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## FRANCE FEARS GERMANS MAY MAKE DASH THROUGH SWISS TERRITORY IN DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO TURN LINE

### Germany, With Military Forces at Maximum, is Preparing for Supreme Effort of War; French Publicist Advocates Formation of Mobile Army to Reinforce Any Point Threatened by Enemy

Paris, Jan. 4.—(By Fred B. Pitney.)—France fears a dash by the German armies across neutral Switzerland, in a desperate attempt to turn the French and Italian lines, and relieve the pressure of allied forces on the two fronts. For months the possibility of an invasion of Swiss territory has been talked of in Paris as a possibility. Today, in the opinion of an influential section of the French press, it has become a probability.

Germany has called to the colors another class of recruits which will reinforce her active armies by more than half a million men. With her military forces now at their maximum, she is preparing for her supreme effort of the war.

Of one thing France is certain, that under Field Marshal von Hindenburg Germany is mustering all her resources for the decisive stroke, and if the past is to be a guide for the future she will deal this blow with the same lightning-like speed with which she launched her legions across neutral Belgium in the opening campaign of 1914.

Having already shown her contempt of treaty rights in her dealings with one country, it is not likely that Germany will hesitate, at a similar violation in the case of Switzerland, French writers say.

This view is expressed in La Victoire by Gustav Herve, the famous French publicist, who devotes his leading article to the subject.

"Army of Manoeuvre."  
Britain must take over a still greater portion of the line now held by the French, M. Herve declares, in order to free a sufficient body of French troops to permit the formation of an "army of manoeuvre"—a mobile force which will be ready to reinforce any part of the west front line menaced by the German attack.

M. Herve also points out that Germany has mobilized the class of 1915, giving her 400,000 additional men, while her civil mobilization will liberate a force variously estimated at from 500,000 to 2,000,000. This force, while it will be used chiefly for service at the rear, will free a corresponding number of younger troops for the purposes of the first line. At what point will they strike? M. Herve asks.

Von Hindenburg's pet objective is Russia, the article continues, but a

## NOT PREPARED TO FOLLOW WILSON

### London Press Comments on Action of the Spanish Government

London, Jan. 4.—Further criticism of President Wilson's note are printed in the morning papers in connection with Spain's refusal of the overtures from Washington and the impending reply of the entente.

The Times says editorially: "The wise and dignified action of the Spanish government and the significant attitude of Holland and the principal republics of South America show that the independent neutrals are not all prepared to follow President Wilson's ill-considered lead. His note affords a great opportunity for laying our ends before Americans in words that cannot be misunderstood. We trust it will be greatly used so that the contrast between our union and the ends of our enemies stand out sharp and clear in American eyes as a contrast between the cause of freedom and the cause of bondage stood in ours when Lincoln invoked upon his abolition edict the considered judgment of mankind."

Referring to Spain's reply the Morning Post says: "The government of Spain may be supposed to understand better the realities of the situation, since it is not only less remote from the struggle, but inspired by principles which are probably somewhat nearer to reality."

Citing its Washington advice that there is a strong feeling in the United States in support of President Wilson, the Post sees a danger that this action is injurious to the interests of the allies.

is, therefore, important that neutrals should realize not only the possible, but the logical consequences of such an action.

After expressing the hope that it is impossible for the United States and the allies to come to blows, the Post concludes: "All that need be said is that the allies are as anxious for peace as President Wilson, but can not tolerate intervention at a moment when intervention means victory for Germany."

## NEW SCHEDULES ARE BEING ARRANGED

### Railways Making Preparations for Curtailment of Passenger Service

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—Sir Henry Drayton, chairman of the Dominion railway commission, stated today that while negotiations were proceeding satisfactorily in connection with the proposed curtailment of passenger traffic in order to facilitate the movement of freight on a number of local and through railway lines, it will be some considerable time before the new schedules embodying a changed service can be arranged for and put into force. This question is being handled largely in Montreal by the railways, although the new schedules agreed to by the railways will come before the railway board.

In cases where the railways cannot decide what trains should be taken off, the board will settle the matter. It is expected that there will be a considerable curtailment of passenger traffic in order to relieve the congestion in the shipment of munitions, grain and freight.

## TWENTY-FIVE PERISH WHEN FERRY SINKS

London, Jan. 4.—A Central News dispatch from Amsterdam says that 22 women and children were drowned through the sinking of a ferry boat in a collision on the Moselle near Bellstein.

## THE REICHSTAG WILL MEET THIS MONTH

London, Jan. 4.—A plenary session of the reichstag will possibly be convoked in the middle of January, according to a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam quoting the Berlin Vorwaerts. Vorwaerts says that "it is obvious that the chancellor, as well as the parties, would like to express an opinion on the entente's refusal of Germany's peace offer." The budget committee of the reichstag is generally expected to meet in the middle of the month, in any event, the dispatch says.

## TROOPS RESUME TRENCH WARFARE

### Operations Are Being Carried Out With Extreme Technical Skill

## HONORS REST WITH THE BRITISH FORCES

### Guns Bombarding Germans, Who Are Given Little Time to Rest

With the British Armies in the Field, Jan. 2.—The old business of trench warfare has been resumed for a while out here during the days of "peace," as the soldiers call this way of fighting when there are no attacks.

It is a business conducted with extreme technical skill and directed by specialized minds, taking into consideration all manner of problems beyond the scope of the simple soldier, such as new dispositions of German troops, reinforcements of hostile batteries at certain sections of the front, supplies of ammunition, difficulties of transport, the wear and tear of guns and the influence of the weather on operations.

It is a business which, on the British side, is devoted to one simply deadly object, that is, to kill German soldiers wherever shell or trench bomb or machine gun bullet can reach them, to smash up their defences as soon as they have built them, to prevent the building of them, to destroy relief coming in or going out, to make their communication trenches impassable by constant fire, to construct death traps across roads, and to injure the foe in his dugouts, in his ditches, in his billets, in his store dumps, in his body and in his soul.

Shell German Positions.

The foe has precisely the same purpose regarding the British, and goes about it in the same systematic way. It will be seen, therefore, that these days of "peace" are not without their disagreeable moments. On the balance the British have made themselves more disagreeable than the Germans during the past few days. It is not that the Christmas spirit has softened the enemy at all. They have done their best to be most damnable disagreeable, but they are making use of this breathing space in the battle of the Somme to recuperate their strength and refresh themselves for future defensive efforts.

They have been shifting their batteries about, now that they are relieved a little from the deadly concentration of the Somme, but meanwhile the British guns have been bombarding their positions in deliberate fashion.

## ENGINEERS DESTROY BIG GERMAN MINE

### Fifty Killed by Explosion and Others by Fire From Machine Guns

London, Jan. 4.—"As a New Year's gift to the Hun, we blew in the biggest mine I have ever seen," said a Canadian staff officer who arrived in London today. "It is the Royal Engineers who deserved the credit for it. They have been mopping for months at a certain place where we have the advantage of position on a big coal dump. The Huns tried five times to find our sap, but each time our men blew in their counter-saps. The explosion itself got about 50 Huns, and we must have killed as many more when we jumped into the crater with machine guns."

"Most of the Fritzies tried to get overland and were easy marks. Along this front we have not let the Germans have a minute's peace. Our patrols have grabbed on an average of three prisoners nightly."

"It is fine weather now and our artillery is getting so busy it reminds one of the Somme, but there's not so much stuff coming back."

## ROOSEVELT SCORES PRESIDENT WILSON

### Declares Country Has Been Placed in Thoroughly False Position

### DESCRIBES NOTE AS "IMMORAL AND DISHONEST"

### Says All Right-Thinking Americans Are Bound to Protest Against Message

New York, Dec. 4.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt called President Wilson's peace note immoral, dishonest and an aid to Germany last night. He backed the position taken by Senator Lodge and Representative Gardner for his support of the resolution providing for an inquiry into the reputed leak in Wall street.

The colonel said that Mr. Wilson had taken a "position so profoundly immoral that high-minded and right-thinking Americans, whose country this note places in a thoroughly false position, are in honor bound to protest."

"This is palpably false," he continued, after quoting the declaration in the note that both sides say they are fighting for the same thing, and he followed this with the declaration "it is wickedly false," to say that Germany is fighting for the same thing as the allies.

The president's statement that at some future time the American people intend to safeguard the rights of small nations should be promptly withdrawn, the colonel said, unless it is sheer hypocrisy. The statement that the United States was eager to guard the peace of the world, he declared, to be absurd, saying that "the spectacle of the president trying to guarantee the peace of any nation with the aid of Messrs. Daniels and Baker is as comic as anything ever written by Artemus Ward."

Meddling in European Affairs.  
"If his words mean anything," he continued, "they would mean that hereafter we intend to embark on a policy of violent meddling in every European quarrel, and in return invite old world nations violently to interfere in everything American."

Col. Roosevelt added: "Senator Lodge and Congressman Gardner have rendered a great public service and have made all good citizens of the country their debtors. The defenders of the administration still are not only discussing whether the president's recent manifesto was a peace note or a war note, the president's own secretary of state having interpreted it into precisely opposite directions within six hours."

"I'm sure, this represents a rather longer interval than that usual between the changes of mind of the administration, but in the present instance there seem to be more design than usual in the change of mind, for while neither the dream nor the two interpretations thereof had the slightest effect in securing peace in Europe, they had an extraordinary effect upon the stock market in New York and to judge by what I read in the papers, the net effect is, and the only net effect of this supposed action for peace, was to ruin an immense number of small investors who were not forewarned and for the benefit of a very few persons, who, if they did not know of these events prior to their publication for the information of the public, then certainly they showed that on this occasion they were inspired by prophetic insight concerning the handling of our foreign affairs."

In False Position.

"The note takes a position so profoundly unneutral and misleading that high-minded and right-thinking Americans, whose country this note places in a thoroughly false position, are in honor bound to protest."

"For example the note says that both sides are fighting for the same thing. This is palpably false. "Nor is this all. It is wickedly false to say that the Germans, who have trampled Belgium under heel and are at this moment transporting 100,000 Belgians to serve as slave labor in Germany, are fighting for the same thing as their hunted victims, the Belgians, who have fought only for their country and their hearthstones, their wives—it is not only a falsehood, but a callous and most immoral falsehood that is shocking to all right-minded men who love peace and righteousness."

REPRESENTS AUSTRIA-HUNGARY  
Geneva, Jan. 4.—The Austrian government has asked Switzerland to represent Austro-Hungarian interests in the unoccupied portion of Roumania. The political department has accordingly instructed the Swiss charge d'affaires at Jassy to take charge of the interests of Austro-Hungary.

FRENCH REPORT QUIET NIGHT.  
Paris, Jan. 4.—"The night was calm over the whole front," says today's official announcement.

## HON. T. CHAPAIS MAY BE POSTMASTER GENERAL

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—The Journal-Press today states that in government circles Hon. Thos. Chapais, a member of the legislative council of Quebec, is being mentioned as a very likely successor to Hon. T. Chase Casgrain as postmaster general. Mr. Chapais is a son of Hon. J. C. Chapais, who was minister of public works and agriculture in the Tache and Macdonald administrations. He is married to a daughter of the late Sir Hector Langevin.

## RELATIONS BETWEEN BRITAIN AND STATES

### Note of Warning is Sounded by Correspondent at Washington

## TOO MUCH MUST NOT BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED

### Thousands Believe Peace Would Prove Even More Profitable Than War

London, Jan. 4.—The Morning Post prints the following dispatch from its Washington correspondent:

"I again feel it my duty to warn readers of the Morning Post not to take too much for granted regarding the relations existing between Great Britain and the United States, and especially not to commit the deplorable folly of assuming that nothing can happen that either will or may disturb the relations now existing."

"When, immediately after the president's note was made public, I quoted an official of high standing as explaining the note by saying that Mr. Wilson might be compelled to elect whether the United States should become the ally of the allies or the ally of Germany, the mere suggestion of Anglo-American relations becoming strained was regarded as impossible and unwarranted. It was not unwarranted, nor is it impossible, and it is well that the truth should be told."

"Certain fundamental facts must be understood. In brief, they are that a majority of the people of the eastern part of the United States are strongly pro-ally, and that a majority of the intellectual and thinking persons of both west and east are equally strong in support of the allied cause, but that these persons constitute a minority."

Attributed to War.  
"The high cost of living is pressing severely on everybody and the high prices are attributed to the war. Thousands of persons to whom the war has brought no profit, but only a desperate struggle to make both ends meet, now want peace so that they may keep out of debt. The country has been led to believe that peace and prosperity will be the even more profitable than war and prosperity."

"Newspapers have joined in a conspiracy of optimism. In every issue they tell of the enormous demands Europe will make upon the United States for raw materials and manufactured goods after the war, and the workmen believe that high wages will continue, and that commodity prices will drop, which is the workmen's millstone."

"In addition, there is a peace element of men and women who cry out 'stop the war,' who talk about this 'senseless and useless war,' who say both sides are to blame, and who cannot distinguish between Germany fighting for conquest and enslaving free people, and Great Britain and her allies fighting for freedom and the liberties of little nations."

"Finally there is the fear on all sides of war—a fear which is expressed by the president in his note that the United States will be dragged into war, and it is this fear that makes perhaps nine-tenths of the American people willing that any patched-up truce shall be agreed to if only they can be kept out of war."

"Combining all these elements, it will readily be seen that there is an enormous sentiment for peace, and that the powers that profess to be desirous of peace view popular sympathy, while the powers opposing a dishonest peace are looked upon as enemies of the United States. Let this sentiment grow and it will be readily seen how dangerous it may become."

Influences Sentiment.  
"Crediting to President Wilson the highest and most disinterested motives, it is a fact, nevertheless, that his peace note has influenced sentiment against the allies. Some newspapers talk about the unfavorable reply to the peace proposals of the entente allies, which is exactly the impression Germany desires to create in the public mind. These newspapers are not pro-German nor are they under German control, but they reflect the president's disappointment, and the public, forming hasty conclusions, believe that Germany wants peace and that the allies are resisting it."

## Many Deported Belgians Reported to Be Dying From Hunger in Germany

### Men Who Are Too Weak to Work for Slave Drivers Sent From Country in Pitiably Condition; Number Driven Insane by Brutal Treatment of Germans

The Hague, Jan. 4.—The first report directly from the Belgians deported to Germany, who have been invalided from the camp at Soltan, Prussia, has been given to the Associated Press. These prisoners were returned from Germany because they were almost in a dying condition. A number of them who were interviewed while separated from each other agreed in their stories of conditions prevailing in the Soltan camp.

Seventy of the Belgians were sent home in a crowded cattle truck attached to a freight train. It took them three days and three nights for the journey, which usually is made by express trains in six hours. They arrived home in an emaciated condition, coughing, the greater number of them bearing evidence of having contracted tuberculosis.

According to the statements made by these Belgians, while in the civil camp at Soltan, they received at 6 o'clock in the morning a bowl of some decoction made from acorns. At midday they received half a liter of soup containing mostly water and a few turnips, carrots and shrimps, served without bread or potatoes. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon there was given to them 250 grams (slightly more than half a pound) of black bread, bad and often mildewed. In the evening as at midday, they received half a liter of soup, sometimes containing bran or brown maize.

Deaths Occur Daily.  
Under this regime the stronger men went under and the weaker ones fell ill, so Belgians say. Deaths occurring daily. Two of the Belgians are said to have become insane the first week. The torment of hunger drove them to such extremes that they crept into the kitchen and collected peelings of potatoes and carrots.

One workman who attempted to escape is reported to have been brought down with a shot and finished with the bayonet.

Nearby was a prison camp for captured Belgian soldiers. The soldiers there were better fed than the civilians and came in contact with them on being permitted to attend funerals of civilians. Pitying their countrymen, they took to them secretly bread and preserved articles of food.

The returned Belgians say the civilians at Soltan receive no soap and are advised to use sand instead. Notwithstanding these sufferings, most of them refuse to work, although promised good food and considerable pay.

Kept Without Food.  
On one occasion 40 artisans were taken away and returned eight days later. They said they had been taken to the Grand Duchy of Baden, where for two days they were placed on abundant rations, being told if they accepted work they would receive such food regularly. On refusing they were sent back to Soltan in a cattle truck, where, they reported, they were kept without food for 25 hours.

According to these accounts there are 11,000 Belgians at Soltan who refuse to work and still hope their release may be brought about. Brussels and Liege thus far are said to have escaped forced labor requisitions.

and the United States," says that the "Post's message deserves very careful attention."

The Westminster Gazette omits all reference to Mr. Wilson's suggestion of the possibility of Mr. Wilson's "electing" to become an ally of Germany. The fact that British opinion considers such an eventually as being outside the range of possibility doubtless explains the omission.

Where the Gazette finds itself in some agreement with the Morning Post's correspondent is in the belief that Mr. Wilson is "determined to press his efforts to bring about peace," in spite of all discouragements at the beginning.

"We were never inclined to believe anything else, and no other hypothesis is wise or safe," the newspaper says.

## SIX HUNDRED ARE TAKEN BY RUSSIANS

### Troops and Guns Captured During Fighting in the Carpathians

Petrograd, Jan. 4.—The capture by Russian forces on the Roumanian front of 600 prisoners, 3 cannon and 16 machine guns, together with some mine throwers and bomb mortars, is announced in today's war office statement. This success resulted from an attack on hostile positions on heights to the south of Botochu mountain in the wooded Carpathians.

BRITISH TRANSPORT HAS BEEN SUNK  
London, Jan. 4.—The British transport Iverna has been sunk. It was officially announced tonight. One hundred and fifty military officers and men are missing.

MENTIONED IN DISPATCHES.  
London, Jan. 4.—The following Canadians, serving with the imperial forces, have been mentioned in dispatches: Lieut.-Col. F. F. Duff, C.M.G., formerly of the militia, also mentioned last year; Lieut. H. S. Winward, South Wales Borderers, formerly a journalist in Canada, and who came to England in the first Canadian contingent, and was killed; Capt. R. W. Fisher, Northumberland Fusiliers, formerly in the Alberta Dragoons, killed; Lieut. John Logan, Royal Scots, wounded at the Dardanelles, who came to England from Canada, and has served in France since the evacuation of the Gallipoli peninsula.

## GUARDS REMAIN ON DUTY AT KITCHENER

### Mayor-Elect Will Not Take Office Until Troops Return to Galt

Kitchener, Ont., Jan. 4.—Once more the plate glass window of the News-Record has paid the toll for unpopularity. About one o'clock this morning a brick, thrown by an unknown person, crashed through it when the guards' backs were turned. It is said by some that a man in uniform appeared suddenly out of an alley, threw the missile and made good his escape. The guards had not been provided with ammunition and could not shoot.

There was no attempt at renewal of rioting and the night and to-day passed quietly. However, the arrival of the soldiers of the 118th Battalion on their last leave next week is looked forward to with interest.

Mayor-elect Gross has decided not to take the office until after the military guards have been ordered back to Galt and peace is restored in the city. The new mayor said that the sole desire of the new council was for better civic government, better feeling and had no desire to enter into a controversy over names.

"I hope to be able, with the assistance of the people, to promote better feeling. I am opposed, as a British citizen, to the name controversies as an issue in an election or as long as we need united effort to prosecute the war to a successful conclusion."

"I am as good a citizen as any in the British empire, and it is desperately wrong to say that the people of Kitchener are pro-German. A small percentage of the people may still have a feeling for the land of their birth, but the majority of these, some of whom have lived here for 40 years, were deprived of their votes because they were not naturalized."

He said he opposed changing the name from Berlin because Berlin had come to mean something of manufactured articles.

MORE STEAMERS SUNK.  
London, Jan. 4.—The French steamer Leon, of 523 tons gross, has been torpedoed. The crew was landed. Lloyd's announces that the Norwegian steamer Britannica, 2,259 tons, has been torpedoed. Her crew were landed. The shipping agency also announces that the British steamer Bay Craig, 2,400 tons, and the Norwegian steamer Ellik, 587 tons, have been sunk. The crew of the Ellik were saved.

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### NOW IN ASYLUM

Former Crown Princess Louise of Saxony is Detained at Dresden.

London, Jan. 4.—A dispatch from Rome to the Daily News says: "A Florentine woman has discovered the whereabouts of her friend the former Crown Princess Louise, of Saxony, who eloped with Andre Giron, a Belgian, who was tutor of her five children, in 1902. The crown princess, who became the Countess Montignone after her escapade, was last tracked at the opening of the war.

"It has now been ascertained that when the Germans invaded Belgium they found the countess convalescing from an operation in a nursing home. She was conveyed to Dresden, where the Saxon king ordered her detained in an asylum for the insane under a fictitious name. The king forbade communication with her friends, but she has now, however, succeeded in sending a letter to Florence.

"Giron left the countess a year after the elopement. Four years later he married, after which time the countess lived precariously in various parts of the continent.

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#### MILITARY TRAINING

United States Army Officers Present Views to House Committee

Washington, Jan. 4.—National defence measures were under consideration yesterday before several committees in both Houses of Congress with special interest centering in the universal military service proposals being discussed before the Senate military committee.

The House military committee again worked on its part of the military budget, totalling nearly \$800,000,000, which congress is expected to put through before March 4.

The naval committee began executive consideration of the 1918 naval bill. Chairman Padgett hopes to complete the measure by January 15.

Several army officers appeared before Senator Chamberlain's committee to present their views on the necessity of universal military training in peace times.

### ALLIES' REPLY PRAISED

#### BY M. CLEMENCEAU

Paris, Jan. 4.—M. Clemenceau so rarely expresses satisfaction with anything that it is worth recording that he finds the reply of the allies to Germany's note "excellent both in form and in substance."

"When entrusted with the advocacy of the best possible case it is possible to commit only secondary mistakes," he continues.

"Even that has been avoided. What was necessary has been said, and said very well without superfluous words."

"It would be a happy complement," M. Clemenceau concluded, "if the allies' answer to President Wilson were decided upon forthwith."

He expresses the hope that the reply to Germany has enlightened President Wilson as to the allied aims in the war.

