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## RUSSIANS SAID TO BE IN BULGARIA

Unconfirmed Dispatch From Salonica Says Czar's Forces Have Started Operations  
**IF TRUE, GREAT CHANGE WILL OCCUR IN BALKANS**

Correspondent at Salonica Reports Austro-Germans Occupied Monastir Yesterday

London, Dec. 3.—"News that Russian forces have entered Bulgaria has aroused intense interest, and there is much speculation as to the next development." Reuter's correspondent at Salonica telegraphs. "It is expected this move will have a far-reaching effect on the internal situation of Bulgaria and will modify the whole aspect of affairs in the Balkans."

No direct and specific confirmation has been received in London of this message. It is recalled, however, that last week Emperor Nicholas was said to have promised Mr. Pachitch, prime minister of Serbia, the appearance of a Russian army in Bulgaria within a week.

By Austro-Germans.  
London, Dec. 3.—The occupation of Monastir by an Austro-German force at 3 p. m. yesterday is reported by Reuter's correspondent at Salonica, who adds that telegraphic communication with Monastir ceased at 7 a. m. Thursday.

The correspondent, who says his information was received in a telegram from Florina, Greece, adds that the only flag hoisted when the city was occupied was the Austro-Hungarian. The Bulgarians did not enter Monastir, remaining at Kenali, south of the city. It is reported, however, that they will march into Monastir to-day.

Not Reported Officially.  
London, Dec. 3.—Circumstantial accounts of the occupation of Monastir, in Southwestern Serbia, by an Austro-German force and the cutting of telegraphic communication with the city are regarded as ample evidence that the Macedonian capital has fallen, although no official report to that effect has reached London.

The effect of the capture of Monastir, the last Serbian city of importance to hold out, on the position of the Anglo-French forces is awaited with the greatest interest, for the penetration by the invaders of this part of Macedonia may threaten the flank of the allied forces in the Vardar and Cerna valleys. No important events have occurred there for some time, but with Monastir in the hands of their opponents, the allies may be engaged soon in an important battle.

In Montenegro, the Austrians claim they are continuing their advance. Elsewhere in the northern Balkans no heavy fighting has been reported of late.

On Bulgarian-Roumanian Border.  
Salonica, Dec. 3.—A dispatch from Monastir says:

"The Austro-German northern army, instead of pursuing its course southward, has been deflected suddenly toward the Bulgarian-Roumanian frontier to oppose a Russian army. Numerous cavalry and infantry and a considerable force of artillery have been withdrawn from the Serbian front by the Germans and are proceeding hurriedly to the Roumanian frontier, along the Danube."

"Some of the Bulgarian forces from before the allied lines also have been sent to join Field Marshal Mackensen's forces, which are said to be starting toward the Russian frontier."

Trench and Rifles.  
Paris, Dec. 3.—Two thousand Bulgarian rifles were found in a trench taken Wednesday by French troops, according to a Havas dispatch from Salonica.

The correspondent says the Bulgarians have crossed the Cerat at Novaci and occupied Canali, southeast of Monastir.

Have Moved to Greece.  
Athens, Dec. 2.—Members of the Serbian chamber of deputies and the minister of war have arrived at Salonica, while the minister of finance is at Florina, Greece, fifteen miles southeast of Monastir. Other Serbian governmental offices now at Elbasan and Koritz, Albania, will be removed to Avlona, Albania.

German Statement.  
Berlin, Dec. 3.—Scattered Serbian detachments in the region southwest of Mitrovitza, near the Montenegrin border, were defeated by Teutonic forces in engagements yesterday and more than 1,200 Serbians were taken prisoners. It was announced to-day by army headquarters.

## BOY-ED AND PAPAN MUST LEAVE STATES

Washington Asks German Naval and Military Attaches Be Recalled  
**ACTIVITIES WILL NOT BE TOLERATED LONGER**

Secretary Lansing Announces Decision of Government Concerning Two Offenders

Washington, Dec. 3.—The state department announced formally late today that it had asked for the recall of Captain Boy-Ed and Captain von Papan, naval and military attaches respectively of the German embassy, because of their objectionable activities in connection with military and naval matters.

Secretary Lansing issued this statement: "On account of what this government considers improper activities in military and naval matters, this government has requested the immediate recall of Captain Boy-Ed, the German naval attaché, and Captain von Papan, the German military attaché, as they are no longer acceptable to this government."

Watched Closely.  
Captain Boy-Ed's activities in the United States since the war began have been the subject of close attention by the state department and the department of justice. Several times it had been broadly hinted that the American government might intimate to Germany that the operations of her naval attaché were objectionable, with the inevitable suggestion that his connection with the embassy should be terminated.

Each time, however, the threatened action came to nothing. While the state department consistently refused to discuss the captain's case, the German embassy intimated that it had reason to believe he had done nothing for which he should be censured.

False Passports.  
Captain Boy-Ed's first activities which attracted the attention of the government were in connection with the misuse of American passports by German reservists seeking to slip through the allied lines to join their armies. Some of the men in connection with whose cases Captain Boy-Ed's name was mentioned now are serving terms in federal penitentiaries.

Later, Captain Boy-Ed's name was mentioned in connection with the chartering of ships from American ports to supply fuel and food to German war vessels which in the first months of the war were hard pressed by the allied flying squadrons. The same connection came up again during the trials of the Hamburg-American line officials just concluded in New York, in which witnesses testified that Captain Boy-Ed had handled the money which came from Berlin for chartering the ships and furnishing them with supplies.

The government did not contend that an offense against the neutrality of the United States had been committed by sending the ships, but that the officials of the Hamburg-American line had guilty knowledge of the fact that the customs houses of the United States had been deceived and defrauded into issuing clearance papers for ships on false statements.

Name Mentioned.  
The inference ran broadly all through the trial that Captain Boy-Ed, too, had been cognizant of the offenses which the government charged, and in the early days of the trial his name was mentioned frequently in open court by the government prosecutors. Finally the state department here, suddenly, intimated and cautioned the officials of the judicial arm of the government that unless they expected to indict Captain Boy-Ed for the offenses charged, the language employed by the prosecuting counsel should be avoided for the reason that it might endanger the friendly relations between the United States and Germany.

The German embassy manifested to the state department its displeasure with features of the trial in New York, which reflected upon the character of officials not under charges. The state department, in turn, indicated that it could not permit any action of the department of justice to bind it to any particular course toward any foreign diplomatic official.

With the conviction of the Hamburg-American line officials, however, the situation became one where a jury had given a verdict holding to be illegal certain operations in connection with which the German naval attaché was generally accredited with having been connected, and the usual diplomatic procedure in such a case is to regard the usefulness of such an officer as ended, and his further presence as objectionable.

In the case of minor officials of the embassy, such as Captain Boy-Ed, the government does not ask for a recall, for that is quite outside of its power. The usual course is to indicate, to the head of the embassy, in this case, Count von Bernstorff, that the offending attaché is persona non grata, and nothing remains for the ambassador

## WILL HE BE NEXT TO BE SENT AWAY?



**COUNT VON BERNSTORFF**  
German ambassador to United States

but to sever his connection with the embassy.

Difficulty in Traveling.  
The countries to which Boy-Ed might go under existing circumstances are limited particularly to Mexico, Cuba, South America or the Dutch West Indies, and he might have difficulty in getting that far, since it is doubted that the allied governments would agree to a safe-conduct.

The German naval attaché is the second foreign diplomatic officer to find himself in difficulties because of his conduct in the United States since the war began. The first was Dr. Constantin Dumba, the ambassador from Austria, whose recall President Wilson asked because of his connection with plans to supply American munitions plants.

Testimony at the Hamburg-American trial was to the effect that Captain Boy-Ed had furnished the money whereby a conspiracy was conducted by agents of the Hamburg-American line to obtain clearance for twelve ships to provision German warships. No other German official in the United States was brought in.

During the first day of the trial in New York the defense withdrew an admission previously made, pertaining to the alleged conspiracy of Captain Boy-Ed with the agents charged by the government. This part of the admission stated that Captain Boy-Ed had been consulted regarding the sending of steamships with supplies to German sea-raiders, and that the work had been carried on largely under his direction. One of the government's attorneys charged that Captain Boy-Ed had directed the chartering and loading of some of the vessels, and that \$750,000 for the relief of German warships had been spent in New York.

"Scraps of Paper."  
It also was stated by the attorney that Captain Boy-Ed had ridden over the laws of the United States, treating them as if they were mere scraps of paper.

It later was brought out that officials of the Hamburg-American line had acted in what has now been adjudged a conspiracy, under the terms of an agreement made between the line and the German government before the outbreak of the war. The agreement and other correspondence in this case, it was said in court, was in custody of the German embassy here. During the trial it was said that Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, would file a protest with the state department regarding the bringing in of the name of Captain Boy-Ed. Whether one has been filed was not known to-day.

Declined to Comment.  
New York, Dec. 3.—Captain Boy-Ed, German naval attaché, declined to-day to comment on the report from Washington that Secretary Lansing had intimated the German ambassador that he had become persona non grata to the United States because of his connection with the Hamburg-American line conspiracy.

## SUSPICION CAUSED BY DELAY OF GREEK GOVT.

Paris, Dec. 3.—The prolonged silence of the Greek parliament respecting the demands of the Entente powers has again aroused the suspicion of the French press. One newspaper goes so far as to assert that Greece has concluded or is about to conclude a treaty with Bulgaria, by the terms of which Monastir and the Vardar valley, in Serbia, are "ceded" to Greece in return for aid against the Anglo-French expeditionary forces.

## MONTENEGRIN FORCES HAVE FALLEN BACK

Paris, Dec. 3.—A further retirement of the Montenegrins under Austrian pressure, the movement involving the evacuation of Pleville, is recorded in an official statement from Montenegrin headquarters made public here to-day.

## BUYS TICKETS FOR LINER OSCAR II.

Ford Engages First and Second Cabins for Peace Party  
**VESSEL TO LEAVE NEW YORK TO-MORROW**

Some Not American Citizens Applied to Washington for Passports

Washington, Dec. 3.—Henry Ford was granted a passport by the state department to-day to visit Norway, Sweden, Denmark and the Netherlands. A representative brought his application from New York.

The citizenship bureau of the department by noon had issued more than 125 passports to peace advocates who hope to sail from New York to-morrow on the steamship Oscar II. None made applications to visit any other than neutral countries. Several passports were refused on account of faulty applications or because the applicants were not citizens of the United States.

The Scandinavian-American liner Oscar II, on which Mr. Ford has taken passage for the expedition to the Hague, will leave New York to-morrow on schedule time, according to agents of the line. Mr. Ford has engaged her first and second cabins for his peace envoys. In addition, 450 passengers, some going to Norway, some to Sweden and some to Denmark for the holidays, will occupy the third class quarters. All passports will be examined at the pier and it is said no person will be permitted to go aboard without one.

Halverd Jacobsen, manager of the line, said to-day that the Oscar II should be at Christiania by December 14 or 15. Concerning the possibility that British warships might take the steamship to Kirkwall, he said that few of the line's steamships had been taken there recently, as the British government had been content with stopping the vessels off the north coast of Scotland and sending officers on board to examine the passengers and cargo manifests.

Not Wanted.  
London, Dec. 3.—Sir Edwin Cornwall, Liberal member of parliament for Northeast Bethnal Green, is leading the movement to prevent Henry Ford and William J. Bryan coming to the British Isles in behalf of their proposed peace movement. He declares he will ask Sir Edward Grey in the house of commons on Monday if he has heard of the proposed mission and whether he will notify both, through Washington, that any visit to the United Kingdom by them would be distasteful.

## QUIET ALONG THE WEST BATTLELINE

No Actions of Importance Last Night; Westende Shelled by British Monitors

Paris, Dec. 3.—The high seas were without incidents of importance, the war office announced this afternoon.

German Claim.  
Berlin, Dec. 3.—Various minor operations along the western front are recorded in to-day's statement by army headquarters. No infantry operations of moment are chronicled. Near Lombaertzde, northeast of Nieuport, in Belgium, hostile French outposts were surprised by a German detachment and several prisoners were taken.

Westende, on the Belgian coast, was shelled by two British monitors, but without effect, according to the official statement.

## ANOTHER BRITISH VESSEL SENT DOWN

London, Dec. 3.—The British steamship Langton Hall has been sunk. Part of the crew has reached land.

## LIBERAL MEETING

Ward Two and Ward Three Liberal associations will join in a meeting to-night in Oakland Hall, Gosworth Road, commencing at eight o'clock. Ald. Bell, John Hart and H. C. Hall, Liberal candidates, will speak. There will be a musical programme. Ladies are invited.

## DECISION WILL BE MADE AT CONVENTION

Prohibitionists Will Determine Attitude Toward McBride's Offer of Plebiscite  
**ARE AGREED ANSWER IS UNSATISFACTORY**

Will Ask Other Parties for Expression; Committee Meeting in Vancouver

## THE PROHIBITIONISTS' DESIRES NOT MET BY OFFER, SAYS BREWSTER

Winnipeg, Dec. 3.—"Sir Richard McBride's offer of a plebiscite only and at the time of an election, cannot, in my opinion, be satisfactory to the bulk of the prohibitionists of British Columbia."  
So declared H. C. Brewster, Liberal leader in British Columbia, when interviewed last night as he stopped over here on his way home from the east.

Vancouver, Dec. 3.—I. That this committee deeply regrets that the premier, Sir Richard McBride, in his final reply has failed to grant the requests of the People's Prohibition Movement in principles which it deems vital.

2. That we hereby reaffirm our fixed determination to adhere to the policy laid down by the convention on Aug. 25-28, 1915.

3. That we instruct the executive to approach forthwith the other political parties and ascertain explicitly their attitude toward our policy.

4. That we push forward immediately the organization of our forces in all parts of this province with thoroughness and vigor.

5. That our attitude toward the plebiscite and the political parties shall be decided later by a convention to be called by the executive as events warrant.

6. That this convention of delegates, assembled from all parts of British Columbia, places itself upon record as standing for the principle of prohibition in preference to any political party.

7. That we note with satisfaction the personal views of the premier in regard to the curtailment of the hours of sale of liquor during the war and trust he will implement this by the necessary legislation at the next session of the legislature.

Five-Hour Debate.  
After a five-hour debate as heated and lively as a mythical Irish parliament—and as good-natured, too—the committee of 100 of the People's Prohibition Movement, at its convention last night finally agreed upon the foregoing resolution. For five hours the battle raged backwards and forwards, the first report of the executive being sent back to a new committee for revision. Although the convention was to sit again this morning, the delegates insisted last night on facing the fight over the vexed question of policy and seeing it through to a finish.

Over the verbal Donnybrook President Jonathan Rogers presided with great good humor and an obvious desire to give the amplest opportunity for free discussion. On five different occasions when the debate grew very hot and the delegates felt tired out, motions to adjourn the debate until morning were put only to be shooed away with scorn.

"We'll stay here till five in the morning. We're here to a finish. We didn't come to Vancouver to have a sleep." "Our delegation has got money enough to stay here till Sunday and we'll stay with the job." were among the cries that greeted the suggestions to adjourn at a respectable hour and resume the debate this morning. When, just on the stroke of 1 o'clock this morning, the last clause of the resolution was put and successfully carried, the delegates rose as with one accord and joined in singing the National Anthem.

All But One.  
The entire convention, with the exception of a delegate from Dewdney, expressed unqualified disapproval of the premier's attitude on the prohibition question. Only one other had the temerity to stand up and say he was not disappointed at the premier's reply, and after the cries of derision had subsided, he melted the convention into laughter by saying: "I was not disappointed because I never hoped that a leader of any government would answer otherwise," and went on to a condemnation of parliament in politics.

The Dewdney man, Mr. Buchanan, evoked laughter by protesting in the name of "thousands of Conservatives throughout the province" at the proposal to "plunge the whole matter into party politics by asking the Liberals to define their stand on this prohibition question." He thought the answer was "the premier was a very hopeful one" and that the

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## SEEKS TO HAVE DOCUMENTS KEPT FROM THE PUBLIC

Dredge Contractor Wishes to Prevent Publication of Papers Which Are Alleged to Disclose Scandal, and to Compromise Government Superintendent of Dredging

The documents in connection with the dredging contract at the Outer Wharf, the ownership of which the county court judge is asked to decide, came up for consideration this morning. The straight charge that they disclosed a scandal was made by counsel.

McDonald, who claims to be the owner of most of the papers taken from his office by Gordon E. Mallory, a former employe of his, to-day asked Judge Lampman for an injunction restraining the public disclosure of their contents. It is alleged that they may show a definite instance of what John L. Nelson, superintendent of dredging, told Comrissioner Hill the other day—that he had financed a government contractor.

His honor did not think that on an interpleader action, such as is now before the court, he could give this order, but he allowed an adjournment until Monday to hear further argument.

This was the date set for the trial of the action, in which Mallory is plaintiff and McDonald defendant, the interpleader having been entered by Mr. Barnard, and the documents which had been in his possession for some days being all turned over to the court. The room was full of witnesses and spectators, the latter being drawn there by the expectation that some further revelations would be made of "Bob" Rogers' methods in the carrying out of public works. Among these were O. G. McDonald, J. S. MacLachlan and a number of employes of Grant, Smith & McDonald.

Henry C. Hall, counsel for Mallory, pointed out to the court that the examination for discovery of the parties had only taken place on Wednesday, so that there had not been time for the transcript of the evidence to be available. For this reason, and for another which he stated, he asked that there should be an adjournment.

"I have had an opportunity of looking over the documents," said Mr. Hall, "and the suspicions I communicated to your honor the other day have been more than confirmed. The documents are such as to disclose, certainly to my satisfaction, a connection between McDonald, as contractor for dredging at the outer harbor, J. L. Nelson, superintendent of dredging of the public works department, and J. S. MacLachlan, resident engineer on the works here. I feel that the proper Dominion officials should be notified of this application, and should have a copy of the transcript of the discovery evidence, in which some very extraordinary statements were made, so that if it becomes a matter of application for the impounding of these documents this may be made by the proper officials in that behalf. If your honor wants to hear me on the merits as to what I alleged in this regard I may say that most of the documents relate to the financing and carrying on of the work, including letters passing between Nelson and McDonald. These are letters which could only be written as between two people interested in a joint enterprise. In the first place it appears that Nelson financed this contract."

Judge Lampman—"Is not the first thing to decide who owns these letters?"  
Mr. Hall—"It would be, but there is a counterclaim made by the defendant, McDonald, for damages, and for an injunction to restrain the publication of these documents. Of course once the ownership is established, and your honor directs delivery of them out of court it may be too late to secure the action I refer to."  
His honor held that if he had jurisdiction to hold the documents until the decision of the case he had jurisdiction to hold them after if any wrongdoing was disclosed by them. He did not suppose any court would grant an order directing someone who knew about a crime to say nothing about it. "That is common sense and good law," said Mr. Hall. "In this counterclaim the only defence would be to show that the documents disclose a fraudulent purpose, and I have very clear and explicit authority that if I could show that your honor would not grant an injunction."

E. C. Mayer, McDonald's counsel, did not oppose an adjournment on the score of the transcript not being ready, and suggested Monday for the trial. He, however, protested, he said, against vague charges being made and aspersions cast on honorable men. Counsel on the other side had made reckless statements and he wanted an opportunity to show they were groundless and a wild and malicious falsehood. Mr. Mayer went on to say that he doubted his client could get the relief he sought in the supreme court to prevent the letters and the copies which had been made of them being published and made use of, but any judgment obtained there for an injunction and damages would be a fruitless one, a piece of paper. He went on to hint that the evidence had been manufactured and that by Mallory. His request was that the originals be turned over and copies be kept in court for the trial.

His honor said the only question before the court was as to the ownership of the documents, and there was no necessity for evidence as to whether there had been fraud or not. If the documents remained in the possession of the court and it came out in the course of any evidence that was necessary to fix their ownership that there was any fraud he thought the attorney-general or the department of public works could be notified. He could not listen to Mallory on that question, and he was not going to allow time to be taken up by the other side on matters of quantities or anything else that had nothing to do with the issue before the court.

Mr. Hall—"They do seem to disclose fraud, and I think it my duty to make the statements that I have made so that justice may be done."  
Mr. Mayer argued that there was jurisdiction in the court to grant the injunction, since on an interpleader the court could give any relief it saw fit.

"The man being relieved of these unwholesome documents is Mr. Barnard," observed the court.  
Mr. Mayer contended that if his client proved they were his he had some right to an order preventing their use by anyone else.

The court took the view that there was no jurisdiction here to entertain any counter-claim for damages or an interpleader, but granted an adjournment until Monday for the production of authorities.

## 1ST PIONEER BATTALION HAS REACHED ENGLAND

Ottawa, Dec. 3.—It is announced officially that the troopship Metagama, which sailed from Canada on November 29 has arrived at a port in England carrying the following troops: First Canadian Pioneer Battalion (Western Canada), 30 officers, 1,046 men; infantry reinforcements from Ontario, 5 officers, 248 men; Field Artillery from Toronto, 4 officers, 153 men; Railway Construction Corps, 1 officer, 100 men; Medical Corps from Toronto, 1 officer, 30 men; details, 16 officers, 49 men.

## WHEAT IN EASTERN ELEVATORS RELEASED

Toronto, Dec. 3.—The Dominion government has relinquished its hold on the wheat in the eastern elevators on condition that the grain be ground into flour in Canada. This releases from eight to ten million bushels of wheat in the elevators at Fort Colborne, Port McNicoll, Goderich, Tiffin and Montreal.

## STORMS ARE HAMPERING OPERATIONS AT GORIZIA

Rome, Dec. 3.—Heavy storms are hindering the operations of the Italians about Gorizia, according to official announcement here to-day. Under cover of a heavy fog, the Austrians, greatly reinforced, attempted to surprise the Italian force, but were repulsed.

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**PLOT TO BLOW UP ARSENAL AT TURIN**

**Germans' Plan Was Frustrated by Anarchist They Had Employed**

Milan, Dec. 2.—It has been learned that a German plot to blow up the Turin arsenal was frustrated. A large trunk was delivered at Lugano station, where porters were instructed to cut the wire to the shore of Lake Lugano. On the same day the Swiss secret police received word from the authorities at Turin that a plot was being hatched in Lugano.

A former-employee of the German consulate at Milan had hired an anarchist residing in Zurich to blow up the Turin arsenal or the railway tunnel on the Turin-Paris line. The anarchist entered Italy to receive the necessary explosives on the banks of Lake Ceresio. Once in Italy the anarchist changed his mind and informed the Turin authorities of the plot. The authorities immediately sent the information to Lugano.

**CREDITS IN CANADA FOR IMPERIAL GOVT.**

Ottawa, Dec. 2.—Representatives of the banks at a meeting yesterday with Finance Minister White, agreed to cooperate in a plan to extend substantial credits to Great Britain to help pay for shell orders placed in Canada.

Since the beginning of the war Britain has paid Canada cash for munitions and has loaned the Dominion £10,000,000 for war operations. Hereafter, until the end of the war, the process will be reversed and Canada will make loans to Britain in the form of payments for munitions.

**DAMAGE INFLICTED BY BRITISH GUNS**

**German Positions Bombarded Heavily; Depot at Miramont Attacked by Airmen**

London, Dec. 2.—The following report from Field-Marshal Sir John French was made public last night:

"During the past four days successful bombardments of hostile trenches and strong positions and gun positions have been carried out. The damage inflicted on the enemy was considerable. The reply of his artillery to our fire was weak.

"On November 30 we sprang two mines opposite Givenchy. While the craters were being consolidated by us the enemy sprang a mine, burying ten of our men. Yesterday we exploded a mine east of Le Bois Francois, and the enemy replied with a mine in the same neighborhood.

