenzie	118 135 139
Harrison	152 150 129
Robinson	122 105 160
Lemnaux	163 159 111
Untermahr	118 191 114
	605 698 581
To-morrow night the B. C. Telephone and the Cameron Lumber Co. will play.	

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Steamer Northwestern Has Been Chartered by San Francisco & Portland S. S. Co.

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NEW OCEAN DOCK IS ASSET TO HONGKONG

Reception Was Held Aboard Empress of Asia at Opening Ceremony

According to Capt. W. Davison, R. N. R., commander of the C. P. O. S. liner Empress of Asia, the new wharf of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company, Ltd., which was opened with the arrival of the great C. P. R. liner when she completed her last-outward voyage, is a great asset to the China station.

BRITISH VESSEL LOST AT SEA



BARQUE HOLT HILL

BARQUE HOLT HILL MEETS DISASTER

Crew of Well-Known Windjammer Picked Up in Atlantic by Steamer Iberia

The loss of the British barque Holt Hill, formerly a North Pacific trader, and a vessel well known at this port, is reported in cable advices from Liverpool.

WILL SPEND MERRY YULETIDE AT SEA

Passengers on Outbound Liner Awa Maru Have Guarantee of Real Celebration

With her holds jammed with cargo, comprising steel for Japanese shipbuilding yards, agricultural implements and binder twine for the cultivation of the Russian steppes, condensed milk for the ever-increasing infantile population of Japan and China, and various other miscellaneous freight, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Awa Maru got away from this port last evening for the Orient.

MAKURA MAY BE DELAYED BY STRIKE

Canadian-Australasian Liner Reached Sydney Two Days Behind

The local C. P. R. offices have been advised that the Canadian-Australasian liner Makura, Capt. J. D. S. Phillips, reached Sydney early Sunday morning from this port.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Seattle, Dec. 18.—Arrived: Str. Governor, San Diego, via San Francisco and Victoria, B. C.; Str. Senator, San Francisco; Str. Al-Ki, southeastern Alaska; U. S. L. H. T. Rose, Sound cruise.

WIRELESS REPORTS

December 19, 8 a.m. Point Grey—Overcast; calm; 29.90; 32; thick. Cape Lazo—Overcast; calm; 29.80; 34; sea smooth. Spoke str. Prince Rupert; Misamis, 8 a.m., off Cape Mudge, southbound.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Mariners are notified that a gas-lighted beacon has been established on Wearing Point, Cousins Inlet, by the department of marine. Lat. N. 52 deg. 18 min. 00 sec., Long. W. 127 deg. 47 min. 20 sec.

B. C.'S SALMON PACK

Average Catch Was Good According to Official Figures. Following is a detailed official statement of the British Columbia salmon pack for the 1916 season:

TIMES SHIPPING CHART

Table with columns: DEEP SEA ARRIVALS, DEEP SEA DEPARTURES, COASTWISE SERVICES. Lists ship names, destinations, and dates.

RECOMMENDED FOR OFFICIAL RECOGNITION

A recommendation has been forwarded to O.T.A.W. for official recognition of the heavy and resourcefulness of Capt. A. M. Davies and those officers and men of the G. T. P. steamer Prince John, who, on the afternoon of November 3 last participated in the rescue of the crew of the drifting barge, Donald D., off Fitzroy reef.

STANFORD IS FIXED

The American barquentine Jane L. Stanford, 881 tons, has been chartered by Comyn, Mackall & Co. to carry lumber from British Columbia to South Africa, early 1917 loading. The terms are private. It is not yet known at which port on this side of the border the Stanford will load.

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ESQUIMALT & NANAIMO RY. Christmas and New Year's Holiday HOLIDAY RATES

Holiday Fares to California. Via Portland, Ore., either rail or steamer. Fares from Victoria to San Francisco \$37.75, Sacramento \$53.55.

Canadian Northern Railway. TRANSCONTINENTAL LEAVES VANCOUVER. 5:00 A.M. SUNDAY.

Low Excursion Fares for Christmas and New Year Holidays VIA NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

THE UNION STEAMSHIP CO. OF B. C. LTD. Sailings to Northern B. C. Ports: S.S. 'CAMOSUN' leaves Vancouver every Tuesday at 9 p.m.

Day Steamer to Seattle THE S.S. 'Sol Duc' Leaves C. P. R. wharf daily except Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

WHITE STAR-DOMINION Line. The American barquentine Jane L. Stanford, 881 tons, has been chartered by Comyn, Mackall & Co.

LONG DISCUSSION ON CIVIC RETRENCHMENT

Mayor and Aldermen Asked to Forego Salaries; Civic Audit

The Civic Retrenchment Association last night demanded that there be an independent audit of the city's books, that the next mayor and council should give up their salaries, that tenders should be called for the care of the boulevards, that the candidates for the mayoralty should be invited to attend a public meeting to be called by the association in order that they might discuss a series of resolutions to be presented by them, and that the question of a grant to the Victoria and Island Development Association should be put to a vote of the people. These demands were voted on separately in the form of resolutions some of which had been prepared and others of which arose out of the discussions.

The occasion was the annual meeting of the association. F. J. O'Reilly presided and there were between thirty and forty members present. In his annual report Mr. O'Reilly stated that twenty-two meetings had been held during the past year and a large amount of good work had been done. There had been much saved to the city as a result of the association's activities. Of these savings he instanced the reduction in the salary of the health officer, the reduction of the amount of the grant to the Victoria and Island Development Association, and the saving of \$25,000 in school salaries. The report urged that there should be no increases in civic salaries this year, and drew attention to the excessive cost of the fire department. The association had taken an interest in the question of local improvement assessments, and had been the means of saving \$8,000 to the city through advising the letting of Sooke water into the salt water fire protection system. He appealed for greater support on their record of good work.