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### SENATOR LODGE

#### ON WILSON NOTE

Opposed to Senate Going on Record as Favoring Any of Belligerents

Washington, Jan. 4.—During the debate in the Senate yesterday on the resolution to endorse President Wilson's peace note to the belligerents, precedents of mediation overtures received by the United States during the civil war were cited at length by Senator Lodge. He read notes to show how Secretary Seward had rejected suggestion of France and Great Britain for mediation.

President Roosevelt, in his autobiography, Senator Lodge said, shows that he offered mediation to Japan and Russia only after he was certain both sides desired it.

"We are asked," Senator Lodge continued, "to give our full approval to the president's note which goes far beyond any proposition merely to bring the belligerents together. He had a perfect right to do so, but he should make an experiment to see if he could get them together. That experiment so far as one belligerent is concerned has failed—we have no reason to suppose that it will have any better success with the other side."

Referring to Secretary Lansing's statement explaining the note, Senator Lodge said: "If the purpose of this note was to say to the world that we have an interest, a direct national interest, in this question that is bringing us to the verge of a war, then that note is justified in form and substance from beginning to end, except that portion which relates to after the war."

"It will be observed that the president found it necessary to say that in making his offer at this time he was embarrassed because it might seem to have been prompted by the recent overtures of the central powers. The president assures us that it was not, but unfortunately I believe a different interpretation has been placed upon it abroad, and very generally at home. Those who sympathize with Germany regarded the note as friendly. It was regarded unfavorably by those who sympathize with the allies.

"We have been neutral in this war. It is quite as possible to be unneutral in entering on negotiations for peace as in war. If misinterpretation of the note is so general, then we are in danger, when without abatement or modification we adopt that note, of saying to the whole world that the Senate and Congress are ranging themselves on the side of one belligerent in bringing about peace.

"I do not wish to see this country ranged on the side of either belligerent. Personally I am unwilling to have my vote interpreted as having helped one side or the other. And I do not want to be ranged against the side which I possibly believe is fighting the cause of liberty against autocracy."

At the conclusion of the debate, Senator Garringer, Republican leader, submitted a substitute for Senator Hitchcock's resolution to say: "That the Senate of the United States in the interests of humanity and civilization expresses the sincere hope that peace between the warring nations of Europe may be consummated at an early date."

The Gallinger resolution also was laid over to be considered tomorrow, when Senator Lodge will resume his argument.

### PRESIDENT WATTERS

#### ISSUES STATEMENT

Says Action of Winnipeg Trades Council is Deplorable

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—That there had been no "trickery" on behalf of the government as regards its statement to the Labor men of the purpose of the national service bill, and that the behavior of the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council in repudiating the action of the executive congress regarding registration was inexplicable, was the statement made last night by J. C. Watters, president of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress.

Mr. Watters stated that he had received a copy of the resolution passed by the Winnipeg labor body, urging that the registration cards be not signed, and expressing the belief that the congress had been tricked by the government. He had dispatched a suitable reply.

"So far as I am concerned," said Mr. Watters, "there has been no trickery on the part of the government, and I cannot understand the action of the Trades Council of Winnipeg. They seemed to have jumped to conclusions from the press reports, which are not accurate. To-day I saw the prime minister, and he pointed out that he had said nothing that could be rightly construed in the manner it had been. The prime minister said that the assurance he had given to the Trades Congress to the effect that registration had no connection with, and was not intended to lead to conscription, was still his attitude in the matter. The Winnipeg Trades Council's action is not only inexplicable, but deplorable."

ELEVEN PERSONS KILLED.

Edinburgh, Jan. 4.—Eleven persons were killed and forty injured yesterday when a train loaded with persons returning to Edinburgh after the New Year's holiday collided with a switch engine ten miles outside the city.

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### INVADING FORCES

#### APPROACHING BRAILA

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London, Jan. 4.—The capture of Matchin is regarded here as ending the defence of Dobrudja. The Russians held the Matchin bridgehead in order to protect Braila from the rear. Nothing now remains to them except a narrow strip of land between marshes, which carries the highway to Braila. The Germans and Bulgarians are in a position to push their guns within eight miles of Braila, and it is assumed that if the invaders capture the latter town the Russian line west of the Danube will be withdrawn. It is taken for granted that the prolonged resistance to the German advance has enabled the defenders to remove the stores of grain and other materials from Braila.

Russian Report.

Petrograd, Jan. 4.—The Russian official communication issued yesterday says: "Western (Russian) front—Enemy airplanes have displayed considerable activity and dropped bombs at various points. One machine was brought down by our artillery near the village of Iva, near Vishnevka Lake. The aviators were made prisoners. In the region of Porskal Vulka, southeast of Kovel, our aviators brought down two airplanes. Both were smashed, and the four aviators were killed by the fall.

"In the direction of Zalozov the enemy shelled with a strong artillery fire the villages of Batur, Manalux and Garchuzova, after which his infantry assumed the offensive.

"On the Dniester, in the region of Iezupol, our artillery fire drove away a working party which was preparing entrenchments, and also successfully bombarded Iezupol.

"On the Moldavian frontier the enemy twice assumed the offensive on the sector extending from the village of Kotumba to as far as the valley of the river Sulcha, and south beyond that point, but everywhere was repulsed. In the region we regained a portion of the trenches lost by us yesterday on one of the heights.

"On the Rumanian front the Rumanians are conducting attacks along the Kasino river, eight versts east of the Hungarian frontier. The enemy in the morning attacked the Rumanians east of Sopchan, on the upper reaches of the river Sutchiza, but was beaten back and pursued by cavalry. During the day he resumed his attacks with superior forces, and pressed back the Rumanians to their former positions.

"Under cover of drumfire bombardment, with shells containing asphyxiating gas, the enemy attacked along the railway southeast of Fokshany a portion of one of our regiments. Being met with our well directed fire, the enemy hastily retired to his trenches, and did not attempt a further attack.

"One of our rifle regiments captured by assault the village of Gullanka, southwest of the river Rimnik. The villages of Kiovenna and Maksimeni, southeast of the village of Gullanka, were also captured.

"In Dobrudja the enemy throughout the day made a number of attacks in the region of Matchin. He was repulsed and hastily retired.

"Caucasian front—West of Kalkit our troops broke through the Turks' guard and by hand-to-hand fighting captured prisoners and one gun."

RESIGNATION NOT ACCEPTED.

Montreal, Jan. 4.—"A sequel to the report of the medical service inquiry and the abolition of the office of inspector general," the Gazette's correspondent in London cables, "is that Dr. Bruce has tendered his resignation to the medical services. This has not been accepted. In fact, an important hospital appointment has been offered him. The military authorities seem anxious to retain his services in some capacity."

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### ARTILLERY ACTIVE

#### ON WESTERN FRONT

German Positions Are Seriously Damaged by Belgian Fire

London, Jan. 4.—The British official communication issued last night says: "In the neighborhood of Souchez, on the southern half of the Ypres salient, the enemy's artillery was very active during the morning. Elsewhere there was intermittent artillery activity by both sides.

Artillery Action.

Paris, Jan. 4.—Last night's official statement reads: "The usual cannonading occurred at various points along the front."

The Belgian statement reads: "A violent artillery action occurred in the region of Steenstraete this afternoon. Our batteries seriously damaged German positions. There was the ordinary activity on the rest of the front."

SCARCITY OF PORK

Farmers Declare Barley Used by Brewers is Needed to Fatten Pigs.

London, Jan. 4.—The farmers have locked horns with the brewers in the controversy which is being waged over the food value of pigs as compared with the food value of beer.

The brewers have launched an extensive campaign of huge advertisements calling attention to the nutritive qualities of malt liquor and claiming that the farmers are necessary to win the war. The farmers, on the other hand, have taken the position that the barley which is used in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages must be used to fatten the pigs, which are now being slaughtered wholesale for lack of provender.

The question threatens to become as acute as it has in the past in Ger-


### CANADIAN HONORED.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—Major W. B. Anderson, who for some time was general staff officer, with headquarters in Montreal, has been awarded the D.S.O. Major Anderson is a son of Lieut.-Col. Anderson, chief engineer of the department of marine and fisheries.

COMMANDS BATTALION.

Montreal, Jan. 4.—Lieut.-Col. Wm. B. Evans, of Montreal, has been given the command of a Western Ontario battalion. The Gazette's correspondent in London cables. This battalion recently made a very successful raid just after he assumed command.

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## WILSON NOW KNOWS

### TEUTONIC TERMS

Former Premier of Hungary Says President Has Been Informed

London, Jan. 4.—Reuter's Telegram Company publishes the following concerning the reply of the entente allies to President Wilson's recent note suggesting that the belligerents state their terms for peace:

"The document is still undergoing slight modifications of the draft, and will not be published until a day or two after it is in the hands of the president."

"The note will be more positive than the reply to Germany, and is expected to indicate in more precise fashion the only preliminary upon which the allies are prepared to negotiate. In again going over the ground of the responsibility for the war, it is likely that the allies will emphasize the only possible terms for peace, thus contrasting sharply with the German note, which purposely was of a negative character."

President Wilson now knows the peace conditions of the Teutonic allies, and the entente powers can learn what they are from him—Count Julius Andrássy, formerly premier of Hungary, is quoted as saying in a dispatch from Budapest forwarded to the Central News Agency by way of Amsterdam.

The statement attributed to Count Andrássy was made in a New Year's speech. He said:

"As the entente alleges that our peace proposal was only a manoeuvre and was not made with any earnest desire to bring about peace—I am able to declare that President Wilson now knows our peace conditions, and the entente can learn them from that source."

It is reported from Berlin that Germany will shortly issue an explanatory note to the neutral powers in connection with certain statements in the entente allies' reply to the German peace proposals, says a dispatch to the Central News from Amsterdam.

### SENTENCED IN GERMANY.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—A sentence of 12 years' imprisonment has been passed on Pte. W. Brooke, an Ottawa boy, by the German military authorities. It is believed that Pte. Brooke refused to make munitions which would be used against the allies. The charge he was found guilty of was mutiny.

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## CANADIAN SUPPLIES

### REACH DESTINATION

Material Transported With Little Loss; Troops Cross Safely

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—News has reached the trade and commerce department to the effect that in the sinking of the steamer Palermo some weeks ago in the Mediterranean there went down a consignment of Canadian shirts which had been manufactured to the order of the Italian government in this country. Under contracts made over a year ago about 1,000,000 shirts have been supplied by Canada to Italy.

The loss of this shipment, however, serves chiefly to bring to light the fact that Canada has been extremely fortunate as regards the transportation of supplies overseas. It is on record that some 300,000 Canadian soldiers have been sent across the ocean without the loss of a single life, and the depredations of German submarines have had almost no effect on the transport of material.

Eleven million bushels of Canadian wheat out of the 15,000,000 bushels commandeered over a year ago by the government for the purpose have been shipped to Italy. Every bushel has reached its destination.

Millions of dollars' worth of shells have been sent overseas from the Dominion and, although Germany has perhaps been in a position to acknowledge the receipt of most of them, it was after they were fired. There is, of course, a scarcity of tonnage, and at the present time it has become rather acute, but this is not felt in the shipment of war munitions, arrangements for which are made by the imperial authorities.

## CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—The following list of casualties has been issued:

Infantry.  
Killed in action—Pte. D. Gillespie, Slater Valley, Ont.; Pte. G. Thorne, England; Pte. J. Madien, Swanton, Pa.; Pte. J. H. Haul, Redbank, N. B.

Died of wounds—Pte. J. Pack, Sherbrooke, Que.; Pte. J. Yanches, Scranton, Pa.

Previously reported dangerously wounded; now reported died of wounds—Pte. T. Gytokou, Vancouver.

Died—Pte. A. Cady, Chatham, N. B.; Pte. T. Betraun, England.

Missing, believed killed—Pte. F. Sargent, Birchcliffe, Ont.

Wounded and missing—Sergt. Beuhne, Scotland; Pte. Giffon, Toronto.

Missing—Pte. J. Barratt, France; Pte. Geo. Pert, Scotland; Pte. B. Chalin, England; Pte. R. Parovitch, Montenegro; Pte. W. J. Carter, 309 Michigan street, Victoria, B. C.; Pte. J. A. Mackenzie, Winnipeg; Pte. R. Conrad, Manila, P. E. I.

Previously reported missing; now officially reported prisoner—Cpl. Dan Campbell, Scotland.

Dangerously ill—Pte. H. Sheppard, Toronto; Pte. T. H. Laity, Port Hammond, B. C.

Seriously ill—Pte. J. L. Leask, Sonya, Ont.; Pte. O. Ginet, Montreal.

Wounded—Pte. C. W. Kensella, Scotland; Pte. A. J. Barrett, Toronto; Pte. E. G. Priny, Alameda, Sask.; Pte. A. Mcintosh, Scotland; Cpl. A. Cair, England; Pte. A. Smith, Grand River, N. S.; Pte. W. York, Smith Falls, Ont.; Pte. F. Johnson, Milltown, Me.; Lieut. G. M. Nickel, Weyburn, Sask.; Pte. A. Smith, Windsor, Ont.; Pte. V. Fradley, England; Pte. T. W. Walker, England; Pte. C. W. Hindle, Toronto; Pte. D. Ferguson, British West Indies; Pte. R. Henry, Orilla, Ont.; Cpl. H. L. Stewart, Millbrook, Ont.; Pte. J. P. Kirk, Toronto; Pte. A. N. Cox, England; Pte. W. Nash, England; Pte. A. E. Stubbs, England; Pte. J. Munroe, Scotland.

Artillery.  
Killed in action—Lieut. C. T. Downing, England.

Wounded—Pte. E. T. Haynes, England.

Services.  
Dangerously ill—Pte. E. W. Baird, Hamilton, Ont.

Seriously ill—Pte. F. Fordham, England; Pte. G. L. Green, Winnipeg; Cpl. C. C. Henderson, Orangeville, Ont.; Pte. Jas. Hopkins, England.

## ADMIRALTY CONTRADICTS GERMAN STATEMENT

London, Jan. 4.—A British admiralty statement quotes the German wireless reports as stating that the American government is sending a protest to Great Britain against the bombardment of Drama, in Macedonia, by British airmen after consuls and officials of the central powers had been ejected from Athens and had left for their destination, the airmen knowing these officials had to be met at the Drama station.

The admiralty in commenting upon this, says German propagandist methods are thus admirably illustrated.

The admiralty also publishes the vice-admiral's report to the effect that the request of the German minister that the Drama-Kavala road should not be bombarded while women and children were passing over it on November 25 was acceded to, and that no bombing was done until November 28, except the bombing of the Drama aerodrome only on November 25 before a message was received by the airmen from the German minister, who was one of the party ejected from Athens.

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## MRS. CORNWALLIS-WEST

### SEVERELY CENSURED

Court of Inquiry Which Investigated Army Scandal Issues Report

London, Jan. 4.—An army scandal involving the exercise of influence over high officers by a prominent society woman is described in the report of a court of inquiry last night, and Mrs. Cornwallis-West, wife of Col. Cornwallis-West, and mother of the Princess of Pless and the Duchess of Westminster, is officially severely censured.

The late Sir Arthur Basil Markham, Liberal member of parliament for the Mansfield division of Nottinghamshire, who died last August, demanded an inquiry in the House of Commons into this matter, and was seconded by Irish members, who declared that a young Irish officer's honor was involved. It has since developed that the officer was Lieut. Patrick Barrett, of the Welsh Fusiliers. According to a statement in the House before recess he was completely exonerated. Barrett was a sergeant in the Welsh Fusiliers. He was recommended for a commission late in 1915, and his claim was supported by Col. and Mrs. Cornwallis-West and several prominent civilians.

"Probably before this time, and certainly later," says the report, "Mrs. Cornwallis-West began to take more than an ordinary interest in Mr. Barrett, to which he consistently failed to respond. Eventually he wrote her on February last a letter of remonstrance, which she placed in the hands of his commanding officer."

Barrett was severely censured by his commander without the opportunity of stating his case. Soon after that he was transferred to another battalion on the demand of Mrs. Cornwallis-West.

Discreditable Behavior.

The court of inquiry reports regarding Mrs. Cornwallis-West:

"We have no doubt that her injudicious boasting of the power she wielded at the war office—which was confirmed to an appreciable extent by the wording of some of Sir John Cowan's letters—was calculated to bring the administration of the war office into disrepute. We feel obliged to record our opinion that this lady's conduct, as revealed in this case, has been highly discreditable, both in her behavior towards Lieut. Barrett before his letter of the fourteenth of February, in her vindictive attempts to injure him afterward and in the untruthful evidence she gave before us."

"It appeared in the evidence that this lady holds positions of some importance in the county of Denbighshire in various associations of a public character for assisting in war work. In our opinion it is to be regretted that she should hold such positions."

The court also investigated reports that General Thomas, who took a prominent part in recruiting in Wales, was transferred from the command of a Welsh brigade to a lesser command through Mrs. Cornwallis-West's influence. These proved to be unfounded, but were due to an unfortunate sequence of events and the ambiguous wording of certain official letters."

Regret is expressed that a letter sent by Lord French to the war office was so ambiguously worded as to be capable of misconstruction. In any case, a portion of the letter was in the nature of an adverse report on Brig.-Gen. Owen Thomas, and should have been communicated to that officer at the time. It is also regarded as unfortunate that Lord French should have concurred in the terms of the war office letter of July 29 to Brig.-Gen. Thomas, which letter must have confirmed the latter's suspicion of sinister influence.

## PRESIDENT'S POWER MUST BE CONSIDERED

Westminster Gazette Says Proposal Should Receive Serious Attention

London, Jan. 4.—Commenting on Washington dispatches to the effect that President Wilson is determined to press his efforts to bring about peace, the Westminster Gazette says:

"The notion that the American president is a purely academic person who launches literary essays on the world without preparation beforehand or consideration of the next step if probable consequences follow, is a dangerous delusion which may seriously lead us astray if it is not abandoned. For good or evil, we have to realize the president's position of great power, and if he has the American people behind him we are bound to treat him as a very serious factor at this stage of the war. If, as suggested, he is taking steps to get his action ratified by a resolution of the Senate we should have to take that as a definite intimation that he means to go on in spite of our reply."

This newspaper expresses the hope that the reply of the entente to the president's peace note will be couched in terms which will bring to the side of the entente a good many Americans who believe there is nothing to choose between the two sets of belligerents. "But whatever we do," says the Gazette, "whatever our prepossessions may be, it is high time that we took the American situation seriously and were ready with a definite policy in regard to it."

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## GERMANY ISSUES OPTIMISTIC REPORTS

Bread-Corn Harvest Declared to Be Larger Than Last Year

Amsterdam, Jan. 4.—A Berlin semi-official telegram says that this year's bread-corn harvest will exceed last year by 1,500,000 tons. The deficiency in the potato harvest, which is considerably under the average, will be chiefly offset by the good turnip crop. Reductions in the use of barley for brewing purposes by fifty per cent will help greatly in overcoming the effects of the bad potato yield, the advices say. Germany's stock of cattle is de-

clared in the dispatch to have increased since the beginning of 1916 by more than 400,000 and the stock of pigs by more than 4,000,000, so that Germany can reckon with an improvement in the supply of milk and fat, while the Roumanian booty guarantees a great improvement in the supply of fodder.

### FIRE DESTROYS TWO ZEPPELINS.

London, Jan. 4.—Two zeppelins have been destroyed at Tondern, Schleswig, by a fire, due to defective electric wiring in a recently constructed double shed, says a Reuter dispatch from Copenhagen, quoting the Ribe, Jutland, Stifts Tidende.

### THREE FIREMEN ASPHYXIATED.

Manila, Jan. 4.—Three Filipino firemen from the naval collier Ajax, which is moored at Cavite, were asphyxiated following confinement in irons for several hours in a room above the boilers of the ship. They were being punished for mutinous conduct. An investigation is being conducted.

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GERMANY AND SWITZERLAND.

Will the German army attempt to strike at France or Italy through Switzerland? French writers are devoting considerable attention to this subject and some of them declare that such a move is a distinct possibility.

Germany would not hesitate to violate the neutrality of Switzerland if she thought the operation would enable her to gain a decision. It is well known that the invasion of France through that country was one of her alternative plans.

Our Toronto contemporary undoubtedly is correct in its description of conditions, but whether the remedy it advocates, namely, a national government, would fill the bill is another question.

This is a war in which everything this country holds dear is at stake. Its exigencies call for the best brain and wisdom of the nation without exception.

The New York Times offers the following explanation of the position of President Wilson and justification of his demand that the entente allies shall define what they are fighting for.

The Huns might reckon on masking them there while they sprang through the corridor thus created into France. But this would expose them to the constant danger of a flank attack by the Swiss, whose resources would be amply enlarged by Italian reinforcements.

Nevertheless, the French reasoning is logical enough. German leaders, unable to extricate their country from the trap into which they have led it by intrigue with jelly-fish neutrals, will stop at nothing on land and sea to avert the fate which means their particular ruin.

OUR LEADERSHIP.

The Toronto Star, which is pressing for a national government, recently drew attention to what it regards as the failure of the existing administration to measure up to the situation with which the war has confronted the country.

The receipt of the message was followed by the posting of a resolution calling for an inquiry, and this is now in progress. Whether there was a leak or not, Secretary Lansing's extraordinary statement which followed the message and the equally extraordinary explanation which followed it—described by the New York Sun as the "new diplomacy"—certainly facilitated the operations of manipulators.

Senator Hitchcock, whose pro-Germanism is well known, agrees with President Wilson that the allies should state what they are fighting for. What a farce this game of Bernstorff's is anyway! But it might very easily turn into something else.

The New York Times offers the following explanation of the position of President Wilson and justification of his demand that the entente allies shall define what they are fighting for.

THE TROUBLE IN KITCHENER.

The trouble in Kitchener, Ont., may be traced to the incredibly foolish action of the federal government in exempting North Waterloo from the order requiring the registration of aliens at the outbreak of war.