"On the 30th two hostile aeroplanes were brought down by the fire from our aeroplanes, one falling east of Hooge and the other near Henin-Liétard. The same day twenty of our aeroplanes bombarded an important German supply depot at Miramont (northeast of Albert), causing considerable damage to stores, buildings and the railway line.

"One of our aeroplanes which had been on a reconnaissance on December 1 failed to return and another on December 2."

German Detachment Dispersed.

Paris, Dec. 2.—The following communication was issued by the war office last night:

"A lively cannonade has continued in Artois on both sides. In the sector of Luce, Le Bois-en-Hache and Anzere. An engagement with torpedoes took place to the northwest of Hill No. 140. To the north of the 'Five Roads' a German detachment, which attempted to approach our trenches, was dispersed by our fire.

**CROWN PRINCES IN HINDENBURG'S WAY**

**Latter Refuses to Take Command in West Unless Made Supreme**

Paris, Dec. 2.—That Field-Marshal von Hindenburg has refused to accept command on the western front unless he is allowed complete independence from the Crown Prince of Germany and the Crown Princes of Wurtemberg and Bavaria is declared in French newspapers to be confirmed from several sources. It also is stated that the incident is arousing bitter discussion in Germany.

Generals von Kluck and von Buelow are said to be in disgrace. Recently, for the first time, German newspapers have begun to discuss the battle of the Marne and it is believed the government is willing to allow them to find a scapegoat.

A. Smit, a prominent journalist and a Dutch subject, recently made a trip through Germany, where he talked with many acquaintances. In the Petit Parisien he confirms these rumors.

Not to Be Tolerated.

Field-Marshal von Hindenburg's refusal to go to the French front is said to have been couched in terms which included a phrase almost textually as follows: "The command offered would involve a measure of subservience to the three crown princes and this the marshal could not tolerate." The difficulties in the way of acceding to von Hindenburg's suggestion of an independent, and therefore superior, form of command are very great from the German point of view.

Apart from the normal hierarchical obstacles, there is a special difficulty with regard to the Crown Prince of Bavaria. The heirs of Prussia and Wurtemberg might have their commands diminished by the Kaiser and the general staff, but the heir of Bavaria is not to be meddled with.

Bavaria's Bond With Austria.

For some time past the Bavarian press has been expressing discontent with the progress of events. Particularly significant is the action of Bavaria in putting troops at the disposal of Austria in the war with Italy, although the latter country is not at war with Germany. Other incidents have pointed to an intensification of the good feeling of Bavaria for Austria, her traditional friend and ally, and to a lessening of the bonds with Prussia.

**CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS**

Ottawa, Dec. 2.—The following casualties were announced last night:

Second battalion.—Wounded; returned to unit: Pte. K. Kubattach, Russia.

Third battalion.—Dangerously wounded: Pte. A. A. Murray, Oakville, Ont.

Fourth battalion.—Severely wounded: Cpl. Howland Wood, Edmonton.

Fifth battalion.—Severely wounded: Pte. A. Anderson, Ireland.

Sixth battalion.—Wounded and missing since April 24: Pte. Chas. Thompson, Pritchard, B. C.

Fourteenth battalion.—Slightly wounded: Sgt. R. S. Young, Winnipeg.

Fifteenth battalion.—Wounded: Lt. G. Wolsey, Harris, N. S.

Previously reported unofficially, now reported officially killed in action: Pte. J. F. Phillip, Scotland; Pte. R. Alkenhead, England.

Eighteenth battalion.—Wounded: Pte. A. F. Black, Ireland.

Nineteenth battalion.—Killed in action: Pte. E. Heaton, England.

Twenty-first battalion.—Died of wounds: Pte. R. Merolla, Italy.

Twenty-second battalion.—Wounded: Pte. L. Pepin, Quebec; Pte. Jos. Guilmond, Quebec.

Twenty-fourth battalion.—Killed in action: Pte. Wm. D. Macdonald, Pueblo, Col.

Wounded: Pte. W. J. Green, England.

Twenty-eighth battalion.—Died of wounds: Pte. C. J. Leatherby, England.

Thirty-first battalion.—Slightly wounded, but still on duty: Capt. Arthur Wyatt, India.

Fourth field company, divisional engineers.—Severely wounded: Sapper Harold Hays, England.

Second Canadian Mounted.—Wounded: Pte. H. Marcotte, Perkesfield, Ont.

Third Canadian Mounted rifles.—Died: Pte. Ross Featherstone, Regina.

**RUSSIANS SURPRISED A GERMAN BIVOAC**

On Left Bank of Dwina; Enemy Driven Back at Point on Sty River.

Petrograd, Dec. 2.—The following official communication was issued last evening:

"An enemy bivouac reported yesterday on the left bank of the Dwina, near Sennohelf Arm, between Friedriehstadt and Jacobstadt, was subjected to a heavy fire by our artillery. The Germans completely surprised, fled, leaving behind a hundred killed or wounded.

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**FEW CRUTCHES WILL BE SEEN AFTER THE WAR**

Ottawa, Dec. 2.—The government announces that it will provide artificial limbs and eyes for Canadian soldiers needing them as a result of wounds received at the front. It was held that the men discharged in England are entitled to the best medical advice available, and therefore to the best possible type of artificial limbs or eyes, as the case may be. These are provided at the expense of the Canadian government. Men who are discharged in Canada are entitled to like consideration. Everything possible is to be done, in short, to restore the shattered men, so far as possible, to their normal condition. This work is considered to be exclusively the function of the government.

The manufacture of artificial limbs has reached a very high state of perfection, so that crutches probably will be little in evidence after the war.

**THE VOTE IN MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES**

Montreal, Dec. 2.—If many other Presbyterians in Canada vote on the church union question in the same manner as the Montreal churches have done, there is not much likelihood of the change being made for some time to come. Before the vote was taken it was stated that there would have to be an overwhelming majority for union in order to ensure its adoption. There are 49 Presbyterian churches in Montreal. Though the voting period expired on Wednesday, only 45 of the churches have reported thus far and they show a majority of six votes against union. The exact figures are: In favor of union, 3,321; against union, 3,327.

**FRANCE PROBABLY WILL PURCHASE FIFTY SHIPS**

Paris, Dec. 2.—The cabinet authorized the ministers of finance and marine yesterday to introduce in the chamber of deputies, in the name of the government, a measure authorizing the purchase by the state of a merchant fleet of fifty ships.

These vessels are to include tank steamships for the transportation of petroleum, and cold storage vessels for transportation of frozen beef to provision the population of France.

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### DECISION WILL BE MADE AT CONVENTION

(Continued from page 1.)

convention should send another delegation to Victoria to try, and get the premier to revise his attitude towards the prohibition party sufficiently to enable the prohibitionists to support the government.

"If this is not done, I will not take any part in passing this resolution, or in carrying out the movement without calling my organization together again," said Mr. Buchanan.

"Then you're not a prohibitionist," called out a hundred voices.

Mr. Buchanan sat and smiled under the retort, even when his own colleague, Mr. Harrison, got up and said he was amazed to hear his president making the intimation of the convention to abide by its previous decision and eliminate all prior political affiliations in discussing the matter of prohibition.

Reports from various committees were received during the evening, and votes of thanks were tendered to G. J. Hammond and J. N. Harvey for their work on the organization and finance committees. A vote of thanks also was tendered to the press of Vancouver for the fair and generous manner in which the newspapers had reported the developments of the campaign and the meetings in connection with the movement.

Press Representatives Admitted.

The question of opening the meetings of the convention to the press was brought up immediately on assembling. Jonathan Rogers had started his address as chairman when a delegate drew his attention to the fact that reporters from city newspapers were waiting at the door.

"This question came up before the executive," explained Mr. Rogers, "and the executive recommended that the press be excluded. It has been my experience in conducting public meetings that they are more satisfactory when the people do their thinking aloud, and without any restraint."

W. C. Brown at once protested against this course. He was supported by C. M. Woodworth.

"We need publicity and we have nothing to hide," said Mr. Woodworth amid applause.

One delegate arose and demanded to know if anyone present expected to say anything during the evening that he would be ashamed of.

A chorus of "noes" was the answering roar. Another delegate, referring to the fact that John Nelson, one of the vice-presidents, who is connected with the world newspaper, had taken into the convention a member of his staff who was not a delegate, wanted to know if this was living up to the spirit of the resolution arrived at by the executive.

The chairman assured the delegates that he was mistaken in believing that a World reporter was in the meeting. Neither Mr. Nelson, who was on the platform, nor the member of his staff, who was in the meeting, made any statement.

On a vote being taken, an overwhelming number of the delegates voted to admit the press and the incident ended with the reporters walking into the room.

Reply Unsatisfactory.

The convention was on the tiptoe of excitement when the president, after asking W. A. Cantelon, the secretary, to read the last letter received from Sir Richard McBride, called upon G. F. Gibson, chairman of the editorial committee, to read the report of the executive thereon.

"Anyone must admit," began Mr. Gibson, "that the reply of the premier is absolutely disappointing. It is a negative in every sense. After dealing with the matter last night, the executive met again this morning and agreed to report to you that the reply is disappointing, and to suggest that the convention invite the other political parties to define their positions and to call another convention of this body later on to agree upon political action."

"There may be differences of opinion among us, but we are all agreed that it is unsatisfactory as a reply. Our first impulse was to make an alliance with the Liberal party, as its attitude approaches our demands more nearly than that of any other. However, many things may happen within the next six months and the other party may recast its policy, so the executive decided to recommend that we make no alliances in the meantime. We shall keep the platform before us and not deviate one hair's breadth. We shall keep both parties guessing instead of us going to them, we shall have them coming to us, for we will have power enough to swing both parties."

Text of Resolution.

Mr. Gibson then read the text of the resolution adopted by the executive, which was as follows:

"Resolved, that this convention regards the reply of Premier McBride in

answer to the petition of the People's Prohibition Movement as entirely unsatisfactory, and to all intents negative, and it hereby reaffirms its fixed determination to adhere undeviatingly to the policy as declared in convention, a copy of which is made a portion of this resolution, and will make no alliance with any political party meanwhile, and will refrain from any political activities until such time as the elections are announced, when another meeting of this committee will be called and the course of this organization determined upon.

"And be it further resolved that this committee of delegates, assembled from all parts of the province, place itself on record as standing for the principle of prohibition in preference to any political party."

A lively debate at once ensued over the preliminary point of how to consider the report. Half the meeting seemed to want it dealt with clause by clause, while the other half to have it passed upon as a whole. The clause-by-clause men argued that as the premier had met them in regard to the early closing, they might wish to retain that clause of the report without retaining the others.

Does Not Bind Government.

"I do not see that we need have any hesitation in handing this matter without gloves," declared Mr. Cantelon. "We asked the premier several specific things. He disagrees with us in regard to a referendum and in regard to having the vote taken apart from a political contest. The third request we made he supports, but qualifies his support by saying that he must get the consent of the legislature. We do not want this question tied up with other questions. At best, the letter is only an expression of personal opinion and Sir Richard has been careful to see that it did not bind his government in anything he said."

H. A. Beckwith, Victoria, pointed out that there probably would be a session of the legislature before even the plebiscite could be taken.

"Are we going to the ourselves up to any party?" he asked, "and argued that the items of the recommendation be taken separately."

"What are we going to do on election day? Are we going to be instructed to stay at home and do nothing, rather than vote upon a plebiscite?" asked J. T. Harrison, but the speaker was informed by the chairman that that question was premature as yet.

Straight Question.

"We have got to get the straight question of yes or no and have it separated from all distracting questions; otherwise the questions which the government would submit on the plebiscite would puzzle a Philadelphia lawyer," said James McQueen, a veteran of the Vancouver city council, who represented Richmond.

A plea for patience with the government came from J. Burr Morgan, president of the Victoria organization.

"A good many things have happened since last August," he argued. "We have made progress with the government. My understanding is that the last delegation which went to Victoria conceded to the government the point in regard to the taking of the prohibition vote on an election day."

Loud cries of "No, no," came from the delegates who had been present on that occasion. On an appeal to the chairman, Mr. Rogers said it had been expressly understood that any concessions made by delegates on that occasion were only expressions of personal opinion.

Considered as a Whole.

"My friend is absolutely correct except in his conclusions," declared C. M. Woodworth amid laughter, as he took up Mr. Morgan's arguments and used them against the idea of clause-by-clause consideration. On a vote being taken, the meeting decided to consider the report as a whole, and accordingly it was re-read.

"I do object to that phrase about entirely unsatisfactory," commenced Rev. T. W. Gladstone, of Victoria, who added: "The letter was not disappointing to me. (Cries of Oh, from the meeting.) I was not disappointed because I did not expect anything definite. I am not speaking as a party man. I would not expect anything definite from any party leader. (Laughter.) You men who follow your parties blindfold wherever they lead you are just led around by the nose. I gave up being a party man years ago."

"If we can not get a square deal from the party now in power, let us wait until there is a party in power that will give us a square deal," urged Delegate N. Wolverton, of Nelson.

"No, let's put a party in power that will give us a square deal," called out a delegate from the rear.

Might Be Repeated.

"I have been a member of a party myself and have a lot to answer for," announced Mr. Laidlaw, a New Westminster delegate, who formerly was a hotelman. "I am not speaking against any party because I have no use, for any of them. (Laughter.) The last time a plebiscite was taken the ballots were held by a number of the returning officers, and were not given unless the voter demanded them. The same thing is likely to happen if we stand for another plebiscite to be taken on the day of election. I want to know how many delegates here are ready to throw party overboard. (Cries of all of us.)"

"It's all very well for Premier McBride to take a lofty attitude and say he won't borrow legislation from abroad. I knew him when he was a struggling lawyer. He was mighty glad then to borrow decisions from abroad. I knew him to borrow one from Mexico. (Laughter.) When the war started he was mighty glad to get some submarines from a foreign country. I tell you these politicians are afraid of the initiative and referendum, lest the people should get control. The Liberals have promised the referendum, also woman suffrage, and if we had woman suffrage alone there would be no need for us to be here to-night. I want to know what Mr. Gibson means by this mysterious talk about something that may happen in the Conservative party in the next six months. We ought to get some light on this."

Dr. J. A. Gillespie urged instant action.

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vention is called we shall have lost a lot of our usefulness. Why not pledge the various candidates, irrespective of their parties?" he asked.

Proposal Opposed.

Mr. Woodworth opposed this proposal.

"I am against the phrase which says that we are opposed to political activity in the meantime. How can we get anything from the legislature except through the medium of politics? We have a definite policy from the present time. Who is there in the room can say who will be in the government after the next election? Sir Richard may not be in. Mr. Brewster may be leader of the next government. I am in favor of going to them and asking them to define their position with extreme particularity. If their answer should be satisfactory it should not be horrible for a Conservative prohibitionist to contemplate living up to the statement of this convention and putting his principle before his party."

If the questions to be submitted by the government should prove unsatisfactory, we shall have to call another convention in any event. If the vote comes out at the time of an election, then Sir Richard has made friends with the enemy and we will have to consider making friends with the Liberals.

Mr. Woodworth said he was not, however, in favor of making an alliance with the Liberals as yet. Thousands of Conservative prohibitionists felt that the negotiations with the government had not been exhausted and it would not be expedient to form an alliance until it had been made clear to these that such an alliance was necessary.

These views did not commend themselves to W. R. Trotter.

"A party out of power has a foundation of promises and an attic of the same material," he said. "The shock of an election usually has a very disturbing effect upon its memory." He thought if they sat tight and organized they would have the parties running to them for support.

By this time a number of the delegates were looking at their watches and

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someone moved a motion that they adjourn, as the hour was late. This was strongly resisted by the Victoria delegates.

"Some of us are here to-night who won't be here to-morrow," insisted Ald. George Bell, of Victoria.

"Put the motion and let's get home," called out a voice.

"We did not come to Vancouver for the purpose of getting a night's sleep; we came to transact business, and we are ready to stay until 5 a. m.," retorted J. B. Morgan, of Victoria.

Should Invite Expression.

Ald. Bell declared he would strongly oppose the making of any alliance as yet with any political party. All parties, including the Socialists, should be invited to express themselves. He insisted that the question of having the matter kept out of party politics was the vital one, and he would rather have no vote than have the vote on election day.

Rev. I. W. Williamson interrupted the debate with a renewal of the demand to adjourn. It was all right for the Victoria men. They were planning to get away on the midnight boat.

"There has been so much talk here and everyone is so tired that no man understands what another man is saying," he urged. "But the meeting on a vote insisted upon staying with the question and appointed a committee of nine to draft a new series of recommendations. This committee was composed of Messrs. Marchant, Morgan and Knott, of Victoria; Dr. Archibald, of Kamloops; Rev. F. W. Kerr, of New Westminster; Rev. Wolverton, of Nelson, and James McQueen, J. Nelson and C. M. Woodworth, of Vancouver.

After an hour's deliberation, which was occupied by the reading of reports of other committees, the special committee returned to the convention with the series of resolutions which finally passed the convention, and which are quoted at the beginning of this article.

Centre of Debate.

The clause in regard to approaching the political parties again proved to be the centre of debate. In answer to Delegate Buchanan's charge that it was dragging the matter into politics against the wish of the last convention, Delegate Wolverton, of Nelson, said that "it is not we who have thrown the matter into politics. It is the government that has done so. We approached the government with our demands for a vote apart from that on the day of the general election, but the government has refused that and thrown it into politics by deciding that we can have a vote only on the day of the party elections."

Another out-country delegate in the dying minutes of the session dealt with Sir Richard McBride.

"While we are talking," he declared scornfully, "the liquor traffic is going about with a smile on its face in full confidence that its interests are in the hands of Sir Richard McBride. They have been assured that their interests are safe in his hands. Hundreds of people in this province believe that McBride in three months time will be no longer a factor in our political life."

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Money Will Flow In.

"When the people know what is being done with the money, it will start to flow in," retorted a delegate when Mr. Harvey complained that his committee had received only \$1,434 and had promises of \$2,400 still unpaid.

It was stated that H. N. Cribb, chairman of the publication committee, that 300,000 leaflets had been purchased, and that it was planned, if the organization received sufficient funds, to subscribe for 5,000 to 20,000 copies of the World newspaper to be mailed to people throughout the country.

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**WHAT'S BREWING?**

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It is well known, however, that Russia has concentrated a large army at Rens, where the Danube touches the boundary between Bessarabia and Roumania, and another at Odessa on the Black Sea. It is known too that the Czar has reviewed both these armies and that Serbia has been assured of their aid before long. If that assurance has been based upon a secret understanding with Roumania we may look for a Russian onslaught upon Bulgaria along the route taken by the famous army in 1913 when it undertook the famous campaign against Turkey, which won for the Bulgarians their freedom. This not improbably would be in conjunction with an attack launched from sea by the army now concentrated at Odessa.

Unquestionably some startling development is brewing on Russia's southwestern front. Curiously enough, too, most of the reports of imminent operations against Bulgaria from the north have emanated from German and Austrian sources. Why Germany should be interested in circulating reports which are bound to have a disquieting effect upon the Bulgarian people is hard to conjecture at this stage. It may be that she is endeavoring to reach some agreement with Bulgaria relative to their future course, probably with the object of driving the Balkan state farther into the Teutonic alliance than it is now. If Russian troops ever get a foothold in Bulgaria Germany will find that she has been nursing a porcupine.

**AMERICAN SENTIMENT.**

Joseph Choate, one of the great men of this generation and a keen observer, said recently that 90 per cent. of Americans heartily sympathized with the cause of the allies. We believe that is true; we know it to be true of the American press, and the press is a mirror which usually truly reflects public opinion. And while we may criticize the claim of the New York Sun that the United States has established its right to be regarded as the bulwark of civilization and the champion of neutrals in the holocaust precipitated by the mad Hohenzollerns, it may be well to remember that if the United States has failed in what we may believe to be her duty under prevailing conditions, that failure is due more to lack of leadership than anything else. Under normal conditions Mr. Wilson generally was acclaimed a model president; under the abnormal conditions which have prevailed during the past two years he has proved in the eyes of his critics failure. We do not believe for a moment that if an experienced statesman had been in the White House during the state of anarchy fomented by German-Americans, as a result of which between thirty-five and forty American citizens have been striven to the winds by powder explosions and millions of dollars' worth of private and public property destroyed, a way would not have been found of dealing effectively with the gangs of dynamiters and assassins. If Washington is helpless when confronted with a domestic situation requiring prompt and energetic action, how can it be expected to rise promptly to a still more perplexing foreign situation requiring energetic treatment? Was any British subjects and Canadians having close business and social rela-

tions with our American neighbors believe that as every crisis in the history of human events ultimately produces the man with capacity to deal with it, the great republic will discover a leader who fittingly expresses the aspirations of its people.

**START ONE HERE.**

In a recent address before the Ottawa branch of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers J. A. D. McCurdy, the well-known Canadian aviator, spoke strongly in favor of the establishment of an aerial branch of the Canadian army. He pointed out that every other country with military forces had such a branch, and he regarded Canada's failure to organize one as an evidence of lack of foresight in a most important particular on the part of our military authorities.

Mr. McCurdy's reference to the importance of the aerial service in connection with a military organization is unchallengeable. In fact, judging by the developments of the war so far, an army without this service has no chance at all. A force served by aviators would have no difficulty in coping with one several times its numerical strength which had none. But for their aircraft service the western allies probably would not have reached the Marne intact. The Russians escaped the German tentacles last summer through the vigilance of their air scouts. National defence in Canada without the development of an aerial branch would be wholly ineffective.

A flying school should be organized by the Canadian government in Canada as soon as possible. The cost would be negligible in consideration of the advantages that would be derived. Such a school, as we have pointed out on several occasions well might be conducted on Vancouver Island. The climate here is very similar to that of England; there are plenty of localities adapted for training sites. There would be no dearth of candidates for admission to the school and in quality they would be unsurpassed in any other country in the world. We do not know whether Australia has yet taken this subject up, but if she has not done so we shall not be surprised to learn shortly that a school is about to be established there. Canada with greater resources ought to take the lead among the overseas dominions in this respect. Australia is a long way ahead on the sea.

**WHAT WILL THEY DO?**

Sir Richard McBride and Mr. Barnard must have followed the reports of the recent coal purchase inquiry with close attention. They are aware of the disclosures that were made; they have seen the charges of scandalous manipulation in connection with coal contracts proved to the hilt by testimony under oath before a commissioner appointed by the federal government; they had read the damning admission of the superintendent of dredging involving himself and the secretary of the Victoria Conservative Association. Are they still determined to entrust Mr. Price with the control of their political affairs in this city?

Solely by itself the domestic policy of the Conservative Association is none of our affair, but the recent proceedings and other facts well known to the public have given the matter a wider application. When the public interest is made subservient to the interest of a private individual, when honest administration is suspended in order that a ward politician may have illimitable scope, when public representatives surrender their consciences entirely to the keeping of parties who have no representative capacity whatever, the situation becomes everybody's business. The people elected Sir Richard McBride and Mr. Barnard, not Mr. Price. Is it still the wish of these two representatives that applicants for positions in the provincial and federal services shall "see Price;" that heads of departments which require men shall "see Price;" that firms desirous of selling goods to the government shall "see Price;" if that continues to be their intention, then it will be patent to the public that they can obtain honest and business-like administration only by changing the fountain head, that the public interest will continue to suffer, particularly at a time when it should be most zealously safeguarded, until those who could have effected reforms but would not do so have been hurled from office.

This question, as we pointed out, no longer has an exclusive party aspect. The majority of Conservatives in Victoria are as outspoken in their condemnation of the transactions exposed at the recent inquiry as Liberals have been. They have had enough of crude machine politics; they see in it not only a deadly menace to the public interest and the country's welfare, but an element which is degrading their party to the very gutter. It was in recognition of this sentiment among numerous supporters of the government that a commissioner was sent from Ottawa to conduct an inquiry. What are Sir Richard and Mr. Barnard, representing the provincial and federal governments respectively, going to do about it?

