

WEATHER FORECASTS

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Tuesday: Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to strong easterly and southerly winds, unsettled and mild, with rain.

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WHERE TO GO TO-NIGHT

Pantages, Vaudeville. Royal Victoria, Arms and the Girl. Variety, The Antics of Ann. Dominion, The Cinderella Man.

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STROKE BY FRENCH ON NORTHERN ITALIAN FRONT

POSITIONS ON RIDGE ON CAMBRAI FRONT RETAKEN BY BRITISH, HAIG STATES

Most Important Part of Ground Lost to Enemy Regained in Counter-Attacks; Enemy Retains Foot-hold Near Lavacquerie and Marcoing

London, Dec. 31.—British troops in successful counter-attacks on the Cambrai front regained the more important territory on Welsh Ridge taken by German troops in yesterday's attack, the War Office here reported to-day in the following communication:

"On the Cambrai front, as a result of successful counter-attacks in which we captured prisoners and machine guns, we regained the more important part of the positions on Welsh Ridge into which enemy troops penetrated yesterday. The enemy retains a portion of our front trenches in the vicinity of Lavacquerie and south of Marcoing.

"On the Ypres front by a minor operation last night our line was advanced a short distance on both sides of the Ypres-Staden railway."

Field-Marshal Haig last night reported heavy fighting south of Cambrai. German troops made a strong attack on a front of about two miles. They succeeded in gaining a foothold at two points, but later were ejected by British counter-attacks.

In the air, five German aeroplanes were destroyed or put out of action on Saturday by the British, who lost none of theirs.

"Two hostile machines were brought down in our lines on Saturday," said an official report yesterday. "A third was brought down in the enemy lines. Two other hostile machines were driven down out of control. None of our aeroplanes is missing."

French Report. Paris, Dec. 31.—"An artillery action occurred last night northwest of Rheims," the War Office here reports. "There were several encounters north of the Chemin des Dames (Alsace front) and near Bezonvaux (Verdun front)."

"Everywhere else the night was calm."

German Statement. Berlin, Dec. 31.—The British have recovered part of their lost territory on the Cambrai front near La Vacquerie, the war office here announces. The losses of the British are said to have been heavy.

Bolshevik Making Assembly a Target; More Men Arrested

Petrograd, Dec. 30.—(Via London, Dec. 31.)—The commission appointed to prevent a counter-revolution to-day raided the premises of the Union for the Defense of the Constituent Assembly. A dozen arrests were made.

RUTHENIANS AND UKRAINIANS IN THIS COUNTRY ARE LOYAL

Washington, Dec. 31.—A convention representing 400,000 Ruthenians and Ukrainians in Canada closed here on Saturday with a resolution calling upon the new independent republic of Ukraine not to lay down its arms until the cause of the Allied nations has won.

Another resolution calls upon the Government to give back citizen rights to Ukrainians in Canada.

FIFTY PASSENGER TRAINS CUT OFF BY ONE ROAD IN U. S.

Philadelphia, Dec. 31.—The Philadelphia and Reading Railway announces the annulment of more than 50 passenger trains, effective January 1.

KALEDINES IS RE-ELECTED AS HEAD OF THE DON COSSACKS

London, Dec. 31.—A telegram received in Petrograd from Novo Tcherkask, capital of the territory of the Don Cossacks, says a dispatch from the Russian capital received here, announces that Gen. Kaledines, who recently resigned as Hetman of the Cossacks on the ground that there was opposition to him at the front, has been re-elected by 562 out of a total of 638 votes.

McGow reports that railway communication with the south has been stopped and that no food supplies are arriving.

Bessarabia Making Itself a Republic, Declares Dispatch

Petrograd, Dec. 29.—Via London, Dec. 31.—Bessarabia has declared its independence as the Moldavian Republic, to form a part of the Russian Federated Republic.

Bessarabia is a province of Southwestern Russia, adjoining Roumaniana. The population is in the neighborhood of 2,000,000.

Lenine and Helpers Said to Be Merely Agents of Germany

London, Dec. 31.—The Times prints a letter from its Petrograd correspondent dated Saturday purporting to substantiate the view that the Bolsheviki revolt was managed by Germany and the movement is anti-national and anti-Russian. The letter says: "It is a notorious fact and has been proved by documents in possession of the Kerensky Government that German commissioned Lenine and gave him money to go to Russia to sow disaffection in the Russian army."

IRKUTSK SCENE OF BITTER CIVIL WAR

Street Fighting in Siberian City; Many Persons Being Murdered

Peking, Dec. 31.—Civil war is in progress at Irkutsk, in Eastern Siberia, on the Trans-Siberian Railway, and in the surrounding districts. The town was set on fire by Red Guards after they had murdered the French consular agent and three other Frenchmen. Many persons, including women and children, are being murdered and street fighting is under way.

"The Bolsheviki continue to receive reinforcements and ammunition from Krasnoyarsk. Cossacks are offering determined opposition to the Red Guard. The Siberian Railway Guards are outnumbered and are being killed or driven from their posts. Communication with Petrograd has been cut off."

Bolsheviki uprisings have occurred at Tchita and Verkhne-Udinsk, both of which towns are on the Trans-Siberian Railway.

Harbin is quiet, with the Chinese in full control. They are guarding the banks, stores and railways.

Nearly a Week. London, Dec. 31.—The correspondents of Reuters at Peking, Harbin and Petrograd report fighting at Irkutsk, Eastern Siberia, between regular troops and Red Guards and Cossacks and military cadets. The dispatches added that the Red Guards have murdered the French consular agent and two other Frenchmen in Irkutsk.

The Petrograd Den states that the Cossack leader, Karauloff, a former member of the Duma, and his brother, have been murdered while journeying to a Cossack military gathering.

Body of Volunteers Reaches France to Aid Against Enemy

Paris, Dec. 31.—A Havas dispatch dated "Somewhere in France," says that a "contingent of volunteers" has landed there. The volunteers were received by the general commanding the military district, the prefect, the mayor and other civil and military authorities.

BY-ELECTION DATE GIVES PLENTY OF TIME FOR THE CAMPAIGN; JAN. 24 FIXED

Following a short session of the Provincial Executive this morning the official announcement is made by the Government that the by-elections in the Provincial ridings of Alberni, Newcastle, Vancouver and Similkameen will be held on Thursday, January 24, 1918, while the latest date for nomination is set for January 17. Writs were issued for the Alberni contest this morning and Captain G. A. Huff appointed returning officer. R. S. Conklin, a former Reeve of Pentiction, and the defeated Liberal candidate at the General Election in September, 1916, will officiate as Returning Officer for Similkameen; David Gourlay, of Ladysmith, for Newcastle, and as soon as formalities have been completed in respect of Vancouver a similar appointment will be announced.

As promised by the Premier on the floor of the House during the adjourned session of the Legislature in August last, the fixing of the four contests will provide ample time for campaign work and likewise permit the successful contestants the opportunity to take their seats on Government or Opposition benches when the House convenes on February 7.

The Candidates. There are two candidates in the field for the Alberni riding, formerly represented in the House by the Premier himself: J. F. Bledsoe is the Liberal standard-bearer, and upon Richard Wallis, of Nanosee, fell the choice of the Conservatives at a nominating convention held at Port Alberni on Friday last. In the Similkameen riding, represented until the time of his elevation to a Senatorship by L. W. Shattford, E. W. Mutch is the Liberal nominee, while an old friend in the person of Reeve McKenzie of Pentiction will battle under the Conservative banner.

Vancouver Doubtful. The Liberal nominating convention in the Newcastle riding is to be held on Friday next in the new city hall at Ladysmith, when an opponent for J. H. Hawthornthwaite, the Socialist candidate, will be selected. At the present time no Conservative has entered the arena and latest reports indicate that none will be nominated. The situation as far as Vancouver is concerned, is more or less hazy at the present time. The decision of Mrs. Ralph Smith to enter the field as an Independent Liberal, leaves the course to be adopted by the official Liberal organizations in the Terminal City somewhat obscure, a condition of affairs not easily clarified by reason of the division of opinion that existed throughout the Federal campaign. No date has yet been announced for either official Liberal or official Conservative nominating conventions.

Smith vs. Moody? There is still the persistent rumor that Mrs. Irene Moody will be prevailed upon to come out on the Conservative ticket, in which case it is suggested that the Liberals-Lauriers and Unionists, will leave the issue of Government support in the hands of the widow of the late Minister of Finance in the hope of victory over Mrs. Moody, who, by the way, took a very active part in the campaign for Union Government. Now that the date has been definitely set this morning for the holding of the by-elections on January 24, it is expected that an announcement as to nomination conventions in Vancouver will be forthcoming immediately. In the meantime much speculation is rife as to the outcome.

VESSEL SEIZED BY STATES; TRIED TO VIOLATE BLACKLIST

A Pacific Port of the United States, Dec. 31.—Her officers and crew charged with violating the trading with the enemy act by attempting to trade with blacklisted consens in Lower California, the steam-schooner Northfork was brought into this harbor last night in charge of a prize crew. The officers and crew are under armed guard and no one is allowed to approach the pier.

The Northfork, an American-owned, steam-schooner, 220 feet long, was seized at sea by an American cruiser. She has been engaged in carrying ore mined in Lower California.

Strain Telling on German Air Service on the West Front

London, Dec. 30.—A dispatch from the Reuters correspondent at British headquarters in France says the Germans are experiencing difficulty in maintaining efficiency in their air service on the Western front. The correspondent says prisoners are unanimous in saying that the output of new machines is very limited, and that old types of aircraft are used.

PLANS BUREAU FOR NEGLECTED CHILDREN

Announcement by Attorney-General Farris; Bye-Election in Vancouver

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—Hon. J. W. deB. Farris, the Attorney-General, when interviewed last night in reference to the announcement of the candidature for the Legislature of Mrs. Ralph Smith in the forthcoming bye-election here stated:

"Well, it certainly does take a woman to start something. I have hardly had an opportunity to give the matter much consideration, but I can say that I had great respect for my late colleague, the Hon. Ralph Smith, and if for no other reason than that I would find it personally very difficult to oppose Mrs. Smith. If Mrs. Smith had sought and received the endorsement of the party in the regular way my support of her would have been unquestioned. The course which she has adopted, however, makes the situation, to say the least, somewhat unusual."

"You must realize that the Government has been active in its endeavors to give the women of the province a fair deal. We were the ones to give the women the vote. Since that time we have appointed in the city of Vancouver for the first time a woman as judge of the juvenile court for girls. To-day we are placing a woman for the first time in charge of the Girls' Industrial School. By legislation we have given to the women of the province equal guardianship."

"In my Department I have been considering for several weeks past one of the most important reforms yet made in the Province, and that is the establishment of a bureau for neglected children. With a view to introducing legislation along these lines at the coming session I have devoted a great deal of time to the subject, and in addition to my own time, I have had valuable assistance from Mr. Pineo, of my Department, who has been in consultation with Magistrate Shute—and Mrs. J. H. Macgill, Judge of the women's juvenile court here. The proposal has the strong support of the leading women's organizations of this city."

"I think that the suggestion made in the editorial columns of The Sun yesterday morning that a woman's candidature should be elected by acclamation is worthy of serious consideration, especially in view of the fact that the people of Vancouver must have had nearly enough elections in the last couple of years."

GROUND WRESTED FROM ENEMY IN MONTE TOMBA REGION BY FRENCH TROOPS AIDING ITALIAN FORCES

POSSIBLE IMPERIAL SCHEME FOR ISLAND

Mining and Shipping Interests in States Hear of Significant Plans

TRANSPORTATION WILL HAVE TO HELP ITSELF

A somewhat interesting report as to the manner in which American mining interests are contemplating the immediate future development of the iron and steel industries of the Pacific Coast, was related to a representative of The Times yesterday by J. F. Bledsoe, the well-known mining engineer of Alberni and that riding's selected Liberal candidate at the forthcoming by-election. For the past six weeks Mr. Bledsoe has been in Seattle and other cities south of the international border on matters allied with his profession, during the course of which he has had many opportunities of getting close to the pulse of the mining world. He says that men in a position to know over the other side are looking for the day when transportation facilities will reach that stage of their application to the country's war work, when shipments from east to west of the wherewithal to build iron ships on the Pacific slope will of necessity be reduced to the minimum.

Action Wanted Now. This feasible possibility has suggested to those across the line who are busy men, the kernel of things, that the shippers on this side of the continent will soon be required to draw their supplies for steel ships from their own backyards as it were. Mr. Bledsoe thus sees the need of British Columbian action immediately, and he cites an altogether new phase of the situation in support of his argument. Individual assistance in the neighboring states of the Union have the fixed idea in their minds, says Mr. Bledsoe, that unless the proposed huge Government subsidized plant for Puget Sound materializes rapidly and an almost unlimited market is created for iron ore of the West Coast of Vancouver Island and the coke of the East Coast, a golden opportunity will be lost forever. Their information, too, he observes appears to come from reliable sources.

What Portends? The explanation offered to Mr. Bledsoe by the American mining fraternity for this somewhat feverish apprehension lies in the fact that semi-official announcements are alleged to have been made by the Imperial authorities amounting to a decision eliminating sooner or later in the establishment of an iron and steel plant in Canadian territory on the Pacific Coast. The people on the other side of course realize, he says, that the consummation of such a scheme would place the dependence of western American shippers on British Columbian ore entirely out of the question, leaving them to face the aggravating conditions which may follow with a more comprehensive absorption of transportation facilities by the United States Government as a purely military necessity—in itself a detriment to the West.

Significant Possibilities. In Mr. Bledsoe's opinion, then, there appears to be assured a certain market out of the province for all the iron ore mother earth can yield—a situation with some law back; while there likewise exists matter for serious reflection in the direction of industrial creation with a view to insuring British Columbia steel for British Columbia hulls—with Imperial Government enterprise in the offing.

Disintegration in Russia Continuing; More Breaks Occur

London, Dec. 31.—It is reported from Petrograd that an autonomous Government has been formed in Turkestan, with M. Tyryshavsk, a member of the second Duma, as Premier.

The Siberian district congress at Tomsk has elected a Provisional Government, headed by President Potanin, with a coalition cabinet which includes Constitutional Democrats.

Many Positions Taken From Austro-Germans on Northern Front, Rome War Office Reports; Berlin and Vienna Admit Loss of Ground

Rome, Dec. 31.—In the Monte Tomba region, on the northern Italian front, French troops have captured many positions between Osteria di Monfrena and Marankine, the War Office here announces. They also captured about 1,400 men and sixty machine guns and seven cannon.

Berlin, Dec. 31.—French forces on the northern Italian front yesterday took the offensive. In the afternoon French infantry penetrated portions of the Austro-German positions on Monte Tomba, Army Headquarters here announced to-day.

Vienna, Dec. 31.—Counter-measures against the French are in course of preparation in the Monte Tomba area, the War Office here announces.

One of Kronstadt Forts Was Wrecked by a Big Explosion

London, Dec. 31.—One of the forts in Kronstadt, the naval base near Petrograd, has been blown up by an extremely violent explosion, according to a Petrograd dispatch to The London Times. There are no details.

BRITAIN WILL REPLY TO TEUTONS' TERMS

When Presented Officially, It is Reported; Lloyd George to France

London, Dec. 31.—The Manchester Guardian says it is the intention of the British Government, when the Austro-German terms of peace are presented officially, to return a serious and reasoned reply. Mr. Lloyd George has arranged to visit France, according to the newspaper, to confer with Premier Clemenceau on this subject.