THE LEAK.

The Congressional investigation of the charge that advance information on President Wilson's peace note enabled certain speculators to realize \$60,000,000 arose from a telegram received by one of the Congressmen from Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, who himself is said to have made large profits through his operations in steel.

Uncle Sam (as represented by President Wilson and the United States Senate) to Belgium and Serbia, given by the Hun beast: "Here, god darn ye, what are ye fightin' about! Consarn it, don't ye know ye are causin' me a great deal of inconvenience! If I am too proud to fight for the protection of my citizens, why should you make such a fuss about your petty affairs?"

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Victoria Times, Jan. 4, 1892.

The next issue of the B. C. Gazette will announce the incorporation of E. G. Prior & Co. as a joint stock company, with a capital stock of \$250,000. Col. E. G. Prior, G. F. Matthews and G. W. Wynne are the trustees of the company.

Work was commenced this morning removing the scaffolding in the new Roman Catholic cathedral, the interior of which is expected to be finished by the middle of February. It is the intention to have the formal consecration services on Easter Sunday.

John Dorman, a pioneer of 1858, died at his residence, 152 Michigan street, yesterday, after a week's illness, at the age of 64. He arrived from St. John, N. B., in California in 1855, and came to Victoria three years later. One son, W. H. Dorman, resides here.

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## ESQUIMALT TOWNSHIP SUES CONTRACTOR

Return of Over Six Thousand Dollars Asked From Thos. E. Young

The trial commenced in the supreme court before Mr. Justice Murphy this morning of an action brought by the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt against Mr. Thomas E. Young, contractor of the City of Victoria. The object of the action is an allegation on the part of the plaintiffs that the terms of a certain contract entered into between the two parties for the carrying out of certain construction work had not been lived up to. Furthermore, that by reason of such alleged irregularity the Corporation of Esquimalt seeks to obtain repayment of \$5,000.25 alleged to have been paid in excess to the contractor in respect of the work in question.

It is likewise alleged that fraudulent representations were made to which the alleged overpayments owe their origin. There are several set out items which the plaintiffs claim should not have been paid, some of which were stated not to have been in the original contract, while one item of over one thousand dollars has been paid for which it is claimed was never done at all. At the time of going to press the action is proceeding.

Poultry Show Receipts.—The proceeds of the poultry show now in progress under the auspices of the Poultry and Pet Stock Association will be handed to the Victoria branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society. The Misses Tolmie have charge of the gate.

Gets Judgment.—In the county court this morning Judge Lammam gave judgment for \$246.10 to H. M. Fullerton in the case of Fullerton vs. Rutherford. Henry C. Hall appeared for the plaintiff and the case was not defended.

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30x3 1/2, plain	\$12.00
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## POLICE CONSTABLE WAS NOT CUSTOMER

### Chinese Prosecution Dismissed on Technical Point Raised by Counsel

At the city police court this morning a most interesting case under the Half-holiday Act came up for hearing before Magistrate Jay. The offender was a Chinese and defended by Mr. Frank Higgins. Mr. Higgins sought to show that this was a case in which the meaning of the word customer required clear definition. In construing a statute, as held by the House of Lords, the law prior to the statute in question needed to be looked at to see what precisely the new act was intended to remedy, he declared.

Mr. Higgins contended that in law there are two classes of buyers, the one who is a regular purchaser of goods—his styled a customer—the other is a person who buys occasionally where he will, in the case before the magistrate this morning a constable had entered the store of the defendant on the day set aside for the half-holiday and asked if the store was open for business. He was answered in the affirmative. On that the action was based.

Mr. Higgins quoted the above authority in order to substantiate his claim that the customer was the only person to whom the legislation would apply. His contention was, in effect, that the constable did not come under the designation of a customer. He was, to all intents and purposes, a transient purchaser.

Dictionary versions and reference to a case under the Bill of Exchange Act were in turn cited by Mr. Higgins, who persisted that the term customer was entirely dissociated with any term describing the chance purchaser.

Magistrate Jay interposed that were that the case, the Half-holiday Act would be no act at all, for the simple reason that if a "chance purchaser" could enter the store at any time a clerk would require to be on duty to render service. All parties concerned, however, were of the opinion that the present statute is capable of considerable improvement.

Mr. Harrison, city prosecutor, asked for a decision from the evidence that the store was open for business. Magistrate Jay, however, chose to dismiss the case on the grounds that the prosecution had failed to show that the constable was a customer.

The defence also brought out the fact that the defendant had allowed the store door to remain open for the purpose of admitting his English tutor.

## ESQUIMALT COUNCIL

### Public Notices to Be Posted Regarding Recruiting: the Referendum.

At last night's meeting of the Esquimalt municipal council the by-law authorizing the holding of a referendum vote on the Half-holiday Closing Act was reconsidered, adopted and passed. The ratepayers will be asked to make their choice between Wednesday and Saturday. The vote will be taken on Saturday, January 13, when the municipal election will also take place.

Councillor Mesher reported that he had made a canvass among the storekeepers of the district, and all had favored making the holiday optional between Wednesday and Saturday, instead of Thursday, as had been suggested.

A letter was read from the B. C. Electric Railway Company praising in very warm terms the efficiency of the Esquimalt police force, as shown by the dispatch with which Chief Palmer located the person guilty of stealing a fare box from a street car in the district. The letter was much appreciated by the councilors, as it evidenced the fact that the Esquimalt force is performing its duty with entire satisfaction to the community at large.

Acting upon a letter from Capt. Oliver, of the 8th Fusiliers, which asked for the assistance of the corporation in recruiting the company that they have been authorized to raise in this district, the council resolved to post public notices throughout the municipality stating that it was the opinion of the council that all unmarried employees of the corporation should enlist, unless satisfactory reasons could be given by them for not doing so.

The by-law, for a loan of \$16,394 to meet the debt of the year for that amount, passed its first and second readings.

The payment of accounts amounting to \$2,150.51 was authorized.

Asked to Give Support.—The city council has been invited to assist in the movement fostered by the Esquimalt Graving Dock committee, to which full reference was made in yesterday's Times.

Reopening of Schools.—Both the day and graded schools will recommence on Monday. In connection with the night schools it may be mentioned that a class in decorative art, lettering will be started with the return of J. S. McMillan to the city. Mr. McMillan had much to do in building up the instruction in that important subject before he went into the Okanagan.

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Seeded Raisins, 11 oz. pkts., 3 for	25c	Recleaned Currants, per pkt.	15c
Pacific Milk, 3 for	25c	Libby's Catsup, per bottle	19c

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3-lb. tin	54c	5-lb. tin	97c
10-lb. tin	\$1.89		

Cape Cod Cranberries, Per lb.	14c	B. C. Sugar, 20-lb. cotton sack	\$1.68
Cooking Peas, 10 lbs.	25c	Oranges, nice navel, 3 dozen	50c
Nice Cheese, made in B. C. Per lb.	25c	Lynn Valley Jam, 4's, per tin	40c
Gong's or Symington's Soup, all kinds, pkt.	4c	Bran, 100-lb. sack	\$1.64
Nice Pure Coffee, fresh ground, per lb.	25c	Fine Juicy Lemons, per doz.	17c
Mixed Peel—Orange, Citron and Lemon, cut ready for use, per lb.	25c	Finest Quality Strawberry Jam, 4-lb. pall.	69c
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Red Seal Orange Marmalade, 2 jars <b>25c</b>	Equal Egg, reg. 50c tins for... <b>28c</b>	
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Snowflake Wafers, "Christie's." Reg. 17c. Special, 2 for... <b>25c</b>	Syrup of White Pine per bottle <b>20c</b>	
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Alex. McLeod, of Union Bay, is at the Dominion.

W. Mercer, of Nanaimo, is staying at the Dominion.

Geo. Bishop, of Cowichan Lake, is a guest at the Strathcona hotel.

K. H. Cousins, of Mayne Island, is a guest at the Strathcona hotel.

R. H. Perroll, of Courtenay, B.C., is a guest at the Strathcona hotel.

J. W. Bellhouse, of Galiano, is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

G. W. De Beck, of Marpole, B. C., is stopping at the Dominion hotel.

R. Wilson and J. McLeod, of Vancouver, are at the Dominion hotel.

Capt. Bloomquist, of Shawnigan Lake, is staying at the Dominion hotel.

C. Halverson, of Fort George, registered at the Dominion hotel yesterday.

W. W. Ballard, of Calgary, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

H. Wheeler and C. J. Rogers, of Seattle, are guests at the Empress hotel.

George Lehmann, of Bethlehem, Pa., arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday.

G. H. Rigney is down from Duncan and has registered at the Strathcona hotel.

J. R. Wells and Mrs. Wells, of Nanaimo, B. C., are new arrivals at the Dominion.

D. MacKenzie is down from Prince Rupert and is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

Miss Mason and Wm. Rae are among the Vancouver arrivals at the Strathcona hotel.

J. W. Crawford, of Nanaimo, is in the city with headquarters at the Dominion hotel.

William McNeill and Ronald McNeill, of Vancouver, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

J. H. Thompson, of Ottawa, is paying a brief visit to the city, and is staying at the Empress hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. William Courtice have arrived from Brandon, Man., and are staying at the Strathcona hotel.

Mrs. R. H. Paton and family have arrived from Blairmore, Alta., and are stopping at the Dominion hotel.

E. V. Johnson and Miss J. H. Johnson, of Vancouver, are amongst yesterday's registrations at the Dominion hotel.

The marriage of Miss Isabel Beveridge Blythe, head nurse of the Isolation ward of the General hospital, and Pte. Fred Filmore-Wyatt of "A" company, 231st O. S. Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, took place in the vestry of St. Andrew's church, Richards St., Vancouver, last Friday evening. The bride wore her traveling costume of stone grey broadcloth with a corsage bouquet of pink carnations with a black velvet picture hat trimmed with blue marmot feathers. Miss Agnes Blythe of Duncan, B. C., sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and Pte. W. D. McDonald of "A" company, 231st, supported the groom. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. J. Wilson, D. D. After the ceremony the bridal party and guests drove to the residence of Mrs. Coburne, 1284 Eighth avenue west, where a reception was held. After receiving the congratulations of the company, supper was served. The table was beautiful in its wedding and Christmas decorations of flowers and ribbons, the wedding cake holding the place of honor in the centre of the table. The groom's gift to the bride was a gold wrist watch brought from the Klondike, and the bride's gift to the groom was a gold monogrammed ring. The couple were the recipients of many useful presents. The honeymoon is being spent on Vancouver Island. The groom came from the Klondike, where he has resided for the past seven years, to join the colors.

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**The WEATHER**  
 Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Jan. 4-5 a. m.—Another ocean low barometer area, now centred off Vancouver Island, is causing southerly gales on the Washington coast and rain has been general both here and on the Lower Mainland. Cold weather is spreading southward from the Yukon, and Prince Rupert reports a general snowfall, and Cariboo temperatures approaching zero again.

**Forecasts.**  
 For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Friday—  
 Victoria and vicinity—Easterly and southerly winds, becoming fresh to high, unsettled with rain, turning colder on Friday.  
 Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, fresh to strong on the Gulf, unsettled with rain or sleet, turning colder on Friday.  
**Reports.**  
 Victoria—Barometer, 29.74; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 41; wind, 4 miles S.; rain, .06; weather, raining.  
 Vancouver—Barometer, 29.76; temperature, maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 36; wind, 6 miles E.; rain, .48; weather, raining.  
 Kamloops—Barometer, 29.72; temperature, maximum yesterday, 28; minimum, 16; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.  
 Barkerville—Barometer, 29.72; temperature, maximum yesterday, 24; minimum, 8; wind, calm; snow, .04; weather, cloudy.  
 Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.52; temperature, maximum yesterday, 34; minimum, 26; wind, 4 miles S.; snow, .02; weather, snowing.  
 Tatoosh—Barometer, 29.70; temperature, maximum yesterday, 41; minimum, 41; wind, 5 miles S. E.; rain, .2; weather, raining.  
 Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 29.81; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 40; wind, 16 miles S.; weather, fair.  
 Seattle—Barometer, 29.89; temperature, maximum yesterday, 41; minimum, 42; wind, 14 miles S.; weather, cloudy.  
 San Francisco—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, maximum yesterday, 58; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, cloudy.

**Temperature.**

	Max.	Min.
Nanaimo (Entrance Is.)	40	28
Grand Forks	28	..
Penticton	29	..
Cranbrook	34	..
Nelson	31	..
Prince George	21	..
Calgary	28	..
Edmonton	6	-18
Qu'Appelle	12	6
Winnipeg	14	-16
Toronto	28	..
Ottawa	27	..
Montreal	20	..
St. John	20	..
Halifax	30	..

**Victoria Daily Weather.**  
 Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Wednesday.

**Temperature.**

Highest	43
Lowest	28
Average	49
Minimum on grass	33
Maximum in sun	64
Rain, .06 inch.	
Bright sunshine, 18 minutes.	
General state of weather, cloudy.	

**MONTHLY WEATHER REPORT.**  
 Victoria Observatory, December, 1916.  
 Victoria—Total amount of bright sunshine, 69 hours and 48 minutes; rain, 4.78 inches; snow, 1 4-10 inch; mean temperature, 37; highest temperature, 49 on 2nd; lowest, 27 on 29th; lowest on grass, 22 on 29th; total recorded wind mileage, 7,877; highest hourly wind velocity, 48 S. W. on 3rd.  
 Vancouver—Total amount of bright sunshine, 23 hours; precipitation, 2.79 inches; snow on ground, a trace; mean temperature, 34; highest temperature, 46; lowest, 19.  
 Kamloops—Total amount of bright sunshine, 48 hours and 39 minutes; precipitation, 1.09 inch; mean temperature, 35; highest temperature, 46; lowest, 15 below zero.  
 Barkerville—Snow, 25 inches; snow on ground, 3 feet 4 inches; mean temperature, 10; highest temperature, 34; lowest, 25 below zero.  
 Prince Rupert—Precipitation, 5.20 inches; mean temperature, 22; highest temperature, 45 on 10th and 18th; lowest, 17 on 26th.  
 Atlin—Snow, 6.00 inches; ice, 8.00 inches thick; snow on ground, 9 inches; mean

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 Regular to \$6.50 for... **\$1.95**  
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temperature, 6; highest temperature, 28 on 14th; lowest, 21 below zero on 9th, 20th and 27th.  
 Dawson—Snow, 19.00 inches; snow on ground, 25.00 inches; mean temperature, 18 below zero; highest temperature, 29 on 15th; lowest, 32 below zero on 8th and 9th.  
 Penticton—Rain, .07 inch; snow, 6.29 inches; highest temperature, 54 on 3rd; lowest, 1 on 29th.  
 Nelson—Snow, 19.00 inches; highest temperature, 37 on 3rd; lowest, 3 below zero on 29th.  
 Grand Forks—Snow, 35.10 inches; highest temperature, 29 on 2nd; lowest, 5 below zero on 26th.  
 Cranbrook—Highest temperature, 57 on 4th; lowest, 29 below zero on 26th and 27th.  
 Prince George—Highest temperature, 42 on 2nd; lowest, 28 below zero on 26th.  
 Bean Cocks, 25c, 30c, 40c, 70c; Cascoles, 45c to \$1.25. R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas St.

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FELLOW-CITIZENS DO HONOR TO MINISTER Reception to Hon. T. D. Pattullo in Prince Rupert Before Leaving for Victoria D-light that Prince Rupert and the north had been honored by Premier Brewster in the selection of T. D. Pattullo, member for Prince Rupert riding, as minister of lands, and through confidence that the premier would find his trust well placed, was the keynote of the speeches at the public reception accorded Hon. Mr. Pattullo by the citizens of Prince Rupert in the Reilwaymen's hall on Thursday evening last.

Mayor McCaffery, who presided over a large gathering, said it was a real Christmas pleasure to congratulate Mr. Pattullo on his appointment as a minister of the crown. He had nothing new to say of the minister of lands; but could simply repeat what he had said of him for years past, that the Hon. Mr. Pattullo was an honorable and upright man with a strong and energetic character who would do honor to any government. He congratulated the people of Prince Rupert upon having their member included in the cabinet. He looked for great development in the north, with its vast natural resources, and the north was well represented in Mr. Pattullo, inasmuch as they must not forget that he also represented every part of the province in the department of lands, which included forests, water and other resources.

In Alex. Manson, M.P.P. for Omineca, referred to this being the first non-partisan gathering of citizens in the city, and he appealed for the cordial co-operation of every citizen for the furtherance of the prosperity of the province.

P. H. Mobley, M.P.P. for Atlin; S. M. Macdonald, president of the Trades and Labor Council; O. N. Nelson, editor of the local Conservative paper, and Fred Stark, Liberal candidate for the federal constituency of Skeena, all spoke the last mentioned dwelling upon the history of the Pattulos of Woodstock, a fine stock of men and of newspapers.

The minister of lands, who was sitting among the audience, was asked to take a seat on the platform. He preferred, however, to speak from the floor, and thanked all the speakers for their kindly wishes. Continuing, he said: "This is the Christmas season, yet in view of what is happening in Europe, the words 'Merry Christmas' speak of brave fellows are falling in this mad conflict, and watching the situation, one sees thousands of women and children pleading for the mercy that does not seem to come. We wonder what the end is to be. What is at the bottom of it all? Avarice, greed, display and thirst for power. I come not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance," said Christ.

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LETTER BOX Letters addressed to the Editor and intended for publication must be short and to the point. The publisher is not responsible for the return of unsolicited material. The Editor is a matter entirely in the discretion of the Editor. NO VOTE FOR THE SLACKER. To the Editor: In last night's Times I notice the following: "Winnipeg, Jan. 3.—At a meeting last night of the Winnipeg trades and labor council the council went on record as being of the opinion that the best method to oppose the strike is to sign the registration cards."

Good. Now, the fellow who is too lazy to work for his country, too mean to pay and too damn proud to fight should be disinfranchised. Compile the voters' lists from the filled in service cards, so that we can have a square look at the shirkers. It ought in fairness to be said that the attitude of the salaried-labor men does not represent the attitude of the industrial worker in general, either organized or unorganized. WALTER POSTER.

"THE DEVIL'S COACHES." Two mysterious monsters were crawling towards them over the crates. Stunned as if an earthquake had burst around them, they all rubbed their eyes, which were fascinated by the fabulous creatures. Their imaginations were still excited by the effects of the bombardment. It was no wonder, then, that—imagination not the better of these sorely tried men, who knew well enough that the enemy would use every means to destroy our steel wall of fragile human bodies. These men no longer know what fear is. But here was some devilry which the brain of man had invented, with powerful mechanical forces, a mystery which rooted one to the ground because the intelligence could not grasp it, a fate before which one felt helpless. One stared and stared as if one had lost the power of one's limbs. The monsters approached slowly, hobbling, rolling and rocking, but they approached. Nothing impeded them; a force, the words "Merry Christmas" spoke of brave fellows are falling in this mad conflict, and watching the situation, one sees thousands of women and children pleading for the mercy that does not seem to come. We wonder what the end is to be. What is at the bottom of it all? Avarice, greed, display and thirst for power. I come not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance," said Christ.

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## HARRY HILLIARD AND JUNE CAPRICE

—IN—

# CAPRICE OF THE MOUNTAINS

A REFRESHING STORY OF THE OUT-OF-DOORS

Gaumont Graphic

Bray Cartoon

### PANTAGES SINGERS ARE POPULAR ACT

La Scala Sextette Give Musical Treat; Water Lions and Nymphs Hold Reception

A real work of culture is being accomplished by such organizations as the La Scala Sextette which is singing a return engagement at the Pantages theatre this week. It has been freely stated that the audiences on this continent do not appreciate grand opera. If this may be said at all, it is because the opportunity, as far as Victoria is concerned, is seldom offered. The Pantages audiences this week have hailed with delight the ever-haunting fragments of opera favor-

ites presented so capably by this organization. Years pass over the heads of "Martha," "Ernani" and "Lucia de Lammermoor," but the music of the opera lives in all its freshness. There is nobody who can sing the old melodies as the Italians sing them, and the reason is simply that the opera of a century ago is the Italian popular music of to-day. It maintains its vitality in the home, and thence finds its way into the theatre. Thanks are due to the occasional theatre manager who opens the door to this most lyric of music. The artists of this troupe are vocally adequate, and the act is beautifully staged. The members of the sextette are: Signora Lillian Bianca, a brilliant coloratura soprano; Mme. Jena Jennings, a most sympathetic and melodious mezzo soprano; Mme. Louise Silva, a resonant contralto; Signor Carlo Bravo, a tender almost heroic proportions; Mr. F. S. Smith, a splendid baritone, and Signor A. Ruben, a deep, voiced basso. The voices blend admirably in the ensemble offerings and show nicely in the solo and duet numbers. They sing excerpts from

"Ernani," "Lucia," "Carmen," "Rigoletto," and other standard compositions. Since last here, this organization has made a tremendous hit in the east, and will return there as soon as the Pantages circuit is completed to fulfill an extensive contract in the big time houses. Among the attractions offered on the present Pantages bill aside from the La Scala Sextette, are Winston's water-lions and diving nymphs, Joe Roberts, the greatest of all banjoists, and three other top-notch acts. The water-lions and diving nymphs, the headline attraction, perform in a huge glass tank in an act that is perhaps the greatest thing of the kind ever shown here. The water-lions have been trained to a point where they do every conceivable kind of stunt, except talking—and they even do a little of that. The girls in beautiful bathing costumes, are seen in numerous diving and swimming feats. These performers will hold a reception on the stage at the Pantages to the children of the audience following the Saturday matinee. This will be a big educational feature for the little ones. Joe Roberts is the man who succeeds in getting more genuine music out of his instrument than any other banjoist heard out here. He has a snappy repertoire, and is one of the biggest hits of the bill. LeMaire and Dawson are two clever blackface talkers, and are extremely comical and therefore very popular. Miss Florence Merritt is a singing comedienne with personality and a voice, who is proving very popular. Sterling and Marguerite are a clever couple who supply many an acrobatic surprise and receive approval for their whirlwind turn.

