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RESOLUTION DEBATED BY AMERICAN SENATE; BY HOUSE TO-MORROW

Prospects Are Opposition Will Be Confined to a Very Few Members; Senate's Form of Resolution Reported to House; Speech By Senator Lodge

Washington, April 4.—The war resolution was debated in the Senate to-day with speeches of support from both sides and prospects that the opposition would be confined to a very few. It was the plan to pass it before adjournment.

The resolution was not reached in the House, however, as had been planned, and is to be taken up at 10 o'clock to-morrow forenoon under an arrangement to remain in session until it is passed.

The Senate's resolution was adopted by the House Foreign Affairs Committee as a substitute for its own and favorably reported for passage with only two members of the Committee voting against it. They were Rep. Shackelford, Democrat, of Missouri, and Rep. Cooper, Republican, of Wisconsin.

In the Senate patriotic speeches of support for the President, and a determination to press the war with all vigor were made by Democrats and Republicans, with pledges of non-partisan consideration for all war questions.

Senator Hitchcock, in charge of the resolution for the President, in place of Senator Stone, who would not support it, declared that much as he wished and had worked to avoid war, he could not vote against the resolution.

Senator Lodge, the ranking Republican member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, pledged the support of the Republicans to the President, called on the Government to seize all German ships in American waters to replace those destroyed by German submarines and in passionate terms called on the Government not to conduct a "half-war."

Senator Vandaman, Democrat, of Mississippi, was the first to announce he would vote against the war resolution. He was followed by Senator Stone, who announced his opposition, but like Vandaman, pledged his support to the war when it is begun.

Lodge's Speech.
Senator Lodge said:
"No one is more conscious than I that this is a moment for action, and not for debate, but I wish briefly to state why I support the resolution with the greatest earnestness of which I am capable. The most momentous power entrusted to Congress by the constitution is the authority to declare war, and never has Congress been called to a more solemn exercise of this great power than at this moment. We have submitted to wrongs and outrages from the Central Powers of Europe with a long patience. We have borne and foreborne to the very limit of endurance. Now the inevitable end is here and we are about to declare war against Germany."

"Speaking for myself, and I hope for my associates generally on this side of the Chamber, I desire to say that in this crisis and when the country is at war, party lines will disappear, and I am confident this disappearance of party lines will not be confined to the minority. Both Democrats and Republicans must forget party in the presence of a common danger.

Large Army.
"We have only a very small army, and we must proceed at once as rapidly as possible to build up a large one fit to defend the country in any emergency.

"Our navy is strong in certain branches and very weak in others. It must be our business to supply the deficiencies as rapidly as possible. Fortunately these deficiencies are of the kind which can be most quickly supplied.

"The President has said that war will involve the most practicable cooperation in council and action with the Governments now at war with Germany, and as incident to that, the extension to those Governments of the most liberal financial credits, in order that our resources may be as far as possible added to theirs.

"I am not only in agreement with this policy advised by the President, but it seems to me that nothing is more important than to follow it out."

Kirby Changes.
Senator Kirby, Democrat, of Arkansas, who opposed the armed neutrality bill, to-day announced he would vote for the war resolution, "that it may appear that we are together" and because a vote against it, he felt, would be futile.

Announcement was made by Senator Kenyon, of Iowa, who opposed the armed neutrality bill and was among the "wild men" mentioned by the President, that he would vote for the war resolution if for no other reason than for national unity.

Senator Gronna, of North Dakota, another of the "little group of wild men," announced he would vote against the war resolution.

Senator LaFollette began to speak on the war resolution late this afternoon.

GERMAN AGENTS BUSY IN SOUTHERN STATES

Making Effort to Have Negroes Rise Against White Americans

GOVERNMENT ON TRAIL OF TEUTON PLOTTERS

New York, April 4.—The Tribune prints the following dispatch from Greensboro, North Carolina:

As in Ireland, Egypt, South Africa and India, so here in the Southern United States secret agents of the German Government have been fomenting revolt under the pretence of spreading Kultur. They have been insidiously working to bring about a rising of the negroes against the whites. The facts are difficult of access and for obvious reasons are kept most jealously by those who know them best. A Southerner dislikes to talk of trouble with the negro. He prefers to prepare stentily to meet it, and that is what is now going on in the South, from North Carolina to the Gulf.

No one knows how serious the situation is. The Southerner counts heavily on the loyalty of a great majority of the blacks and fears at the worst local demonstrations by such lawless and reckless elements of the negro population as the German agents have been able to reach.

Misjudged Again.
Many well-known negroes are working earnestly to counteract or "back-fire" the German propaganda. Kaiser Wilhelm's apostles of Kultur probably have much to answer for the negro character. They could easily underestimate its loyalty and mistake a kind of chronic discontent for a spirit of rebellion. Nevertheless the colored people recently have been showing symptoms of unusual ill-temper, and there are some cool-minded Southerners who are prepared before the thing is over to see a return of conditions similar to those of the "reconstruction days" after the Civil War. But what the German agents have been working to bring about is a black rebellion throughout the South, a rising of the negroes to overthrow white domination. The idea of this thing is said first to have been broached in this country at a conference of German agents, Mexican revolutionists and negro agitators in San Diego, Calif., in April, 1915. The plan developed at this meeting was that in the event of war between Germany and the United States the American negroes should rise, free themselves of the white man's bond, seize Texas and turn it into a black republic. Mexicans and Japanese were to have equal rights with the negro. This plot is referred to by the negroes who know of it as the "Plan of San Diego."

Against German Schools.
It is hard to keep this story in drawing. One is afraid first of making it so sensational as to create unnecessary alarm, and then, in the effort to avoid that effect, one is in danger of leaving too much to be taken for granted. Also, there is sectional prejudice to be avoided. Naturally, the discovery of so diabolical a German propaganda has produced a lot of feeling against the German schools of the South. Of these there are a large number. Some are Lutheran and some are private. They have done, first and last, no doubt, a very creditable work, but inevitably they have been German, and are now open to the suspicion of having promoted, assisted and connived at the work of the German agents. Whether that be true or not, the apostles of Kultur have worked very effectively in ways not directly involving the schools. Take, for example, two that are known to have been travelling about this part of the South representing themselves as German doctors. They are now in refuge at Elm Grove, a nearly negro settlement, which is thought to be the chief seeding ground for the propaganda of sedition. This district covers more than 8,000 acres, all of which negroes own. Almost the only white people who ever venture into it are Sheriff Stafford and his deputies.

Negroes Become Masters.
The origin of this negro principalty is interesting. Back in the fifties most of what is now the Elm Grove settlement was included in the plantation of the Wadlington family, which worked its acres with hundreds of slaves. Wadlington Hall, "The Big House," was one of the show-places of the country. But in the lean days of the reconstruction the plantation owners were compelled to sell an acre here and an acre there to the more thrifty negroes. Thus the great estate was disintegrated and negroes whose parents had been slaves became masters. The old plantation manor still stands, a melancholy wreck of its former grandeur, populated by a colony of negroes.

The German agents, whom it is reported, the negroes in Elm Grove have now secreted, have been traveling through the heart of the Brown Summit District, 15 miles northeast of Greensboro, the richest tobacco producing section in America. Posing as itinerant doctors, they have been inflaming the minds of the blacks, urging them to strike against the United States.

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TEXT OF WILSON'S ADDRESS DROPPED IN GERMAN LINES

London, April 4.—The text of President Wilson's address to the American Congress, translated into German, is being distributed liberally over the German lines by British aviators. It is understood the same thing is being done by French aviators.

NATIONAL SERVICE CARDS POURING IN

Headquarters at Ottawa Hard at Work; Many Mail Bags Unopened

Ottawa, April 4.—The Morning Journal-Press says:
"It is extremely unlikely that compilation will have to be resorted to with regard to the filling in of the National Service cards. An extension of time until March 31 was given for the return of the cards by R. B. Bennett, the Director-General of National Service, and apparently the response has been very satisfactory."

There is no possibility yet of estimating what the response has been, for the work of examining and classifying the cards is very great and progress is necessarily slow. During the last few days the mail packed at the offices of the National Service Board has been immense and cards still are coming in. About 100 bags of mail, all of it being National Service Cards, have not yet been opened. Mr. Bennett will not be able to give a definite statement of the result of the second appeal for some weeks yet.

Labour Troubles at Plant in Hamburg

Workmen Engaged at Vulcan Shipbuilding Plant Demand Increase in Wages

Copenhagen, April 4.—The Berliner Tageblatt says that labor difficulties have broken out in the big Vulcan shipbuilding works at Hamburg. The workmen demand a one-third increase in their wages. The Vulcan works are where most of Germany's great ocean liners have been built.

Labor difficulties and strikes have been reported from various sections of Germany in the last few months. Trouble of a serious nature in Hamburg was reported from various sources following the Russian revolution. The reports were substantiated by statements of Socialist deputies in the Reichstag referring to "the deplorable events in Hamburg and Bremen."

A strike occurred in February in the Krupp works at Essen, the heart of Germany's munitions and artillery industry. More recently strikes have been reported among the munitions workers at Dusseldorf and among the coal miners at Posenburg. These strikes were said to have been caused by the food shortage, which also was credited with being responsible for serious riots in Berlin and other big German cities.

EXPECTED AUSTRIA WILL CUT RELATIONS

Will Break With States Under German Pressure; Ministers Resign

London, April 4.—Advices from The Hague to the Exchange Telegraph Company received here to-day say that Austria-Hungary will break off diplomatic relations with the United States as the result of strong German pressure.

Ministers Resigned.
London, April 4.—The Austrian Minister of Justice, Minister of War and Minister of Finance have resigned after the revelation of a grave scandal connected with army supplies; according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from The Hague, the three ministers assisted Dr. Franz, formerly director of the Vienna Deposit Bank, to escape the consequences of having illegally sold foodstuffs to the army at exorbitant prices.

At the trial of Dr. Franz documents were produced which convinced the Judge that the Ministers had forged a paper which was used in the banker's behalf. They were summoned as witnesses and admitted their guilt, later resigning.

BRITISH STIRRED BY WILSON'S WORDS

Regard Relationship With United States as Union of Hearts

THE REPUBLIC AND THE ALLIES' TERMS

London, April 4.—From the Prime Minister down, all ranks of the British democracy have been stirred to the depths of feeling by the declaration which President Wilson made on behalf of the United States. "Hands across the sea" is no longer an adequate expression of the relationship between the two great English-speaking peoples. It is now a union of hearts, forged by the bonds of a common fight for liberty and justice, the right of small nations and the cause of the common people.

There are few, if any, outward signs of rejoicing in London. Some people expected to see flags brought out all over the city. But the British metropolis has not acquired Berlin's fondness for displaying hunting, and even the American business houses, in the main, have refrained from any demonstration. Everywhere, however, there is a gladness of heart and animation of spirit. "It's a great day," is the common phrase heard in all quarters high and low, in the Government palaces of Whitehall and on the tops of the Strand omnibuses.

It is believed that American participation in the war will bring peace nearer.

Allies' Terms.
The terms of the President's declaration, coupled with the fact that war is proposed against Germany alone, and not against Austria-Hungary, have led to the belief that the United States will not subscribe to the Allies' peace terms of December 30, although there is no fundamental reason why she should not do so, especially as now recent events in Russia have made the revision of one particular feature of these peace terms more than a possibility. The internationalization of the Dardanelles is, according to many leaders of Russian opinion, a sufficient solution of the problem of Russia's access to the open sea which the Romanoff dynasty wanted to translate into Russian ownership of the Straits, with occupation of Constantinople. With some revision of this and one or two particulars of the Allies' peace terms, the United States might heartily associate herself with the spirit of that declaration.

So far as the compact of London is concerned, there is general expectation that the United States will be wholly in accord with it, even if the necessity of affixing her signature to that memorable document should not arise.

TWO GREAT RAILWAY SYSTEMS IN CANADA

Drayton Proposes Government-Owned System and the Canadian Pacific

Winnipeg, April 4.—A special dispatch to the Winnipeg Telegram from Ottawa says in part:
"Sir Henry Drayton's proposal to solve the railway problem of Canada is generally understood now to call for a considerable extension of the government-owned system. How far it would increase the amount under government operation has not yet been made public nor indicated.

It is now assured that if his proposal should be adopted there would be two railway corporations in Canada, a government-owned one and the Canadian Pacific. Control of the rates of both systems would be placed under the Railway Commission. So far the rates on the Intercolonial have not been controlled by the Railway Commission, the representatives of the Maritime Provinces always having objected to such a proposal.

"How Sir Henry proposes to operate the great system, which his merger would bring forth is as yet unknown. In the Government the most of the members are in favor of nationalization, but government operation is another problem not so easily solved. The situation is that nationalization has many supporters and government operation few."

SENATOR OF MICHIGAN WOULD MAKE GERMAN CITIZENS OF STATES

Washington, April 4.—A bill to grant American citizenship to all Germans who have lived in the United States five years was introduced to-day by Senator Townsend, of Michigan. Thousands of Germans who have lived here a long time, he said, are anxious to become citizens but had no money to take out their papers.

MEN LED BY NIVELLE ATTACK ST. QUENTIN FROM THE SOUTHWEST

French Patrols Last Night Reached Outskirts of City, Paris War Office Announces; German Troops Got Across the Stockhod, in Volhynia

Paris, April 4.—French patrols last night reached the southwestern outskirts of St. Quentin, the War Office announced this afternoon.

Fighting continued south of the Ailette.

French troops made further gains east and west of the Somme. The newspapers here point out the importance of the movement which is carrying the French line into St. Quentin. Since they forced their way across the Somme Canal the French troops have made steady, uninterrupted progress toward the east, until now they are at the gates of St. Quentin, an historical city which is a great railway centre and the converging point for several important main roads. Its loss will be a staggering blow to the German plan of defence.

As an integral part of the plan of advance, the British are forcing their way forward to the northwest of St. Quentin and are battling toward Cambrai in Volhynia.

Petrograd, April 4.—German troops forced a crossing at a point on the Stockhod River, in Volhynia, after pressing back the Russian troops, the War Office announces.

German Statement.
Berlin, April 4.—German forces yesterday captured on the middle Stockhod River the Topoly bridgehead, held by Russian troops on the western bank, according to an announcement issued to-day by the army headquarters staff. Considerable booty was taken by the Germans.

STATES WELCOMED BY FRENCH PEOPLE

Desire is to See American Soldiers in Line in France

Paris, April 4.—(By Fred B. Pitney)—Fifteen minutes after the first synopsis of President Wilson's message to the American Congress reached Paris American flags began to appear in the Grand Boulevard. I was standing in front of the Cafe de la Paix when a man appeared in the balcony of the Equitable Trust Company building across the street holding an American flag in one hand and a French flag in the other. Instantly there was a rousing cheer from the crowds in the street, while the balconies of the Grand Hotel, now a military hospital, filled with soldiers, who came trooping out, some on crutches, some with canes, some on nurses' arms, and all smiling and pointing to the American and French flags. Suddenly a big American flag was draped across the front of the Equitable building and once more there came a huge cheer from the soldiers on the balcony of the Grand Hotel and from the crowds in the street.

"Great news," was the cry on all sides, and there was a great rush to purchase the newspapers telling the story of the entry of the United States into the war. It was not long before thousands had followed the example set by those near the Equitable building. The Matin looked like one huge American flag when the decorators were through with the building.

Enthusiasm Displayed.
Paris has not yet received the full text of President Wilson's speech, only a synopsis having been sent, but this gives the essence of what he said, and it brought a great feeling of relief here. Forecasts for several days had told what was likely to take place and the message was not wholly unexpected, but the feeling when it came was none the less enthusiastic. It is now believed that the United States is irrevocably in the war. Of course it is understood that there will be a delay on account of necessity of Congressional action, but a declaration of war is taken as a foregone conclusion and the principal pre-occupation now is how soon the American uniform will be seen in the fight beside the French and British.

The notable fact, however, seems to have been lost sight of—that the United States has gone into the fight for its own rights and not principally to help the Allies. It is heard on all sides that the United States at last has seen the light and come in to assist the Allies. This is perhaps only natural with a people who have been fighting for exactly the same thing for nearly three years, but it is nevertheless something that strikes the observer very quickly. For months we have heard the question: How many times must the United States be attacked before she will strike back? But now that the moment has come when the United States has decided to uphold her rights the whole complexion of the situation has undergone a complete change.

The change in the French mind is curious and interesting. It is probably accelerated by a sense of relief and a feeling approaching glee now that a new and powerful enemy to military-mad Germany has joined the fighting ranks.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT AWAITING ACTION BY CONGRESS OF STATES

London, April 4.—Rt. Hon. Andrew Bonar Law, a member of the War Council, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and spokesman for the Government in the House of Commons, stated in the House to-day that until President Wilson's speech had been discussed by the United States Congress, the British Government was satisfied it would not be right to take official notice of it.

GERMAN SUBMARINE WAS SENT DOWN BY A BRITISH VESSEL

St. John, N. B., April 4.—The sinking of a German submarine which attacked their ship 30 miles off Queenstown, Ireland, was reported by the officers of a British steamship on arrival here to-day. In a running fight the merchantman scored a direct hit, the officers said, and the U boat went to the bottom with all hands. The steamship was slightly damaged by shell fire.

TWO ARMED AMERICAN LINERS REACH PORTS IN ENGLAND SAFELY

New York, April 4.—Word was received here to-day of the arrival of the American steamships Finland and St. Paul at English ports. Both ships left an American port on March 24. They were armed.

NO ENEMY OFFENSIVE ON THE RIGA FRONT

Spring Thaw Makes It Impossible, Says High Danish Officer

Copenhagen, April 4.—A "personage particularly well-informed, politically and militarily," who is easily recognizable as Col. von Haefen, of the Danish General Staff, in charge of the military department of the Foreign Office, has informed the Politiken that there is no prospect of a German offensive on the Riga front. The Colonel said:
"The spring thaw that is now setting in is enough in itself to deprive an offensive of any chance of success. Even if the Germans should succeed in taking the Russian positions, it would be impossible for them to move artillery and supplies for an advance on Petrograd. They would be hopelessly bogged."

Colonel von Haefen also doubts whether Field-Marshal von Hindenburg contemplates an offensive on the South front in Rumania, but thinks he will adopt a defensive attitude on the east front generally.

The statements of the German General Staff which have certain inherent probabilities are another example of the German determination to quiet Russian apprehension in every possible way. The belief is cherished in Germany that the Russians, if left to themselves, will inevitably continue to quarrel over internal questions, whereas the menace of a strong German offensive would weld all Russian parties together in defence of their national existence.

HOW THE BLOCKADE IS BEING TIGHTENED

Sweden and Holland Adjusting Difficulties With Entente; Germany Will Suffer

London, April 4.—Sweden and Holland, according to delayed reports received here, are adjusting their difficulties with the Entente that the blockade of Germany may be made more effective.

Sweden has long been rather anti-ally, and correspondingly pro-German, because she feared Russian aggression. The Russian revolution and certain pledges that are understood to have been made have largely removed this fear, and the country is disposed to give its sympathies to the Allies. Holland's relations with Britain have been difficult of late, but are now getting better.

In both cases the American situation resulted to the advantage of the Allies, convincing Sweden and Holland that Germany had lost all hope of winning, and furthermore, the new Swedish Premier, M. Swartz, is friendly toward the Allies and is a moderate.

KILLED THREE; THEN KILLED.

Hanford, Cal., April 4.—L. P. Denny, a businessman, shot and killed Justice of the Peace George Meadows, E. T. Coshier, an attorney, and a third man named Wiley, in Judge Meadows's courtroom here to-day. Denny was shot dead in the street later by Constable W. J. Hinds.

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REGRETS A BRYAN TREATY NOT MADE

Berliner Tageblatt Comments on President Wilson's Speech; Also -Cologne Gazette

Berlin, April 4.—"President Wilson's message to Congress is not surprising," says the Tageblatt, "but do the people of the United States have the same view? That is hard to say. "German policy now pays the penalty for failure to conclude a Bryan treaty with the United States such as Great Britain and other great powers made. If such an agreement existed, the United States would be compelled to submit even the most important questions to a commission for investigation before breaking off relations. Such an investigation would take at least a year. It is not impossible that President Wilson would have availed himself of such a way out of a serious situation."

The Cologne Gazette says: "We await to see whether President Wilson will plunge the American people into war in order to make from the seas for Anglo-American business. If this is his end, he will never attain it. Our U-boats will continue their excellent work until the sea tyrants lose their breath and the seas become really free. The work of the U-boats will be more glorious the more enemies they have to conquer."

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BRAND WHITLOCK HAS ARRIVED AT BERNE

American Minister to Belgian Government Weary by Heavy Strain

Berne, April 4.—Brand Whitlock, American Minister to Belgium, reached Berne at 8 o'clock last evening, looking worn and weary. He admitted feeling extremely nervous and fatigued after the tremendous strain under which he has been working, which has been especially hard during the last few weeks. Mr. Whitlock was accompanied from Zurich to Berne by Pleasant A. Stovall, the American Minister to Switzerland, who, with the legation attaches went part of the way to the frontier with him.

The Swiss Government sent three high officials to Schaffhausen to meet the Americans to accompany them to Zurich.



BRAND WHITLOCK

Zurich. From Brussels to the frontier the Whitlock party was escorted by Baron von Falkenhäuser, an official especially designated by Governor von Bissing. The party left Brussels on Monday night on a special train.

In addition to 60 Americans, comprising the legation staff, consular agents and all but five of the Belgian Relief Commission officials, Mr. Whitlock traveled with the Chinese Charge d'Affaires from Brussels with his staff and their families. The Chinese officials had received instructions to leave Brussels for Havre at almost the same time as the Americans.

Mr. Whitlock described his departure from Brussels as extremely touching. The Belgians, who since the breach of relations between the United States and Germany have been pathetically anxious lest the departure of the Americans might mean starvation for them, gathered by the thousands at the Gare du Nord to say farewell.

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, April 4.—The following casualties have been announced:

Infantry.

Died—Pte. R. G. Yardley, West Lake, Ont.; Pte. W. A. McKay, Kippen, Ont.; Pte. A. Hazel, Montreal; Pte. E. Harrison, Winnipeg; Sergt. J. Gard, Fisher Branch, Man.

Seriously ill—Pte. B. H. Brown, England; Pte. B. Desmond, Granton, N. S.; Wounded—Pte. T. Smithers, England; Pte. A. Pien, Montreal; Pte. T. Wear, England; Cpl. A. W. Dittie, Raddison, Sask.; Pte. J. White, Scotland; Pte. J. Gichrist, Shanty Bay, Ont.; Sergt. J. W. Ralph, Hanford, N. S.; Pte. B. Wolstoneholme, England; Lieut. J. M. Hall, Dunnville, Ont.; Lieut. A. F. Heatley, Renown, Sask.; Lieut. W. F. Littlewood, England.

Artillery.

Seriously ill—Driver A. Walker, Vancouver.

Engineers.

Seriously ill—Sergt. L. Tartler, Montreal.

Mounted Rifles.

Dangerously ill—Pte. B. Bridges, Toronto.

PETROGRAD DISCOVERS GERMANS GAVE BRIBES

Copenhagen, April 2, via London, April 4.—The Russian Provisional Government's investigation to ascertain who were in plot to open the Russian lines to let German troops through to put down the revolt has developed, according to news coming by way of Finland and Sweden, these things:

The commander at Libon, it is alleged, received from Germany \$2,000,000.

The commander at Mittau, it is alleged, received \$2,000,000.

The alleged price paid for the surrender of Kovna has not been determined.

Gen. Kurovskii, the Governor of Riga, got \$2,000,000, it is asserted, but sent the money to the Duma Government at Petrograd and did not surrender his position. When the German commissioner who conveyed the bribe found that Riga was not to be evacuated, he committed suicide.

IMMENSE RESOURCES.

London, April 4.—Dealing with President Wilson's address to the American Congress, the Westminster Gazette says:

"The stirring words with which President Wilson's address closed should remove all hope on the enemy's part, all fear on the part of the Allies that the United States, having made her choice, will pursue it half-heartedly. She comes as a great ally, with immense reserves of man-power to be used, as she tells us, without stint, to supplement and fortify the heavily-drained resources of the other nations who are fighting in the same cause."

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GREAT PROGRESS IN ST. QUENTIN SECTOR

French Reached Outskirts of Town Yesterday; Gains by British

Paris, April 4.—A series of powerfully organized points of support held by large German forces—and about eight miles in extent was captured by French forces south of St. Quentin. Various villages and heights fell into the hands of the French.