Kuehlmann. London, Dec. 31.—According to an Amsterdam dispatch of yesterday's date to the Exchange Telegraph, Dr. Richard von Kuehlmann, the German Foreign Secretary, was expected to reach Berlin on his return from the peace negotiations. He was to be received immediately by the Kaiser, and probably will visit Field-Marshal Hindenburg's headquarters.

The Pan-American papers, says this dispatch, invite their readers to hiss von Kuehlmann when he arrives in Berlin for "betraying the German army."

Maximilian Harden asserts that Alsace-Lorraine cannot be considered an obstacle to peace.

Csernin. Amsterdam, Dec. 31.—A dispatch from Vienna states that Count Czernin, spokesman for the Central Powers, left Brest-Litovsk on Friday evening for Vienna to discuss with the authorities there the result of the first conference with the Russian peace delegates.

It was provided that certain laws (Concluded on page 4)

BOLSHEVIKI READY TO TRADE ONCE MORE

Also Agree With Teutons to Return Prisoners of War

London, Dec. 31.—In addition to the points set forth in yesterday's advice from Brest-Litovsk, regarding the provisional agreement between the representatives of the Bolsheviki and the Central Powers, another clause is included, the precise meaning of which is not clear. A Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam gives the clause thus:

"It was agreed that both legally and economically one country should not be treated less favorably by another than any third country which can not appeal to treaty rights."

The German wireless version of this clause reads:

"It was agreed that respecting all rights of intercourse and economic relations, none of the countries which is a party to the peace arrangement shall be treated less favorably than any outside country in respect to which treaty rights do or do not exist."

This is probably in effect the familiar "most favored nation" clause which is included in treaties.

The dispatch referred in the above as setting forth the provisional agreement was dated Brest-Litovsk, December 23, and reached London yesterday. It ran as follows:

Provisional agreement on a series of important points, including liberation of war prisoners and resumption of commercial relations, was reached to-day by the delegates of Russia and the Central Powers in discussion of issues which, in the event of a general peace, would have to be settled among the nations represented in the negotiations here. This provisional discussion was terminated to-day, the basis of an agreement adopted being reached under the reservation that it was to be examined by the Governments represented by the delegates.

In respect of treaty relations, an understanding was arrived at regarding the restoration of the situation as it existed when the war began.

It was provided that certain laws (Concluded on page 4)

PROTESTS FROM PRAIRIES ON INCREASE IN FREIGHT RATES

Regina, Dec. 31.—The Department of Agriculture of Saskatchewan has wired Sir Robert Borden protesting against the increase in the freight rates granted by the Railway Commission throughout Canada, in view of the great demand for increased production on the farms.

Calgary, Dec. 31.—The United Farmers of Alberta are protesting to the Dominion Government against the increase in the freight rates throughout Canada granted by the Board of Railway Commissioners, the Board of Railway Commissioners, H. W. Wood, president of the United Farmers, in a telegram to Hon. N. W. Rowell, Acting Prime Minister, says inability to secure cars also will suffer.

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LACHINE HAD \$55,000 FIRE; MERCURY LOW

Lachine, Que., Dec. 31.—With a stiff breeze blowing in from Lake St. Louis and the thermometer registering 39 degrees below zero, the Lachine fire brigade was called upon yesterday to fight a blaze which destroyed the plant of the Rapid Tool & Machine Company, Ltd., and an adjoining structure in which 35 automobiles were stored. The loss is placed at \$55,000, covered by insurance.

EXPLOSION AND FIRE AT SYDNEY, NOVA SCOTIA

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 31.—A heavy explosion started the people of Sydney about midnight last night. This was followed by an alarm of fire, which proved to be at the Ross fertilizer plant, near the steel plant. A loud report was caused by an explosion of hot slag which was being conveyed to the fertilizer. The plant was practically destroyed, but the warehouse, with the exception of broken windows on one side, remains intact.

BREAD IS CHEAPEST FOOD IN BRITAIN

Tea, Butter, Lard and Oleo-margarine Are Giving Most Trouble

London, Dec. 31.—The demand made by the National Labor Conference that the Government secure a more equitable distribution of foodstuffs, arose from the constantly growing difficulty, experienced specially by the poorer classes, in obtaining a few staple articles. No difficulty has yet been experienced in obtaining bread which, under the Government subsidy system, is the cheapest food on the market.

Potatoes and fresh vegetables also are plentiful and comparatively cheap, while meat, although less plentiful than in former years, still is in fair supply and at prices ranging below that of a few months ago. The articles that are most difficult to obtain, and which have caused quite a scandal, are tea, butter, lard and margarine. It is almost impossible to purchase butter. A scarcity of milk is noticeable only in the poor districts of the big towns.

HARBIN SITUATION BAD; DISORDERS AT VLADIVOSTOK ALSO

Shanghai, Dec. 31.—The North China Daily News says the situation at Harbin, Manchuria, is serious.

The newspaper says also that Bolshevik disorders have occurred at Vladivostok and the Chinese are endeavoring to send troops there.

HELD BY ENEMY.

London, Dec. 31.—British prisoners held by the enemy, including those in Switzerland, total 46,712 according to an official statement. The prisoners include members of the regular army, territorial forces, navy and naval divisions.

BOOKS FOR RETURNED MEN IN SANATORIA

School Children Supply Collections of Clippings for Tuberculous ex-Soldiers

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—The school children of Canada and the United States have assembled all the literary lights there as having declared the German peace proposals to be unacceptable. A return to the status quo ante bellum would not solve a single problem of the war, in the Minister's opinion. He added, the dispatch says, that the proposed terms failed to indicate any means for the prevention of future conflicts or for the removal of the causes which brought on the present war.

The question of keeping the men affected with tuberculosis supplied with sufficient reading matter is a problem. Every so often the books in service must be burned for sanitary reasons, and to destroy valuable books in this way seems a great pity.

One of Best Services.

The effort of the children to supplement these libraries which must be replenished ever so often with reading such as soldiers' diaries, is one of the most appreciated supplementary services which anyone has yet thought of rendering the boys.

Teachers have supervised the selection of stories, and the collections are varied. There are love stories, sporting tales, adventure, detective mysteries, humorous essays and poems, everything bright and cheerful that can be found in the present day monthly publications.

From Distant Points.

Pasted on heavy white paper and attached down the back, they are very fine little books. In each one is a little letter from the child who made it, hoping in his best copybook form that the soldier it will enjoy it as much as he did making it.

They come in lots to the sanatoria, even as far distant as Spokane and North Carolina, and some of the children engaged in making the collections are as young as eight years.

150 More Beds.

Three new pavilions of fifty beds each are to be erected at once at Kentville, N. S. Sanatorium, by the Military Hospitals Commission for the accommodation of returned soldiers suffering from tuberculosis.

Two pavilions of thirty-two beds each already have been erected and occupied at this sanatorium, and a sixty-bed infirmary for advanced cases will be ready for occupation in a few weeks. The fifty bed pavilions, now to be erected conform to a new style of sanatorium planning said to be an improvement on anything yet designed for the purpose. It is planned that four more of these fifty-bed pavilions will be erected later as required until the Kentville Sanatorium becomes a five-hundred bed institution.

Facilities for recreation and vocational training will be provided by the erection of a building designed to give accommodation for all these features. The hall will be similar in type to those already erected at Guelph, North Toronto, Cobourg, Fredericton and other places. It will include an auditorium where concerts and moving picture shows can be given, classrooms, billiard-rooms, post office, canteen, etc.

ARE NEARING END OF COUNT IN AUSTRALIA

200,000 Votes in Conscription Referendum Remain to Be Counted

Melbourne, Dec. 31.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—The Australian conscription referendum figures have not been altered materially. It is officially estimated that 200,000 votes still remain to be counted. Of these 123,000 are those of members of the Australian forces and 77,000 those of ordinary and absentee voters. It is estimated that 31 per cent. of the electors voted.

Wellington dispatches state that some establishments are refusing to employ Australian shepherds on the ground that while New Zealanders are fighting at the front their places should not be filled by anti-conscriptionists.

After a meeting of the Australian Cabinet on Saturday, Mr. Hughes, the Prime Minister, stated that a meeting of the ministerial party had been convened for January 3. The Commonwealth Parliament has been summoned to meet on January 8.

SAYS BRITAIN MOTHER TO THE JEWISH RACE

Montreal, Dec. 31.—In course of address delivered at a memorial service held yesterday in Temple Emmanuel here in honor of Gunter Edgar H. Goldstein, who fell in action, Rabbi Abramowitz said:

"No country is more deserving of sacrifice on the part of the Jewish race than England. England has been a second mother to Israel's wandering children. To-day she promises to give us back our first mother. Any Jew who dies for Mother England also dies for Mother Zion."

EDITOR AND OTHERS ARRESTED AT NOME

Nome, Dec. 31.—Earl Rogers, editor of The Nome Industrial Worker, and the five members of the editorial board of the publication, which is owned by the miners' unions, were arrested yesterday for alleged seditious articles which are charged appeared in The Worker. Rogers formerly lived in Seattle and Tacoma.

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WOULD NOT SOLVE PROBLEMS OF WAR

Teuton Peace Proposals Unacceptable, Says Belgian Minister at Petrograd

London, Dec. 31.—The Belgian Minister at Petrograd is quoted by the Exchange Telegraph correspondent there as having declared the German peace proposals to be unacceptable. A return to the status quo ante bellum would not solve a single problem of the war, in the Minister's opinion. He added, the dispatch says, that the proposed terms failed to indicate any means for the prevention of future conflicts or for the removal of the causes which brought on the present war.

As for the indemnification of Belgium, the Minister pointed out that this had been promised by the Allies.

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TWO UNIONISTS IN THE YUKON RIDING

Expected That Thompson and Congdon Will Oppose Each Other for Commons

Dawson, Dec. 31.—Official nomination of candidates for the Yukon election for the House of Commons will take place to-morrow. The first party nomination was that of Dr. Alfred Thompson as Unionist candidate, and he has been endorsed by Sir Robert Borden as the official Unionist candidate. On Wednesday last an independent meeting was called by eleven citizens, and Frederick Congdon, Liberal, was nominated as a Unionist.

Mr. Congdon is in Dawson, and spoke at the meeting which nominated him. Dr. Thompson is en route from Ottawa to Dawson. The cold and stormy weather has delayed overland travel and mails. It was 84 below zero on one day at Pelly and 72 below at White Horse.

Cold For Month.

The unbroken temperature of 50 to 60 degrees below zero which has prevailed at Dawson for a month continued to-day with no indications of a break. The epidemics of pneumonia and whooping cough continue and are not expected to abate until the temperature moderates. All the hospitals are full of victims of pneumonia and colds. Eighteen deaths have occurred in this city since the cold spell began, and no funerals are possible until the weather moderates and graves may be dug. The latest deaths include Peter Brochu, a pioneer miner in the Cariboo country and a veteran of the Cariboo and Klondyke camps; George Henley, former city librarian; Eugene Land-cockle, and John Nicholas, a noted Yukon quartz promoter, better known as Nick the Barber.

Fire.

In the bitter temperature of 55 below zero, Mrs. Fred Day and her young son Joe were burned seriously and the five children of the family more or less burned by fire which broke out in the Day residence early this morning. Mr. Day, who made an heroic effort to rescue the family before he could dress, and his feet were badly frozen. The entire family is in the hospital, but all are expected to survive.

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CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—The following casualties have been announced:

Infantry.

Wounded—Pte. E. O. Smith, Kingsgate, B. C.
Pte. William Patterson, Vancouver.
Railway Troops.
Pte. Edward Grayson, Eburne.

BRIG.-GEN. V. WILLIAMS, OF CANADIAN FORCES, IN SWITZERLAND NOW

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—A Reuter dispatch from Zurich received at the Ottawa agency of Reuter's to-day states that a party of British war prisoners consisting of 84 officers and 64 men has arrived there from Germany. The officers, including Brigadier-General Victor Williams, of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, are going to Montreux and Vevey. The men will be interned at Chateau deax. The party, on the whole, looked well. The dispatch added, those interned in North Germany appearing to have had a much worse time than those held in South Germany.

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THE EDUCATION SYSTEM.

To the Editor:—The oft-discussed subject of the curriculum is again with us, and in this discussion the Times deserves more than usual credit for its excellent editorial of Saturday last in which a new phase of the subject was presented. We must adapt ourselves to the changing conditions or drop behind in the race of nations, and in no department is a change so important or necessary as in our educational system.

The Hon. Dr. McLean has acted wisely in calling a convention to discuss this matter, but it must not rest there. The voice not only of those directly associated with our teaching bodies must be heard, but also that of all departments of industry. Education is for the purpose of preparation for life and its responsibilities for real work and efficiency and who better than the worker knows what is necessary to that end. Then let all departments be heard from and such a curriculum be decided upon that will give our boys and girls the best possible preparation for the duties and responsibilities that be before them.

THOSE LAW INFRACTIONS.

To the Editor:—One is amazed at the leniency with which the principal offenders against the Half-holiday Act were dealt with in the police court. Perhaps the genial Christmas spirit and inclined him to be gentle rather than severe, though the law was intentionally and flagrantly broken. The defendants had all advertised the fact that they intended to keep open for business within prohibited hours, and did so to the limit, pleaded guilty and though it was not a first offence were excused with a penalty \$20 fine (when the Act stipulates \$50 as the penalty for a second offence and \$100 for a third). They all would have been satisfied to pay a much higher commission on the amount of business done if transacted in a legal way. The incident is a mighty poor recommendation to all and sundry to strictly comply with the law, and of those merchants who observed it on Saturday that have good reason to feel aggrieved, for the transgressors have the laugh on them, because of the loss of business.

The large body of retail clerks for whom the Act was specially designed cannot understand the leniency. They quite believe that had one of their class ridden his bicycle on a back street sidewalk to escape a muddy road he would have been fined the limit for the infraction, if a policeman happened to have seen him.

The store clerks have rightly a big grouse about the decision, for they think that such a contemptuous breaking of the Half-holiday Act should have been given the extreme penalty provided.

In view of amendments to the Act, which are to be introduced at the coming Session of the Legislature, I think the clerks would be well advised to agitate for an amendment raising the penalties for infractions to such figures as to make even the wealthiest firm think twice before breaking the law. Thanking you in anticipation of the publication of this letter.

CHAS. RICHARDS,
2219 Blanshard Street.

THE RATE INCREASES.

To the Editor:—In treating the matter of increased railway freight and passenger charges throughout the Dominion in yesterday's issue, you exercise courage and judgment of a high order.

Certainly the proposed increased railway charges is another link in a long chain of follies, curtailing as it undoubtedly will, that agricultural production upon which every rational person knows everything else in this world rests.

The measures for maintaining a constant food supply for any nation or any group of nations, are being worked on by a small proportion of men and women who place their hope of reward for labors performed years-in-advance. More particularly is that the case in this Province, where overcharging is the besetting sin of every trade and profession and craft. Now then, on the top of this burden ready carried by the men and women engaged in agricultural production, let an extra charge be placed on transportation to and from the manufacturing and grain growing sections across the continent, and a blind man could see that the life that remains in the business of agriculture as a whole, must inevitably be still further squeezed out. And what follows? Nothing less than higher food stocks and higher prices; higher costs of living and higher demands from self-styled wage-slaves who would rather not enter the ranks of non-wage-earning farmers. A thinking person may be excused for wondering where we are going to land, anyway; if not in the arms of Germany, it will surely be a destiny rather than deserving, for our war strength is undoubtedly going to decline unless good production is equal to good demands.