### MAKING PHOTOPLAYS NOT LIKE SHOEMAKING

Too Many Factories and Not Enough Studios in Country

The yard-stick and so-called "efficiency engineer" constitute the greatest menace to the artistic development of the motion picture, according to Albert Capellani, whose work in "Les Miserables," "Camille" and "La Vie de Boheme" has established him as one of the greatest directors in America. "You can't make photoplays as you make shoes," declares the director general of the new Clara Kimball Young Film Corporation. "There are too many motion picture factories in America and too few real studios. Producing a motion picture is an art, not a job. The standardizing of the feature picture into five reels is one of the greatest drawbacks to the advancement of our art. You might as well tell a novelist just how many words he must write his next story in, or a painter how many brushfuls of paint he must use on his next canvas. The majority of stories produced as five-reel pictures to-day could have been done infinitely better in three reels. On the other hand many a wonderful story has been ruined by the necessity of cutting it to five reels." In commenting on the trend of the

studio art in this country, Mr. Capellani said: "If there is any tendency more than another that I have noticed and would criticize it is the too free use of the 'close-up' and the apparent timidity of directors as to the sustained length of a scene. The 'close-up' is an extremely useful bit of photographic technique, but it must not be overdone. It should be used just as the spectator in a theatre uses his opera glasses—for occasional magnified glimpses of the players, in order to register more powerfully certain moments in the progress of the story. The chopping-up of big scenes into short lengths with little 'flash-backs' to unimportant details and outside happenings, is getting to be a nuisance. There is no reason why a big scene in a picture cannot be sustained straight through to its climax without a single flash-back or cut-in that isn't absolutely essential to the immediate action." Prejudices against certain kinds of food are difficult to account for and very hard to kill. Take rice, for instance. Many of what are known as the "poorer classes" look askance at rice, even as a pudding for their children, and they would never think of using it, in the interests of economy and digestion, with meat. It is costing, of course, a great deal more than it did, but it remains a cheap food. I remember a charlaina in a northern seaport who, some years ago, absolutely refused to eat rice on the ground that it was "niggers' food." The difficulty of cooking may have something to do with the neglect of rice.—London Chronicle.

### "FIGHTING PARSON" WINS RESPECT OF ALL

Stirring Screen Drama at Variety Thursday, Friday and Saturday

J. Warren Kerrigan, star of Bluebird Photoplays, will be the hero in a stirring screen drama to be exhibited at the Variety theatre to-day, Friday and Saturday under the title of "The Measure of a Man." Louise Lovely, lone star of earlier Bluebirds, will be his leading lady. The story relates the experiences of a young man who had

studied for the ministry and had been expelled from divinity school because of his reckless habits. Going West to start all over again, the young man arrives at a lumber camp at a moment when he seems to come in answer to a girl's prayer that a parson may be sent to give religious burial to her father's remains. Having fulfilled what he considered to be his duty, the young man is thereafter accepted as the "sky pilot" of the lumbermen, and there follow numerous exciting episodes that show how "The Fighting Parson" won the respect of his neighbors and captured the heart of the girl who had virtually appointed him to the position of minister to the spiritual needs of the lumbermen. Until Further Notice, F. L. Haynes will carry on business as usual at 1124 Government. His numerous customers will be notified through the press, as soon as new premises have been located. Demand Phoenix Stout. Home product.



CAPRICE OF THE MOUNTAINS WILLIAM FOX PRODUCTION. Appearing at Royal Victoria Theatre during the rest of the week.

Syria, where the sick and wounded from the Braemar Castle were landed, is Homer's "land of corn and wine," and owes its present commercial prosperity partly to the good harbor in a central position, but mainly to the refugees from the massacre of Chios who settled here in 1822. It was the home of Pythagoras, the early Greek philosopher and master of Pythagoras, to whom Cicero attributes the first idea of immortality. He is supposed to have got this idea from "secret books" of the Phoenicians, which some bold theorists identify with the Hebrew Bible. But immortality had been taught from time immemorial by the Egyptians. Syria, alone of the Cyclades, rejoices in the possession of horses and carriages, as well as roads that lead to a definite destination.—London Chronicle.

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Singing Excerpts from Grand Opera. And Five Other Features.  
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ALL THIS WEEK  
**Charlie Chaplin**  
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**"THE RINK"**  
Brand New, It's Funny, a Riot from Start to Finish.  
BRING THE CHILDREN  
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**"CABIRIA"**  
In 12 Parts. 10-Piece Orchestra—10

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Norman Duncan's famous story  
**"The Measure of a Man"**  
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## MISS JUNE CAPRICE AT ROYAL VICTORIA

New Film Star is Bashful but Can Act Just the Same

Movie fans of Canada: Meet little Miss June Caprice, 17 years old, who within one year will be the most popular little girl in all the wide world of the movies, and who will be seen at the Royal Victoria to-day, Friday and Saturday in "Caprice of the Mountains."

William Fox has discovered this new young beauty with the laughingest eyes and the sunniest smile ever filmed, has "tested" her carefully before the camera, and has deliberately told this little beauty that he will make her more famous than any girl has ever been made before in the film world.

All over the United States and Can-

ada there are hundreds of thousands of beautiful girls who, if they had a chance, would "make good" on the screen. You hear knowing persons saying almost every day that any pretty girl could make good in pictures if only she were given the opportunity.

There have been many occasions when William Fox believed this to be true, so he determined to see just how this would work out.

Mr. Fox commissioned six representatives to go forth into the big, broad highways of America and Canadian life and find him the most typical smiling, happy little beauty without experience.

"See that you find for me a natural, graceful, pretty girl without affectations or mannerisms; a girl who is winsome, happy, who lives with her parents or is off studying somewhere in a girls' school. When you think you have found the most remarkable girl you ever saw bring her to me. We will give a long and adequate test to the theory that prevails throughout Canada—that youth, beauty and grace, backed by good plays, can make a star of the first magnitude out of a girl of whom the public has never heard."

June Caprice is the girl who answered all of these descriptions.

## COMING ATTRACTION AT MAJESTIC THEATRE

"The Girl From Frisco" Will Be Run in Series of 15 Parts

The coming attraction at the Majestic is "The Girl From Frisco." These pictures will be run in 15 series, each a complete story. This production of the Kalem Company is absolutely the greatest western drama ever staged, and has had a phenomenal run in the States.

The leading parts are taken by Marin Sais and True Boardman, supported by a very strong cast. The first episode will be shown on Friday and Saturday and is entitled "The Fighting Heiress." It is a very powerful story and the stirring scene of cowpuncher life is vividly portrayed. Needless to say the young stars will flock to see these pictures of the great West.

It is the intention to show every Friday and Saturday a series consisting of two reels. Five other reels of good comedy and drama complete the big week-end attraction.

## MARGUERITE CLARK AT THE DOMINION

"Miss George Washington" is Fine Medium for Art Expression

In Miss George Washington the Famous Players feature now being shown at Dominion, Miss Clark is seen in a delightful polite-comedy, one that will cause a steady ripple of mirth. Marguerite Clark sustains the title role, and she carries it with a girlishness and an abandon that marks the production as one out of the usual. Berenice Summers, pupil at a young ladies' academy, gets a medal because the Truth Society is convinced she is a remarkable example of what a virtuous girl should be, and is also given the title of Miss George Washington. She wears the honors with her tongue in her cheek and a wink in her expressive eye. However, one fit leads to another, and complications follow, and there is a comic twist to them all. Miss Clark has had no medium which provides so fine an opportunity for the bringing out of art in its charm: It is a school girl role, and in school girl roles she is at her best. It is by far the best picture Marguerite Clark has yet appeared in, a most amusing comedy production. Every one is sure to like it.

## CROWDS AT COLUMBIA THEATRE THIS WEEK

Charlie Chaplin in "The Rink" is Funniest Comedy Yet

There has been a big run at the Columbia theatre this week to see the new Charlie Chaplin film, the best in which he has appeared yet.

Charles Chaplin, probably the world's highest priced comedian, will be seen to-day and all week at the Columbia in a brand new Mutual comedy called "The Rink," which, according to all advance accounts, is one of the funniest things Chaplin has done in a year.

In this play Charlie is a waiter in a high-class restaurant and what he doesn't succeed in finding in the way of trouble might easily be considered negligible.

The real action of the piece centres in the "Oskaspeil rink," where Charlie takes the lady on whom he has for the moment centred his perverted affections. This charming dame, Edna Purviance, of course, is left by her father in the restaurant while he goes to the skating rink for a touch of the "whirlly girl" on his own.

Chaplin easily persuades the young woman to take a whirl with him, and they arrive at the skating rink while the giddy old gentleman, Edna's papa, indulges in a violent flirtation with an attractive woman who has been left by her husband to await him at the cafe. Mr. Chaplin honors with his services.

Charlie succeeds in convincing Edna that he is a wealthy youth out for a high time and that he spends untold sums in while at the "Oskaspeil" merely to while away the weary hours between midnight and morning.

In order to promote what seems to be a promising family connection, Edna's father gives a ball at the "Oskaspeil" rink. Charlie and most of the men and women who frequent the "Oskaspeil" are invited to the rink party, where Edna's father complains of Chaplin's being too fresh and Charlie responds with an expose of the parent's flirtatious habits, which at once launches a family riot.

Everybody is after Chaplin at once, and Chaplin is chased by the whole restaurant crowd, with Edna as the tall of his kite. This is said to be the funniest chase ever put on by Chaplin, who resorts to innumerable novel devices to protect his companion and evade capture.

Correct Report.—In the acknowledgments by the Red Cross Society of cash contributions received by them for comfort bags the sum of \$7 should have been credited to Mrs. von Rosenfelt and 28 cents to Miss Jessie Widdowson. Mrs. Abbey's committee turned in \$12 instead of \$4 as reported in the Times on January 2.



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## VARIETY THEATRE

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## DOWNTOWN MEETING TO-NIGHT IN CONTEST

Retrenchment Association Has Invited Speakers; Nine New Aldermanic Candidates

This evening the Civic Retrenchment Association is the host of the municipal candidates in the city at a public meeting to be held in the old Victoria theatre. President F. J. O'Reilly will take the chair promptly at 8 o'clock, and the mayoralty candidates are particularly asked to offer an expression of opinion on the questions which have been submitted to them by the officers of the association.

These questions appear to arise out of the tax delinquency situation, in fact they are necessarily closely allied to any financial settlement which may be reached. The questions of principal importance are those of the method of meeting the present deficiency, a fresh assessment of the city on a population basis, a new census to be taken for that purpose, balance sheets to be presented to some financial authority, tax delinquency relief, and alterations of the municipal acts to provide for present conditions. There are other auxiliary questions along the lines of the subjects referred to in meetings of the association.

The Times is in a position to announce definitely from John Day that he is in the field, also that G. D. Christie will be nominated, as already anticipated, and that ex-Alderman W. J. Sargent, who spoke at last night's

election meeting, will also go to the poll.

Mr. Day feels that his long experience in sanitary work would be of value in the council in connection with the re-organization of the health department, and subjects akin to sanitation and public health. While his chief activities have been directed in connection with important offices in the Trades and Labor Council, he is honorary secretary of the Welcome Committee for Return Soldiers, and a member of the Returned Soldiers' Employment Committee.

Mr. Christie is a well-known and popular merchant, who has done useful public service as a school trustee.

John Harvey, of 129 St. Andrews street, is in the field to-day. He has been a resident for some time, and having large interests in the city has consented to offer himself for the position.

There are thus six retiring aldermen in the field for re-election, and the following: Ex-Aldermen B. Dinsdale and W. J. Sargent, Messrs. E. B. Andros, G. D. Christie, John Day, Dr. A. A. Hunter, John Harvey, William Luney (Sr.), and J. Ivan Seabrook.

There is no change with regard to the vacancies in the school board.

## TENDERS

Tenders are required for the erection of a Store and Post Office at James Island. Plans and specifications may be obtained from the Canadian Explosives, Ltd., Purchasing Department, Arcade Bridge, Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Tenders will be received up to January 15.

Separate tenders are required for the Plumbing, Hoisting, Electrical Work and Painting in connection with a Store and Post Office about to be erected at James Island. Plans and specifications may be obtained from the Canadian Explosives, Ltd., Purchasing Department, Arcade Bridge, Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Tenders will be received up to January 15.

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# SPORTING NEWS

## CARPENTIER TO MEET BRITISH FIGHTER

### Les Darcy Accepts Offer of \$75,000 for 15 Weeks' Tour in Vaudeville

Paris, Jan. 4.—Georges Carpentier, French heavyweight champion, is preparing for an early return to the ring. The champion, who is now on leave in Paris, appeared in an exhibition bout yesterday, displaying his old-time punch and skill. He has been matched for a 15-round bout with Bomb, Smith, a British heavyweight. They will box

a reply from the government to Rickard's request for permission for the boxer to visit the United States.

First bout in March. From New York comes word that Tex Rickard has practically decided to arrange Les Darcy's first bout for early in March. Unless Carpentier receives permission immediately to visit the United States—the Australian will meet one of the leading American boxers in the first match.

Darcy to Go on Stage. Darcy has signed a contract to elevate the American vaudeville stage and the prize ring for fifteen weeks for \$75,000. This announcement was made in New York to-day by Freeman Bernstein, theatrical agent, and former boxing promoter.

"Darcy signed," declared Bernstein. "The contract calls for him to box or to perform for me for a period of fifteen weeks with the privilege of an extension of contract. I succeeded in convincing Darcy that there was little likelihood of Carpentier coming to this country, and he finally accepted my terms.

"As for Mr. Rickard's connection with Darcy, you understand that Darcy and Rickard had no written agreement. I may agree to let Darcy box under Rickard's promotion, provided Rickard offers inducements that appeal to me."

## JOE WELLING WILL GO BEFORE BOARD

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Boxing followers were interested in an announcement from Milwaukee that Joe Welling, Chicago lightweight, has been ordered to appear before the Wisconsin Athletic Commission on Jan. 15 to answer charges preferred by spectators that he used foul blows in his bout with Ritchie Mitchell in Racine—several weeks ago. It was announced in Milwaukee also that a promoter will have there to-day for New York to offer a purse of \$20,000 for a bout between Les Darcy and Jeff Smith in Milwaukee in February.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Members of the National Baseball Commission to-day are on their way to their respective homes, after having concluded a meeting at Cincinnati last night at which the request of representatives of the Class A leaguers relative to the elimination of the draft from their leagues was heard and promised careful consideration.

## OLYMPIC CLUB TAKES THE ANNUAL PLUNGE

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 4.—All records for members of participants were broken here in the annual plunge into the surf by members of the Olympic Club, who for years, under the leadership of the late William Greer Harrison, have made this a New Year's Day event.

More than 200 sturdy athletes, many of them past fifty years of age, took the plunge in the cold waters just below the Cliff House. The walk through the park was made in fifty-one minutes, a distance of four and a half miles, breaking the former record of fifty-five minutes.

## QUEBEC STAR



JOE MALONE

Centre player of the Quebec Hockey Club, who is one of the best goal-getters in the league. Clean and clever at all times Malone is a popular player all over the professional circuit.

## A. A. U. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCES TEAM

The all-American track team of 1916, based on the performances of the leading athletes, has been announced by Secretary-Treasurer F. W. Hubien, of the A. A. U. Sensational performances featured the performances last season of the country's leading athletes. Hubien comments as follows on the selections: "In selecting an all-American team no double selections are made, one man being chosen for each event. One of the most difficult positions to select is the head of the list for the sprints. My selections are Loomis for the 100, and Ward for the 200 yards.

J. E. Meredith created world's records for the quarter and half mile, but had worthy opponents in E. C. Riley, B. Diamond and T. J. Talpin in the 400, and W. J. Bingham, Don Scott, L. Scudder and L. V. Windagle in the 800. Meredith is selected for the quarter and Scott for the half.

The final heat of the 120 yards high hurdles at the national championships brought the four best hurdlers in the world together, and they can be ranked as they finished: Robert Simpson, first; Fred W. Kelly, second; Earl Thompson, third; and Fred Murray, fourth. Simpson's hurdling was the sensation of the year, and his world's record of 11 3/4 seconds is a remarkable performance. Fred Murray was easily the best 220 yard hurdler. The 400-yard hurdles goes to W. A. Hummel.

## ATHLETE IS REWARDED FOR GALLANT ACTION

Captain W. H. McGee, well-known Ottawa football and rowing star, and one of the leading athletes of Eastern Canada, has been recommended for the Military Cross for gallantry on the battlefield. The Official Gazette contains the following reference to the athlete's gallant action: "Conspicuous gallantry near Courcellette on November 18, 1916, when leaving the jumping off trench was shot through the shoulder by a machine gun bullet. He continued the attack to Desire support trench, where he stayed until the battalion was relieved, about thirty hours later. He showed by his reports that he had a good grasp and hold of the situation."

As a combined "war story" and romance of the sea the adventures of the barque Avenger, which are dispassionately unfolded in a shipping paper, are hard to beat. In January, 1904, the Avenger encountered a tidal wave which deposited her high and dry on Chandeleur Island, in the Gulf of Mexico. There she remained until July 15 this year, when an obliging tidal wave carried her back to her native element. It cost \$15,000 to repair the ravages of 12 years ashore, but in these days that is a fleabite where ships are concerned. On her last voyage the Avenger was on charter for a Gulf-Plate voyage at \$10. The same charters have now engaged the vessel for the same voyage at \$45.—London Chronicle.

## CLUBS ARE CLOSE IN COAST HOCKEY

### Portland's Victory Over Seattle is Surprise to All Fans

The Pacific Coast hockey race assumed greater interest by the defeat of Seattle by Portland, 7-4, the same score by which Seattle downed Vancouver a few nights ago. To-day all four clubs are bunched. Portland's first away-from-home victory came Tuesday night. Prior to that they had dropped four on the road and one at home. The streak of the club has taken an upward trend as a result of Tuesday night's win. Now that Ed Savage, their manager, is on the road to recovery, the studs will play better hockey.

Savage was revered by all of his players, and while the team was on the road recently, playing two games, it had no news of the Portland manager, beyond the fact that he was ill-likely to die at any minute. Put the men in the frame of mind they would naturally possess, and see whether it would be possible for them to play up to form. They dropped both games.

The wonderful showing of Ick Irvin, the young Winnipeg player, who has replaced Tommy Dunderdale on the Portland line-up, reveals him as the most promising youngster who has broken into the game since Mickey Mackay broke in with Vancouver. Irvin seems to have an unerring instinct as to where to shoot that puck, is all over the ice, and possesses the trained instincts of the stellar hockey player.

## RACE AT CAPITAL ON ICE THIS WINTER

There will not be any postponement or cancellation in connection with the annual ice racing carnival of the Hull Driving Club, which is to be held on the Ottawa river, Feb. 1 to 7. In view of the fact that the Delorimier Park trotting and pacing events, scheduled for January, have been called off, it was thought that the Hull Driving Club might follow suit.

Inquiry at the headquarters of the association elicited information to the effect that the meeting would be carried out according to arrangements. The tax for Ottawa is not as heavy as that for Montreal, and it is believed that it may not be imposed during the coming winter. In any event, the programme already arranged will be given a half-mile track will be built on the Ottawa river, and work is to be commenced in a week or so, as it is already frozen hard enough to permit of operations. The grandstand, betting booths and other pavilions will be on the Quebec side, while about half the course will be along the Ontario shore. An interesting question may arise over this fact.

The Hull Driving Club's annual meeting is usually one of the biggest features of the winter season. They will offer about \$20,000 in stakes and overnight purses, and have already arranged to bring grand circuit officials over to conduct the races.

## MANAGER'S CONDITION STEADILY IMPROVES

Portland, Ore., Jan. 4.—In spite of a skull fractured near the base on the right hand side and a concussion of the brain, T. H. Savage, manager of the Portland hockey team, stands a good chance of recovery. Savage was injured one week ago last Friday, when the motor car in which he was riding was crushed between two street cars coming from opposite directions. At first it was thought that there was no chance for his recovery, but he has hung on tenaciously.

Practically the first question he asked after recovering consciousness was concerning the score of the game between Portland and Vancouver, which was played at Vancouver. He was told that Portland had won, seven to four, which was untrue, but satisfied him. Since then he is fully conscious part of the time and seems destined to recover if no complications set in.

DEFINITION OF AMATEUR. Toronto: Radical changes have been made in regard to the definition of an amateur trapshooter. Hereafter any shooter who accepts expense money, free shells, guns, clothing or any thing else necessary to the proper equipment of a shooter for competition cannot compete in events for amateurs.

The drastic ruling is the result of investigations by members of the Interstate Association, which showed that employees of hardware firms, as well as clerks in other business houses dealing in trapshooting equipment, had been commercialising their talents as shooters to the extent of receiving many things for which they paid nothing.

In the list of shooters who have been receiving much material without paying for it are the names of many well-known trapshooters. These men will have to discontinue the practice or they will be declared professionals. The prediction is made that many men who have been competing in amateur events for years will be found among the entrants in cash prize events, now that the new year has opened.

# Make a Note of the Economy of This Sale of Furs



Will you take a suggestion—advice that is sincere and sound? Then make a note of, to attend O'Connell's Fur Sale. You will be economizing if you do.

We have been advised by the Sellars-Gough Fur Company, whose accredited agents we are in Victoria, to dispose of all unsold pieces of fur merchandise as speedily as possible. Therefore, we put into effect to-day a deep and broad series of reductions on all Fur Pieces, Sets and Coats. You must see the goods to fully appreciate the values that will be going during this sensational sale.