The official communication last night announcing this successful operation reported that Rheims had been violently bombed by the Germans, more than 2,000 shells having been thrown into it, resulting in some casualties to the civilian population. The text of the communication follows:

"East and west of the Somme, after violent artillery preparation, our troops attacked an enemy position which extended along the line of Clastra, Esigny and Benay, from L'Epine-de-Dallon as far as the Oise. Notwithstanding the stubborn resistance of the enemy our troops everywhere reached their objective and occupied on a front of about thirteen kilometres a series of points of support, strongly organized and held by large forces. L'Epine-de-Dallon and the villages of Dallon, Giffecourt and Cerizy and several heights south of Urville are in our hands.

"South of the Ailette River we continued to progress in the region of Laffaux, the southern and northeastern outskirts of which we hold.

"Our troops likewise captured Vauveny and have secured a footing on the ridge north of that hamlet. Our batteries took under their fire a German column marching in the direction of Laffaux mill.

"The enemy violently bombarded the town of Rheims, into which he showered more than 2,000 shells. Several of the civilian population were killed.

"The artillery action was intermittent on the rest of the front."

BRITISH REPORT.

London, April 4.—Prolonged fighting for the village of Henin-sur-Cojeul, in addition to the villages already reported captured. During the evening a second German counter-attack was broken up by our artillery. (The other villages mentioned in Monday's official statement were Doignies, Louverval, Noreuil, Longatte, Ecoust-St-Meln and Croisilles.)

"Further south we also captured the village of Missemy and occupied Ronsoy wood.

"We carried out a successful raid last night opposite Arras.

"Two German aeroplanes were brought down by our gunfire yesterday, one of which fell in our lines. In air fighting four German machines were brought down and two others driven down damaged. Six of our machines are missing.

Battalion Broken.

With the British armies in France, April 3.—Via London, April 4.—An entire German battalion, massing for an attack against the advancing British forces east of Templeux was mangled by British artillery.

The British forces continued their progress in the neighborhood of St. Quentin despite a sudden flare back of wintry weather.

Dawn to-day saw eight inches of snow and a high wind, which piled drifts five feet deep in some places. Fair weather succeeded about noon, with such a rise in the temperature that the thaw was immediate. The resulting mud and ooze made progress difficult.

Two very ragged and dirty little girls were loitering in the doorway of a draper's shop in which a great "bargain" sale was being held. "Oh, come on, Lisa," said one at last, "they'll think we're after bawkins."

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7,603 JOINED DURING MONTH OF MARCH

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Ottawa, April 4.—Enlistments in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces totalled 7,603 during the month of March, bringing the total enlistments since the outbreak of war up to 407,202. The total number of recruits for the last half of March was 4,413, or a little more than double the enlistment for the first half of the month. The total for March is 1,015 fewer recruits than for February, but 54 more than for January. For the first three months of the year enlistments totalled 22,782, an average of 253 a day.

A considerable proportion of the recruits have been for the forestry and construction corps. There are upwards of 15,000 men now overseas in these units, and several more are needed.

The March figures show that the Toronto military district leads the procession. During the last half month the total for that district was 1,573. For the full month the Toronto district contributed 2,198 recruits, bringing the total enlistment of the district since the outbreak of war up to 91,195. The London district recruited 600 men last month, making a total of 24,070 since August, 1914. The Kingston district recruited last month 1,154, making a total of 45,946. The total enlistment for Ontario has been 170,211.

The Montreal division recruited 530 men last month, and the Quebec division 164. The grand total for the province is now 44,427.

The March total for the Maritime Provinces was 693, bringing the total enlistments since the outbreak of war up to 37,233.

Military District 10, Manitoba, enlisted last month 677 men; Military District 11, British Columbia, 632; Military District 12, Saskatchewan, 498; and Military District 13, Alberta, 198 men.

The Western totals by provinces are now: Manitoba and Saskatchewan, 80,480; British Columbia, 38,493; Alberta, 35,358.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan were until recently both included in Military District No. 10.

RUSSIA ALSO WILL HAVE WAR COUNCIL

Petrograd, April 4.—In the conduct of the war the Provisional Government has decided to adopt the British model. A war council will be formed, consisting of Gen. Guchkoff, the War Minister; Prince Lovof, the Prime Minister; and the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Finance, Agriculture and Railways, with M. Kerensky as representative of the Socialists in the Provisional Government.

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ALLIES' BLOCKADE WILL BE TIGHTENED

London, April 4.—The Daily Chronicle prints conspicuously the statement that it is the expectation as a consequence of the United States participating in the war the Allies' blockade of Germany will be immediately tightened.

Berlin, April 4.—The press report of President Wilson's "state of war" message reached Berlin yesterday morning. It is declared here that there will be no change in the German attitude, even if Congress should adopt President Wilson's views. Germany will not declare war nor take any step to wage war against the United States.

London, April 4.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam says it is reported there from Berlin that the German Government contemplates sending to all neutrals a protest against the expected American declaration that a state of war exists with Germany. It is hoped in Germany, the dispatch adds, that the protest will influence South American republics, as it will denounce President Wilson's policy as perilous to the neutrality of the republics of Central and South America.

GERMAN ATROCITIES.

Washington, April 4.—A report from Ambassador Sharp, at Paris, detailing the destruction wrought by the retiring Germans in Northern France, was received to-day at the State Department. The Ambassador, who made a personal and exhaustive study of conditions, shows that published reports of the devastation have not been exaggerated, in some instances atrocities being more terrible than those reported in the news dispatches.

BETHLEHEM STEEL.

Newark, N. J., April 4.—The business of the Bethlehem Steel Company is larger than ever in its history, amounting to between \$250,000,000 and \$300,000,000, it was said by Charles M. Schwab at the twelfth annual stockholders' meeting here yesterday, at which he was re-elected a director.

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—Montreal Star.

BORDEN'S AND SMUTS'S SPEECHES ARE NOTED

London Papers Comment on Significance of Utterances in London

London, April 4.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—The London newspapers generally emphasize the significance of the speeches made here on Monday by Sir Robert Borden and Lieut.-General Smuts, of South Africa.

The Times says that while both were frank and inspiring, they indicated hard times ahead. Both justified the nation in drawing encouragement and stimulus from the fact that all the Dominions are regarding the war as their own.

"The Imperial War Cabinet," say the Times, "has been growing almost imperceptibly within the past few months to control the war policy of the Empire, which has been wholly changed, and the immensity of the step forward has been difficult to realize."

"The progress of constitutional development," continues the paper, "is not likely to stagnate at the present point, although the future may show that an Imperial executive would suffice for the needs of the Empire for the time being."

"Sir Robert Borden and General Smuts properly were cautious in their references to future developments, but the speeches of both show that there is a large and increasing literature surrounding this fascinating subject. The speeches recognized that changes were inevitable, but could not be forced in war time. Nevertheless there is no reason why the Dominions' representatives should not formulate the basis of an Imperial convention for after the war. To such a convention the British peoples must inevitably come sooner or later. It is within the power of the Imperial War Council to smooth the way. In doing this it need prejudice no issue and bind no part of the Empire. It is for it to decide."

London Telegraph.

The Daily Telegraph welcomes the tone of Sir Robert Borden's speech. It says his crisp sentences regarding the necessity of making sacrifices might be displayed prominently in every home and every factory.

It declares that General Smuts's words with respect to the diversity of the Empire's problems constitute a needed caution at this moment. The paper emphasizes that history offers little guidance on the question of how to develop "our particular empire," and agrees with South Africa that "we should not follow precedents, but make them."

"There is an appearance perhaps of confusion of thought as to how we should proceed, but there is complete agreement as to the goal," the paper says. "We have a political genius peculiarly our own, as the meetings of the War Cabinet attest, and we are confident that the Imperial family, disregarding the shibboleths and models of the dead past, will yet achieve a

triumph which will set its seal on a new Imperialism based on those moral and political principles which are at once our strength and our glory."

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TO THE GOVERNMENT

Canada's War Loan So Successful Banks' Subscriptions Will Be Rejected

Ottawa, April 4.—That the subscriptions to Canada's victory war loan totalled \$266,748,300, of which \$60,000,000 was received from the chartered banks, and \$18,121,000 represented conversions from the 1915 war loan issue, was the statement made by Sir Thomas White, Minister of Finance, last night. The amount of debenture stock which will be surrendered in payment of subscriptions is \$5,983,000.

The number of subscriptions to the loan exceeds 40,000, which is over 3,000 more than in the case of the loan of last year. Subscriptions of less than \$25,000 represent a total of \$82,500,000.

Sir Thomas confirmed the previous announcement that the subscriptions of \$60,000,000 made by the chartered banks will not be accepted, this being unnecessary in view of the fact that the subscriptions exceed the \$150,000,000 asked for by over \$100,000,000. The allotments of subscriptions will be on the following basis:

First, \$25,000 and under will be allotted in full.
Second, from \$25,000 up to and including \$100,000, the first \$25,000 in full; of the remainder, 80 per cent.
Third, from \$100,000 up to and including \$1,000,000, the first \$25,000 in full, the same as in the second item; of the remainder, 70 per cent.

Fourth, in excess of \$1,000,000, the first \$1,000,000 the same as in the third item; of the remainder, 45 per cent.
Sir Thomas explained that this will result in subscriptions from \$25,000 to \$100,000 receiving an average of 88 per cent. of the sum subscribed; subscriptions from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000, an average of 71 per cent. of the subscribed sum; and subscriptions over \$1,000,000 an average of 57 per cent. of the total sum subscribed.

LORD ALLERTON DEAD.

London, April 4.—Baron Allerton of Chapel Allerton (William Lawnes Jackson), died in London to-day. Born in 1840, he was a member of the House of Lords for more than 20 years up to the time he was created a baron in 1902; was formerly Financial Secretary of the Treasury and was Chief Secretary for Ireland in 1891-92.

SESSION AT OTTAWA.

Ottawa, April 4.—The statement in a London cable that Parliament will not resume its sittings on April 19 has been received with amusement in official circles here. It is pointed out that Parliament controls its own actions, and it must meet again on April 19 in accordance with the terms of the formal resolution of adjournment.

FRENCH-ENGLISH IN NORTHERN FRANCE NOW

British Empire's Fighters Have Carried Words Across With Them

With the British Army in France, April 2, via London, April 4.—(By Stewart Lyon, Canadian press representative at the front in France).—"Righto!" Everywhere one hears this word of general utility in that part of France in which British troops are quartered.

The French use it as they use the word "Sport" and many other adaptations from the English language. Long after the war ends, perhaps centuries hence, when the great struggle is but a bit of difficult history for school children, the people of Northern France may still indicate cheerful acquiescence by saying out, "Righto!"

New words make their way into a language easily and quickly in time of war because of the need for forms of expression that will be easily understood by the sojourner. When they get in they stay, as Scotsmen understand who have given study to the derivation of the Lothian tongue. "Tassie," a cup for convivial drinking, is almost certainly a survival of the presence of a French garrison during the early years of the reign of Mary Stuart. Near Linnithgow Palace, long the centre of French influence, is a wide expanse of level ground known in the vernacular as "Chamfloory." That is unquestionably a corruption of Champs des Fleurs, the parade ground of the troops who found it carpeted with dandelions when they first saw it.

Then there is the story that the Edinburgh man does not like to hear in a West Country tongue. There were, and are, very high houses in old Edinburgh, chiefly in High Street and Carnogate. In the pre-sewer days it was a heavy task to carry household slops downstairs, so the Edinburgh housewives threw them over the window-sill to the cry of "Gardyloo," so that any Frenchman in the street would look out for the water. "Gardyloo" was the warning cry long after the last soldier of France had gone.

May Last.

The strange French-English that during almost three years has been getting a grip in Northern France may stick like the Scots-French in the Lothians three centuries ago. To-day, when in limping French I asked for "Le menage des officiers," the very old lady I asked replied, "La messe c'est la." In France "La messe" is the phrase for mass and the old lady was letting me see not only that she knew the right name for the officers' quarters but that she considered they might be given a more fitting name.

The patience with which the people bear the long-continued hardships and perils of military occupation is beyond praise. To-day from a Toronto artillery officer I heard this story. Up near Armentieres, close by his battery, was

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the tiny farm of a peasant who was well-to-do in that he owned two horses. When the battery located near him he was preparing his land for a crop of wheat. When the Germans repelled to the Canadian fire most of the shells fell in the prospective wheatfield. They were what is known as "light stuff" and the holes they made were filled-in without too great difficulty. The work of preparation was almost completed—under daily shell fire, be it remembered—when a bursting shell killed both the old man's horses. It was a sore stroke, but the offer to loan a pair of battery horses was thankfully accepted, all the shell holes were filled, seedling was completed, and the Canadians remained long enough to see the plucky old fellow reap a good crop in spite of the Boche.

Billets. That represents one sort of patience. Another is displayed by tens of thousands of householders, from the owners of the fine old chateaux to the colliers of the mining villages, who have had men of alien race billeted in their houses ever since 1914. To give up one's best bedroom for a few days to a convention delegate with whom one can become well acquainted in an hour is a pleasure. To be deprived for years of every spare room so that strangers may use them is a great hardship. It is borne uncomplainingly "pour la Patrie." Often, alas, the room of the

son of the household would be empty but for "les Anglais." The Frenchmen who have made the last great sacrifice are numbered by hundreds of thousands, and the end is not yet.

The suggestion is heard occasionally that there will be many marriages between British soldiers and French girls after the war. Assuredly much laughter that is not all masculine is heard in billets and elsewhere. There are very many men in transport and similar services located all the way from the English Channel to the battle front. It would be strange if the little archer did not hit some of them.

The resultant crop of marriages—big or little—will be to the advantage of France, because it will bind the people on opposite sides of the Channel still more closely together.

One of the great discoveries of her war has been France's finding of her soul. Another has been the discovery that the supposedly soft and degenerate, if not already degenerate, Englishman is as hardy and as tough and resourceful a fighter as his ancestors who followed the great Edward or the dauntless Henry to France—centuries ago. A little racial intermixture might benefit both nations. Britain needs France's mental alertness and adaptability; France could find a place for English physique and resolution.

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SHOUTED FOR WILHELM; JUST MISSED HANGING

Thermopolis, Wyo., April 4.—A stranger, believed to be a German, who shouted "Hoch der Kaiser" as he stood drinking at a saloon bar here, narrowly escaped lynching at the hands of the citizens whom his cry infuriated.

As the stranger lifted the glass to his lips after shouting his toast, he was knocked down by a miner, a rope appeared as if by magic, and in a mo-

ment the man was hanging from a beam. Before life was extinct, however, the counsel of cooler heads prevailed, and he was cut down by the city marshal. He was then unconscious, but was revived with cold water, and then forced to kneel and kiss the American flag. He was then warned to get out of town. He did.

COKE OVEN MEN AT FERNIE STOP WORK

Fernie, B. C., April 4.—The coke oven men quit work here this morning in face of the refusal of the company to pay \$1.50 per oven for pulling coke. This action, if persisted in, will have the effect of closing the mines.

SEEDING ON PRAIRIES.

Regina, April 4.—Seeding in the southern and western parts of the Province is expected to start between April 12 and 15, according to L. T. McDonald, the Board of Trade Commissioner here, who has made a survey of the situation. With the favorable weather of the past two weeks the land is drying fast. Reports from the Grenfell district are that some farmers are about ready now to start seeding.

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ST. QUENTIN TOTTERING.

The French are now in the southern outskirts of St. Quentin. Yesterday they made a tiger-like spring from the high ground taken by them a few days ago between the Somme and the Oise, or from a point three miles southwest of St. Quentin to a point the same distance southwest of La Fere, and landed in a series of strong German positions marked by the villages L'Epine de Dallon, Dallon, Giffecourt, Cerizy and some hills farther south.

St. Quentin is now being assailed from three directions. The French are in its southern outskirts, the British were within two miles of its western boundary at Savy Wood several days ago and are also bearing down upon it from the northwest.

Farther south, that is, between the Oise and the Aisne, the French also recorded additional progress towards Laon on the Soissons-Laon road. They have captured the village of Vauveny, which enabled them to take in flank with their artillery German reinforcements proceeding to the little town of Laffaux, which will be in French hands within the next twenty-four hours.

The Hun's themselves yesterday admitted their inability to maintain the Arras-St. Quentin-Aisne line by hurling more than two thousand shells into Rheims. Realizing that they must abandon the fortresses skirting the northwestern outskirts of the city and held by them ever since their retreat from the Marne, owing to the French advance northeast of Soissons, they are doing their best to destroy this place as they destroyed Noyon and tried to destroy Bapaume and Peronne.

considering peace terms he is exhibiting only another symptom of his lunacy. Its effect will be to double the striking power of the French armies and to harden their determination to listen to no peace overtures until the enemy is not only overthrown but subjected to such a punishment as never will be forgotten.

The violent artillery exchanges in the Champagne district remind us of all of France's eggs are not in one basket—and that the enemy is quite aware of this. Somewhere in France are several armies of manoeuvre which will strike in other vital sectors at a favorable moment. When the Germans begin their retirement to the Belgian frontier they will find themselves confronted with infinitely greater difficulties and danger than they faced in withdrawing from the Somme. They evidently expect something east of Rheims and north of Arras. If they were unable to withdraw a front of ninety miles over a distance of only twenty to a prepared line and hold their prospects of reaching safely and holding a line forty-five miles in their rear, involving the reorganization of a 250-mile front, are very unpromising, to say the least.

THE CURSE OF AUTOCRACY.

In the course of his address to Congress President Wilson made this observation with especial reference to the system of government prevailing in the alliance with which civilization is now at war:

"Self-governing nations do not fill their neighbor states with spies or set the course of intrigue to bring about some critical posture of affairs, which will give them an opportunity to strike and make conquest. Such designs can be successfully worked only under cover and where no one has the right to ask questions. Cunningly contrived plans of deception or aggression, carried out by the generation to generation, can be worked out and kept from the light only within the privacy of courts or behind the carefully-guarded confidences of a narrow and privileged class. They are happily impossible where public opinion commands and insists upon full information concerning the nation's affairs."

Nothing more accurate or apt was stated in the President's whole historic deliverance. Where full self-government exists plans of aggression, supplemented by underground intrigues, cannot be carried on from generation to generation. The people, realizing where these sinister designs may lead, and who would have to make the sacrifices and bear the burdens, soon would put an end to them. Such prospects would be exposed in parliament and the press and "treasons, stratagems and spoils" cannot survive the spotlight of publicity and open investigation. Moreover, the day of secret treaties and commitments negotiated within a select, privileged circle, is over. The diplomacy of the future will be an open book in its essential chapters. The public through its parliaments is going to demand the fullest enlightenment and information about its own affairs, whether in regard to its domestic affairs or its foreign relations. This is one of the rights which full self-government brings, and it is one of the surest preventives of war. Admittedly a democracy is not a good instrument for the conduct of war, but it is the best means of prevention, and an ounce of war prevention is worth a ton of cure.

The inherent weakness of autocratic states lies in the fact that their people know absolutely nothing about their own business. They have no control over those charged with the direction of their affairs. In Germany the Kaiser and his junkers, all of whom are undeniably crazy on the subject of war, plunged the world into a conflict and had no difficulty in convincing their dupes that they were fighting in self-defence. The average German in Germany is the most uninformed person in the world on a subject in which is involved the very life of his country. He knows less about the real situation, its causes and developments, than a Mexican peon. He has accepted a condition of affairs that the British rebelled against centuries ago, that the French repudiated in the Great Revolution, that even China would not stand, and that Russia has discarded, so long that his brain literally refuses to work on the question of this war and the causes which led to it. Had Germany constitutional government the war would have been impossible. The thugs of the Brandenburg marshes would not have been allowed to prepare plans for aggression for forty-five years. To the German people self-government will come, but only after they have learned a lesson taught by a measure of suffering in comparison with which the misery of Belgium,

Serbia and France will have been in a minor key.

NO MORE ILLUSIONS.

Under the head "No Amateur War." The Seattle Post-Intelligencer remarks in the course of a leading article: "Make no mistake; it is a war for the life of this nation; for the homes, the people and free institutions."

Our contemporary, in common with all loyal Americans, now realizes what we knew nearly three years ago. They realize now the truth of our assertions that since July, 1914, the Entente powers have been fighting for American liberties as much as for their own. They know now that Britain's navy has been as much their shield and buckler, as it has been those of the Allies in Europe, that when it refrained from exercising its full power of blockade against the Central Empire in deference to American interests it was not helping the United States any more than it was helping its own cause and that when it searched American ships and mails it was protecting the real interests of the United States as well as the interests of the Allies.

To many Americans unfamiliar with the system, aims and objects of this Empire Canada's participation in the war has been a puzzle. They regarded the war as primarily a European affair. Now they know why Canada and all the other Overseas Dominions sprang to arms when Germany began the war. They will look back upon all that has taken place with a new understanding. They will grasp the perils and difficulties of the present. They will study with vital interest and concentration the developments of the future. The great battles in France and Belgium will spell as much consequence to them as to us. The progress of British and Russian arms against Turkey, all interlocked in the great issue, will be their own personal concern. Above all, they will thank Heaven for the mighty silent navy which holds Germany's thirty dreadnoughts within the Baltic and the North Sea and which is bringing the enemy's submarine menace under control. They know now who is safeguarding the freedom of the seas.

STILL CLIMBING.

According to the March number of The Labor Gazette, issued by the Department of Labor, the cost per week of a family budget of staple foods, fuel, lighting and rent in terms of the average prices in sixty cities in Canada was \$16.78. This is an increase of thirty-two cents, or 1.28 per cent, over the figure for February. It is \$2.51 per week over the family budget for February, 1916. At the present rate of advance it will be \$17 per week next month. Without any further increase this works out at the rate of \$884 per year. Just how a family drawing a pension of \$600 per year can meet that figure is for the Government to say, and we shall be very much mistaken if before long the Government does not have a fine, round opportunity of saying it.

British Columbia no longer leads in the family budget cost. We have held first position in this class so long that in contemplating the scale we really feel as though we had lost something. The cost of staple foods per family—that is, excluding fuel, lighting and rent—in this province in March averaged \$10.18. Alberta nosed into the lead with \$10.69. Ontario was third with \$10.62, and we can almost hear the rising tumult three thousand miles away. Quebec followed Ontario with \$10.52. Then came Nova Scotia with \$10.43 and Saskatchewan with \$10.33. Prince Edward Island was still last with \$8.75. New Brunswick was \$10.15 and Manitoba \$10.04. British Columbia is actually fourth from the end.

A significant incident is reported from Thermopolis, Wyoming. A German drinking in a bar shouted "Hoch der Kaiser!" Somebody landed on his chin, a rope was produced as if by magic and the Kaiser's admirer soon was swinging to a beam. He was set down by the city marshal just in the nick of time. The incident probably will not be overlooked in Hun quarters in the United States. Ex-Ambassador Gerard was quite right when he told a German official in Berlin that "if Germany had 300,000 reservists in the United States there were 300,000 lamp-posts to which to hang them if they did not behave themselves." Judge Lynch is still able to attend his sessions.

Now that the United States is about to intervene in the war for all it is worth and is contemplating the adoption of compulsory training, how would it do for the Canadian authorities to

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furnish the Washington Government with the names of the thousands of young Canadians who left this country to dodge the call for military service with a special request that they be given the choice of joining an American overseas force or returning to Canada?

According to the latest statement of enlistment issued at Ottawa British Columbia has recruited 29,000 men. This is about ten per cent of the entire population of the province, including native Indians and non-recruitable foreigners, who number nearly 300,000. Excluding these the proportion is more than twelve per cent, which is a recruitment on the basis of the European countries at war. British Columbia has recruited more than the three maritime provinces, which have a combined population over twice as large and whose aggregate recruitment is 37,000.

Herr Ballin of the Hamburg-American line has ordered all his captains to report for duty on July 1, thus again intimating the date upon which he believes peace will be concluded. Meinherr has been mistaken before on this point, and he may be wrong again; but of course he might have inside information regarding the designs of the All-Highest and his war lords. In any event, there are a good many German ships in different parts of the world, most of them of the Hamburg-American line, that never again will be commanded by Huns.

General Kourapatkin, who was in command of the Russian front in Courland, is alleged to have received \$8,000,000 from the Germans to deliver it to them. He took the money but did not deliver the goods. The money was sent to the Duma, which will find good use for it. How well Kourapatkin knew his Prussia!

A number of Russian generals are accused of having traitorously sold out to Germany. Capital punishment having been abolished in the new republic, we can see only one way of making the penalty fit the crime. That is by exiling the culprits to Germany.

There would appear to be a better chance for the establishment of a republic in Germany than there is for the Hun to set up a black republic in Texas. What an impractical visionary is the Hun in his blindness!

The fact that the Turk was not included in the President's denunciation simply indicates to what an evil eminence Germany has attained since she set out to dominate the world or fail.

Austrian cabinet ministers have been caught in the act of "profiteering" or grafting on supplies for the army. As if young Emperor Carl hadn't enough trouble on his hands.