If there is to be a continuance of the see-saw between organized capital and organized labor, each determined to get more flesh than bone, the whole community of interests will suffer, perhaps irreparably in consequence. It looks as if any means can be justly applied to bring a certain benefit to the whole people of any state; therefore, why not set raises and wages, interest and fees, to a definite scale after the military pattern, so abolishing the eternal friction between individuals and classes; and setting the stamp of infamy on the fraud that a dollar can be made to double its own weight in a few short years; and equally so on the fallacy that this man's craft surpasses that man's labor according to the craftsman's own multiplication. In other words, why should not the governing body exercise full governing powers over the doings

of individuals, compelling service in some capacity for general security against want, war, beasts that prey, and any other pest in the path of human progress?

This, I maintain, is a sane and practical socialism as opposed to the selfish trades-unionism usually parading under that name. In view of the demands incidental to the war, and to meet an equally desperate situation after the war, it is a necessary move.

Yours,
PHILIP HOLLOWAY.
Dec. 28, 1917.

THE MARKET.

To the Editor:—In giving the market stall-holders right-of-way to dispense non-local produce without the trifling inconvenience of paying a business tax or rent, our City Fathers are certainly making a bold stroke to "start something."

The idea of this market in the beginning was to bring the producer of local-grown commodities and the consumer together, eliminate the middleman and thereby reduce our high cost of existence. Has the object been accomplished? Have you been able to buy goods cheaper at the market than at our city stores? I have not. And now with the privilege, granted the market stallholder, to mingle with his local products ingredients of an imported nature, his possibilities are immense, and he can laugh at the rent-burdened, high-taxed city merchant.

The imported parts may comprise any percentage of the composition, while the "local" section may be practically nil. In fact, the label on the container, if printed on island-made paper, would likely hold good, or but-papers, made of whalebone sewed on eastern-made points might inaugurate a clothing department. Why the market, with the aid of this simple local-law, can be a veritable departmental store. Open only on the week's best days and worrying none about any hour-governing by-laws, our obliging but apparently easily hoodwinked City Council might wish to introduce.

The remarks attributed to Mr. Dibble seemed to concern the Aldermen more than the measure, for nearly everybody took a crack at Dibble. Not one member though, seemed sufficiently interested, in the very unfair competition to our merchants which the Amendment embraced, to stand flat-footed and oppose it.

Some time ago, in my presence, a stallholder compared prices of a certain much-used article, between a Victoria firm and T. Eaton Co., of Winnipeg, and his statements indicated a fair city would suffer a particle, if we would start the "eliminating process" right in the Council Chamber.

Yours respectfully,
J. A. SHANKS.

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The WEATHER
Daily Bulletin Published by the
Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 31—5 a. m.—An ocean storm area now centred near Prince Rupert is causing mild weather and heavy rains along the Coast, and mild weather also extends eastward to Cariboo and Kootenay.

Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, maximum yesterday, 32; minimum, 48; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, .02; weather, raining.

Vancouver—Barometer, 29.90; temperature, maximum yesterday, 41; minimum, 48; wind, 11 miles S. E.; rain, .05; weather, raining.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.18; temperature, maximum yesterday, 41; minimum, 48; wind, 19 miles E.; rain, .25; weather, raining.

Owing to wire trouble, no further reports received.

AUTO INTO RIVER.

Missoula, Mont., Dec. 31.—Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Kubelik, of Missoula, and their six-year-old son, Frank, were drowned in the Missoula River yesterday afternoon, when their automobile slipped on the muddy river road and rolled over the bank into the swollen stream. Four other sons, the oldest 14, and the youngest, three, were saved.

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AT THE HOTELS

G. S. Clute and family, of Hanna, Alta., are stopping at the Strathcona Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. McKee, of Haro Straits, are registered at the Strathcona Hotel.

J. A. Nattress, of Regina, is a new arrival at the Strathcona Hotel.

J. F. Rowlands, of Nelson, B. C., arrived at the Strathcona Hotel yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Joslin, of Seattle, are staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

Miss M. Jones and Miss N. Jones, of Calgary, are guests at the Strathcona Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Taylor, of Genoa Bay, registered at the Strathcona Hotel.

Mr. Grischbach is at the Strathcona Hotel from Chemalusa.

E. G. McCaul and family, of Togo, Sask., are registered at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Burton, Mrs. K.

Krockett, J. Mott and E. A. Morris are among Vancouver arrivals at the Strathcona Hotel.

J. J. McKim and family, of Prospect, Sask., are visiting Victoria and stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

J. Morphy and Mrs. Morphy and J. Blain and Mrs. Blain, of Miami, Man., are new arrivals at the Dominion Hotel.

G. H. Harwood, Miss L. L. Harwood and Miss E. H. Little are down from Hornby Island and are stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

The Rev. H. Payne, of Saturna Island, is staying at the Dominion Hotel.

John M. Morrison, of Prince Rupert, is at the Dominion Hotel.

L. Johnson, of Barlien, Alta., and C. Berry, of Saskatoon, are new arrivals at the Dominion Hotel.

John Thompson, of Edmonton, is at the Dominion Hotel.

H. Wade and Mrs. Wade, of Shawnigan Lake, are at the Dominion Hotel.

Col. Dobbie and Mrs. Dobbie, of Maple

Bay, are registered at the Dominion Hotel.

R. Hamilton and Mrs. Hamilton and E. Le Coque and Mrs. Le Coque are down from Nanaimo and stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Jennings, of Hamilton, Ont., registered at the Empress Hotel on Saturday.

M. MacNaught, of New London, Conn., arrived at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sands and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Yields, of Seattle, are guests at the Empress Hotel.

G. K. Comstock and Robert F. Anderson, of Seattle, Wash., registered at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

Hy. Ravenhill, from Shawnigan Lake, is a guest at the James Bay Hotel.

Thos. M. Trew is in the city for a short while from James Island, B. C., and has registered at the James Bay Hotel.

Jno. T. Urquhart from Unity, Sask., and Edna Urquhart, Katie Urquhart, Lena Urquhart, from Sceptre, Sask., registered at the James Bay Hotel yesterday.

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THE YEAR 1917.

The year 1917 passes out under auspices outwardly not unlike those which presided over its predecessors in their relation to the powers opposed to Prussianism in arms. The end of 1914 found the Allies just holding on while they were mobilizing their resources.

Surface indications no longer count for what they counted in 1914, 1915 and 1916. Developments are appraised more for what they mean than for what they are. This is a war of nations, not of armies and navies only.

Developments in the subsidiary theatres during the year have been unvaryingly favorable to the Allies. With the capture of Baghdad the British restored their prestige in the East and opened a new era of freedom to the Arabs held for centuries under Turkish oppression.

Among the outstanding cardinal developments of the war during the last year were the intervention of the United States, the inauguration of unrestricted submarine warfare by the enemy and the Russian Revolution.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Building permits to the total of \$1,045,500 were issued in the city during 1917. The Adelphi block, costing \$28,000 was the largest single permit.

tain and her Allies retain their supremacy at sea, keeping open the lanes through which the great republic will divert its enormous resources of men, materials and supplies to Europe.

In a military sense the Russian revolution has been of unquestioned advantage to the Central Empires. It has enabled them to stand up on the western and Italian fronts under the terrific blows rained upon them.

adopted during the war shall be cancelled, and that those affected thereby shall be restored to their previous rights or indemnified. Payment of War Costs. The rules in regard to payment of war costs and damage were defined in greater detail.

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The year 1917 ends with the whole world preparing for a grim contest with an enemy against whom armies, navies and aircraft are helpless. Indeed, they cannot even fight him.

Wishing Our Customers and Friends a Happy and Prosperous New Year

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DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

Our 40th January Sale Starts Wednesday Next, Jan. 2

See Opposite Page for Full List of Opening Day Bargains

The Staple Department Offers Rare Bargains During the January Sale

For those who mean to start the New Year well by economizing will prove that it will pay them to take advantage of these remarkable offerings while the goods can be had at such low sale prices.

- Flannelette Sheets are being sold in the Wholesale Houses at far higher prices than we are asking, but as long as our present stocks hold good, a matter of 300 pairs, you can buy at the following prices. Size 66x84, the best quality. Wholesale price \$2.00. Sale Price, a pair... \$2.45

700 Yards Pink Flannelette Embroidery and Insertions To Clear at a Yard 3c

Regular values in this lot to 15c a yard. This quality goods cannot be bought at double the price to-day. Buy up a few extra yards for the future.

240 Novelty Bags to Go at 50c

Useful size Hand Bags in novelty styles, made of plain and fancy silks, all fitted with mirror and change purse. Big Bargains, these.

A Big Clearing Away of Ladies' and Children's Handkerchiefs

- 300 Doz. Handkerchiefs to go at 15c Each Nice quality Handkerchiefs, with striped, embroidered and fancy corners and fancy edges; some trimmed with lace. Some are a little soiled from our holiday rush. Values that sell from \$3.00 to \$4.20 a dozen, clearing at, each... 15c

Two Big Offerings in Ladies' New Neckwear

Exceptional price reductions to sell off a big stock of Ladies' New Neckwear. Hundreds of pieces included, and each piece a rare bargain.

January Clearance of Women's and Children's Knit Underwear

- Children's Musing Vests and Drawers, in the all-cotton and all-wool grades; natural and white. Regular 75c and \$1.00 values. January Sale, a garment... 50c

A Clearance of Children's Imitation Fur Sets at Half Price

- mostly small sizes in Necklets and Muffs to match. There are white trimmed with black tails, brown and tan, also all white. Sizes 2 to 8 years. \$1.50 value for... 75c

Children's Dresses Greatly Reduced

- Serviceable Dresses in black and white checks, trimmed with white pique, also navy skirt with white pique waist, made detachable. Suitable for ages 10, 12 and 14 years. Better shop early for these, as its a clean-up line and quantity limited.

Children's Soiled Caps Clear at 25c

These are nice woolen Washing Caps and therefore good bargains at one-third of their regular price. Sizes to fit 2 to 6 years. Reg. value 75c. Wednesday... 25c

200 Yards 27-Inch White Embroidery Flouncings

On Sale Wednesday, a Yard 35c and 50c See Broad Street Windows for Samples Embroideries, Main Floor

that in the present circumstances these manifestations must be regarded as an expression of the will of the people, and as ready to draw conclusions therefrom. As in those districts to which the foregoing stipulations apply, the question of evacuation is not such as provided for in Article 1, a special commission shall discuss and fix the time and other details in conformity and in accordance with the Russian idea of the necessary ratification plebiscite on broad lines and without any military pressure whatever of the already existing proclamation of separation.

The Russian View. "Our standpoint is that only such manifestation of will can be regarded as a de facto expression of the will of the people as results from a free vote taken in the districts in question, with the complete absence of foreign troops. We therefore propose, and must insist thereon, that a clearer and more precise formulation of this point be made. We consent, however, to the appointment of a special commission for the examination of technical conditions for the realization of such referendums and also for the fixing of a definite time for evacuation."

In view of the course which the negotiations hitherto have taken, it may be stated with satisfaction that, regarding settlement of the most important questions, the views of the represented powers tally in many points, while regarding others the views approach each other to such an extent that hope for arriving at an agreement on the latter points is well-founded.

FIRE IN MONTREAL CAUSED A DEATH

Montreal, Dec. 31.—One death and several narrow escapes were reported last night by the fire department here following one of the coldest and busiest weeks in the history of the organization. A fatality occurred during the course of a fire which gutted a tenement house on City Hall Avenue and drove four families out into almost 30 degrees below zero weather.

A CHURCH UNION.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—Farewell was said last night to Knox Presbyterian Church, Dorchester Street West, by its congregation. Knox Church is joining with Crescent Street Church in what will be known as Knox Church, Crescent Street. Rev. Dr. Dickie, of Crescent Street Church, will be pastor of the united congregations, and Rev. La Adams Montgomery, of Knox, assistant pastor.

VANCOUVER CLEARINGS.

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—The bank clearings here for the month of December were \$35,105,578; for the corresponding month last year, \$30,021,584. The clearings for 1917 were \$419,610, 885; for 1916, \$321,885,734.

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Our 40th January Sale Incorporating a Great Rebuilding Clearance to Start WEDNESDAY NEXT, January Second

We must vacate by January 31, the old Imperial Building. To make the removal as light as possible greater reductions than usual have been made on much merchandise in our Men's Clothing Department. Up to the present the reduced prices have only applied to Suits and Overcoats. We have many other lines yet to arrange for selling—including Men's and Boys' Trousers, Hats, Caps and Raincoats.

FOR THE FIRST FEW DAYS OF THIS SALE WE WILL CLEAR OUT THE REMAINING STOCK OF MEN'S SUITS AT HALF-PRICE

Note the bargains displayed in our windows for opening day and watch our advertisements daily for new sale offerings.

Balance of Women's Suits Grouped Into Three Prices: \$9.75, \$27.50 and \$49.75

Extraordinary price reductions have been made on the balance of Suit stock to make sure of a complete and speedy clearance. The groupings are as follows:

Suits to Go at \$9.75

Good quality serges in navy blue and black. Serviceable models for general wear.

Suits to Go at \$27.50

A big range of models grouped into this offering, and they represent most exceptional values. Not one Suit in the lot worth less than \$40.00, and there are former values to \$47.50. Included are navy and black serges, velours, gabardines and poplins. Latest patterns, and shades taupe, African brown and Burgundy included. Newest styles, satin linings and braid trimmings.

Suits to Go at \$49.75

All our high-class Novelty Suits, including imported models, represented by this offering. Very choice models, exclusive and most exceptional values.

Mantles, First Floor



Children's Reffer Coats Clear at \$1.50

Serviceable garments in navy blue serge, finished with velvet collars; sizes 12 to 16 years. Regular value \$3.50. Better hurry for these at \$1.50

Mantles, First Floor

Women's All Wool Sweater Sets CLEAR AT \$4.75

Regular Prices \$8.75 and \$9.75

Most serviceable sets of all wool, nicely brush finished. Coat, cap and scarf to match. In a nice range of shades—rose, canary, saxe, burnt orange, camel; also black with white, and saxe with white. Extraordinary sale value.—Selling First Floor

Women's Woolen Tams and Caps CLEAR AT 50c

Brushed Wool Tams, in white, navy and cardinal; Jersey Cloth Caps and Scarf Sets, in rose, with white and canary with white. Special clean up lot at 50c.—Selling First Floor

Remaining Stock of Men's Suits to Clear at Half-Price

\$8 \$10 \$15

The range of patterns and materials are good, but all sizes cannot be had in each, yet all sizes are represented. An opportunity not likely to occur again at these prices, and with such good quality merchandise. Early selection is therefore advisable for best choice.

\$25.00 Showerproof Coats at \$17.50

In Raglan and set-in sleeves, nicely tailored from Harris and Donegal tweed effects. Most serviceable Coats for wear at any time. Their former values ranged up to \$25.

\$20.00 Tweed Top Coats at \$10.00

Smart, stylish models, suitable for mild winter wear, or cool evenings. A Coat for young men who cannot wear a heavy garment.

\$20.00 Overcoats for \$12.50

These are nice winter models, but a limited quantity only. Sizes are 42 and 44 only. Suitable for big men. Exceptional bargains these.