- NO. 305—SIX SKIN MINK SCARF— A beautiful garment, trimmed with natural heads, tails and paws, and finished with Skinner satin lining. Reg. price \$125.00. Sale Price **\$78.00**
- NO. 304—FOUR SKIN MINK STOLE— Regularly priced at \$50.00. Sale Price **\$37.50**
- NO. 205—TWO SKIN MINK TIE— Animal style. Regularly priced at \$25.00. Sale Price **\$18.50**
- NO. 354—BLACK FOX SCARF— Trimmed with head and tail and lined with black satin. Regular at \$40.00. Sale Price **\$29.50**
- NO. 761—BLACK FOX SCARF— Nicely made in smart animal style. Regular \$35.00. Sale Price **\$26.75**
- NO. 741—BLACK FOX SCARF— Animal style. Regular \$37.50. Sale Price **\$28.75**
- NO. 347—TWO SKIN WOLF SCARF— Regularly priced at \$37.50. Sale Price **\$28.75**
- NO. 659—TWO SKIN SCARF— Alaska sable (skunk). Regular \$45.00. Sale Price **\$31.00**
- NO. 14—FIVE SKIN MINK MUFF— Beautiful large pillow style. Regular at \$72.50. Sale Price **\$55.00**
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- NO. 312—SIX SKIN MINK SCARF— Regularly priced at \$115.00. Sale Price **\$77.00**
- NO. 204—TWO SKIN MINK TIE— Regularly priced at \$35.00. Sale Price **\$21.00**
- NO. 8—FIVE SKIN MINK MUFF— Trimmed with heads, tails and paws. Regular \$75.00. Sale Price **\$57.50**
- NO. 928—BLACK FOX MUFF— Regularly priced at \$45.00. Sale Price **\$32.50**
- NO. 4831—BLACK FOX MUFF— Handsome Pillow style. Regular at \$55.00. Sale Price **\$42.50**
- NO. 49—BLACK FOX MUFF— Extra fine quality and exquisitely finished. Regular at \$90.00. Sale Price **\$45.00**
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W. H. Davies, of the V. I. A. A., is issuing a call to all the soccer and rugby players of the association to turn out this evening to a practice that will be held in the club rooms at Victoria West, when the soccer team for Saturday's game with the Willows Camp will be chosen. Although no definite decision has been

reached as yet it is very likely that the return rugby match with the Bantams, which was postponed over the Christmas and New Year holidays, will be played this week-end. In anticipation of the event the team that will represent the V. I. A. A. will also be picked at to-night's practice.

OFFERS LARGE SUM.

Tom O'Rourke yesterday came out with an offer of \$100,000 for a bout be-

tween Jess Willard and Georges Carpentier, the European heavyweight champion. This offer is conditional on neither boxer participating in a bout previously, and it is O'Rourke's intention to stage the match, if successful in securing it, either in April or May. O'Rourke added that he would give the boxers the sum of \$10,000 each for the motion picture privileges.

## DARCY CHOOSES M'COY.

New York, Jan. 4.—Les Darcy, the Australian pugilist, has decided to end the squabble over the middleweight crown that once graced the head of Stagley Ketchel. The visitor from the Antipodes has issued an open letter in which he invites Al McCoy, he of one punch fame, to come out and fight.

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Matron Wilson Writes From Salonika That Staff is Not So Busy Now

The following interesting letter, sent to one of her friends in Victoria, was written by Matron Frederica Wilson, No. 5 General Hospital, Canadian, from Salonika. Matron Wilson, as noted in yesterday's paper, has been awarded the Royal Red Cross of the First Class. "Another Christmas is coming and we are still in this part of the world," she writes under date of November 27. "We have heard so many wild stories about the Canadian hospitals being withdrawn from this district that we hardly expected to spend Christmas here. However, it would be hard to find a more beautiful climate to spend it in than the one we are enjoying at present. The weather has been beautiful, mild and warm and sunny, and the sunsets are gorgeous. We get about in one uniform and they do not require any extra wraps. It is hard to believe that it is November 27. Since last spring we have been steadily busy, in fact we increased our hospital capacity from 1,040 to 1,700 from May to September, and at the same time moved into our new huts as they were finished. Since coming here our hospital has treated 18,000 patients. At present we are not at all busy, and have four sisters off duty at one time. We have loved the rest because we were so busy during the hot weather and were all more or less tired, but on the whole the unit has been very well and we have been fortunate than any other unit out here, for we have had no casualties and very few seriously ill at any time. "At present this is a most fascinating and interesting place to live in. If the censor would only allow me, and I possessed the gift of writing, I could tell you many interesting things, but as it is we have to keep to the state of the weather and to the state of one's health. However, I know if you were only here you would enjoy it immensely, if one could only blot out the horrors which attend war.


## B. C. MEN DECORATED FOR GALLANTRY

Major "Big Jim" McDonnell Awarded D. S. O., Sgt.-Maj. Dawson, the D. C. M.

His numerous friends and acquaintances in Victoria and the mainland will be glad to learn of the distinction conferred on Major "Big Jim" McDonnell, commanding officer of the 1st Canadian Pioneer, for gallantry at the front. His name appears in one of the latest lists of honors won by British Columbia as the recipient of the D. S. O. Sgt.-Major C. F. Dawson, of this city, in recognition of his bravery and self-sacrifice displayed at Zillebeke last June, has been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. Sgt.-Maj. Dawson, who has now been discharged from the army as being totally unfit for further military service, has taken up his residence again in the city. He has an intensely interesting narrative which finally placed him hors de combat. Lying on an stretcher in no man's land the gallant warrior was struck by a fragment of shrapnel shell, a portion of which still lies embedded in his head. Sgt.-Maj. Dawson is another survivor of that magnificent 7th Battalion which underwent such trying experiences in the early days of the first contingent in France. He had the agonizing experience of facing the fire of his own machine gun, and it was not until he yelled the name of his battalion to the "foes" confronting him that the spattering of the bullets, ominously near all the time, ceased. Gradually crawling toward his own lines a wounded comrade beseeched him to carry him to safety. Badly wounded and weak as he was he valiantly struggled with his less fortunate brother and successfully reached a stretcher party, to whom he entrusted his burden.

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As I am a candidate for the office of Chief Magistrate of this City, I herewith place before you my views on some of the most important questions that may come before the Municipal Council in the ensuing year. There are many matters of pressing moment to the citizens, all involving financial considerations, with which I shall fully deal, but the health, the environment of the people, and the education of our children should receive first consideration. Without this our greatest asset, our material resources would be of very little value, hence I do not hesitate to place the protection and development of our best asset first.

**HEALTH**

"We must have a clean City. With that end in view I favor the extension of the sewer system wherever necessary, the maintenance of our bathing beaches, and the strict surveillance over streets and over portions of the city that are liable to become a menace to the health of our citizens. I favor the appointment of a Health Officer on full time so that not only the high standard of efficiency in this department may be maintained, but that officers and institutions for the care of the sick and needy may be carefully and fully supervised."

**PUBLIC MORALS**

"I am heartily in accord with the strong sentiment favoring a clean moral city. The proper development of our children and the conservation of the best interests of our people demand the strict enforcement of law without discrimination. I shall, if elected, fearlessly and honestly observe my oath of office, enforce the laws enacted for the benefit of our city, and hold the officers of the law to a strict account for the full performance of their duty. With a view to giving the people more control over the Police Commissioners who are entrusted with law enforcement, I shall do my best to secure the power to elect them to their positions."

**EDUCATION**

"The education of our children shall have my hearty support. To maintain our schools to the proper standard of efficiency we must provide the best equipment and the best possible teachers. The orphan and homeless children must have the same care and training as those in more favored circumstances."

**FINANCES**

"The administration of the civic finances will have my most careful consideration. To maintain public confidence I shall make searching enquiry into every department of finance. If elected I shall immediately request the Council to give facilities for an independent audit of all our books and accounts. The large undertakings and abnormal expenditures of the past few years have increased the charges against our income to an alarming extent. Some of the ratepayers find it impossible to meet the taxes, particularly the frontage tax against their property. I assure the electorate that I shall, with the assistance of the other members of the Council and citizens, endeavor to find some way out of our taxation difficulties that shall be just to the taxpayers as a whole. Failing to find some scheme that shall equitably meet the difficulty I shall favor requesting the Provincial Government to appoint a commission of experts that shall make recommendations to our City and to other Municipalities similarly affected. The assessments in some parts of the City are today too high and inequitable. I favor a change in the system of arriving at comparative values of properties."

**INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT**

"The growth of our City depends not only upon its favored location and natural attractiveness, but also upon the aggressive development of the resources of Vancouver Island, the linking up of our system of railways within the City and with the Mainland, particularly by way of Seymour Narrows, and to the establishing of industries within or near our own limits. To that end I favor assisting the government in the early construction of the Johnson Street Bridge. Our contribution to the original cost and maintenance, together with style and plans of the bridge, must be made acceptable to our citizens. All parties to the undertaking failing to agree I favor referring the whole question to the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada for their determination. The Rock Bay Bridge is before the electors for their judgment and mandate. I favor the original site opposite the Rock Bay Hotel. The bridge on this site will not only cost less, but it will be less expensive to maintain."

**FIRE INSURANCE**

"The high state of efficiency of our Fire Department, together with our excellent water works system, should ensure us lower rates of Fire Insurance. I shall do my best with the local agents and their Insurance Companies to secure more favorable rates for our citizens."

**PUBLIC WORKS**

"On all public works that shall be undertaken this year, I favor day labor, giving our own citizens the full benefit of such work. I firmly believe in paying good wages and salaries but must have adequate returns for the expenditures made. Efficiency should always be properly rewarded. With a view to the securing more efficient service in the various departments, I favor continuing the reorganization of the civic service."

**MY RECORD**

"We have a very valuable asset in our Water Works System. I favor giving consumers the very lowest rates possible to assist them in beautifying their grounds and in developing our local industries. I shall do my best to secure more customers and thus increase our revenue."

"I point with a certain degree of pride to my five years of continuous service to the City. I assisted in many of our largest undertakings. The Rook Lake Water Works, and the Paving System, both projected before my incumbency. I helped to bring to a successful conclusion. I have endeavored to deal honestly and fairly with all citizens and undertakings. It became necessary to reduce expenditure, but economy with a due regard to efficiency was always my guide. As during the past five years, the whole of my time and thoughts are as your disposal. Should you favor me with your votes and elect me as your mayor, I shall as in the past, conduct myself as a true citizen and with due regard to my office."

Anticipating your vote and influence, I am,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Yours truly,  
**ROBERT J. PORTER**

## Military Items

Lieut. R. G. White, in charge of the recruiting of reinforcements for the Army Service Corps, C. E. F., reports that while, on an average, one recruit per day is being added to the overseas roll, there has been a slight slackening off during the festive season. Prospects ahead, however, are considered decidedly hopeful with a good class of men in line.

Messrs. E. O. Copas and Louis L. Grant, well known local boys, have both passed the tests for the Royal Flying Corps and are expected to leave shortly for England to undergo their active service training.

To assist in providing the remaining numbers to bring the battalion up to strength for overseas the 143rd (B. C. Bantamis) is endeavoring to form a platoon composed wholly of bank clerks, office clerks and students under many heads. Considerable encouragement is being given to the idea and anyone interested is invited to call at the 143rd recruiting office and obtain full particulars.

Petty Officer Otter, who shares the Inland Water Transport recruiting office, netted two for the blue uniform yesterday and reports from his military friends point to other possibilities who are inclining towards the rolling main in preference to the trench. If they mean it, Mr. Otter declares it is possible to escape him.

It is gratifying to learn that the wounds sustained by Lieut. Col. Clark, commander of the 14th Battalion, C. M. F., are not sufficiently serious to necessitate the temporary relinquishment of his command. Col. Clark has been with the first division ever since it went to France.

The many friends of Pte. Norman Armstrong, Lake Hill, Victoria, will be pleased to hear that, after being 15 months in the trenches, he has had ten days' leave, which he spent in England visiting relatives and friends. He returned to the trenches on December 15, 1916.

**FOR SOLDIERS' BENEFIT**  
Joint Conference to Be Held by Y. M. C. A. Representatives Regarding Work.

The authorities of the local Y.M.C.A. are very actively engaged at present, endeavoring to improve their ways and means of dealing with the soldiers' work in the city. To this end, H. B. Hadcock, the supervisor secretary of military work of the Y.M.C.A. in the two western provinces, is at present in the city and is holding meetings with his executive to establish the work on a stronger and more satisfactory basis.

Next Tuesday at Vancouver a conference of the three western institutions—Vancouver, New Westminster and Victoria will be held—at which both Mr. Hadcock and H. Ballantine, the national secretary, will be present. Although general business will be dealt with, it is understood that a discussion of the development of the military department of the institutions will be one of the principal matters of business. A common programme of work will also be dealt with in order that the delegates from the West will have a report to make to the National Council which will meet at Toronto in February.

"I have almost starved to learn," said the struggling student the first day he hung out his shingle. "And now you must learn to starve," replied the old attorney, who remembered the echoing emptiness of his earliest office.

## FORESTRY BATTALION GETS MANY RECRUITS

December is Prosperous Month of Enlistment in Popular Unit

The results of the recruiting for the 25th Forestry Battalion, C. E. F., for Vancouver Island, during the past month have been very gratifying to the officer in charge. Lieut. W. F. Lave-

land, who is in charge of the enlistment of men for the Vancouver Island district, reports that the work is progressing in a very satisfactory manner. During December of the past year Sgt. A. Capon, who is in charge of the Victoria office, has reported that 71 men have been handed, 58 of whom have successfully passed the medical examination, while 53 have already gone east to their headquarters at Brockville.

The Nanaimo office, which is in charge of Sgt. E. B. McMaster, was also fortunate in having a prosperous recruiting month to close out the old year. During December, 30 men were handed, all of whom have gone east to the battalion headquarters. This makes a grand total of 107 recruits for the month from Vancouver Island.

The Forestry unit has always been a popular one, and has met with general co-operation on the part of the people of the Island. The special work that the men are trained to do is of a class that appeals to the man who has been accustomed to the open air free life of the west, and the officers of the unit who are superintending the recruiting in this part of the country are quite confident that the battalion will have no difficulty in obtaining the 300 men who are still required to bring the unit up to full strength.

**RECOVERING FROM WOUNDS**  
Pte. Wm. Sloan May Return to Victoria in Near Future.

Following the official notification from the Canadian Records office at Ottawa, Mr. William Sloan, of 413 Langford street, has received a letter from his son, Pte. David Sloan, where-in he gives particulars of his movements since he was first admitted to the Stationary Hospital at Wimereux, France, in November last. After a period of treatment at Wimereux, Pte. Sloan was removed to Billington Hospital, Shrewsbury, England, and later to the Canadian convalescent camp at Woodcote Park, Epsom. He has so fully recovered that he anticipates being about again shortly.

It was in the severe fighting on the Somme front in the late fall that Sloan was wounded by shrapnel in the knee. Although he has regained complete use of the leg he is afraid that it will prevent him from further service on the fighting front. He hints at the possibility of being utilized for base work in England or behind the lines in France. Failing that, there is every likelihood of Pte. Sloan returning soon to his native heath, Victoria, which, after suffering the rigors of war for many months, is a very desirable place in which to be. He writes cheerfully and despite enforced inactivity with a wounded knee for a companion, he,

## LOCAL SOLDIER MISSING

Pte. Carter, Son of Mrs. W. Harper on Casualty List.

To-day's casualty list contains the name of Pte. W. J. Carter, who is reported to be missing. Pte. Carter is a son of Mrs. W. Harper, of 2917 Quadra street, wife of Sergt. W. Harper, of the Victoria police force. Before war broke out Pte. Carter was employed as a carpenter. He joined the 103rd Trench Mortar Battalion, and went overseas with that unit. In England he transferred to the 2nd Battalion. Besides his mother he has four sisters, who reside in this city. His only brother, who is also in the army, has already been wounded in the trenches, and after spending some time in a hospital in England was given office work in connection with the war department in London.

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## Special Notice to Subscribers of the Times.

As we, along with our contemporaries in the newspaper business all over the world, have had to contend with greatly increased costs, we are therefore reluctantly compelled to increase our rates for subscriptions from all out-of-town points. Our city subscribers have been paying 50c per month—\$6.00 per year—while our out-of-town readers have been charged only 25c per month—\$3.00 per year. We have decided that

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like many British Columbia lads, looks upon it as all in the order of things. His father, too, is a philosopher and is proud of the fact that one of the family is doing his share to uphold the traditions for which the Union Jack stands.

Professor—What were you doing in that cafe so long? Student—Why, I was only in there for a second. Professor—Judging by personal experience, I would say you were in there long enough for three or four.

McKenzie Sausages are the best.

Now Is the Time to Buy

When the war ends you will not be able to buy land of this nature so cheaply. HERE IS AN EXCEPTIONAL BARGAIN 20.42 ACRES

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FORMERLY OPERATED OUT OF VICTORIA

Steamer Bellingham, Once Owned by C. P. N. Co., Being Dismantled

Never again will the old steamer Bellingham, original vessel of the Alaska Steamship Company's fleet, head into the briny under her own power.

Long before the Klondike boom the Bellingham, then known as the Willapa, plied regularly between Puget Sound and Alaska, having made her debut on the northern route in 1892.

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WAS PLAYTHING OF ELEMENTS



N. Y. K. LINER SADO MARU

STEAM GEAR WRECKED BY TREMENDOUS SEA

Liner Sado Maru Experienced Terrific Weather on Her Last Outward Voyage

Running into a terrific northwesterly gale on her last outward voyage from this port, the Japanese liner Sado Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, had her steam steering gear put completely out of commission by the force of a tremendous sea, the same evening.

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Alert Bay—Rain; calm; 29.40; 36; sea smooth. Spoke Star Dolphin, 7.45 a. m., Seymour Narrows, 3 a. m., northbound. Triangle—Fog; drizzling rain; S. E., fresh; 29.52; 36; heavy swell. Queen Charlotte Sound, southbound.

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After discharging a cargo of fuel oil at Vancouver the tank steamer Frank T. Buck, passed out to sea yesterday afternoon bound for Port San Luis.

LAW ENFORCEMENT IS AIM OF GOVERNMENT

Deputations Ask That Strong Men Be Named on Police and License Boards

Two deputations waited upon the provincial executive this forenoon, and as both were seeking the same end they were heard at the same time.

What they asked was that steps be taken to see that there was a strict enforcement of the laws of the province, especially that there should be a thorough carrying-out of the Prohibition Act if and when it goes into force on July next.

In the Social Service delegation were Revs. A. S. Colwell, W. Leslie Clay, D.D., William Stevenson, Robert Connell, A. B. Osterhout, H. S. Osborne, A. deH. Owen and W. H. McTear and E. C. B. Bagshawe.

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The difficulty which had confronted the Social Service Commission was that there had been at times on these boards gentlemen whose sympathies were not on the side of law enforcement; that is, there was great difficulty in getting them to enforce the law, such for instance, as that governing the observance of the Lord's Day Act.

Then it had been felt that license boards had not always favorably disposed to carrying out the law. There were certain hotels in this city regarding which, when complaints were brought to the notice of the board they had frequently ridiculed the action of the Social Service Commission, while acknowledging the truth of the charges made light of the infractions of the law.

Rev. Mr. Stevenson gave the figures of the referendum vote three years ago, when the voters gave a majority of 1,300 in favor of popular election. There was sometimes heard the argument that the people did not make a success of popular election of boards, or even of councils or parliament, but he did not think there was anything in this. In the past license boards, as appointed here, had given cause for grave complaint.

H. A. Beckwith, introducing the prohibition deputation, said that their chief concern was in seeing that the prohibition act, which they believed would go into force on July 1 next, should be given a fair trial. Hence, their first request was that this year of all years, the government should exercise great care in appointing license boards, placing on them men who would not only be representative citizens, but who would have strength of mind and character.

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

Canadian Pacific Railway Company

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Canadian Northern Railway

Transcontinental Leaves Vancouver. 8.00 A. M. SUNDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY, 9.00 A. M. SCENIC ROUTE BETWEEN VANCOUVER AND TORONTO. SHORT CUT TO EDMONTON AND PRINCE ALBERT. NEW AND MODERN EQUIPMENT. ELECTRIC LIGHTED STANDARD AND TOURIST SLEEPING, DINING AND COMPARTMENT OBSERVATION CARS.

Day Steamer to Seattle THE S.S. "Sol Duc"

Leaves C. P. R. wharf daily except Sunday at 11.30 a. m. for Port Angeles, Dungeness, Port Williams, Port Townsend and Seattle, arriving Seattle 1.30 p. m. Returning leaves Seattle daily except Saturday at midnight, arriving Victoria 9.00 a. m.

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. for Campbell River, Alert Bay, Port Hardy, Shushartle Bay, Nams, Bella Bella, Surf Inlet, Ocean Falls and Bella Coola.

PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO. A DELIGHTFUL SEA TRIP

The Only Through Ocean Route to SAN FRANCISCO LOS ANGELES AND SAN DIEGO Leave Victoria on Fridays at 5 p. m. S. S. President or Governor, and from Seattle Jan. 8, 11 a. m. Jan. 8, 4 p. m. steamer Admiral Farragut or Umattila.

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The cargo of the two ships aggregated 14,756 tons, and of this amount 1,386 tons are being discharged at this port.

The Manila Maru was the first to get pratique, she having made William Head at 5 o'clock last night, about half an hour after official sundown, with the result that she was compelled to swing at anchor over-night.

The Sado Maru slowed down as she neared the coast, and brought up to off the quarantine station at 5.40 a. m. to-day. Both Capt. Kobayashi, of the Manila Maru, and Capt. Shinoh, of the Sado Maru, report uneventful inward trip.

Northwesterly and N. N. E. gales were experienced by both ships in the vicinity of the 180th meridian, and considerable snow fell while off the Aleutians, but with the exception of some fog off Vancouver island there was no delay through adverse weather conditions.

The Manila brought in a total of 123 passengers, there being 67 Japanese in the saloon and 127 steerage, the latter including 67 Russians. One cabin passenger disembarked here and nine steerage were put ashore at William Head. Five cabin and 118 steerage are destined for Seattle. The liner has 903 tons of general Oriental freight for Victoria, part of which will be transhipped to Vancouver; 2,295 tons for Seattle, including 2,187 bales and cases of raw silk and silk goods valued at \$1,400,000, and 6,181 tons for overland shipment from Tacoma.