The dream of world domination is rapidly becoming a reality of world condemnation. After the Huns recover from their consternation they will begin to strafe America. Adam owned the earth at one time. His experience should be a warning to those who want it now.

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AUSTRIAN GENERAL KILLED. Amsterdam, April 4.—A Salzburg dispatch to the Berliner Tageblatt announces the death of Major-General von Henner, of the Austrian army, who was killed by an avalanche during an inspection on the Italian front. Humanity is unequally divided between those who can stand prosperity and those who can't get any to stand.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY
Victoria Times, April 4, 1912.

Mr. John Matthews, a pioneer of the Province, who crossed the mountains from Montana in 1862, died yesterday morning at his residence, Michigan street. He was a native of Cornwall, England, and came to Victoria from Cariboo in 1872. For some time he was a corporation foreman, having charge of James Bay Ward.

The Victoria Hotel is now in running order, and the proprietor has entered into possession. There are 81 rooms, all well ventilated and lighted. The object of the builders is to make it one of the most comfortable in the city.

Tenders are invited for the erection of a general store at Somenos Station, on Major J. M. Mutter's property.

UNIT GROWING

Many Inquiries Received at Local Recruiting Headquarters From Other Side.

British Columbia's answer to the call of the British Government for 5,000 Foresters has been given in the great number of men of this and other cities who have joined this branch of the Army Service. They are still joining, and, according to reports received from the officers in charge at "Loggers Retreat," the new style of the forestry recruiting office at 1318 Government Street in the old post office building, it would indicate that there are yet many men who are anxious to do their bit and are joining this popular unit. Many inquiries are being received from Up-Island points and even from the states of Oregon and California, from those who are anxious to go overseas at the earliest possible moment, which will be the lot of the present forestry draft now being recruited here and in Vancouver.

Up to the present time there have been practically no local men among the goodly number enlisted, but the officers in charge state that a considerable number of our own boys have signified their intention of becoming members of the unit within the next few days.

LOCATES ANOTHER CLAIM

Local Concern, in Carrying Out Contract, Uncover Another Promising Ore Body.

The strange effects of mining development often bring curious results. In carrying out the contract held by Jones & Rant, Ltd., at a property of the Valdez Island Copper Company, the construction of the road uncovered a considerable showing of ore, close to the water's edge, which William Halliday, of East Sooke, discovered. The ore assays from 2.5 to 2.5 per cent. copper, and is located in the name of the contracting firm, of Mr. Halliday, and Charles Medley.

A scow left the city yesterday for Valdez Island, to haul the first shipment of ore to the Ladysmith smelter. There will be about 300 tons in this shipment. Some 20 men are now employed in mining and construction work on the property of the Valdez Island Company. The road has now been completed, and a wharf for shipping ore and receiving supplies is available for berthing space.

The property is located in a promising mineral area, and warrants considerable development work.

Friday Being Good Friday Mrs. Simpson is holding her student class on Thursday evening.

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

Case is Remanded.—The case of Mah Hing, a Chinaman of this city who was arraigned in the Police Court this morning on a charge of having had cocaine in his possession, was remanded until Saturday.

Museum Closed Friday.—The Provincial Museum will be closed on Good Friday, but will be open to the public on Saturday and Easter Monday, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

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Case Dismissed.—George Calder was brought before Magistrate Jay in the Police Court this morning on a charge of threatening to do bodily harm to his wife. The case was dismissed, on Calder promising to abstain from the use of intoxicants.

March Police Report.—There were ninety-two Police Court cases during March in eighty of which convictions were secured, nine prisoners were sent up for trial, while three were discharged. Twenty-five accident cases were reported to the police and first aid was rendered in twenty-three of these. The patrol wagon responded to 212 calls during the month.

Agnes Deans Cameron Chapter.—At the meeting of the Agnes Deans Cameron Chapter, I. O. E. E. held on Monday night, it was decided that the chapter entertain the soldiers at the Convalescent Hospital, Esquimalt, one evening in the near future. Mrs. David Miller presided, and fifty members were present at the meeting. A resolution of deep sympathy for J. Langley and family and sincere regret for the chapter's loss in the death of one of its most kindly and energetic workers, Mrs. J. Langley, was passed. Two new members were welcomed. Mrs. Wood was unanimously elected the chapter's delegate to the provincial annual meeting to be held in New Westminster. "The Best Short Stories of 1915" was added to the Y. W. C. A. library this month. Mrs. Dorman reported the following articles handed in: Sixty-three pairs socks, 11 shirts, four pairs slippers, two trench caps, eight cup-covers. Mrs. Miller gave a most interesting and instructive talk on the work of the Municipal Chapter.



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The amount asked for is set within the reach of all, a monthly subscription of from ten cents to one dollar being asked of each and every person residing in the district.

As is well-known, the "GREAT DRIVE" is to commence very soon, with its consequent heavy casualty lists, and as RED CROSS PRODUCTS are mainly wanted at these times of great stress, the Branch hopes that there will be a liberal response to the appeal of the collectors.

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SUNDAY AT THE Y. M. C. A.

The Young Men's Building, corner Blanshard and View Streets, is open all day, for the convenience of young men away from home. It affords opportunity to write the home letters, to meet and converse with friends, or to spend a couple of hours in useful reading.

From 4 to 6 o'clock
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The Saanich Representatives.—The members of the Saanich Council, who will act with the City Parks Committee (Aldermen Dilworth, Peden and Walker), in the control of the beaches in Saanich, will be Councillors Tanner, Somers and Diggon. The Saanich representatives were named at a meeting last evening.

Forbidden the Mails.—The following publications are forbidden the use of mails and their circulation in any manner is prohibited in Canada: America and Chronika Svitlovoy Viny, 1914-1915, published in Philadelphia; The War Plotters of Wall Street and Der Amerikaner, published in New York; The Leader, published in San Francisco; Westliche Post, published in St. Louis; Why Germany Will Win the War, published in Detroit; and Germania Kalender, 1917, published in Milwaukee.

Suspension, Not Defeat.—Although the solution of the Saanich waterfront assessment rate recommended by the waters and sewers committee to the Works Committee a week ago had been negated by a tie vote, Councillor Diggon secured last evening the deletion from the report of any reference to the subject, since he stated, that the resolution would not be accepted as an admission of defeat. Thus the council, in passing the minutes, deleted from them any reference to the waterfront question, enabling the committee to bring in another report on the subject.

For Belgian Relief.—The local committee of the Belgian Relief fund will benefit from a lecture which is to be given by the Baroness d'Anethan on Friday, April 13, in the Empress Hotel ballroom. This lecture, which is to be on "Sidelights of Belgium and its History," has been planned for months by the club, and the public is looking forward with keen interest to the event. Patrons are His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Barnard, the French Red Cross Society, and the Alliance Francaise. Baroness d'Anethan's late husband was for some time Belgian consul in Japan, and when she gave this lecture in that country early in the war she cleared several thousands of dollars for the fund.

The Conamara Assembly will be held to-night at Connaught.

Best English Hedge Trimmers, \$1.55, \$1.40, \$1.50, \$1.65. R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas St.

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"The Cucifixion," the great masterpiece of Sir John Stainer, will be given by the choir of St. John's Church on Good-Friday evening at 9 o'clock.

The Only Way to enjoy the beauties of the Gorge. Get a boat or canoe. Gorge Park Boathouse.

Liberal Meeting.—Ward V. Liberal Association will meet in the Arcade rooms to-morrow night for general business.

Incorporating Girl Guides.—The Dominion Council of the Girl Guides Association will apply to the present session of the Federal Parliament for an act of incorporation.

S.P.C.A. Report.—The report for the month of March of the B. C. Society for the prevention of Cruelty to Animals gives the number of cases dealt with as follows: Horses 6, cattle 2, dogs 1, fowls 2.

Thanks for Grant.—The secretary of the Cottage Gardens Club of Ward II, wrote to the Saanich Council last evening acknowledging a grant in aid of the funds of the society, for an exhibition to be held next fall.

Metochosin Women's Institute.—The Metochosin Women's Institute are holding a sale of work and concert and dance at Metochosin Hall on Easter Monday for the benefit of the Red Cross. The sale will be opened in the afternoon at 3 o'clock by Mrs. Fisher, of Metochosin. Chair will be taken in the evening at 8:30 by R. H. Pooley, M. P. P.

Seeking Information.—Mrs. Amanda E. Fleener, Trevelan, Brown Co., Indiana, is seeking for information concerning three relatives named Ezekiel McCoy, Walter McCoy and William McCoy, who are said to have died in Vancouver Island many years ago and left a considerable estate. Any information sent to Mrs. Fleener concerning these men will be much appreciated.

A Legal "Lucky Egg".—Rather a peculiar position has arisen with regard to the Mackay arbitration, one of those affecting the widening of South Douglas Street. The amount of the award is not known, because the parties to the case will not give security for the arbitrators fees. The information, it is understood, which the award contains is the point in the stated case submitted to the courts on this compensation award.

Speaking on 15th.—Sir Ernest Shackleton, the Antarctic explorer, will lecture at Seattle on Sunday evening, April 15. Sir Ernest arrived in San Francisco last Monday, accompanied by seven of the rescued members of the Pacific division of the exploring party. The Bohemian Club of the California city is entertaining him there. Sir Ernest is speaking in Seattle as the guest of the College Club. On May 1, after lecturing elsewhere, the explorer will sail for England, which he will reach about the end of the first week in May. He is returning to the Old Country to enter the Navy.

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When food lies like lead in the stomach and you have that uncomfortable, distended feeling, it is because of insufficient blood supply to the stomach, combined with acid and food fermentation. In such cases try the plan now followed in many hospitals and advised by many eminent physicians of taking a teaspoonful of pure bisulphate of magnesia in half a glass of water, as hot as you can comfortably drink it. The hot water draws the blood to the stomach and the bisulphate neutralizes the acid and stops the food fermentation. Try this simple plan and you will be astonished at the immediate feeling of relief and comfort that always follows the restoration of the normal process of digestion. People who find it inconvenient at times to secure hot water and travellers who are frequently obliged to take nasty meals poorly prepared, should always take two or three five-grain tablets of Bisulphate of Magnesia after meals to prevent fermentation and neutralize the acid in their stomach.

Started as Time-keeper.—At the P. G. E. investigation Mr. Farrell was reported as having started as a teamster and worked his way up. This, it is said, is not correct, as he started as a time-keeper.

Increases in Automobiles.—One proof of the increased number of automobiles in use, and housed in private garages, is furnished by the number of private garage permits issued this year. In the quarter which has expired, there have been nine to date, which is considered large in proportion. Judge Gallier is the latest to take out a permit, at his St. Charles Street residence.

Aviation Instructor.—Mrs. O'Leary, of 2639 Work Street, has received a letter stating that her nephew, Lieut. T. L. Brennan, who has been injured twice and has now been turned down by the Medical Board as medically unfit for further service in the Aviation Corps (with which he has seen service for the past year or more), is now instructor in the aviation school in England. That he may possibly be sent back as instructing officer in one of the schools now being formed in the East is stated.

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| C. & B. Raspberry or Red Currant Jam, Reg. 50c, To-day 35c | Cooking Apples, 12 lbs. 25c |
| Sheriff's Jelly Powder, 3 pkts. 1 lb. 25c | Bunkist Grape Fruit, 6 for 25c |
| Siam Rice, 5 lbs. 25c | Snowflake Flour, 10-lb. paper bag 25c |

HUMOR—The Mother—Oh, dear! Fighting again, Charlie? Such a black eye! If only you'd follow the lead of the minister's little boy. The Hopeful—I did try to follow his lead, but he led again with his left and that's how he hit me.—Puck.

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| Hand Rolled Chocolates, very choice, for Easter, regular 50c, lb. Special 34c | Reception Rolled Oats, per sack 50c. Lowrey's Eating Chocolate, 1 lb. cakes 20c |
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JOMELLI RECITAL

Ladies' Musical Club Nets \$153 for Benefit of Returned Soldiers' Funds.

As the result of the Jeanne Jomelli recital, held last week at the Empress Hotel, the Ladies Musical Club, under whose auspices the concert was given, announce that they have cleared \$153 over and above expenses. This sum is to be divided equally between the Returned Soldiers' Flower Guild and the Women's Canadian Club Returned Soldiers' fund, each of which will receive \$76.50.

The Ladies' Musical Club previous to the war gave very prominent place to the concert by professional pianists, violinists and singers, several of whom

they brought to the city each season. Since the war they have not felt justified in bringing artists to the city. Mme Jomelli, however, was visiting Victoria and the opportunity was seized to undertake an entertainment which would be both a great artistic treat and a benefit to some patriotic fund. The great diva, who has the interests of the Allies very much at heart, made very liberal conditions in order that the musical organization might be enabled to accomplish its purpose. Since leaving the city she has written to say how pleased she was to sing again in Victoria, and to thank the audience for their cordial reception.

Mrs. A. B. Paxton and Miss Elizabeth Paxton are guests at the Empress Hotel from Wheeling, West Virginia.

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The following recipe shows how an appetizing, wholesome cake can be made without expensive ingredients.

In many other recipes the number of eggs may be reduced one-half or more by using an additional quantity of ROYAL Baking Powder, about a teaspoon, in place of each egg omitted.

EGGLESS, MILKLESS, BUTTERLESS CAKE

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| 1 cup brown sugar | 1 teaspoon nutmeg |
| 1/4 cups water | 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon |
| 1 cup seeded raisins | 1/2 teaspoon salt |
| 2 ounces citron | 5 cups flour |
| 1/2 cup shortening | 5 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder |

The old method (fruit cake) called for 2 eggs

DIRECTIONS—Put the first eight ingredients into saucepan and boil three minutes. When cool, add the flour and baking powder which have been sifted together; mix well. Bake in moderate oven in loaf pan (round tin with hole in center is best) for 25 or 40 minutes. Ice with white icing.

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AT THE THEATRES

THE COLUMBIA.

Alicia runs away. She leaves the orphanage at which she had drugged, and seeks comfort in the fields.

This is the way William Fox's new picture, "The Ragged Princess," which will be at the Columbia tomorrow, begins. June Caspice is Alicia, the most captivating kind of an Alicia. When she finds a pair of overalls in a barn, she dresses up as a boy, and hires out to a farmer. She falls in love with one of the farmer's help, Harry Deigan (Harry Hilliard).

Later, Alicia is adopted by a rich mine owner in the city. The man is named Tom Deigan (Richard Neill) and he is Harry's half-brother. Harry, learning this, goes to the city. There he discovers that the property his brother claims really belongs to Alicia through an old claim, and he confronts Tom with the truth. Alicia gets her property and her Harry.

THE DOMINION.

Cherrie Coleman, who plays Dounia in the cast supporting Derwent Hall Caine in Pathe's "Crime and Punishment," to be shown at the Dominion Theatre, is a pretty young woman who while she has been on the stage but a short period, has attained considerable success.

She was seen on Broadway in "Little Women" and made such a hit that she was cast for the revival of "The Merry Wives of Windsor" with Thomas A. Wise. Her work attracted the attention of the Arrow Film Corporation and she was persuaded to appear on the screen with the famous young English star who plays the hero of this amazing photoplay from Dostoevsky's widely discussed book.

Many have noted that Marguerite Courtot appears only in the latter part of the picture. This is unusual, since when such well-known players appear they are usually given the whole thing. The reason is that Miss Courtot exactly suited the part of Sonia and W. E. Shallenberger, president of the Arrow Film Corporation, producers of the picture, is noted for stopping at no expense to get whatever is necessary for his productions.

PANTAGES THEATRE.

Have you planned to send your children to the Pantages Theatre to see Helen and Victoria, the two wonderful baby elephants, perform? Under the direction of Miss Dolly Castle, their dainty and charming little trainer, these tiny pachyderms, give one of the finest elephant acts ever seen in Vancouver. They go through an interesting routine of drills and tricks which are out of the ordinary and their performance is fascinating, especially to the children.

Variety is the keynote of the current programme at the Pantages, and from the standpoint of interest and amusement it is freely acknowledged one of the best offerings that has been given at this popular playhouse for many weeks. Its popularity is so pronounced that Manager Rice has arranged for four presentations of the programme on Good Friday of this week. These will commence at 2.30, 4.15, 7.00 and 9.00 p.m. respectively.

The Coral Cameo is the title of the dramatic offering as presented by John P. Wade and his supporting company of players. John P. Wade is a distinguished character actor and a great delineator of negro humor; in "The Coral Cameo" he has many opportunities to display his histrionic talent and takes advantage of them in a pleasing way, giving his audience a real character study that is most interesting and refreshing. The Smart Shop is the title of the newest and most novel of the latest musical comedy creations; it gives a sprinkling of comedy, pretty girls, tuneful musical numbers, gorgeous costumes and a great display of lingerie, startling and most effective effects; the whole further enhanced by special scenery.

Ned Norworth ably supported by Miss Wells and Chick Moore present a most unusual comedy nonsensical number which has the crowds in hysterics; it is a comedy scream from start to finish.

Francis Renault, "The Parisian Fashion-Plate," presents a number entitled Songs and Gowns, in which gowns predominate to the delight of the ladies present.

The fifth chapter of the "Pearl of the Army" serial is full of compelling interest and adds considerably to the completeness of the bill.

"MUTT AND JEFF" ARRIVE

Fine Reception Given to Company Appearing at Royal Victoria Theatre.

Almost a capacity house greeted the members of the "Mutt and Jeff" performers who appeared at the Royal Victoria Theatre last evening in the first show of the two-night run which they are giving in this city. It was not many minutes after the curtain rose for the first act until it became apparent to the observer that there would be no opportunity for care-worn countenances to remain gloomy under the volley of mirth and merriment which was sustained by the two title Merks. These actors did full justice to the interpretations of the "irresistibly funny men."

The title of the play which is now running is "Mutt and Jeff's Wedding," and as can naturally be supposed, some of the situations which arise from the stormy wedded life of the principal gentlemen are the cause of repeated bursts of laughter from the audience. The sympathies of the on-looker are immediately extended to Jeff or Mr. Jefferson, as he is more properly called when it is found that he is under the control of a wife who, being a surrogate of a most violent nature, leads her husband into a life of abject slavery.

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costuming was all that could be desired, while the dancing was of a high order of merit. Added to this is the fact that the company is supported by a large orchestra which gives a swing and movement to the choruses that is rarely excelled in the realms of musical comedy.

This evening the performance will be repeated for the last time, and judging from the reception with which the players were met last night there is little doubt but that they will be greeted by a full house when they appear this evening.

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ANNUAL MEETING

Graduate Nurses' Association at Home to Friends Monday Next.

The Graduate Nurses' Association of British Columbia will hold their annual meeting in Victoria, B. C., on Easter Monday, April 9.

There will be three sessions—morning, afternoon and evening. Interesting speakers and a good programme of papers have been arranged for.

The morning session, beginning at 10.30 at the Victoria Nurses' Club, will be devoted chiefly to business, the election of officers for 1917 and 1918 to take place.

Among the papers promised are the following: "The Value of Goat's Milk for Invalids," "Child Welfare Work in the Vancouver Schools," "Nursing in Mission Hospitals in B. C.," and "Looking Forward."

The Victoria Nurses will be "At Home" to all visiting nurses and members from 4.30 to 6 p.m. on that day. The meetings are open ones and the association is glad to welcome friends of the nurses and all others who would like to come.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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

J. A. O'Connor, of Toledo, Ohio, is at Dominion.

E. B. Leddy, of Seattle, is a guest of the Dominion Hotel.

T. J. Whitmore, of Omaha, is staying at the Empress Hotel.

Chas. Deuchie, of Brantford, Ont., is at the Dominion Hotel.

P. H. Force, of Vancouver, is a guest at the Strathcona Hotel.

Mrs. Chas. G. Carpenter, of Seattle, is at the Dominion Hotel.

F. O. Reid, of Merritt, B. C., is a guest of the Dominion Hotel.

E. B. Ulph, of Metochosin, is registered at the Dominion Hotel.

H. S. Green has arrived from Seattle and is at the Strathcona Hotel.

H. Samuels and Art W. Whyte, of Vancouver, are at the Dominion.

George York, of Wyandotte, Mich., is a guest at the Empress Hotel.

James Watt, of Toronto, registered at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

E. W. R. Brewis, of London, England, is a guest of the Dominion Hotel.

J. J. Hagarty, of Boston, registered at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

Lady Emily Walker, of East Sooke, is stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

A. B. Macdonald, of Cranbrook, arrived at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. McIntyre, of Winnipeg, are staying at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. Faulds, of Vancouver, is visiting the City and is a guest at the Strathcona Hotel.

S. L. Stevens and Mrs. Stevens, of James Island, are stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

Jno. A. Stevenson and Mrs. Stevenson visitors from Detroit, Mich., are at the Dominion.

W. G. Evans and O. W. Roberts, from Butte, Montana, are guests at the Strathcona Hotel.

Earl Hyde, of Seattle, is in the City and is making his headquarters at the Strathcona Hotel.

H. E. Webb and Mrs. Webb, of Edmonton, are visiting Victoria and stopping at the Dominion.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Oakes, of Portland, Oregon, registered at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

Mrs. L. J. Audrain and Mrs. E. Prout, both of Winnipeg, are guests at the Gloucester, Mears Street.

M. Brennan and Mrs. Brennan, of Vancouver, are amongst yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion.

W. G. Everett, of Ganoga, B. C., is in the City for a few days and is staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

E. N. Beauchamp and J. Albert Baker are over from Port Angeles and are staying at the Dominion Hotel.

Chas. A. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Byron, Miss Saunders, Miss Martin, Ivov Thomas, C. A. Dana, Louis Melke, Peggy Westoe, Gertrude Sandler and Arthur Bece are registered from New York City at the Hotel Strathcona.

Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Millar have returned from wintering in California. They have again taken up their residence at St. Patrick Street, Oak Bay. Dr. Millar found the resorts in Southern California particularly busy, particularly with motoring parties, who had come through from the East.

Mme. Jeanne Jomelli, who sang here last week under the auspices of the Ladies' Musical Club, is to appear in concert at St. Andrew's Church, Vancouver, on April 10, assisted by Mrs. Gertrude Huntley Green, of this city, who played most of her accompaniments at the time of her recital here. This will be really the first opportunity that Vancouver will have had to hear the diva in one of her own recital programmes, and that which she is to give has been arranged to display her wealth of vocal endowments and superb

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artistry. The recital promises to be one of the outstanding musical events in the Vancouver musical season as the Jomelli concert here was of the Victoria musical season.

The next concert of the Victoria Ladies' Musical Club, to be given in the Empress Hotel ballroom on Thursday evening, April 12, will be contributed by members of the Vancouver Ladies' Musical Club, who are reciprocating the favor accorded them by the local organization last month in the sending over or several of their best artists to give a recital in the mainland city. Twelve ladies are coming down from Vancouver, the number to include a quartette which will contribute several numbers. Miss Elsie Alexander, an accomplished instrumentalist who played here last year under Red Cross auspices, will be the pianist. There will be eight solo numbers. Mrs. Weid is president of the Vancouver Ladies' Musical Society and will probably accompany the representatives of that organization when they come here next week.

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SAYS BOWSER FAILS TO READ THE SIGNS

Henry C. Hall Speaks on Civil Service Reform Bill in House

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE BILL GETS SECOND READING

Opposition Leader and Captain Hayward Announce Their Conversion

Legislative Press Gallery, April 3.

This afternoon the debate on the Civil Service Bill was continued, the one speech on it being made by H. C. Hall.

The debate on the bill extending the franchise to women got its second reading after two opposition members, who have consistently voted against the proposal...

Principle Right

Henry C. Hall (Victoria), resuming the debate on the second reading of the Civil Service Bill, premised his remarks by saying he did not intend to speak at any length...

The Leader of the Opposition had killed his own references to alleged insincerity by his further allegations that a horde of Liberal supporters were hollering because they did not get jobs...

Blunt English

"It is just in effect as if the Leader of the Opposition were to say to his political supporters that as soon as they voted the old crowd back into power the old practices will be resumed..."

But, as had been seen in so many cases, Mr. Bowser erred in his reading of people and situations. He was unable to read the signs of the times, just as he had failed to read them prior to the general election...

Votes for Women

Mr. Bowser, resuming the debate on the second reading of the Elections Act amendments, giving the right to vote to the women of the Province, said it was safe to say that the bill was the

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expression of the view of the House and the country at large that the franchise should be given to women. It was to be regretted that the delay in the counting of the deferred votes in London had made it impossible to put the Act of last session in force by proclamation on March 1, as had been intended...

The Leader of the Opposition said he had to admit that his personal views with reference to suffrage had changed since the war. This had never been a plank in the Conservative platform and therefore it could not be said that there was any death-bed repentance in the matter...

During the campaign the women had shown their desire for the franchise by the work which they did in support of the referendum, and the ability and sincerity which they had shown reflected the greatest credit upon them.