**A LAME EXCUSE.**

Sir Richard McBride's explanation of the Canadian Northern Pacific car ferry contract will not satisfy anyone genuinely interested in the promotion of shipbuilding on this coast. Nor should anybody be impressed with the statement that Sir Donald Mann some months ago made a "cursory examination" of the British Columbia yards and was convinced that they had not the facilities for building craft of the dimensions of the projected ferries. The Times has been informed by local shipbuilding firms that these vessels could be built in this province, and that if the existing facilities were inadequate they could be expanded to the necessary extent, which is what our people desire to see. This aspect of the matter was investigated by the British Columbia Manufacturers' Association before it forwarded its protest, and if Sir Richard had instituted inquiries of his own instead of accepting the interested opinions of Sir Donald Mann he would have been similarly informed.

That excuse certainly will not do, while the other consideration—the imperative necessity of quick delivery—which, according to Sir Richard, was advanced by Sir Donald Mann, is not only equally untenable but decidedly humorous. It has not been usual for the Canadian Northern Pacific to lay stress on "quick delivery" in regard to its enterprises in this province, and everybody familiar with the railroad situation on the island knows perfectly that no matter where the car ferries are constructed they will be completed before the company's programme has been carried out according to even an elastic interpretation of the contract. The Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company did not give British Columbia shipbuilding firms an opportunity to tender, so how could Sir Donald Mann know whether quick delivery, the strangely sudden imperative necessity, could be guaranteed? He evidently did not inquire of our shipbuilders if they could build car ferries of the dimensions stipulated.

The morning paper, which treats the matter with characteristic delicacy, meticulously refraining from expressing an opinion, observes naively that the case stands on a different footing from that in which government-owned vessels are involved. As a matter of fact, in consideration of the relations between the people of this province and the Canadian Northern Pacific Railroad, the company's action is more reprehensible than a similar course pursued by a government would have been. British Columbia has treated Mackenzie & Mann with a generosity unprecedented in railroad history. Less than half a million people have assumed on behalf of this company a liability of more than forty million dollars in principal, with a yearly charge of more than two million dollars. They have given numerous other concessions and have been extraordinarily indulgent towards the company's frequent lapses from the terms of the contract. In all human probability a part, if not all, the obligations they have assumed, will have to be met by them; they may have to pay for the car ferry in any event. Assuredly the least the company could have done would be to have given British Columbia yards an opportunity to tender for the contract.

The vacuity in the German head where the bump of humor ought to be is more than a misfortune; it is a tragedy. It prevents the German government and the German people from realizing how ridiculous they make

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themselves in their international intercourse. For instance, Chancellor Holweg, Foreign Secretary von Jagow and the German press frequently send forth howls about the freedom of the seas. None of them has ever defined what he means by the freedom of the seas, but everybody knows what the word is. What Germany wants is the same kind of freedom on the seas as she has been trying to gain on land; she asks neutrals to demand that the British navy withdraw from the war in order that kultur might be carried by the thick-tipped von Tirpitz to the four corners of the earth. If Germans had a sense or humor the word "freedom" in any connection would be erased from their vocabulary.

The Kaiser is reported to have said on a certain occasion that he was deeply disappointed in his British relatives. However, the all-highest has the consolation of knowing that his esteemed relatives in the Balkans have stuck to him closer than a brother. And as brothers we hope and trust they will go down together to the place where they belong.

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**AT 2.30 SATURDAY Will Hold a Special Sale of Front Laced Corsets at \$2.50**

We cannot remember offering a Front Laced Corset at so low a price before. We believe that this too is an unprecedented offer in this city, and we are quite sure that many women will seize this opportunity to secure one of these modes, especially when we say that it is made by the well known firm of Thomson's Glove-Fitting Corsets. This particular Corset is made of heavy coutil, boned throughout with double wire; medium low bust, and long hips; front lacing. A corset that would be exceptional value at \$3.50. Special Sale Saturday afternoon at \$2.50

**The Special Sale of Embroidery Silk Crepe de Chine and Silk Waists at \$2.90**

will be continued to-morrow. All these Waists are very new in styles and materials, having been received by us since this Christmas Sale opened. They are very choice, too, especially the all-over embroidered silk crepe de Chine, and the plain white and flesh colored crepe de Chine, made in semi-tailored effects, with convertible collar and full length sleeves. Other Waists in the lot are made from good quality colored silks, in stripes and checks; various shades, as well as black and white and blue and white. Some of these have collars and cuffs faced with plain colored satins. There is also a wide assortment of very dainty Lingerie styles that will make very acceptable Christmas gifts.

**Hardware Specials, Saturday**

Enamelled Tin Bread Boxes—  
 4-Loaf size, Reg. \$1.25 for 90c  
 6-Loaf size, Reg. \$1.50 for \$1.25  
 Nickel-Plated Kettle—No. 70 size, Regular price, \$1.65; Special Saturday \$1.25  
 Lifebuoy Soap—6 bars for 25c  
 Sunlight Soap—6 bars for 25c  
 Tumblers—Plain glass, special at, doz. \$95c  
 Wine Glasses, plain glass, \$2.50 value for, doz. \$1.50  
 Hand-Painted China Cups and Saucers, suitable for afternoon tea or to make up the set. Your choice of various designs, very pretty, each 25c

**Your Friends Abroad Will Appreciate Indian Burnt Leather Novelties**

They are so novel and quaint, and so altogether different to the ordinary style of gift that your friends always appreciate them. If you wish your friends to receive them by Christmas day, remember the English mail leaves Victoria to-morrow. Some of our Christmas specialties are:  
 Indian Leather Cushion Cover \$2.95  
 Handkerchief Cases, each 75c  
 Glove Cases 75c  
 Writing Cases \$1.00  
 Collar Boxes \$1.00  
 Tobacco Pouches, 50c and 75c  
 Ladies' Bags, from 50c to \$1.50  
 Hat Pin Rack, 35c to \$2.00  
 Whisk Broom Holder, 50c  
 Leather Centrepieces, 60c  
 Book Covers 75c  
 Neck Tie Racks, 35c to \$2.00  
 Shaving Pads 35c  
 Letter Racks 60c  
 Pipe Racks, 50c to \$2.00  
 Indian Dolls 35c  
 Snapshot Albums, 25c to \$2.25  
 Photo Frames 25c  
 Pauline Johnson's Indian Legends \$2.00  
 A special assortment of articles suitable for soldiers. Name and Initial Burnt on Free.

**\$5,000 Worth Table and Fancy Linens, Marked at Specially Low Prices for Our Christmas Sale**

For samples see Broad Street Windows and the Tables in Department on main floor. There will be special inducements for early shoppers when the sale opens To-morrow morning. —Staples, Main Floor

**A Regular \$18.75 Semi-Porcelain Dinner Set of 97 Pieces for \$12.75**

A beautiful grade semi-porcelain, very neatly decorated in deep blue band with lace edging in gold. A very handsome set and there are 97 pieces. A regular \$18.75 value to go out Saturday at, set \$12.75

**Millinery Specials for Saturday**

Include very smart models in velvet trimmed with flowers and mounts, also various models in felt. Very handsome and all better grades. Marked special for the Christmas Sale, each \$5.00  
 Children's Trimmed Millinery—Bonnets and hats, in silks, plain velvets, corduroys and fancy materials, also felts, chic new styles, suitable for children of all ages. Prices, 50c to \$3.50

**Large Music Folios, Each, 25c**

Including Chopin Waltzes, Francis & Day's, Sterling Folio, Sousa Marches and Songs of Scotland. —Music—First Floor.

**Women's One-Strap House Slippers, Special, \$1.45**

Glace Kid, strong and serviceable, with high or low heels. —First Floor.

**Chums-- ANNUAL VOLUME \$1.75**

Just to hand. —Main Floor.

**Men's Goodyear Welted Boots Selling Saturday at, Pair \$4.00**

Boots we recommend as being equal in value to most boots being sold at \$5.00. Every pair genuine Goodyear welts, oak tanned soles, of suitable thickness for present winter wear. Your choice from gunmetal or tan calf in Blucher styles. All sizes, and fit and comfort guaranteed. —Main Floor.

**Exceptional Values in Women's Cloth Top Boots Selling Saturday, Pair \$3.50**

These boots have Goodyear welted soles—meaning greater flexibility and comfort and the absence of nails or stitching inside to chafe the feet. You have your choice from cloth top button boots with gunmetal calf, or glazed kid or patent leather vamps, plain toes or with tips. —First Floor.

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### "TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY"

Victoria Times, December 3, 1890.

The Bank of British North America, at its London head office, is inviting tenders for City of Victoria sewerage debentures.

Elford and Smith have been awarded the contract for the new block for R. T. Williams on Broad street.

An association of the land surveyors of British Columbia has been formed. Edward Mohun, C. E. is selected as president. It has been decided to incorporate the association as soon as possible, and to this end legislation will be introduced at the next meeting of the legislature.

"Eighteen years ago," said an old pioneer, "an attempt to pass a market-by-law failed. The whole of the block now partly occupied by the city hall could have been acquired for \$13,000, but was negated by the mossbacks of that time. Now we are to have a market, it is to be located in Chinatown, which is not central enough." The lots selected, it should be explained, are on Government street, between Cormorant street and Fisgard street.

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Phoenix Stout, 2 qts. for 25c.

St. Jude's Sale.—A sale will be held in St. Jude's hall, Obed avenue on Friday, Dec. 3, which will be opened by Miss Turner at 3 o'clock punctually.

There will be work stalls, home-cooking and candy stalls, containing many articles suitable for Christmas presents. There will also be several side shows, including fortune-telling. The proceeds will be for St. Jude's Anglican mission, which is greatly in need of financial help. Friends from the city and district are cordially invited.

Phoenix Stout, 2 qts. for 25c.

Reopen Art Sale.—The Island Arts and Crafts club executive met last night and decided to reopen the galleries in the Union Bank building for the sale of Red Cross works of art.

The rooms are, as a consequence, open until 6 o'clock to-night, and will be open to-morrow from 11 a. m. to 6 p. m. The collection of works of art offered has still a number of very interesting pieces which are to be sold at bargain prices. It is expected that this afternoon and to-morrow the whole collection will be disposed of. In the meantime the accounts of the exhibition are being audited, and an interim cheque will be handed over to the Red Cross committee. This, it is intimated, will be for quite a handsome sum, and will be augmented by the sale to-day and to-morrow.

Vaudeville Entertainment.—For the regular weekly Red Cross vaudeville entertainment to be given to-night at the Rex theatre, Esquimalt, a very interesting programme has been arranged. Vocal numbers will be furnished by Mrs. R. H. Pooley, Mrs. Douglas McConnan, Miss Charlotte Spencer, J. Cave, H. L. Sayer, Wellington Dowler and others. "Collaboration," a playlet by the Hon. Winifred Hamilton and J. D. Laurie, R. C. M., will be presented, and some of the other numbers will be of special interest. Mrs. Guy Pennington Goddard will give some humorous recitations; Miss Alma Bray will give a Spanish dance; G. Middleton, cello solo (accompanied by Joseph Hinton); and Highland dance, with bagpipes accompaniment by Miss Agnes Wallace, by the Misses Shearer. L. Quagliotti has very kindly offered two reels of specially selected pictures, which will round out a programme full of good things. The chair will be taken by Commander Shenton, R. N., of the R. C. N. V. R.

County Court Case.—Judgment for the plaintiff was given in the county court in the action brought by James Drummond against the Empress Dairy company. Plaintiff sued for \$500 due for the purchase of the dairy business known as the North Saanich dairy.

Timber Sale.—The minister of lands is calling for tenders for the purchase of timber license X531, under which may be cut 685,000 feet of spruce, hemlock and balsam on an area on the north shore of Kildala arm, one year being allowed for the removal of the timber.

Four Years for Arson.—Charles Daniel, who was committed for trial by Magistrate Matland Dougall at Duncan on a charge of setting fire to the residence of A. Tiderington at Cowichan Lake, was tried before Judge Barker at Nanaimo and sentenced to four years in the penitentiary.

Socialist Candidate Busy.—John McJanis, former Socialist member for Grand Forks, and now candidate in that interest for George, is taking advantage of a stay in the new town of Vanderhoof, where he is doing work on the hotel, to address meetings in the vicinity and in the Stuart Lake district.

New House for Craigdarroch.—The most important private house built in the city since the year commenced is to be erected for H. E. Bullen in Joan Crescent. The architect is H. S. Griffiths, and the builders F. J. Paquharson and J. A. Rudd. The building will be of two stories and a basement, and will cost \$8,500.

Forbidden the Mails.—Three more pro-German publications have been forbidden the use of the Canadian mails, all published in New York City, these being the Al-Bayan, a Syrian newspaper, the Americal Magyar Nepszava, a daily newspaper in the Hungarian language, and Issues and Events, a weekly paper.

Every dollar that you give Helps a soldier's wife to live! Patriotic Aid Society, 1210 Broad St.

Friendly Help Needed.—In order to make his home more comfortable for a man who is coming out of the hospital this week the Friendly Help society is appealing for a carpet and oil-stove, as there is no heating arrangement in his room. Anyone who can supply either or both of these articles would confer a favor by communicating with Miss Lawson at the Friendly Help rooms. Supplies of any other kind will be welcome also.

Incorporation of Companies.—The Gulf of Georgia Canning Company, Ltd., has been incorporated with a capital of \$125,000 and its head office here, to take over as a going concern the canning business at Stevenson of M. DeBussy & Co. Other new companies of the week are B. C. Industries, Ltd., Vancouver, capital \$10,000; James A. Cavanagh Finance Company, Ltd., Victoria, \$25,000; Prince George Club Company, Ltd., \$25,000; Robertson & Pennock, Ltd., Vancouver, \$10,000; Transcontinental Freight Company, Ltd., Vancouver, \$25,000.

To Address Women's Meeting.—At a meeting for women to be held to-night at Christ Church cathedral Canon Gould will tell his wonderful story of the "Relations Between Missions and the War," which was delivered at the men's meeting held last night at St. John's church. Canon Gould will be assisted by Rev. D. M. Rhodes, secretary of the laymen's missionary movement of the Anglican branch for Canada. Both Canon Gould and Mr. Rhodes arrived yesterday from Toronto, and are spending several days in the city.

Boys' Meeting.—All boys over the age of ten who are connected with the Anglican churches are asked to attend the annual meeting of the Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew to be held to-morrow afternoon at St. Barnabas, commencing at 3 o'clock. There will be a short service in the church, after which the boys will meet in the school-room for the purpose of receiving chapter reports. Officers will be elected. The debate which is to take place between St. John's and St. Barnabas chapters promises to be very interesting. During the afternoon the meeting will be addressed by Rev. B. M. Rose and others.

Provincial Appointments.—George F. Stalker, government agent at Fernie, and Ronald Hewat, Wilmer, have changed places in the provincial service. Mr. Hewat becoming government agent at Fernie and taking the various other offices connected with that position, and Mr. Stalker succeeding Mr. Hewat as mining recorder in Windermere district at Wilmer. Dr. J. Hetherington, Invermere, is appointed resident physician and medical health officer for the Windermere district; Dr. Henry P. Cox, Quatsino, is to be a coroner; William Haymore, Lillooet, is named a justice of the peace; Provincial Constable G. J. Duncan, Pouce Coupe, in the Peace River district, is given authority to issue marriage licenses.

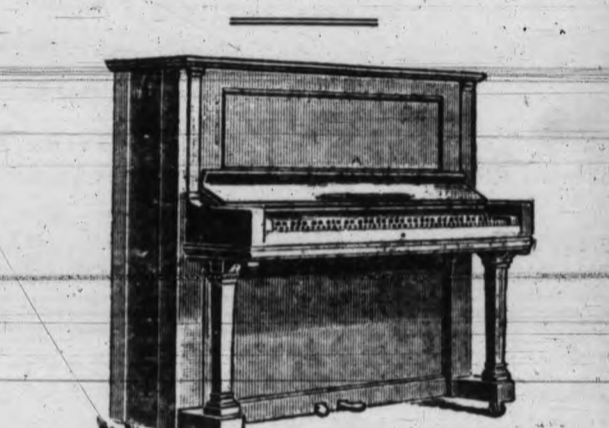
B. C. Soldiers' Committee.—To-day's B. C. Gazette formally announces that the following gentlemen have been appointed as a provincial committee to provide, in association with the Military Hospitals Commission of Canada, for the care and employment of members of the Canadian Expeditionary force upon their return to Canada: Hon. H. E. Young, provincial secretary, representing the government of British Columbia (chairman); Mayor A. Stewart, representing Victoria; Mayor A. W. Gray, representing New Westminster; Mayor A. E. Planta, representing Nanaimo; Alderman Joseph Hoskins, representing Vancouver; A. C. Burdick, representing the Returned Soldiers' Employment Committee of Victoria; E. W. Hamber, representing the Returned Soldiers' Committee of the Canadian Club of Vancouver.

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If you have not already taken advantage of this sale, don't fail to be on deck to-morrow. There are smashing values in every conceivable kind of music goods, which must be disposed of before we move.



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Super-excellent vaudeville is being presented at Pantages this week, and the house is being filled regularly by discerning patrons. The feature act of the bill is an opera comique in one act entitled "The Girls of the Orient," by Walter McNamara with lyrics by Earl MacBoyle and music by Walter L. Rosenberg. The scene depicts the exterior of the Sultan's Palace, a mosque showing in the distance. There is a real plot to this opera, contrary to most presentations of this order. The cast includes a bevy of comely singing and dancing maidens who appear in many changes of beautiful dresses as the act progresses. The feature bright and shining of the act is Joseph Mack, who in the role of Sammy Potts, detective, puts over droll comedy and brings down the house with an eccentric dance which is a classic in itself. The cast includes a tenor and a baritone each of whom possesses a well-trained voice, which is heard to great advantage in solo numbers. There is a cast of ten and the act is beautifully mounted. Other fine numbers on the bill are the flexible equilibrist act by the Portia Sisters, four attractive Parisiennes; the talented singing, dancing and violin playing of Naomi; the songs of

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Wallace Hamilton, of Edmonton,

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Mrs. Combe, of Seattle, is registered at the Hotel Strathcona.  
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Mrs. A. T. Turner, Miss Turner and Miss H. Fainess, of Calgary, are guests of the Dominion.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. Bromley, Vancouver, were amongst the week-end guests at the James Bay hotel.  
E. D. Sheringham, of Mill Bay, registered for himself and Mrs. Sheringham at the Hotel Strathcona.  
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The department has set forth the chief causes of fire in homes at Christmas time very conveniently as follows: It is careless to tamper with electric wiring to produce displays.

To hang inflammable material where it touches or may be pushed or blown against stove-pipes, steam-pipes, lamps, gas or electric lights.

To allow the inexperienced and thoughtless to do the decorating.

To allow paper and rubbish to accumulate owing to pressure of business.

To allow smoking where there are flimsy decorations.

A Few Christmas Don'ts.

Christmas trees:

Don't put cotton beneath the tree to represent snow. Use mineral wool or asbestos.

Don't use celluloid ornaments in decorating.

Don't allow children to light candles on a tree or touch the tree. Clothing is frequently set on fire by permitting this.

Don't leave matches where children can get them and undertake to light candles.

Don't remove gifts from the tree while candles are lighted. It is safer not to put gifts on the tree. Watch the tree. Be prepared for emergencies.

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**SUPERFLUITIES.**

To the Editor:—The first of the "superfluities sales" has just been concluded and will not for Red Cross funds well over \$1,000. Comment has been made that in many instances some of the gifts fetched an abnormally low price. This is quite true. On the other hand, some of the gifts fetched more than double their value. I think this must apply to all auction sales, but, of course, more especially at a sale of things that are admittedly "superfluities." I should be extremely sorry if any of the generous donors felt aggrieved that their gift fetched a less price than they had anticipated. After all, the price obtained at an auction sale is the current price ruling. No better instance of this could have been given than at this sale at the Empress hotel, where there was a very large attendance of the wealthy people of this city. The surroundings were comfortable, and the goods had been carefully catalogued and were shown at the time the sale was made.

It is childish to argue that a certain thing has not fetched its value when it has been put up to open competition by its competitor. What is its value? To look upon it as a waste in the garret, to simply have the pride of possession—there is no value in that. To possess what we have no interest in is to possess nothing. To give what we have no interest in and convert it into Red Cross money is to give something. The "superfluity" that is doing nothing is indeed superfluous; the superfluity that is doing something, even if it is only infinitesimal help, or a cheering message to our men at the front, is working, it is doing something.

It should be an honor and privilege for us all here to give what we can do without, and so take our share of the burden of this great war. It is not, perhaps, our opportunity, owing to age, sex, or physical disability, to take our part in this fierce struggle to guard our homes, our honor, our very life itself, but we can have the pride of Britishers in knowing that we are doing our little bit, even if it is only in the form of parting with a superfluity.

To quibble about giving something we do not want, to query whether we should give what we hardly know we possess, to worry whether what we have given has fetched the abnormal price we may put upon it, is weak; it is not manly—it is not womanly—it does not manifest the true spirit of giving. This is a time of immediate need. The superfluity we possess at the present moment has no value, inasmuch as it is not doing its share in the work that Britain has in hand at the present moment, and can only become of value when it has been diverted into channels such as are suggested by the "superfluities sales." If a picture worth \$10 under normal conditions were sold for 5c, and that 5c, through the Red Cross could give 5c worth of help to our men at the front, that picture has become of five cents more value than it was as a superfluous possession.

HENRY PRARCE.

**IN MEMORIAM.**

It must be sweet, O thou, my dead, to lie With hands that folded are from every task.

Sealed with the seal of the great mystery: The lips that nothing answers, nothing asks;

The life-long struggle ended quite, The weariness of patience and of pain; And the eye closed to open not again

On desolate dawn or darkness of night, It must be sweet to slumber and forget, To have the poor, tired heart still at last, Done with all yearning, done with all regret.

Doubts, fear, hope, sorrow, all forever past.

Past all the hours, or slow of wing or fleet; It must be sweet, it must be sweet.

M. L. McM.

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# SPORTING NEWS

## DEL IRVINE PASSES THROUGH CITY EN ROUTE TO JOIN PORTLAND TEAM

Crack Winnipeg Coverpoint Confident of Making Good With Rosebuds; Holmes on Sick List; Frank Patrick Wires Nichol Transportation

Del Irvine, the well-known Winnipeg hockey player, passed through the city yesterday afternoon en route to Portland, where he will endeavor to land a berth on the Rosebud defence. He is the second Winnipeg amateur to answer the call of professionalism. Tommy Murray, the Menarch goal tender, also has become a member of the Portland team.

For the past three years Del has played brilliant hockey for the Monarchs, and two seasons ago it was his wonderful work at coverpoint which was mainly instrumental in giving that club the amateur championship. Last winter, however, he was injured early in the playing season, and did not show his true form until a few weeks before the season closed, when he regained all his old effectiveness. He is a noted poke checker, and if he plays up to form he should have little difficulty in becoming a regular member of the Rosebuds.

Before his departure from the prairies Del stated that he hated to take the plunge into professionalism, but that he would be out of a position in Winnipeg at the end of the month, and that he would have to seek elsewhere for his winter earnings. Last spring

Del was married at Winnipeg, and he intends to bring his wife to the coast to take up their residence in the Rose City. Upon his arrival in the city Del was met by Lester Patrick, who escorted him about the city in his automobile, paying a visit to the Arena. The player left on the 4.30 Seattle boat en route to Portland.