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JEBSEN IS STILL MAN OF MYSTERY

Elusive Agent of Kaiser Was Expected on Coast but Failed to Put in Appearance

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—Capt. Fred Jebesen, the man of mystery, and many have reported seen in the Orient, did not arrive, as he was scheduled to by rumor, on the American schooner Atpena when the windjammer docked, 61 days from Manila.

Captain Nelson, of the Alpena, said he had never heard of Jebesen, who has been reported killed in divers ways and in several sections of the world since the war began. Nelson was emphatic that he did not take Jebesen aboard at Manila or any other port.

He said when his ship was pulling out of Manila, he found two German sailors, but he sent them ashore. Neither, he said, answered a description of Jebesen.

Jebesen mysteriously disappeared from San Francisco at the outbreak of the war. Prior to the war he lived for several years in Seattle, where he engaged in the shipping business.

Capt. Fred Jebesen was one of the chief German agents actively engaged in supplying Admiral von Spee's squadron with coal and supplies during the latter part of 1914. He mysteriously disappeared from San Francisco and was subsequently reported to be in command of a German submarine.

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Journal of Manufacturers' Association Indignant With Government

The December issue of Industrial Canada, issued by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, contains the following:

The resignation of Mr. Asquith and the elevation of Mr. Lloyd George to the premiership are said to be due to the activities of a set of English Parliamentarians known as the "Ginger Group," who, as the name would imply, favor a more aggressive policy in the conduct of the war.

The press dispatches recently to hand lend color to the report, for among the reforms the new prime minister purposes to bring about are the suppression of all work immaterial to the war, the issuance of food tickets for the better control and distribution of food supplies, and the enlistment of men from occupations hitherto exempt. Concurrently with these reforms, the administration has been strengthened by dropping a few more lawyers from the cabinet and putting tried business men in their places.

Britain provided herself with a munition government at the outbreak of the war; Canada hasn't achieved that progress yet. Britain had conscription a year ago; Canada will make an appeal for voluntary national service on the first of January. Britain solved the munition labor problem long ago by enlisting her munition workers and bringing them under control and discipline; in Canada thousands of dollars are being spent on newspaper advertising in an effort to alleviate the labor problem of the munition manufacturer by a short-sighted plan that will more likely add to his difficulties than lighten them. Britain long since took practical steps to enforce thrift, outside a couple of war loans; Canada so far has done nothing but talk. Britain has taxed every income in excess of \$500, in some cases the levy being over 50 per cent.; Canada is apparently satisfied to delegate the major portion of her share of the expense to posterity.

At Ottawa the Ginger Group is conspicuous by its absence. Suggestions pour in by the score, but in nearly every case a good excuse can be supplied why action is impracticable. Conscription is not to be thought of because of the large percentage of foreign-born, and the enormous frontier that would have to be patrolled to prevent people leaving the country. The

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The view above depicts the rock cut in the old Indian reserve, which has been the scene of work for many months past, excavating material for the fill eastward across the swamp. The extension of Johnson street passes through a heavy knob of solid rock, which has to be opened to give access to the B. & N. Railway shops, and eventually through to Lime street, and the Esquimaux road. The noise of the explosions has served many times to remind citizens of cannonading experience. The work has been in progress under the provincial department of public works for a long period.

enlistment of munition workers as munition workers is unfeasible because the labor organizations might object. The high cost of living has to be handled with gloves because one of the prime causes is the high price of agricultural produce, such as wheat, milk, butter and eggs, and, of course, it would never do to antagonize the farmer. Unnecessary public works cannot be closed down because of a reason the censor might forbid us to mention. Canada wants waking up, and wants it badly. The government is to blame

for not adopting measures that will force the people to realize the stern necessities of war; the people are to blame for threatening the government with their displeasure if such measures are introduced. If the German commerce raider now said to be roving the Atlantic would only bombard a few of our ports, and if some zeppelins would favor our inland points with the same kind of moments they are accustomed to drop on England, their visits might easily prove a blessing in disguise. But as such intervention is not to be hoped for, apparently the

only thing to do is to possess our souls in patience and trust to the slow-moving machinery that the national service board will provide. Story-telling was in progress in the village pub, and the next in turn was a railway platelayer. Round him gathered an expectant audience. "It was just such a night as this," he began, "bright and clear. I was going down the line, when I saw before me, lying right across the rails, a great beam. For a moment my heart stood still. Then a distant rumble warned me that the midnight mail

was approaching. With a great effort I flung myself between the obstruction and the line and the train passed unharmed." There was a thoughtful silence after he had finished speaking. Then somebody said: "If you couldn't lift the beam, how did the train get over it?" "Yes," another interposed, "and if you flung yourself between the obstruction and the express, why didn't you get killed?" "Both questions are easily answered," said the platelayer, sliding toward the door. "The obstruction was a moonbeam; and I jumped forward so that my shadow took its place. Then— He got outside just in time."

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Answers to Times Want Ads.

The following replies are waiting to be called for: 380, 410, 427, 431, 432, 436, 438, 439, 445, 472, 50, 563, 567, 576, 596, 598, 1104, 1131, 1177, 1191, 1192, 1198, 1203, 1411, 1424, 1431, 1449, 1455, 1456, 1524.

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HIG SNAP—Two high-class violins at less than half-price; beautiful tone—each has good case and bow; will take \$25 for one and \$35 for the other. Phone 3147.

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ATLANTIC LIMITED, sole bottles of Coca Cola in Victoria. Delivered anywhere in city. 40 cents per dozen. Phone 2102.

WANTED—To rent, one or more acres, fruit trees and chicken house, inside 2-mile circle; rent must be cheap. Full particulars, Ladies' Times.

BARRIED COUPLE would share furnished house, James Bay; exclusive use of kitchen preferred, but not absolutely essential. Phone 291.

DANCE will be held in Semple's Hall, Saturday evening, dancing 8.30 to 11.30. Tickets free. 4072.

BERRIS FURNITURE STORE, 1410 Douglas. Wanted, on commission, cash registers, typewriters, office furniture, household goods, etc.

FERRIS—Fur sale, granatola, cost \$250 and 40 records, at half-price. 1410 Douglas.

OST—Between Wharf and Simcoe streets, gold wrist watch, with monogram E. M. I. on back. Finder please return to phone 141. Reward.

OR SALE—Meat slicer, pair of scales, cheese cutter, three counters 9 ft. 6 in. long. Apply 1128 Hillside, or Phone 378.

GOOD HORSE for sale or hire, delivery or farm work. At Brown & Simmon's Stables.

OST—White chair, from King's transfer, between Oliver street and the Angela. Reward. Phone 4072.

OR RENT—Cottage, 3 rooms, fully furnished, thoroughly modern; rent reasonable to approved tenant. L. U. Conyers & Co., 556 View street.

POOL TABLE for sale, \$100. Wilson Pool Room, 314 Hillside.

LARGE SAFE for sale. What offer? 529 Government.

TRAFALGAR for sale, ambrosy library table style, cost \$250, also 25 records; \$100 takes all. Suite 1, 130 Montrose.

LAND for sale, in perfect condition, don't lose it. You have 1100—see 1, 5th Montreal.

OUND—In a jitney, purse with sum of money. Apply City Detective Office, Phone 1291.

HEMING REPAIRS, sixty cents an hour. Standard Plumbing Company, Pandora street, opposite City Hall. Phones 1215, 4253.

WANTED—Unfurnished cottage or apartments, with bath, etc., 4 to 7 rooms, light kitchen, roomy dining room, with in eight blocks of G. P. O. Box 124, Times.

WANTED—Force pump, capacity 60 gallons an hour, and 600 feet inch pipe. P. Hulse, Rocky Point, B. C.

WANTED—Furnished flat, near town, by February 1. Apply Box 124, Times.

THE BRITISH PEOPLE (The Literary Descendants of the Pilgrim Fathers) a Nation and a Company of Nations, The Merchants of the World and the Young Lions. Come and hear Prof. Odium in the Old Victoria Theatre, Jan. 11 and 12, 8 p. m. Admission free.

GIRL WANTED for general house work. Apply Mrs. W. H. Brown, 618 View St.

TO LET—Furnished, 4 roomed house, modern, 629 Cornwall street. Phone 671.

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SEWING MACHINES—Finest stock in the city to choose from; prices \$20 to \$25. 1609 Douglas street.

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REMOVAL NOTICE—Arthur Hibbs, shoe repairing, has removed to 607 Yates St. between Broad and Government.

OPTIMISM IN ROTARIAN CIRCLES

Eighty-Six Members of Victoria Club Hold 160th Meeting To-day

The hundred and sixtieth lunch and meeting of the Victoria Rotary Club took place at the Empress hotel at 12:30 to-day. Mr. P. C. Abell presided over the gathering, at which eighty-six members were present. Dismissing preliminaries with dispatch he called upon the secretary for a talk on Rotarianism.

Captain Goodlake, on rising, humorously explained that he desired to emulate Caesar's wife and be above suspicion of going beyond his time. The captain declared that like all other history the history of Rotary is that of an idea. Names and dates were not history, but knowledge necessary to its understanding. He confined his remarks, moreover, to the citation of a few facts forming rather a chronicle of events than a history of Rotary. Rather a different conception of the idea of Rotary to that understood to-day was that conceived by Paul P. Harris, a Chicago lawyer in the year 1904. The birth of that idea subsequently culminated in the formation of Chicago No. 1 in the international association. Four years elapsed before the Rotary idea penetrated other parts of the American continent. The year 1908 saw No. 2 club established in the city of San Francisco.

From a general survey of the progress made in various parts of the United States and Canada the speaker showed, by the quotation of figures, the rapid strides that had attended the movement. The latest return in December last showed that there were in existence no less than 272 clubs boasting of a membership rapidly approaching 30,000. He detailed the growth of the local organization from its birth on Oct. 17, 1913, when twelve pioneers met and appointed a selection committee, down to the present day with its membership of 103. "No one can tell us to-day what Rotary will be to-morrow. But one thing is inevitable, and that is that what Rotary will be to-morrow, depends upon what we, as Rotarians, do to-day," was the closing sentence of an interesting address.

Mr. E. H. Hutchinson, B. C. L. S., followed with a scholarly paper entitled "Survey Notes." The speaker dealt with the historical aspects of land surveying, tracing its practices back to the birth of agriculture. Dying into prehistoric ages and tracing the development of the science down to the present day, Mr. Hutchinson treated his auditors to a wealth of detail entertaining and instructive.

Mr. J. C. Pendray was introduced by the chairman as one of the best optimists numbered among the club's membership. On the subject of paint, Mr. Pendray stated that he had at the present moment sufficient orders on file to keep his works in full swing through the remaining winter months. He drew a great deal of his sense of optimism from his own personal observations in the province of Alberta. The farmers were wealthy to-day, they were buying automobiles and extending their premises. He felt sure that the rebound of that state of affluence in the province of Alberta would find its second bounce in the province of British Columbia, and in particular in the city of Victoria. He felt that as far as he was concerned he would shortly be faced with the necessity to put on a great selling and advertising campaign for his wares. For this reason he deprecated the doing away of the publicity grant. Seventy thousand dollars instead of seven thousand would be nearer his idea of a publicity grant. If we do not advertise we shall become a one horse town," declared Mr. Pendray in conclusion.

Mr. Frank Higgins likewise upheld the desirability of dogged persistence being maintained in keeping the city of Victoria before the public. Mr. Cunningham, president of the B. C. Manufacturers' Association and a Vancouver Rotarian, was welcomed and introduced by the chairman. He desired to exhort all Rotarians to use every possible endeavor by backing every movement which would finally result in the establishment of a steel plant in British Columbia. Fifty million dollars worth of shell contracts could be placed here to-day if we possessed such a plant, declared Mr. Cunningham.

Two vocal selections were gratuitously rendered by a number of the La Scala Sextette during the proceedings.

Dance at New Thought Temple, Friday night, 8.30 sharp.

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SINGER MACHINES—Don't buy your machine until you have seen ours. We have got what you want. 1609 Douglas street.

WANTED—At once, good class furniture. If you want to sell, phone 423 and get a price. The Bargain House, 1609 Douglas street.

HOCKING, James Bay plumber, Ranges connected, coils made, repairs, etc. 26 St. James street. Phone 5711.

SMALL PRINTING PRESS and type for sale. Apply 611 View street.

THE MOST POWERFUL gas cycle lamp, the Solar, only \$4; other gas lamps, \$2.50 to \$4; electric lamps, \$2.75 to \$4; oil lamps, \$1.25 and \$2.75. New cycles and repairing, also good tires and other cycling goods. Pilley's Cycle Store, 611 View street.

St. Louis' College

COMPENSATION BOARD GENERALLY COMMENDED

Organizes To-day Under the Happiest Auspices to Commence Duties

To-day, E. S. H. Winn, chairman of the workmen's compensation commission, arrived in the city from Rossland, where he has made his home for a number of years past. It is expected that he and the other two commissioners, Parker Williams (Ladysmith) and Hugh B. Gilmour (Vancouver), who are here, will together this afternoon and proceed with the organization of the board.

There are several matters to be attended to by them, and these will have their attention at once. From the point of view of the employers the most important duty which they have at the outset is the striking of the rates of assessment on the different groups of industries for 1917. This will be based on the returns of estimated payrolls sent in by employers since October 15. Hon. Premier Brewster continues to be in receipt of letters and telegrams congratulating the government upon the selection of commissioners which it has made. Other ministers have also been getting messages from their home districts of similar import.

There has probably been no board appointed by any government which has met with so general commendation as that which will administer the new compensation-without-litigation act. In this newspaper's representation the opposition have joined as heartily as any others. Even where they make political references, as they have a right to, they agree as to the ability and probity of the three commissioners. The board certainly begins its onerous and important duties under the very happiest of auspices. A few of the comments made in Vancouver are given below:

The World, Vancouver, Ind. Con. says: The personnel of the new provincial workmen's compensation commission will, we think, meet with general approval. All three commissioners are well qualified for their work, and Mr. Brewster is as judicious in his selection for other pending commissions as in the present one, public confidence in him will continue to increase. The commissioners will have many difficult industrial problems to solve in the discharge of their duty of administering the act. They are, however, well equipped by experience, knowledge and previous training for their task. We look to see them carry out their work with satisfaction to both employer and employee.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser, which is never greatly inclined to give any credit to anything that a Liberal government does anywhere, says that there is reason to hope that the appointments may be justified by efficient. Of Hugh B. Gilmour, who is a resident of Vancouver, the News-Advertiser says: "He is a fair-minded man, of sound judgment, exceptional ability and large experience, who may be expected to deal justly in any conflict of interest."

The Vancouver Sun, Liberal, says: The appointment of the three commissioners who will administer the Workmen's Compensation Act appears to give universal satisfaction. The commendations of the opposition press even are congratulatory. The government must be congratulated upon its first exercise of the choice of officials to carry out a work of such importance to the well-being of the community.

Mr. Gilmour may be regarded as a representative of capital and industrial enterprise, while Mr. Williams' training makes him an ideal representative of labor, and Mr. Winn's attainments qualify him to interpret the provisions of the act, and at the same time assist his colleagues in reaching proper conclusions on the evidence in the various cases as they arise. Ordinarily the selection of the members of a tribunal according to their close association with capital or labor respectively might lead to contention and sow the seeds of dissension. The success of the experiment must depend upon the personality and adaptability of the members selected to form the tribunal, and the general opinion is that the selection has been so wisely made in the present instance that we have much to hope for and little to fear.

Fernwood Branch Red Cross.—The meeting to be held to-night for the organization of the above branch will be in the auditorium of the Girls' Central school, corner Fernwood and Yates. A number of the residents of the Fernwood district have called up the organizer by telephone, intimating that they thought the place for meeting was too far away for them to come, and they were under the impression that the Fernwood branch would have their room for work near the above place. The organizer was unable to get a room in a more central location. He applied for a room in the High school, but on account of heating expense it was decided to take the Central school for the organization meeting. At this meeting the committee appointed will select a place where the work room will be situated, and as in the different branches throughout the city all these rooms are donated to the Red Cross by the owners, it is hoped that some public spirited citizen will offer a place somewhere in the neighborhood of Fernwood and Gladstone, at the end of the Fernwood carline. The organizer has been offered the loan of one sewing machine, and it is hoped that others will come forward before next Thursday night. Any who are unable to attend this meeting but are willing to work might telephone their names to 4899. They will be placed on record the same as if they had attended the meeting.

POULTRY SHOW HAS MANY FINE EXHIBITS

Judging of All the Birds Will Not Be Complete Until This Evening

The poultry show being held at the market building to-day and for the remainder of the week is proving to be a great success. A good attendance was present yesterday to see the birds, and a larger number is fully expected to-day. The Cloverdale branch of the Red Cross Society is in charge of the collection of the admission fees during the entire week, and as the charge is only ten cents and all the proceeds are to be devoted to the Red Cross all Victorians who are at all interested in poultry should make it a point to visit the exhibits.

One of the many features of the show is the exhibit of Doctor Medd of Salt Spring Island, who is showing one cockerel and four pullets in Red Sussex and Speckled Sussex, the latter of which have been bred by himself and are visiting the show. Doctor Medd, who has been serving with the Blue Cross department of the army in Egypt for over a year, brought the eggs home with him from England last spring from which the birds, that are on exhibition, were hatched.

OBITUARY RECORD

Mrs. Alice Elizabeth Crossman, wife of Mr. William Crossman, died yesterday at the residence, 408 Edward street. She was 69 years of age and a native of Lincolnshire. She was a resident of Victoria for the past five years and a half. Besides her husband, she leaves five sons and one daughter in this city, and two sons, a mother, three sisters and two brothers in England. The funeral, which is arranged by the Sands Funeral Co., will take place on Saturday at 2 o'clock from the residence, fifteen minutes later services being held at St. Saviour's, where Rev. Robert Connell will officiate.

After a long illness, Sister Mary Lydia, formerly Miss Azilda Lefebvre, a teaching sister at St. Ann's convent for the past twenty-five years or more, died yesterday at that institution. She was a native of Pittsburg, N. Y., where she was born fifty years ago, and came to this city in 1883 to join St. Ann's Order, in which, ever since, she has been an untiring worker in its various avocations, but principally in that of teaching. The news of her death will bring sorrow to many hearts. She is survived by a brother in Evansville, Ind., and four sisters, three of whom are members of religious orders. The funeral will take place from St. Ann's chapel, Humboldt street, to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The funeral of the late George Alexander Wise, whose death took place on January 3, will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Sands funeral chapel. Rev. Dr. Maclean will officiate. The deceased was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wise, and seven years of age. Two brothers and a sister survive beside the parents.

The funeral of Pte. Robert Edward Johnston, formerly a patient at the Military Convalescent Hospital, Esquimalt, who passed away yesterday at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, will be held on Saturday morning at 10.30 from the B. C. funeral chapel. The deceased was 39 years of age, and a native of Debec Junction, N. B. He had been ill in hospital for the last month and a half. In civil life he was a miner by occupation.

LOCAL NEWS

Daters for 1917—small, 25c; large, 50c. Sweeney-McConnell, Ltd. "Rubber stamps made daily." 1912 Langley St.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA ACADEMY OF MUSIC. R. THOMAS STEELE, Principal. Vocal Staff: MR. R. THOS. STEELE, MRS. MACDONALD FAHEY, MISS MCGREGOR. Piano Staff: MRS. J. WALSH NASMITH. PHONE 2647. Cor. Fort and Cook Sts.

ADVERTISEMENT. A public meeting under the auspices of the Civic Retrenchment Association will be held in the old Victoria Theatre on Thursday, Jan. 4. The chair will be taken by the President of the Association, Mr. F. J. O'Reilly, at 8 o'clock sharp, when Messrs. Porter and Todd, the Mayorality candidates, who have signified their intentions to be present, will be requested to give their views upon the following questions:

Civic Retrenchment Assn. 1. In view of the fact that according to the Comptroller's statement, the Civic Taxes are some \$2,365,000 in arrears, by what means do you propose to overcome this deficiency? 2. Will you advocate having a new assessment of the City made on a basis of population; many of the important cities of the continent are so assessed, and it would appear to be a reasonable way. If not, what other basis would you suggest? 3. Would you advocate a City census being taken, so that an assessment upon the basis of population could be arrived at? 4. Will you advocate having balance sheets of the City's finances, for the years 1913-14-15 prepared by the Auditor and Comptroller, and published in the local press and submitted to some recognized authorities on civic finances, in order to arrive at a solution of the difficult position of the taxpayers? 5. What method do you propose to advocate in dealing with delinquent taxes? 6. Will you advocate the question of revising the Municipal Act so as to rehabilitate the status of property owners in the protection they are entitled to? 7. What expenses were incurred by the city this year in connection with the Union of Municipalities? 8. If elected will you advocate that no amendment affecting the City of Victoria be proposed to the Legislative Assembly by the Union of Municipalities, without the knowledge of the ratepayers? 9. If elected as Mayor will you pledge yourself to the strictest economy in municipal affairs, such as you would use in your own business? All ratepayers and members of this association are invited to be present. WOUNDED AND MISSING. Information has been received by wire to-day, by Mr. E. Corbett, of 1332 Gorge road, to the effect that his son, Pte. R. H. Corbett, previously reported wounded, is now officially posted as wounded and missing since October 8, last. Will Be Acting Premier.—During the absence of the Hon. Mr. Brewster at the national capital Hon. John Oliver, minister of agriculture and minister of railways, will be acting premier. The premier will be away nearly a fortnight, which is a serious matter at this time, but it is of great importance to the province that he should take part in the conference to be held at Ottawa in relation to the policy to be adopted in regard to returning soldiers. There are also other matters of importance which the premier will take up with Sir Robert Borden.