Referring to the Attorney-General's remarks in this connection, Mr. Howser suggested that Mr. Macdonald was looking to being a candidate and securing translation to that larger sphere. Of the proposal to place corporations on the voters' lists, as in done in the case of the municipal voters' lists, surely this moral reform institution did not contemplate going that far...

Suggests More Time

Mr. Howser suggested that more time should be given for the women to register, and he feared that the extension to the fifth Monday in April would not be long enough after this bill received the Royal assent.

The Attorney-General stated that he had an amendment of which notice would be given, extending the time to the second Monday in May, with a corresponding postponement of the date for the courts of revision.

Mr. Bowser also suggested that it would be well to permit the appointment of some women as commissioners for the taking of affidavits of applicants for registration. These must be women electors, and as there would be no women electors until after the revision had closed it would be well to provide for the appointment of women commissioners by order-in-council.

On this point, also, Mr. Macdonald said he had an amendment ready.

In conclusion, Mr. Bowser renewed his congratulations to the women that they were about to become voters, and he hoped the time would come when he could welcome some of the fair sex as fellow-members. (Applause.)

Not Care Tuppence

Capt. W. H. Hayward (Cowichan) declared that he had voted four times consistently against the principle of extending the franchise to women, and while he was still distinctly of the opinion that the majority of women did not want the vote he would vote for the second reading. He was of opinion that when women got the vote they will not care tuppence for it; that the men want them to have the vote more than they themselves desire it.

Capt. Hayward was going on to give the House, from his personal observation, instances of the splendid work being done by women in the war, both as a tribute to them and in explanation of his own changed attitude, but Mr. Speaker Weart ruled that he was travelling outside the measure.

The motion for second reading was carried.

Egg Marks Act

The bill amending the Egg Marks Act so as to extend the power of enforcement to provincial and municipal police and health officers was explained briefly by the Minister of Agriculture and read a second time.

The remainder of 846 pages of the evidence taken by the P. G. E. committee was transmitted to the House in a report from the committee and ordered to be printed.

Animals Act

The Minister of Agriculture introduced a bill to amend the Animals Act by reducing from nine to six months the age over which it is forbidden to allow bulls to run at large, and by placing upon the owner of dairy stock running at large in unfenced pastures or ranges east of the Cascades the obligation of placing with every thirty or major fraction of that number one bull of a good beef type and upwards of one year old.

Prayers were read to-day by Rev. Wilmot Haugh-Allen.

CIVIL SERVICE RESULTS

Twelve Returned Soldiers Qualify for Positions Under Provincial Government.

Successful candidates in British Columbia at civil service examinations held here and elsewhere on March 5 were the following, of whom all have served overseas:

- At Victoria—Harry B. Belding, Ernest Crosswaite, William Hercy, Albert E. Joplin, John Alfred Wood. At Vancouver—Robert Louis Blackburn, Henry Norman Delmonico, James Edward Dolpin, Thomas Gould Hepburn, Peter McMillan, James Sharp, James William Thomas.

GEORGE FRASER AGAIN FIGURES IN PAYMENTS

Cheque for Purchase of Launch Was Taken Back; However, Other Questions

Legislative Press Gallery, April 3.

George A. Fraser again figured in a Government transaction of which the particulars were given to the House this afternoon in the form of an answer to questions.

The gasoline launch Paloma was purchased in 1911 from the Pacific Marine Brokerage Company for \$10,000 for the use of the Public Works Department, but was not used. Two cheques were issued in payment for it, each for \$5,000, one to George A. Fraser and the other to Frank de Grey, sanitary inspector in the Provincial Health Department. These were cancelled and one cheque issued to the Brokerage Company.

The questions were asked by G. G. McGee (Richmond) and were as follows:

- 1. Does the Government own the gasoline launch Paloma, or did the Government ever purchase a gasoline launch known as the Paloma? 2. If so, when was she purchased and at what price? 3. From whom was such boat purchased? 4. For what service was such boat purchased? 5. To what department was the voucher for the purchase money for such boat charged? 6. Were any cheques issued by the Government in respect of such purchase cancelled? 7. What were the particulars of such cheques? 8. Were any other cheques issued in respect of such purchase by the Government? 9. What were the particulars of such other cheques?

Hon. Mr. Brewster replied as follows:

- 1. Yes; name is Paloma. 2. October, 1911; \$10,000. 3. Pacific Marine Brokerage Co. 4. For Public Works Department, but not used. 5. Voucher charged to a Miscellaneous Vote. 6. Yes. 7. Two cheques, each for \$5,000—Geo. A. Fraser and Frank De Grey respectively. 8. One cheque favor of Pacific Marine Brokerage Co. 9. Answered by No. 8.

J. W. Jones asked the Attorney-General the following questions:

- 1. Has Mr. T. O. Townley been appointed District Registrar of Titles at New Westminster? 2. If so, on whose recommendation was he appointed? 3. Was any other person or persons considered in connection with said appointment? 4. If so, who were they? 5. What is the age of Mr. Townley? Hon. Mr. Macdonald replied as follows: 1. Yes. 2. No specific recommendation. Selected for post by reason of long experience in land-registry work and special fitness. District Registrar in Vancouver for a number of years. 3. No. 4. Fifty-three. 5. R. H. Pooley asked the Minister of Finance the following questions:

- 1. Has the Government promised Mr. M. B. Jackson, M.P.P., to grant a subsidy in aid of the Gulf Islands mail service? 2. If so, what was the amount promised? 3. If such subsidy is granted, is it the intention of the Government to impose conditions as to the schedule of the boat and ports of call? 4. If such conditions are imposed, is it the intention of the Government to include the Islands of Tetcha, Kuper, Gabriola, and the Gulf Islands ports of Chemainus, Ladysmith and Nanaimo? Hon. Mr. Brewster answered in the negative to the first question, which governed the other three, and added: "The Government has agreed to make a grant of \$5,000 in aid of a passenger and freight service among the Gulf Islands, conditional upon the Dominion Government making a grant of a like amount in order to maintain such service."

Captain Hayward asked the Premier: "Is it the intention of the Government to conclude a sale or lease of the new British Columbia Building, London England, as reported?" Hon. Mr. Brewster replied: "The Government is collecting data in reference to the British Columbia Building, London. When this data is complete the Government will consider what shall be done in respect to this building."

Mr. Bowser gives notice of questions as to the practice before and after November 24 in dealing with allowances to members of the civil service enlisting for overseas service; and as to the staff of the Attorney-General's Department on November 24, with dates of appointment and salaries, and previous places of residence of any since that date.

Mr. Bowser intends to move for an order of the House for papers in the matter of Provincial Constables Markland and McNelly, of the Vancouver office, referring to their applications for leave of absence to enlist and their subsequent resignations for that purpose.

Delivering an address at a Sunday school recently, a visitor spoke on the moral development of children. "There is a boy here," he said, "and a girl there. What will they become when they grow up?" In a loud whisper one of the scholars, turning to his teacher, supplied an answer—"Sweethearts."

IRRIGATION MEASURE RECEIVES DUE PRAISE

Member for Kamloops Speaks Highly of Action of Minister, Second Reading

Legislative Press Gallery, April 3.

Some plain talking as to the causes of the situation in the Okanagan district which have made it necessary for the Government to bring down special legislation this session to tide over the very serious position created by the failure of some water companies to meet their obligations was heard in the House this afternoon from the member for Kamloops, F. W. Anderson.

The afternoon was a busy one, although the sitting was not as lengthy as those of several days past have been. There were debates on the second readings of four measures, three of which were advanced past that stage and the fourth is still a matter of debate.

In addition several questions were answered, the Minister of Agriculture introduced a bill and two measures were considered in committee.

It is expected that the Easter recess, which will be taken on Thursday afternoon, will extend until over Tuesday, so that interior members can have an opportunity of visiting their homes.

Mixed Farming

Mr. Anderson, resuming the debate on the Water Act amendments designed to meet the irrigation situation this year, complimented the members from the two Okanagan ridings, the district most affected by this legislation, on the splendid speeches they had made on the bill. In Kamloops district there was only one large irrigation company to deal with, the B. C. Fruitlands, Limited, a corporation which had passed through trying times but which, through a thorough reorganization, was operating on a more stable foundation. Its present policy was to develop more along the lines of mixed farming than strictly fruit-growing.

There was a large area of land in Kamloops under irrigation, for mixed farming and grazing, and as it had not been subjected to the attentions of the artists who had carved lands into five-acre and ten-acre plots, enticing people by elaborate advertising to enter upon the pursuit of fruit-growing exclusively—which was the real reason for so much of the suffering in the Okanagan, where the economics of farming in a dry belt had been ignored, if not deliberately disregarded—it was not now facing the same problems as the district further south.

Red Apple Not So

By comparison with the Niagara peninsula, where fruit-growing was carried on within easy reach of transportation, with dairying and general farming succeeding as one got farther away from transport, the situation in the so-called fruit districts of British Columbia was that men on land ten to twenty five miles from shipping points were found trying to make a living if not a fortune out of the growing of fruit alone, a practice that was looked on as little short of insanity in Ontario.

"I tell you, Mr. Speaker, that this 'big red apple' propaganda does not go with me," continued the honorable gentleman. I believe that every farmer, in districts suitable, should have an orchard, but we will never have any stability until mixed farming is the rule, even in the parts which have been so elaborately developed as the Paradise Valleys—where all you had to do was to buy 10 acres, stick the trees in the ground and wait for the sovereignty to drop in the shape of luscious fruit. I claim, sir, that it is absolutely necessary for a fruit-raiser to produce at least sufficient of the other materials which are consumed in his work. He should produce his own meat, milk, butter, eggs, and the hay and grain required for his stock. If a man has to wait six or seven years for a return from an orchard alone there is little chance of the average bank account standing the drain.

Misrepresentation

Now, sir, as I have said, I believe that a great deal of the difficulties in the Okanagan are due to misrepresentation, probably not deliberate, by the companies which invested large sums in lands and irrigation works and sold to people at fabulous prices per acre. In some cases the paper profits which they had figured have not materialized, chiefly due to the fact that the lands have not been absorbed by the public as quickly as was expected.

End of Tether

"The result is that after mortgaging the irrigation works and all their assets a number of these companies have reached the end of their tether and liquidation stares them in the face. The failure of these companies to keep their irrigation works in proper repair is leaving the horticulturists in a most unenviable position. There is no doubt some companies will be able to live up to their agreements to deliver water; it is common knowledge that in several cases they will not. This bill, as I understand it, is enabling legislation to enable the Government to save an unfortunate situation primarily for the man on the land."

Must Protect User

Mr. Anderson went on to say that the member for Okanagan South (Mr. Jones) had reiterated the statement of the Tory blabber, the Colonel, that this was a confiscatory act, but what had he or it to suggest as a remedy? Was it not the first duty of a democratic government to protect the water user? These water corporations were public service bodies and this legislation was of a public-utility nature. By providing for the maintenance and operation



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of these irrigation systems being a first charge on the revenue from the lands served the interest of the man on the lands appurtenant to the systems and of the bond-holders were being best protected.

Should Investigate

It might be right to adopt a policy of government ownership, but the Government and the House had not enough knowledge on this subject at this time, and it would be most unfair and unwise to rush into such legislation without the most thorough and searching investigation by the Government. The Minister of Lands was to be very much complimented upon his stand in this connection. Hon. Mr. Pattullo desired to have an opportunity of going into the whole situation thoroughly, and it was no boy's job. Meanwhile the existing situation had to be met for this year.

First Charge

Dealing briefly with the sections of the bill the hon. gentleman expressed his approval of them, especially of those which give the Government, through the water branch, power to give a decision based on equity as well as on law and practicability, giving the water controller the same power over a corporation as over an individual. It enabled a company to go to the bank and hypothecate its revenue and the Government, where advisable and urgent, to make the cost of maintenance and operation a first charge on the revenue of a water company. Concluding, he said:

Compliment to Official

"In closing my remarks, Mr. Speaker, I think it is only fitting that I should pay a tribute to the seal and integrity of the present Water Controller. In my humble opinion he is a most efficient official, and he has worked in an untiring manner for the welfare of the people of this province who are farming under irrigation methods; to the Water Controller their thanks are due. It is a compliment to the late Minister of Lands, now the member for Fort George, to eulogize one of his appointments, but I believe in giving credit where credit is due.

"The Water Controller is confronted by a most critical element of the public, but in the face of innumerable difficulties he has practically revolutionized the administration of water in British Columbia. I hope that the passage of this bill will be expedited in

every way possible and that the Leader of the Opposition will not let his thunder break thereon with any deleterious effect, and thus permit the water branch of the Government service to handle without delay a most serious situation."

The motion for second reading passed.

Dolly Varden Railway

In committee of the whole on the Dolly Varden Mines railway bill with Dr. J. W. McIntosh (Vancouver) in the chair, some amendments were made by the Minister of Railways.

M. B. Jackson (Islands) called attention to the danger of the company holding the railway practically out of operation, and yet by running one train a year overcoming the provision that if it should not operate at any time for twelve months it forfeited all its rights. He moved that instead of the twelve-month provision the section be made to the satisfaction of the Minister of Railways.

Hon. Mr. Oliver did not welcome this being shouldered upon the minister but had no objection to the amendment being made.

Mr. Pooley's Amendment

R. H. Pooley suggested that the words proposed to be substituted be added to the section, which would make it read that if the railway was not operated to the satisfaction of the minister for twelve months it would forfeit its rights.

This was accepted and was adopted by the committee.

Mr. Jackson proposed that there be a section added to the bill a section which would empower the Government, at any time, to take over the road by expropriation, nothing to be paid for franchise or good will.

Mr. Bowser raised the point of order that such an amendment to a Government bill could not come from a private member, since it involved action by the Lieutenant-Governor in the taking over of the line.

The Minister of Railways gave it as his opinion that the point was well taken, and as he did not feel disposed at the moment to take charge of the amendment it was dropped.

Progress was reported.

In committee on the Loan Act amendments, Deputy Speaker Keen in the chair, some small amendments were made and the bill stands for report.

Victoria Taxpayers

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EDWIN C. SMITH, Treasurer and Collector of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, B. C. City Hall, Victoria, B. C., 16th March, 1917.

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PROSPECTS ARE GOOD FOR BOUTS IN APRIL

W. H. Davies Contemplates Staging Show of Exceptional Merit

Toward the end of the month it is the intention of W. H. Davies, the local boxing promoter, to stage a tournament which will have two headline features.

"Scotty" McKay, who needs no introduction to Victoria followers of the fist game, and who is now home, almost completely recovered from the

wounds which he received while fighting in France, will be matched with some Vancouver boxer unless his challenge to the naval and military men is previously taken up. It was thought that his offer would have been immediately accepted by one of several naval boys who are now stationed at Esquimalt, but as yet they have not been heard of.

The other fight will be between Al Lavie and the best featherweight that can be procured in the Northwest. This would prove one of the most interesting "goes" that could be arranged. The standard set by the local boy is well known, and as there are some boxers of exceptional merit on the Pacific Coast at the present time, the prospects of staging the event are bright.

Should both these bouts be presented Victorians will have an opportunity of witnessing some boxing that will be equal to any that the local promoter has staged in the city.

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WANTS WILLARD TO DEFEND HIS TITLE

Cleveland Promoters Would Match Jess Against Winner

Matt Hinkel, the Cleveland promoter, yesterday began dickering for a limited bout between Jess Willard and the winner of the Carl Morris-Fred Fulton bout in New York to-night, says a dispatch from Gotham. In a telegram to officials of the Manhattan Athletic Club, Hinkel declared he would make the largest offer ever made for a short bout, planning to stage the affair at Cedar Point, Ohio, on July 4 or Labor Day. Hinkel declares he looks for no trouble in staging the bout.

Hinkel's message was also to Jack Curley, a member of the syndicate which is managing Willard. He is disposed to look with favor on the match. Willard has not been seen in a ring since he met Frank Moran here a year ago.

Fulton and Morris have been training for their battle. The added inducement of a probable crack at the championship should make the bout even better than the possibility of Fulton recovering a prestige lost when the records credited Morris with a victory over him. It should be the best meeting between heavyweights since Moran and Willard battled.

GARRISON AND WESTS IN FINAL LEAGUE GO

It was decided at the meeting of the Victoria and District Football Association, which was held last evening, to play the final game of the Senior League of the city on Saturday next. The contesting teams are the Victoria Wests and the Garrison. These clubs will meet at the Central Park at 2:45 p.m. The game will be refereed by A. Leckley.

AUSTRALIAN CUEIST MAY PLAY IN CITY

George Gray to Appear at Empress Hotel Next Week

As stated yesterday George Gray, the Australian billiard champion, is now in Vancouver preparatory to taking passage on the Niagara for his home land. While in that city he will be seen in several exhibition games, and although definite plans have not as yet been completed, it is practically certain that he will come to Victoria to be matched against some local talent.

Jack MacMillan, the English billiard champion of British Columbia, has announced that he is arranging to have the Australian play one if not more exhibition games at the Empress Hotel. It has not as yet been stated whether MacMillan will oppose the champion, but it is more than likely that such will be the case.

If the scheme materializes a table will be set up in the Grill room of the hotel which will give seating accommodation for about 300. A percentage of the proceeds will go to the Red Cross Society.

MAKING HOLES IN ONE SHOT IN GOLF GAME

By Francis Quimet Farmer National Amateur and Open Champ of U. S.

There is nothing in the life of a golfer that gives him that inward thrill as to make a hole in one stroke. I have played considerable golf, but it has never been my good fortune to accomplish this feat, though I am still living in hopes. I say it gives a golfer a thrill because I have heard the "lucky boys" talking these things over, and I have had the pleasure of bumping into a couple of these outbursts—once when my own shot was practically dead to the hole.

I have come close to it many times, and once I thought I did have one. It happened on the old "Punch-Bowl" hole at Woodland in a four-ball match. All four of us drove our balls right over the direction flag, and I might say here that the hole was a blind one over a high hill. It was easier to walk around the hill than over it, and, when we came in sight of the green, not a ball was to be seen.

We figured something must be wrong, because most any kind of a shot over the hill would leave the player a reasonable putt for a deuce. The hole was really a poor test of golf.

Our first thoughts were that the balls must be stolen. One of us decided to look in the hole and behold—they were all there. We gazed in astonishment at one another, but a subdued laugh and much noise in the nearby bushes told us that some mischievous youngsters had played a joke on us. We all proceeded to the next tee, each claiming that his ball must have been nearest the hole. Therefore, I have yet to make my first one.

At Sandwich.

A story is told of a fellow who played the short fifth hole at Sandwich. This hole is blind also, and the chap drove off before his friends in front had left the green. One of the players, seeing the ball stop a few feet from the hole, picked it up and carefully placed it in the bottom of the cup. When the fellow reached the green and saw no ball he could not understand when it was. He searched high and low for the thing and finally his candle thought of looking in the hole. Upon discovering it the boy announced the fact with a boisterous yell.

His employer was so overcome that he quit then and there and made a wager for the clubhouse to pay the customary wager on such occasions. Everybody was persuaded to drink and enjoy our happy friend who was the host. The other two chaps were pulled in off the links and were induced to take part in the affair.

They looked at one another and smiled, but neither said a word. The truth was, they did not dare because the ceremony had reached such bounds that they were cautious lest they arouse the ire of the hero.

Three years later the chap who had perpetrated the plot summoned all his courage and made a clean breast of the part he had played, whereupon the other became so enraged that he threatened bodily harm to the culprit and refused to have a thing to do with him. I don't believe they are on speaking terms to this day.

Jack Jones, the old Myopia professional, was telling me the other day that he made a hole in one and lost it. Conceding his opponent seven bisques, he reached the short ninth hole all square with his opponent, who had used three of his handicap. Jack's ball on the short ninth hole flew like an arrow for the hole, and dropped. His opponent's ball stopped on the green, from which position he holed out in two more. Taking three bisques, which is perfectly permissible, he made the hole in nothing—winning it much to Jack's dismay. Jack Jones loves to think of his one.

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FAST BASEBALL IN N.W. CIRCUIT GAMES

Teams Put in Hard Training for Coming Season's Campaign

The outlook for a prosperous baseball year in the Northwestern League is unusually bright and, barring unforeseen complications, the club owners should reap a profit to recompense them for their losses suffered the last few seasons. The only dark spot on the horizon is the impending war between the United States and Germany. Just what effect the war will have on the national pastime in this section is a question that can not be decided at the present time.

The Northwestern League this season will be decidedly faster than it was last year when, owing to the low salary limit, it was impossible to hire high-class players and still keep within the confines of the prescribed limit. But with the lid tilted the various managers have come out and secured players of experience to bolster their teams and the result will be snappier baseball.

This week finds all of the club in Frey Hewett's organization in active training for the season's campaign which is scheduled to start April 24. Four of the clubs will stage their preliminary workouts in the State of Washington. The Seattle players are doing their conditioning at home and Russ Hall's athletes will combat the elements at Tacoma. The Great Falls Club is training at Olympia, while McGinty and his hirelings are assembled at Puyallup. Bob Brown will train his athletes in Vancouver.

In the matter of condition, which is a big factor in the start of the season, the Spokane Indians will have a decided advantage over their contemporaries. Williams and his men have been in training in California for the last three weeks and will arrive home in splendid shape to start the ball rolling. It will require very little work from now on to keep the players on edge and the number of exhibition games arranged will serve to help in this respect.

TRAPSHOOTING OPENS WELL AT WESTMINSTER

The first trap shoot of the season was held recently at New Westminster, when some good scores featured the practice. Messrs. Bowers and Brook tied for high score with 46, while Mr. Pinner carried off the honors among the beginners with a score of 23 out of a possible 50.

The scores:
Highest scores out of a possible 50 points—Carter, 41; Rose, 24; Hager, 25; Synnestrvedt, 23; Sloper, 24; Baker, 34; Sandleton, 26; Merrill, 32; Simonson, 44; Offen, 42; Black, 34; McIntyre, 35; Brown, 25; Bronk, 45; Cadham, 46; Patrick, 24; Pinner, 33; Swarts, 21; Field, 45; Burnett, 21; Britton, 38; Snell, 36; Bowers, 46; Lineham, 26; McKenzie, 19; Wright, 31; Dixon, 20; Sharples, 22; Davies, 32.

Scores out of a possible 25 points—Fraser, 17; Munson, 16; Britton, Jr., 17; Gorley, 22; McKinnon, 11; Davies, Jr., 10.
Sandhill made 18 out of 45 and Knickerbocker 28 out of 35.
Doubles, possible 24—Cadham, 17; Baker, 11; Burnett, 17; Carter, 16.
Beginners, possible 50—Pinner, 23; Davies, 32; Dixon, 30.

Winner Universal Car Company's button—C. Bowers, 23 out of 25.
Class B, average of less than 80 per cent and over 65 per cent, possible 50—Merrill, 32; Lineham, 26; Sandleton, 26.

DOG RACE PROMOTER FATALLY INJURED

Nome, Alaska, April 4.—Bobby Brown, a sawmill owner on Dime Creek, was fatally injured Saturday. His leg was cut off by a saw and it was necessary to convey him to Candie, 58 miles distant, for medical aid. Leonard Seppala's team of Siberian wolf dogs, winner for the last two years of the Alaska sweepstakes race, made the journey in six hours over a heavy trail with the injured man. Brown was known among old-timers as an owner and racer of dogs and a promoter of the Alaska sweepstakes race.

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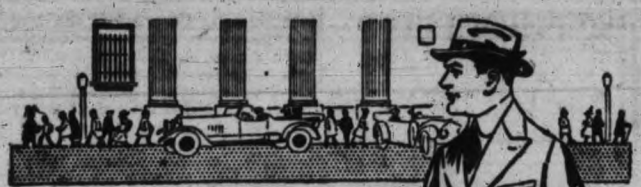
The stewards of the Jockey Club have decided that the substitute of the famous Epsom Derby, the blue ribbon of the English flat racing season, shall be run off at the first extra meeting arranged at Newmarket on May 30, and the Oaks Stakes on June 1, according to a London cable.

A famous English classic—the Ascot Cup—has been reinstated this season and this event, styled the Newmarket Gold Cup, will be decided at the second extra meeting on June 12.

CHURCH BASKETBALL AT Y. M. C. A. TO-NIGHT

At 8 o'clock this evening in the gymnasium of the Y.M.C.A. the deciding game in the intermediate division of the Sunday School Basketball League will be played. The Metropolitans will be met by the James Bay team, the latter being the present league leaders.

The two senior games, the Presbyterians vs. James Bay (A) team and the James Bay (B) vs. the Crusaders, have been cancelled on account of the playing of the City League match at the High School.