Harry Holmes III, the goal tender of the Seattle Metropolitans, is at present under the doctor's care. Holmes has a bad attack of la grippe and it is doubtful if he will be able to take his position in the nets for a few days. Manager Muldoon is not taking any chances on not having the team in the best of condition for the opening game next Tuesday night.

Gossip on Opening Game. Next Tuesday night's game between Victoria and Seattle at the Sound City will start at 8.30. The teams will take the ice at 8.20 o'clock and participate in a bombardment of the net to get limbered up. The referee and judge of play, who will handle Tuesday's game are men who have played the game since they were boys. Mickey Ions will act as referee, while Billy Hood will officiate as judge of play.

Wres Nichol Transportation. Frank Patrick has wired Sibly Nichol transportation from Hongkong, and it is expected that the player will leave the Orient on the R. M. S. Mont-ember 8. Sibly has been a member of the Vancouver team since the formation of the P. C. H. A., and Manager

Frank Patrick is anxious to have him back in the fold. Since the outbreak of the war Nichol has been serving as a gunner on the Empress of Russia, which was commanded by the admirality. She was recently released, and Sibly will be at liberty to report to Vancouver.

After Toronto Franchise. Toronto, Dec. 2.—That the McNamara brothers, of the Soo-Howard and George—are in earnest in their desire to purchase a N. H. A. franchise is shown by the arrival here to-day of George McNamara. He is here to look the situation over and to meet President Emmett Quinn, of Montreal, who will be in town to-day in an effort to straighten out the tangle which exists here.

"We started out last spring to buy the Toronto franchise," said George McNamara, "but before the deal was consummated we found that E. J. Livingston, of the Shamrocks, had insisted on taking Foyson and Cameron in exchange for the release of myself and my brother to the Torontos. We would not go any further with the deal without these two players. Then Livingston bought the Toronto franchise, giving him control of both clubs. Then he made an offer to sell us the Shamrock franchise and players, with the exception of the Dennennys, whom he wanted for the Torontos. As we had secured several promising players to fill their places this was satisfactory to us.

Then along came the coast rush, and when the Patricks cleaned out the Toronto players Livingston took over all the Shamrock players and left nothing but the franchise, and this he decided to hold over, as he figured that he would do better with only one team in Toronto. Then came the deadlock with the Arena here, and when Livingston proposed to transfer both teams to Boston he wired us to know if we would buy the Shamrocks and play them there. We agreed, and I came down to close the deal, but the league has refused to consider Boston, and that settled that proposition. However, Mr. Quinn will be here to-morrow, and the Toronto situation will be settled, and I will know where I am at. To me it looks like only one team in Toronto."

It is whispered around that the McNamaras are even ready to purchase the franchise of the Torontos if it is on the market. They are popular here, and would likely attract a strong following, if they put a good team on the ice. They have lines on several good northern players.

Saskatoon, Nov. 30.—Delegates, in representing the amateur hockey teams of Saskatoon, Prince Albert and Humboldt, met Monday and arranged a schedule, thus disposing of the talk that Prince Albert would not take part in the league. The first game is Prince Albert at Humboldt, December 28.

CALLAHAN AFTER TALENT. San Francisco, Dec. 3.—Billy Jordan, veteran announcer of championship fights, who has been a referee in the boxing game for many years is seriously ill. Jordan is 82 years old and has been in poor health for some time.

## FEDERAL LEAGUE IS AFTER HUGH JENNINGS

Want Detroit Leader to Manage New York Feds; Jennings Would Decline

Chicago, Dec. 2.—Harry Sinclair, backer of the team which the Federal League proposes to put in New York, said yesterday here that he would offer the management of the team to Hugh Jennings, of the Detroit Americans, and had also bid for the services of Frank Baker, of the Philadelphia Americans.

He said he believed Jennings was not bound legally to the Tigers for the coming season, and he considered him the man to round up a winning nine. If Jennings does not accept Mr. Sinclair said he might make an offer for Eldear Jones, of the St. Louis Federals, or might retain George Stovall, who is to be transferred to New York with the rest of the Kansas City team.

New York, Dec. 2.—Hugh Jennings, manager of the Detroit Americans, who has returned from the south, where he was searching for a training camp, declared yesterday that he had not been offered the management of the New York Federal League team.

"The Federal League has never offered me a position as manager of its New York team, and I would not consider it if they did. I am perfectly satisfied with my lot in Detroit, where we have built up a great team, and I have no intention of leaving Detroit."

President Frank Navin, of the Detroit club, who also is in the city, likewise denied that there was a chance of Jennings leaving Detroit. "It is true that Jennings is not signed to a contract," he said, "but we have been working under a gentlemen's agreement, which is mutually satisfactory on both sides."

TO-MORROW'S GAMES SENIOR SOCCER Weests vs. Jacksons at Beacon Hill. Thistles vs. 8th Fusiliers at North Ward park. JUNIOR SOCCER Congos vs. Esquimalt at the Albion grounds. TEAMS Victoria West—Goal, Robertson; backs, Jackson and Whyte; halves, Church, Petticrew and Stewart; forwards, McLeod, J. Sherritt; Youson, S. Sherritt and Shakespear. Jacksons—Goal, Loomis; backs, Sherriff and Tuncliffe; halves, Niven, Green, Allan; forwards, Ellendall, Nichol, Grant, Douglas and Kerley. Reserves, Thomas and Jones. Thistles—Goal, Leeming; backs, Borland and R. Lea; halves, McKinnon, Buchanan and Green; forwards, Hayward, Muir, Filmore, Howden and Frankish. Reserves, Engley and Cummins.

## LIGHTWEIGHTS NOT TOO EAGER TO MEET LEWIS

His Quick Disposal of Duffy Spreads Fear in Ranks

Teddy Lewis' lightning performance in flattening Jimmy Duffy in one round has struck terror in the ranks of the lightweights, and the first bird to grow nervous is Charlie White. Charles was very eager to do battle with the British sensation until the latter handed Duffy the lullaby. Now he would not take him on a bet. White and Lewis were scheduled to box at Boston Tuesday night, but on Monday Lewis received a telegram from White stating that the fight was off. White first insisted upon Teddy making 134 pounds at 3 o'clock the day of the battle, which the British consented to do. Then he changed it to 135 pounds at 5 o'clock. Lewis again consented. A third demand was that Lewis must make 135 pounds ringside. Lewis was angered by White's actions, but finally agreed to the latter demand. Then the Chicago boy backed out altogether. Having nothing else in sight the Britisher signed up with Mike Glover, a welterweight, and was disappointed.

How Duffey Lost. Hughie Shannon, who handles the affairs of Jimmy Duffey, the clever Buffalo lightweight whose stock took a decided slump by his early sleep in his bout with Kid Lewis, is out explaining how his protégé got whipped. "It was like this," says Shannon. "Duffey held out his mitt to shake hands with Lewis when the latter swung on him, knocking him down. After that he was an easy victim. The punch landed flush behind Jimmy's ear, and he went down like a log. His eyes were glassy, and he knew that he would be a victim via the knockout route."

Shannon stated that he had not yet rematched Duffey with Lewis, but that a Boston club had made him an offer for a return bout between the pair. He announced that he will pit his protégé against Lewis immediately after his bout with Young Neil at Dayton, Ohio, which takes place to-night.

Palzer vs. Anderson. Al Palzer and Andre Anderson, two hopeless hopes, will swap punches before Kid Howard's club at St. Paul. They are scheduled to fight ten rounds on December 10 and the winner will be matched to fight Carl Morris or Jim Flynn.

Smith After Gibbons. Jeff Smith is earnest in his attempt to induce Mike Gibbons into the ring with him. He is now in active training in hopes of securing a match with the St. Paul wizard. As evidence that Jeff means business, the \$2,500 belt in his possession which was presented to him in Paris he agrees to put up for the winner of a bout between himself and Mike.

Moy Challenges Ritchie. Eddie Moy, the Allentown lightweight, has challenged Willie Ritchie to a match over any distance offering to bet \$2,500 on the side. Moy is willing to concede the Californian a few pounds in the bargain.

## MONTREAL RUGBY TEAM LOST MONEY THIS SEASON

Montreal, Dec. 2.—The Rugby season, as far as Montreal was concerned, was a failure, but a surprise was sprung at a Montreal Rugby club annual meeting when the financial statement showed a loss of \$1,557. The team did not score a victory and the points scored by the players were far below the average of a losing team. The coach was forced to use a number of schoolboy players and in consequence of their many defeats the total receipts for the season amounted to only \$871, while expenditures being: Trainer, \$153; transportation, \$1,170; officials, \$250, and sundries amounting to \$600. The following officers were elected for next season: President, W. Ewing; vice-president, G. S. McSweeney; hon. secretary, C. L. Sanders; treasurer, R. E. Melville. Executive, R. H. Paul, Walter C. Hagar, D. E. Crutchlow, T. J. Carling and G. W. Blacklock.

## CYLINDER PRESSMEN TOOK THREE STRAIGHT GAMES

Last evening at the Arcade bowling alleys the Cylinder Pressmen representatives defeated the Web Pressmen, taking three straight games. Wm. Grant had the high score of the evening, and Les Fisher the high average. The teams will meet again next week.

## BLACKS TO BATTLE

New York, Dec. 2.—The feature bout of the Harlem Sporting club tonight will be between Sam Langford, of Boston, and Harry Wills, the New Orleans heavyweight. Both are negroes. Each of the men has established a reputation for being fast and clever, and an interesting contest should result, particularly as there is some talk of lifting the ban on mixed bouts, and a decision win by one or the other would give grounds for demanding a contest with one of the white heavyweights if the boxing commission accedes to the proposal to abolish the color line.

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**TWO NOTABLE FRENCH BOXERS HAVE FALLEN**

Paris, Dec. 2.—Two noted French boxers figure amongst those who have fallen for their country, during the fighting in Champagne. They are Gambetta and Harvey. The former was bantamweight champion of the south of France, and one of the most promising boxers in his class over here. In his brilliant record figure victories over Bianchi, Rocca and Avignon, a draw with Marcel Lepreux, now in Australia, and his best performance, undoubtedly a decision over Eugene Crigut, the ex-flyweight champion of France. Gambetta, who was a corporal, fell on September 26. Harvey was killed the day previously during the attack on Tahure. He was a sergeant in the 105th Regiment of Infantry, and had demonstrated such conspicuous gallantry that he had been mentioned in army orders. He was middleweight amateur champion in 1914, but did not defend his title last year, intending to join the professional ranks. He has been wounded twice previously, at Les Eparges on each occasion.

**ANOTHER ATHLETE INELIGIBLE.**

Chicago, Dec. 2.—The central A. A. U. board of managers announced to-day that Alvin Richards, who gained international fame by winning the high jump at the Olympic games at Stockholm in 1912, had been declared ineligible to compete in the meets of the central district, his legal residence, when he took part in the meet last July in Provo, Utah, not Chicago, as noted in his entry blank.

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## JUNIOR LEAGUE

### SCHEDULE DRAWN UP

New Organization Composed of Four Teams; Season Opens To-morrow

Junior league delegates assembled at the Y. M. C. A. on Wednesday evening for the purpose of making complete arrangements for the drawing up of a Junior Standard Soccer League, and transacting other business in connection with the league. The officers elected were: J. A. H. Hoyle, president; Herbert Davey, secretary-treasurer; and John Hoadley, registration-secretary. A constitution was adopted, incorporating the weight and ages of the players.

Delegates representing the Standard League approached the B. C. F. A. for affiliation, which they were granted. Four teams have entered the new league. They are: James Bay, Congo, Equilmait and Y. M. C. A. It was anticipated that the league would be composed of five clubs, but the Oak Bay team, which had been undecided for some time finally backed out, being unable to field a team to comply with the standards called for. A proposal has been made for the formation of a B division league, for which the age and weight limits will be reduced. The present standards require players of 18 years and under while the team weight must not exceed 1,375 pounds.

On Saturday the opening game in the new league schedule will be played between the James Bay and Equilmait at the Albion cricket grounds. A second fixture between the Y. M. C. A. and James Bay teams which was to have been played at Beacon Hill had to be postponed, as several members of both teams are accompanying the High school athletes to Vancouver.

The following is the complete schedule:

Date	Teams	Ground
Dec. 4	Congo-Equilmait	Albion
Dec. 4	James Bay-Y.M.C.A.	Beacon Hill
Dec. 11	Congo-James Bay	Albion
Dec. 11	Equilmait-Y.M.C.A.	Macaulay
Dec. 18	Congo-Y.M.C.A.	North Ward
Dec. 18	Equilmait-James Bay	Macaulay
Jan. 7	Congo-Equilmait	North Ward
Jan. 7	James Bay-Y.M.C.A.	Albion
Jan. 15	Congo-James Bay	Heywood
Jan. 15	Equilmait-Y.M.C.A.	Beacon Hill
Jan. 22	Congo-Y.M.C.A.	Macaulay
Jan. 22	James Bay-Equilmait	North Ward
Jan. 29	Y.M.C.A.-James Bay	N. Ward
Feb. 5	Equilmait-Congo	Macaulay
Feb. 5	James Bay-Congo	Beacon Hill
Feb. 12	Y.M.C.A.-Equilmait	N. Ward
Feb. 12	Y.M.C.A.-Congo	Beacon Hill
Feb. 12	Equilmait-James Bay	Macaulay

### PROPOSES TITLE BOUT.

New York, Dec. 2.—Samuel Richman, promoter of the International wrestling tournament in progress at the Manhattan opera house, is trying to arrange a match between the tournament winner and George Stecher, the Nebraska heavyweight. Richman wired Stecher yesterday that he would put up a purse of \$3,000 for such an event. It is planned to have a mixed championship test—on fall at Graceland, one at catch-as-catch-can and the third, if necessary, to be decided by the flip of a coin.

### CARPENTIER GETS DECORATION.

Paris, Dec. 1.—Sergeant Georges Carpentier, champion heavyweight fighter of Europe, now attached to the French aviation corps, has been decorated with the military cross for brilliant and daring reconnaissances in an aeroplane.

## DUNKHORST BETTER

### ACTOR THAN FIGHTER

Ed. Was Friend of Fitzsimmons Until Latter Played Crude Joke on Him

There was genuine sorrow among old time followers recently when it was known that big Ed Dunkhorst had died. Dunkhorst was formerly Bob Fitzsimmons's sparring partner, and was known as the "Human Freight Car."

In fighting trim Dunk weighed about 300 pounds, and was the largest man who ever aspired to pugilistic honors. His death was due to kidney trouble. Several years ago a specialist told him that his great weight would some day cause his death, as it interfered with his heart action.

For the last 19 years Dunkhorst has made his living playing the part of a country schoolboy in vaudeville.

As a story teller he had few equals, and the victim in most of his jokes was himself. Although he made \$50 a week on the stage, he took care that none of it should be saved for the proverbial rainy day, and died without a penny to his name, after an illness of three months. Ed was a big eater, and liked fancy trimmings with his foods, but refrained from using intoxicating drinks. Dunkhorst was a warm friend to Fitzsimmons until one night at a theatre Fitz played a cruel joke on Ed that caused hard feelings to arise.

The split was caused by Fitz handing Dunk a red hot iron shoe from during the performance of "A Village Blacksmith."

While visiting his old manager, Mat Ganser, last spring, the pair walked into a cafe and ordered a couple of sandwiches. When the bill was presented to Ganser the cost of Ed's sandwich was 50 cents. Explanations were in order, and the manager of the place explained that he didn't think an ordinary sandwich would appease Ed's appetite, so he made him a three-star special.

While showing in New York Dunkhorst wanted to treat himself to a good night's sleep at the swivel hotel in the city. He got a 10 room and went to bed. During his slumber the bed broke down. Ed sent in a call for help and the clerk called him up on the phone. "Send for a conveyance, I shall leave this hotel at once," shouted Ed. In a short time his manager and doctor came in the office. "This is your car," said the clerk, as a big plane truck drove up to the door. "Thanks," said Ed as he dashed out and hopped on the truck. The driver took his load of human freight to a nearby hotel, much to the amusement of the fight.

In a small Indiana town several years ago, Ed got into a dispute with a manager about a contract. The house wanted to cancel his term, but Ed wouldn't be bluffed, and went to his dressing room to prepare for the act. While dressing, the chief of police walked into the theatre and hunted up Dunk to serve the warrant. He found Ed in the dressing room. The chief was a wee bit of a fellow and looked like a messenger boy in uniform. When he handed Ed the warrant the latter tore it open as though it were a telegram. Then he tore it up, and turning to the chief, handed him a dime and shouted, "No answer, boy."

Ed started to walk over a railroad trestle once, when the night watchman called him "gee yer," said the old fellow, "kape off that bridge. It's no place for you." "I ain't going to hurt your old bridges," said Ed with a growl. "I know yer not," responded the night watchman, "but I'm afraid the river will splash up and hit you in the face when the bridge starts to bend."

### FREDDIE WELSH HAS BEEN MATCHED WITH WHITE

New York, Dec. 2.—Freddie Welsh, of England, and Charlie White, of Chicago, through their managers, signed an agreement here to-day to meet in a twenty-round bout within six weeks for the lightweight championship of the world.

Welsh, as the champion, and White, as the challenger, agreed to meet before the club offering the best inducements, all bids for the bout to be received not later than Thursday, December 16.

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The terms of the agreement read that the boxers are to meet under Queensberry rules in a battle of twenty or more rounds, with a referee's decision.

### MILLIONAIRES PLAN TO STAGE TOURNAMENT

New York, Dec. 2.—Millionaire South American sportsmen are planning for a pugilistic carnival to be held at Buenos Aires next spring, in which the four state championships of the world will be contested.

Within the next two weeks the sum

of \$125,000 will be deposited in a local bank, to be divided later into four purses, and the additional sum of \$75,000 to cover traveling, training and advertising expenses of pugilists and promoters.

Baron Nicholas Milhanovich is the representative of the South American capitalists and sportsmen who believe that the pugilistic carnival will be of great advertising value to Buenos Aires and South America in general.

Tom Jones and Jack Curley have been appointed the American representatives and matchmakers for the backers of the carnival.

### HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES LEAVE FOR VANCOUVER

A large delegation of local High school athletes embarked on the Vancouver boat this afternoon for their Thompson cup series games with the King Edward High school champions of Vancouver. To-morrow morning at

10.30 o'clock they will oppose the mainlanders at Broekton Point at Rugby, and in the evening they will meet at basketball. Last year the King Edward school paid a visit to Victoria, and while they easily downed the locals at rugby their basketball quintette met with a decisive trimming at the hands of the local aggregation.

Thus far this season the King Edward school rugby team have not had a single try scored against them, but the Victoria athletes, prior to their departure, stated that they at least expected to cross their opponents' line twice. This season the Victoria team is much stronger than last season's fifteen and a good game should result.

### WILLARD WILL DEFEND HIS TITLE IN MARCH

New Orleans, Dec. 3.—Jess Willard will meet Fred Fulton, of Rochester, Minn., in a twenty-round, bout here

March 3 for the heavyweight championship of the world, according to an announcement to-night by promoters of the match.

Willard signed articles here several weeks ago to meet any white fighter the promoters might name by December 10. Efforts were made to arrange an elimination bout between Fulton and Frank Moran, of Pittsburgh, but according to the promoters, Moran refused to meet the Minnesota pugilist, and was notified that if he did not agree by December 1 to do so the match would be given to Fulton. Fulton previously had signed articles to meet Willard in the event Moran refused the elimination bout.

Willard's contract calls for \$32,500, win, loss or draw. Terms arranged with Fulton were not announced.

### ALF. SHRUBB TO BECOME AN AMERICAN CITIZEN

Boston, Dec. 2.—Alfred Shrubbs, of Toronto, for the past six seasons coach of the Harvard cross-country team, has decided to become an American citizen. He will shortly apply for citizenship papers in the state of Massachusetts.

Shrubbs will go into business in Boston this winter, but will continue to coach the crimson warriors. The great little runner has accumulated a competency since coming from England to Canada, where he became a professional. He held all the world's amateur records from one to twelve miles as an amateur. Since his arrival in America the Englishman has won a good deal of money as a professional, and, what is more, he has not thrown it away. As a building contractor and real estate speculator in Toronto, he has increased his financial resources. He is popular at Harvard and throughout Greater Boston.

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### PRICE OF FOODSTUFFS RISING IN CHINA

### Passengers See in Assassinations Promise of More Trouble for Republic

The rise in prices of foodstuffs is seriously affecting the cost of living in China, according to passengers arriving on the Awa Maru to-day from the Orient.

It is also very hard to secure supplies for the interior ports, owing to the European war having diverted cargoes from their regular channel. According to N. T. Saunders, who with Mrs. Saunders, arrived with their family from Shanghai, the foreign residents are feeling the pressure considerably.

The political differences between the north and south have led to several assassinations in Shanghai's native quarter, and since the steamer left, an admiral there has been murdered. It was reported by wireless that a mutiny had occurred in the Chinese section of the city, but this rumor does not appear to be confirmed.

There is considerable anxiety in the treaty ports, according to Mr. Saunders, "as to the effect political events will have on business in China. No foreigners have any clear idea as to what will occur if Yuan Shih Kai is able to change the government from republican to monarchical. The impres-

sion is general that there will be an outbreak in the south, as the southerners are distinctly opposed to a change at this time. The expressed disapproval by the European powers of any alteration while they are engaged in war may not weigh with the president, who appears determined to seize the opportunity presented through the powers being occupied elsewhere."

All the passengers from China agree that the European war has split the white population of China into two hostile camps. The bitter feeling has spread to the legation guards at Peking, which have been maintained since the Boxer rising, and there have been several encounters between Austrians and Russians. The Germans have been ostracized from the clubs, and the resorts where the foreign population formerly congregated, are either split into two factions or are left to a single section of the belligerent powers. Passengers state that the unity, breed of cohesion during native risings has now apparently disappeared for ever among the white residents in the Chinese ports.

**Given a Chance.**—A young girl from a country district nearby the city was before the magistrate in provincial police court to-day on a charge of stealing a ring. She pleaded guilty, but as it appeared that she had been greatly wronged by an elderly man in whom she had trusted, his worship allowed her to go on suspended sentence in order that she may have a chance to retrieve herself.

**Offence Against Motor Act.**—The Bege Motor company was this morning fined \$5 in city police court for an infraction of the Motor act.

### MOTOR TRANSPORT CORPS

#### Lieut. Copeland to Finish Examination of Volunteers To-morrow.

The motor transport volunteers, who have been undergoing examination by Lieut. Copeland since Wednesday of this week, will, it is anticipated, be considerably augmented in numbers before to-morrow night, as enrolment will be continued until Saturday evening. Lieut. Copeland will leave on Sunday for Vancouver, where he will carry on an examination of a similar kind among volunteers for overseas service with the Imperial Transport corps.

#### DARDANELLES POSTAGE.

Scale of Postal Rates for Mediterranean Forces is Higher.

The post office has given some information with respect to the rates of postage on parcels to Canadian and other troops stationed at the Dardanelles. These are as follows to men of any of the Mediterranean expeditionary forces:

One pound, 32 cents; 2 pounds, 40 cents; 3 pounds, 48 cents; 5 pounds, 82 cents; 6 pounds, 90 cents, and 7 pounds, 98 cents.

Letters or parcels for men who have been serving with the Mediterranean expeditionary forces and who are known to be in hospital should, where the actual hospital is known, bear the word "hospital" in large printed characters.

**Winner of Raffle.**—It is announced that ticket number 499, possessed by Mrs. Jeffery, is the winner of the washing machine in the raffle inaugurated by Mrs. Doe, Saratoga avenue.

**St. Saviour's Sale of Work.**—The Ladies' Work society of St. Saviour's parish will hold their Christmas sale on Wednesday, December 8. The Dean of Columbia has kindly undertaken to open the sale at 3 p. m. sharp. There will be the usual opportunity of procuring plain and fancy work as well as home cooked and canned. The generous Goose will be in attendance to welcome children and their elders. Afternoon tea will be served and a substantial supper from 5.30 to 7. At 8 p. m. a good programme of music will be presented. The sale will be held in the church schoolroom.