The financial statement for the year was presented showing that last year they had received in all \$446, and that there had been a deficit of \$42.83. This year, however, they had a balance in hand of \$126.01.

Officers Elected.
The election of officers resulted as follows: President, F. J. O'Reilly; vice-president, Howard Chapman; secretary-treasurer, G. Moore; executive committee, F. J. Landsberg, Keith Wilson, Arthur E. Haynes, Wm. Jackson, John Dean, W. H. Bone, Robert Dinsdale, H. H. Jones and H. E. Levy.

A long letter was read from John Dean, in which he suggested that a committee of five should be appointed to revise the Municipal Act; that a protest should be made against the Union of Municipalities being considered as representatives of the property owners of the city; that they should find out the cost to the city of the delegation which attended the recent sitting of the Union of Municipalities; that a report should be secured on the present assessment to see if it is normal; that steps should be taken to find out the cheapest means of taking a municipal census; an investigation be made of the expenditure in the Victoria fire department which, he urged, was excessive.

Against Any Increase.
The following resolution was then proposed by the chairman: "Whereas there has been a great falling off in the payment of local improvement taxes, amounting to \$2,250,000, which

indicates that the ratepayers are not able to meet expenditures, the association endorses the action of the mayor and aldermen in any steps they may take to reduce expenditures; there is no warrant for an increase in the salaries of the civic employees and the mayor and aldermen should forego their salaries."

In discussing this Arthur Lineham said he thought the resolution would bring the aldermen to a realization of the fact that they were spending other people's money. He realized the good work that was being done by the association and he felt that many were now taking an interest in the matter of taxation and would join it if canvassed. In his opinion 1,500 to 2,000 people might be induced to join.

Howard Chapman moved in amendment that the salary of the mayor should be reduced to \$1,500. All knew that the mayor was called upon to put his hand in his pocket and meet all sorts of calls. They could not expect him to put up for all that. If times were good they could expect a man to take the position without salary. He did not think there was a ghost of a show for the acceptance of their proposal.

H. E. Levy: "Do you think we should pay Brother Johns \$400 a year for trying to bring in blue laws?"

F. J. Landsberg thought they should put in the resolution as to salaries. If the positions were honorary they would get a better class of men to do the work. In regard to the calls that were made on the mayor they should stand by a good man and honor his vouchers. He should be remunerated only for out-of-pocket expenses.

The resolution was carried with only Mr. Chapman dissenting.

A resolution was then moved by Mr. Landsberg calling upon the city to ask for competitive tenders on garbage collection and boulevard work. To this there was considerable opposition, and finally it was amended to strike out the reference to garbage collection.

Mr. Levy thought the resolution should apply to every department in the city. He objected to the attitude of the city council in taking no notice of their objections. They laughed in their sleeves at the easy way in which the public were gulled.

Mr. Dinsdale thought it would be a mistake to let contracts for the collection of garbage. The work was being done cheaper now than a few years ago. He thought it would be better to encourage the council to keep the cost down.

Mr. Nation said it was most desirable that they should have a clean and healthy city. Under the contract system the contractors did as little as possible. This was one department in which they might arrive at their point some other way than by the contract system. The present method was better.

Mr. Keith-Wilson thought the cost excessive. He was sure it could be done for a great deal less than at present.

Drastring Proposal.
Speaking to his resolution, Mr. Landsberg said that they ought to hit the council in the head in order to make them wake up and bring them to their senses. They had to do something. The \$97,000 expended on garbage collection was fifty per cent. above what it should cost. He would like to know if anyone else had a proposal by means of which they could hit the city fathers in the head, if so he would like to hear it.

The discussion was continued by Judge Harrison and Messrs. Nation, Lineham and Jackson, after which the mover withdrew the clause dealing with garbage collection, and it was passed in its reference to the boulevard upkeep.

In moving a resolution asking the city council to take a vote on the question of whether they should continue the grant to the Victoria and Island Development Association, Mr. Chapman said that they could not overlook the fact that the population of the city was decreasing. He thought it would be better to devote the money now expended on the Development League to exploiting local industries. He suggested that the Empress steamers were passing our doors and the passengers given no right to stop off here, yet he had not heard of the Development League doing anything to get the order rescinded. The city council had no business to give money to bring in emigrants when they were allowing good citizens to leave the city. Citizens should conserve their own interests first.

H. H. Jones, in seconding the resolution, expressed the opinion that the appropriation would go to Seattle next year, as he understood the headquarters were to be moved to that city. The old Tourist Association had done good work and had cost the city almost nothing. If the city did not do the advertising the C.P.R. would.

Mr. Nation explained that this association was divided on the question of the keeping up of the Development League, and for that reason they asked that the citizens be allowed to vote on it.

The resolution was carried. To Interrogate Candidates.
The next proposal, which was carried unanimously, was that the Victoria theatre should be taken for some evening after the beginning of the year and that the mayoralty candidates should be asked to address them on the subject of a series of resolutions to be placed before them. In moving the resolution Mr. Chapman remarked that it was time that there were a lot of old women at the city hall who were absolutely incompetent to make out a report. If they could not do the work they should get out. He told of an incident in which he was not treated properly by the city clerk. He thought it time they had a public meeting to discuss these things.

In discussing the civic finances there was a great deal of criticism of the reports which had been produced at a recent meeting at the city hall. The city hall officials came in for a lot of criticism, and then Mr. Lineham sprung his resolution asking for an independent audit. Before rushing away to catch the Vancouver steamer he had

time to remark that Mr. Raymur was able to see only one firm of fiscal agents when it came to making a loan. He had been told that the city had paid as much as 52 per cent. too much for making loans through that company. He moved that the association demand that a competent firm of municipal accountants be employed to audit the books of the city in order that a full statement might be placed before the city. This resolution was carried with enthusiasm.

Considerable discussion took place as to how the work of the association could be extended. It was pointed out that the present membership was only 210 out of 5,000 taxpayers. It was finally left for the executive to devise ways and means.