Boys' Suits at Remarkable Savings

All stylish models in the new Norfolk and semi-pinch-back styles, with bloomer pants fitted with governor fasteners at knee. Suits that were formerly selling to—

\$6.50. January Sale \$4.50
\$7.50. January Sale \$5.50
\$8.75. January Sale \$6.50
\$9.75. January Sale \$7.50

A Few Suits Only, in Double-Breasted Style

Tailored from the old quality all-wool tweeds. Formerly priced to \$13.50. January clearance at, suit, \$5.00
—Men's and Boys' Clothing, Main Floor



Five Prices Include the Balance of Our Winter Coat Stock

Every Winter Coat to go at this sale. We must have the room for the display of other goods. We have therefore cut the regular prices down to the lowest—thus making exceptional bargains worth while.

A Big Range of Women's Coats at \$14.90

This offering embraces models that were formerly marked at prices up to \$35.00. So you will easily recognize that they are worth-while bargains. Represented are tweeds in light and dark shades, also various novelty cloths. The styles are new and fashionable, featuring convertible collars, deep-belts and hip-pockets.

Coats to Go at \$24.75

Stylish models of popular velour cloths, in plain shades. Coats that are worth considerably more and cannot fail to appeal to the better dressed.

Coats to Go at \$34.75

In plain color velours, in all shades. Quite a few are handsomely trimmed with fur.

Coats to Go at \$54.75 and \$64.75

Practically all styles are included in these prices. They represent our best high-grade models—and, absolutely late season styles. Some are handsomely trimmed on collars and cuffs with fur. Early selection for best choice.

Mantles, First Floor

Women's Raincoats in Three Prices

Just when Raincoats are needed badly come this exceptional sale offer. Coats we were formerly selling from \$12.50 to \$25.00 are now to go at

\$9.90, \$14.90, \$19.90

Mantles, First Floor

A Big Selection of Better Grade Voile Waists to Clear at \$2.90

Worth in the regular way up to \$5.75. All superior grade materials and exceedingly dainty styles; plain and embroidered designs, variously trimmed with fillet and guipure laces; large square collars. A selection that will please you—so will the sale price.

—Waists, First Floor



A Big Offering of Women's High-Class Boots Priced at \$6.85, \$4.85 and \$3.95

We have just received from the makers of the famous Queen Quality Shoes for Women, several hundred pairs of High-class Boots, embracing many of the new styles for Spring. Some of these Boots are slightly defective, not so as to mar their beauty or effect the wear. But for this fact these shoes would easily be worth double the prices they are offered at for this sale. We have grouped them into three prices. Brief details are:

High Class Novelty Boots at \$6.85 a Pair

Strictly High-grade Novelty and Black Kid Lace Boots, in all sizes, 2 to 8, and widths A.A.A. to D. There are Colored Kid Boots, in champagne, silver, brown and wine; some cloth tops, mostly all Kid, French and Military heels. Brown Calf Lace Boots, new shades and low and medium heels. Black Glazed Kid and Calf Lace Boots—Splendid for present wear.

Patent Leather Boots at \$3.95

Button and Lace Styles, with cloth or kid tops, high or low heels; also White Canvas Lace Boots, with low rubber heels, suitable for nurses' wear.

—Boots, First Floor

January Clearance of Men's and Boys' Sweaters and Underwear

Men's Grey Sweater Coats, heavy cotton rib, with military collar and 2 pockets. Size 38 only. January Sale, each \$1.50
Men's Heavy Knit Sweater Coats, 75 per cent. wool; finished with shawl or military collar. About 10 dozen to clear, in colors grey with cardinal, brown with fawn; also plain shades, brown, fawn, grey, and Oxford grey and cardinal. Sizes 38 to 42 chest. \$3.00 grade for \$3.95
Boys' Heavy Rib Cotton Sweaters, Penman's make, pull over head style, with high roll collar. In colors fawn, grey, mole and navy blue; sizes 22 to 28. Each 75c
Sizes 28 and 32. Each 85c
Penman's and Zimmerkitt Natural Merino Shirts and Drawers, wool finish, light weight. Reg. \$1.00 value. January Sale, a garment 75c
Oddments in English and Canadian Brands of Men's Underwear, all wool and wool mixtures. Mostly 24 shirts and 32 drawers. About 6 dozen garments to clear at prices ranging 50 per cent. off Present Prices, 65c, up to \$2.75
Men's Natural Wool Mixture Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, Penman's make, medium weight, all sizes. January Sale, a garment \$1.50
Fine White Cashmere Combinations, English make, all wool, sizes 36 and 38. Value \$6.50. January Sale, a suit \$3.75
—Selling, Main Floor

Men's and Boys' Shirts at Special January Sale Prices

Men's Print Negligee and Outing Shirts, finished with collar band and soft ro starched cuffs. White body with fancy stripe pleat down front and striped cuffs to match; all sizes. Regular \$1.25 value for 95c
Men's Print Negligee Shirts, in fancy light stripes and plain white. 3-inch starched cuffs. All sizes, in white; in stripes; sizes 14, 14½, 16, 16½ and 17 only. January Sale, each 95c
Men's White Pleated and Fancy Bosom Shirts, cut coat shape and full size in body, 3-inch starched cuffs. Sizes 16, 16½ and 17 only. Reg. value to \$1.75. Clearing at 95c
Fancy Cotton Twill Shirts, for working men, finished with turn-down attached collars, good medium weight; all sizes. January Sale Price, 75c
Heavy grade, in same color. Each \$1.00
Men's Heavy Tweed Work Shirts, with turn-down collar and pockets. \$2.25 value, for \$1.50
Light Tweed Work Shirts, same style \$1.35
Strong Grey Flannellette Shirts, with collar attached, all sizes; \$1.35 value for \$1.00
—Furnishings, Main Floor

Silk Crepe de Chine Underwear Slightly Soiled, Clearing at HALF-PRICE

A quantity of superior grade pieces, which got a little soiled during the great Christmas rush. We have grouped these pieces for a quick January clearance—

Reg. to \$15.00 clear at \$7.50
Reg. to \$12.50 clear at \$6.25
Reg. to \$9.00 clear at \$4.50
—Whitewear, First Floor

\$1.50 O.S. HOSE FOR 75c

10 dozen pairs Women's O.S. Stockings, with full garter tops and double feet, size 8½ only. A special half-price sale for opening day.

—Hose, Main Floor

January Sale of Women's Hose

Black Cashmerette Hose, all sizes, a pair 35c
3 pairs for \$1.00
Black Cashmerette Hose, all sizes, a pair 25c
4 pairs for \$1.00
Penman's Cashmere Hose, very special, at a pair 50c
Women's Silk Hose, in black, tan and white; very special for the January Sale. A pair, 75c, \$1.00
—Hose, Main Floor

Infants' and Children's Bonnets

Values to \$1.50 clearing at 50c
Smart little models of White Bear Cloth, Wool, Corded Silk and other materials. A large assortment, and they are all grouped into this one price for the January Sale. Each 50c
—Infants, First Floor

January Clearance of Choice Silks

An opportunity always awaited with much interest by Victoria women, for the savings are always substantial and worth while. To secure many of the following it will be needful for you to shop early on Wednesday morning.

\$1.25 Silks at 50c a Yard

48-inch White Embroidered Spot Ninons, and Black Embroidered Spot Ninons, in 3 patterns; also cross bar and broad stripes, in White Ninons, and cross bar Black Ninons.

\$2.50 Silks at 95c

48-inch Embroidered Designs, in White Ninons; fine grade. Four different patterns.

\$2.50 and \$3.50 Silks at \$1.25

42-inch Ivory Brocaded Crepe de Chine, in four patterns.

\$1.50 and \$1.75 Silks at 95c

49-inch Georgette Crepes, in shades saxe, old rose, flesh, nigger, and navy.

\$1.75 and \$2.25 Silks at 95c

48-inch Crepe de Chine, in shades brown, baby blue, and blotting paper pink.

\$2.50 Silks at \$1.25

48-inch Spot All Silk Marquisettes, in seven different shades.

\$1.25 Black Sateen Underskirts, 75c

A nice quality sateen finished with deep tucked flounce; black only. A special clearing line for the January Sale.

—Mantles, First Floor

\$1.50 Velvetens at 75c

27-inch Plain Velvetens, high grade and in colors dark Copenhagen, plum, navy and bottle green.

\$2.50 French Velvets at 75c

21 and 24 inches wide, all silk grade, but in a few surplus shades only—light navy and two shades of royal blue.

\$1.25 Louisiana Silks at 75c

In shades ivory, cream, pink, and periwinkle.

\$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00 Silks at \$1.10

Including Check and Stripe Taffetas and Messalines; good, serviceable grades; marked at a very low price.

75c and \$1.00 Satins and Messalines at 50c

19 and 24 inches wide, and in a variety of surplus shades. Come and look this lot over.

19-inch Brocade and Check Silks, regular \$2.00 grade. Clearing at, a yard \$1.00

27 and 38-inch Fancy Wash Silks and Checks, regular \$1.00 and \$1.25. To clear up at, a yard 25c
—Silks, Main Floor

\$1.50 House Dresses at 75c

A good grade of cotton, in light and dark shades; most serviceable, and there are all sizes to choose from.

—Mantles, First Floor

January Clearance of Millinery

Balance of Ladies' Trimmed Hats to be cleared at three prices, \$2.50, \$5.00, \$7.50
Untrimmed Hats clear at \$1.50 and \$2.50
Children's Hats clear at 50c, \$1.00, \$2.50
—Millinery, Second Floor

Soap Bargains

Soaps have taken another leap in price, but having a good stock on hand we give our customers the benefit of buying to advantage. The following prices are for one day only, and remember—No phone orders, no C.O.D.'s, and only delivered with other goods.
Sunlight Soap, 16 bars 82c
Lifebuoy Soap, 16 bars 82c
Large Packet Pearline 27c
Blue, 6 packets for 25c
Old Dutch, 3 for 23c
Lysol, 2 for 25c
—Hardware, Second Floor

See Opposite Page For Further Sale News

Our New Year Wish

May each TICK of the clock bring all you desire, and no other TICK may you ever require.



CASH PRICES ARE LOWER THAN CREDIT (TICK) PRICES

GROCERY SPECIAL WEDNESDAY
Choice Siam Rice 3 lbs. for 20c

- Fresh Roasted Jumbo Peanuts, per lb. 20c
- Juicy New Oranges, per dozen 20c
- Wash Clean, per pkt. 5c
- Rex Sweeping Compound, large cans 29c
- Small Bayo Beans, per lb. 10c
- Red Kidney Beans, 2 lbs. 25c
- Aylmer Peaches, per tin 15c

HARDWARE DEPARTMENT SPECIALS
Brown Earthenware Tea Pots, large size, regular 45c, for 33c
Enamel Saucepans, extra heavy, regular 75c, for 49c

DRUG DEPARTMENT SPECIALS
Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, regular 50c, special 39c
Roberts' Syrup of Cod Liver Oil and Tar, regular 35c for 25c

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CHILDREN'S BALL

Many Delightful Dances Arranged for Friday Night's Affair at the Empress Hotel.

One of the most delightful children's affairs of the holiday season will take place at the Empress Hotel on Friday, January 4, from seven until midnight. The occasion will be the fancy dress dance for the younger generation, which has been arranged by Mrs. Mortimer-Appleby in response to the requests of the parents of children who attended a similar function last year.

In addition to the dancing of all the kiddies, Miss Cotworth has arranged the following special numbers: "Chopin, Waltz," Elsie Taylor, Ethel Bale, Mona Graham, Dola Dunsmuir, Jean Corson, Dorthea Stacey, "Hallowe'en Polka," Marguerite Bryant and Aline Stewart-Williams. "The Pastoral," Elsie Taylor and Ethel Bale.

"The Awakening of Spring," Betty Newton, Winnie Streaton, Naomi Goodacre, Avis Stacey, Dorothy Crump, Kathleen Watt, Molly Pearson, Peggy Case. "L'Appel des Bois," Helen Borthwick.

"Spirit of May," Betty Newton. "The Rose Dance," Molly Hibben. Tickets are selling rapidly but a few may still be obtained from Hibben-Bone, Ltd., or Campbells, or from Mrs.

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New Dresses

At Moderate Prices
Another lot of Serge Dresses came in time for Holiday trade. Our special prices are \$12.50, \$13.50, \$14.25, \$15.50 and \$17.50.
Silk Dresses, \$12.50, \$14.50, \$15.50 and \$17.50.
Big Reductions in Coats of All Kinds
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5TH REGT. BAND CONCERT

Final Concert of the Year Attended by Large and Enthusiastic Audience.
An audience which filled the theatre greeted the band of the 5th Regiment, C. G. A., upon the rising of the curtains at their concert last night at the Royal Victoria Theatre, and they were treated to a splendid programme of instrumental and vocal selections. The overture, "Mirella," the splendid "Henry VIII. Dances," the delightful intermezzo "Water Lilies" and the ever popular Scotch fantasia "Reminiscences of Scotland," received spontaneous and enthusiastic applause.

Miss Lillian Haggarty was a bright star in her vocal selections, rendering in her own inimitable manner the two fine solos, "Love is the World" and "My Cherubie," for which she received encore. Her second encore, "A Little Bit of Heaven," so delighted the audience that she was compelled to respond to a double recall. "Auld Lang Syne," in the "Reminiscences of Scotland," was a fitting finale to the last concert of the old year 1917.
Mrs. A. J. Gibson was the accompanist of the evening, and Bandmaster Smith wielded the baton for his fine musical organization.

WAR MENUS.

How to Save Wheat, Beef and Bacon for the Men at the Front.

MENU FOR TUESDAY, New Year's Day.
Breakfast: Grapefruit.
Toast. Coffee.
Dinner: Roast Chicken. Cranberry Sauce. Mashed Potatoes. Green Peas. Pig Pudding. Ralaina. Supper: Cream of Celery Soup. Crackers. Bread. Peach Preserve. Christmas Cake. Tea.

The recipe for Pig Pudding, mentioned above, is as follows:
Pig Pudding: 4 level table-spoons butter substitute. 1 cup sugar. 1 egg. 2 cups graham flour. 1/2 teaspoon baking powder. 1/2 teaspoon salt. 1 cup chopped figs. 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon.
Cream the butter, add sugar gradually, and egg well beaten; mix and sift dry ingredients; add alternately with milk to first mixture. Then add chopped figs. Turn into buttered mould, cover, and steam two hours; serve with Vanilla sauce.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take LAXATIVE BROMO-QUININE Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 2c.

Social Personal

Capt. Craddock, Paymaster of the Military Hospitals Commission, "J" Unit, was among the week-end visitors in Vancouver.

Vice-Admiral W. O. Story will receive at his residence, 1257 Esquimalt Road, between the hours of 2 and 6 o'clock on New Year's Day.

Harry Wood, of the Naval forces at Esquimalt, has been spending the Christmas leave at his home at Vernon, in the Okanagan Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clugston are spending a few days in Seattle. During their stay in the Sound city they are guests at the St. Regis Hotel.

Miss L. Moulie, B. A., a member of the teaching staff of the High School at Mission, is on a visit to friends in the city during the school vacation.

Miss Caroline Paradis, who was among the successful students at the Normal School last term, has been spending the past week at her home at Enderby, B. C.

Among the Okanagan visitors in town for the Christmas holidays was Arthur Pope, of Penticton. During his stay in the city Mr. Pope was the guest of his son, Charles Pope.

Mrs. Fred Heubach recently arrived in the city from Winnipeg on a visit to Mrs. Raymond Carey, of Winnipeg, who with her children is spending the winter months in Victoria.