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IRISH LEADS AT END OF THE THIRD STAGE

Play Was Rather Slow at Last Evening's Session of Billiard Match

In the third stage of the 2,000 point billiard match which is being played between Jack MacMillan, the provincial champion, and Bert Irish, the play was rather slow and uninteresting. The score at the commencement of last night's stage was Irish (received 400) 1,063; MacMillan 1,091. MacMillan was in play with an unfinished break of 7 and his first efforts gave promise of an interesting contest, by carrying the unfinished break to 63 before missing his play. From this on the champion was decidedly out of form, while his opponent displayed about the same standard which he had in the previous stages, or possibly a little higher than that at the Empress last Thursday. During the course of the game he made a couple of 40 breaks, and when play was called he was still in the lead, the score being 1,562 to 1,523.

The rules of the game call for a stoppage of play each session when either man has reached his points for that stage. It was unfortunate last evening that the marker did not call the referee's attention when MacMillan had reached the required number of points for the evening. If he had been stopped at the 1,500 mark he would

have started next session in play, which is regarded as quite an advantage.

The final stage starts to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock at the Empress Hotel, and it is predicted that an exciting contest will result.

PATRIOTIC LACROSSE.

Toronto, April 4.—In their effort to raise money for the Sportsmen's Patriotic Association, and at the same time provide lacrosse for the lovers of the national pastime in this city, a number of lacrosse men have been working on a scheme whereby Toronto will have a team in the National Lacrosse Union this Summer. "Jimmy" Murphy, Fred Thompson, Percy Quinn, Chas. Querrie and a number of others who have been prominently connected with professional lacrosse in recent years have been doing much missionary work, and all that remains now is admission to the N.L.U., if that union operates this season.

BOUT IS OFF AGAIN.

New York, April 4.—The scheduled 10-round bout between Freddie Walsh, of England, holder of the world's lightweight championship title, and Benny Leonard, the popular Harlem contender for the honor, which was postponed recently on account of the illness of Leonard, has been abandoned temporarily. This announcement was made by the officials of the Manhattan A. C. where the bout was scheduled to be staged to-night. Leonard's illness has become more serious than was at first suspected, and it will prevent his taking part in any form of training for at least five or six days.

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ADDRESSES SOCIETY ON SOCIAL PROBLEMS

Rev. Wm. Stevenson Speaks to
Citizens' Educational
League

The Citizens' Educational League met last night in the Victoria Club, the speaker on this occasion being Rev. William Stevenson, who dealt in a very straightforward manner with some of the problems relating to the returned soldier and the care and provision of occupation for the same after the war.

"There is lacking in this country the will to handle the unemployed problem," the speaker declared. "With all the vast natural resources there is no excuse for the numbers of men depending on public charities that we had here a few years ago.

The raising of an army of 400,000 men had not perplexed this country, he stated. The problem of unemployment lay very largely with the parimony of the Government in dealing with labor questions. The whole difficulty of how to find occupation and employment for the returned soldier could be disposed of if the country would tackle the problem in the same way that the British and Canadian people had tackled the problems of the war. The country's credit had been pledged without any waste of time in order to raise the necessary money to equip and send forward the troops. Why not similar legislation with respect to the unemployment problem. Some system whereby long-term payments might be made possible to those who wanted to settle on the land was advocated.

Women were offered such problems. There were special problems for them to solve, the matter of pensions for deserted wives, the question of minimum wage for women and girls, the conservation of human life by abatement of the awful waste through infant mortality.

Appreciate Liberty.

Mr. Stevenson advised the Educational League to advertise the fact that it was non-party. The greatest danger with regard to the women's vote was ignorance and the society should organize to cope with that danger. The first thing to be impressed upon women was the greatness and sacredness of the franchise. So many women apparently did not wish to have the vote and these were the people who needed the most to be shown the value of this power. One of the results of disability was that people became so accustomed to disadvantages and disabilities that they could not appreciate liberty when it came. The society should endeavor to show women the good they could do

by wielding the vote in matters pertaining to domestic problems (especially with regard to the conditions of working women and children.

Test of Civilization.

The speaker told how in the early part of Queen Victoria's reign children of the tender age of six were taken to the cotton factories in Manchester and worked ten hours per day (and night). The test of the value of any civilization was the position occupied by the women and children. In Germany and Denmark they had taken hold of this question of caring for working mothers for six weeks before and after confinement, with the result that infant mortality had greatly decreased. The Creator gave life but it is our duty to preserve it and rear it under the best conditions.

Comite Upheaval.

The Women's movement, he continued, was not sectional, but worldwide, a cosmic upheaval. "Woman stands before us as a great cosmic force; she is the most potential phenomenon of the present time. What the coming of the white man to the Indian so is the woman at the present time to civilization. The great question after the present convulsion is over is not what Germany will do with the Allies or the Allies do with Germany, but what woman will do with her great opportunity."

New Era.

"This movement is the dawn of a new era, we are coming forward into a new world. The great question is: what use are we going to make of our power when we get it? Women and workers are always oppressed together. A great improvement in the condition of the masses began in the early part of the last century. Benjamin Kidd points out that there was an altruistic note in legislation in Great Britain early in the last century. It was a novel thing in legislation looking to the benefit of the individual and the benefit of the masses. It lies at the root of the legislation which Lloyd George championed to establish a system of pensions in the Old Country. The greatest struggle English people ever had in history was to get laws placed on the statute books which would give consideration to women and child workers."

The speaker said it would be just as cheap for the Government to pay the mother to look after her own children in her own home as to keep up the various institutions. Where force and power had reigned, the loving spirit which had a tender regard for the weak and suffering coming in.

A vote of thanks was moved by D. O. Lewis and seconded by Dr. E. A. Hall to Rev. Mr. Stevenson for his very interesting and instructive address.

Gave Bridge Party.—The University Women's Club has entered energetically into war work during the last two years, and last Friday evening supplemented their patriotic undertakings by giving a bridge party in the North Ward Red Cross rooms. The proceeds,

amounting to about \$40, are being presented to the branch. A short musical programme added to the pleasurable character of the proceedings, those taking part being A. E. Sprange who gave an aria from "Pagliacci" on the violin, and, as an encore, a Serenade; and Rev. L. A. Knight, who sang "Nirvana" and "The Garden of My Heart." Refreshments were served by the committee.

PECULIAR PARALLEL TO PLAGUES OF EGYPT

Croaking of Frogs and Turning
of Water to Blood Color Re-
peated Locally

Comparison between a church site and the celebrated plagues of Egypt might not be readily seen, but Victoria affords a singular parallel which presents some features of unusual merit.

The site is that of the First Baptist Church at the corner of Pisgah Street and Vancouver Street, the concrete foundations of which were placed in position during the ecclesiastical boom which raised several fine churches in that vicinity. However that particular building did not get beyond the stage of the foundations, and hence arises the occasion for this story. The westerly portion is at a lower level than the remainder of the basement, a clayey soil being left there pending the concreting of the floor later. Of course the contractors provided for this lower level to be drained, but the perversity of boy nature thwarted this admirable design. By stealth with more zeal than discretion some boys plugg up the drain, and accomplished it so effectively that it has not done duty since. Hence in certain periods of the year, as at present, considerable quantities of water collect in the basin.

The attention of the City Health Department has on many occasions been called to the situation, but the ownership is somewhat complicated, since the registered owner is a lady at Cobble Hill. Legally she is responsible, but has contended that she renders herself liable for trespass by going upon the property under the tenure of the church trustees. Water attracts frogs, and thereby comes the first parallel to the story of the Pharaohs. These frogs have an uncomfortable habit of croaking at times when the peaceful citizens of the neighborhood would forget life's worries in sleep, and the frogs have got themselves very much disliked accordingly.

On one of the occasions of complaint a drastic effort was made to disinfect the standing pond, and a bag of permanganate of potassium was poured on the green waters, which had the result of achieving another parallel from the ancient story. The whole turned a red-purple. At any rate it was effective till the summer came and the waters disappeared. Whether the frogs thrive on permanganate or not, data is inconclusive, at any rate they are back again, and the croaking is once more the subject of complaint. The grievance is again receiving the attention of the City Health Department officials.

At a certain railway station in the North of Ireland a farmer was waiting for the train with a donkey he had purchased. On the arrival of the train at the station the farmer asked the guard where he would put the donkey. The guard, who was in a hurry, replied, "Put it behind," meaning to put it into a horse-van. Pat tied the donkey to a buffer and then got into the carriage himself. As the train was flying along at express speed, Pat, turning to a companion, said, "By gosh, boy, Neddy's footing it now!"

Revision B.C. Dental Act

"The B. C. Dental Council has expressed its willingness to accept Dominion Dental Council qualifications and is asking the necessary power of the Provincial Government, following negotiations extending over the last two years."
—Statement of dentists opposing the revision of the Act.

The Real Facts of the Case

1. That the B. C. Dental Council has officially taken action which refused recognition to holders of Dominion Council dental certificates to practice in B. C.

Note—As the Council flatly refuses to allow an inspection of its minute books, the exact date of this refusal cannot be stated.

2. That shortly after the provincial dental convention of a year or so ago, the Dental Council turned down the overtures of the President of the Dominion Council when he came to the Coast, hoping to make arrangements for the Council certificates to be recognised in B. C.

3. That on February 17, Dr. A. R. Baker met three members of the Dental Council (Dr. Milton Jones of Vancouver, Dr. Jones of New Westminster, and Dr. Griffiths of Victoria), and Dr. Black, President of the Vancouver Dental Association, in the office of the Registrar of the Dental Council. At that meeting the proposed revision of the Dental Act was gone over and, while a general agreement looking toward its enactment was reached, one of the clauses to which the members of the Council present took vigorous exception was the provision for the recognition of Dominion Dental Council certificates.

4. At a representative meeting of dentists of Vancouver, New Westminster and vicinity, held February 23, in the Vancouver Hotel, the revision of the Dental Act was discussed, and one of the points to which strong exception was taken was the recognition of Dominion Dental Council licenses.

5. At a representative meeting of Victoria dentists, held February 24, in the Balmoral Hotel, Victoria, objection was made to any proposal to include recognition of Dominion Dental certificates being covered by the revision.

6. Any Action Looking Toward the Possible Recognition of Dominion Dental Council Certificates for Practice in B. C. Was Announced Only After the Methods and Policies of the B. C. Dental Council Had Been Explained to the Public Through the Public Press.

Message to the Public— Don't Be Deceived

The B. C. Dental Council is to-day seeking cover and, in the face of the exposure of its "close corporation" and "trust" methods is willing to go to any ends to hold and maintain its present absolute control of dentistry in B. C. through a government "by the dentists and of the dentists and for the dentists."

IS SUCH A CONDITION OF AFFAIRS IN THE PUBLIC INTERESTS?

Write Your Representative To-day, Asking Him
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When It Comes Before the House

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LARGE RETURNS FROM HOSPITALS TAG DAY

About Two Thousand Dollars Netted From Efforts of Ladies

The Women's Auxiliary to Military Convalescent Hospitals "Tag Day" yesterday resulted in the sum of about \$2,000 (besides a cheque for \$100 from Mrs. Wright for Sooke) being collected for the worthy work in behalf of which the appeal was made, viz., the provision of furnishings and soldiers' comforts to the various Convalescent Hospitals throughout the province.

The earliest taggers were at their posts by 6.45 yesterday morning, the headquarters' rooms in the Arcade building, very kindly put at the disposal of the ladies for the day by W. Spencer, Sr., being opened at 7 o'clock by Mrs. Rhodes, general convenor for the tag day. About 130 collecting boxes were out all day, over 200 collectors having volunteered their services, so that there would be some one constantly on each section of the districts mapped out for canvass. Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Burdick, Miss Marlett, Mrs. Hugo Beavan and others remained at the central headquarters throughout the day to issue tags, collecting boxes, armlets, etc., to the helpers. Messrs. Charles Williams and D. J. Angus, of the Red Cross committee, very kindly undertook the counting of the money as the boxes were turned in.

Mrs. R. B. McMicking stencilled the taglets worn by the collectors, and many others in the preparations gave valuable assistance. Mrs. Mary Elter Hamilton prepared 100 luncheon and tea cards for the canvassers; Messrs. Mitchell & Duncan gave the use of their telephone; Mrs. Van'Rennen with Mrs. H. M. Fullerton took charge in the Hollywood district; Mrs. Sidney Heale with Mrs. N. Shaw, convenor, in the Esquimalt district. Through the kindness of Mr. Terry taggers were enabled to secure refreshments at half-price at Terry's Store, and a special luncheon was provided by the Y. W. C. A.

Among the veteran "taggers" who made their appearance again on this occasion were Mrs. Woodwards' "Muggins" and Mrs. Duce's "Pator," both of whom made splendid collections. Rev. A. deB. Owen and the Flower Guild girls were again among the very active collectors.

The four German bullets presented by Mrs. Tribe, whose son sent them from France, were to be awarded to the four most successful taggers. As the boxes passed through several hands in most instances the several ladies who collected in the four which were

found at the end of the day to contain the largest receipts will draw among themselves for the bullets.

The appeal being in behalf of funds to furnish accessories like shaving-mirrors, bedroom slippers, games and little dressing-table things which are not ordinarily furnished in the Government supplies for Military Convalescent Hospitals, it was hoped that something of the kind might be contributed during the day. Two gentlemen left some fishing-tackle which will make possible many pleasantly-occupied hours for some of the men. Any other gifts of the sort suggested would be very gratefully passed on by the Women's Auxiliary, whose motive for existing is to furnish just such accessories which are not supplied in the regulation hospital equipment. An estimate recently made of the amount necessary to supply sufficient shaving-mirrors alone showed that an expenditure of \$78 would be needed. This gives some idea of the little omissions which may be made up by generous well-wishers.

The following figures show the total collection and denomination of amounts turned in, showing that in all there were 16,458 subscribers:

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| 4 \$10 bills | 40.00 |
| 5 \$5 bills | 25.00 |
| 19 \$2 bills | 38.00 |
| 75 \$1 bills | 75.00 |
| 6 \$1 silver | 6.00 |
| 282 50c. pieces | 141.00 |
| 2,220 25c. pieces | 555.00 |
| 7,287 10c. pieces | 728.70 |
| 6,668 5c. pieces | 333.40 |
| 701 1c. copper | 7.01 |
| 16,458 | \$1,961.11 |
| Cheque | 100.00 |
| Total tag receipts | \$2,061.11 |

WENT TO "RESTHAVEN"

Centennial Choir and Soloists Give Programme to Convalescent Soldiers.

Under the direction of the Y. M. C. A. the members of the Centennial Choir went out last night to "Resthaven" Convalescent Hospital for Soldiers and gave a very enjoyable programme for the patients. The concert was exceptionally good from first to last under the leadership of George Deaville. Choruses, quartettes and duets were given with artistic finish and spirit. The solo numbers were of a very high order. Mrs. Moore added much to the pleasure of the evening by choice selections on the violin. Mrs. Deaville accompanying this and other numbers at the piano. Major Moore presided as chairman. At the close of the formal part of the proceedings refreshments were served, and dancing concluded the evening's entertainment. The convalescent soldiers to a man voted the evening a very enjoyable one.

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EXPLOITATION OF THE RETURNED SOLDIERS

Legislation Urged to Prevent Operation of Bodies Under Patriotic Guise

Reference was made in these columns on Saturday last to the matters dealt with in the shape of evidence given by representatives of the various Provincial Returned Soldiers' Associations, before a committee of the House of Commons and the Senate at Toronto recently. At the meeting of the local Returned Soldiers' Association in their rooms in the Belmont House last night the report of H. W. Hart, who represented the Victoria body at the conference, was rendered, fully discussed and explained. Mr. Hart told the members that the object of the Toronto conference was to give the representatives of the Government an opportunity of hearing first hand all of the various grievances existing among the returned men, so that it would be possible for an intelligent report to be placed in the hands of the Federal authorities, such findings on the part of the parliamentary committee arrived at being from sworn evidence of the men.

Committee Interested. As already reported, the questions of land settlement, employment, equalization of pensions, extension of pension to the widow in case of fatal accident to husband in after life, when traceable to war's disability; the increase of the ratio of pay to the children when pre-deceased by the widowed mother, and the many other matters of import to the returned man were fully reported upon by Mr. Hart. It was satisfactory to note, he said, that the members of the Parliamentary committee manifested keen interest. They were not giving any information, but without exception each member evinced a desire to get every available detail that would be of assistance to the Government in the framing of such legislation as would meet the case. The delegates from the various associations, he declared, were fully satisfied with the nature of the inquiry and came to the conclusion that the effect of such a meeting was the first step to a solution of a problem, which everyone wanted solved, yet realized the futility of individual action, where governmental procedure alone was absolutely necessary.

Exploitation of Soldiers. During the course of the sitting in Toronto there were many contentious points brought to light. The exploitation of the returned soldier at Winnipeg-treated more fully elsewhere in this issue—brought forth a good deal

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of discussion. Sir Herbert Amos in this connection, supposed, directing his enquiry to Mr. Hart, that nothing of that kind existed in British Columbia. Victoria's representative replied that there was the case of the Veterans' Club in the city of Victoria. As a means of counteraction it was suggested by Mr. Hart that legislation be passed restraining the formation of associations under the guise of Returned Soldiers' Associations for the raising of funds, since men returned from the present war were neither represented nor possessed any interest in such organizations. It was, in his opinion, too, a matter of protection for the public.

Employment. On the subject of land settlement as a solution for the employment of soldiers, the evidence given at Toronto went to show that there was a great divergence of opinion existing between the widely separated parts of the Dominion. The delegates from British Columbia held out very little hope to the committee that much could be expected in this connection from the men of the far west. The general trend of the evidence, from the report, seemed to suggest that the eastern provinces were depending upon the assistance from the larger and more industrially settled localities for employment. The prairie provinces were looking with a good deal of hope to

land settlement. British Columbia, however, was hoping that the Federal authorities would come to the aid of the Provincial Government in the way of finance to counter the peculiar difficulties of the returned man west of the Rockies.

The gathering last night of nearly fifty members signified its appreciation of the work of H. W. Hart and President Drinnen, of the H. C. provincial body, and went on record with a hearty vote of thanks to the two delegates.

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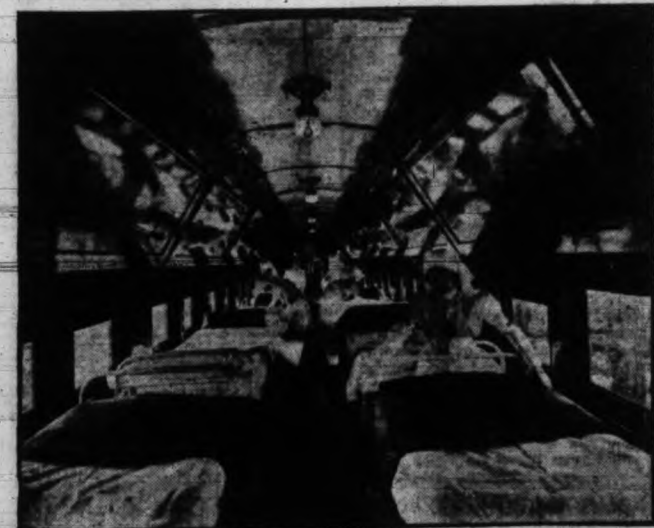
HOSPITAL CARS ON CANADIAN PACIFIC

Three Units Carrying 60 Patients in All Have Been Fitted Up

The idea of providing hospital cars for invalided members of Canada's expeditionary forces originated with the Canadian Pacific Railway over two years ago, when floor plans and interior arrangements for hospital cars were submitted to the Director General of Supplies and Transport. At that time it was considered that the time was not ripe for them. However, it was later found advisable to provide the greatest comfort possible in the transportation of returned invalided soldiers. The Military Hos-

pital Commission therefore agreed to the Canadian Pacific Railway building six new hospital cars, fitted up on the most up-to-date lines from the point of view of hygienic and medical efficiency. All the necessary points for comfort and easy transport have been considered, as well as the facilities for rendering every medical assistance to the men while travelling. Three units.

The cars which were inspected by the Hospitals Commission on Saturday were turned out on lines very similar to the original plans submitted to the Director-General-of-Supplies and Transport, with, however, certain innovations found valuable by the French and British rail-ways in transporting men from the front. There are three units of two cars each, making six cars in all, and the direction of the cars rests with the Hospitals Commission.



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Ward Car. The ward car consists of one large room, the length of a standard sleeper, and lavatories at either end. Standard hospital cots are installed in both cars;

mission; Col. J. J. Sharples, officer commanding the Military Hospitals Command, and Col. Emmett T. Clark, assistant Director-General of supplies and transport, and conducted the party on a tour of thorough inspection through the composite cars and the ward car. The party came from Ottawa expressly to make the inspection, and subsequently expressed themselves delighted with the accommodation which they said was so perfect in every detail, that they could offer no suggestions for any alterations. In the evening Capt. Symonds, architect of the Military Hospitals Commission, and Mr. S. A. Armstrong, director of the Military Hospital Commission, made a similar tour of inspection. The cars will go into operation immediately.

TWO DIVORCE CASES IN SUPREME COURT

Mr. Justice Gregory Disposes of Both in One Sitting Yesterday

Before Mr. Justice Gregory in the Supreme Court yesterday two divorce trials were disposed of. The first to be heard by His Lordship was that of Kennedy versus Kennedy and Montgomery (co-respondent). Jack Joseph Kennedy, engaged as a motor mechanic, was married by the Rev. Dr. Campbell at "Broadalbane," in this city to Thelma Flannigan on the 16th of July, 1915.

During September last petitioner was called away for a couple of days. On his return he was unable to trace the whereabouts of his wife, and after the lapse of a week he discovered her at a questionable house. A separation agreement was the result in October, 1916, with an allowance to the wife of \$25 per month on the condition that she led a chaste life. One payment only was made and the balance was stopped on the grounds of certain reports to Kennedy as to the wife's conduct. A detective was engaged and the suspicions of the husband were confirmed and the association with co-respondent proved.

Albert John Omerod testified to the finding of Thelma Kennedy, the wife, at the Savoy rooms on the 28th October, 1916, with men, of which occasion liquor was freely indulged in. Further evidence adduced went to show that similar conduct on the part of the wife was repeated at the Fairfield Hotel in January last.

His Lordship granted a decree nisi (six months), with the costs against the co-respondent.

Gavillet vs. Gavillet and Ford. From the marriage of George Frederick Joseph Gavillet to Julia Ann Smith on the 19th of April, 1911, there were two children, Ivy and Suse Gavillet. The husband is a private in the 16th Gordon Highlanders, C. B. F. The wedding took place at Prince Albert,

Sask., and both wife and family came out to Victoria in April, 1916. The wife stayed here with her brother, while the husband returned to his battalion in Prince Albert. At this time the wife was in receipt of \$20 separation allowance, \$20 government allowance and \$24 from the Patriotic Fund.

When the husband had returned to Prince Albert he received an anonymous communication which hinted at certain "goings on" of his wife. Gavillet broke leave from his battalion, came to the coast and found the veiled charges to be true. He "squared up" with her and took one of his children, who was sick, for treatment to Seattle. On his return he was arrested by the Military Police, tried for desertion, and sentenced to six months in jail. The period of his incarceration being over he enlisted in the 56th Gordons in this city. The wife refused to take any of the petitioner's pay.

On the 19th of February of this year petitioner discovered his wife's whereabouts and found her living with Ford at Thistle Street. On this occasion he remarked with emphasis to Ford: "Aren't you man enough not to come between man and his wife and these little ones?" Ford replied: "I'm through with it, Pat," at the same time he pulled a razor and cut his throat. Mrs. Gavillet simultaneously throwing her arms around his neck and kissing him. Jennie Rendell, who lives at 2266 Thistle Street, gave evidence to the effect that she understood the respondent and co-respondent to be man and wife, and later discovered the contrary.

His Lordship granted a decree absolute, the custody of the children to rest with the father and the costs of the action against the co-respondent.

It will be recalled that in the County Court proceedings against Ford for attempted suicide, he pleaded guilty and was released on suspended sentence.

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Strong School Boots, the famous Leckie make, in black or oiled tan. Closing-out Sale prices: Sizes 1 to 5½, **\$3.95**. 11 to 13½, **\$3.45**. 8 to 10½, **\$2.95**

CHILDREN'S BOOTS
Button or Lacing Boots, in tan calfskin, solid leather soles, extra quality. Closing-out Sale prices: Sizes 3½ to 10½, **\$2.95**. 5 to 8, **\$2.45**

CHILDREN'S BOOTS
Patent Leather Button Boots, with grey or fawn tops. Sizes 2½ to 5, **\$1.50**. 5 to 8, **\$2.00**

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MANY PROMINENT MEN ARRIVE ON EMPRESS

List Included Count Kracitsky, Russian Diplomatic Party, Dr. Takamine and Others

The Canadian Pacific Ocean Services liner Empress of Russia docked at the Outer Wharf at 7.30 o'clock last night after having been held up at William Head for 28 hours.