Mr. Jackson emphasized the necessity of the association doing vigorous work. He suggested that the work for which the city engineer was paid \$4,800 could easily be done by a gang foreman at a time like this when no new work was being initiated. A little less salary would make him less arrogant in dealing with citizens who were looking for information.

After a declamatory speech on civic finances by Mr. Landsberg the meeting adjourned.

ARRANGES POLLING

Formal Details Are Settled, and Deputy Returning Officers Named.

Arrangements were formally made in council last evening for the annual municipal election on January 11. The nominations will take place on January 8. There will be two booths for the mayoralty and four for aldermen. School trustees' poll will take place at the pottery building.

Returning Officer Northcott will appoint the deputies from the following list: Mayor's deputy returning officer, C. E. Redfern and William Lorimer.

For aldermen—A. S. Ashwell, A. McIlvride, F. Wills and James Bell.

The question of fees was referred on Alderman Todd's suggestion, to the finance committee for a report.

OF FUNDAMENTAL JUSTICE

Council is Asked to Pass Resolution on Important Question.

"This is a principle of fundamental justice which should be adopted to protect owners and executors," observed Alderman Todd at the city council meeting last evening.

The reason of the remark was a motion of the aldermen to define a policy as to the disposal of property acquired by the city at tax sale, and to check speculation therein.

The alderman alluded to the problem which would follow when the government withdrew the protection from soldiers, and pointed out that many of their properties would only earn, and had only earned, taxes, which were mounting up in their absence. He argued that the city was constantly adding charges, which, if they were not paid, led to the confiscation of the properties. Some assistance must be given that would aid the people.

Alderman Porter said it was not only since times became bad that taxes were unpaid.

Alderman Peden was against action till the tax delinquency committee had dealt with the subject.

On Alderman Bell's suggestion it was not further considered, but sent to that committee.

Transfer of Poles.—The question of the transfer of poles from the B. C. Telephone Company to the B. C. Electric Railway again came up in city council last evening in a letter from Local Manager A. T. Goward on the subject. Negotiations were reported to be in progress with the company's head office in Vancouver.

WILL NOT SELL TO EITHER INTEREST

Neither Beneficiaries Nor Tenderers for Wyllly Property Secure It

In the city council came up for a fourth time last evening the much-discussed effort to sell back to the beneficiaries under the will of the late C. W. Wyllly the property on Selkirk water formerly owned by him.

Alderman Todd had two motions, one to reconsider the position already taken, the other to dispose of the property to the beneficiaries.

Before the motions were reached, another tender or rather a revised one had been received from Elliott, Maclean & Shandley on behalf of a client, offering more advantageous terms for the property than those mentioned a week ago, practically accepting a title from the city, on an undertaking that such title had not been encumbered during ownership.

During the discussion, which lasted a considerable period, the old arguments were recapitulated—on the one hand for indulgent treatment on account of the position of the beneficiaries, maiden ladies in Nassau, Bahamas, who had been led to expect a valuable estate, and on the other hand the danger of creating a precedent.

Should Get Square Deal.
Alderman Todd argued that society distinguished between a moral right and a moral wrong, and the council ought to make that distinction. "This thing should not go through," he said; "the buyers should get a square deal."

He argued that it was confiscation of the property, and showed a failure by the city to protect the property of the citizens.

Alderman Walker joined in the defence of the proposal, while the mayor declared the matter was not one of sentiment, and if the proposal should be adopted it was a direct encouragement to pay their taxes, knowing that six or seven years later when they wished to do so, all that would be necessary would be to repay the taxes and the penalties in the form of interest.

The motion was rejected by six votes to four, those for reconsideration of the beneficiaries' offer being Alderman Todd, Walker, Fullerton and Peden, and those against, the mayor, Alderman Porter, Cameron, Dilworth, Bell and Johns.

Alderman Porter then advocated the calling for new tenders and eventually it was decided to reject the revised bid, just as the beneficiaries' bid had been turned down, and to post notice of motion in time for a special meeting on Friday, at which date it will be decided to advertise for fresh tenders.

TO BE SUBMITTED
Referendum Motion on Publicity Vote is to Be Dealt With Next Week.

There will be a referendum on the publicity vote on January 11, if the Civic Retrenchment association secures the passage of a resolution which will be posted in time for the next meeting of the city council. The solicitor advised last evening that no petition was necessary for the submission of the referendum at an ordinary general election, such procedure being required only at a special election.

He explained the steps needed for the taking of a plebiscite, which ought to be set up on formal notice of motion. This course will be adopted.

ADOPTS MOTION ON EQUALIZATION BOARD

Aldermen Will Appeal to Executive Council for Powers of Re-Adjustment

"I personally think the judgments of the courts of law were founded on fact, and our decisions were not so founded," said Alderman Todd in council last evening.

The observation was made when the alderman asked the council to go on record in favor of legislation enabling the board of equalization to sit after county, supreme and appeal courts have dealt with the appeals from the civic court of revision on the assessment roll.

Alderman Todd had asked the council to indicate a policy on the matter, and to appoint a committee to wait on the provincial executive to present the council's views. Alderman Fullerton seconded the proposal. The latter observed that the Union of B. C. Municipalities had not favored the change.

The mayor thought the resolution went pretty far.

The solicitor said it did not go farther than the city's representations at the Vernon convention. The union's solicitor had recommended against it. Probably the legislative committee of the House would not entertain the proposal.

Alderman Todd declared that the better policy would be to go to the executive council direct, as a vital necessity to Victoria.

Alderman Cameron foresaw that the question opened up a very large issue.

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He did not think for a minute the government would grant the power. He believed it was not probable that the faults lay nearer at home. He was afraid that the assessments were perhaps too high, and not equitable. He did not think they could go to the legislature to ask for something of that nature. For his part he doubted if the council was the right body to judge its official acts, and an independent court would carry more weight to adjudicate assessments.