Mrs. John R. Brodie, of Brandon, Manitoba, is a visitor to the city. During her stay here she is the guest of her mother, Mrs. M. Gillespie, of 1240 Victoria Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Nelson, of Victoria, spent the Christmas holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Chivers in New Westminster, and will remain there for an extended visit.

William Henderson, resident architect to the Dominion Government, returned to Victoria yesterday after a brief stay in Vancouver. He was accompanied by Mrs. Henderson.

Mrs. Claud Butler and family recently arrived from Fanny Bay, V. I., to spend the winter at their home in this city. They were accompanied by Mr. Butler, who will return to Fanny Bay early in the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bushby, accompanied by Miss Audrey Bushby and John Bushby have returned to their home in Vancouver after spending the Christmas holidays as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fitzherbert Bullen.

Among the festivities arranged for the passing of the Old Year is a dance to be held at the Hippodrome to-night under Mrs. George Simpson's management. A good programme of music has been arranged, and a buffet supper will be provided.

Much of the success of the recent dance held by the Fairfield and Holywood branches of the Red Cross was due to Mrs. E. Maynard, of the Fairfield branch. The many artistic posters which announced the event were the work of Mrs. Maynard, who displayed much talent in their production.

The marriage was solemnized in Vancouver recently of Clive Pianta, second son of Senator and Mrs. A. E. Pianta, of Nanaimo, and Miss Ethel Ann Carson Copeland, daughter of J. W. Copeland, of Vancouver. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the Rev. Mr. Ross. The bride was attended by Miss Olive Beaton, and Fred Finnigan, of Vancouver, supported the groom.

The Christmas card issued by the C. P. R. this year takes the form of an artistic reproduction of an article contributed to the Saturday Evening Post by George Pattullo. Under the title, "Fighting Sons of Guns," describes in vivid language the character of the Canadian troops in France. The writer, now in France as a member of the American Expeditionary Force, is a brother of Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands.

The following is from the Seattle Post-Intelligencer of Dec. 26: "A wedding of considerable interest took place Saturday, December 22, in the First Presbyterian Church, Seattle, Rev. M. A. Matthews officiating, when Miss Agnes May, only daughter of Mrs. J. Stewart-Douglass, of Victoria, was married to Harold W. Fulton, son of Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Fulton, of Canton, China. The bride was attended by Miss Ruth Fox, of Victoria, while Charles K. Fulton attended the groom. After the ceremony a dainty supper was served at the New Washington Hotel, Mrs. Fulton before her marriage was one of the popular nurses of St. Joseph's Hospital, Tacoma. Mr. Fulton is a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. They will be at home after New Year's at 216 Roanoke Street."

The Ladies' Musical Club held another of their recently inaugurated series of matinees at the Empress Hotel on Saturday afternoon, when there was a large attendance of active, associate and student members. Of especial interest was a short address on "Musical Instruments," by Mrs. Arthur Mayne, who will be remembered for her delightful lectures on India. Mrs. Mayne is a fluent speaker, and possessed of a ready fund of humor, and her highly instructive and interesting account of the origin and history of musical instruments was interspersed with many witticisms. Following the address an informal musical programme was given to which Mrs. Macdonald Fabey and Miss Lugin contributed one of their inimitable duets, and Miss Maud Scruby, the well-known cellist, was warmly applauded for her playing. Musicians new to Victoria audiences included Miss Parritt, Mrs. Golens of (New York), Miss Violet Parritt, Miss Bell,

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vocalists; and at the piano, Miss Rowley and Miss Eva Nell.

Mrs. J. W. Troup, with her daughter, Mrs. Harold Eberts, will be "at home" to her friends on Wednesday, January 2, from 4 until 6 o'clock, at her residence at Esquimalt Road.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Ptolemy, of Victoria, announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Clara Alma, to Vernon G. Honstain, of Minneapolis, the marriage to take place shortly in Port Arthur, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Heyland, of Niagara Street, announce the engagement of their daughter Beatrice to Major Walter S. Barton, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Barton, of "Glen Holt," Esquimalt. The groom-elect who has seen service with the 7th Battalion, is attached to the Military Hospitals Commission at Ottawa.

A marriage of interest to Victorians was celebrated in Prince Rupert on December 26, when Miss Ethel Eason, a daughter of Mrs. Eason, of Victoria, became the bride of Rev. J. Nuttall, of Ansoy, B. C. Mrs. Eason gave away her daughter, who was attended by her sisters, Mrs. E. V. Ling and Miss Josephine Eason. The bride's brother, John Eason, officiated at the organ. After a reception held in the church parlors Rev. and Mrs. Nuttall left for Ansoy, where they will make their home.

RED CROSS WORK

James Bay Branch.
At a recent meeting of the James Bay Red Cross Committee the finance report was presented as follows:
Life Membership.....\$25.00
Mrs. G. S. James.....25.00
Mrs. R. W. Wilkinson.....25.00
On Account of Membership.....25.00
Mrs. C. N. Cameron.....2.00
Mrs. McLaughlin.....2.00
Mrs. Lewthwaite.....2.00
Mrs. Charlesworth.....1.00
Mrs. F. G. Fowkes.....2.00
Mrs. Little.....2.00
Mrs. Fletcher.....2.00
Mrs. McDonald.....2.00
Mrs. Brown.....2.00
Mrs. McMoran.....1.00
John Raymond.....10.00
J. Patrick.....5.00
Raffles:
Small painted picture.....1.75
Three plum puddings.....4.00
Polly of the Circus.....10.00
Centrepiece.....2.00
Silk nightdress and bodice cap.....25.00
Cambiose.....2.50
Child's tea set......70
Proceeds of silver shower.....86.40
Card party at James Bay Hotel, per Mrs. Willis.....71.10
Collection at lecture by Q. M. Sergeant Brogan.....2.35
Donations:
Mrs. A. C. Roberts.....1.00
Mrs. Ringshaw.....10.00
Mrs. Bartlett.....1.00
Mrs. Jacob (holly).....1.00
Louise-Marie.....10.00
Sale of holly......50
Prisoners of War:
The Misses Fowkes.....1.00
Collection per Mrs. Chapman.....12.00
Halifax Relief Fund.....15.00
Mrs. A. B. Innes.....1.00
Baby Pansil.....1.00
Monthly collections.....112.15
Total.....\$514.88
Paid on account of:
Halifax Relief Fund.....15.00
Silver shower.....10.85
Telephone.....2.90
Balance on hand.....\$47.03
Holly Branch.
The monthly meeting of the Hollywood branch will be held on Wednesday, January 2, at 8 p.m., at the residence of the convener, Mrs. A. A. Bengough, 1630 Hollywood Crescent. It is hoped that the initial meeting of the New Year will be well attended.
The convener desires to thank Mr. Scott for the generous donation of holly which was readily sold, netting a goodly sum.
A brace of bantams has been donated to the branch, and will be raffled off soon. Tickets for same can be obtained from the convener.
Additional workers are always welcome at the rooms over the Hollywood Grocery.

CHILDREN ENTERTAIN

Hollywood Presbyterian Sunday School Held Annual Affair at Mission Room.
Over a hundred children and parents gathered on Saturday evening in the Hollywood Presbyterian Sunday School for the annual treat. Tea was served to the children and thereafter a number of games were played, and a programme of recitations and action songs was given by both boys and girls. The feature of the evening was a dialogue entitled the "Ice Queen," written by Audrey A. Brown, a Nanaimo girl. This was given by six girls costumed very prettily to suit the various parts, and was greatly enjoyed by the audience.

This school, which is situated in the Fowl Bay district, has finished a very successful year. The average attendance for the year is sixty. Besides supporting the school and raising thirty dollars for missions, the children have given over sixty dollars to the local branch of the Red Cross during the year, and also over eleven dollars to the Halifax Relief Fund.
Post Office realized the sum of \$17.30. Miss Dorothy Lowe, who donated and dressed the doll, has handed the whole of this sum to the Red Cross, and the committee has expressed its grateful thanks to her. The winning number, 62, was held by Robert Caul, of Falmouth Road, Lake Hill.
Lake Hill Branch.
The doll which was raffled on Saturday evening, December 22, at Lake Hill

W. W. BAER ANSWERS

SEVERAL QUESTIONS Is Sceptical in Regard to Spirit Photography and Medium Communications

The audience at the Unitarian Church last night had an intensely interesting hour while W. W. Baer answered questions arising out of lectures given by him on recent Sunday evenings. Inquiries were numerous, and the speaker at the beginning by making it clear that he was not to be regarded as an oracle, and consequently his statements must not be taken dogmatically. The more so as Psychology is a new science, as yet plastic; and in its deeper reaches still nebulous and unformed.

Spirit Photography.
His first answer dealt with a remarkable instance of spirit photography, apparently well authenticated. Mr. Baer would not attempt with the data to hand to offer a satisfactory explanation; nor did he wish even to seem to impugn the honesty and good sense of the experimenter. He pointed out, however, that it was unfortunate that the negative seemed to have been developed by a professional photographer, and not by the author of the experiment. Conditions existing in the dark room of a public photographer were far from ideal for the satisfactory conduct of such an experiment. And again it would never do to draw extensive inferences from a single instance. Had he, the speaker, secured such a negative he would have repeated the experiment nightly for some weeks or months so as to place his conclusions beyond all dispute.

Why do you not accept the explanation of psychic phenomena that is given by spiritualists he was asked. This he said, was purely a matter of evidence. Some people claimed to have evidence that they were in communication with discarnate spirits. With such he would not argue except to say that after careful study and experiment he had been unable to find such evidence. It was utterly unscientifically to call in the spirits to explain facts unless those facts were totally inexplicable by the resources of our own being.

Sub-Conscious Mind.
What is the history of the theory of the sub-conscious mind? The answer to this question alone was well worth the hour given. Mr. Baer traced the origin of the theory to Sir A. Hamilton, who taught psychology under the name of metaphysics, and who first drew a distinction between objective and subjective "faculties." He traced the contribution of Wilfrid Hall through his theory of Substantialism; and showed how the theory of the sub-conscious mind took its present form in the hands of the Society for Psychic Research, who were driven to find some term to cover the mass of data which could not be classed according to the normal activities of the mind.
Can a soul become visible? Mr. Baer thinks not. When with closed eyes we see vivid, kaleidoscopic colors we do not think that the colors have objective existence. So when we see a mental picture of what we think to be a soul, we should think twice before we ascribe to its objective reality.

Cosmic Consciousness.
Is the sub-conscious mind individual or cosmic? In answer to this question the speaker gave his audience a fleeting glimpse into the deeper realms of the spirit as he showed the place which the individual takes in the all-embracing Cosmic Consciousness which, in the language of religion, is the God in whom we live and move and have our being. In doing so he gave practical demonstration of a fact brought out more formally in answer to another question—that the newer psychology in dispensing with "spirits" does not belittle the spiritual, but opens the way for a larger and more satisfactory interpretation of psychic phenomena.

While it is possible to report briefly the questions and answers as given, it is quite impossible to transcribe the mass of allusion, illustration, and playful repartee, which gave to the replies a solid basis of experience, and to the whole discussion a healthy humanistic flavor which is apt to be lacking among dabblers in the occult.

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Big Sale of Coats Continues

To-day our big sale of Women's Coats continued with unabated enthusiasm. You are especially invited to see the display of good quality Tweed Coats that were originally priced at \$29.50, but are now selling at **\$14.75**

PANTAGES OPENS

FINE SHOW TO-DAY

George Primrose and Other Big Artists Appear on Attractive Bill

There is a long list of unusual vaudeville attractions to be given all this week at the Pantages Theatre. The new bill was shown for the first time with the matinee performance to-day. It contains a true holiday flavor and will make a big hit in this city as it has done all along the Pantages circuit, from Winnipeg west. In its variety, appeal is made to every taste. George Primrose, the veteran in minstrelsy on this continent and one of the nearest softshoe dancers the stage has ever presented, headlines the new bill with an all-star minstrel company presenting an altogether artistic and meritorious act. Two of the company are expert funsters on the end of the line, and they are all splendid singers. The whole aggregation represents the best there is in minstrelsy to-day.

Jan Rubini, the Swedish violin virtuoso, will delight music lovers with many selections of his repertoire. Rubini is acclaimed by all critics as the coming violinist of modern times. As a youthful artist he has proved himself

self gifted of a technique and execution so rarely met that one is safe in predicting a brilliant career for this prodigy.

Alice Hamilton, the "Quaint Comedienne," will entertain with some bright songs and sayings she styles her act as "A Breath of Old Lace and Lavender."

"Well, Well, Well," is the title of a vaudeville travesty—featuring Frederick Wallace and Dolly Lewis in a most amusing satire of the days of melodrama.

Marlette's Marionettes will be a treat of enjoyment for young and grown-ups alike. This number consists of the reproduction of an entire vaudeville programme performed by miniature performers.

Finlay and Hill will offer a combination of singing and instrumental music, entitled "Vaudeville a la Mode."

The sixteenth episode of "The Fatal Ring" will complete a most interesting and entertaining programme of variety that is sure to meet with the approval of the most exacting of the patrons.

Commencing with Monday, Jan. 7, Manager Rice has secured for the Pantages screen one of the most striking military spectacle dramas ever produced in motion pictures. "The Freedom of the World," was produced in the military camps of eastern Canada and the theme of it is fascinating in its interest and effective presentation.

Private Philip Phillips, of the Welsh Bantams, who experienced thirteen recruiting rejections, has won the Croix de Guerre and Military Medal.

BILLIE BURKE IN ARMS AND THE GIRL

All-Star Cast Royal Victoria Theatre Feature To-night

"Arms and the Girl" starring Billie Burke, makes its first appearance in this city at the Royal Victoria to-night. Miss Burke has surrounded herself by an all-star cast, in fact to ensure the realism and accuracy which is needed to follow the stage version of this play Joseph Kaufman has secured the services of two of the actors who appeared in the regular stage production.

Miss Burke is also supported by Thomas Meighan, Grant Stewart and Robert Baker. "Arms and the Girl" is an intensely thrilling picture with irrepressible humor and charm.

A weekly with the latest news of the world in pictures and a good comedy balance up the remainder of a good entertainment.



ANN PENNINGTON AT THE VARIETY TO-DAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

BEHIND FOOTLIGHTS WITH STAR DANCER

Ann Pennington Tells of Life It is Necessary to Lead

"Probably every girl who is employed in an office, no matter of what description, has sighed with envy when she has seen a dancer before the footlights, swinging easily through her steps and receiving the applause of the audience," says Ann Pennington. "She thinks of the dancer's life as the original 'nothing to do until to-morrow' existence, punctuated by the purchase of new and glittering raiment."

"But three years in the Ziegfeld Follies as a dancer and several months as a motion picture star with a proclivity for dancing have taught me to differ with that theory. In fact the actual dancing before the footlights or the motion picture camera is the least, probably, of all our activities."

"The dancer must observe just as rigorous training as any long distance runner, football player, or any athlete. The grace of the dancer which appears so easy and unstudied is an art, as a matter of fact, which is acquired only after long and arduous practice. It is a matter of training every muscle with the utmost care and guarding with vigilance against the time when the body shall lose its vigor and the muscles fail to respond to the call of the will."

"Often the dancer is pictured by the average girl as departing from the theatre and playing the fascinating central figure in gay midnight lobster parties which probably break up at dawn or thereabouts. This is as great a fallacy as many of the other theories, however, for we not only follow a very strict and limited diet, but we must by all means be assured of plenty of sleep, for there is nothing so injurious to the appearance and the muscles as lack of sleep."