Other Russians from Petrograd included Professor L. G. Gherman, Constantin Gherman and Nicolas S. Pedouloff.

United States. T. McDonald, representative of John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, has been touring through China and Japan for several months.

Dr. Jokichi Takamine, noted professor of chemistry, accompanied by Mrs. Takamine, is returning to New York after spending several months in Japan.

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CANADIAN SKIPPER IS RUSSIAN ADMIRAL

Capt. John L. Read Passed Through Victoria Last Night From Petrograd

Capt. John L. Read, a Prince Edward Islander, the first Canadian to hold the rank of admiral under the Russian admiralty and who is in charge of the ice-breaker service at Archangel and other Russian ports, was perhaps the most interesting passenger arriving by the liner Empress of Russia.

Capt. Read, it will be remembered, took the Canadian ice-breaker Minto from Halifax to Archangel, and following her arrival in the White Sea was instrumental in rescuing seven vessels which had been completely frozen in.

He sailed the J. D. Hazen out of Montreal December 23, and safely delivered the 4,900-ton vessel after a trip featured by several exciting experiences while crossing the Atlantic and the White Sea.

Accompanying Capt. Read were a number of his officers, but some of the original crew of the Hazen remained behind at Yokohama for the sailing of the next ship, as they were unable to

obtain accommodations on the Empress of Russia. Capt. Read is a cousin of Mr. Ephraim Read, secretary of the National Association of Marine Engineers, of Vancouver, and Mrs. H. C. Shaw, wife of the Vancouver Justice of the Peace.

CHINA WOULD GUARD GERMAN CONCESSION

Treaty Prevented Government Affording Military Protection at Tientsin

According to passengers arriving by the liner Empress of Russia one of the problems arising out of the rupture between China and Germany is the matter of military protection of the German concession at Tientsin.

The Chinese Government, therefore, applied to the Entente Powers for special permission to set aside the stipulation in regard to Tientsin.

All the German consular representatives have either left or are about to leave China. The German consul at Hankow and other consular officials sailed from Shanghai aboard a Dutch steamship for the United States.

The German minister and his staff was reported to have left Peking on March 24 to board the Dutch steamship Rembrandt at Woosung, from which point they were proceeding to the United States via Honolulu.

B. C. COAST SERVICE

VANCOUVER, daily at 3 and 11.45 p. m. SEATTLE, daily at 4.30 p. m. WEST COAST ROUTE—Clayoquot and way ports, 1st and 15th, at 11 p. m. HOLBERG and way ports, 7th and 20th, at 11 p. m.

Canadian Northern Railway

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8.00 A.M. SUNDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY, 9.00 A.M. SCENIC ROUTE BETWEEN VANCOUVER AND TORONTO, SHORT LINE TO EDMONTON AND PRAIRIE PORTS, NEW AND MODERN EQUIPMENT, ELECTRIC LIGHTED STANDARD AND TOURIST SLEEPERS, DINING AND LIBRARY OBSERVATION CARS.

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OFFICIAL TRIAL IS SET FOR TO-MORROW

The official trials of the new auxiliary schooner will be made to-morrow when the vessel will leave her berth in the Inner Harbor on a cruise that will take her to the entrance of the Straits.

TILLAMOOK ACQUIRED FOR G. T. P. SERVICE

Capt. C. H. Nicholson, manager of the G. T. P. Coast Steamship Service, on his return from San Francisco, announced the purchase of the power schooner Tillamook by the Grand Trunk Pacific.

AWAY ON FISHING TRIP.

The fishing schooner Jessie, Capt. O. Leary, is away on a fishing trip to the West Coast, proceeding as far north as Ahousat. She is expected to return toward the latter part of next week.

AND THE TIME; THURSDAY MORN AT 9 O'CLOCK

The fishing schooner Jessie, Capt. O. Leary, is away on a fishing trip to the West Coast, proceeding as far north as Ahousat.

We say: "This is a hard old world!"

"A STATE OF WAR"

The C. S. H. declared war on high prices in its opening announcement, and to-morrow's bargains show that this is a continuous policy.

"Shoes at Less Than Half Cost"

We don't believe in extravagant statements regarding price, but lest the above should be doubted we offer a \$100 cheque to the person who successfully refutes this claim regarding the first item in this advertisement (Satin Slippers).

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The windows are packed with bargains to-night. See the crowded windows that tell of big unheard-of shoe values.

Advertisement for C. S. H. shoes, featuring an image of a shoe and the text: 56 Pairs Ladies' \$3.50 Satin Pumps, in white, blue, green, grey, corn, etc. All American make by Guptil, Fox, etc., makers of national repute. Sizes run from 2 1/2 to 3 1/2. Per Pair 59 Cents A Pair

Advertisement for Ladies' Spats, featuring an image of a spate and the text: Ladies' Spats The last lot of all in these splendid dressy \$1.50 Spats. In white with black edging only. C. S. H. Thursday 39c

Advertisement for Sandals, featuring an image of a sandal and the text: Sandals The new Khaki Sandals on sale; up to 10s. Reg. \$1.75. 98c C. S. H. price. Polish Reg. 10c Jar of Polish; for 5c

Advertisement for 67 Pairs Ladies' High-Grade \$5.50 Pumps and Oxfords, featuring an image of a shoe and the text: 67 Pairs Ladies' High-Grade \$5.50 Pumps and Oxfords In Black Calif. Suede and Tan Calif. Made by E. C. Burt, New York. Sizes up to 2 1/2. C. S. H. price \$1.49

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**SUNDAY'S OUTBREAK
FANS AGITATION**

Saanich Council Is Compelled to Act in Fire Protection Matter, However Crudely

"It may be crude and inefficient, still it will be a start," said Reeve Borden at Saanich Council last evening in recommending that some apparatus should be secured for fire protection. Since December 31, when the agreement ceased with Victoria, the district has been unprotected, although recently an application has been made to the City Fire Wardens for a renewal of the agreement.

With his home a blackened ruin from the fire on Sunday morning, it was inevitable that Councillor Carey would raise the issue at the meeting. While thankful that his family had been spared, he contended that had there been a hose-reel available much might have been saved, since there was a hydrant near and plenty of helpers. After the city fire department had refused to attend, the loss of the building was inevitable.

Councillor Diggon pointed to the difficulty which would arise from the district's lack of good roads, and an adequate fire alarm system in attempting any efficient proposal. While they all sympathized with their colleague, being on a party line Councillor Carey had been unable for some time to communicate with the City Fire Department, and had to go to another phone because the wires were put out of commission by the fire. He was assured that whatever they did the insurance rates would not come down. He favored immediate organization of a fire prevention crusade, and declared he did not wish to be stampeded into a policy hurriedly.

Councillor Carey said he had no wish to stampede the Council unnecessarily, but the people of his district demanded some action.

While Councillor Henderson favored volunteer organizations, he pointed out it would be an expensive proposition to attempt to form an adequate organization, effective for fire fighting purposes, and necessarily expensive.

Councillor Jones said Chief Davis had opposed the arrangement which formerly existed. From his point of view, the Chief had good cause, as it left the protection of the city mill district, yet if they could convince the City Fire Wardens there was no question that the populous parts of Saanich Street hall in the city. From there George, Burnside, Douglas and Quadra Streets could all be reached.

The Reeve said it was easy to point out the difficulties which confronted the organization of a fire department in Saanich, and the disinclination of the City to enter into an agreement for partial protection. In view of the lack of road, fire alarms, etc., still a small beginning should be made, if not by the city aid, by self help. The three representatives of the rural wards, Councillors Somers, Pim and Tanner, each promised to co-operate in an immediate effort to provide facilities.

First the committee will wait on the City Fire Wardens to ask for definite information as to whether they would be willing to recommend a renewal of the agreement on any terms, and failing that report upon the purchase of a hose reel, etc., to be made to the Council.

FRIENDLY HELP MEETING

Rooms Will Be Closed From Thursday Until Tuesday of Next Week.

The regular meeting of the Friendly Help Society was held yesterday. As a result of its being the tag day for the Medical Convalescent Hospitals the meeting was not a large one; Mrs. William Grant presided, the city being represented by Alderman Cameron.

It was decided that in view of the Easter holidays occurring over the coming week-end, the rooms will be closed from Thursday until Tuesday following Easter Monday. A notice of a motion which will be considered at the June meeting was also read in which is contained a recommendation to change the financial year of the society from the end of February to the 31st of December.

The following donations were received in March: Cash, from the city; the Estate of the late Hon. W. Templeman, Edwin Johnson, Esq.; I. O. O. F., per J. Yorke, Esq.; Mrs. Herbert Kent, B. B. R., Friends, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Farver, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Gill (cards), Henry W. Driver, Gilbert D. Christie, J. E. Painter & Son, Hall & Walker, Clothing, from Mrs. W. H. Langley, Mrs. H. J. Scott, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Vicary, Mrs. J. G. Brown, Mrs. Proctor, Mrs. W. Wilson, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Burge, Mrs. Leigh, Mrs. Garesche, Mrs. E. Hamilton-Smith, Miss Lett-Smith, Mrs. Douglas, Mrs. Bagshawe, Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Solly, Miss Russell, Carpet, from Mrs. W. H. Langley; baby's crib, from Mrs. Watts; hats, from Madame le Marchant; vegetables, eggs, fish, meat, chicken, etc., from the stallholders in the market; fish, from Mrs. Spouse; seed potatoes, from Miss Lucy Angus; soap, from Mrs. Scriven.

French railways, on which some of our rolling stock is now being used, retain a curious trace of their origins. Contrary to the "rule" of the road, "Keep to the right," observed in the large majority of foreign countries, trains in France have always kept to the left, as in England. The pioneers of French railways were Englishmen (Sir Edward Brouin was chairman of the Chemin de Fer du Nord until 1898), and nearly all the engine drivers were for many years of the same nationality. These men followed the rules of the road they had reached at home, and passed them on to their French successors.—London Chronicle.

**MR. JUSTICE MURPHY
CAUTIOUS ON COSTS**

Approves Offer of Directors in Dominion Trust Liquidation Yesterday

The report of the recent meeting of the creditors of the Dominion Trust Company advanced the proceedings in connection with the liquidation when placed before Mr. Justice Murphy in the Vancouver Court yesterday. The meeting was held on the 2nd ultimo, at which the offer of the directors was approved by His Lordship, but left some details in the hands of the liquidator. He further gave permission to the liquidator to sell any lands or assets of the company that he saw fit with the approval of the inspectors and left the question of the liability of F. R. Stewart to be settled between the parties in the shape of a bond indemnifying Mr. Stewart against any loss in regard to preferred claims.

With reference to the oft-debated matter of counsel for the liquidator in the appeal in the insurance case before the Privy Council, this question came up again to-day on an application by George H. Cowan, K. C., for the appointment and the fees that were to be paid to them. His Lordship did not agree with certain suggestions as to fees and eventually gave leave to employ counsel at an aggregate cost of not more than \$5,000.

Mr. Lawson's Position.
Mr. Lawson, as solicitor for the creditors, was again anxious to drop out of the case on the ground that decisions might be given in matters of which he knew nothing. His Lordship settled this difficulty by appointing Mr. Lawson to continue the routine work, such as examining accounts and vouchers and so forth, and said that if he needed him in any application he would send for him.

With reference to the position of F. R. Stewart, Mr. Cowan said that he had expressed a desire to be indemnified against claims of wage-earners of the company which might be made against the directors, and it was pointed out to him that there was no liability on the part of the directors. Mr. F. R. Stewart then sent a communication to the liquidator asking an undertaking which would make the liquidator personally liable out of the assets of the company and he could not advise the liquidator to accept anything of that kind and even if he had the court would not have approved it.

So far as His Lordship was concerned, the only hesitation he had in making the offer of a rule of court was

the case of F. R. Stewart. It was finally decided, however, that a bond should be entered into to cover the phase of the question as relating to the indemnification of Mr. Stewart in the matter of claims for wages on the part of employees, which the court considered a sensible suggestion and F. R. Stewart expressed himself as satisfied with this.

Anxious About Costs.
So far as the fees in the appeal were concerned, His Lordship said they could not expect to handle the case for less than \$5,000, but that should be enough. "I do not know," said Mr. Justice Murphy, "who is the counsel, but I do want to know what it is going to cost." Supposing Mr. Martin takes the position that he will not appear for \$1,500, what are you going to do?" he asked.

Mr. Cowan said he wanted Mr. Martin in this case as he knew all the local circumstances and His Lordship said that his presence was highly desirable.

"What I do want to know," added His Lordship, "is that this is not going to cost \$30,000."

He would give the liquidator power to enter into a bargain with counsel up to \$5,000 and if he could not, then he could come back to the court again.

**VICTORIA LEADS IN
BRIGHT SUNSHINE**

Official Returns for March Show This City Ahead of Others

The following is the official report of the Victoria Observatory for the month of March, the returns covering all principal points in the province:

Victoria—Total amount of bright sunshine, 166 hours and 26 minutes, 22 hours above average; rain, 2.90 inches; snow, .39 inch; mean temperature, 49.1, 3.5 below average; highest temperature, 59.2 on 16th; lowest, 29.6 on 2nd; lowest on grass, 19 on 2nd; total recorded wind mileage, 14,390; highest hourly wind velocity, 46 S. W. on 29th.

Vancouver—Total amount of bright sunshine, 153 hours; rain, 3.39 inches; snow, 16.2 inches; mean temperature, 38; highest temperature, 54 on 17th; lowest, 24 on 1st.

Kamloops—Total amount of bright sunshine, 155 hours and 54 minutes; snow, 1.99 inch; mean temperature, 34; highest temperature, 53; lowest, 2.

Nanaimo—Total amount of bright sunshine, 155 hours; rain, 2.49 inches; highest temperature, 58 on 10th and 23th; lowest, 25 on 2nd.

New Westminster—Rain, 2.68 inches; snow, 15.7 inches; highest temperature, 54 on 16th; lowest, 20 on 1st.

Prince Rupert—Precipitation, 5.76 inches;

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mean temperature, 34; highest temperature, 59 on 8th; lowest, 21 on 2nd.

Atlin—Snow, 49 inch; mean temperature, 20; highest temperature, 35 on 17th; lowest, 19 below zero on 14th.

Dawson—Snow, 2.66 inches; snow on ground, 24 inches; mean temperature, 6; highest temperature, 39 on 18th and 31st; lowest, 24 below zero on 13th and 14th.

Penticton—Precipitation, .34 inch; highest temperature, 50 on 27th and 29th; lowest, 5 on 2nd.

Neelson—Snow, 10.5 inches; highest temperature, 46 on 15th; lowest, 9 on 2nd.

Grand Forks—Rain, 10 inch; snow, 14 inches; highest temperature, 48 on 22nd and 27th; lowest, 1 on 2nd.

Barcelonville—Snow, 22 inches; snow on ground, 4 feet 6 inches; mean temperature, 20; highest temperature, 37; lowest, 2.

Carleton Place—Highest temperature, 41 on 17th; lowest, 11 below zero on 2nd.

His dog was a fierce Airedale, which could whip, and had whipped every other bow-wow in the neighborhood. Then he clipped his coat. "Tee," he said to a friend, "the clipping was my own idea. I believe it made him look better, but it was very awkward for the dog." "How was that?" queried the friend. "Oh, the other dogs didn't know him. He'd had to fight them all over again."

**VICTORIA MERCHANTS
PETITION ROAD WORK**

Ask Saanich Council to Help in Delivering Supplies in District

A number of Victoria merchants delivering goods in Saanich drew the attention of Saanich Council last evening to a list of streets which ought to be improved in order to enable the delivery of goods to be facilitated from the City.

The streets particularly referred to were Burnside and Wilkinson Roads, and adjacent roads, Cloverdale Avenue, Maplewood Road, Camrose and Blenkinsop Roads, and S Street.

Councillor Diggon declared that the

better course would be to arrange among the councillors of the inner wards for a policy to gravel a number of roads from a central bunker by means of a uniform fund during the coming summer. He referred to what the Council had done at Parkdale with gravelled roads, and in view of the expense of rock, said it was desirable to use gravel.

The difficulty of securing gravel from a centrally located point was discussed, though Reeve Borden mentioned a desirable location at Swan Lake. The best gravel, considering also the question of transportation, comes now from the B. C. Electric Railway pit at Keating.

The Reeve advised careful consideration before any location was agreed upon for the bunkers, on account of economical distribution of material. It was decided that as far as the Council funds go, the Council will meet their wishes, and asks them to co-operate by reducing the loads in motor wagons, to avoid cutting up the roads with heavy traffic.

The following are the ward appropria-

tions from January 1 to March 24, 1917, in the different wards: Ward 1, \$1,122.70; Ward 2, \$532.39; Ward 3, \$350.89; Ward 4, \$403.09; Ward 5, \$399.74; Ward 6, \$54.38; Ward 7, \$753.84; general, \$240.46; summary, \$4,558.47.

Those of us who have difficulty in procuring even a pound of sugar from our obdurate grocers look with envy and wonder at the full basins of lump sugar on the tables of restaurants and tea-shops. One is not surprised to hear that customers occasionally transfer a few lumps to pocket or bag. Why don't these places follow the example of many French cafes, where a little packet of sugar (usually, before the war, containing four lumps) was supplied to each customer?

The customer then had the feeling that his sugar was bought and paid for, and he could take away what he didn't use with an easy conscience. I have, however, very rarely seen this done. It seems a simple method of economizing, and it has the merit of cleanliness. The tea-and-coffee-spotted lumps in the open sugar basin are not attractive.—London Chronicle.

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NEW BOOKS

The following new books have just been received by the Public Library:

FICTION.

Bottoms, Phyllis—Dark tower. 1916. Kippling, Rudyard—The night mail; a story of 2000 A.D. (together with extracts from the contemporary magazine in which it appeared). 1909. Giff. 17s-6d.

PHILOSOPHY.

Bridges, Horace J., ed.—Ethical movement, its principles and aims. 1912. Giff. 17s-6d.

RELIGION.

Allen, J. M.—Judaism's sceptre and Joseph's birthright; or the royal family and the many nations of Israel. 1902. Giff. 28s-9d-42d.

COOK AUGUSTA.

Cook Augusta—Divine calendar or studies in the Revelation from an Israelite standpoint. 3 vols. 1907. Giff. 28s-9d-42d.

HARRIS READER.

Harris, Reader—Lost tribes of Israel. 1909. Giff. 28s-9d-42d.

MARCHANT HENRY A.

Marchant, Henry A.—Monumental facts versus historical fictions. 1909. Giff. 28s-9d-42d.

PHILO-ISRAEL.

Philo-Israel—Geography of the gates. 1880. Giff. 28s-9d-42d.

PHILO-ISRAEL.

Philo-Israel—History of the house of Israel, how they were lost, and how they were found. 1901. Giff. 28s-9d-42d.

POOLE W. H.

Poole, W. H.—Anglo-Israel or the Saxons traced; or the lost tribes of Israel; in nine lectures. Giff. 28s-9d-42d.

ROBINSON A. K.

Robinson, A. K.—Predestination, as taught in the Bible and verified in history; a compilation showing the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel in the British race. 1885. Giff. 28s-9d-42d.

SICER THOMAS R.

Sicer, Thomas R.—Great affirmations of religion: an introduction to real religion not for beginners but for beginners again. Giff. 28s-9d-42d.

WILSON JOSEPH.

Wilson, Joseph—Lost ten tribes. 1913. Giff. 28s-9d-42d.

SOCIOLOGY.

Adams, Jane—Long road of woman's memory. 1916. 30s-6d-12s.

DEANS R. STORY.

Deans, R. Story—Notable trials: romances of the law courts. 1906. 34s-12s-6d.

TARBELL IDA MINERVA.

Tarbell, Ida Minerva—New ideals in business: an account of their practice and their effects upon men and profits. 1916. 21s-7d-7s.

USEFUL ARTS.

Bailey, Liberty Hyde—Manual of gardening: a practical guide to the making of home grounds and the growing of flowers, fruits and vegetables for home use. 1916. 6s-3s-12s.

BALLOU G. D'ESTIM.

Ballou, G. D'Estim—Seven essentials to life and health: a practical primary treatise on hygiene. 1909. 6s-3s-12s.

BISSON ROSE.

Bisson, Rose, Mary Swartz—Feeding the family. 1916. 6s-3s-12s.

FINE ARTS.

Fowler, Harold North—History of sculpture. 1916. 7s-7d-12s.

JESSOP GILBERT L.

Jessop, Gilbert L.—Outdoor sports: a complete guide to field and lawn games, swimming, rowing, minor outdoor sports, etc., giving the official regulations. 1912. 7s-7d-12s.

STANFORD CHARLES VILLIERS.

Stanford, Charles Villiers, and Forsyth, Cecil—History of music. 1916. 7s-7d-12s.

WHITE EDWARD ALBERT.

White, Edward Albert—Principles of floriculture. 1915. 7s-7d-12s.

LITERATURE.

Cunliffe, John William, ed.—Poems of the great war. 1916. 8s-12s-18s.

FRASER JOHN FOSTER.

Fraser, John Foster—Life's contrasts. 1908. 8s-12s-18s.

TAYLOR RABINDRANATH.

Taylor, Rabindranath—Fruit of suffering. 1916. 8s-12s-18s.

TRAVEL.

Canada Government—Department of the Interior, Yukon Territory, its history and resources. 1916. 9s-12s-18s.

HOWELL CHARLES FRASER.

Howell, Charles Fraser—Around the clock in Europe: a travel sequence. 1912. 9s-12s-18s.

SHKLOVSKY I. W.

Shklovsky, I. W.—In far northeast Siberia. 1916. 9s-12s-18s.

HISTORY.

Buswell, Leslie—Ambulance No. 10: personal letters from the front. 1916. 9s-12s-18s.

WHITNEY CASPAR.

Whitney, Caspar—What's the matter with Mexico? 1916. 9s-12s-18s.

FICTION.

Juvenile Books.

Fortescue, John William—Three pearls. 1916. 10s.

Perry, Stella George Stern—Go to sleep; bedtime tales that soothe to slumber and bring sweet dreams. 1911. 10s.

Non-fiction.

Baile, James—Ancient Assyria. 1915. (Peeps at many lands series.) 10s-12s-18s.

Dewey, Katharine Fay—Star people. 1923-8-16s.

Patten, William, ed.—Junior classics. 10 vols. 1912. 43s-12s-18s.

Robinson, Gertrude Ina—Little Miss Hollis. 1912. (Floral fancies series.) 10s-12s-18s.

Waghams, William B.—How man makes markets. 1917. 10s-12s-18s.

She considered it her duty to correct Tommy very frequently. Sometimes she let acts pass, but even when that margin there still remain so many occasions for the correction of Tommy that she was getting pretty tired of doing it. "Tommy," he said, "why do you scratch your head?" "Because nobody else knows just where it itches," said the little boy.

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The following replies are waiting to be called for:

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DIGGONS—We all have a soft spot in our heads at birth and some of us always retain it. Diggons Printing Co., 704 Yates Street. We can emboss your initials on any stationery in any color while you wait.

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HOCKING, James Bay plumber. Repairs, ranges connected, coils made. 345 St. James Street. Phone 3771L.

LAWN MOWERS ground, collected, delivered, H. Dandridge. Collection phone 2233.

FAIRALL'S REGAL BRAND ginger ale, the standard of excellence, 60 cents per dozen. Phone 212.

SPECIAL DANCE Thursday night. Connaught Hall. Ladies free, gent 50c.

SHIPPARDS' AND METAL TRADERS HELPFULS' FEDERATION—Owing to Easter holidays, the meeting announced for 7th inst. will be postponed till Saturday, 14th.

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HIGHEST PRICES PAID for old cars of any make, lemons, limousines and dead ones. Phone, between 3 and 4 p. m., 270.

DON'T FORGET Connaught holiday dances.

WHITE WYANDOTTE EGGS for hatching. No. 1 pen, 40c; No. 2, 45c; No. 3, 50c; best laying strain. Apply 242 Gorge Road. Phone 321R.

FOR SALE—1,300 ft. 1/2-in. galvanneal pipe; 1 power drill, 2-speed, 45c; Vermont wheel, suitable for machine shop, \$39; Ducrest stump puller, with 200 ft. cable 1/2 in., 2 chockers, 25c; wheel, 15c. Alaska Junk Co., Phone 3702, Cormorant and Store Streets.

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FOR SALE—Horse, wagon and harness, 1300, best horse in town for sale. Store Street.

NICELY FURNISHED housekeeping rooms front, clean, modern, ground floor; reasonable rent; daily only. 634 Garbally Road, close to Douglas, phone 3751R.

WANTED—For part time daily, responsible man for office work; must be good typewriter, quick at figures, write clearly, and understand handling and keeping cash account. Reply, full particulars, references, etc., to Box 539, Times.