The motion was adopted, however, unanimously.

Alderman Todd, Fullerton and Bell were nominated as a committee to interview the executive.

ROCK BAY BRIDGE

By-law is to Be Prepared Asking Citizens to Sanction Appropriation.

Recommendation came from the harbor committee to the city council last evening to submit a money by-law for

\$40,000 for a steel swing span at Rock Bay bridge, and to repair the approaches, making such bridge suitable for heavy traffic. The proposal, of course, is to borrow the money when times are more favorable.

The recommendation was briefly referred to by Alderman Todd. He explained the reasons as follows:

- The duty of the citizens to repair the bridge. In this connection he alluded to the fact that in December, 1896, just half a century ago, the press drew attention to the bad condition of the bridge. To-day conditions were very similar.
- The possibility of cheaper steel, which would come when war products dropped. In the period of readjustment after the assurance of peace was in sight the city could be ready to take advantage of the proposal.

The motion was adopted without opposition, and a by-law will be prepared after the necessary resolution has passed through council.

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Advertisement for unfurnished houses for rent in various locations.

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Advertisement for furnished houses for rent, including modern cottages.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A collection of letters from readers, including one titled 'STROKEN IN THE STREET' and another 'THE CLARION CRY'.

MISCELLANEOUS

A collection of miscellaneous notices, including lost and found items and business announcements.

FOR SALE—AUTOMOBILES

Advertisement for various automobiles for sale, including models from 1916 and 1917.

BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS

Advertisement for construction services and building materials.

FURNITURE MOVERS

Advertisement for furniture moving services.

FOR SALE—LIVESTOCK

Advertisement for livestock for sale, including cattle and sheep.

FOR SALE—ACREAGE

Advertisement for land and acreage for sale.

FOR SALE—LOTS

Advertisement for lots and land parcels for sale.

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Special Rates for Winter Months—The Prince George Hotel offers special printer's rates of \$3 per month to a limited number of guests. This rate includes all the privileges of this fine hostelry, use of bath, phone, reading, writing and music room, etc. Elevator service to all floors at all hours of night and day. Steam heat, hot and cold water in every room. Apply Prince George hotel, corner Douglas and Pandora.

McKenzie Sausages are the best. For Good Gifts at Moderate Cost see Macey's Stationery and Gift Shop, 617 View street.

Toy Motor Raffle—The holder of ticket No. 55, the winning ticket for the toy motor raffle by the Superlatives branch of the Red Cross on Saturday last, has not come forward up to the present to claim his prize. It is hoped that the applicant will send in his name or call at the Belmont block within the next few days.

Comfort Bag Shower—The committee at the Red Cross rooms, Temple building, will be glad to receive anything suitable for the fitting up of a comfort bag at the "shower," which is to be held to-morrow. The following articles are required: pipes, tobacco, cigarettes, playing cards, tooth brushes and paste, shaving-brushes and soap, hair-brushes and combs, towels, writing paper, envelopes, khaki handkerchiefs, pencils, notebooks and socks. Very useful contributions have come from some of the Red Cross workers who have shown their individual interest in the comfort bag equipment by holding showers. But there are still many required and it is hoped that a very liberal gift will be received from the people of Victoria to-morrow.

ADVERTISING FRUIT

A neat booklet published from a Calgary press by W. E. McTaggart, prairie fruit markets commissioner at that point, contains copies of the advertising which was scattered over the province of Alberta from time to time during the British Columbia fruit seasons. These advertisements are as artistic as the booklet in which the copies of them appear, and they contain a terse and telling appeal to the housewife to purchase the fresh fruit from the neighbor province, which can be got in there in very few hours from the time it is pulled. Some of the advertising appeared in newspapers in Manitoba and Saskatchewan as well.

At intervals Mr. McTaggart sent letters to 4,000 retailers in the three prairie provinces, calling their attention to the quality of British Columbia fruit and asking for their co-operation in bringing it to the attention of the housekeepers during the preserving season.

The booklet is published under the auspices of the B. C. Fruit Growers' Association, and contains a foreword from Thomas Abriel, Nakusp, president of that body. The results from the campaign of the summer are understood to have been very satisfactory to the members of the association.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

PLUMBING REPAIRS, sixty cents an hour. Phone 1915. Standard Plumbing Company, Pandora street, opposite City Market. 419

GARAGE for rent, Fairfield, 30 months; or sell for \$25. Phone 4538 R. 421

DIED

TAYLOR—On the 15th inst., at his residence, 15 Olive street, Samuel R. Taylor, aged 28 years, a native of Wales, England, and a well-known photographer of Victoria. He is survived by his widow and two children, also a mother in Walsall, England, and four sisters and one brother.

The funeral has been arranged to take place from the family residence on Thursday, Dec. 21, at 2 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Flinton will officiate. Interment at Ross Bay cemetery. No flowers, by request. Arrangements with the Thomas Funeral Co. Funeral by motor.

HALF-HOLIDAY ACT MAY BE AMENDED

Retail Merchants' Association Seeks Information on Matter of Importance

A movement to obtain an expression of the opinion of the merchants of Victoria on the Saturday Half-Holiday Act was launched in the city today. H. A. Dibble, secretary of the local Retail Merchants' Association, has mailed to every merchant, whether he be a member of the association or not, a letter containing ten questions bearing directly on the Half-Holiday Act which has been in force for six months.

The local retailers' organization is very representative, and owing to the fact that the letters have been sent to all those in business, the replies should very well express the desire of the community. On the information the association will decide what action it will take in regard to having a referendum placed before the people at the municipal election in January as to the advisability of changing the day for the half-holiday from Saturday to Wednesday. Any such request would have to be signed by 10 per cent. of those on the municipal voters' list before it would be considered by the city council.