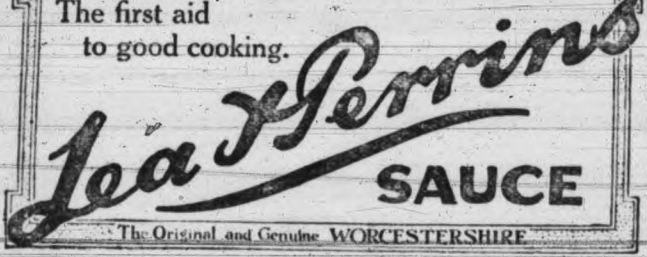
# MEN! MEN!

## This War Forces Us to Put on a Big

# Cash-Raising SALE

TO-MORROW, December 4, we throw on Sale our entire stock of Men's Clothing and Furnishings, at Prices never equalled in this or any other city before. We didn't want to do it, but this war has forced us to sacrifice this high-class stock of Fall and Winter Goods

The first aid to good cooking.



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## Stewart's Saturday Specials

hold big surprises for everybody to-morrow. The wet weather is here, so we've a Special for Ladies, and one for Men, in Waterproof Boots; the genuine article. Then our Felt Slippers are all priced very low, and we've a big variety.

### Buy at Stewart's

#### LADIES' "KOZY" FELTS



Hundreds of pairs of these comfy, well-made slippers are now on our shelves, and we've red, green, brown, cinnamon and check patterns in stock. No need to pay a cent more. Here's the best, to-morrow for

**95c**

#### THIS BOOT STANDS THE RAIN

Our "D. & G." Box Calf Blucher boot with leather lined upper and double soles. Smart, dressy appearance; looks like a good \$4.50 boot; solid all through. You can get your size to-morrow for



**\$3.65**

#### LADIES' SHOES



Still a few pairs in button and lace styles. Tan color only, and in sizes 2 1/2 to 3 1/2. Saturday

**\$1.95**

#### FOR \$4 A PAIR



We have over eight different styles in military boots to choose from to-morrow. All the very last word in fit and finish.

#### MEN'S PL/1 SLIPPERS



A warm, easy "home" slipper for the business tired man. All sizes to-morrow. Stewart's price

**95c**

**STEWART SAVES YOU SHOE MONEY**

#### LADIES' SPATS

We Carry a Big Line of the Best

Black, only ..... 75c  
Grey, Fawn, Battleship Grey and Brown... \$1.25  
White ..... \$1.50

We Have a Size to Fit You

#### CHILDS' BOOTS

You can't beat the famous "Classic" make for the little folks. We back every pair personally. Everything that's new for the children comes first in Classic. Price from ..... \$1.25



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1321 DOUGLAS STREET

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LATEST STYLES

Any man who knows the class of goods we have in this stock, realizes how desperate we are when we quote these prices. You can take your choice of any suit in the store, nothing is held back. Sizes from 34 to 39.

- Special \$20.00 Suits, sale .. \$10.00
- \$22.50 Suits, sale .. \$12.50
- \$25.00 Suits, sale ..... \$16.00
- \$27.50 Suits, sale ..... \$18.50
- \$30.00 Suits, sale ..... \$20.50
- \$32.50 Suits, sale ..... \$22.50
- \$35 and \$37 Suits, sale .. \$25.00
- Special New Fall Full Dress Suits, \$35.00; sale ..... \$24.00
- Tuxedos, \$25.00; sale..... \$16.00

These Prices Are Below Manufacturer's Cost of Production

## REAL SHIRT VALUES

Here's your chance, these Shirts are the best money can buy, and all new and correct; no old stock.

- \$1.25 Values, sale ..... 90c
- \$1.50 Values, sale ..... \$1.00
- \$1.75 Values, sale ..... \$1.25
- \$2.00 Values, sale ..... \$1.40
- Special (18 size only) \$2.50 Values, sale ..... \$1.50

Here's a Gift, Boys—Silk and Taffeta Shirts ..... Half-Price

## Overcoats

NEW STYLES

Handsome new dark grey Chestertields; some class for style and quality.

- \$25.00 Overcoats, sale ... \$17.50
- \$27.50 Overcoats, sale ... \$19.00
- \$30.00 Overcoats, sale ... \$21.00
- \$32.50 Overcoats, sale ... \$22.50
- \$37.50 Overcoats, sale ... \$27.00

## Rainproofs

IMPORTED SCOTCH

Famous Dexter's Brand, the only real satisfactory Rainproofs, just arrived.

- \$25.00 Values ..... \$17.50
- Complete Stock of Smart Raincoats HALF PRICE

Look at These Prices and Then See the Goods No Stock in This Store Is Reserved

## High-Grade New Bath Robes

- \$15.00 Values, sale ..... \$11.50
- \$20.00 Values, sale ..... \$15.00
- Odd Vests to Suits, sale ..... 95c
- Fancy Vests ..... Half-Price

MEN ALWAYS WANT

## Hose That Will Wear

- 50c Silk Hose, sale ..... 35c
- 75c Silk, Wool and Cashmere Hose, sale ..... 55c
- 35c Holeproof Lisle, sale ..... 25c
- 75c Holeproof Silk, sale ..... 50c
- Best Silk Hose, sale ..... 75c

## Some Real Glove Values

- \$2.00 Dent's Chamois Gloves, sale only ..... \$1.50
- \$1.25 Dent's Chamois Gloves, sale only ..... \$1.00
- \$1.25 Dent's Black Gloves, sale \$1
- \$1.25 Grey Cashmere Gloves, sale only ..... 85c
- Special White Chamois, reg. \$1.50; sale ..... \$1.00

Any Belt in Store, 35c Each High-Grade Suspenders, 25c, 50c

## Smart Neckwear

- 50c and 75c Ties, 3 for ..... \$1.00
- 75c and \$1.00 Ties, sale ..... 50c
- \$1.00 Ties, sale ..... 75c
- \$1.25 Ties, sale ..... 90c

## Dent's Gauntlets

- \$2.00, sale ..... \$1.50
- \$2.50 Grey Suede ..... \$1.75
- \$2.00 Tan Mocha ..... \$1.50

## Umbrellas

- \$1.25 and \$1.50, sale ..... \$1.00
- \$1.75, sale ..... \$1.25

CHANCE TO LOAD UP ON

## Collars

Broken Lines of Arrow Collars, 3 for only ..... 25c

## Underwear

Summer weights, including famous B. V. D. and Woolens, in 2-piece and combinations—look these over.

- B. V. D. \$1.50, sale ..... \$1.00
- Pen. \$1.25, sale ..... 95c
- \$2.00 Woolen Underwear, sale only ..... \$1.25
- \$2.50 Woolen Underwear, sale only ..... \$1.75
- \$3.00 Woolen Underwear, sale only ..... \$2.25
- \$3.50 Woolen Underwear, sale only ..... \$2.50
- \$4.00 Woolen Underwear, sale only ..... \$2.75
- \$5.00 Woolen Underwear, sale only ..... \$3.50

## Sweaters

- \$3.50 Values, sale ..... \$2.50
- \$5.00 Values, sale ..... \$3.50
- \$6.50 Values, sale ..... \$5.00
- \$8.50 Values, sale ..... \$6.25
- Reg. \$12.50, sale ..... \$8.00

NAVAJO RUG

Reg. \$12.50; sale ..... \$8.00

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## Specials for Saturday

### ALUMINUM WARE

Only about 100 pieces left at big reductions.

- \$1.25 Icing Syringes for .80c
- 50c Story Cake Tin Set for 34c
- 60c Jelly Moulds Sets for 34c
- 15c Can Openers for 6c
- 30c Cork Screws for 8c
- 60c Guernsey Bean Pots for 42c
- 15c Trousers Hangers for 8c
- 10c Coat Hangers for 5c
- 45c Butter for 27c
- 5c Mouse Traps for 3c
- 15c Dust Cloths for 8c
- 10c Boot Protectors for 6c
- 60c Bannister Brushes for 38c
- \$1.35 Hair Brooms for 87c
- \$6.00 Coal Oil Stoves for \$3.90
- \$18.00 Fireless Cooker (3-hole) for \$11.30
- \$25.00 Fireless Cooker (3-hole) for \$16.25
- \$12.50 Washing Machine for \$6.39
- \$1.75 Axes for \$1.15
- \$1.50 Axes for .98c
- 90c Boys' Axes for .58c
- \$3.50 Japalac for \$1.70
- \$3.25 Outside Varnish for \$1.96
- \$1.25 Axes for .83c
- \$2.25 No. 1 Carriage Varnish, gal. for \$1.40
- 25c Colors, in Oils for .14c
- 50c Kalsomine for .26c
- \$1.50 Kalsomine Brushes for 92c
- \$1.25 Kalsomine Brushes for 68c
- \$1.25 N.P. Union Squares, 62c
- \$1.75 Table English Mangles for \$1.25
- \$28.00 On Stand English Mangles for \$19.50
- 25c Acme Fry Pans for 22c
- 40c Acme Fry Pans for 24c
- 15c Acme Fry Pans for 27c
- 60c Blue Granite Sauce Pans for 33c
- 75c Blue Granite Sauce Pans for 42c
- 75c White En. Measuring Cups for 48c
- 10c Fire Shovels 7c
- 15c Fire Shovels 9c
- 60c Blue Enamel Wash Boards for 40c
- \$15.00 Water Lawn Rollers for \$9.90
- 15c Candle Lantern for 6c
- \$1.80 Heavy English Brown Enamel Kettle for \$1.18
- 65c Cash Boxes for 42c
- 75c Feather Dusters for 54c
- 50c Cocoa Mats for 33c
- 85c Steel Claw Hammer for 54c
- \$1.00 Claw Hammer for 64c
- 90c Hunters' Hatchets for 69c
- \$1.35 Carpenters' Hand Axes for 88c
- \$1.50 Carpenters' Hand Axes for 98c
- \$2.00 Meat Saws for \$1.17
- 50c Cleavers for 27c
- 60c Wall Lamps for 38c
- 80c Lanterns for 54c
- \$2.00 Razors for \$1.08
- 60c Razor Stropps for 42c
- 75c Razor Stropps for 48c
- \$1.00 Acme Skates for 34c
- \$1.50 Sad Irons, set 1.08
- 75c Sleeve Boards 32c
- 25c Padlock 15c
- \$1.50 Night Latches 98c
- 15c Barrel Bolts 8c
- 20c Galv. Safety Hasps 12c
- 75c O.B. Inside Lock Sets 38c
- \$2.75 O.B. Front Door Sets 1.58
- \$2.00 Solid Brass Inside Sets 98c
- \$4.00 Store Door Sets 2.05
- 80c Cabinet Pulls 22c
- \$6.00 Pump Rams 3.00
- \$10.00 Pump Rams 5.00
- \$20.00 Pump 10.00
- \$2.00 Rubber Roofing, 1 ply 1.60
- \$6.00 Heating Stove 3.50
- \$9.00 Heating Stove 4.50

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## CORONATION NAVAL REVIEW EXCELLENT

### Visitor Saw Japanese Demonstration at Kobe to Show Off Sea Power

"During the coronation ceremonies Japan took the opportunity to show the European and American residents the power and might of the Japanese navy." The speaker, C. A. Sheppy, arrived with Mrs. Sheppy, on the Awa Maru to-day from the Orient. Associated with a publishing house in New York, he has visited the old country, South Africa, Australia, and the Orient, traveling since April of last year.

"The sight in Kobe harbor was magnificent," he said, "every class of ship from the gunboat to the dreadnought being in line at the review. The meaning of it may be gathered by every thinking man, and it is a reminder of what may happen in the changing circumstances of history. When the vessels were illuminated at night, they made a wonderful picture."

"Australia is wonderfully prosperous, in spite of the war. In three days last August £650,000 was collected for the patriotic aid funds, and similar amounts were forthcoming for every relief organization in the country. The Commonwealth impressed me greatly."

"Everywhere throughout the empire one finds the same unanimity for the war, and the determination to see it brought to a successful conclusion. Sentiment is united in a way which could never have been realized two or three years ago. From what I saw in the Orient, however, I think that before long the political pivot will move from Petrograd and Berlin to Peking and Tokio."

Mr. Sheppy adopted a course with his deck chairs on arrival which other incoming passengers might well follow. He ordered the chairs to be forwarded to the Convalescent hospital for soldiers at Esquimalt.

### FREE FROM CENSURE

Defects in School Alarm Systems Are Claimed to Be "Local," and Due to Neglect of Batteries.

Complaint of neglect in the school fire alarm systems is made as a result of the investigation by the fire chief, Major Riddell, chairman of the building and grounds committee of the board, and the secretary of the local underwriters' association, conducted on Wednesday and yesterday. "The school board will not assume responsibility, because it was pointed out to-day that the principals ought to respect the instructions of the board, and hold constant fire drills. If these drills had been held, it would have been ascertained that the alarms were not working on account of defective batteries, and that the condition of things prevailing should be remedied by the immediate application to the board for supplies."

Some of the principals, it is said, have abandoned the electric alarm for a hand bell, and otherwise had neglected to see that the equipment was in order. Several of the school systems were in first class order and working properly. In all cases the defects must have been local, because the service to fire headquarters was maintained by the electrician of the fire department.

### STREETS COMMITTEE

Little Business Before Civic Committee To-day: Bay Street Paving.

At the meeting of the civic streets committee this afternoon an application is being read from the Victoria Machinery depot for permission to erect an additional building on the waterfront. The application has to come before the aldermen owing to certain limitations in the by-law.

A report is before the aldermen with regard to the cost of a permanent paving on Bay street, east of Douglas street, which is particularly needed now on account of the opening of the new armory.

"Probably some attention also will be given to the report presented last week and laid upon the table, suggesting connection of the Sooke water-works pressure main with the salt water pressure system. The initial cost is \$12,500, and the annual saving to be effected will be about \$5,500 in economizing on maintenance of the Yates street pumping station, and part of the cost of the pressure system."

Pipe Band Ball To-night.—The pipe band of the 67th battalion, Western Scots, expects a big crowd at the ball which they are holding to-night at the Connaught hall. The pipers will play through the city about 7.30, and to the hall, where dancing will be commenced at 8.30, starting with a grand march to be led off by Lt.-Col. Lorne Ross, D.C., 67th battalion. All the other officers of the battalion will be present, and the occasion, it is hoped, will very materially assist the fund which is being made for the purchase of kilts for the pipers' band. In honor of Sir James Douglas the Douglas tartan is to be worn, and it is hoped before long that each of the sixteen members of the pipe band will be furnished with the filibeg of the historic plaid. The catering to-night is being done by Mr. Campbell whose ability in this way is well-known. Mrs. Riddell's orchestra is supplying the music, which for the most part will be for modern dances, although a quadrille and Highland schottische will be among the numbers on the programme. Dancing will be from 8.30 to 2 o'clock, and every forethought has been taken to secure the most enjoyment for the dancers. Those who have not yet secured their tickets may obtain these at the door to-night.

## SUPERFLUITIES SALES

All Livestock in Sales Will Be Auctioned by Francis and Hemingway, Who Will Give Services Free.

Messrs. Francis & Hemingway have very kindly offered their services as auctioneers for all livestock to the Red Cross Superfluties sales committee.

This well-known firm of auctioneers are arranging to accept and take care of all livestock that is delivered to their saleroom at the city market, Esquimalt street. They are giving their services entirely without cost to the Red Cross society, and there is every reason to believe that they will be able to conduct a series of sales that will add materially to the Red Cross funds. Already they have at their saleroom, or are waiting to collect, chickens, canaries, pigs, Persian cats, game bantams, rabbits, etc. They also have for sale a valuable Boston Bull terrier that was recently sold for \$175.

All those who are contemplating making gifts of livestock to the Red Cross society should communicate immediately with the Superfluties sales committee, Belmont house.

Where it is impossible to bring the livestock to Messrs. Francis & Hemingway's saleroom, arrangements will be made to collect, but owing to the great amount of work and detail attached to the Superfluties sales it would be very much appreciated if the donors would kindly arrange to deliver the livestock direct to Messrs. Francis & Hemingway. It is suggested they either write direct to this firm or telephone 2484 saying how and when the livestock can be delivered.

W. C. T. U. Bazaar.—To-morrow a sale of work will be held under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. at the Y. W. C. A. It will be opened by Mrs. Scriven at 3 o'clock. Numerous plain, fancy and children's articles will be offered for sale at reasonable prices. Tea will be served. The programme in the afternoon is to be given by Clara and Doris Allen, Marjorie Bell, Lily Dooley, Marjorie Hingworth, Mary Lade, Grace Wilson and Master Lloyd. During the evening Mrs. I. O. Perry, Mrs. George Bell, Miss Harkness and Miss Morton will sing. Miss Sproule will render an instrumental solo. Victoria Stamp Exchange.—The weekly meeting of the Victoria Stamp Exchange will be held as usual at Messrs. Leeming Brothers' office, Port street, to-night at 8 p. m. All stamp collectors will be welcome.

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Patent Boots, button and lace, cloth and kid tops. Value \$5.50. To clear at only \$3.95

Magnificent Value in Men's Box Calf Boots

Leather lined, winter weight. A bargain at the regular price of \$6.00. Sale price, only \$3.95

MEN, HERE'S SOME SNAP Men's "Just Wright" Boots

Regular values \$6.00 and \$6.50. Sale price, only \$4.45

Ladies' Felt Slippers

Comfortable and good wearing. To clear at from 40c

Here's a Chance You Don't Often Get

Misses' "CLASSIC" Patent and Gun-Metal Boots

Button or lace. Were \$3.00. To clear at \$2.45

Ladies' Patent and Kid Boots

Button or lace, cushion soled. Made by J. & T. Bell, \$5.00 values for only \$3.45

Men's Military Boots

Brown "Invictus" and "Hartt." All sizes. Specially priced at \$6.50

A Unique Opportunity to Secure Some Smart, Dressy Boots for Boys

Patent or gunmetal, button or lace. Fine value at \$2.50. Must clear at only \$1.85

Men's Working Boots

Good, strong heavy leather. Excellent values at from \$4 to \$5.50. To clear at \$3.45

LADIES, THIS WILL INTEREST YOU!

Vici Kid Boots

Button or lace. The famous Sherwood and Empress makes. Regular \$5.00. To go at \$2.95

Misses' "Dongola" Boots

Button or lace, very neat, beautiful finish. Splendid value at \$2.50. Sale price \$1.95

Men's Regular \$3.00 Boots

Great value during sale at only \$1.95

THIS IS SOMETHING SPECIAL—DON'T OVER-LOOK IT

Boys' High-Top Boots

Just the thing for Boy Scouts. Strong, durable and well made. Regularly sold at up to \$5.50. Sale price only \$3.45

Good Wearing Boys' Boots

Regular value at \$2.50. Sale price \$1.95

Men's Box Calf Boots

Regular value \$4.00. Must be cleared at only \$2.95

Comfortable Slippers for the Kiddies

Colors black and tan. Price during sale only 75c

60 Pairs Boys' School Boots

Just arrived. Will stand the hardest wear. Ordinarily sold at \$3.90. To clear at \$2.45

We Don't Forget the Children—Neither Do You

See our large bargain stock of Boots for the little folks. In button or lace. To be cleared at 95c

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**TOTAL MOUNTING  
FOR PATRIOTIC FUND**

More Individual Subscriptions  
in Prospect; Special Effort  
to-morrow

To-day's work by the various committees who are canvassing for the patriotic fund will add several large amounts to the total already subscribed. Up to noon no large individual subscriptions had been reported, but several more are in prospect.

It is not expected that the various lists will be completed or turned in before the first of the week, and until then it will not be possible to form a very adequate idea of the total receipts.

To-day and to-morrow are special days among the canvassers, and the committee issues an urgent appeal to all citizens to do their utmost to assist this great cause. Any who may not be reached by the regular canvassers will show their patriotism by coming personally to committee headquarters, 1219 Broad street, and there making their subscriptions.

Every dollar subscribed to this fund, said one of the headquarters committee yesterday, "helps recruiting. There are scores of men who are willing to go if they can be assured that their dependents will not be left in want during their absence at the front. Our local battalions need men. Some of us cannot respond to the call, and the least we can do is to contribute something, according to our means, to this fund for the aid of dependents of men who are physically fit. The people of Victoria must realize that this war is the supreme business of the British empire at the present time, and that the sooner it is brought to a successful conclusion, the sooner will the empire be able to devote its attention to more peaceful enterprises. The contribution of the funds required to carry on the patriotic aid work for another year is therefore a duty of all citizens."

**PROMOTED TO MAJOR.**  
Captain Montague Burge in Command of Battalion of Northumberland Fusiliers.

Information has been received by an intimate friend from Mrs. Burge stating that her husband, Captain Montague Burge, who left Victoria at the outbreak of the war to join the 3rd Hussars, his old regiment, has been promoted to major's rank with command of a battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers. Major Burge transferred from the Hussars to the infantry regiment shortly after reaching the old country in the hope of seeing active service at the earliest possible opportunity.

**NERVOUS BREAKDOWN**  
Stamford, Conn., Nurse Tells How She Found Health.

Stamford, Conn.—"I am a nurse and suffered from a nervous breakdown. I had no appetite and could not sleep at night, and nothing seemed to help me. By chance, I heard of Vinol, and after taking the first bottle I noticed an improvement, and four bottles made me well and strong. It gave me a hearty appetite, so I can sleep soundly night or day. I consider Vinol a wonderful tonic." Edith R. Forbes, Stamford, Conn.

The reason Vinol is so successful in overcoming such conditions is because it is a constitutional remedy and goes to the seat of the trouble. It is the greatest strength-creator we know—due to the extractive medicinal elements of fresh cod liver's without oil, combined with peptonate of iron and beef peptone, all dissolved in a pure medicinal wine.

We have seen so many wonderful recoveries like this right here in Victoria caused by Vinol, that we feel perfectly safe in offering to return money in every such case where Vinol fails to benefit. D. E. Campbell, Druggist, Victoria, B. C.

"What did she say when you turned out the gas and kissed her?" "She said she felt as if she never wanted to see my face again."

**RUMORED GOVERNMENT  
WILL PURCHASE BOAT**

Lillian Small Thought to Be  
for Immigration Officials;  
is Now Being Overhauled

There is a report current on the waterfront that the launch Lillian Small is about to be purchased by the Dominion government. It is said that the craft is to be used by the Immigration department. No confirmation of the report could be obtained this morning.

No one would ever have known that the Lillian Small was undergoing an overhaul and being put into good shape at the Victoria Machinery depot unless they passed up the harbor in a boat. The dredge Mudlark is occupying the front of the slip, and her bulk obscures the Lillian Small from view behind the road. She nestles right behind the Mudlark, and under this screen the work is being carried out.

Planks Renewed.

The Lillian Small is not a bad-looking ship in the water, but on the ways her planking does not appear so solid. Two planks on the starboard side had to be taken out owing to work of worms. Patches of cement can be made out all over the hull. These have been put in where the planking is bad. The Lillian Small, however, has been given a nice coat of paint and everything is hidden. The old adage of "A little paint and tar hides many a scar," seems very appropriate in connection with the launch.

A few weeks ago the Times started an agitation for a launch for the Immigration department, to patrol the strait, and also to take officials to William Head and put them on board inbound liners, and it is reported that the Small is being outfitted for that work.

The launch has a fair engine. If the government buys here they may get as good a bargain as they did with the Gunbird.