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FOR RENT—Small cottage, with chicken houses, etc., Saanich, B. Box 93, Times.

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STRONG YOUNG WOMAN wanted, living near city limits. Quads, for morning's work daily. Apply by letter, stating wages required, Herrington, 235 Stevenson Place.

WE ARE SELLING all colors of Bepco kaolin in 5-lb. pkgs. for 40c., and alabaster for 50c., oil stain in 5c. tins and 2c. for quart; varnish stain in 3c. tins and 2c. for quart. Just what you need for house cleaning. People's Cash Hardware, 611 Fort Street, or Fernwood Hardware, 207 Fernwood Road.

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HOW ARE THESE PRICES for poultry netting? Four ft. wide, 2-inch mesh, at \$5.00 for a 50-yard roll; 3 ft. wide at \$6.00; and 6 ft. wide at \$7.00. At People's Cash Hardware, 611 Fort Street, or Fernwood Hardware, 207 Fernwood Road.

POINTED SHOES, with long handles, at 75c.; spades, with long or short handles, at \$1.00; digging forks, with long or short handles, at 75c.; rakes, from 50c. up; hoes, from 50c. up. At People's Cash Hardware, 611 Fort Street, or Fernwood Hardware, 207 Fernwood Road.

FOR SALE—Three 1-ton motor trucks. Can be seen at 742 Pembroke Street.

FOR SALE—Douglas motorcycle, in good order. Phone 285.

GLENGARRY, 316 Cook. Furnished apartments to rent.

LOST—Brindle Scotch terrier puppy. Reward. Telephone J. A. Mara, 50 Fernwood Road.

FOR SALE—Handsome upright piano, cheap, \$7 monthly. 1817 Quadra.

TWO FURNISHED housekeeping rooms to let, centrally located. Phone 4691R.

WANTED—Girl for office work. Apply Victoria Fuel Co., 1231 Broad Street.

OWNER FORCED TO SACRIFICE—Five-room house, Chandler Avenue, fully modern, price \$1,100, terms; 5-room house, low taxes, price \$1,100, terms. Campbell Bros., 107 Government Street, Phone 3474.

WE SPECIALIZE IN EXCHANGING—Wanted, 5 or 6 roomed house, modern, clear title lot as first payment. Campbell Bros., 107 Government Street.

WANT TO SEE A CROWD? The C. B. H. windows are loaded up with a crowd-attracting lot of unprecedentedly cheap bargains to-night. C. B. H. Terry's old stand, 76 Fort Street.

MICHELIN CYCLE TIRES are made from the very finest of France rubber and are full of springy life and long wear. Our new stock has just arrived. Let us fit your machine. We also sell the well-known Dunlop and other makes. Plimmer's Cycle Store, 611 Water Street.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

Council of Board of Trade Holds Final Meeting on Tuesday Next

Preparatory to the clearing up of the business of the Victoria Board of Trade for the past year, the Council will meet on Tuesday morning next when arrangements will be made for the annual general meeting, scheduled to take place on Friday, the 13th instant. In conformity with the custom of previous years it is hoped that a member of the Provincial Government will be present at the annual meeting for the purpose of replying to the report of the Board covering its activities for the past twelve months.

An invitation was sent to the Honorable the Premier some time ago to which Mr. Brewster replied that pressure of business would prevent his presence, he hoped, however, it would be possible for one of his colleagues to be present on that occasion in his stead. For the past 15 years a function of the annual meeting has been the address from a member of the Government. It is expected that this occasion will be so favored and the continuity of the practise assured.

WELCH'S PROFITS SEVEN MILLIONS

Approximate Sum Made by Owners of Pacific Great Eastern Line

STATEMENT FROM WELCH DEMANDED BY COMMITTEE

Contractor-Owners Gathered in Forty-Three Per Cent. of What Province Paid

Legislative Press Gallery, April 4.

A statement put in before the P. G. E. committee this morning by one of Price, Waterhouse & Co.'s auditors would indicate that Patrick Welch—otherwise Foley, Welch & Stewart, owners of the Pacific Great Eastern railway—made a profit of over seven and one-half million dollars out of building so much of the road as has been completed.

The statement is only approximate, but it allows every latitude to the contractor, and takes no account of his profits on supplies and commissariat furnished to sub-contractors and station-men, which must have been very large, these being allowed to go against his overhead expenses.

Audit of Books.

The matter before the committee was the carrying out of an audit of Welch's books, in order that an accurate statement of his profits could be obtained. This has been talked over several times, as to the method to be followed. The statement produced may be taken as closely correct.

There was earned by Welch, as shown by engineers' estimates, \$17,564,797.04, and by station-men and sub-contractors, on engineers' estimates, \$9,321,049.94. Deducting from the difference \$398,729.29 for payments made to sub-contractors and adding \$34,000 as the amount representing alleged over-payments on freight for track material, the difference is \$7,681,997.90.

This would represent Welch's profits on the portion of the contract which he has carried out to November 30, 1915.

Immense Difference.

Mr. Townsend produced a statement which had been prepared from the books and documents before the committee, and with the assistance of witnesses formerly from the P. G. E. chief engineer's office. This showed that the total approximate net difference between the amounts received by P. G. E. Welch up to November 30, 1915, when the guarantee money was exhausted, and the average amounts earned by station-men, sub-contractors and P. G. E. Welch for work done by day labor, amounted to \$7,681,997.90.

This, Mr. Townsend said, gave Welch every leeway, included no profits earned by him on commissariat and stores, and did not include Welch's general expenses.

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Sub-contractors' Profits.

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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Little Work for the Legislative Committee This Session, Apparently.

Legislative Press Gallery, April 4.

The Opposition show no desire to go into any of the public accounts which are before the Public Accounts Committee, and at the meeting of that body held this forenoon an adjournment to the call of the chair had to be taken for want of business.

Chairman F. A. Pauline, Secretary Frank H. Mobley, J. E. W. Thompson, R. H. Pooley and Dr. K. C. Macdonald were not present.

There are many matters into which the Liberal members of the committee might probe, respecting the accounts of the late Government, which as no good purpose could be served now, and it might savor of rubbing it in, it is not likely that any papers will be asked for by them. If, however, any member of the committee wants something opened up the committee can be called together at short notice.

THREE MEN BACK

Returned Soldiers Arrive by Afternoon Boat From Vancouver.

Three returned soldiers came back to-day, Ptes. Hill, Hendon and Davis. They were met at the wharf and conducted to the Convalescent's headquarters at Esquimalt.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

DO YOU WANT HONEY? The challenge of the C. S. H. gives on page 12 will not be taken up, for the simple reason that we are actually selling \$2.00 American slippers to-morrow for 50c. a pair. The Cash Shoe House, Terry's old stand, 76 Fort Street.

MACCABER—Special meeting of Victoria Review will be held in Knights of Pythias Hall, North Park Street, April 7, at 2.30. Arrangements for rally.

WANTED—Three men and three boys, Apply B. A. Paint Co., Ltd.

EDWIN C. BURT'S SHOES, \$1.49. These shoes are every pair Goodyear welted, sold (old prices) at \$2.50 a pair, spot cash, are in sizes up to 11; 6 pairs of them go on sale at 9 o'clock Thursday morning at the C. S. H. See page 12 for details.

CATERPILLER TENANTS desire cheap, furnished or unfurnished, house with garden, state size and rent. Box 882, Times.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—100 acres of the best land in Bulkley Valley, B. C. Clear title; price \$1500. Would consider good auto as part payment. Box 941, Times.

EXCELSIOR MOTORCYCLE, single, clutch, headlights, etc. \$40. Call 1341; Park street avenue.

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BORN
THOMAS—At Barrie, Ont., on March 27, 1917, to Capt. M. W. Thomas, C. A. M. C., and Mrs. Thomas, of Victoria, B. C., a son.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP
NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership heretofore subsisting between the undersigned, as "John P. Matthews Candy Company," in the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All debts owing to the said partnership are to be paid to Hedley Craven at 1290 Langley Street, in the said City of Victoria, and all claims against the said partnership are to be presented to the said Hedley Craven, by whom the same will be settled.
Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 31st day of March, 1917.
JOHN P. MATTHEWS,
HEDLEY CRAVEN.
Witness: GEORGE EUSTATHION.

WELCH'S PROFITS SEVEN MILLIONS

Approximate Sum Made by Owners of Pacific Great Eastern Line

STATEMENT FROM WELCH DEMANDED BY COMMITTEE

Contractor-Owners Gathered in Forty-Three Per Cent. of What Province Paid

Legislative Press Gallery, April 4.

A statement put in before the P. G. E. committee this morning by one of Price, Waterhouse & Co.'s auditors would indicate that Patrick Welch—otherwise Foley, Welch & Stewart, owners of the Pacific Great Eastern railway—made a profit of over seven and one-half million dollars out of building so much of the road as has been completed.

The statement is only approximate, but it allows every latitude to the contractor, and takes no account of his profits on supplies and commissariat furnished to sub-contractors and station-men, which must have been very large, these being allowed to go against his overhead expenses.

Audit of Books.

The matter before the committee was the carrying out of an audit of Welch's books, in order that an accurate statement of his profits could be obtained. This has been talked over several times, as to the method to be followed. The statement produced may be taken as closely correct.

There was earned by Welch, as shown by engineers' estimates, \$17,564,797.04, and by station-men and sub-contractors, on engineers' estimates, \$9,321,049.94. Deducting from the difference \$398,729.29 for payments made to sub-contractors and adding \$34,000 as the amount representing alleged over-payments on freight for track material, the difference is \$7,681,997.90.

This would represent Welch's profits on the portion of the contract which he has carried out to November 30, 1915.

Immense Difference.

Mr. Townsend produced a statement which had been prepared from the books and documents before the committee, and with the assistance of witnesses formerly from the P. G. E. chief engineer's office. This showed that the total approximate net difference between the amounts received by P. G. E. Welch up to November 30, 1915, when the guarantee money was exhausted, and the average amounts earned by station-men, sub-contractors and P. G. E. Welch for work done by day labor, amounted to \$7,681,997.90.

This, Mr. Townsend said, gave Welch every leeway, included no profits earned by him on commissariat and stores, and did not include Welch's general expenses.

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BOUGHT B.C.E. STOCK

OWING NO COMPETITION

J. A. Mara, One of Largest Stock-Holders, Tells Committee Why He Invested

Legislative Press Gallery, April 4.

The evidence of J. A. Mara, a well-known citizen of the capital, one of the best known of the old-timers of B. C., a former Speaker of the House, ex-member of the House of Commons and chairman of the old civil service commission of the province, was produced by the B. C. Electric Railway Company before the private bills committee this morning in an endeavor to show that investors buying stock and bonds of the company did so feeling that they were protected from Vancouver city's competition.

Mr. Mara said that he was aware of the existence of the clauses in the Vancouver charter which state that the city cannot compete with the B. C. Electric in the light and power business until it has first bought out the company's plant and light system in that city at an arbitrary price. He had great faith in Vancouver, he said, and believing the B. C. Electric offered a gilt-edged investment he commenced buying stock in it in 1906, continuing until 1913, when he had 4,776 shares of the par value of one pound each.

"I knew of the existence of these clauses. They gave weight in my mind to the fact that the company would be protected against competition inaugurated by a radical council," said Mr. Mara. "I had always felt that municipal competition was a danger to most companies, as municipally-owned enterprises are extravagantly run and are accompanied by wire-pulling. The municipal corporations, however, have a long record of protection given by these clauses the B. C. Electric would go to the wall in the event of municipal competition."

Mr. Mara was heard at considerable length and the matter will be taken up again to-morrow.

INLAND FISHERIES TO BE DEVELOPED

New Industry to Be Started Under Regulations Approved by Dominion Government

A new fishing industry will be opened in British Columbia which will not only provide profitable employment for hundreds of men but will furnish the average dinner table with a supply of toothsome fresh-water fish.

Already many applications for licenses have been received by the Provincial Government for men who know the great fresh-water lakes of the interior and who are preparing to engage in the fisheries. Final ratification by the Ottawa authorities of the proposed fishery regulations which have been drawn up by the Provincial authorities, was received at the fishery department this morning.

The question of opening up these great fresh-water fisheries for the people of the Province has harassed successive administrations both at Victoria and at Ottawa, and has led to protracted legislation which went all the way to the Privy Council. Now at last a proper basis of compromise has been reached whereby these fisheries will be made available for the public under a mutual arrangement between the two governments.

Administered Here.

Under the new arrangement, although the control of the Dominion Government will be formally recognized, the actual administration will take place at Victoria under J. P. Babcock, the Provincial Fishery Director. Licenses will be issued by that official at a nominal figure, probably \$1, to all who desire to engage in fishing in the great inland waters of British Columbia.

The public in the Coast cities have little idea of the enormous magnitude of the great inland lakes of the Province, nor of the wealth of fresh water fish which they contain. The building of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railroad has opened up a way to many of these lakes, including Babine Lake, Gotsa Lake, Stuart Lake, Tremblay Lake and a host of other lakes whose total area will run into many hundreds of thousands of acres. Neerer home, of course, are Pitt and Harrison Lakes.

Teeming With Fish.

These large inland waters are reputed to be teeming with fish, principally white fish and char. Efforts were made to start commercial fishing ten years or more ago only to result in the discovery that a conflict of jurisdiction existed between the Dominion and Provincial Governments.

Long Under Negotiation.

The dispute arose in this wise. The British North America Act, which lays down the matters over which the Dominion and the Provinces shall exercise exclusive jurisdiction states, "the exclusive legislative authority of the Parliament of Canada extends to sea coast and inland fisheries." The Provincial Government when it attempted to administer the inland fisheries was met with the above statement in black and white in the British North America Act.

For years the dispute raged and it was practically settled on a friendly basis at the time the late Hon. Mr. Frontenac, Minister of Marine and Fisheries in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Government, came to an unexpected death while holidaying in Paris. When Sir Robert Borden was called to office the Provincial Government renewed its efforts to secure the administration of the inland fisheries.

It is said, however, that Hon. Mr. Hazen proved to be even more difficult to deal with than his predecessors in office, and the whole matter finally ran through the courts, and was the subject of a Privy Council decision in the year 1914.

Securing Approval.

The Privy Council decision is an interesting example of an effort to harmonize the strict letter of the law with the principles of common sense, though even one eminent member of that tribunal fell so far a victim to the literal wording of the phrase "sea coast and inland fisheries" that he treated "sea coast" as a compound noun and not as an adjective. Counsel for the Province had argued that the inland fisheries referred to must be read in conjunction with "sea coast," and must refer to the coast fisheries which extend inland through the inland arms of the sea. The law lords took a more literal view. They held that while—outside of the Dominion railway belt—all the lands and waters, the beds of the lakes and the fish in the lakes belong to the Province, that the administration of the fisheries just as clearly, under their reading of the British North America Act, is exclusively vested in the Dominion of Canada.

LOCAL NEWS

Raffle for Doll and Carriage given by Millicent Umbach in aid of Patriotic Society, will be drawn on Thursday, April 5, at 3 o'clock. Rooms Patriotic Rooms.

Have You Seen the seven-jeweled wrist-watches, with unbreakable fronts, sold for \$5.00 each, by F. L. Haynes, 1124 Government Street. They're unequalled.

Eggs Special at Wiper's—Thursday and Saturday only K. Mixture, 20c per lb.; regular price, 30c. same price quality as before the war. We have a large variety of chocolate and sugar Easter eggs, 5 cents up to one dollar each. There is a great demand for sugar Easter eggs and having a considerable number of orders now on hand we would ask the public to place their orders as early as possible to enable us to deal with them. We guarantee them to be absolutely pure, so they can be given to the youngest child with safety. Fourteen gold and silver medals and numerous diplomas were awarded to Wiper's for excellence and purity of their manufactures.

Another Ward Open—The number of men returned from the front who are being sent to Resthaven from time to time is continually increasing, since it has been found necessary to open an additional ward, preparations for which had already been made. About one hundred and fifty men are now undergoing treatment there.

Action Started—An action has been started claiming damages in the sum of \$400,000 by the Pacific Coast Coal Mines, Limited (non-personal liability) against the Wellington Colliery Company, Limited, and the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), Limited, for the flooding of plaintiff's coal mine. The writ has been issued by Eberts & Taylor.

Caribee Convention Called—A convention of Liberals of the federal riding of Cariboo is to be held in Kamloops on May 16 for the purpose of selecting a candidate to contest that seat in the House of Commons at the general election. It will be remembered that Joseph Martin, K. C., who was nominated last year, retired from the candidacy just before he made his last retreat to the Imperial legislative halls.

May Recommend Change—An application was made to the mining committee this morning on behalf of Freche's Complex Ore Reduction Co., Ltd., for an amendment making clearer the repayment of the guaranteed securities which the province undertook last season to back to the amount of \$40,000. It is provided that all the earnings of the company, whose works are at Nelson, shall be applied in payment of the interest and principal of the guarantees. The bank interprets this to be the gross earnings, less an allowance for management, but the company states that it was understood with the late Government that it was to be net earnings. The committee expressed its willingness to recommend the amendment of the act if the company can show anything in writing corroborating its assertion.

BASEBALL RESULTS.

Pacific Coast.

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At San Francisco—Vernon 6, San Francisco 15.

At Salt Lake City—Portland 9, Salt Lake 5.

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Read This After the War News

The Nigger in the Woodpile

There Are Two Sides To Every Story

Analysis of the broadsides issuing daily from the headquarters of the eight "altruistic" dentists, the gentlemen who are buying newspaper space by the yard purely and simply "in the best interests of the general public" and not in the least—most certainly not—in their own personal interests, discloses that the sum and substance of their complaint is this: that by various means the B. C. Dental Council limits as far as possible the number of practicing dentists in British Columbia for the pecuniary benefit of the dentist body in this province, thus constituting a "dental trust."

This allegation is contained in four principal statements which, if true, would go some distance to support the contention. But they are not true, and their reiteration in bigger and bigger type day by day does not make them any less untrue.

THE ALLEGATIONS

(1) "The number of dentists licensed to practice in British Columbia is less, in proportion to population, than any other Province of Canada or in any state of the United States."

(2) "Licenses to practice dentistry are granted only on the passing of examinations which are held by the Council only semi-annually."

(3) "Is there any reason why a dentist operating under a license of the Dominion Dental Council in Halifax, St. John, Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary or Edmonton, should be denied the right to practice in British Columbia?"

(4) "In British Columbia the percentage of candidates who failed to pass on the examinations controlled by the B. C. Dental Council during the past five years is from 80 to 85 per cent."

THE ACTUAL FACTS.

(1) The number of dentists practicing in British Columbia per capita is second only to the number practicing in Ontario. The number of practicing dentists in Canada per capita is 1 to 4,200; in Ontario, 1 to 2,800; in British Columbia, 1 to 2,800.

(2) The examinations are held by a board of examiners appointed by the Government. The papers and answers are on file at the Government offices and are open for inspection. Any unfairness would, therefore, be promptly exposed.

(3) The B. C. Dental Council has expressed its willingness to accept Dominion Dental Council qualifications and is asking the necessary power of the Provincial Government, following negotiations extending over the last two years.

(4) Over forty per cent. of all applicants have been granted registration in the past five years, a percentage that compares favorably with those of other provinces and states.

Asserting that more dentists are needed for the rural districts the "altruists" demand that temporary permits be granted to graduates of approved colleges, but—

They require that the dentist holding such a permit is to be allowed to practice only in the office of a registered dentist. This might enable registered dentists in the cities to make money out of the work of unlicensed assistants, who can be obtained at less than half the salaries paid to registered men, but it would not send dentists out of the country districts.

This series of statements is published by the authority of a special committee representing the B. C. Dental Society, the Vancouver Dental Society, the Victoria Dental Society and the B. C. College of Dental Surgeons.

BOTH DETERMINED

Interesting Argument in Supreme Court Chambers Continued This Morning.

Further progress was made in Supreme Court Chambers this morning before Mr. Justice Gregory in the matter of the Wellington Colliery Company against the Pacific Coast Coal Mines. Reference was made to this case in Saturday's issue of The Times, in which was recorded the decision, before Mr. Justice Morrison to hold the Chamber application on Friday last was made by H. B. Robertson for the Plaintiff for leave to examine an officer of the defendant company.

Mr. Taylor for the Defendants objected to this being granted unless it was accompanied by two conditions. The first one was access to a report of the King, and the second that Mr. Fleming, of the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), Limited, submit to examination more or less the same ground, including the citation of several cases.

Mr. Robertson was equally persistent that his application be granted and Mr. Taylor likewise kept after the privileged document. It was quite clear to His Lordship that Mr. Robert-

OAK BAY TAX SALE

Statutory Notices Sent to Tax-Payers Who Are Delinquent.

The municipality of Oak Bay will hold a tax sale in the near future. Advance notices to this effect have been sent to those who are in arrears.

No particulars regarding the holding of the sale have as yet announced, the date itself not having been settled. It is surmised, however, that it will take place during the early part of the summer. In all cases of this kind it is necessary to give notice three months in advance of the date on which the sale is to be held. The statute sets the interval of time during which the proceedings can be completed up between July 15 and October 15.

Demand Phoenix Stout. Home produced.

Personal

W. E. Ditchburn, chief inspector of Indian agencies, left for Ottawa this afternoon. He expects to be absent about six weeks. While at Ottawa he will confer with the heads of his department with regard to matters affecting the Indian policy in British Columbia.

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J. O. Windroos, late assistant manager of the C. P. R. Hotel at Quebec, the Chateau Frontenac, arrived from the East this afternoon to take over the management of the Empress Hotel here. The retiring manager, Arthur Beattie, leaves to-morrow for his appointment to manage the hotel at Banff for the summer.

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ACCOMPANIED MEN FROM QUEBEC HERE

Capt. Key and Nurse Matthews Cross Continent With Wounded Tommies

Delighted to exchange the green fields of Vancouver Island for the deep snows of Quebec, Nurse Grace Matthews and Captain J. A. Key, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon having crossed the Rockies for the first time during the week-end in charge of returning warriors who reached the Capital on yesterday's boat. Both Captain and Nurse are attached to the Military Hospital at Quebec City, and left there a few days ago in charge of one hundred and fifty men who had arrived at the Atlantic port from England.

It was necessary that a medical attendant and a nursing sister accompany the train, in view of the fact that at least forty of the party were in need of constant medical attention, dressings and the like. Miss Matthews was loud in her praise of the patience of the Tommies on the long and tedious journey across the continent, and while there were no very serious cases from the medical point of view, it was necessary for careful watch to be maintained in the one or two cases of severe shell shock.

At every stopping place the men were kindly greeted by members of the various associations represented at the stations. The setting down of parties at Winnipeg, Regina and Calgary being the signal for warm mani-

festations of goodwill on the part of the populace assembled at the depot.

Miss Matthews stated to the Times that about thirty nursing sisters from the Province of Quebec had already gone overseas and that she was looking forward to the day when fortune should smile upon her. She was continually answered by the powers that be, on her insistence that she be sent on service overseas, that when the enlistment would warrant it she would be sent. Miss Matthews rather diffidently referred to recruiting in Quebec and while advancing no apology for the lagging behind, she declared it was not only annoying to the fighting men of the other provinces, but seriously hindering her from getting her own marching orders.

She had heard of Victoria, of its sunny skies, its green fields, and its Christmas roses—all of which the Times was able to confirm—while she graciously accepted the apology for the weather man's behavior on the one whole day she had chosen to spend here. Both Captain Key and the nursing sister are leaving again for the east on this evening's boat, reporting for duty at Quebec at the earliest possible moment.

SPIES AT WASHINGTON.

Washington, April 4.—The significance of President Wilson's warning of German spies, "even in our offices of Government," became apparent yesterday when it was learned that on several occasions trails of the German secret service have been discovered within some of the most closely guarded precincts of the executive department.

Although officials do not believe that access has been gained by the foreign agents to any information of great importance, they are convinced that not even the State Department has been free from invasion. No evidence on which prosecutions can be based has been found, it is said, but enough has been revealed to prompt precautions.

LEFT REMINDERS



THE VON BERNSTORFF MOTH HAD AMPLE TIME TO LAY ITS EGGS.

GERMAN PLOTTERS BEING CURBED IN SOUTHERN STATES

Birmingham, Ala., April 4.—Reports that German agents are making efforts in the Southern states, particularly in the tobacco and cotton belt, to incite the negroes against the United States Government, were confirmed here to-day by local Federal Agents. These officials announced that steps already have been taken to curb these activities.

ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL PASSED TO-DAY BY AMERICAN HOUSE

Washington, April 4.—The army appropriation bill for 1917, carrying \$200,000,000, was passed by the House to-day in less than half an hour, in exactly the same form as it passed the House in the last session of Congress. Amendments to bring the total of the bill to \$270,000,000 were ignored in the interest of speed.