"I have often been asked why I have

devoted so much of my time to the motion picture work with Paramount, and my reply is always the same, because it broadens one's field of vision and allows me a change of work without in any way interfering with my dancing. In fact, the dancing is usually a large feature of any motion picture work I do, as, for instance, in my latest Paramount picture, 'The Antics of Ann,' in which I have some very difficult dancing stunts to perform as well as some diving, and some 'fancy' automobile-driving and other 'stunts.' The work is fascinating and furnishes a variety of activities which appeal to me after the ceaseless monotony of dancing rehearsals."

"The Antics of Ann" will be shown at the Variety Theatre to-night.

CINDERELLA MAN IS STARRING MAE MARSH

Continuity Scenario Written From Carpenter's Remarkable Story

What is said to be one of the most remarkable "continuities" written for a six-reel motion picture, is that made by George Loane Tucker, the well-known director, for the production of "The Cinderella Man," from the story of Edward Childs Carpenter. This play is the third Goldwyn starring vehicle of Mae Marsh which is to be seen at the Dominion Theatre all this week.

For the benefit of those who are unfamiliar with the terms, a continuity is the working scenario of a photoplay made from the author's brief synopsis.

It is developed in great detail, giving the scenes in full and in the order in which they occur on the screen.

Mr. Tucker's continuity took account of 1,087 separate scenes, although subsequent work eliminated some 786. The remarkable feature of the work was its strict adherence to the picture form. Everything was visualized in a manner that would have made it possible to view the entire action with understanding without a subtitle. Indeed, the subtitles are used in the production now only in a supplementary way.

In the original continuity every point was translated into pictures. Even the gait that torments the millionaire in the play was made visual by a close-up of the gentleman's foot tormented by little devils. His very wealth was made clear by a survey of his property that culminated in his own portrait.



MAE MARSH in "THE CINDERELLA MAN" GOLDWYN PICTURES

AT THE DOMINION THEATRE THIS WEEK

A young unbeneficed clergyman in a suburban parish recently received a spontaneous and unsolicited offer from a lady member of his flock of her "heart, money and hand."

In reply the spinster was advised by the unassisted cleric to give her heart to the Lord, her money to the War Loan, and her hand to the man who asked for it.

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OTTAWA DEFEATED WANDERERS' TEAM

Canadiens Showed Great Change in Form; Club Routed Toronto

DEFENCE OF VICTORS WAS A STONE WALL

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—The Senators moved up within one game of the champion Canadiens on Saturday night, when they defeated the Wanderers 5 goals to 2 in a fast and brilliantly played game.

Ottawa—Benedict, Gerard, Shore, Boucher, Darragh, Denney. Wanderers—Lindsay, Ritchie, Stephens, Hyland, Bell, Marks.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—In defeating the Toronto 9 to 2 the Canadiens Saturday night showed a glaring reversal in form over their previous meeting with the Queen-City aggregation.

Never at any stage of Saturday night's game was the result in doubt as the locals outskated and outplayed their opponents throughout the match.

Torontos—Brooks, Cameron, Randall, Noble, Skinner, Denney. Substitutes—Canadiens—Couture, Berliquet, Mummy, Meeking, Coughlin.

POSSIBILITIES FOR JUNIOR SOCCER ARE VERY ENCOURAGING

It is more than probable that the next few weeks will see some real developments in line with the movement started some time ago by President P. C. Payne, of the Victoria and District Football Association to form a junior football league.

Quick bodies as the Victoria Preparatory School, Collegiate School, Centrals and Crusaders have signified their willingness to enter a series.

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MEDICALS STEPPED INTO THE WINNING

Defeated the Infantry at Willows by Score of 7 Goals to 0

On Saturday afternoon the C. A. M. C. footballers stepped into the winning columns when they defeated the Infantry at the Willows camp by the one-sided score of 7 goals to 0.

With the resumption of play Harwood scored for the Medicals. Morgan added another goal and in a few minutes Smith found the posts for the seventh tally.

The teams were: Infantry—Goal, Sloan; backs, Harris and Graham; halves, Young, McCallum and Barr; forwards, Miller, McPhee, Seedhouse, Postelwate and Butler.

C. A. M. C.—Goal, Stephens; backs, Bramley and Gunn; halves, Williams, Harwood and Duncan; forwards, McKay, Smith, Morgan, Swan and Wawhinney.

Referee—Willacy.

BLUE CROSS SOCCER AT BEACON HILL

Victoria and Esquimalt Will Be in Action To-morrow Afternoon

Owing to the inclemency of weather conditions an important change has been made in the programme of tomorrow's sport. The Blue Cross soccer match that was to have been played at the Royal Athletic Park will be contested at Beacon Hill.

The Victoria team that will do battle was announced to-day as follows: Victoria—Stephens; Bramley, Shakespeare, McLeod, McKinnon, Ferris, Aleock, Lomas, Cummins, Stott, Gunn, Reserves, Duncan and Moulton.

ALL-STARS WILL PLAY Y. M. C. A. SENIORS AT LOCAL ASSOCIATION

The following are the teams that will play at the Y. M. C. A. to-morrow night in the match between the Y. M. C. A. and the All-Stars: Y. M. C. A. Seniors—Hume, Foreman, Nute, Archie McKinnon, Kennedy.

SENIOR SOCCER LEAGUE

Table with columns: Teams, P, W, L, D, Pts. Rows include Victoria Wests, Garrison, E. M. C. H., V. I. A. A., Navy, Kitilano, 5th Regiment, C. A. M. C., Infantry.

HAVE ARRANGED FINE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Y. M. C. A. Will Be Scene of Athletics and Sporting Events To-morrow

An attractive programme of sport has been arranged by the local Y.M.C.A. for New Year's Day. Road and relay races from the Willows Camp to the Association building will be the feature of the morning, while gymnasium displays, games and swimming events will take place in the afternoon and evening.

At 8:30 the boys' relay race will start from the "Y" Hut, and be run via Fort and Yates Streets to the Association building.

At 11 o'clock a soldiers' relay contest will be held over the same course.

At 2:00 a badminton contest will be staged in the gymnasium between teams representing the N.C.O.'s of the Willows and the Y.M.C.A. This will be followed by volley ball between the Board of Directors team and the Business Men's class.

Two basketball games will be played. The first between the Employed boys and the Intermediate School, refereed by W. W. Duncan.

The sports of the evening will commence at 8 o'clock. Soldiers from the Willows will present a sketch entitled "The Cattle Rustlers."

FOOTBALL SCORES IN OLD COUNTRY GAMES PLAYED AT WEEK-END

London, Dec. 31.—Following are the results of Saturday's football games, played on the grounds of the first-mentioned clubs: London Combination, Clapton Orient, 1; Arsenal, 2.

VANCOUVER ATHLETE IS ACCEPTED AS CADET WITH FLYERS

W. Norman Kemp, one of the best known of Vancouver's amateur sportsmen, left yesterday for Toronto where he will take up his duties with the Royal Flying Corps.

VANCOUVER SOCCER

Table with columns: P, W, L, D, Pts. Rows include Longshoremen, Hearts, Nabobs, Coughlans, Kitilano, First Depot, Western Canada.

EASTERN PRESS PAYS TRIBUTE TO BIRDMAN

Late Joe Gorman Was Widely Respected for All-Round Ability

The following tributes to the memory of the late Flight-Lieut. Joe Gorman has appeared in the Ottawa Press: Mrs. T. P. Gorman, 38 Euclid Avenue, Ottawa, mother of Flight-Lieut. Joe Gorman, whose death in Italy was reported recently, has received many telegrams and letters of condolence.

Among the telegraphic condolences was one from Miss Katherine Stinson, of San Antonio, Texas, Miss Stinson, who is perhaps the foremost American aviatrix, taught the late Lieut. Gorman the flying game, which the Ottawa boy learned in record time.

Frank and Lester Patrick, the Western hockey promoters and players, telegraphed from Vancouver as follows: "Deeply grieved to learn that Joe has played his last game."

Dr. J. L. Chabot, M.P., who was president of the Ottawa Capital Lacrosse Club when Lieut. Gorman played under the garnet and grey, has also written the bereaved family expressing heartfelt sympathy and referring to the gallant aerial work of the younger aviator, of whom he was an admirer.

Victoria Wests—R. Peden; Whyte and Copas; Allen, McKinnon and McLeod; Thomas, McKinnon, J. Peden, Cummins and Sherratt.

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First Tally.

LOCAL PLAYERS READY FOR NEW YEAR MATCH

Victoria Had Edge on Vancouver in Contests of Former Seasons

Under the management of Secretary Ivan Day, of the Victoria and District Football Association, the local representative team that will play against Vancouver at Breckton Point to-morrow will journey to the Mainland on the boat that leaves from the city at midnight.

For the first five minutes of the second half neither club scored, Cummins, however, was again in the forefront, and when it was least expected he drove the ball into the goal on a long and bullet-like shot that might have baffled an international custodian.

For the winners it must be said that the teams played to remarkably fine advantage. Under the capable captaincy of Bob Whyte the players worked in that united manner that invariably means success.

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STILL UNDEFEATED IN SENIOR LEAGUE

Victoria Wests Had Hard Battle but Won Game From the V. I. A. A.

Any sportsman laboring under the misapprehension that Victoria can no longer boast good soccer material might have been disillusioned on Saturday afternoon by a visit to the scene of the Victoria West-V. I. A. A. football game played at Beacon Hill Park.

It was not difficult to estimate the importance of the match so far as the public were concerned. Referee Sergt. Major Jones had hardly put the game into motion before the four boundaries of the field were crowded with the supporters of each team, and in addition were generous enough to cheer the good play of either club.

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Notice of Application for Private Bill

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, by the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for an Act to be known as the "Victoria City Relief Act, 1917," providing for the following matters, and giving to the Corporation and the Municipal Council thereof the following powers:

I.—RE TREASURY CERTIFICATES Power to arrange for the renewal, at or after maturity, from time to time, of all or any portion of any treasury certificates or treasury bills heretofore or hereafter issued by the Corporation, for a further term or terms not exceeding five years from the original date or dates of maturity of such treasury certificates or treasury bills; and notwithstanding that any such treasury certificates or treasury bills have been, or may be, issued subsequent to the first day of February, 1917.

II.—RE DELINQUENT TAXES (1) The Act to require the Corporation or its Collector to hold a tax sale during the latter half of the year 1918 of all lands in respect of which taxes are unpaid for year 1917 or any prior year, and the owners of which shall not have an agreement in good standing with the Corporation as hereinafter outlined.

(2) The Act to require the Corporation or its Collector to hold a tax sale annually after the year 1918.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Malahat closed till January 4th, on account of landslide north of Gerald Road. PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEER

they played on a par with their opponents and had it not been for the fact that several of the players failed to deliver the goods at the right moment the score would have been somewhat different. Daniels at centre forward played a remarkably weak game, and rather than give aid when it was most needed, appeared possessed of the unhappy faculty of breaking up the V. I. A. A. combination when results were almost in sight. Lomas, Stott and Knight worked hard but could not overcome the weak point in their centre. On the half-back line the star

was certainly Jimmy Adam. Throughout the game he was never to be found in the thick of the fight with that pep essential to the good soccerist. The defence which was lacking the services of Brown, one of the club's best players, did splendid work and Jelliman in goal defended the net in a manner above criticism. The number of letters sent to the troops in France is 10,000 a week, while the French Post Office dispatches 15,000,000 a week.

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3rd. BECAUSE MANY OF THE ARTICLES of food being sent to the Soldiers in Europe MUST be packed in tin containers, thus increasing the demand for cans.

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Tournament Postponed.—On account of the inclemency of the weather the golf tournament that was to have been played to-morrow on the links of the Victoria Golf Club at Oak Bay has been postponed.

Reports on War Charities Act.—For the next meeting of the City Council, on Thursday, a report on the procedure to be adopted by patriotic bodies who desire to hold public collections will be made by the City Solicitor.

Three Drunks.—In the City Police Court an Indian was released, when charged with drunkenness to-day. Two white men whose names were called did not appear, and their bail was exonerated.

To Lecture in Oregon.—Major Frank B. Edwards, who returned to the city last month with both hands amputated as the result of wounds sustained at Courcellette in October, 1916, is about to leave on a two-weeks' lecturing tour through the State of Oregon in connection with the British Recruiting Mission. He went from Victoria in June, 1915, with the 2nd C. M. R.'s, and with that unit took part in much of the heaviest fighting a year ago being mentioned in dispatches.

Police Ambulance Work.—The result of the examination for the St. John Ambulance Association in the city police force, held last week, when Dr. Holmes examined Dr. Hudson's class was as follows: First certificates: Constables Burnett, Gulliford, Jones, Moss, Strange and Stevens. Second certificates: Constables Acreman, Allen, Littlefield and Philips. Medallions: Constable Devereaux and Palmer. Constable Stark on completing his fourth course, secured a label, and Jailer Thomas Hall obtained his ninth label.

RED CROSS SOCIETY EXTENDS GREETINGS

The executive of the Canadian Red Cross Society in Victoria tender the best possible New Year greetings to all Red Cross branches, auxiliary committees, members, workers and friends of the cause throughout the British Columbia Islands District, and wish them all health, strength and success in their undertakings during the year 1918.

Private Garage.—A building permit has been issued for a private garage at 1837 Fern Street, for Hon. John Oliver.

Friendly Help to Meet.—Owing to to-morrow being New Year's Day, the regular meeting of the Friendly Help Association has been postponed until Thursday, January 3, at 10:30 a. m.

Not Ready to Proceed.—A week's extension was given to-day in the hearing of the charge of bigamy against Albert Whiting, accused being continued on his own recognizance.

Again Remanded.—The necessary papers not having come to hand, Harold Fisher was again remanded in the City Police Court to-day, on a charge under the Military Service Act.

Tenders for Civic Supplies.—Tenders will be required to be in for civic supplies for the year 1918 by January 21, to be opened at the first meeting of the new Council on that day.

School Board.—The final meeting of the City School Board prior to the election will take place on Wednesday week, when the business of the year will be wound up.

Will Re-submit By-law.—At the Works Committee of the Sanich Council on Saturday the Council decided to re-submit the Road Improvement by-law at the election next month, and to place it before the electors for a more representative vote than was possible in July.

Case is Adjourned.—At the City Police Court to-day Sing, a Chinaman, was remanded till Thursday on a charge under the Prohibition Act of being in possession of Oriental wine at 516 Plegard Street, which is stated not to be a dwelling house. Inspector Heatley, accompanied by Sergeant Blackstock, made the raid.

Sanich School Board.—At the meeting of the Sanich School Board this morning an estimate of receipts and expenditure presented by the Secretary was read and approved. The Trustees approved of the closing of Cadboro Bay School, and the arrangement for the transfer of pupils to Cedar Hill, finding it impossible to meet the suggestion of parents to send the children to the Model School, Mt. Tolmie. The action with regard to Sanichton school adopted recently was reversed, and it will become a two-division school, Miss Cora Shaw being appointed to the second division.

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INCREASED BUSINESS ON E. AND N. RAILWAY

Lumber Industry and Shipments Chiefly Responsible; Mill Sites Wanted

Passenger business of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company, since H. E. Beasley, general superintendent of the company, showed a gratifying increase in 1917, due to the development of the lumber industry at the north end of the Island. There has also been, he states, a very healthy increase in the shipments of lumber, both to Eastern and to British Columbia points, attributable to the extending shipbuilding industry of the city. The company, said Mr. Beasley, have frequent enquiries from owners of timber limits for mill sites and facilities, which are being supplied as fast as required, and there is every indication that the lumber industry on Vancouver Island will be largely increased.