**PROCEEDS WITHOUT THE  
PROTECTION OF BRITAIN**

New York, Dec. 3.—Richard F. Wagner, president of the American Transatlantic company, announced to-day that he had ordered the steamship Winnabago to leave Buenos Ayres for Stamford, Conn., without further delay. The Winnabago is one of the vessels listed by the British government as under suspicion of German ownership. She is loaded with que-bracho wood.

Early last month Mr. Wagner appealed to Secretary Lansing to arrange with the British government to permit her passage to Stamford. It is understood that no such request was made by Mr. Lansing and that the state department took the position that vessels flying the American flag would be protected in their rights without special arrangement for immunity.

**WANT STEAMERS LAID  
UP IN PRINCE RUPERT**

Prince Rupert, Dec. 3.—About a thousand signatures have been placed on the petition to have the G. T. P. steamships make Prince Rupert their winter headquarters. There was no difficulty getting the signatures. Practically everybody seen was anxious to sign. The same petition, sent inland, is also meeting with a good response.

In the past the G. T. P. steamers have been laid up for the winter at Vancouver and come here to drydock in the spring. The steamers Prince John and Prince Albert are now lying idle in the Terminal City. The people of Rupert want the overhaul work done in the north so as to provide employment for many of its citizens.

**STEAMERS SWITCH RUNS**

The steamers Princess Alice and Princess Adelaide have switched runs in order that the strain of maintaining the triangular service may not tell on the Adelaide. The Alice took over the three-cornered run on Wednesday, and she will remain in it for a month whereas the Adelaide, now on the night run to Vancouver, will switch with her.

**MR. PENFIELD ASKS  
AUSTRIA TO REPLY**

Vienna, Dec. 3.—The American ambassador, Frederick C. Penfield, to-day repeated his request to the Austrian government that it make a reply to the American note respecting the circumstances in connection with the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona in the Mediterranean by an Austrian submarine, as a result of which several Americans lost their lives.

**RELEASE OF WHEAT  
BY CANADIAN GOVT.**

New York, Dec. 3.—Some difference of opinion exists among grain dealers here to-day as to the extent of the concession made by the Canadian government when it allowed commandeered wheat to be delivered to United States buyers who had contracted for it before the order of seizure went into effect. Henry Stemper, of the Grain Growers' Export company, said he believed about 5,000,000 bushels of wheat would be released to Canadian contractors so they could fulfill their American contracts, but that no wheat would be released for any other neutral country.

Anger is one of the sinews of the soul.—Fulke.

**BELIEVED GERMANS  
DISABLED VESSEL**

Thought in Seattle Plotters in  
Crew Interfered With Min-  
nesota's Machinery

San Francisco, Dec. 3.—The steamer Iroquois and tug Dauntless were ordered to-day to go to the assistance of the Hill liner Minnesota, which was 760 miles south of here at midnight. The Minnesota sent word Wednesday wireless that she was putting back here because of disabled machinery. It was learned also that there had been trouble with the crew.

Inquiries at Seattle.

Seattle, Dec. 3.—Inquiries which special agents of the Great Northern Railway company and government secret service agents are making to-day regarding the personnel of the crew of the steamship Minnesota have given rise to the belief here that several members of the crew will be arrested as soon as the big liner reaches San Francisco.

Although the purpose of the investigation is closely guarded, the opinion of local shipping men is that reports that the Minnesota was forced to put back to San Francisco because of the weakness of her boilers do not cover the entire situation. Rumors are current here that the machinery of the big liner has been purposely disabled by someone desirous of preventing the vessel's cargo from reaching its destination.

Secret service officers yesterday applied to the United States shipping commissioner here for a list of the Minnesota's crew, stating that they were looking for a man named Martin. The list was given and it was found to contain the name of Martin twice. The operatives copied both names but did not state which Martin they were interested in.

**HEAVY GALES OUTSIDE  
HELD BACK AWA MARU**

Liner Was Prevented From  
Reaching Port Yesterday;  
Very Rich Silk Cargo

Owing to heavy weather off the west coast of Vancouver Island the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Awa Maru, Capt. Hori, did not arrive in port until 9:30 o'clock this morning. Three days ago the master sent a radiogram that he would arrive yesterday afternoon, but a strong southeast gale came on, and the ship was delayed about eight hours. She hove to off William Head last night about 10 o'clock, but the wind was strong and Pilot Cox took the ship into the Royal Roads, where the anchor was dropped.

Capt. Hori said this morning that on leaving Yokohama he decided to take a more southerly course than usual in order to encounter more favorable currents, and also to escape bad weather. The day after clearing Japan, however, the Awa encountered a mild typhoon. The wind blew hard, but the sea did not bother the ship to any extent. In mid-Pacific snow flurries were encountered. Three days ago the Awa was caught in a very heavy southeast gale, which raged until she reached Cape Flattery. The sea was very heavy and caused the ship to arrive late. No damage was done.

On her last outward trip the Awa Maru had very stormy weather. She was one day late arriving at Yokohama. One series of strong head gales buffeted her all the way across the Pacific.

Valuable Silk Cargo.

The Awa Maru brought in a silk cargo worth \$2,750,000. This is slightly smaller than the shipment carried by the Sado Maru, of the same fleet, which berthed two weeks ago from the Orient. The Awa landed \$250,000 worth of silk at this port for shipment to eastern Canada. The rest of the silk will be put aboard a special train in Seattle for shipment to New York.

The steamship brought 37,000 boxes of Japanese oranges for discharge at this port. A large part of the cargo is for local consumption, but much of it will find its way to the mainland. The local freight also included 1,165 bags of rice, 406 chests of tea, 311 packages of lily bulbs, 455 tubs of spoyu and 3,386 packages of general merchandise, making in all 1,031 tons.

A large number of passengers arrived from the Orient, including Mrs. H. T. Millet and daughter, F. L. White and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Sheppy, who disembarked at this port. The cabin accommodation was taxed to its capacity and the majority of the passengers are going through to the States. G. F. Deeben, Oriental manager of W. J. Wrigley & Co., the chewing gum manufacturers, accompanied by Mrs. Deeben, was among the passengers bound for Seattle. He says that the Chinese have been stricken with the gum-chewing habit and he expects a very great demand for both Spearmint and Doublemint.

A number of steerage passengers disembarked at this port.

The Awa Maru proceeds to Seattle this evening.

**LIGHTKEEPER DIES**

J. C. Anderson, the lightkeeper at Sechart, died suddenly on Tuesday last. It is not known whether his remains will be brought to Victoria or interred at Sechart. The deceased leaves a widow in this city. Mr. Anderson was greatly interested in the mining development of this island and held some important properties.

**RESTORER COMES TO  
HAVE OIL INSTALLED**

Cables Returned From Seattle To-day; Will Be Here at  
Least Two Months

To have oil-burners installed and also undergo minor repairs, the cable-ship Restorer arrived at Yarrow's yards early this morning from Seattle. This is the first time the vessel has visited her old mooring grounds in fifteen months. Shortly after war broke out she was rushed to neutral waters, but now that danger has passed she has received orders to return and undergo alterations and repairs. She will be here at least two months, and arrangements may possibly be made to have her remain here for good. Captain Basil Combe is still master of the Restorer, and his many friends are glad to welcome him back again.

Although the cables have been about for a number of years her owners, the Commercial Pacific Cable Co., of New York, has never before considered the plan of converting the ship into an oil-burner. It is necessary for here to keep steam in her boilers all the time, and a gang of firemen have to be on duty. With oil-burners anywhere along the cable she must hasten to repair the break.

For several years the Restorer was considered a part of Esquimaux harbor, for she lay idly at her buoy swinging lazily with the tide. Only on one occasion was she ordered to sea, and had to go south of Honolulu to repair a break. When war broke out it was feared that the Restorer might some within range of the shells from German warships when Esquimaux was bombarded, so as a precaution, she was despatched to Seattle. On arrival she was allotted a buoy and hung on to it until last night, when Captain A. M. Sewall, of Port Townsend, climbed up the Jacob's ladder and on to the bridge, and had the cable slipped. The cable-ship arrived off Victoria this morning and Pilot Newby went out and took her into Esquimaux.

While at Seattle the Restorer changed from British to American registry.

Take care to get what you like, or you will end by liking what you get.—Bernard Shaw.

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London, Dec. 3.—While the vast resources of the various ship building yards of Great Britain are largely concentrated on naval work, it is believed that during the next few months much of the urgent naval shipbuilding will be completed and a certain number of men released for mercantile building and repair work.

At present, however, there is great difficulty in fitting new mercantile vessels with propeller machinery and other equipment, largely through the number of men engaged on admiralty work and more recently by the new recruiting campaign which is slowly but surely depleting the yards of necessary workmen.

Despite these drawbacks seven new vessels have just been completed on the Clyde, including the New Zealand passenger steamer "Aoteoroa," 15,000 tons; the Leyland and motor liner "Bostonian," and the motor ship "Montezuma."

The Aoteoroa is the sister ship of the Canadian-Australian liner Niagara, which was laid down about two years ago. She was built for the trade between Sydney and Victoria, but owing to the conditions brought on by the war she has been registered by the British admiralty. When the war is over the Aoteoroa will replace the steamship Mahara and with the Niagara will maintain a monthly service.

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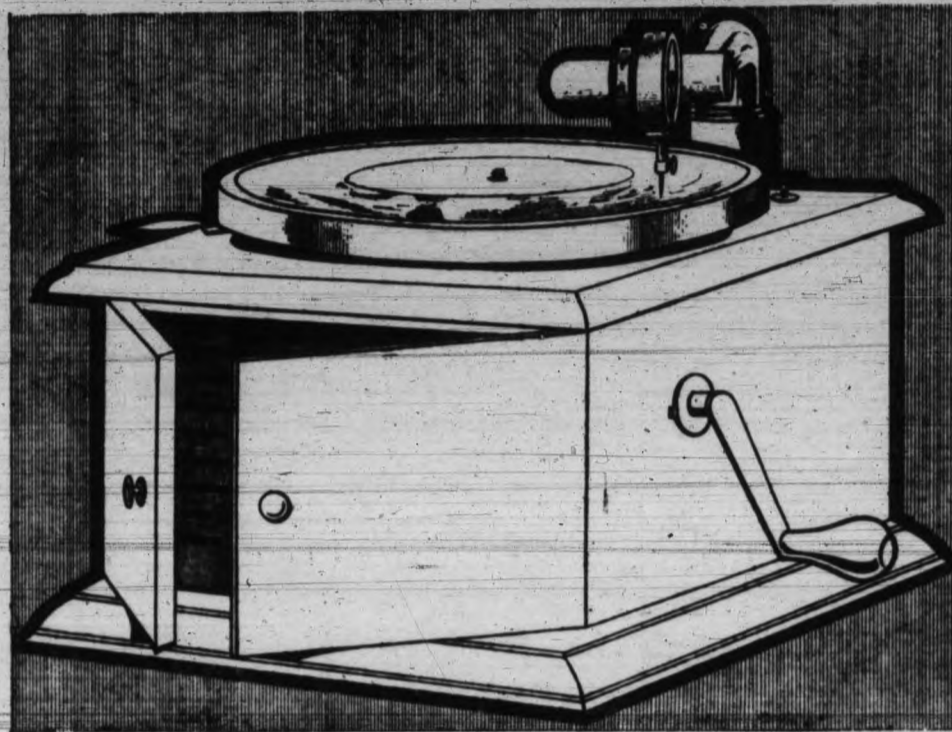
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If there is any place around Victoria where nature designed a road it is in the valley between Mount Douglas and the northern limits of the city. Circumstances, and not surveyors, must have directed the existing roads to hug the beautiful bays leading to the city reserve, or else hang on the edge of the fringe of oak-studded rock which bounds the western end of the valley. When the proposal for a 75-foot highway was projected between the present thoroughfares, it was regarded as the dream of an optimistic realty man who foresaw a future in new subdivisions. The local council was inclined to be incredulous when first approached on the scheme, but doubt gave way to belief on the demonstration of a remarkable proof of confidence by the interested owners. "Give us a paved street to Gordon Head and we will wait for its construction, standing on the permanent improvement of existing roads." The idea is now in course of translation via the steam shovel and the grading wagons. The wait has been long. Negotiations with owners keenly alive to forced sale values, and tedious talks over conveyances, have given place to

action. Though only a fraction of what has to be done has yet been accomplished, that fraction is enough to satisfy the doubter.

A new watercourse has been dug to divert the natural drainage which gives a healthy growth to neighboring vegetable gardens, and which appears to favor innumerable feathered denizens of the valley. So grading of the new road goes steadily ahead. A muddy mound indicates the line of the new thoroughfare, beside which the sturdy teams struggle with their loads to and fro. By hedgerow and market garden the grade is taking shape, and already the effect on the valley may be realized.

If the grading can be finished this year, then the opportunity for it to settle before a permanent surface is applied will be given. To the fruit-growers of Gordon Head, vitalized in its new hope by co-operation, the road spells prosperity. Strawberries have to be marketed, undamaged in transport, and months of labor usher in, but a short season of picking, so that the transport of the fruit on a level roadbed means so much to them. To the city it represents the opening up of an approach to Mt. Douglas, while to the landowner and residents along the new thoroughfare it assures a better and more convenient access for the services of the town.

During some building operations it was necessary for the workmen to walk across a single plank some distance from the ground. Whenever it came to Pat's turn, the foreman noticed that he went across on all fours. So he went up to Pat and asked contemptuously—"What's the trouble, man? Are you afraid of walking on the plank?" "No, sir!" replied Pat. "It's afraid of an av walking off it!"

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**FROM LABRADOR TO**

**KOREAN FRONTIER**

Young Medical Graduate Speaks of Work Under Dr. Wilfrid Grenfell

One of the types of medical missionary work which has appealed to an ever widening field of workers is that carried on by Dr. Wilfrid Grenfell among the fishermen of the North Atlantic. Work which commenced on the North Sea among the trawling fleets, and found much wider scope among the hardy fishermen of Newfoundland and Labrador, has received much attention owing to Dr. Grenfell's powerful appeals. An assistant of the doctor, who has spent several summers in the mission ship *Strathcona*, is now in the city, and his observations are of great interest.

Dr. Stanley Martin, who with Mrs. Martin is staying with Rev. A. P. Ledingham, was for seven summers working among the fishing fleets.

"We operate now," he said to a Times man last evening, "under an international body, and have a fine seaman's institute in St. John's, Newfoundland. The most effective work is, perhaps, that of the Labrador coast, many people would starve on the rough coast in bad seasons owing to lack of supplies if it were not for the mission. The severity of the weather causes much difficulty in transportation, and we give what assistance is possible."

"Strange as it may seem, the situation in Greece has had most detrimental effect on Newfoundland fishing. Our best market for cod was in Greece, and

through the colony having a reciprocal agreement with that country raisins were cheaper in St. John than perhaps anywhere in America. You can thoroughly well understand how necessary it is to keep the markets open for a country like Newfoundland. The main industries, cod fishing, whaling and sealing, form the chief avenue of business, so that a mission to mariners is the greatest auxiliary possible to the fishermen."

"After living on the *Strathcona* with Dr. Grenfell, one appreciates what his work means to the people, and the position he holds in the public estimation. Dr. Grenfell believes in Labrador, and has done much to bring it before civilization."

Dr. Martin spoke at the First Presbyterian church last evening on his experiences. He will leave shortly for the Orient, having received an appointment as a medical missionary on the *Sino-Japanese* frontier, near the Korean boundary.

**INFORMATION FOR THE PESSIMISTS.**

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle will have the whole tribe of pessimists yelling after him for his blood. In the *Daily Chronicle* he compares this war with previous ones, and shows that we have already done better than in any other and in less time. A dispassionate survey (he says) will satisfy any student of history that no great war in which our country has been engaged has been marked in the same space of time by such triumphant successes as those of the last fourteen months. We have annexed the whole great German colonial empire with the exception of East Africa and a district in the Cameroons. Thanks to the splendid work of our navy, we have swept the German flag, both imperial and mercantile, off the face of the ocean. We have completely sterilized her fleet. We have repelled her serious submarine attack, and played our game so

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lines are pushing inwards for Berlin! —Yorkshire Post.

After a somewhat hilarious Christmas day, a man sent his son, before it was light, to go and harness the donkey. The young man obeyed, but did not take a light with him. It so happened that the night before had been very frosty, and an old cow had strayed into the stable and driven the donkey out. Thinking the young man a long time, the father called out: "Jack! What are you doing?" "Why," replied Jack, "I can't get the collar over the donkey's head. His ears are frozen."



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## ROTARY PLANS GOOD WORK FOR CHILDREN

Christmas Tree Presents, Costing on Average \$2 Each, for 255 Poor Children

Twelve generous-hearted business men got together in the office of the Royal Victoria theatre last night and completed plans for a big Christmas tree for the poor children of Victoria. They composed the Christmas tree committee of the Victoria Rotary club and were assembled to decide on the presents to be given the children after the picture show at the Royal Victoria on the afternoon of December 23.

The Rotary club had proposed to hold a ball at the Empress hotel on the night of December 9, but the directors decided after consideration of both undertakings to deny themselves the pleasure of the dance so that the money could be spent to benefit the poor children. Last night they got the reports of the sub-committee, who by the aid of the members individually, and through various benefit societies in Victoria, had obtained the names of children who were eligible to share in the Christmas tree distribution.

The sub-committee during some days past has been visiting poor families in Victoria, inquiring into their needs, for it was determined from the first that the presents should be of a useful character. The result of the sub-committee's visiting is that two hundred and fifty-five poor children will receive on December 23 something warm and useful to wear. The approximate cost of the presents that will hang on the tree when the curtain on the stage is drawn up after the picture show is \$250.

The list of children was read out by the men who had made the visits. Against each child's name was the name of the article the child most needed, the want having been suggested by the mother or by the child, and in some cases by mutual agreement between them. Shoes, stockings, sweaters, or dresses were almost invariably called for. Occasionally this programme was varied, but in every case the articles listed were useful in character.

There were several fathers in the committee of twelve, and their knowledge in clothing sizes proved valuable in a few instances where the committee had not noted down the sizes worn by the children. There were frequent discussions as to the merits of certain articles in comparison to their cost, and always it was the endeavor to give the child the most useful and best quality. There were pathos-inspiring instances on the list, and facts related by the committee men showing that there are some sad cases of need in the vicinity of Victoria. These had been seen on the visits made to the places where the poor families of Victoria live. In some cases there were more than five children to a family.

Each child has received a card of invitation to the show, and will be required when his or her name is called to go up on the stage and receive from the Rotary Father Christmas the parcel bearing the child's name. All the children invited are under eleven years of age, and will be accompanied to the theatre by a guardian, who also, will be a guest of the Rotary club for the show and the tree.

Besides a useful present each child is to be given a large packet of candy and some kind of a toy.

The Rotary committee concluded business last night by arranging for listing the number of the separate articles required, and appointing various members to negotiate for the purchase. A Fort street store has been obtained for storage. Here the articles will be wrapped up separately, and each addressed to the child who is to receive them. A few days before Dec. 23 they will be hung on the tree.

The Rotary club is undertaking to put the Christmas tree through with a canvass for funds, but will be willing to receive aid from all persons who feel a desire to help the goods cause. It was distinctly understood last night that every article given away to the children is to be new. Gifts of second-hand or used articles are not asked for. The cost of the presents will average \$2 for each child, and by far the greater portion of the goods are to be obtained through Rotarian business men at wholesale prices.

### PLATOON COMPLETE

Cyclists' Corps in Command of Lieut. G. E. Sellers, Quartered at Old Drill Hall.

Twenty-five N. C. O.s and men, and one officer, the personnel of the Cyclists' platoon for overseas service which was authorized some weeks ago, have now been gathered together in command of Lieut. G. E. Sellers, formerly of D Squadron, 31st British Columbia Horse, and more lately attached to the 29th B. C. Horse at Vernon. The platoon has been quartered at the old drill hall, Menzies street, pending instructions to leave for the east, and these the corps hopes to receive any day. The men have received their equipment.

### OBITUARY RECORD

Mrs. Munro, wife of Rev. J. R. Munro, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Phoenix, died at the manse there last week. Mrs. Munro had been ill since August, and her death was not unexpected. She was a graduate and a master of arts of Dalhousie university, and she and her husband had been for four years resident in Phoenix.

William Frawley, who worked in this city as a barber for some years and settled in Greenwood about seventeen years ago, died in that city recently. He is survived by a sister.

## RESERVE MILITIA IS TO BE FORMED

Establishment Will Be 1,015 Strong; Recent Appointments Gazetted

Latest militia general orders contain particulars of the authorized establishment of a battalion of the reserve militia. The total establishment will be 1,015, being fifteen at headquarters and four companies of 250 officers and men each. The headquarters staff will be a lieutenant-colonel, major, adjutant, quartermaster, medical officer, chaplain, sergeant-major, quartermaster-sergeant, orderly-room clerk and six batmen. In each company will be a major, a captain as second in command, four subalterns, a company sergeant-major, a company quartermaster-sergeant, eight sergeants, two buglers, eight corporals and 224 privates.

Provisional supernumerary Lieut. H. Martin, of the 50th Regiment, is permitted to retire.

Recent appointments gazetted are: 104th Regiment (Westminster) Fullers (Canada)—Provisional Lieut. (supernumerary) R. P. Foster and Lieut. (supernumerary) J. A. Harper and C. E. H. Corbould are absorbed into the establishment. To be provisional lieutenant (supernumerary)—Robert Elliott Ingraham.

Eleventh regiment (Irish Fusiliers of Canada)—Lieutenant (supernumerary) T. G. McLean is absorbed into the establishment. To be provisional lieutenants (supernumerary): Sherwood Lett, William Elder Montgomery, James Inglis Simpson, Maurice Heleyer, John Emmet Hickey, Howard Ketchum Dutcher and Richard Irving McDougall. To be lieutenant (supernumerary), Richard Cullen.

### LOCAL NEWS

Trial Balance and all kinds of blank books for the new year at Sweeney & Connell, Limited, 1610-12 Langley.

**First Baptist Church**—The evening service on Sunday next at the First Baptist church will be preceded by an organ recital, rendered by the organist, George Paulin. The recital will commence at 7 p. m. The programme will be as follows: postlude in D, Harris; overture, Balfe; meditation, Elgar; grand offertory, Grieg.

**Groping in the Dark**—Wisdom comes through experience, sometimes not always. He who goes year after year, selecting his "spots" from the quarrels of the eyes, will some day find that he has been "groping in the dark." He has been guilty of neglect that may eventually lead to his groping in the dark literally. When I fit you with glasses I give you safe eye service. I know just what your eyes need, because I have studied their needs. There is no guess work about it. Frank Clugston, optometrist, optician, 654 Yates street, corner Douglas, upstairs, Phone 5351.

**Sunday Patriotic Meeting**—The use of the Royal Victoria theatre has been donated to the Patriotic Aid society for next Sunday afternoon from 4 to 5:30, when a big meeting will be held at which Rev. Canon Gould, secretary of the Church of England Missionary Society of Canada, will address the audience. The meeting will be free to all. There will be no reserved seats, no collection taken, nor solicitations made. One of the military bands in the city will give several numbers, and Colonel Ogilvie, D. O. C., and officers commanding all the local battalions have been invited to be present as well as all the clergy. The address will be on a subject along patriotic lines. A. C. Plummer will preside.

**Improves by Keeping**—Mint Cake is in every way suitable to send to your friends in the trenches. It is easily packed and improves by keeping. This candy is in great favor at the front, as is proved by letters received by relatives here. Thousands of packets have already been sent to the trenches. All our manufacturers are guaranteed absolutely pure. Our numerous medals and diplomas awarded in England and our Victoria diploma were awarded for quality and quality only. Wiper's Mint Cake is the only gold medal mint cake. Special for Saturday, Honey Butter Toffee, 20c per lb. Wiper & Co., confectioners, 1219 Douglas street, opposite Sayward buildings.