NATIONAL DEBTS INCREASED BY WAR

Approximate Figures Are Published by Federal Reserve Board

GERMANY'S EXPENSES CONTINUE TO GROW

Washington, Jan. 4.—The increase in the national debt of Great Britain, France, Russia, Germany and Austria-Hungary is estimated by the federal reserve board at \$49,455,000,000 from the beginning of the war to the latter part of 1916...

IVERNIA WAS SUNK IN MEDITERRANEAN

Text of Admiralty Statement Regarding Sinking of British Transport

London, Jan. 4.—The admiralty statement regarding the sinking of the British transport Ivernia, reads: "The Ivernia was sunk by an enemy submarine in the Mediterranean on Jan. 1, during bad weather, and while carrying troops. At present four military officers and 146 men are missing."

The British transport Ivernia, which is reported to have been sunk, was owned by the Cunard Company. She was a steel, twin screw vessel of 14,210 tons gross, length 582 feet. She was built by Swan & Hunter at Newcastle in 1909.

BRITISH CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED

Large Munition Plants in United States Lose Valuable Orders

New York, Jan. 4.—American manufacturers will not wax very fat on munition contracts in 1917, according to information obtained in high banking circles. It is declared in an article in the New York Sun because of the increasing "protection" among nations in Canada and the attitude of the federal reserve board in warning bankers against the purchase of British and French treasury bills...

The cancellations and rejections of orders have been distributed over the whole field. It was explained, so the action will not bear heavily on any particular section, but practically all of the large concerns which have gone in for manufacturing munitions since the beginning of the war have had their contracts clipped. Nearly all of these contracts have carried cancellation clauses.

The Sun declares that Great Britain has placed with Canadian manufacturers contracts for war supplies valued at between \$200,000,000 and \$400,000,000 since the reserve board's warning contracts which originally were intended for American firms.

SUCCEEDS GEN. GOETHALS

Washington, D.C., Jan. 4.—Lieut.-Col. Chester Harding, of the army engineer corps, now acting governor of the Panama canal zone, was nominated by President Wilson yesterday to be governor of the Panama canal zone, succeeding Maj.-Gen. George W. Goethals, who retired at his own request.

MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—In a message of condolence cabled by their royal highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall to Mrs. T. Chase Casgrain in her bereavement, the late postmaster general is characterized as one of the best sons of Canada. The message reads: "Accept our deepest sympathy in your loss. Canada has lost one of her best sons by the death of your husband."

SUBMARINES FOR ENTENTE ALLIES

Head of Union Iron Works Testifies at Bopp Trial at San Francisco

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—John A. McGregor, president of the Union Iron Works, a subsidiary of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, admitted on the stand yesterday in the United States district court for the first time publicly, that his company built parts of submarines for the entente allies during 1914-15. He was a witness for Franz Bopp, German consul-general, on trial with others for conspiracy to dynamite ships and trains carrying munitions of war in Canada and the United States.

According to Mr. McGregor, a contract for ten submarines to be fully built in San Francisco and sent to a Canadian point in knockdown shape, was entered into in the fall of 1914. Later, at the request of Secretary of State Bryan, this contract was amended to exclude the building of the submarines. The remaining working parts and fittings were built here, sent to Montreal, and put together in the spring of 1915 under the direction of J. J. Tynan, vice-president and manager of Charles M. Schwab's San Francisco works.

Between 30 and 90 skilled workmen went to Montreal from San Francisco and co-operated with Vickers & Company there in assembling the submarines. Mr. McGregor said: "There was absolutely no secrecy regarding our submarine building activities," asserted Mr. McGregor. The official added that another order for parts for five or six submarines, to which a shipbuilding concern at Seattle, was later filled. This order was placed with the Union Iron Works by the Electric Boat Co. "I said," a lieutenant in working parts of a submarine named Johnston resigned to become inspector for the Electric Boat Company, he added, and went to Russia with the knockdown submarines when they were later shipped from Vancouver. B. C. Mr. McGregor said Lieut. Johnston attended to their assembling in Russia.

There is a small fleet of submarines now in the harbor at Quincy, Mass., built by the Fore River Shipbuilding Corporation. They are held up from delivery because of the government's request," he concluded.

Sympathy for the Russian soldiers in the trenches—not plots to dynamite ships bound for Russia—led Charles C. Crowley, chief of the German consulate war spy forces here, to seek information from the Russian consulate as to fruit shipments to Vladivostok. Crowley testified on cross-examination.

United States District Attorney Preston confronted Crowley with a letter he had written to the Russian consulate near asking sailing dates of ships that could carry dried fruit to Russia.

"And you say you really wanted to send fruit to the Russian soldiers out of pure charity?" asked Preston. "I'm always being charitable work," Mr. Preston, replied the war spy. Crowley admitted he might have made a slight commission from intended fruit shipments.

"And would the information you might have gained of ships sailing for Russia have been of any use to the German consulate?" asked Preston. "Well, it might not have been," admitted Crowley.

WILSON LIKELY TO MAKE ANOTHER MOVE

President Has Not Decided on Exact Nature of His Next Step

WILL ENDEAVOR TO CLEAR UP CONFUSION

Washington, Jan. 4.—If the entente reply to President Wilson's peace note fails to meet his proposal for an early occasion for an avowal of terms, the president will not let the negotiations drop, but will make at least one more move. This became known definitely to-day, although it was indicated that no final decision on the nature of the next step had been reached.

If another communication is sent, it is expected to make more clear the position of the president, as it is felt as a result of comment abroad and in the United States and the debate in the senate, confusion has arisen as to just what he intended.

President Wilson's chief hope in the ultimate success of the negotiations is known to lie in his suggestion that a means be found for maintaining peace in the future. If any agreement on that point can be reached, the president is said to feel it might be possible to end the present conflict.

While the president never has publicly indicated willingness to act as a medium for exchange of terms secretly between the belligerents, and it is known that he would prefer that it be done publicly, American diplomats have been looking into that point. President Wilson's friends say he is unconcerned over efforts to connect his note with the German peace proposals. He is known to believe that the central powers will realize that his initiative was not directed against either.

All officials are silent regarding a statement that American Ambassador Gerard, as a result of his talk with the German chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, probably transmitted a report on details of Germany's peace terms in order to make them available to the entente allies. They also refuse comment on the statements attributed to the former Hungarian premier, Count Julius Andrássy, that the entente could learn Germany's peace terms through the president.

Neither is there official comment available on the statement that the entente reply to President Wilson's note will be in his hands two days before it is made public. Col. E. M. House, who had advised closely with President Wilson all along on the peace movement, conferred at length with the president to-day and was about the official circle conferring with others in touch with the subject.

Definite arrangements for publication of the entente reply have not yet been announced here.

INFLUENCE OF RUSSIAN MONK EXAGGERATED

Petrograd Newspapers Comment on Death of Gregory Rasputin

Petrograd, Jan. 4.—A more lenient press censorship has allowed the newspapers here to publish all conceivable versions of the story of the death of the monk, Gregory Rasputin, some of them decorated with the dramatic touches and coloring of an Arabian Nights adventure. Comment also is made freely on the life and influence of the dead monk. It is stated that Professor Miliukoff and Vladimir N. Parishkevich, vice-president of the Union of True Russians, have received numerous telegrams of appreciation for their action in being first to call attention of the country forcibly to the civil influences at work, chief of which is declared to have been that of Rasputin.

The Bourse Gazette, however, decides the tendency to exaggerate Rasputin's importance in Russian politics, and states that it is a mistake to regard him as a symbol of conditions in the country or consider his fall as a changing point in the history of the nation.

The Rech discusses Rasputin's influence over important officials and names persons, including several ministers, who not only owed their appointment to the monk's patronage, but were in daily contact with him, seeking his advice.

"His counsel was asked in every matter," says the Rech, "and nobody was ashamed to receive from his hand what they wanted to get. But the main thing is not Rasputin himself, but the conditions which made his career possible, and allowed such a man to play such an exceptional part. His role was such, in short, that it made it necessary for every resolution recently adopted in the Duma to contain the phrase 'dark forces'."

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COL. BRUCE SAYS HE WAS MISINFORMED

Ex-Inspector General of C. A. M. S. Sends Letter to Col. Armour

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London, Jan. 4.—Col. Bruce, of Toronto, ex-inspector general of the Canadian Army Medical Service, since the issue of the report of the Baptie board of inquiry into the service has, it is understood, sent to Col. Armour a letter of explanation which is apparently intended as an apology to the colonel for criticisms made by the inspector general in regard to Col. Armour's work. Col. Bruce reported that an operation had been wrongly performed by Col. Armour, whereas it had been established that the operation indicated was never performed. The Baptie board of inquiry investigated the matter fully, and found that Dr. Bruce's allegations were entirely wrong.

Col. Bruce's letter states that he had been misled by a subordinate officer, who did not follow orders.

Col. Armour, speaking to the Canadian Associated Press correspondent in London and in close touch with the medical services since the beginning of the war, he was prepared to say that the Baptie report was just what one with such experience as his own would have expected. "Surgeon-General Jones's work," Col. Armour said, "has been past all praise, considering the circumstances, and as for Dr. Bruce, without any military experience or knowledge of military organization or military surgery, such a partisan report as he had made, was disgraceful."

NATIONAL REGISTRATION

Winnipeg, Jan. 4.—The Winnipeg stockholders' union at a largely attended meeting last night, favored national registration and generally the action of the executive official of the Trades and Labor Congress.

Regina, Sask., Jan. 4.—At a mass meeting of the working people of Regina, held last night in the Trades hall, a strongly worded resolution was passed expressing opposition to the plan of national registration, and calling upon the Borden government to resign. Copies of the resolution are to be sent to Sir Robert Borden and R. B. Bennett. Particular exception was taken to the change of attitude, credited to the premier, on the question of conscription and the claim was made that the working classes are doing more than their share toward winning the war.

Edmonton, Jan. 4.—The Edmonton Trades and Labor Council, after a warm discussion last night, decided to leave the question of filling out the replies to the national service league cards to the individual conscience, as far as organized labor in Edmonton is concerned.

TO-DAY'S TRADING IN THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, Jan. 4.—Wheat closed lower for May and lower for July. The fluctuation was 6c. for May and 2c. for July. Oats were 1c. down for May, with July 1c. higher than the opening price. Barley was unchanged and flax also was unchanged. The market was quiet during a period of recovery to-day made a broad active market. The early burst in the morning soon petered out and wheat worked actively lower. Good buying by the government agent in the local market caused some short covering which brought wheat back 3 cents. The wheat was in fair demand at premiums from unchanged to 1c. better. Oats were in good demand, especially tough oats.

Table with columns: Wheat, Open, High, Low, Close. Includes prices for May, July, Oats, Barley, Flax, Cash prices, and various grades of wheat and oats.

MAY WHEAT HIGHER IN CHICAGO PIT

Chicago, Jan. 4.—By the action of the entire grain market list this morning it seems to indicate that the shorts were well out of the market, and there being no heavy export buying caused the market to decline. Later, however, towards the close, there was some good buying for export and the market recovered. May wheat closing about three points above the low for the day. Liverpool spot wheat unchanged, corn 1c. higher, wheat on passage unchanged, corn 1c. to 1 1/2c. higher.

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METAL MARKET

New York, Jan. 4.—Copper dull; electrolytic, first, second and third quarters, \$23.50-\$24.00, nominal. Iron steady and unchanged. Tin quiet; spot, \$42.25-\$42.75. At London: Spot copper, \$128.10; futures, \$128.10; electrolytic, \$145; spot tin, \$219.10; futures \$219.10.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

MONTREAL STOCKS PRICES DECLINE IN NEW YORK MARKET

Montreal, Jan. 4.—The local market opened strong this forenoon with the stock issues in good demand. Shortly after the opening, however, the market began to sell off on rumors that Germany might be submitting another peace proposal containing something definite in the way of terms. The support was fairly good, after the circulation of these rumors and declines extended to all points in the active list. The stock issues were the weakest at the time, being from three to six points below yesterday's closing levels. The balance of the market closed weak, although losses were not so great as in the more active issues.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Amos Holden, Bell Telephone, Canadian Traction, etc.

NEW YORK CURE PRICES

Table of commodity prices for various items like copper, iron, steel, etc.

BANK CLEARINGS

Winnipeg, Jan. 4.—Bank clearings for the week ending to-day totalled \$38,624,043. For the corresponding week last year the clearances were \$19,044,121 and for 1914, \$25,984,915.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—Bank clearings for the week ending January 4 totalled \$9,809,892, compared with \$3,554,882 in the corresponding week last year, and \$7,167,697 for 1914.

Montreal, Jan. 4.—Bank clearings for the week ending to-day totalled \$9,175,000, compared with \$6,586,321 a year ago.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Table of cotton market prices for various grades and types.

NEW YORK SUGAR

New York, Jan. 4.—Raw sugar firm; centrifugal, 5c. 37; molasses, 14c.; refined sugar, 5c. 37; granulated, 14c.; refined sugar, 5c. 37.

The Great West Permanent Loan Company DIVIDEND NO. 28 Notice Is Hereby Given that the Directors of the Great West Permanent Loan Company have declared the Twenty-eighth Full-yearly Dividend on the Fully-paid Capital Stock of the Company, being at the rate of eight per cent. per annum. The same will be payable at the office of the Company, 616 View Street, on and after January 4th, 1917.

The Canada National Fire Insurance Company DIVIDEND NOTICE We beg to advise that the Directors of the Canada National Fire Insurance Company have declared a dividend on the paid-up capital stock of the Company, being at the rate of six per cent. per annum for the year ending December 31, 1916. The same will be payable at the office of the Company, 616 View Street, on and after January 4, 1917.

SENATOR LODGE DECLARES ITS ADOPTION WOULD BE LEAP IN THE DARK

Washington, Jan. 4.—A vote on Senator Hitchcock's resolution to have the Senate endorse President Wilson's peace note was again postponed to-day by the parliamentary situation. The Senate had before it another resolution offered by Senator Gallinger as a substitute for Senator Hitchcock's resolution expressing the Senate's hope for peace without specifically commending the president's note.

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NATIONAL SERVICE FOR TIME OF WAR

Dr. Adam Shortt Advocates It in Lecture to Canadian Club

PRODUCTION NECESSARY TO PROGRESS OF COUNTRY

General Review of Conditions as They Affect Canada To-day

Any idea that any of the suggestions which he threw out in the course of his lecture on "The Canadian Outlook, National and Financial," might be taken in anything but the best spirit must have been set at rest at the close of his address last evening, when Dr. Adam Shortt received the hearty applause of the chairman and the feeling that he would always find in the city of Victoria a hearty welcome awaiting him.

The meeting took place at the Girls' Central school, under the auspices of the Canadian Club. The subject was approached by the lecturer from three standpoints: first, the so-called question of preparedness and its relation to the country; second, the future relation of Canada to the other nations, whether within the empire or in adjoining countries—in fact, "Canadian attitude toward the world at large; and third, certain economic problems which seemed to face the Dominion at the present time and which must be studied if the situation after the war were to be met efficiently.

Taking the first problem, preparedness, Dr. Shortt referred to the evidence of history to show that the only country that ever departed systematically from the principle: "In times of peace prepare for war," was Britain and her offshoots, the latter including the United States. Up to the time of Charles I. Britain had followed the line of militarism. Even so her people had been constantly struggling for recognition as a people instead of as an armed camp, and demonstrations of the democratic spirit were made from time to time. The real overturning of the old system came with the outbreak of the Roundheads under Charles I. Pamphlet literature of the period was interesting, discussing such questions as "What right had a ruler to impose his will on his subjects? How many people had the right to vote? How much should their vote count? The whole gamut of democratic principle was queried. From that time on the Englishman had stood for one thing, in the majority assertion of his right to have a say and determine the policy of his country without being dominated by any section or cast in the country.

"Every time thereafter that there was any proposal made to retain in the domestic field an army for the winning of victories abroad, the ministry was sure to be accused of supporting the standing army," said Dr. Shortt. "The principle is that the standing army is never used for any other purpose except to cut down the liberty of the common people. Military training introduces the virtue of obedience, but of obedience to whom? I am the last man to hold that the mere popular will is right, but there is no safety in trying to persuade the popular will by bullets that it is wrong. The great safety of the British populace is that it always swings backwards and forwards. At one period it narrowly escapes lynching Lloyd George. At another time it calls for him to lead the country. It was this national characteristic that formed the keynote of explanation to the fact that Britain was the one great exception in history of a great country that had no great standing army. The opposite is most expressed to-day by Germany."

Only Beaten Once. Very rapidly the lecturer sketched in England's experiences from Cromwell's time down to the present when she had come into conflict with the prepared hosts of France, Portugal, Russia, and other great powers armed to the teeth. History showed that she had never come out second best except once, when at the close of a very triumphant period in her history in which she had downed France and

others she turned to her own colonies. Then she lost. Why was it that England had been so successful as a colonizer? asked the lecturer. Because instead of building up a mighty army, she had devoted her energies to developing her resources, clearing the land, growing grain, extending trade, and putting the whole world under tribute to her in this way. And with what effect on the fighting capacity of her people? The answer was to be seen in the remarkable army which had been equipped and sent in this war, not trained soldiers, but people drawn from all sorts of occupations, good capable citizens.

"When we ask ourselves in the light of this experience what is to be our aim in the future there is but one answer," continued the lecturer. "If Germany is not conquered then undoubtedly we have all to go in for conscription during peace as well as in war. I am thoroughly in favor of national service going into operation in times of war—but not in times of peace: You have to change as rapidly from the one state to the other as possible during war, and in times of peace reduce your army to a highly expert but limited number of officers and men who will make the nucleus for the armed people and train them in case of war."

Dr. Shortt pointed out the complexity of the problem with which Canada would have been faced if militarism had been the principle of the United States at this time. With a big standing army for the United States would not have had one-tenth enough men to defend her own borders, and the sending of troops to Europe would have been out of the question.

Britain had not made the war. Italy had emphasized her faith in this fact by pointing out that if England had intended to fight she would not have been so badly prepared. Italy capped her argument by joining the allies in spite of Germany's argument that England had commenced the hostilities.

The essential danger of militarism could be read in Bismarck's statement. He had said it was indispensable for a country like Germany, which was surrounded by enemies, which had no natural defenses. But he had admitted its dangers by saying that when any country had a great body of men trained in warfare, both in ideas and in physique, then it was only natural that they should look forward to fighting. And the great German statesman had said, in effect, "When I am gone who is going to keep the German army in check?"

Fighting Our Own Cause. "I have been told by soldiers back from the front that one of the things they resent hearing most when they are on the battlefield, is that they are fighting because they have to," said the lecturer at another point. "Now I know that we are fighting our own cause, and that we are just as much interested here in Canada in the suppression of Germany as any part of the world can be. And we are interested in the problems which are coming after the war. The organization of the empire is a very great problem, and we shall have to devote a very great part of our energies to this. And in sending a man to the colonial conference we must send someone who has our confidence, who is familiar with the intricacies of his country and has its welfare at heart."

"At that conference," the speaker reminded his hearers, "was not the purpose to decide on any policy, but rather to discuss all the outstanding problems which faced the empire, and let the representatives of the various colonies and overseas dominions return to their own countries, present the suggestions outlined to their governments and carry them out in such way only as was suitable to the governments of those countries."

"But you cannot put through a thing in London—and then try to force it on the overseas dominions before the people are ready for it. Some of our leading men in Canada to-day tell us that if we are in it it is because we are invited by Westminster. But we have another answer, the Canadian parliament, representing the Canadian people, agreed at the outset to go into it, they voted the supplies, they equipped the army."

It was on the rocks of compulsion that all the great countries of the past had gone down. The British government, the first consistently to break away from militarism, stood more capable, more free than ever before.

Economic Situation. The economic situation was dealt with. Something of the great bursts of prosperity and of development which Canada had enjoyed from time to time were touched upon. In the East in the fifties there had been the work of building the Grand Trunk, the Great Western and the Colonial railways. Canals had been done in for. Of course the money for the work had been borrowed, and the worst of it was that everyone thought they had made all that money. But when the interest was paid it was from the next borrowings. All the surplus population had been brought into the cities and to work on the railroads. The country was depleted. Prices of provisions went up by leaps and bounds. Wheat nowadays was high enough, but in 1855 it had gone up to \$2.50 per bushel; for months it stood at \$2; for years it was never less than \$1.50. Normally before those boom days it had been selling as low as 75c per bushel. Eggs, formerly selling from 9c to 20c per dozen, went up to 5c, each. Beef rose until it was just as high as it was to-day.

Farmers Needed. The country suddenly awakened to ask the question of where the supplies were coming from. The major part was imported from New York state. The Toronto market was more than half supplied from the other side, where the people were working the land and getting the high prices. The amount borrowed per head of the population was much the same as in 1912. In 1858 the government came to the rescue of the railway companies in much the same way as the Dominion government had been coming to their rescue during the last few years. And

in 1867 a very large part of the municipal debt of Canada was taken over by the government. Great advances in civic liberty had been ushered in by adverse circumstances, said Dr. Shortt, who pointed out the lack of confidence which had been inspired among foreign investors by the unbusinesslike management of affairs. Englishmen who had their money invested in Canada could not get their money out of the country. A whole generation had to die out before these things were forgotten against us, when credit was once more re-established. Then came the boom of 1912.

"There is no use dodging the situation," warned the lecturer. "There was nothing wrong with the country, but people forgot the lesson of history. They lost their heads and got giddy with success. He had been in England just before the war broke out and had talked to some of the people there who had held interests in this country. They had said: 'You are all in chaos. No more money until you get your railway situation fixed up. The government now was making an effort to do this. The thing could not be laid at the door of any special government. It was the people themselves who went mad. They deserted the country for the towns. Prices went up. Then the boom passed. But when people got back to the land again they found the prices of eggs and wheat had dropped again, and their chances to make a fortune were gone. And the real question of living was not the size of the wage but what that wage would buy.'"