The company are not contemplating any fresh extensions at the present time. So far as new work is concerned the policy of the E. & N. Railway is not to undertake any extensions that can possibly be left over until the end of the war, the desire of the management being to do without all the labor they can, in order that it may be utilized for industries more directly concerned with the prosecution of the war.

HOME TO DAWSON

Andrew Hart Was With Maj. Selous When Latter Killed in East Africa.

Andrew Hart, formerly of Nanaimo, whose permanent residence for several years before the war was in Dawson, is in the city on the way back to his home. Enlisting at the outbreak of the war with the Yukon Battalion, he joined the Royal Fusiliers on arriving in England, in order earlier to get into action, and went with that regiment to East Africa, where he saw considerable service, being with that great hunter, Major Selous, when the latter met his death. He was recently sent to England to undergo an operation, and being then above the military age had to return to Canada. He is a veteran of the Egyptian and the Boer wars.

GEO. BELL, M. P. P., SPEAKS

Addressed Gathering Last Night at Hollywood Sunday School Room.

George Bell, M. P. P., delivered an address on "Spiritual Stock-taking" before a large audience at the Hollywood Presbyterian Sunday School last night. He spoke of the points of view of the world, the church and the individual, and in his summarization declared that the outlook was hopeful in the various realms.

Defending the church against a charge that it is not meeting the present situation adequately, Mr. Bell reviewed the work of the churches, showing what they are accomplishing in the field of patriotic endeavor, and also of their achievements and influence in their own community.

METROPOLITAN CHURCH

George Bell, M. P. P., and Dr. Clements Speakers at Annual Sunday School Party.

The annual Christmas festivity of the Metropolitan Methodist Church Sunday School took the form of a banquet and entertainment given on Thursday evening last, December 27.

The Sunday school auditorium was most tastefully decorated for the occasion, and about 250 members of the school with a few friends partook of a splendid dinner, provided by a committee of teachers. Some young ladies from the Oriental Home very courteously assisted.

A feature of the programme was a series of charades provided by J. M. C. Campbell's young people's class, with the superintendent's conundrum competition, was participated in by old and young alike, with the keenest of interest. The junior department of the school rendered some songs, and several of the intermediates contributed materially to the evening's entertainment.

W. E. Stansland, the superintendent, was master of ceremonies, and brief addresses were delivered by former superintendents, Messrs. Burtholder and Lewis, and by Messrs. George Bell, M. L. A., and Dr. Clements, members of the quarterly official board, and by the pastor of the church, Rev. H. S. Osborne.

The singing of some verses of "East Be the Tie that Binds" brought to a close a most enjoyable evening.

UNANIMOUSLY AGREE

Joint Sub-Committee on Weekly Half-Holiday Act to Report.

H. O. Kirkham (convener), J. H. Fletcher, James Talbot and E. S. Woodward, the joint sub-committee representing employers and employees, who last week was appointed to consider the matter of amendments to be suggested to the Legislature with reference to the Half-Holiday Act, met at the Board of Trade rooms this morning, went through the provisions of the Act, and unanimously agreed on the points to be recommended to the full committee, which will probably be done at a meeting to take place next week. The main points were concerned with provision for the suspension of the Act at the Christmas and Easter holiday seasons.



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The extension of time to January the 11th is given for the convenience of subscribers and Banks so that subscribers will not be unduly detained waiting their turn at a Receiving Teller's wicket, as would most likely be the case if all payments had to be made on one day only. Subscribers should not wait until January the 11th, or a day or so before, and thus create the situation sought to be avoided. In every case, interest at the rate of five and one half per cent per annum from January the 2nd must be paid if payment is not made on or before the 11th.

For the convenience of subscribers, by arrangement of the Canadian Bankers' Association, Banks will remain open on the evenings of Thursday and Friday, January 3rd and 4th, and on the afternoon of Saturday, January the 5th. Evening hours 7.30 to 9.30. Saturday afternoon from 2 until 6 o'clock.

It has been brought to the attention of the Finance Department that a considerable number of subscribers, who have deposits with Banks, are under the impression that their Banks will take care of their January payments by automatically debiting their accounts with the necessary payments. This is incorrect. Each and every subscriber must personally arrange for these payments.

T. C. BOVILLE,
Deputy Minister of Finance.

Cannot Find Accommodation.—Unfortunately a number of prairie arrivals have left Victoria in the last few days owing to inability to secure accommodation. The Victoria and Island Development Association would be glad to hear from people who have places to rent, so that they may aid the visitors to be more comfortably accommodated.

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These are the ONLY conditions: FIRST, patronize the stores advertising on these special pages. SECOND, bring your receipts of \$1.00 or over to The Times office, and register your guesses on the number of auto parts in the container.

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Carving Sets, extra special, at each, \$2.50 and \$1.50
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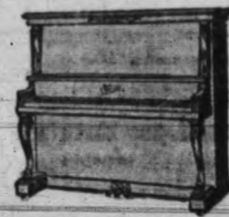
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London, Dec. 31.—Dispatches from Petrograd say that that city was given over yesterday to a celebration of the peace negotiations.

Parades. Petrograd, Dec. 30.—Via London, Dec. 31.—Peace celebrations were held here throughout the day.

Processions marched through the snow-covered streets and centred at a mass meeting held in a field, where the paraders uncovered as they passed the mounds marking the graves of the first victims of the revolution.

The members of the German and Austrian peace delegations were spectators of the scene. Silent crowds thronged the Nevsky Prospekt and other prominent thoroughfares reading the peace banners.

PAN-GERMAN PRESS IS QUITE DISPLEASED

Stockholm, Dec. 31.—The events at Brest-Litovsk attendant on the peace parades between the Germans and the Bolsheviks are little to the taste of the Pan-German section of the German press.

FREIGHT REFUSED.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—No more eastbound freight for the Sunset Gulf Route is being received by the Southern Pacific Railroad until further notice.

RETURNING TO COAST.

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—Private advices received here are to the effect that a large party of returned soldiers may be expected to arrive at the coast on or about next Saturday.

Auction Sale of Dairy Cattle, Etc.

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Favored with instructions from Mr. Brewster, who is disposing of his Dairy Business, will sell by Public Auction at his Ranch, East Saanich Road, Royal Oak.

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EASTERN STATES HAD A COLD WAVE

Drop in Temperature East of Mississippi Made People Shiver

New York, Dec. 31.—When the thermometer went to 13 below zero yesterday New York experienced the coldest weather in the history of the local weather bureau.

Philadelphia, Dec. 31.—With temperatures ranging from 4 to 25 below zero, Eastern Pennsylvania yesterday experienced the coldest weather in many years.

West Virginia. Elkins, W. Va., Dec. 31.—The coldest December 30 on record here was reported by the Government bureau.

Florida. Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 31.—The first snow in Jacksonville in twenty years fell here on Saturday night, but it was of short duration.

Boston, Dec. 31.—New England was in the grip of the coldest wave of several winters yesterday with thousands of homes without sufficient fuel because of the coal shortage.

FINANCIAL NEWS DID NOT COME THROUGH

Although the restoration of telegraphic communication was sufficient to enable The Times to receive its usual full daily news report to-day, facilities still were lacking for the transmission of the eastern financial market reports.

BRITISH NOW HOLD JERUSALEM STRONGLY

London, Dec. 31.—The British now have four strong positions interposed between the enemy and Jerusalem instead of the one that existed before the recent serious Turkish attempt with German assistance, to retake the city.

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PAPER TO-MORROW

There will be an issue of The Times to-morrow afternoon, and the paper will be distributed in the usual way.

ALLENBY CONTINUES TO REPORT PROGRESS IN PALESTINE FIELD

London, Dec. 31.—Another advance along the Nabulus road, north of Jerusalem, has been made by Gen. Allenby's forces.

NEW YORK SUFFERS FROM COLD WAVE

Low Temperature Works Hardships; Coal Famine Threatens People.

New York, Dec. 31.—Nothing to indicate a moderation of the intense cold that has held this city in its grip for the past two days greeted shivering New Yorkers this morning.

Below-zero weather is responsible for such deep inroads in the surplus that to-day a coal famine is impending in this city.

LOSSES OF BRITISH SHOW FALLING OFF AS WINTER COMES

London, Dec. 31.—The British casualties reported in December reached a total of 97,527, divided as follows: Killed or died of wounds—Officers, 1,945; men, 14,995.

ANOTHER AIR RAID ON CITY OF PADUA MADE BY TEUTONS

Rome, Dec. 31.—An official report issued here last evening said: "At Piave di Zoligo British airmen brought down one of enemy's captive balloons."

TRAIN SERVICE TO AND FROM VANCOUVER

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—Train service between Vancouver and eastern points was resumed over the C. P. R. last night after an interruption due to floods and slides in the mountains.

RELEASED FROM PRISON.

London, Dec. 31.—Mrs. Alice Wheelton, who with her daughter and the latter's husband was found guilty and sentenced last March to ten years' imprisonment on a charge of conspiracy.

\$75,000 LOSS IN FIRE AT WINDSOR, ONT.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 31.—Fire of unknown origin swept the hydro-electric offices and the new three-story building of the Studebaker Automobile Company here yesterday afternoon.

BANKERS RELEASED.

London, Dec. 31.—Reuters Petrograd correspondent says all the arrested bank directors except Vishnegradsky have been released on bail of a million rubles each.

HOCKEY SCHEDULE IS REVISED BY PATRICK

Extra Series Will Decide the Championship of the Pacific Coast

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—Teams running first and second in the Pacific Coast Hockey League upon the completion of the regular schedule will battle in an extra series of home and home matches for the championship of 1917-18.

The schedule sets the last match for Friday, March 8, and immediately following there will be an extra series of two home matches for the winners.

This season the Stanley Cup series will be played in the East, the Coast champions leaving immediately after the championship is decided.

The P. C. H. L. schedule, announced to-day, follows: Friday, December 23—Vancouver at Portland; Monday, January 1—Portland at Seattle; Friday, January 4—Seattle at Vancouver; Tuesday, January 8—Seattle at Portland; Friday, January 11—Vancouver at Seattle; Monday, January 14—Portland at Vancouver; Friday, January 18—Portland at Seattle; Tuesday, January 22—Seattle at Vancouver; Friday, January 25—Seattle at Portland; Monday, January 28—Portland at Vancouver; Friday, February 1—Portland at Seattle; Tuesday, February 4—Seattle at Vancouver; Friday, February 7—Portland at Seattle; Monday, February 10—Seattle at Vancouver; Friday, February 13—Vancouver at Seattle; Tuesday, February 16—Seattle at Portland; Monday, February 19—Seattle at Vancouver; Friday, February 22—Vancouver at Portland; Monday, February 25—Portland at Vancouver; Friday, February 28—Portland at Vancouver; Monday, March 1—Portland at Vancouver; Wednesday, March 4—Vancouver at Seattle; Friday, March 6—Seattle at Portland.

BULGARIA AND PEACE PLANS OF BOLSHEVIKI

London, Dec. 31.—A dispatch received here yesterday from Amsterdam said: "The Bulgarian Premier, Vassil Radoslavoff, according to a Sofia dispatch, has sent a message to all the provincial prefects to the effect that Bulgaria has accepted the Russian proposals—first, that the war between Bulgaria and Russia be ended; second, that the status quo ante bellum with respect to commercial treaties and consular and other conventions be re-established; third, regarding the Danube question, that this be decided to-morrow (Monday) at a plenary meeting of all the delegations.

SERBIANS FROM U. S. TO WAR THEATRE

Chicago, Dec. 31.—One thousand Serbs departed from Chicago yesterday for the East on their way to Europe to help in their native homes from the Austrians and Bulgarians.

SHIP ASHORE IN U. S. ALL ABOARD SAVED

An Atlantic Port of the United States, Dec. 31.—The Argentine transport Pimento, understood to have on board members of an economic mission to the United States from Argentina, was driven ashore off the Atlantic coast during a storm last night.

TWO MINERS KILLED BY A SNOWSLIDE

Hazleton, B. C., Dec. 31.—S. F. McCulley and Rod Campbell, miners, were killed on Friday morning by a snowslide while they were on their way up the Rochar de Boule Mountain to their work.

ALL TEACHERS IN PETROGRAD STRIKE

London, Dec. 31.—A Petrograd dispatch states that all the teachers, male and female, in the municipal schools of Petrograd have gone on strike as a protest against the proceedings of the Bolsheviks, and intend to remain away from the schools pending the opening of the Constituent Assembly.

FLOOD IN IDAHO.

Wallace, Idaho, Dec. 31.—Many homes were undermined here yesterday when Placer Creek continued at flood stage, and numbers of residents were forced to leave their houses.

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SAYS NO FORCE TO PUT BOLSHEVIKI OUT

Petrograd Correspondent of London News Thinks Opposition Not Strong Enough

London, Dec. 31.—The Bolshevik Government is extremely efficient, energetic and decisive, though faced by noisy opposition from the privileged classes who are doing all they can to check it by sabotage and libel.

The people may not like the Bolsheviks, he declares, but they obey them with startling alacrity, and the Government is based on real force.

Any attempt to turn out the Bolshevik Government by force would result only in anarchy favorable to the Germans, says the correspondent, who does not believe that such force is available.

Trotsky, said the German offer was a victory for the democratic movement generally, not only the Russian and German democratic movements.

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BANK CLEARINGS SHOW AN INCREASE

Four and a Half Millions of Dollars More Than in 1916 Are Recorded

Showing an advance of four and a half millions over 1916, and eight millions over the previous year, the bank clearings for 1917 total \$84,822,216.

The total mentioned above is a good reflex of the business done in Victoria in the dying year. The preparation of a curve based on the returns of the past thirteen years would show that there was a gradual advance up to and including 1909, then came the big leap forward to 1912, the maximum year, receding slowly to 1914.

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BOOTLEGGING IN SEATTLE TO STOP

Seattle, Dec. 31.—A merger of federal, state and municipal authorities, with the single purpose in view of bringing to an end the activities of bootleggers in Seattle, has been effected between the United States Department of Justice, the Sheriff's Office and the Police Department here.

NOW ALASKA ENTERS THE "BONE DRY" LIST

Juneau, Dec. 31.—Alaska will go on the list of "bone dry" states and territories of the United States at midnight to-night.

SEATTLE TEACHER'S RESIGNATION ASKED

Seattle, Dec. 31.—The resignation of Prof. H. F. W. Kilian, teacher of German in the Broadway High School here, and a member of the teaching force of Seattle's public schools for the last sixteen years, who is charged with uttering pro-German sentiments, is demanded by the School Board following a report by a committee.

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German Naturalized in States Spoiled Torpedoes in Brooklyn Factory

New York, Dec. 31.—Paul Hennig, a naturalized German, who has been employed as a foreman in a Brooklyn factory engaged in the making of torpedoes for the United States Government, is in jail here charged with treason.

Hennig, authorities say, superintended the assembling of the gyroscopes which control the course of the torpedoes. According to District Attorney Francis, some of these gyroscopes have been found "maliciously mutilated."