This morning Mr. Dibble said that already he is receiving a hearty response to the communications that he has sent to the merchants, and the answers to the questions that have been asked will enable the executive of the association to take an intelligent stand on a matter which is of vital importance.

It is requested that the replies be in Mr. Dibble's hands by to-morrow at the latest.

Questions Asked.

The following are the questions:

1. Do you consider the present Saturday half-holiday law satisfactory, and if it is a success?
2. Do you approve of the changing of the same to a Wednesday half-holiday instead of Saturday?
3. Do you approve of the changing of the same to that of closing all retail establishments at 6 o'clock all year through, except Christmas week and evenings before legal holidays?
4. Do you approve of the changing of the same to that of closing all retail establishments at 6 o'clock all year through, except Christmas week and evenings before legal holidays, and to close one-half day each week in the months of June, July and August?
5. Do you approve of the changing of the same to that of giving one half-holiday each week to your employees throughout the year, such day to be fixed by you and your employees?
6. Do you know of any stores in the city that are allowed to remain open, while you are obliged to close on Saturday afternoons and evenings, that are supplying the trade with the same articles you are selling?
7. Have you heard any of your customers express dissatisfaction with the present law? If so, were there many of these?
8. Have you learned of the loss of any trade going out of the city through tourists, mail-order business, or otherwise, on account of the existence of the present law?
9. What effect, if any, has this law had on your gross sales for the past six months, as compared with the last six months of 1915, after taking into account the increased selling prices, if any, of your merchandise, and the general changes, if any, in the financial conditions here?
10. What expressions have your employees made concerning the success or failure of the present law?

MINISTERS' RETURN IN VANCOUVER SURE

Premier Brewster from That City, Where He Spoke Last Night at Two Meetings

Premier Brewster, who returned home to-day from Vancouver, where he spoke last night at two meetings in support of his two colleagues, Hon. M. A. Macdonald, K.C., and Hon. Ralph Smith, who are standing for re-election in that city, reports the "outlook" for their return to be excellent.

There were three meetings held last night in the central wards of the city in support of the two ministers, and these were all attended by overflowing audiences. On the other hand, the McTaggart-Martin meetings were comparatively slimly attended. The feeling in Vancouver is that Joseph Martin has shot his bolt, and with very little effect on the solid body of the electorate.

While in Vancouver the premier had occasion to issue a statement to the press contradicting the misleading and untruthful statements that have been made in speeches, interviews and letters to the opposition press regarding conferences had with him here by Martin, McTaggart and Housser. At these conferences R. F. Elliott, K.C., the premier's private solicitor, was present, and a letter from him to the premier adds to the contradiction.

It was the understanding that all the legal arrangements for the conduct of the royal commission, so far as the premier required legal advice, should be in the hands of Mr. Elliott, Mr. Macdonald stipulating for this course before he would accept the attorney generalship. Whatever has been done since has been by Mr. Elliott, and what is done in future will be by him in this connection.

Already there is a move in Vancouver, according to the newspapers of that city, to expel McTaggart from the presidency of War One Liberal Association. A meeting has been called by Ashworth Anderson, secretary of the association, to consider a motion to that effect.

There is a good deal of comment in the sister city also concerning the action of Dr. J. W. McIntosh and J. S. Cowper, two of the local members. They are out in support of McTaggart and in opposition to the ministers. Some nasty things are being said of the nature of their action, and there will probably be more heard about it when the polling is over. An ex-Vancouver man who is over here to-day put it: "With the two ministers re-elected McIntosh and Cowper, who were elected as representatives of the people, will be shown up as misrepresenting their constituents at an important time."

It is not expected that either the minister of finance or the attorney general will return to the city until after polling day, Thursday. It is possible that they may remain at their homes there until after the holiday.

Hon. William Sloan, minister of mines, left for Nanaimo yesterday afternoon, and intended going over from there to Vancouver to-day to give a hand by speaking at some of the meetings in favor of his colleagues.

It is possible that the premier may go over to-morrow afternoon to take part in one or more of the closing rallies.

Military Items

The report that the 30th B. C. Horse has been authorized to mobilize an overseas company is denied from local headquarters. It is stated that that active militia corps probably will receive such instructions, but that they have not yet come through from Ottawa.

Capt. C. Tweedale, district intelligence officer, announces that he has been instructed to proceed with the mobilization of a Cyclists' Corps for overseas service. Its strength will be 85, and it will be commanded by a lieutenant. Until the latter is appointed Capt. Tweedale will have charge and will accept applications for enlistment at Work Point barracks.

The 50th Regiment, Gordon Highlanders, is busily engaged in the recruiting of the overseas company which it has been authorized to raise. Capt. Williams and Lieut. Courtenay, who have made a tour of the island, report that they received many applications for information and that there is every reason to believe that their field work will have good results.

Capt. G. Cuzner and Capt. W. J. Dowsett have been attached to the Army Medical Corps at the Willows training depot.

Mrs. Binks—"The artist took this photograph of the instantaneous process." Binks—"I should have known that without any telling." Mrs. Binks—"How? Binks—"Your mouth is shut."

PROVINCIAL AUDIT COMMENCED TO-DAY

Accountants in Charge of Work Are All Experienced, and Britishers

The audit of the provincial accounts and books of record was commenced this afternoon, by a corps of expert chartered accountants belonging to the firm of Price, Waterhouse & Company, of London, Montreal and New York.

The staff which is working here is under the charge of E. W. Dudley, a British chartered accountant of long and varied experience. He has also handled municipal and government work extensively on both sides of the Atlantic. With him are associated P. D. White, M. B. Irvine, C. G. Keys.

All the members of Mr. Dudley's staff are Britishers, it being one of the stipulations made by the premier and the minister of finance that none but British subjects should be engaged on the audit.