ENTENTE MISSION TO UNITED STATES

London, April 4.—The Westminster Gazette says that an important political mission will start for the United States as soon as possible to discuss the work of co-operating in the war.

AEROPLANE LOSSES.

London, April 4.—Only once since the beginning of the Somme battle have the monthly losses of aeroplanes on the Western front exceeded those officially recorded in March.

Last month the losses numbered 262, if the German figures of French losses be included in the absence of complete French figures. The British acknowledged 53. The French, according to the German figures, lost 71. The German losses, based on British and French daily communiqués, were 132.

The British airmen accounted for 34 German machines and the French secured 19.

The French veteran, Guynemor, still keeps his pride of place. He now has 35 enemy aeroplanes to his credit.

DIED IN TORONTO.

Toronto, April 4.—Rev. W. F. Wilson, pastor of the Elm Street Church, and one of the best-known Methodist ministers in the Dominion, died last evening of pneumonia. He was Grand Chaplain of the Grand Orange Lodge of British North America.

ABUSING FREE SPEECH.

German propagandists are again flooding the mails with anonymous articles attacking the United States Government as a partizan to the Allied cause. While the letters, circulars and pamphlets bear no printer's name nor anything else that might give a clue to the origin of the propaganda, every effort should be made to run down the offenders and inflict adequate punishment. Some of the letters that are going through the mails frankly admit their origin; and in these cases, where a clear effort is made to divide the nation, prosecutions should ensue. Indecent letters and literature are barred from the mails and the statutes provide heavy penalties for those guilty of such offences. Adequate penalty should be provided at once for seditious use of the mails, as well as for seditious utterances. Persons who attack the Government are public enemies and should be punished.—Washington Post.

She—"To think that you once declared that you would love me as long as you lived. And now, hardly married a year, you care nothing at all about me." He—"But, you see, when I told you I would love you as long as I lived I wasn't feeling very well, and I really didn't think I should live long."

At one of the suburban restaurants a waiter, laden with a tray containing tea and muffins for twelve, observing a customer making a bolt before the bill was paid, roared out to his brother attendant: "Run, run, Bob. There's two teas and a glass of brandy and water going out of the door—catch him."

GERMANY'S ANSWER TO AMERICAN NOTE ABOUT TREATIES

Washington, April 4.—Germany's reply to the American note which refused to accept the interpretation of the old Prussian Treaties of 1799 and 1828 because of Germany's "flagrant violations" of the treaties, contains almost no argument in refutation of the American contentions, but states that Germany will live up to that part of the treaty dealing with Americans in Germany.

DRESDEN PEOPLE ARE ABOUT TO EAT ELEPHANT

Berlin, April 4.—Elephant steak soon will be an available delicacy for the epicures of Dresden, according to a report received here. Jumbo, the giant trick elephant there, has come under the butcher's cleaver and Dresden's meat supply has been increased two tons thereby. A well-known "meat tavern" acquired Jumbo's carcass for 9,000 marks (about \$2,250), and a telegram to the Berlin Gazette concludes: "The flesh will be made serviceable for human nutrition."

BORDEN SPEAKS OF WILSON'S ADDRESS

London, April 4.—Speaking to a representative of the Canadian Associated Press, Sir Robert Borden said: "President Wilson's message to the American Congress is a most forcible and convincing exposition of the considerations upon which he invites Congress to declare that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany. It is, moreover, a splendid and worthy vindication of the cause for which the Allies took up arms in defence of civilization and humanity."

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Aberdeen, Wash., April 4.—Charles Anderson, a retired rancher, aged 66, shot and killed his wife at their home in Ocoosa, 15 miles west of here, this morning, and then ended his own life. Mrs. Anderson was shot while she was standing in the yard, Anderson using a rifle. Then he went into the house and killed himself. No reason is known for the crime. The couple had six children, all living. Anderson attempted to kill his 14-year-old son, but the lad fled from the house and escaped.

HIGHEST IN CHICAGO SINCE "OLD HUTCH" THERE

Chicago, April 4.—Wheat went to \$2 a bushel here to-day, the highest price ever paid on a normal market. The quotation was on May wheat and sales were made at that figure right after the opening of the Board of Trade.

CHICAGO WHEAT AND CORN CONTINUED TO SOAR

Chicago, April 4.—The wheat market opened with renewed strength after the holiday, May passing the two-dollar mark at the opening with a range of 40-200. July and September opened with two points advance. The market, after holding steady during the early hours, reacted about midday, May declining to 196, which was its low for the day. Later, however, the market steadily climbed, May again passing the two-dollar mark and closing strong around 202.

Table with columns: Wheat, Corn, Minneapolis, etc. showing prices and trends.

VICTORIA STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing various stocks and their prices, including Blackbird Syndicate, Canada Copper Co., etc.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Table listing cotton market prices for various grades and origins.

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MONTREAL STOCKS

Table listing Montreal stock prices for various companies like Amies Holden, Canadian Pacific, etc.

NEW YORK MARKET

Table listing New York market prices for various commodities like Cuba Cane Sugar, etc.

Table listing various stock prices under the heading 'High Low' and 'Close'.

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, April 4.—The result of the strength in wheat here in the early part of the session was seen when a heavy rush of short covering appeared in the last minutes and found the market void of interest. May gained 2 1/2, July 2 and October 1/2. Oats closed down 1/4 for May and October and up 1/4 for July. Barley gained 1/4. Flax closed unchanged. Continued buying by a big commission house kept wheat firm in the face of big profit taking sales and short selling.

NEW YORK CURB PRICES

Table listing New York curb prices for various commodities like Ariz. Copperfields, etc.

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WHAT ATHLONE WOMEN DID.

The Irish "have a way with them" that quite often proves irresistible. The women of Athlone, true daughters of the soil, used their persuasive powers so effectively, the other day, as completely to rout a party of farmers who threatened to take their potatoes home with them again unless they were paid more than the regulation 8s. per cwt. They also wanted 3s. a dozen for eggs. But Athlone was roused and the farmers were sent home without their potatoes and without a penny more than 18d. for each dozen eggs. "Peaceful persuasion," one paper terms it, but since it puts the words in inverted commas, it is to be presumed that it has its doubts.—Christian Science Monitor.

What we think causes more indignation than what we eat.

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Dr. Eberis and Dr. Braithwaite as well as Dr. Simon—all distinguished authors—agree that whatever may be the disease, the urine seldom fails in furnishing us with a clue to the principles upon which it is to be treated, and accurate knowledge concerning the nature of disease can thus be obtained. If backache, scalding urine or frequent urination bother or distress you, or if uric acid in the blood has caused rheumatism, gout or sciatica, or you suspect kidney or bladder trouble just write Dr. Pierce at the Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N.Y.; send a sample of urine and describe symptoms. You will receive free medical advice after Dr. Pierce's chemist has examined the urine—this will be carefully done without charge, and you will be under no obligation. Dr. Pierce during many years of experimentation has discovered a new remedy which he finds is thirty-seven times more powerful than lithia in removing uric acid from the system. If you are suffering from backache or the pains of rheumatism, go to your best druggist and ask for a 50-cent box of "Auric" put up by Dr. Pierce. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription for weak women and Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery for the blood have been favorably known for the past forty years and more. They are standard remedies to-day—as well as Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets for the liver and bowels. You can get a large trial package for 10c. of any one of these remedies by writing Dr. Pierce.

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PRESBYTERY MEETS IN ANNUAL SESSION

Rev. M. D. McKee Is New Moderator; Island Man Next Year

New Westminster, April 3.—Rev. M. D. McKee, of Grand Forks, in the new Presbytery of Kootenay, was last evening unanimously elected as moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of British Columbia at the opening session in St. Andrew's Church of the twenty-sixth annual synod. He succeeds Rev. Dr. John Mackay, principal of Westminster Hall, who has held the position of moderator for the past year. The new moderator was in the Presbytery of Kootenay when it was formed 19 years ago and has continuously remained in the Kootenay and Kamloops districts. Speakers from several presbyteries made complimentary reference to the new moderator.

Representatives of the Victoria Presbytery, among whom were Revs. Dr. Clay, Dr. Maclean, J. G. Inkster and G. McCoy, drew attention to the fact that they had no representative as moderators of the synod and served notice that next year they would be prepared to seek the election of Rev. Thomas Menzies, of Courtenay, as moderator. Rev. Mr. McKee did not arrive last evening until the close of the evening session and the retiring moderator was elected to fill that position until this morning.

Rev. John Mackay, the retiring moderator, preached an eloquent sermon in St. Andrew's Church last evening. In the course of his remarks he referred to the spiritual desecration which he said preceded the war and urged that the church should carry on the work of reviving more interest throughout the country.

The speaker took as his text: "Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the peoples. I will be exalted in the earth." Prior to the outbreak of the great world war people had been so lulled by material prosperity that interest was lost in the affairs of the soul. Over the world with its wealth of material things had come a spirit of discontent. In many homes Omar Khayyam, whom the speaker characterized as "the prophet of self-indulgence, the poet of human despair," preceded or occupied an equal place with the Bible.

Last evening's session was a sort of preliminary to the main business of the synod which opens to-day. Ministers and elders from the five presbyteries of Westminster, Victoria, Kamloops, Kootenay and Cariboo were present last evening and more are expected to-day. The synod endorsed the appointment of the various committees and adopted the programme for the day's business. Mayor Gray will deliver an address of welcome to the delegates to-day. This evening there will be a public meeting in the church in which the Provincial Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, which is in annual session in St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, will join.

TRADE WITH AMERICA

President of Shanghai Chamber of Commerce Arrives on Empress of Russia.

On a holiday tour of the United States, J. H. McMichael, president of the Chamber of Commerce of Shanghai, arrived on the Empress of Russia yesterday from the Orient, and left again this afternoon for the Sound.

Mr. McMichael, who had not been in Victoria for nearly thirty years, commented on the great changes here since he stayed at the old Drifard Hotel at that time.

Speaking on the development of trans-Pacific trade, Mr. McMichael said there is a splendid field for increasing commercial relations, if the transportation question could only be settled by the addition of more bottoms to carry the produce across the ocean. There was a very active campaign for the development of American trade in China at this time, which would certainly be felt when the adjustment took place after the war. The great difficulty related with regard to banking facilities upon which one large syndicate was now working. He did not know how the scheme now being promoted to trade direct with the Chinese from American houses in the United States, with reference to the merchants located in the treaty ports, would work out in practice, but he was confident that it would not be easy to disturb the relations in mercantile business which had prevailed for generations in China.

Like all other passengers, he was greatly interested in the news from Russia, and said that it was felt in China that the revolution would have a very beneficial result in aiding the prosecution of the war. Mr. McMichael expects to be away in the United States for some months.

Four Best Boxes.—In connection with the award to the holders of the four best collecting boxes from yesterday's "Tag Day" of German bullets sent by a son of Mr. Tribe, of this city, from the war zone, the count revealed that the winners are as follows: Mrs. Duncay's "Peter," who made a collection of 96.45; Mrs. Woodward's "Muggins," who in his two boxes collected 187.16; and boxes No. 120 and No. 3 (both under the ownership of Mrs. Robin Dunsunmair) which collected \$44.50 and \$42.71 respectively. Miss Pooley's box, No. 9, came fifth with \$41.75, only ninety-six cents short of the lowest of the winning boxes. The two dogs are entitled to a bullet each. Those ladies who were tagging in connection with boxes No. 120 and No. 3 should attend at the drawing at 11 o'clock on Saturday morning at the Arcade Building, as the problem of disposing of the other two bullets will be settled in this manner.

MUNITION WORKERS AND INSPECTORSHIPS

Returned Soldiers at New Westminster Send Resolution for Endorsement

At the meeting of the Returned Soldiers last night a communication from the New Westminster Association was read asking the endorsement of the following resolution: "Be it resolved that this meeting expresses its strong disapproval of the action of the Imperial Munitions Board of Canada in employing men as inspectors who are eligible for the army, especially single men. We feel, as returned soldiers, this is not in harmony with the law, and petition your Board to replace these men with ineligible."

The letter explained that there were cases known to the New Westminster body where men had been forced by pressure out of their positions with a view to their enlistment and had afterwards been employed in munitions work and some of them as inspectors. One of the local executive pointed out to the meeting that as far as Major Sims was concerned, the representative of the Imperial Munitions Board who visits the Victoria Machinery Depot for the Board, the matter had been rectified and that the officer in question would be glad to receive applications for such posts from returned soldiers possessing the qualifications. Mechanics in all branches are eligible for the appointments, which would be made henceforward from returned soldiers, replacing those who were fit to go to the front.

It was, however, decided to endorse the terms of the resolution as requested by the New Westminster body in order that the matter be brought officially before the responsible authorities.

URGENT CONVENTION OF RETURNED SOLDIERS

Alleged Political Conspiracy at Winnipeg to Cause Dissension Among Men

So keenly is the situation felt in Winnipeg with regard to the formation of a body there under the name of "Army and Navy Veterans," an association not confined to membership of men who have taken part in the present war and now directing its energies for the procuring of a Dominion charter to control all Returned Soldiers Organizations in Canada, that an urgent conference has been called in the prairie city, to be attended by delegates from each provincial organization. Douglas Campbell, of this city, will go to Winnipeg as the Victoria representative at the conference, which opens on Tuesday morning next and is scheduled for three days. The matter was thoroughly discussed at the monthly meeting of the Returned Soldiers Association in their rooms in the Belmont Block last night.

Political Bogy. The call has been sent out from the Ontario provincial organization and the explanatory letter read to the meeting last night suggests that the Army and Navy Veterans are endeavoring to secure control of returned men in Canada, "apparently for political and other purposes," and that the halting of a man to obtain such charter should be the paramount duty of the men who have gone through so much during the present war. Legal advice pointed out that it was impossible to prevent the application going before the Privy Council Committee and suggested the counter application immediately—which has already been made. The conference to open next week was intended also to show to Winnipeg that the Returned Soldiers' Associations meant action.

To Preserve Rights. The chief business of the conference will be to form a Dominion organization and have it in operation before Parliament re-convenes on the 19th instant, so that a united front can be presented and the men of our right to hold ourselves aloof from political or other organizations detrimental to our welfare or to exploit us for political purposes frustrated. It was freely asserted that there appeared to be an attempt on the part of certain politicians to create dissension amongst the returned men, to split them into factions and render null and void the influence throughout the country considered to be their right in view of the part they had taken in the fight for liberty. The forming of the National Association was deemed essential for the purpose of presenting to the government the views of a united body truthfully representing the Dominion as a whole.

Plenty of Money. Mr. Hart, who was urged to be the delegate to Winnipeg, but regretted his inability to go, explained that the Winnipeg returned men are determined at the outset to scotch the move there of any body attempting to control the destinies of men who had gone through the present war. He told, also, of such organizations having plenty of money in the coffers, one of which was enriched to the extent of several thousands of dollars almost in a night. The means of raising funds—well applied in many cases to help the returned men—adopted by one society there had been the sale of a returned soldier's button at five dollars each, with the result that "gladness" were purchasing them and displaying them to the unwary with the air of a returned hero.

Victoria's Support. The delegate from Victoria will go armed with the full authority of the local body to support the eastern men in their endeavor to secure the Dominion charter, operative over all organizations composed of and conducted by men who have gone through the present war and have returned to Canada with the official badge which so signifies them out from men of other wars and those who have taken no part.

SING "STABAT MATER" FOR SECOND TIME

Choir of St. Andrew's and Leading Local Soloists Give Great Oratorio

St. Andrew's Cathedral last evening, for the second time within a week, was filled to capacity by the announcement that Rossini's "Stabat Mater" would be sung. Additional rehearsals and greater assurance on the part of soloists and choristers alike made of the performance a thing more beautiful even than that of last week, and the conductor, Mr. Frank Sehl, has already been approached by several people and asked to follow up the success by the presentation of some other big religious work in the near future. Among the listeners last night were many who heard the performance last Thursday, and were the work produced even a third time there is little doubt that hundreds would go to hear so fine a rendering of this sacred composition.

One of the most sublime musical utterances in the realm of oratorio, the "Stabat Mater," stands singularly apart from others of the same class of composition by the concentration of subject. The original libretto in Latin has to do with the great tragedy of the Cross. The musical conception at all times inspiring and moving is supreme in dignity, pathos and high religious feeling, and displays throughout a very remarkable sympathy with the incident referred to in the text.

At the organ, an instrument which in itself very finely comes up to the great demands made in this work, was Mr. G. Jennings Burnett. The many interludes without voices were filled in with the splendid music of the instrument, the organist showing throughout a very fine intimacy of understanding with the work and the subject.

The choir was in better form than on the previous occasion, the quartette went much more smoothly, and the soloists had so polished their work that in a particular as well as general sense the whole work was a very much improved version of the same artistically rendering last week. The opening quartette was beautifully sung, while subsequent numbers found the voices even more assured and buoyant.

A pupil of Mr. Hamilton Earle, W. Anthony Williams, who last week made his debut as a soloist, left a very fine impression by his singing last evening, the slight nervousness noticeable on the first occasion in his rendering of the beautiful "Cujus Animam" being entirely absent last night. Mr. Williams' voice is a very fine tenor robust with singularly sweetness of tone and generally pleasing quality, and his interpretation of the very fine aria was one of the great musical enjoyments of the evening. Mr. James Hunter, another pupil of Mr. Earle, took the bass solos, the singer's conception being good and the sentiment of music and words nicely blended. Mr. Williams and Mr. Hunter each took part in some of the quartettes.

Miss Eva Hart and Mrs. Baird singing in the very fine tenor robust with singularly sweetness of tone and generally pleasing quality, and his interpretation of the very fine aria was one of the great musical enjoyments of the evening. Mrs. Baird's clear, bright soprano showed up remarkably well in some of the concerted numbers in which she took part. Mrs. Benedict Bantley's singing of the "Inflammatus" was good. The Misses Mamie Fraser, Marguerite McKay, and Messrs. J. Q. Gillan and J. A. Crook sang together in the first quartette. All through the work was sustained elevation of tone, fine appreciation of the melodic quality of the music, good taste, and right proportion. The "Sancta Mater" and "Quando Corpus," quartettes of wonderful beauty were sung by Mrs. Robin Dunsunmair, Mrs. Jesse Longfield, Messrs. Hunter and Williams.

RED CROSS WORK

The Hollywood and Powl Bay Branch of the Red Cross Society has collected 2,167 cents toward the C. M. H. fund yesterday, under the convenship of Mrs. Lawrence.

The dance to be given in the Alexandra Club ballroom on Wednesday evening, April 18, promises to be a very delightful event. The rental of the rooms for the evening was made \$20, and that amount necessary to the covering of the main item of expense has been handed to the convener by a generous friend of the Hollywood Branch. The music for the dance is to be furnished by Heaton's orchestra, and those who would prefer cards will find arrangements provided for this pastime. Refreshments are to be served. Tickets may be had by telephoning 4844 or 5124L, or at the Hollywood-Powl Bay Branch.

The raffle for the \$10 millinery order presented by Messrs. Spencer will take place in the rooms to-day at 3 o'clock. The committee wish to thank Mrs. Creech for an exquisite hand-made silk lace table centre given to be raffled.

At the meeting on Monday several important matters were discussed, ways and means to augment the receipts and workers being one of the chief.

James Bay Branch. A silver shower is being held this afternoon from 2 to 5 under the auspices and at the headquarters of the James Bay branch. The proceeds will be given to the kit-bag fund.

French Red Cross. On Saturday the French Red Cross will sell violets in aid of their funds. Anyone wishing to help the cause by giving violets could leave contributions with the president, Mrs. Holden, 1639 Hampshire Road, or telephone 2370L. A sale of these flowers last week netted

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Decision Sustained.—An appeal from Magistrate Jay in the Small Debts Court was heard by His Honor Judge Lampman in the County Court this morning between Colvert and Flannigan. The amount at issue was \$15, and the subject of dispute "tanks"—as understood in the plumbing sense.

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They will ask the Council to allow them to commence work at seven and quit at four o'clock during the summer months, instead of from eight a.m. to five p.m. Some of them are enthusiastic cultivators, and it is known they want longer time in the allotments than the present hours would permit.

The collection of garbage is a heavy and unpleasant task, and it is extremely probable that the City Council would welcome any proposal of this character. Should this idea come to fruition, it is not improbable other departments would be very willing to fall in line, particularly in the outside service.

There will not be many meetings called at the City Hall for the next few days on account of the break afforded by Friday and Monday. The Streets Committee due on Friday will not be held, while the Finance Committee session being held that evening.

It is extremely probable that the final sitting of the Civic Court of Revision will be held early next week, since the Assessor's department expects to-morrow to be through with the revision of the roll in accordance with the directions of the Board of Equalization. The aggregate of the changes will not affect the total very largely. As soon as the revised figures are known, it will be possible to give a pretty close approximation of the tax rate of 1917, since the Expenditure By-law is already through its preliminary readings.

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TEACHERS' PENSIONS BEING DISCUSSED

Meeting in Vancouver Draws Up Scheme Which It Recommends

A large and representative meeting of Vancouver educationists in the King Edward School met to discuss a proposed pension scheme for teachers which has for months been considered by a committee of teachers, principals and School Board officials. Municipal Inspector J. S. Gordon was in the chair, others present on the platform being Mrs. Irene H. Moody, chairman of the School Board; Trustee J. R. Seymour, Mrs. S. D. Scott and Mrs. E. Caspell, representing the Local Council of Women, and Prof. J. Davidson, of the University of British Columbia. The draft of the pension plan as prepared by the committee was thoroughly discussed and finally adopted in the following form:

The name to be Vancouver Teachers' Retirement Fund Association.

All in the employ of the Vancouver School Board for whom a Government grant is received from the Provincial Treasury may become members.

Time of Retirement.

- After thirty-years' teaching—fifteen years in Vancouver.
- At the age of 55 for men, or 50 for women.
- Retirement optional as above suggested, if agreeable to Board of Directors and School Board.
- After twenty-years' teaching—ten years in Vancouver, if agreeable to Board of Directors and School Board.
- After ten years of service in Vancouver in case of being permanently incapacitated through illness or accident.

Annual Retirement Allowance.

One per cent. of salary of last year of service multiplied by the number representing years of service in Vancouver for which fees have been paid.

- Teachers on the permanent staff to pay 2 per cent. of salary, to be deducted from their salaries in March and September.
- School Board to contribute annually 1 per cent. of payroll, or to contribute such sums from year to year as it considers necessary, if Act is changed to permit of this.
- Gifts and legacies made to the fund.

Return of Payments.

- Nothing to those retiring voluntarily after five years' of service or less.
- One-half amount paid in shall be returned to teachers voluntarily retiring after having taught over five and less than twenty years.
- Three-fourths of amount paid in shall be returned to all retiring without the approval of the Board of Directors and the School Board after having taught twenty years but less than thirty years.
- In case of dismissal all money paid shall be refunded.
- In case of death at periods indicated in (2) and (3) the entire sum paid in with interest at 6 per cent. will be paid to beneficiaries.

Board of Directors.

There shall be five members—chairman of the board, chairman of finance committee of the board, the municipal inspector and two teachers to be elected by the members of the association. The Board of Directors shall have the management and control of the re-

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Florence Nightingale Chapter.—The Florence Nightingale Chapter, I. O. D. E., held its regular monthly meeting in the Arcade Building this week, Mrs. J. L. Beckwith, the regent, presiding. The regular Red Cross work meeting of the chapter every third Monday of the month is to be held in future at the home of the regent, 1423 Fernwood Road instead of at the Arcade Building. Members were asked to take thimble, scissors and needles. A report was given of the presentation by the chapter of a flag to No. 5 Company, Girl Guides, affiliated with the order. Reports showed that during March 1,031 papers were mailed from the newspaper fund. Forty-four pairs of socks, four sweaters, one scarf, one wristlet and one shirt were sent to the

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—Bag Section, Main Floor

Silk Hose for Easter

Women's Novelty Silk Hose, in white with black stripes, black and white, grey and black, and white and black checks. Price, \$1.50 to \$2.00

"Phoenix" Silk Hose for women, extra fine quality with wide garter top, full fashioned and double heels and toes. Black and white. Price \$1.75

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New Trimmed Millinery for Easter

We enthusiastically request you to view the Easter display of Trimmed Millinery, priced at \$5.00 to \$15.00. A collection of Hats with style and individuality. The dainty tints and color combinations are most fascinating.

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Handsome New Easter Coats

They come in many smart belted effects, with shirred, gathered and pleated backs, finished with large collars, turnback cuffs and fancy stitching. The materials include Covert, Cheviot, Poplin, Gabardine, Velour, Tweeds and many fancy mixtures. Prices range from \$12.75 to \$55.00

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Smart New Neckwear in Crepe de Chine, Georgette Crepe and Embroidered Nets, trimmed with Paisley silk and dainty laces. Price \$1.25

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Display of Easter Veilings

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