**Choir Concert**—A splendid crowd gathered at the Citadel on Broad street last evening to listen to the programme given by the members of the Metropolitan Methodist Church choir. Fourteen items were rendered in a most artistic manner, the singing of the choir being a splendid feature. After a brief preliminary opening the Rev. C. T. Scott was introduced as the chairman of the meeting, and in his remarks paid special reference to the work of the Salvation Army. He also was glad to be able to say that some of his own relatives were officers of the Salvation Army in the eastern part of the country. G. A. Downard conducted the choir in a most able manner. All the soloists received accolades, which showed how much their efforts were appreciated. The officers in charge of the army here wish to thank all those who took part, and helped to make the concert so great a success.

"I've noticed, Jack," said the young wife, "that when you go to light the gas in a dark room you always take two matches. Why is that?" "Well, my dear," said Jack, "I discovered long ago that if you carry one match it will always go out, but if you carry two it never does."

## GERMANS WORSE THAN ANY RECORDS STATE

This is Estimate of Pte. Williamson, Now at Convalescent Home, Esquimalt

"Anything you hear about what the Germans have done you can multiply by ten."

This is the estimate of his Tueton enemy by Pte. Williamson, who is among the returned soldiers now at the Military Convalescent Home at Esquimalt. Pte. Williamson went the first men from the 72nd Highlanders who offered themselves for overseas service, spent some of the hardest months of the winter at Salisbury camp, and was at Ypres during the great stand made by the Canadians at that place. He is suffering from a crushed foot, but in other respects is feeling remarkably fit.

"At the hospital here they are just killing us with kindness," he remarked, adding that he had grown so weary of doing nothing that he had asked them to give him a job on the premises such times as he was able to leave the hospital. So he is doing light duties as orderly pending his discharge.

Pte. Williamson is an old soldier. He was a private in the Gordon Highlanders in barracks at Edinburgh Castle for three years prior to his Boer ward, and went with his regiment to South Africa, fighting through the whole of the campaign. When asked by the "Times" reporter if there was any similarity in the methods of warfare then and now he said:

**Different Kind of Fighting**—None whatever. The Boer war was much harder on the men in a way, as it was a matter of hot driving and push, push, push all the time. In this war it is mostly a matter of sitting still and waiting. In the Boer war we hardly saw any shell fire, and were actually very little exposed to danger in this way.

Relatively, however, the Canadians must be considerably on the move even in the present war, as he says that he will have quite a reputation for being good "hikers," and able to cover "the ground" quickly. In all the hard fighting of last spring they were on the move, never very long in one place.

Not an actual victim of "gassing," Pte. Williamson nevertheless experienced something of the dread element which the Germans have introduced into this war as during the Ypres affair he was among a detachment sent into the trenches about 10 o'clock one night to relieve the survivors of one of the gas assaults. They did not know that they were entering a "gassed" area, and to the dark they could not see it, and the gas was not so hot as they thought when they all began to suffer difficulty in breathing. But the actual discharge of the gas bombs had taken place some time much earlier in the day, and they were only getting a slight aftermath which did them little harm. There was another German assault. This was a fearful round burst from the face and hands by this dreadful invention, which, however, did not seem to have been in very general use.

No Shortage of Ammunition. Asked as to supplies, the returned soldier said that in his experience there seemed to be no shortage of "small" ammunition at any time. With the big guns it might have been different. There was abundance of food, and "bully" beef to spare. Men preferred the fresh meat, and as they frequently had this supplied to them in the trenches, the tinned article was always on hand in big quantities, unopened. But they used a great deal of it, nevertheless, as the long pathways along the trenches paved with tin showed. And they had instructions that should the Germans take any of the trenches they were to "put a hole" through the "bully" beef supplies, in other words blow it to bits so that the Huns could not make meals from it.

The so-called braziers on which the men cooked their meals while in the trenches were mostly of the improvised order, made from old kerosene tins, pails and other receptacles of the kind which cost very little and were a cheap supplement to the properly manufactured article supplied by the army. Sometimes when the men were busy cooking their bits of steak and looking forward hungrily to their meal a German shell, attracted by the little spiral of smoke, would come along and scatter the savory morsel to the four winds. They were only two or three days' distant from England, and a great deal of their bread, he understood, as well as their fresh meat supplies, came from over the channel. In the darkness of the night they could hear the supply wagons rumbling along over the cobbled roads of Flanders, and at other times the transports, the task of which was a hazardous one, as they were a constant mark for shell fire.

Evidently most of the men found Salisbury rather more trying than the trenches, he said; perhaps because they expected mud and wet in the latter, but not in the former. Nobody bothered much about being dirty when they got to Flanders. When they got too heavily caked with mud they would rub down on a sand bag when opportunity offered.

**Farmers Working.** It was wonderful how the farmers worked right up within 250 yards of the firing line. Often from the trenches they had seen farmers cultivating the land with the German shells bursting right in the same field, and once they had seen a girl carrying seed to her father within 200 yards of their trench, the field in this case being behind their position and on the down-slope of the hill where the Germans could not see the apparently unperturbed pastoral occupation.

They had been billeted on one occasion in a very nice farm house which had been shelled badly by the Ger-

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### MARPLES COMING WEST.

According to a statement given out by Manager Savage of Portland, last night, Staff, Marples, the sensational Monarch hockey player, had accepted terms and will leave immediately for the coast. Marples has been sought by a number of N. H. A. teams and his signing with Portland is a big surprise.

### REDUCTION OF RAILROAD RATES IS PROBABLE

San Francisco, Dec. 3.—According to information obtained here today, all of the railroad rates have been satisfactorily adjusted on the Pacific Coast league line of travel, with the exception of the stretch between Portland and San Francisco.

No agreement has been reached on this line, it is said, but the Southern Pacific operates the lines between San Francisco and Los Angeles, and has already agreed to put rates into effect between here and Los Angeles.

This undoubtedly means that it will grant rates on the northern division, which will leave Portland in the Coast league for another year at least.

The railroads between Los Angeles and Salt Lake, San Francisco and Salt Lake and Portland and Salt Lake have agreed to establish satisfactory rates also.

It is believed that it is only a matter of a short time before the entire question has been adjusted, which will leave the same circuit in the Coast league which was in effect last year.

## HINDU COMMITTED TO HIGHER COURT

Charged With Shooting at Neighbor of Woman Whom He Has Been Annoying

Massa Singh, who was arrested yesterday afternoon by Detective Sergeant O'Leary and Constable Owens, of the Salford force, was committed for trial at the police court, committed for trial at the police court on a charge of shooting at John Jones with intent to kill him.

The affair grew out of trouble between the Hindu and Mrs. Alma Snowden, against whom he had made threats. He had been annoying the woman for some time by his attentions, and could not be kept from calling at her house. So much had she become alarmed at his actions that she recently sought to have him bound over, but the court had to dismiss the application, warning the accused, however, that he must keep away. This warning he has not taken to heart.

As he still continued to call at the house and try to get in, Mrs. Snowden asked help from neighbors. On Wednesday night she got Jones to come and sit in the house for a while about the time that Massa Singh usually came about, and they were sitting in the front room of the house on Beta street with the room in darkness watching through the window. About a quarter to twelve Massa came to the window and tapped on it a couple of times. He was plainly in view, Jones told the magistrate this morning, in the light of the moon, and there was no doubt of his identity.

As he got no answer at the front Massa went around to the back door and knocked there. Jones went to the door, and as soon as Massa saw that he had to deal with a man he ran for the front gate. Jones followed and caught sight of him when he was about ten feet inside the fence.

Massa turned towards Douglas street on getting outside and Jones ran across the lot to jump the fence. When there was a space of about twenty feet between them the Hindu turned round, drew a revolver from his hip pocket and fired. Jones ducked his head and heard the bullet whistle over it. The assailant then ran off and Jones went home.

D. S. Tait appeared for the defence and reserved his case. It is understood that it will be sought to establish an alibi.

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GUNBOAT REPORTED SUNK

London, Dec. 3.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Athens says a British coast defence gunboat in Egyptian waters has been sunk by a German submarine.

WITH UNUSUAL STRICTNESS

Paris, Dec. 3.—Swiss newspapers report the present German order closing the German-Swiss boundary is being enforced with unusual strictness, particularly along the Baden frontier.



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BUENZ AND OTHERS WERE FOUND GUILTY

Hamburg-American—Officials Conspired to Deceive and Defraud States

New York, Dec. 3.—Three high officials and a subordinate officer of the Hamburg-American line were found guilty last night in the federal district court of having violated the laws of the United States in sending coal and other supplies to German cruisers in the South Atlantic in the first few months of the war.

The specific charge against the defendants was conspiracy to deceive and defraud the United States. The maximum penalty for each indictment is two years' imprisonment and \$10,000 fine.

In reaching its decision, the jury is reported to have taken only one ballot, and this after seven and one half hours' discussion.

The four defendants affected by the verdict are Dr. Karl Buenz, managing director of the Hamburg-American line, New York City; George Kotter, general superintendent of the line; Adolph Hachmeister, general purchasing agent, and Joseph Poppingshaus, former officer in the German navy, and at present a second officer in the Hamburg-American line. A fifth defendant, Felix Seifert, superintendent on one of the neutral steamships sent to supply the German fleet, was not brought to trial. He was captured by the British while on his errand of relief, and is at the present time a prisoner in a Canadian detention camp.

Counsel for the defendants presented today the usual motions to set aside the verdict and arrest judgment. It was in expectation of this action that Judge Howe last night deferred passing sentence after receiving the verdict.

The court's final disposition of the case hung fire to-day. Judge Howe, who last night deferred passing sentence, had set this forenoon as the time for hearing the usual formal motions of the defence, but when counsel convened the defendants' lawyers announced they were not yet ready and a further postponement until tomorrow morning was granted.

At that time motions to set aside the verdict and to arrest judgment, pending appeal, will be made. Meantime, the bail of the defendants, \$5,000 each, will be continued.

The late hour last night when the verdict was reached was assigned as the reason for to-day's delay.

NET CLOSING ABOUT COUNT BERNSTORFF

Investigation of Charges Against Crowley Leads to His Summer Home

San Francisco, Dec. 3.—Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador at Washington, has been implicated in the charges against C. C. Crowley through the testimony given before the federal grand jury by Louis J. Smith, alleged accomplice of Crowley, according to the admissions of a high federal official here to-day. Further than this the official refused to go.

"Smith made a splendid witness, and we have corroborated every statement which he has made," United States Assistant District Attorney John W. Preston declared to-day.

"Where is Cedarhurst?" Mr. Preston suddenly asked.

"Cedarhurst is the summer-home of Count von Bernstorff."

From other sources it was learned that Smith's revelations had led to Cedarhurst, and it is believed that Crowley's operations were directed by powers higher than those of Franz Bopp, German consul general here, who admits that Crowley was his employee in secret investigations.

LITTLE DONE TO-DAY AT PROHIBITION CONVENTION

Vancouver, Dec. 3.—At this morning's session of the prohibitionists' convention little business of importance was transacted and there were but few delegates in attendance.

SONNINO TALKED WITH AMBASSADORS TO-DAY

Rome, Dec. 3.—The ambassadors of Great Britain, France and Russia conferred to-day with Foreign Minister Sonnino. It was reported that an agreement concerning military and diplomatic action was reached. Foreign Minister Sonnino was expected to make an important declaration to parliament this evening.

COMMANDS ALL SAVE THOSE IN NORTH AFRICA

Paris, Dec. 3.—General Joffre has been appointed commander-in-chief of all the French armies, except those in North Africa, including Morocco and dependent military colonies. President Poincare signed the decree yesterday.

ITALY MOVING TO AID OF SERBIANS

In Rome Reports State Number of Men Landed in Albania

CENSORS NOT ALLOWING THESE REPORTS ON WIRES

Rome, Dec. 3 (delayed).—Foreign Minister Sonnino's statement concerning Albania and Italian assistance for the Serbian army is interpreted in some quarters here as meaning that an Italian expedition to the eastern coast of the Adriatic is in course of organization.

In some instances mention is even made of the number of troops already landed on Albanian soil, which, according to the rules of the Italian censorship, it is not permissible to state.

Welcomed in London.

London, Dec. 3.—Italy's adhesion to the agreement not to conclude a separate peace was welcome news here, but the failure of Foreign Minister Sonnino to give more than a vague promise of military support to Serbia caused disappointment. Little light has been thrown as yet on the mystery of Italy's policy in not declaring war on Germany. In this connection it is noted that other nations face a similarly delicate situation.

It is reported that the Austro-Hungarian flag instead of the Bulgarian flag was hoisted over Monastir, presumably in an effort to relieve Bulgaria of the possibility of offending Greece.

ATTACK BY SOCIALIST

Rome, Dec. 3.—An attack on the policy pursued in the Balkans was voiced in parliament to-day by Deputy Treves, a Socialist. He asserted that the allies, by their short-sightedness, had lost the advantage which they otherwise would have held.

Signor Salandra, the prime minister, permitted the debate to proceed except when Italy was attacked. While Deputy Treves was talking, Deputy Orlando arose and asked: "What is the Italian navy doing?"

Signor Salandra was on his feet in an instant. "It is doing its full duty," he shouted.

Deputy Treves also assailed the Italian censorship, characterizing it as "nothing more nor less than a political affair."

"This is what is happening in this great struggle," he continued. "After the great rivals have torn themselves to pieces and covered the world with ruin and grief, the prize of victory will be wrested from both. An outsider is to be the winner of the honors now looming up in the distance. I refer to the United States."

PUT IN PRISON FOR DISCUSSING PEACE

Thirty-Three Members of Austrian Parliament Have Lost Their Liberty

New York, Dec. 3.—Thirty-three members of the Austro-Hungarian parliament have been imprisoned for expressing sympathy with the peace movement, according to Engebert Svehla, editor of the Bohemian daily newspaper, New York Skelkety, who says the information was smuggled out of Bohemia past the censors.

According to this same source, the Bohemian newspapers have been suppressed and their editors put in prison. The people are required to use only the German language. Great suffering from lack of food also is reported.

PORTUGUESE CABINET IN SYMPATHY WITH ALLIES

Paris, Dec. 3.—Sympathy with the allies was expressed in a declaration by the new Portuguese cabinet, which appeared before parliament yesterday, says a Havas dispatch from Lisbon. The ministry declared it would abstain from all party politics and adhere strictly to a national policy.

NOT NECESSARY TO GO INTO PRIZE COURT

Washington, Dec. 3.—An official report of the intention of the British government to requisition without the formality of a prize court proceedings vessels of the American Trans-Atlantic company, which fly the American flag, reached the state department late yesterday in a dispatch from United States Consul Young at Halifax.

STATES WILL MAKE REPRESENTATIONS

Prize Court Proceedings Desired Before British Requisition Three Steamships

Washington, Dec. 3.—Vigorous representations will be made to Great Britain by the United States against the requisitioning of the American steamship Hoeking without prize court proceedings. This became known to-day after the receipt of official confirmation from American Consul-General Young at Halifax, of reports that the Hoeking had been seized.

The ship has been detained at Halifax since her seizure by a British warship while en route from New York to Norfolk.

The action of Great Britain is to be strongly contested as a violation of international law. A demand will be made, it is understood, that the ship be detained in prize court on the charge that she is partly German-owned and that the court act promptly in the case.

The representations probably will include also the cases of the steamships Genesee and Kankakee, which also are owned by the American Trans-Atlantic company. The state department has been notified by the company that the Genesee, at St. Lucia, B. W. I., was requisitioned, and that the Kankakee, now en route to Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, would be requisitioned.

ENJOYED MONOPOLY IN COUNTY OF PEEL

Member of Ontario Legislature Sold to Dominion Govt. All Horses Bought There

Brampton, Ont., Dec. 2.—Testimony regarding the purchase of horses was given yesterday before Sir Charles Davidson by James R. Fidler, Conservative member of the legislature for Peel county. Mr. Fidler stated that 300 horses had been purchased in Peel county and every one had been bought from him or his firm. He had visited Ottawa and secured a letter from the militia department recommending him to the government to purchase a band.

The total profits he placed at less than \$3,000. He admitted that he had been "playing safe," buying only after the horses had passed inspection.

"It was my business, and legitimate business," he said. "The government wanted the horses and had to have them quickly."

SESSION AT OTTAWA MAY BEGIN ON JAN. 12

Winnipeg, Dec. 3.—The Ottawa correspondent of the Free Press says: "It is rumored here that parliament will assemble on Wednesday, January 12. House business commenced in the commons and the senate chambers, and an army of women is engaged in dusting the galleries and seats."

GORIZIA POUNDED TO PIECES BY ITALIAN GUNS

London, Dec. 3.—A dispatch from Laibach, quoted by the Geneva correspondent of the Daily Express, says: "Gorizia has been practically destroyed. The Austrian resistance has increased, reinforcements to the number of 80,000, with heavy artillery, having been brought up."

MONTREAL STOCKS

(By F. A. Borden & Co.) Montreal, Dec. 3.—The local market was rather weak at the start to-day, the steel group showing signs of liquidation. After the first hour, however, some very good buying developed and the steels recovered their early losses and advanced a further point or so in the afternoon session.

Of course, those receipts are enormously back to the old high level. Trading during the first half-hour was heavy. It was good in both December and May during the greater part of the morning. The pounding down process began about 10:30, and though there were rallies it never got back to the old high level.

Winnipeg cash demand was very dull at the opening with premium steady at four cents over December for No. 1 Northern, 2c for No. 2, and 2c under for No. 3. These premiums held until shortly after 1 o'clock, when No. 1 Northern went to 3c over December. Trade all the latter part of the morning was fair for all grades. There was quite a distinct falling off in inspections, the total number of cars for Thursday being 1,420, of which 1,188 were wheat and 232 of other issues receipts are enormously in excess of last year, but by no means as heavy as was anticipated, so near the official closing of navigation. Fear of further commandeering is undoubtedly having its effect in the country.

Table with columns: High, Low, Last. Lists various commodities like Ames Holden, Bell Tel., Canadian Cement, etc.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.) Open. High. Low. Close. Jan. 12.40 12.40 12.30 12.36-37

NEW YORK SUGAR

New York, Dec. 3.—Raw sugar firm. Centrifugal, 5-20; molasses, 4-15; refined steady.

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Financial News PRICES AWAITED FRESH INCENTIVE BIG MARKET BREAK AVERTED AT SESSION

Standard Lead lost about half of Thursday's advance this morning, which technically placed it in a stronger position by offsetting support of an unseasonably character—that is of a too speculative character. There was nothing noteworthy in the rest of prices. Generally a disposition was observed to await some new incentive. Only Grassy was weaker to the extent of one point a share. It is some time since Lucky Jim, Coronation and other similar issues had upward action. As it is, there is an excellent class of support at bid quotation levels and a minimum of sales pressure.

Reaction in Standard Lead Witnessed at Session

Table listing various stock prices: Blackbird Syndicate, Can. Copper Co., Crow's Nest Coal, etc.

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, Dec. 3.—December wheat closed at 184, or 4c under the high mark of the morning and 2c to 3c over the previous close. May closed at 184, or 1c higher, and spot No. 1 Northern at 185. The tone was decidedly weaker at the close. Very much of the early sensational buying was undoubtedly due to the public taking a hand. Trading during the first half-hour was heavy. It was good in both December and May during the greater part of the morning. The pounding down process began about 10:30, and though there were rallies it never got back to the old high level.

THEORY PERSISTS OF ACREAGE DEPLETION

Chicago, Dec. 3.—Increased attention is being paid to the decreased acreage in winter wheat and reports of poor condition. A private report says that final reports on wheat now nearing completion indicate a loss of 10 per cent. in the acreage of winter wheat at harvest, and with only 75 per cent. milling wheat, this will bring the crop down to 446,000,000, against an estimate of 686,000,000. The total wheat crop available is estimated at 254,000,000, against the government estimate of over 1,000,000,000 bushels. 750,000,000 against the government estimate, but buying to-day was immense and by all classes, but prices reacted towards the last, closing a little higher than yesterday.

NEW YORK CURB PRICES

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.) Bid. Asked. Ann. Marconi 31 41 Buffalo 20 21 Can. Car. Fly 96 97 Do. prof. 108 112 Can. Copper 2 24 Can. Marconi 1 7 Crown Reserve 60 65

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# WEILER'S DAILY STORE NEWS

## Attractive Souvenirs and Christmas Gifts

Don't leave Victoria without seeing our display of beautiful Devonshire Ware from the Royal Aller Vale Potteries. Many pieces are useful as well as ornamental, and have the added charm of being delightfully quaint. Each piece is inscribed with a motto or proverb, and almost every one bears a different impress.

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Foreign Pageant December 10th  
Old Victoria Theatre, Douglas Street

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- 10ft. 6in. x 13ft. 6in. .... \$18.00
- 12ft. x 13ft. 6in. .... \$20.65

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Your pride in that comment from a valued friend is worth all its costs to select Diningroom Furniture carefully. Style counts greatly; quality goes deeper and counts even more. It is easy to have lifetime quality and artistic lines in Diningroom Furniture if you want it. We have some beautiful examples. Come in and see them. We'll be only too pleased to help you make every room in your home beautiful and comfortable.

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Have you seen our splendid assortment of Plates and Plaques in a rich yellow ware, with pictures of Lord Kitchener, Earl Roberts and Sir John French? When you see them you'll surely want one.

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A few pieces of this comfortable furniture will give your home quite a distinctive air.

- A Useful Book Stand**, in brown reed, with top and shelf of beautifully figured golden oak has a deep tray top, measuring 16 x 26 ins. Cash price ..... \$18.00
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- A Knee-Hole Desk**, with 23x36 inch golden oak top, one convenient drawer, two book shelves at the sides, and shelves over the top. The frame is made of selected brown reed, and is unusually strong. Cash Price, only ..... \$24.75
- A Novel and Delightful Tea Table**—A particularly charming feature is the removable glass tray over a dainty design of chintz. The table top, lower and side shelves are of finely figured golden finished oak. Cash Price ..... \$22.50
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- A Pretty Brown Reed Table**, with solid oak top and shelf, and a very attractive frame. Measures 18x30 inches over the top, and is a rare value at Cash Price of..... \$20.25

## MR. BREWSTER WAS WELCOMED IN EAST

Distinguished Gathering Heard Him at Montreal Reform Club

### SPOKE ON OUTLOOK IN THE PACIFIC PROVINCE

Conservative Paper Says Land Situation Must Have Most Harmful Effect

H. C. Brewster, leader of the Liberal party in the province, was the guest of the Reform club of Montreal, one of the oldest Liberal associations in the metropolis, at luncheon on Friday afternoon last. There was a distinguished gathering of the members of the party of the premier city to meet him, among those present being Hon. Sydney Fisher and Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, former members of the federal government; Hon. Jerome L. DeCarie, provincial secretary, and Hon. W. G. Mitchell, K. C. provincial treasurer. Also present were Hon. Alphonse Beaudet, of the legislative council of Quebec; Senators Dandurand (a former speaker of the upper house), Casgrain, Boyer, Mitchell and Gillmor; E. Goff Penny, a former member of parliament for one of the Montreal seats, and many others prominent in the party.

In its report of the luncheon the Montreal Herald and Daily Telegraph said:

H. C. Brewster, the leader of the Liberal party in British Columbia, told the members of the Reform club this afternoon that the people of British Columbia had become aroused by the maladministration of the McBride government and the embarrassing position of affairs in the province that the end of the Conservative regime was predicted. Taking "the economic condition of British Columbia" for his subject, Mr. Brewster gave a comprehensive survey of economic conditions at the Pacific coast.