It is impossible to tell at this time how long the audit will take, as a good deal depends upon the manner in which the books are found and the possible necessity that may arise for a good deal of delving to get at the true state of affairs. The auditors will direct their efforts to the preparation of a balance sheet to November 30, on which can be based later an accurate balance sheet to the end of the fiscal year.

PUGET SOUND MILL TROUBLES IN COURT

Court Grants Time to Protect the Interests of Creditors

Something of the trials and tribulations of the Canadian Puget Sound Lumber Co. and of the efforts to reorganize, and the failure to come to any agreement, was aired in the supreme court this morning when an application was made by Harold Robertson, on behalf of the shareholders of the company, to have the time for the final order of foreclosure set forward a year.

After hearing a long argument, together with the reading of affidavits, and giving W. J. Taylor an opportunity to oppose it, Mr. Justice Clement adjourned the application for two months, with a suggestion that the final application for foreclosure also stand over for two months. In that time, his lordship suggested, the shareholders might be in a position to show that there was reasonable expectation that reorganization might be effected.

Mr. Robertson explained that when the proposal was brought forward to reorganize the company it was decided that there must be a friendly foreclosure as a preliminary. This was applied for and an order granted last March. Later it was found that they were unable to agree, with the result that negotiations were broken off; and meanwhile the date for the final foreclosure was approaching. Now they were asking for an extension of time and also to have A. C. Fraser, of the Merchants Bank, added as a party to the case.

The Merchants Bank, it was shown, was a creditor to the extent of \$122,000, for which they had no security except the property covered by the bondholders. This property included the Seward Mill and the timber limits, which were valued a few years ago at over seven million dollars, while the liabilities amounted to over a million. If foreclosure were granted at the end of this month the bank would lose everything. As the 30th of this month was the date set for the final order the shareholders could not agree among themselves, and in the meantime the bondholders wanted their money. They would have to borrow money to keep the property alive, and there was no fund from which the money could come. It would take over \$50,000 to carry the property another year.

A. D. Cadwell Co., Inc., had sent \$50,000 and bought up a number of the creditors at 50c on the dollar, and then could not agree with the other interests. It was hopeless. In the meantime the bondholders had had to borrow from the bank to support its interest and the property was not worth anything like as much as the value set upon it in the affidavit. He was just going away to see the Michigan Trust Co. and he wanted the know what they were going to do before he went. For that reason he objected to the adjournment.

Mr. Robertson read from reports of the committee of shareholders to show the progress which had been made in reorganizing. The chief difficulty was in the present lack of shipping facilities. This had brought about the present deadlock. He appealed to the court as a court of equity to protect the interest of his clients.

His lordship—"This court is not going to sit and see six and a half million dollars worth of property taken on a debenture debt."

Mr. Taylor suggested that if the 28th of foreclosure were granted they would be willing to sell the property under the direction of the court and any surplus proceeds could go to the creditors.

His lordship refused this and adjourned the application for two months in order to give time to protect the interests of the shareholders and other creditors.

The corporation of London records show that there were big city feasts in London at an enormous cost long before William Smythe's expensive lord mayor's banquet in 1875. At the Spittal feast the wine bill many years earlier amounted to £600, and Elizabeth estimates that a customary dish of eels "for an alderman," would cost £40 of our money. Indeed, in 1554 the corporation passed a by-law restricting expenditure on feasting because "almost all good citizens file and refuse to serve (as mayor or sheriff) in this honorable city only because of the great excess and chargeable fare and diet, used in the time of the said offices."—London Chronicle.

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The Bootery can solve that problem for you—and do it in a way that will bring genuine delight to the recipient. For instance, you can give her a Bootery Scrip. With it she can purchase anything in the Footwear line, from fashionable, high-grade shoes for herself to stout Schoff shoes for the kiddies.

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PREMIER TAKES UP REFORM OF SERVICE

Is in Conference To-day With Dr. Adam Shortt on Abolition of Patronage

Premier Brewster is in conference this afternoon with Dr. Adam Shortt, C.M.G., chairman of the federal civil service board, in regard to the proposed reorganization of the entire public service of the province, inside and outside, and the drafting of the civil service act.

Dr. Shortt is quite in sympathy with the idea of the elimination of patronage from public appointments of any sort, which is the ideal the Brewster government has set up, and with his advice and experience there is not a doubt that a system will be evolved which will show to other provinces and to the federal authorities, which have never yet tried to go as far as the new government of British Columbia intends to go, what can be accomplished by a government that is thoroughly in earnest.

The chairman of the board will remain here for some days and will go very thoroughly into the whole question with the premier and with his colleagues when they all get back to the city. The subject is a big one, but quite amenable to solution by men of ability and determination.

WAS WELL KNOWN HERE

Late Rev. James Alexander Wood Was One-Time Pastor at Wesley Methodist Church.

One of the best known Methodist pastors of the province passed away last week at Armstrong in the death of Rev. James Alexander Wood, for some years incumbent at Wesley church, Victoria West, where he preceded the Rev. S. J. Thompson, the present pastor.

The deceased was one of the pioneers of Methodism in British Columbia. He came to this country soon after his ordination, which was in 1880. His first missionary work was at Bella Coola, to which he was assigned in 1882. In succession he went to Maple Bay, Saanich, Delta (Gadner), Kamloops, Clinton, Richmond, Vernon, Revelstoke, Kaslo, Kamloops, Salmon Arm, and Victoria. He left Victoria about three years ago, going to Armstrong. For the last eleven years he occupied a particularly prominent place in the affairs of his church in the province, having been elected president of the B. C. Methodist Conference in 1905. For a number of years he had a seat on the board of directors of Columbia College, and did some very effective work as representative of British Columbia on the National Board of Missions of the Methodist church. Since leaving here he had retired on superannuation, winning a well-deserved rest after a busy life in the service of the church. For some time he had been living with his family at Salmon Arm.

Besides the widow there survive at the family home one son and two daughters. One son lives at Courtenay, and there are four sons absent on active service.