Not Enough Agriculture. British Columbia was importing two-thirds of her vegetable supplies from outside Canada. And all the district from the rich delta of the Fraser from Vancouver to Yale had not more than one acre in fifteen cultivated. In the face of that some people were asking for the importation of big industries. The province had a wonderful fascination. It was rich with natural products. But the cream was too easy to remove, leaving the rest to be trampled back in the dirt. Building from the roof down was an impossibility. There could only be cheap labor under two conditions: either by importing the Oriental, to which he was opposed, not because he objected to the Oriental but rather on the grounds that their civilization was so utterly different; or by furnishing cheap food which would induce the white man to settle in the province and they could not have cheap food unless they cultivated the soil. They then might talk of smelting steel and building ships and starting other industries which required cheap labor.

Dr. Shortt said that he only objected to monopolies when such concerns used their power to dominate the people and keep the bread from the mouths of the poor.

After the War. "Whatever turns up I look for the possibility that Canada will not suffer as much as many other countries after the war," said the professor in concluding his lecture. "She will not suffer as much as the United States, for instance, because we are not so high up on the wage-scale as they are. There are certain things which people must have. One of the primary things is food; after that there is lumber and building materials. Conditions of labor must be on a normal basis. In order to do this the country must produce all that she possibly can and economize to the greatest point to prepare herself to meet the situation which is coming."

A very hearty vote of thanks, moved by James Forman, vice-president of the board of trade, and seconded by Mrs. Jenkins, was accorded the speaker. John Cochrane, who presided, extended to Dr. Shortt an invitation to come back to Victoria, where he would always find a hearty welcome awaiting him.

Diocesan Synod.—The bishop has appointed Wednesday, February 14, for the opening of the diocesan synod.

James Bay Red Cross.—James Bay branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society will be formed at once, and books will be placed in stores to-day asking for signatures.

Fairfield Red Cross.—As soon as fifty names are on the books placed about the stores in the Fairfield district for the purpose of finding how many there would like to form a branch of the Red Cross in that section of the city an organization meeting will be called.

Returned To-day.—Two soldiers who were given short leave from Esquimalt hospital returned to the city this afternoon. They are Pte. D. M. MacIver and Pte. J. E. Smith.

Executive Meeting.—The executive went into session early this afternoon, with the expectation of being kept busy until 6 o'clock, and perhaps with the need for a night sitting. In view of the premier's departure for Ottawa to-night or to-morrow, it is desirable that a number of matters should be disposed of. Some of these have been under discussion by the ministers for some time and have practically reached the point where a decision can be made.

Ministers Make Wedding Gift.—As a token of their esteem for their colleague, the minister of mines, the other members of the provincial executive have presented Mrs. William Sloan with a very handsome wrist watch, suitably engraved. This was sent up to Nanaimo to her, and arrived during the reception which Hon. Mr. Sloan and she held at their beautiful home there. It was accompanied with a card bearing greetings for herself and her husband, signed by all seven of his colleagues.

FIRST SHOT IN CIVIC CAMPAIGN

Victoria West Audience Hears Mayorality and Aldermanic Candidates

FREQUENT REFERENCE TO BRIDGE PLANS

Cordial Exchange of Opinions at Initial Meeting of Election

The meeting at Victoria West school last evening, at which the candidates initiated their appeal to the citizens, failed to gather a large attendance, but the speakers showed excellent taste in their remarks, and throughout there was not a single spiteful observation.

The meeting was a remarkable thing when two mayorality candidates and six aldermen and six would-be aldermen addressed the meeting.

The mayorality candidates spoke for half an hour each, no very remarkable announcement being made, and both received an equal amount of applause. Five minutes is not long for an aldermanic candidate to introduce himself, but Mr. Andros particularly made the most of it, and created a favorable impression in his first municipal speech here.

The Cindersella. Chairman Beaumont Boggs alluded to the fact that it was 25 years since Victoria West was united to the city. Every candidate who came to the district promised many things, which had not been fulfilled. They had not the promised park, nor the lower water rates, nor access to the Arm by streets. The district was entitled to better treatment since it paid contributions to waterworks from which it did not participate. He did not coincide with the idea that the late council had been worse than its predecessors. In fact it had carried out the city's business well at a critical time.

Alderman Porter deprecated any idea of winning his election by promises. He indicated that his policy was progressive, perhaps a difficult thing in these times. It was too often the case in Victoria to look backward and become depressed. Yet the city had all the conditions which made for better times. Dealing with district matters, he alluded to the extensive work done in the locality in the way of sewerage, the northwest sewer having been completed in the council's term, at a saving of \$75,000 less than the engineer's estimate.

Naturally allusion was made to the proposed Johnson street bridge, and Alderman Porter outlined what had been done in the past twelve months. He showed that the city had been forced into the position of taking the question back to the government. If settlement was quickly arrived at, or there was no prospect of early construction, he recommended an appeal to the Board of Railway Commissioners to bring the railways to time. He endorsed the idea of a joint bridge, and thus probably save both trouble and expense in the future. He was an advocate of a bridge at Laurel Point, as the means of communication between the terminals by rail and ocean. He also desired to see all the railways terminate in a union depot on the reserve. He believed in the improvement of the Gorge waters, particularly above the Craigflower bridge, and to aid that he desired to see communication made between Portage Inlet and Esquimalt harbor by a short canal. He trusted that the early completion of the Rock Bay bridge would be accomplished, but he would rather see it on the older site, as it would cost less than on the present location.

Next the candidate took up the tax delinquency question, and reviewed the situation briefly. Particularly allusion was made to the problem presented by the expropriation position, and he indicated favorable attitude to the extension of time for repayment, as a means of relief.

Alderman Porter explained the cost data system in its effect on public work and hoped to see it established permanently as a principle of civic government.

Alderman Todd stated that he was quite prepared to endorse many of the views of his opponent. He denied that his platform as published was in the nature of a pledge, or series of pledges, but a statement of prospective policy. Reviewing his work on the council, he alluded to the chairmanship of the electric light committee and membership of the fire wardens and market committees. With regard to the reduction of fire insurance rates, he reiterated his position, as one who had taken an active part in securing lower rates, that the committee would not cease working till it had secured better terms for insured.

He came out in favor of a park for Victoria West, and alluded to the fact that two small parks were promised in connection with the subdivision of the old reserve. He hoped another park would be allotted in the northern part, near the waterfront, on a better location. Rock Bay Bridge. Turning to the question of the Rock Bay bridge, he stated that had not influences intervened to prevent anything less than a 70-foot span, which might cost \$40,000, being established, the city could have rebuilt the bridge for \$9,000. Personally he hoped to see the by-law carried, and the work undertaken at the discretion of the incoming council. The present bridge had been placed in that location to suit the needs of one corporation, and

it was the same corporation which was largely responsible for the present anticipated expenditure.

Alderman Todd referred to his efforts to secure reform in police control. He was in favor of direct election of commissioners, union of the commissioners for police and license work and for council control of expenditure.

The candidate then went over the history of the Johnson street bridge, along the line of his council speeches on the subject. He invited citizens to examine at his committee rooms the agreement with the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway, as adopted by council this spring. If a company would not do business with the city after four years, it was time to drop them. This subject was closely allied to his endeavors during the year to establish the right of the citizens of public access to the present Johnson street bridge, a matter in which he had been very active.

He submitted the argument that "the loss" of vehicular rights on the present bridge by the public had arisen from dilance in the early days after construction, and that the railway company had only obtained the location on compromise. If the city had to spend so much on Rock Bay, how much more would be required at Johnson street? He went on record in favor of a single crossing of the harbor, but since so many difficulties had arisen, he believed that the best course would be for the city to take charge of the railway companies.

They could not be too careful with that—the city in giving a water franchise to the C. P. R. for the Esquimalt hotel some years ago, enabled the company to use, to-day, almost as much water per month as both Oak Bay and Saanich. Alderman Todd concluded with some criticism of the expropriation of the eastern approach to the Johnson street bridge.

New Candidates. After answering questions, the house expressed the desire to hear the new candidates first. They were heard in the following order: E. B. Andros, Robert Dinnsdale, Dr. A. A. Humeer, William Luney, Sr., W. J. Sargent and J. Ivan Seabrook.

Mr. Andros introduced himself as a former city councillor of Regina, and hoped if elected to bring something of the prairie vim into city affairs. His motto was: "Progress, Thrift and Efficiency." He hoped to see fostered a greater civic pride, and the development of the natural resources of Vancouver Island to the advantage of the city by using the resources of the mine, the forest and the sea. He made a good catchy speech, which was well received by the audience.

Mr. Dinnsdale strongly supported the Johnson street bridge, but was not satisfied with the Rock Bay bridge proposal. The city wanted new manufactures for the employment of its people, for with population would come ability to pay taxes. He wanted greater attention given to the cultivation of vacant lots.

Dr. Humeer desired to see greater information given to the public, and the segregation of the budget by departments, so that the citizens would know exactly what money would be expended. He was against cutting the wages of small men. The council ought to take steps to decrease the cost of living, though he attached no value to the federal order-in-council, thinking the women could do more. He was against tax sales at this time.

Mr. Luney made a brief appeal, saying he had lived over 30 years in Victoria.

Ex-Alderman Sargent referred to his previous experience for nine years in Manitoba and two years in the city council here. He made a plea as an economist, but for efficiency in the departments. The problems to-day could scarcely be anything but what they are, owing to past experience. One difficulty when he entered the council was the underground conduit question, and his colleagues would remember it was a suggestion from him, which had supplied the solution. He had taken an active part in the establishment of the market, which had proved a success. He endorsed the proposal for an audit. Mr. Seabrook observed that whatever results they might expect from the mayor, no mayor was a success without a good board of aldermen. He outlined his arguments, strongly endorsing the Rock Bay bridge, and stood out for development of the city. No city could expect to do well when it was always advertising its bad debts. Something original was necessary to get the soldiers when the war was

over, and the city which was prepared would secure the business.

Sitting Members. Alderman Cameron thought the wisest plan in selecting the candidates was to examine their past history, what they had been and what they had done. All that had been argued that evening was good, but one important matter which had not been dealt with was the necessity of a better, more equable and scientific system of assessment. Population was a most necessary thing for the benefit of the city. He mentioned that he was on seven committees, and in the past year had attended nearly 400 civic meetings.

Alderman Dilworth alluded to the park question in the district, and still looked for a settlement. He anticipated a very difficult year in 1917, and that many problems would have to be faced.

Alderman Fullerton said no previous council had shown greater economy than the outgoing council. Speaking of delinquency, he thought the council must see that the workmen in the outskirts should not have to pay the taxes of men who speculated in past years. The alderman, as chairman of the committee of fire wardens, referred to that department, and the endeavor to get lower fire insurance rates. It was prevention which was keeping down fire losses.

Alderman Johns referred to his record in various departments. He remarked on the value of the outgoing committee's work, and the importance of the market, whose usefulness was undoubtedly growing.

Alderman Walker thought the limit of retrenchment had been reached by the late council. They had put him on two committees calculated to keep down the spirits of a man, the Aged Men's Home and cemetery (laughter), and that of the court of revision on assessment, which was as bad. He remarked they had a company of wreckers in charge in 1911 and 1912, but recovery was possible.

Alderman Peden, who spoke last, declared the health of the community was most important, and he would do everything he could to see the department's efficiency improved.

For Alderman LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: I respectfully solicit your vote and influence at the forthcoming election.

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My policy is PROGRESS, THRIFT, EFFICIENCY Your vote will be appreciated. Yours truly, E. B. ANDROS 644 Linden Ave., Jan. 4, 1917.

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TO THE ELECTORS OF VICTORIA: Being a candidate for Mayor, I wish to state some of the principal policies that if elected, I intend to support during 1917:

- (1) Johnson street bridge, and, owing to railway's refusal to enter into agreement fair to city, elimination of E. & N. Ry. therefrom. All subject approval of citizens by referendum or by-law. (2) Assist Provincial and Dominion governments in development Sanchee reserve, ocean docks, and proper terminal facilities for rail and shipping. (3) Strict economy in civic expenditure, though, owing to great increase in cost of living, some increase in pay must be given to some of civic employees. (4) I favor a clean city, both morally and physically, with good schools and parks, clean streets, and strict enforcement of reasonable building and sanitary regulations. (5) Election of police commissioners and license commissioners, and the combining of these two boards into one, to be known as "Board of Police Commissioners." (6) On municipal works I favor day labor, wherever possible, and preference to our own citizens, and particularly believe that all city works should be so timed and apportioned as to keep continuously engaged as nearly as possible, the same number of workmen. (7) Relief from excessive taxation, both general and local improvement, if an equitable and financially sound plan can be devised. Subject approval of ratepayers by referendum or by-law. (8) Advocate friendly relations and active co-operation with neighboring municipalities and entire Island, in advancing agricultural, manufacturing and other mutual interests, such as Esquimalt dry-dock, railway ferry connection via Fredrick Arm, parks, protection of beaches, etc. (9) Taking of serious steps to attract new lines of manufacturing, and to develop existing industries. (10) In connection with development of Sanchee reserve, adequate park facilities for Victoria West.

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FOR ALDERMAN W. Luney, Sr., begs to announce that he is a candidate for Alderman at coming election.

FOR ALDERMAN LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for Alderman. ROBT. DINSDALE. To the Electors of the City of Victoria: Having served you as an Alderman for 1916, I have the ambition to aspire for the same honor in 1917. Your vote and influence solicited towards my return. WALTER WALKER

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## ALL COUNCILS ARE ENGAGED IN PLAN

### Local Improvement Situation Receiving Attention; One Solution From New Westminster

The question of relief from the pressure of local improvement taxation is engaging not only the attention of Victoria council, but the neighboring coast cities of Vancouver, New Westminster and Nanaimo. In New Westminster the question has been in hand for some time, and the case which they propose is well set out in a letter sent by the assistant city clerk to Clerk Rattray at Nanaimo, and which has just been presented to the Nanaimo council. This is in answer to a similar question which was recently sent to the Victoria council for an opinion, which will be forwarded when the delinquency tax committee's work has been accomplished.

The writer points out that the Westminster council favors joint action by the four councils concerned, and the enactment of the necessary laws by the ratepayers of the several cities. The scheme as outlined in the Royal City is as follows:

1. That no property should be assessed (all taxes included—general and local improvement) to more than 3 1/2 per cent. of its value. It being considered that when assessed to more than this percentage the property loses its value and is not a good asset.
2. That all grading, levelling and filling and preparatory work be charged to general revenue, and the finished surface only charged to frontagers.
3. That all streets, irrespective of cost per front foot, be charged for at one rate. It being considered that the difference in cost, caused by varied conditions should not be borne by the taxpayers on streets where extra expense is involved owing to the nature of the ground, etc.
4. That no local improvement charges be made; but that the general tax cover all, and that so many streets be paved each year, starting from a given point north, south, east and west.

Discussing the scheme with a city official this morning, he doubted whether the idea of the limitation of assessment in ratio to taxation mentioned above was feasible, placed at any rate as Victoria is. He mentioned that the assessment should bear to population the proportion of 1,000,000 of assessment to 1,000 of population. The idea of a referendum does not commend itself to him. He thinks legislative action is the better way.

**Streets Committee.**—The last meeting of the city streets and sewers committee will be held to-morrow afternoon. There was no session a week ago, and several minor matters have accumulated for attention.

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## LITTLE PROGRESS WITH SETTLEMENT

### Tax Delinquency Committee Will Resume Work After Election

## VARIOUS POINTS OF VIEW ON SUBJECT

### Citizens Committee Will Be Appointed Representative of Societies

The representation of ratepayers at the meeting of the tax delinquency committee was not quite so large as the former gathering, when Alderman Porter took the chair yesterday afternoon.

It was decided first to invite representatives of various societies, with power to add to their numbers, such body to become a permanent citizens' committee till the objects of the organization are accomplished.

The subject was discussed at great length, and eventually although it was admitted no positive decision can be given till the city balance sheet is struck next month, it was decided to adjourn till January 15.

Arising out of the minutes C. T. Cross, president of the Real Estate Exchange, stated that the views expressed by them at the previous meeting had been based on the idea that the general delinquency in taxes of \$1,400,000 was free to be dealt with. It had since transpired that local improvements had been placed in this account, thereby disturbing the arguments advanced to apply it for relief of local improvement taxation.

In response to Alderman Todd's supplementary questions, comprehensive replies had been furnished by the comptroller, as published yesterday.

**Status of Committee.**

Alderman Todd observed that owing to an error the necessary advertisement of this meeting had not been published, as called for by the resolution. The committee ought to be drawn from the best material in the city. He invited views from the meeting as to how the committee of citizens should be appointed, and what interests should be represented.

Alderman Johns thought the committee should be chosen from the city's organizations, as then better men would be selected.

Alderman Fullerton endorsed the suggestion. He desired to see a capable committee, able to reach a conclusion of finality before the House met. He recommended that if the personnel of eleven was too small, the committee might be enlarged, even if some bodies had two or three representatives. The earlier the question was taken in hand the better it would be for the citizens. He therefore suggested that a resolution should be adopted to that end.

F. Landsberg thought the better course would be to select certain men, and then take a ballot on the result, selecting therefrom a dozen to twenty members.

H. H. Jones doubted if that plan would be best, while E. C. B. Bagshaw favored Alderman Fullerton's plan. Personally, while a nominee of the Real Estate Exchange, his special function that day was to appear on behalf of the Affiliated Friendly Society's Association.

Alderman Todd would like liberty given to co-opt certain other men interested in taxation, a course supported by Mr. Cross, who said many citizens not connected with any organization would be entitled to representation.

Alderman Dilworth agreed with Alderman Fullerton's plan, with power to co-opt additional members.

"Possibly we are putting a little restriction where we do not want it," observed Alderman Cameron, who declared that the council would welcome any expression of opinion from citizens. He did not think any limitation should be set on its personnel.

Alderman Fullerton indicated a list of societies that certainly ought to be represented.

Alderman Walker hoped the committee would be made comprehensive.

The following societies were mentioned: Affiliated Friendly Societies Association, Board of Trade, Civic Retirement Association, Island Automobile Association, Real Estate Exchange, Retail Merchants Association, Rotary Club, Trades and Labor Council, and Victoria & Island Development Association.

The motion was then agreed to, the delegates to be invited to attend the next meeting.

**City's Liabilities.**

The comptroller's reply was then read on Alderman Todd's supplementary questions. It was decided to issue copies of the report to those who desired them.

improvement would be available to carry other taxation in a new adjustment of things. It was stated that the figures first obtained had not been checked, and therefore it was impossible to give an exact reply.

F. Landsberg wanted an accurate statement of the city's indebtedness, so that the committee would have definite information to make a commencement.

The comptroller stated that the whole information would be available when the balance sheet was struck, in the middle of February.

Mr. Landsberg argued that it would be unwise to call the committee together till the balance sheet was available.

Alderman Johns favored an adjournment till the information required was ready.

"It seems to me," said the mayor, "that a mistake was made at the start, and that a citizens' committee should have first approached the officials, and then the information could have been better secured." As a consequence the idea had got abroad that some of the information at the city hall was denied to the outsiders.

**Property Exempted.**

Mr. Chapman asked for data on the assessment exemptions, which represented an assessment value of \$15,000,000. He complained that some information called for by the Civic Retirement Association had not been given them. John Dehn having made an application for data on other cities had given.

It was admitted no reply had been given to the association.

Mr. Cross declared that the city year book balance sheet might be all right for accountants, but it was not understood by the general public. Simplicity was necessary.

Alderman Bell said curiously enough these difficulties all came up about election times. He believed much better results would follow consideration in the spring.

Alderman Todd thought a considerable amount of good had been accomplished already. The solving of the problem would be one more of policy than of finance.

F. Andrews declared that events had shown that the property could not meet the charges assessed against it for local improvements. Sooner or later the city had got to get behind the property and see it through, and the sooner it was taken in hand the less would be the interest charges. The city must face the day of reckoning, not only for local improvements, but for general taxes as well.

## TRUSTEES CONFER ON SCHOOL MATTERS

### Saanich Delegation Meets City Board and Discusses Curriculum

The joint conference of the city and Saanich Boards of School Trustees, which convened at the board room yesterday afternoon, is evidence that the people's representatives, upon whom devolves the education of the young mind, are alive to the needs of the district. The conference owed its origin to a desire on the part of the Saanich trustees to know whether the city board would provide in the high school curriculum a course of agriculture.

**Case Well Put.**

Trustee Mrs. Hutchinson, of the Saanich board, is an ardent sponsor of the movement, and did full justice to the theme in her appeal for speedy action along practical lines. Outlining the work that had already been accomplished by the pupils of the public school on such elementary principles as suitable available land had permitted, Mrs. Hutchinson stated that they were now ready for the intermediate and advanced stages of the study. Facilities at Saanich did not exist for the necessary expansion of their labors. It was with that knowledge in mind that the delegation had come to the Victoria board. It was the interest in the coming generation and by reason of the insistent demand, heard in every part of the British Empire to-day, for increased production from the land. In the opinion of the speaker the nation had arrived at a stage which demanded of the educational authorities reflection on the merits of dead languages and high mathematics as compared with the importance of rural development. Mrs. Hutchinson hoped that the Victoria board would see to it that agriculture at least as an optional subject, would be introduced into the high school curriculum.

**Provincial Inspector Explains.**

Mr. W. H. May, provincial inspector of schools, thoroughly endorsed the idea suggested by the Saanich board and reminded those present that the future of the child was a matter of grave concern for those responsible for its education. Saanich boys and girls pursued their studies at the Victoria High School. Saanich paid its quota toward the maintenance of that institution. Saanich held the conviction that in that course of study agriculture should be included. Mr. May cited the fact that the University of British Columbia had substituted agriculture the spirit of inertia was giving place to a realization of a want where agriculture was concerned.

**Department Advice.**

Mr. J. W. Gibson, provincial district inspector of elementary agricultural training, attended on behalf of the department of education. In order to be of assistance to the conference if required, interestingly explained the system inaugurated by his department two years ago. That programme, in short, had for its primary object the establishment of classes in those parts of the province where agriculture was

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