He said that British Columbia was being talked of not only in Canada but all over the world, and he regretted that on some occasions it was referred to disparagingly. Personally he did not think there were 400,000 people anywhere in the world who had greater potential wealth than the people of British Columbia, but unfortunately they were working under economic conditions that were far from satisfactory.

These unsatisfactory conditions were largely brought about through the election to public office of men who had not sufficient foresight to make the best of the natural resources of the province.

He admitted that British Columbia was suffering because of war conditions that were general, particularly because of the young life that had gone out of the province to the war to do its "bit" to bring about the triumph of democracy. He added:

"We think that British Columbia has done its share in proportion to its population, but we know that British Columbia is going to do a great deal more, and all the demands will be met by the energy, the vigor, the wealth and the very life of that western province." (Applause.)

In outlining the causes of the economic conditions at the Pacific coast, Mr. Brewster said that the administration of British Columbia had neglected the basic industry of agriculture, upon which the development of the province should have proceeded.

Land Went to Speculator.

"The land went to the speculator," he said, "because the government was speculation mad." He intimated that the land speculators of British Columbia were over \$15,000,000 in arrears in their real estate payments to the government.

"If we are to have prosperity we have first to get production," declared Mr. Brewster. "And wealth is not made by swapping real estate, as has been generally supposed in many parts of this country."

Mr. Brewster said the provincial government of British Columbia had made stupendous blunders in the administration of the fisheries of the province, and the way the mining resources had been dealt with was a disgrace to the administration. He said that the mineral wealth of British Columbia, which was very much required on the battlefields of Europe, had not received

## Gift Suggestions at Wescott Prices

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### Dainty Handkerchiefs

Many dainty and novel embroidered corner effects, some lace edged, others plain or hemstitched. Wonderful array from 5c to ..... 50c

### Boxed Handkerchiefs

Ladies' styles, in pleasing boxes, 25c to \$1.00. Neat Folders ready to mail at 25c. Children's Novelty Boxes at ..... 20c

### Men's Handkerchiefs

In neat hemstitched styles, at 10c to 25c, and the colored Excelsa ones at 2 for 25c, or pure linen in 'all initials' at ..... 25c

### New Military Belts

For girls and misses, in khaki, white, red, or black, flag emblems. Each ..... 20c

### New Neckwear 35c to 60c

Dozens of very smart effects in the neatest and daintiest styles yet shown. All just opened up. Priced at 35c, 40c, 45c and ..... 60c

### New Neckwear Novelties

In floral effects, neck cords, in silk or knit wool, fur trimmed. All colors, 2 for 25c, 20c and ..... 35c

### Gifts for the Infants

Bibs in the neatest of patterns, Knit Booties, Leggings, Mitts, and Jackets. Also dainty Cashmere and Nainsook Dresses, as well as Coats. All at Wescott prices.

### SATURDAY SPECIAL

Ladies' \$2.00 Combinations \$1.68—Stamped all wool and medium heavy knit. Style is long or short sleeve, low or high neck, ankle length. Sizes 34 to 42. Saturday ..... \$1.68

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the assistance it should have received for its development. He pointed out how timber lands had been staked off by large holders and held in reserve and when the war broke out it was found that many of those holders were Germans.

"Our provincial debt," said Mr. Brewster, "has risen from \$9,000,000 to upwards of \$20,000,000. We have a guarantee of railroad bonds, which alone would be a burden to the biggest province of the Dominion, let alone a handful of 400,000 people, because we have guaranteed the bonds of the Canadian Northern Pacific and the Pacific and Great Eastern railroads to upwards of \$80,000,000. We have guaranteed them as to interest and principal, until today, with an estimated revenue of \$9,000,000, we face the position that unless those railroads can earn sufficient to pay their own interest—and in no one case in our province has that been done yet—we shall out of our revenue of \$9,000,000 have to meet interest charges directly against us of over \$5,000,000 a year."

Liberal Party to Rescue.

"To-day," he said, "the general public are looking to the Liberal party as the party that will help them out of the predicament in which they are at the present time."

He said that in British Columbia it was generally known that there was revolt in the Conservative ranks, and it was an open secret that Sir Richard McBride had been defeated in his own party caucus respecting more railroad guarantees.

"The Liberals have forty-two candidates already in the field for the forty-seven seats, and with a good organization behind us—an organization which is not a machine—we are ready to give Sir Richard McBride battle. The people are more anxious to-day than ever of placing in office men of integrity, good sense and ability." (Cheers.)

In proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Brewster, Hon. Sydney Fisher declared that the speaker had told them a plain unvarnished tale of maladministration and of suffering on the part of the people, and almost of the destruction of one of the glorious provinces of the Dominion. He had also given some hope for the future, and there was no doubt that Mr. Brewster, as the leader of the British Columbia Liberals, is in a fair way to do in his province what the Liberals of Manitoba did under Mr. Norris quite recently. (Cheers.)—Although they had heard some startling facts, Mr. Fisher said, he had no fear concerning British Columbia, because he knew something of its immeasurable wealth in natural resources.

A Conservative Opinion.

The Montreal Evening News, a Conservative journal, at the head of which is a former managing director of the Winnipeg Telegram and a former managing editor of the Montreal Star, says editorially of Mr. Brewster's speech, under the heading of "German Holdings in Canada:"

"H. C. Brewster's speech at the Reform club yesterday, raised a point which is of very grave importance to the whole Dominion. His statement is briefly that, of the fifteen million acres of agricultural lands in his native province of British Columbia, more than a third is held by speculative interests. It is well-known that the same circumstance is operative elsewhere, particularly in Saskatchewan, but the situation is intensified in the Pacific province by the fact that several million acres of the most desirable lands are actually held by German or German-American syndicates.

"This state of affairs requires prompt investigation. It is subversive of the first principle of the national life of this country that the absentee landlord evil which has produced such deplorable results in Ireland and elsewhere, should be allowed to take root here. It cannot but have the most harmful effect on the development of the Dominion, by withholding land from cultivation in order to meet the purely selfish ambitions of owners, who in the majority of cases do not even live in the country.

"The lands held by German or German-American syndicates represent a still more serious problem. It is undesirable in the extreme that people who are actually fighting to make Canada into a German colony, for that is one of the larger aspects of this war, should hold millions of acres of the best lands in the Pacific coast province. It may be difficult to reach the German-American interests, but there will be a general agreement of opinion that steps should be taken to sequester the German-owned areas."

"The whole question of German holdings in Canada, requires investigation, and the sooner it is undertaken the better. There is of course no desire to attack those who have settled permanently in this country, have ac-

cepted their new nationality in an honest spirit, and have indeed in many cases actually sent their sons to share in the war."

## SAYS LOCAL BUILDERS ARE NOT GOOD ENOUGH

Sir Donald Mann Casts Reflection Upon the Shipyard's of This Province

It is announced in the government organ to-day that Sir Richard McBride has received from the B. C. Manufacturers' association the protest against the action of the Canadian Northern Pacific railway in giving a contract to an eastern firm to build a car ferry to operate between Patricia Bay and Port Mann, when it might have been built by any one of four firms in this city or Vancouver. In the Times yesterday reference was made to the action of the manufacturers in making this protest.

The announcement will hardly be pleasing to the association, as there is now added to the ignoring of local manufacturers by a company which is heavily subsidized—a slur upon their energy and capacity from Sir Donald Mann. Here is what the morning contemporary has to say in regard to the protest, which, Sir Richard says, is to have "the best consideration at his hands."

"After explaining that, as yet, he was not fully informed of all the reasons which actuated the railway company in reaching the decision it did, Sir Richard expressed the opinion that there might be extenuating circumstances which would appeal to the judgment and fair-mindedness of the B. C. Manufacturers' association. When Sir Donald Mann was at the coast some months ago he had made a cursory examination of the shipbuilding facilities at the coast cities of British Columbia and on that occasion expressed the opinion that the existing yards were hardly in a position to undertake the construction of such a large craft as the car ferries were to be—310 feet long, with a 32-foot beam and a depth of 20 feet. He had also remarked that it was vital to the success of such a craft that they should be constructed by firms having previous experience in the building of similar vessels, which are really ocean-going in respect to size and speed.

"Sir Richard had urged that every consideration should be given to the local shipbuilders when the contracts came to be awarded, and this Sir Donald had promised. Sir Donald pointed out, however, that when the company was able to secure the money to enable it to commence construction of the ferries, and decided to build, it would be imperative that there should be quick delivery, and he doubted if under those circumstances the local yards would be in a position to undertake the contract.

"Sir Richard's understanding is that the interior fittings for the ferry are to be installed at a British Columbia

port, and he will join hands with the Manufacturers' association to endeavor to have the other ferry constructed at one of the local yards."

### Public Meeting

Under the auspices of the Board of School Trustees, will be held in the High School Auditorium, Fernwood Road, on

Friday, Dec. 3 at 8 p. m.

Dr. James I. Hughes of Toronto, will speak on "How to Make Canada Efficient." Will be interested in Technical and Industrial Education invited.

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- 4 ft. Wood, per cord ..... \$3.75
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- New Arrivals Crystallized Fruits, Almond Paste, per box \$10.00
- Cadbury's Chocolates, fancy boxes. Prices ranging from 35¢ to 50¢
- Cooking Eggs, per dozen 35¢
- Auburn Creamery Butter, 3 lbs. for \$1.05
- Dixi Ceylon Tea, 3 lbs. for \$1.00
- Quaker Canned Vegetables, 3 lbs. 25¢
- Dixi Mushroom Catsup, per bottle 25¢
- B. C. Salmon, 3 lbs. 25¢
- Plums, Greengages, Bramble Ticklers, in glass bottle 25¢
- Heaton's Sour and Mixed Pickles, bottle 10¢
- Shirriff's Jelly Powders, 4 packets for 25¢
- Tomato Catsup, Monarch and Quaker, per bottle 25¢
- Peanut Butter, per lb. 25¢
- Local Potatoes, per sack 80¢
- B. & K. Bread Flour, per sack \$1.05

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Helps some Hero's wife to live!  
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### THE EXCHANGE

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### REV. CANON GOULD

#### SPEAKS OF MISSIONS

Secretary for Missionary Society of Anglican Church Addresses Big Gathering

Rev. Canon Gould, general secretary for the Missionary Society of the Anglican Church in Canada, delivered an eloquent appeal in behalf of missions at a largely attended meeting held last evening at St. John's schoolroom under the chairmanship of the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Columbia. There were also present the Very Rev. the Dean of Columbia, Archdeacon Collison, Rev. W. Baugh Allen, Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick and Rev. E. G. Miller, and Revs. R. Connell, Comyn Ching, Archibald, Litter, Greenwood and Hilton, besides many citizens interested in the work of missions.

After referring to the spirit of loyalty which had characterized the peoples of the eastern dependencies under the British rule with respect to the present war, Canon Gould pointed out that the essential issues at stake in the great European contest were spiritual and moral. It was for the missionary to bring about the conditions that were most desirable in propagating the principles of equity, truth and fair dealing.

The peoples of the Near East and the Orient, India, Egypt, Korea, Japan and parts of China were united in their declaration for the British ideal. And despite the predictions before the war that when the crisis broke out all missionary work by the Christians nations would come to a standstill, it had actually gone ahead very actively. As a result instead of a deficit in the funds of the association there was an increase.

Speaking throughout as a missionary of experience who had travelled extensively in the Orient and Near East, Canon Gould's observations on the awakening in China were of great interest. It was a country destined to a great future, possessing as it did wonderful resources which, despite the ancient history of the country, were almost untapped. She had, it was estimated, five hundred million tons of iron ore waiting to be mined. Already the industry was carried on under a system of labor which made it possible for Toronto manufacturers to import

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- Comox Creamery, per lb. 40¢
- Cowichan Creamery, per lb. 45¢
- Cooking Butter, per lb. 30¢
- Compound Lard, per lb. 15¢
- Fancy Seeded Raisins, 3 pkts. for 25¢
- Seedless Raisins, 2 pkts. for 25¢
- Sultanas, per lb. 15¢
- Best Cleaned Currants, 2 lbs. for 25¢
- New California Walnuts, per lb. 25¢
- Mixed Peel, per lb. 25¢
- Almonds, Brazil, Filberts, per lb. 20¢
- Mixed Nuts, per lb. 20¢
- Peanuts, per lb. 15¢
- Maple Butter, very nice for sandwiches, per 1 lb. can 25¢
- New California Comb Honey at 25¢
- New Navel Oranges, per doz. for 35¢
- Red Emperor Grapes, 2 lbs. 25¢
- Bananas, per doz. 25¢
- Preserved Figs, per lb. 20¢
- Dromedary Dates, the best on the market, pkg. 15¢

#### SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY

Wild Rose Flour, 10 lb. sacks, reg. 45c. Saturday, 3 for \$1.00

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Take a look at our meat window. Notice the quality and the price ticket. Why lug your meat home from town when you can get better satisfaction right at your door? Telephone orders attended to just the same as if you came yourself. Phone 1824.

#### FISH DEPARTMENT

- Fresh Salmon, per lb. 15¢
- Fresh Halibut, per lb. 15¢
- Fresh Cod, 3 lbs. 25¢
- Smoked Haddies, 3 lbs. 25¢
- Fresh Kippers, per lb. 10¢

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### A Great Bargain Sale of Wash Silk Waists Special, \$1.00

About 5 dozen of these new China Silk Waists to go out to-morrow. They are made in a neat style, with the new roll collar and V neck, and double cuffs. They are trimmed with neat pearl buttons in front. The silk used is a good washable quality and will give every satisfaction. See them displayed in the windows to-night. Sizes 34 to 44. Bargain price is \$1.00

### A Great Sale of Beautiful Silk Dresses Regular Values \$25 to \$50. Special Week-End Price \$15.75

Many exceptionally pretty Dresses and Afternoon Gowns will be offered to-morrow at this extraordinarily small price. A grand assortment of styles, beautiful materials and lovely colors. One dainty Dress is of figured navy foulard, with bodice of ninon, while another of the prettiest is of heavy quality navy crepe de Chine, with rich trimmings of black moire silk. Other materials that are included are old rose and green brocade, navy faille silk, taffeta, silk crepe, metallic silks and silk poplins in several popular shades. There are several dozen in this lot, but get here early to-morrow and get best choices. See some of them displayed in the windows to-day.

### Silk Hosiery—Suitable Gifts

Neatly packed in a fancy box all ready for mailing, these silk hose should prove a popular gift. They are knitted from pure silk thread and are well made in every respect. A selection of all wanted colors, and black and white are here for your choice. Prices, pair, \$1.00 and \$1.50

### Important Sale of Millinery at Less Than Half Price

Reg. Values \$7.50—Saturday Special \$3.50

A large and varied assortment of pretty Hats have been reduced to less than half their former prices for Saturday's selling. It is worth while making an extra effort to see these. —First Floor.

### Children's Handkerchiefs in Great Array

- A Fancy Box With a Rotating Calendar on top. It contains 3 nice white neatly hemmed Children's Handkerchiefs. Price, box 25¢
- A Santa Claus and 3 white Handkerchiefs in this box. Price, box 25¢
- Pretty Toys, each containing 3 nice white Handkerchiefs. Each 30¢

### Fibre Silk Knitted Motor Scarves

These make very reasonable gifts, and would be doubly appreciated by the skater. We have an unusually fine assortment of plain and fancy colors and new black and white effects. Prices, each, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.25

### Week-End Bargains From the Basement

- Huckaback and Turkish Towels. Price, per pair 25¢
- White Bedspreads. Price, each 25¢
- White Flannellette Nightgowns. Price, each \$1.00
- White Flannellette. Price, per yard 15¢
- Women's Knitted Cotton Vests or Drawers. Price 25¢

### A Great Sale of Hats To-morrow in the Bargain Basement

Reg. \$5.00 Values—Saturday Special \$5.00  
These include a number of good shapes in black velvet with smart metallic trimmings. They are all new stock and will not last long. Be here early to get yours.

### "Dorothy Dodd" Shoes Reduced for To-day

These high grade Shoes for women have been reduced in price for to-morrow. Reg. \$6.50 and \$7.00 pair. Week-end special for \$5.50

### Christmas Neckwear in Great Array

Never before has this store received such a beautiful stock of Neckwear as it displays at present. The newest concepts in collars and fichus of dainty laces, silk and crepe de Chine are here in greatest variety. Prettily decorated Christmas gift boxes will accompany any purchases if desired. Prices from 25¢

### Trefousse Kid Gloves

This make of Gloves is the standard of perfection in every way—this is why it is so universally used as a popular gift. Only the finest material is used and the workmanship is superior. They can be had in all the wanted shades and styles. Prices, per pair, \$1.65 and \$1.85

### The New Handbags Are Very Pretty

Useful and practical gifts are these. They come in the new shapes and sizes in several fine leathers, with tops of tortoise, ebony and various metal finishes. The linings, too, are unusually pretty, some being of a pretty floral silk. Prices range from \$2.50 to \$6.00

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from China to New York, thence to Canada, more cheaply than to obtain the metal from Pennsylvania just south of the boundary line.

Modern industries were being established throughout Korea and the surrounding country.

In all parts of the empire the natives under British rule were conscious of the justness of Britain's stand in the war, and recognized that the contest was one between the cause of liberty and right versus brute force. It was this consciousness that made the work of the foreign missionary still effective. The Germans had made a big mistake in supposing India and Egypt to be traitorous to their British protector. Both, no matter what the faith of their component parts, had stood true to the empire, and in India the missions now had the support of the government and worked in harmony with them.

R. W. Perry, seconded by Lindley Crease, moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the speaker at the conclusion of his interesting talk. Refreshments were afterwards served by the Women's Auxiliaries of the different churches in the city, who were accorded a special vote of thanks for the trouble which they had taken in this direction.

Rev. Canon Gould will preach at St. John's church on Sunday evening at 7.30.

### RED CROSS HOLLY SHOWER.

As stated in preliminary notices, the Red Cross society has made arrangements with the Victoria Holly Export company for the shipment of berried holly clippings, and now appeals for delivery.

The holly will be handled at No. 755 View Street (the premises formerly occupied by Messrs. Stewart Williams & Co.)

To avoid congestion or loss by delay in shipping, deliveries are requested as follows:

- From Victoria West and the Gorge on December 3 and 4.
- From Oak Bay and Uplands on December 4 and 7.
- From area between Fort street and the sea, west of Beacon Hill, on December 3 and 9.
- From James Bay and Beacon Hill on December 10 and 11.
- From area between Fort street and Hillside avenue on December 13 and 14.
- From area between Hillside avenue and Saanich boundary on December 15 and 16.

From Saanich and other districts not covered by above list, deliveries are asked as may be convenient between December 5 and 15.

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

Those who cannot deliver their gift at 755 View street, are requested to telephone No. 284, and a motor will call for it.

Those who cannot cut the holly should telephone the same number, giving name, address and number of trees, and whether or not a ladder is required. Experienced men will then be sent to cut it.

## FOURTEEN MONTHS' WORK OF SOCIETY

### What Patriotic Aid Has Accomplished Since War Was Declared

Now that an appeal is being made to the public for funds for the Canadian Patriotic fund to still continue the work of assisting the families of the soldiers who are fighting at the front, or are about to do so, it may be appropriate to outline what has been done.

War was declared on August 4, 1914. In September the Victoria Patriotic Aid society, as a branch of the Canadian Patriotic fund, commenced its campaign for collections. The result of that campaign has been that the public responded to the call, and paid into the treasury for the fourteen months ending October 31, 1915:

For general subscriptions, \$121,809.16; for special subscriptions, \$5,883.65. Total, \$127,692.81.

To this has to be added interest on the months balance in the bank, which by special arrangements with them is allowed at the rate of 4 per cent, \$2,247.33. This makes a total of \$129,940.14, which the Victoria Patriotic Aid society has received.

In addition to this are those subscriptions which the givers specially designated for the Central Canadian Patriotic fund, amounting to \$20,469.61; which with the bank interest of \$597.95, makes \$21,067.56. This amount is placed in the Canadian Bank of Commerce to the credit of the Canadian Patriotic fund.

From these two sources Victoria collected a total of \$150,994.19. Besides this, many other sums were paid direct into the Central fund at Ottawa, such as sums contributed by the banks and railways, with head offices in the east.

During the fourteen months, the society has paid out: For allowances, \$56,871.98; for salaries, \$2,130.70; for advertising, printing, stationery, mainly in connection with the first campaign for collections, \$1,897.44, or a total of \$61,800.12.

It has been the endeavor of the management to administer the fund economically, and to depend as far as possible on volunteer assistance, but the nature of the work makes it necessary to employ help. For the greater part of the year only one stenographer and one bookkeeper have been employed at a monthly expense of \$150. Recently an additional stenographer has been employed, making a total monthly payment of \$200 for salaries. The salaries for the fourteen months amount to less than one and a half per cent of the amount of the subscriptions collected. It is gratifying to note that the bank interest earned is \$700 more than the salaries paid for the same period.

Month by month the allowances increase, and in October, 1915, \$12,135.77 was paid, and each new battalion or

draft means an increase in allowances paid. A few months ago, before it was known that Canada's army would be increased from 150,000 to 250,000, it was surmised that with the new drafts the monthly allowances might easily reach \$15,000. This amount is certain now to be greatly exceeded. If it reaches \$20,000 a month it will mean that Victoria will require \$240,000 for the coming year, as the present balance will shortly be entirely exhausted.

The present campaign has been commenced with the hope that \$300,000 or more will be collected, and if the war lasts twelve months, it will be seen that this and more is likely to be required, more especially as assistance will have to be continued after the declaration of peace until the troops return.

### WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 3—5 a.m.—The barometer has fallen to 29 inches along the coast and heavy rains are general from the Sound to California, and mild weather prevails throughout the Pacific slope. The weather is fair and moderately cold in the prairie provinces.

Forecasts: For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Saturday. Victoria and vicinity—Strong winds or moderate gales, mostly easterly—and southerly, unsettled and mild, with rain.

Lower Mainland—Easterly and southerly winds, fresh to high on the Gulf, unsettled and mild, with rain.

Reports: Victoria—Barometer, 29.39; temperature, maximum yesterday, 50; minimum, 46; wind, 22 miles S. E.; weather, cloudy.

Vancouver—Barometer, 29.33; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 36; wind, 12 miles E.; rain, 1.8; weather, rain.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.64; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 22; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, clear.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.42; temperature, maximum yesterday, 35; minimum, 28; wind, 20 miles S.; weather, fair.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.30; temperature, maximum yesterday, 45; minimum, 35; wind, calm; rain, .40; weather, cloudy.

Tatsoosh—Barometer, 29.22; temperature, maximum yesterday, 50; minimum, 46; wind, 18 miles S. E.; rain, .34; weather, rain.

Fortland, Ore.—Barometer, 29.49; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 45; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, .26; weather, rain.

Seattle—Barometer, 29.38; temperature, maximum yesterday, 54; minimum, 46; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, .08; weather, rain.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.64; tem-

perature, maximum yesterday, 66; minimum, 50; wind, 20 miles S. E.; rain, 1.15; weather, rain.

Pentagon—Temperature, maximum yesterday, 37; rain, .02.

Temperature.	Max.	Min.
Nelson	32	24
Calgary	45	24
Edmonton	40	20
Qu'Appelle	38	18
Winnipeg	25	4
Toronto	38	..
Ottawa	30	..
Montreal	32	..
St. John	56	..
Halifax	35	..

Victoria Daily Weather. Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Thursday:

Temperature.	Max.	Min.
Highest	45	45
Lowest	45	45
Average	45	45
Minimum on grass	40	40
Maximum in sun	43	43
Rain, trace.		
Bright sunshine, 1 hour 48 minutes.		
General state of weather, cloudy.		

The actual weight carried by the British soldier, exclusive of clothes, rifle, and bayonet is 35 lb. 14 oz.; the rifle and bayonet weigh together 19 lb. 8 oz.

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