The late Mr. Wood had many close personal friends in this city and in the Strawberry Vale and Sidney districts, where he held charges in years gone by. An untiring worker he had also a very winning personality which made him friends readily wherever he went. It was during his incumbency at Victoria West that the new Wesley church was built and opened.

Personal

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Corbett (nee Miss Violet Bromley) have arrived in the city from Vancouver and are spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bromley.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton G. Wallis, of Colchester, Conn., on their way to winter in southern California, will spend the Xmas holidays visiting their sisters, Mrs. O. T. Goldsmith and Miss Elizabeth Lowry, of the outer wharf.

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Feverbird's Port (Portuguese), per bottle, up to \$1.25.
Governador Port (Portuguese), per bottle \$1.50.
Croft's Imperial (Portuguese), per bottle \$1.50.
Cigars (hand-made, in tins) \$1.50.

TENDERS
Tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned until Friday next, the 22nd inst., at 3 p. m., for the purchase of the real property known as Section 3, and otherwise known as Lot 1, Garbally Estate, situated on Manchester road, with a westerly frontage on that portion of Victoria Arm known as Schlick Water, and consisting of 1.90 acres, more or less. A certified cheque for 10 per cent. of the amount bid must accompany each tender, which cheque will be forfeited if the tender is accepted and the purchase not completed within two weeks after receipt of said tender.

GIVE US HIS NAME
CITIZENS OF VICTORIA!
After the Urgent Appeal of the Premier and Mr. Bennett, Director of National Recruiting, the
143rd BATT'N, C.E.F.
wish to try the plan of getting
A NAME
of any eligible young man who has not joined the colors yet.
Nearly everyone knows some definite individual who surprises them by not being in Uniform, and we ask that this Name be sent to the Officer in Charge of Recruiting for the 143rd Battalion.

TO-NIGHT'S CABARET
A BRILLIANT AFFAIR
Ballroom at Empress Beautifully Decorated; to Make Soldiers' Christmas Happy

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A BRILLIANT AFFAIR
In order to procure the funds necessary to take Christmas cheer to the returned soldiers at the Military Convalescent Home, Esquimalt, a cabaret entertainment is being held this evening in the Empress hotel ballroom, under the direction of Mrs. R. H. Pooley and Miss Ethel Dunsmuir.

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On Hing & Bros., 552 Figgard St., Victoria, B. C.

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WORK OF ENGINEERS
SHOWN IN PICTURES
Exceptionally Interesting Film at Royal Victoria Theatre

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For the first time since the commencement of recruiting in British Columbia for overseas service the general public of Victoria has an opportunity of seeing something of the preparatory work through which the men are put prior to leaving Canada.

CHINESE CASES
Preliminary Hearings Have Now Been Finished; Some Time Before Trial Can Proceed.
There are now 17 men committed for trial arising out of the riot at the Chinese school on October 8.

OCCASIONED SURPRISE
Demand for Civic Audit Recalls Experience of Seven Years Ago.
It has been the habit at the city hall to expect "hot" things from the Civic Retrenchment Association, but to neither from the attitude expressed this morning, the demand for "the appointment of a competent firm of municipal auditors to go over the books at the city hall" took the breath away of some officials.

FIFTY THOUSAND ARE
TRAINING IN CANADA
Comparatively Small C. E. F. Force in Dominion at Present

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Statistics have been received at district military headquarters, Work Point from the militia department, Ottawa, which indicate that the strength of the C. E. F. forces now in Canada aggregated 50,724 at the end of November.

CASH REGISTER RIFLED
Two Aspects of a Curious Case Are Laid Before City Police Magistrate.
A rather unusual case occupied the attention of the city police court this morning. Hearing of cash registers is not uncommon, but the method alleged against Tom Morris was remarkable.

S. B. TAYLOR DIES
Well-Known Photographer of City Passes Away Following Long Illness.
Samuel B. Taylor, a well known photographer of the city, passed away this morning at his home, 145 Olive street, following a long illness.

FIRST OF NATIONAL
SERVICE CARDS HERE
Men of Canada Will Answer Series of Questions Early in January

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SERVICE CARDS HERE
National Service Week opens in Victoria, in common with all other sections of the Dominion, early in January. Notice of this already has been given in dispatches from Ottawa, published in the press and in addresses by Sir R. L. Borden, Canada's premier; R. B. Bennett, M. P., director general of the National Service Commission for Canada, and others.

FOR GRANBY SMELTER
Steamer Admiral Watson Delivers 500 Tons of Copper Ore From Alaska.
The first vessel of the fleet of the Pacific Steamship company to deliver copper ore in British Columbia for smelting purposes, the Admiral Watson, arrived at Anxox, B. C., yesterday morning with a shipment of 500 tons of the product of the properties of the Fidalgo Mining company at Landlock bay, Alaska.

NOW UNRECOGNIZABLE
Freighter British Columbia Carries Two White Bands of New Owners.
The two white bands of the Coastwise Steamship & Barge Company now encircle the funnel of the steamer British Columbia, recently purchased from the Western Shipping Co., Ltd. of Vancouver.

WANT SCHOOL CLINIC
Garden City Women's Institute Passes Resolution Urging Medical Inspection.
At the last meeting of the Garden City Women's Institute, held in the institute rooms, Jasmine avenue, the following resolution, moved and seconded by Mrs. Birkett and Mrs. Smith respectively, was adopted and forwarded to Dr. H. E. Young, of the provincial board of health:

WANT SCHOOL CLINIC
Garden City Women's Institute Passes Resolution Urging Medical Inspection.
Realizing as we do the serious educational handicap suffered by those children afflicted by removable physical defects we would welcome some scheme to provide medical attention to defects of eyes, ears, throats and teeth at not too great a cost, having read with interest of the enormous benefits resulting from school clinics in other countries we respectfully request that a similar boon be extended without loss of time to the children of this province.

C. S. MANN DEFEATS B. WRIGHT IN FINAL
A crowded room witnessed the final heat of the Empress Patriotic Billiard Tournament that was played between C. S. Mann (oves 100) and B. Wright (receives 125) at the Empress hotel last evening.

Christmas Suggestions
AT
GOWEN'S
Coat Sweaters, in all shades, \$10.00 to \$3.50
Knitted Vests \$11.00 to \$3.50
Smoking Jackets \$15.00 to \$5.00
Dressing Gowns \$20.00 to \$7.50
Jaeger Slippers for Ladies \$2.00 to \$1.25
Jaeger Slippers for Men \$5.00 to \$2.00
Suspender and Garter Sets \$2.50, \$2.00, \$1.25 and 75c
Garter and Armband Sets 75c and 50c
Belt and Armband Sets \$1.00
A Beautiful Showing of Neckwear—All the season's latest designs, at \$2.00 to 50c
Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, half dozen in box, \$2.00 and \$1.50
Initial Linen Handkerchiefs half dozen in box, \$2.00
Irish Linen Handkerchiefs Dozen, \$12.00 to \$6.00
A Warm Overcoat would make an appropriate gift. We have them at \$35.00 to \$15.00
If in Doubt Give a Gowen Merchandise Bond
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- NEW TABLE FIGS Per lb., 20c, and 25c
- NEW MIXED NUTS, all this season's. Per lb. 25c
- LIBBY'S NEW MINCEMEAT, real mincemeat, not apple filling. Per lb. 25c
- SHIRRIFF'S or PURE GOLD JELLY POWDERS All kinds; 4 for 25c
- CLUSTER RAISINS Per box \$1.25, 60c, 50c, 25c and 15c
- B. & K. ROLLED OATS Extra Cream. 7-lb. sack 35c

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One Diamond-Necklace, 75 Diamonds.
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One Diamond Pendant, 27 Diamonds.
One Diamond Crescent, 21 Diamonds.
One Diamond Sunburst, 67 Diamonds.
One Diamond Cross and Crown, 30 Diamonds.
One Diamond and Ruby Ring, 5 Rubies and 4 Diamonds.
One Diamond and Ruby Bracelet, 3 Rubies and 4 Diamonds.
One Topaz Ring.
One Pearl Ring.
One 9-carat Gold Bracelet.

ESTATE OF SERGEANT MAJOR MANSON, DECEASED.

- One Ship's Clock.
Pair of Opera Glasses.

ESTATE OF CHARLES A. HARRISON, DECEASED.

- One Gold Repeater Watch.

The above will be on view during the afternoon of the Day of Sale. At the same time, instructed by the B. C. Land & Investment Co., Ltd., we will also offer the following properties, situated on Smith's Hill:

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325	20	Topaz and Jones
329	20	Topaz near Jones
343	20	Cor. Jones and Arthur
353	17	Cor. Higgins and Basil
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377	18	Basal St.
379	18	Basal St.
383	17	Cook and Basil

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PREMIER BREWSTER TO BUSINESS INTERESTS

Financial Times Publishes Message, Emphasizing Necessity for Thrift

In the last issue of the British Columbia Financial Times appears the following letter from the premier of the province, Hon. H. C. Brewster:

In response to your request for a message to the business interests of British Columbia, I think I could give none of greater import than by expressing the sincere wish that the business men of the province may use their great power and influence in the direction of emphasizing the necessity for governmental, business, and private economy.

In the midst of this devastating war, so wasteful of humanity and wealth; recent events—while only delaying what we know will be the ultimately successful sacrifices that will have to be made, and the courage and fortitude that will have to be exercised to ensure that we end, an end which I regret to think, may yet be a long way off.

It is necessary for all to contribute. Everyone can do something, if not in the military then in the economic field, and I am deeply impressed with the results that would obtain from the provincial-wide practice of thrift by all our citizens.

GAVE DRILL DISPLAY

St. Margaret's Gymnasium Pupils Give Interesting Entertainment.

All the seating accommodation in the gymnasium of St. Margaret's school was taken up last evening with visitors on the occasion of the drill and dancing display given by the senior and junior girls of the school. The entertainment was greatly enjoyed by everyone, the girls acquitting themselves in a manner which showed their zest no less than their skill in this form of class-work. Alertness, precision, and form characterized the performance of the exercises throughout. And in their attention to general effect no less than individual perfection in the floor drill and Swedish exercises the pupils showed an unusually developed keenness.

The programme commenced with a marching exercise by the senior girls, whose neat navy blue gymnasium dress and red ribbons made a very pretty effect of uniformity. Miss Long, at the piano, provided the necessary music for the various drill and dance movements. After the seniors left the floor, having demonstrated very effectively their smartness in turning, pivoting and chaining, the juniors, headed by nearly the smallest girls in the school, marched on the floor and went through a somewhat similar drill, leading up to exercises with the ropes, cross-bar, etc. These latter formed an exhibition of already astonishingly well-developed muscle. A skipping contest between the "old" girls and the present girls resulted in very even elimination, one by one, of the two teams, until at the last one of each only stood in the ring. Finally the "present" girl stood alone, winner of the trial. In high-jumping, vaulting and swinging the senior girls did some remarkably fine work, per-

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ment was a March of the Allies, the Union Jack heading the figure-procession which finally stood in form, at the salute, while the National Anthem was played.

Refreshments were served in the dining-room afterwards by Miss Barton and the teachers, everyone repairing thither when the programme was at an end. Many of the visitors took the occasion to say goodbye to Miss Cotworth, the gymnasium mistress, who is leaving on Sunday for England, and for whom the girls of the school gave three cheers at the conclusion of the entertainment.

Jack—"It's a fine air castle you've built. How do you propose to get into it, by airship?" Tom—"No; by heires."

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