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VALDEZ WAS ASHORE NEAR CAPE CAUTION

Sustained Extensive Forward Damage When She Hit in Blinding Snowstorm

Running into a blinding blizzard while on her southbound voyage from Alaska, the steamer Valdez went ashore near Cape Caution, Chatham Strait, December 17, and but for the act of her staunch construction and strong double-bottom, it is asserted by seafaring men that she would have added another total wreck to the Pacific record.

The Valdez has been hauled out at 10 a. m. and to-day she will be examined by marine inspectors who will make an estimate of the damage and initiate an investigation into the mishap.

When nearing Cape Caution on the evening of December 17 the Valdez was assailed by a terrific northwest wind accompanied by a blinding fall of snow. At 8.40 p. m. the Valdez rammed her nose ashore and remained there for two hours, when the flood tide cleared her. Her stem was badly bent and some water was shipped, but Capt. M. J. Taaf was able to continue the voyage south without asking for assistance.



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MARINE CASUALTIES DURING PAST YEAR

Month of November Proved Most Disastrous in Loss of Tonnage on Pacific Coast

MANY WRECKS RECORDED LOSS OF FLIE SMALL

Three Victorians Lost When Salvage Tug Pilot Foundered Off Salina Cruz

November proved to be the most disastrous month of the past year in the matter of marine casualties on the Pacific Coast. Happily the marine disasters that have been recorded during the twelve months now drawing to a close were not attended by serious loss of human life. During the month of November the reefs of British Columbia and Alaska, claimed no less than four steamships representing an aggregate tonnage of 6,744 gross. It was the stormiest month of the year, and the dense fogs that prevailed materially assisted in boosting the wreck total for the period.

The steamship Al-Kl, of the Seattle Steamship Company, was wrecked on Chigoff Island, Southeastern Alaska, on November 1. The Al-Kl has been abandoned as a total loss.

The steel steamer Manhattan, of the New England Fishing Company, operating out of Vancouver on November 15, was wrecked at Yakataga Harbor, Southwestern Alaska. At first it was feared that many of her crew had been lost, but all were finally picked up, and some had the somewhat peculiar experience of being wrecked three times.

On November 18 the steamship Mariposa, of the Alaska Steamship Company's fleet, piled up on Strak Island, Summer Straits, Southeastern Alaska. Hammered by successive storms the Mariposa soon broke her back and salvage operations were abandoned when it was seen that the vessel was doomed.

The steamship Spokane, of the Pacific Steamship Company, grounded on Idol Point, Millbank Sound. After resting on the rocks for eight days the Spokane was floated by the salvage steamer Salvor. Temporary repairs were made at McLaughlin Bay and the vessel safely delivered at Seattle.

The worst marine disaster of the year, involving a toll of human life, was the foundering of the local salvage tug pilot, which foundered with all aboard off Salina Cruz about February 1. Three Victorians lost their lives in this disaster.

Other Mishaps.

Among the shipping mishaps by stranding and collision during the year were the following:

January 12—Steamer Stanley Dollar ashore at Heron Rock, Galliano Island. Floated with slight damage.

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January 26—Steamer Prince John ashore at Rocky Point, Wrangle Narrows. Damage approximately \$20,000.

January 31—Steamships Empress of Japan and Bridgide in collision off Discovery Island. Slight damage to both vessels.

February 7—Steamer Princess Patricia ashore at Point Grey, several steel plates requiring renewal as a result of the adventure.

February 24—Steamers Senator and Northern in collision off Blunt's Reef. Both boats damaged slightly.

March 30—Steamer Santa Ana ashore at Craig, Prince of Wales Island. Floated without damage.

March 23—Steamship Prince Rupert ashore on Genn Island. Subsequently floated. Extensive repair contract.

April 8—Brigantine Harriet G. dismasted off Cape Flattery. Salvaged by fishing schooner Sumner.

April 19—Steamer Thistle turned turtle and sank after grounding on Pender Island, Johnstone Straits.

May 14—Sailing vessels Standard and St. Francis ashore at Cape Constantine and Unimak Pass, Alaska, respectively.

May 16—Tug Dreadful in collision with Lobnitz Rock Crusher No. 1, Inner Harbor, Victoria.

May 25—Steamer Eva Marie wrecked at Helmsken Island.

June 13—Steamships Governor and McCulloch in collision off Point Arguello, Cal. Governor damaged, McCulloch sunk.

June 16—Steamer Princes Maquinna struck submerged reef, Kyquoot Sound.

Sept. 25—Steamers Princess Mary and Henriette in collision in Vancouver Harbor.

Oct. 21—Steamer Gray struck bottom off Cape Calvert, sustaining extensive damage.

Oct. 25—Barge St. David broke adrift from tug Commodore and drove ashore at Yakutat Bay, Alaska.

June 14—Sinaloa, Norwegian steamer, ashore Cape Blanco, floated July 20.

July 27—Kotoshira Maru, Japanese steamer, wrecked Amchitka Island, Aleutian Group, abandoned.

Aug. 24—Steamer British Columbia sank at Hastings Mill, Vancouver, subsequently raised.

Aug. 26—Steamer Cassiar sank at Privett Island, raised September 1.

Aug. 27—Steamers Princess May and Jefferson collided near Swanson Bay.

Sept. 18—Tug Ruth burned to the waters edge at Ladysmith.

Oct. 5—American steamer Tolo sank in collision off Bainbridge Island, four lives lost.

Swedish match factories have amalgamated in a trust, the annual output of which will be 5,000,000,000 boxes of matches.

THOUGHT AEROPLANES WERE MAKING RAID

Petty Officer William Porteous Tells of Experiences Following Halifax Disaster

"My first impression was that we were being bombed by enemy aeroplanes," said Petty Officer William Porteous, of the Canadian submarine service, in speaking to The Times this morning of the terrible disaster at Halifax. He is visiting his home, 563 Admirals Road, on leave of absence, having been accompanied across the continent by a number of other Victorians who were assigned to the submarine branch of the naval service at Halifax.

"Our submarine was moored at No. 1 pier when the terrific explosion occurred. I rushed up the main hatch, and on reaching the top was knocked completely over and hurled headlong back into the submarine."

Bruised and Dazed.
"I was badly bruised and dazed by the fall, but luckily escaped without any serious injury, for the air was thick with pieces of iron that were the force of the explosion. The atmosphere was black with metal hurled in all directions."

"I thought it was an aeroplane, and on recovering from the initial shock, I shouted to my mates, 'They've got us this time, and got us good.'"

"I had noticed a black shape sailing through the air—it proved to be the funnel of the Imo—and I took it to be an aeroplane."

Went Adrift.
"Immediately after the explosion a tidal wave swept the harbor, and both submarines, in fact practically all the ships in the vicinity, broke away from their moorings and went adrift."

The flying pieces of steel plate from the wrecked Mont Blanc were hurled in every direction, according to Petty Officer Porteous, and the submarines were wrecked in several places. The north end of the city of Halifax was just wiped out of existence.

Seven Killed on Niobe.
The shelter deck of the Niobe was swept clean and seven aboard were killed and many injured.

After it was seen that fire had broken out on the Mont Blanc, just before the explosion, a picket boat was dispatched from the Niobe in charge of the boatswain, to render assistance.
The picket boat and all those in it were wiped out by the explosion. Nine were killed aboard another British war vessel lying in the harbor, among them being the commander.

Aided Injured.
Immediately after the explosion the naval authorities ordered all those who were uninjured out to assist in maintaining order and getting the wounded into temporary hospital quarters.

At first the injured were hurried to the naval hospital, but this was found to be in ruins.

The fire was spreading so rapidly that it was necessary to remove those who were already in the hospital. The patients were carried out and removed to a sheltered space, but the plight of these unfortunate people was an unenviable one when the snow began to fall and the gale increased in severity. No time was lost in getting the injured people into theatres and large public buildings which were hastily requisitioned as temporary hospitals.

Relief of Mont Blanc.
Later in the day the naval men were engaged in removing the shells from the naval magazine, as it was feared that the fire would ultimately reach it. This possibility, however, was averted, although at one time the fire was but 300 yards away from the magazine.
Petty Officer Porteous brought away an interesting relic of the explosion in the shape of a piece of 4-inch plate from the Mont Blanc which he picked up when hurrying ashore from the submarine. The air was literally black with similar pieces, he said.

WIRELESS REPORT

Dec. 31, 8 a. m.

Point Grey—Overcast; S. E. fresh; 29.90; 52; sea moderate.

Cape Lazo—Overcast; S. E.; 29.83; 47; sea moderate.

Pachena—Overcast; S. light; 29.82; 50; sea moderate.

Estevan—Overcast; S. E. strong; 29.60; 45; sea rough.

Alert Bay—Overcast; calm; 29.60; 45; sea smooth.

Triangle—Overcast; S. E. fresh; 29.64; 50; sea rough.

Dead Tree Point—Cloudy; S. W. light; 29.38; 42; sea moderate.

Beeds Bay—Cloudy; S. W.; 29.14; 48; sea moderate.

Prince Rupert—Rain; S. E. fresh; 29.20; 40; sea moderate. Spoils steamer Anyox, towing barge Baroda, off Lucy Island, 6.30 p. m., southbound.

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Pachena—Fair; S. light; 29.86; 54; light swell; thick seaward.

Estevan—Fog; calm; 29.64; 45; sea rough.

Alert Bay—Cloudy; calm; 29.66; 48; sea smooth.

Triangle—Fog; calm; 29.90; 48; dense seaward.

Dead Tree Point—Cloudy; W. fresh; 29.61; 44; sea moderate. Spoils, str. Gray, 9.30 a. m., 14 miles S. E. of Rose Spit, southbound.

Beeds Bay—Overcast; S. W.; 29.25; 47; sea moderate.

Prince Rupert—Overcast; S. E. fresh; 29.43; 48; sea smooth.

THE TIME BALL

The time ball on the Belmont Building will be raised half-mast high at 12.45 p. m. to the top at 12.55 p. m. and will be dropped at 1 p. m. daily.

TUG LORNE ABOUT READY FOR SERVICE

Tail-Shaft and Propeller Hub Shipped to Vancouver by Prince Rupert

When the Grand Trunk Pacific steamship Prince Rupert left port this forenoon on her northern trip to Prince Rupert and Anyox she carried a new steel tail shaft destined for the tug Lorne, which is being rebuilt at Vancouver. The tail shaft, 27 feet in length, was supplied by Yarrows, Ltd., of Esquimalt, and, because of its great weight, required the exercise of much ingenuity and labor before it was safely stowed and lashed down on the outgoing steamer. The hub of the Lorne's propeller was also shipped to the mainland by the same boat.

It was semi-officially learned this morning that the Lorne will be ready for commission in about two weeks. The vessel has been practically rebuilt and the machinery overhauled, and with the shipping of the tail shaft and propeller the tug will be about ready for sea.

The Lorne was purchased a few months ago through Alex. McDermott, of this city, the vessel being acquired for the purpose of being operated in the towage business between the Queen Charlotte Islands and Prince Rupert. At the time the Lorne was purchased the company also acquired two barges of large lumber capacity.

The rejuvenation of the Lorne will give the North Pacific coast another powerful tug. She is a Victoria product and in her day was the biggest-powered tug to be found anywhere in Pacific coast waters. She was the first sea-going tug to make a practice of cruising off Cape Flattery in search of offshore sailing vessels requiring a tow. When Capt. Melville Cutler and the Lorne were in sight no sailing master would accept the services of any other tug.

Some three years ago the Lorne was wrecked on San Juan Island while towing the barge America. The barge became a total loss, but the Lorne was saved and ultimately taken to Eagle Harbor, where she remained until bought by the G. T. P.

STAFF CHANGES IN PACIFIC S. S. SERVICE BECOME EFFECTIVE

With the close of the old year a number of staff changes are announced by the Pacific Steamship Company. H. C. Cantelow, freight traffic manager, has been promoted to the position of assistant general manager with headquarters at Seattle. The change taking effect on New Year's Day.

Mr. Cantelow has held the office of freight traffic manager ever since the Pacific Steamship Company was organized, and before that he was freight traffic manager of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, predecessor of the present corporation. F. B. Barry has been appointed to the position of Assistant-General Manager at San Francisco.

George A. Heyburn, formerly chief clerk to General Manager A. F. Haines, at Seattle, has been transferred to San Francisco, where he becomes chief clerk to Assistant-General Manager Barry. He is succeeded at Seattle by S. B. Stocking, formerly agent of the company at Vancouver.

NEW FOG SIGNAL ON MARROWSTONE POINT

A new fog signal has been installed on Marrowstone Point, replacing the acetylene gun signal which has been in operation for the past three years. The gun signal has been the object of considerable criticism at the hands of Puget Sound shippers and pilots. The new fog signal has been thoroughly tested out and found to be satisfactory.

QUEEN MADE PORT AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

Completing her northbound voyage from San Francisco several hours ahead of schedule, the steamer Queen, of the Pacific Steamship Company, reached port at 10.30 o'clock last night with a large list of passengers and full cargo of freight. After completing here she proceeded direct to Seattle.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific standard time) at Victoria, B. C., for the month of January, 1918:

Day	Sunrise (Hour Min.)	Sunset (Hour Min.)
Jan. 1	8 06	4 27
Jan. 2	8 06	4 28
Jan. 3	8 06	4 29
Jan. 4	8 06	4 30
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The Triumph of The Crusaders

From The Christian Science Monitor

"And Canaan begat Sidon his first-born, and Heth, and the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgassite, and the Hivite, and the Arkitite, and the Sinitite, and the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Elamites; and afterward were the families of the Canaanites spread abroad." Those verses, taken from the generations of the sons of Noah, in the book of Genesis, contain the first mention, known to man, of Jerusalem, for the Jebusites were, of course, the inhabitants of Jebus, which, as the book of Judges says, is Jerusalem. For centuries, indeed, the world believed that Jebus was the old name of the Jebusite city which was altered to Jerusalem when David captured it. But, in 1890, this theory was mercifully exploded. In that year, the discovery of the el-Amarna tablets disclosed the fact that as early as 1400 B. C. at any rate, or some five centuries before the time of David, Jebus believed that Jebus was known as Urusalim, which in the Anglo-Saxon tongue is Jerusalem. Indeed whether there ever was a Jebus on Mount Zion is something over which the pundits are still disputing.

Anyway, sometime early in the Tenth Century before Christ, "all Israel gathered themselves to David unto Hebron." And David led Israel to the ridge of the Jebusites, unto Urusalim; and Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was the first to mount the walls, and so to become the captain of Israel. After that David himself kept his court in the castle of Zion, and so ever since that time has Urusalim been known as the city of David. That was twenty-seven centuries ago, and to-day some of all events of the troops of General Allenby have marched to the ridge of the Jebusites over the very ground trodden by the feet of all Israel after the elders had anointed David King over Israel in Hebron. Here then in the castle of Zion David lived and ruled, and here after him his son Solomon lived and ruled, and builded the great temple which bore his name, though the materials for it had been collected by his father.

Some four hundred and twenty years after the mighty men of valor had climbed up the hill of the Jebusites behind Joab, Nebuchadnezzar the King of Babylon came to Jerusalem, and carried the people away into captivity. It was the beginning of Israel's sorrow, though when Cyrus conquered Babylon, the people of Judah were permitted to return, with Ezra and Nehemiah, to Jerusalem, and to rebuild the temple, the Jews never were free again. Only now after twenty-four centuries of the lash of the Babylonian task-master, the ghetto of the Christian, and the bastinado of the Turk, does the pen of Mr. Balfour de Lord Rothschild, the descendant of the man who once declared that, if the Jews went back to Zion, he would ask to be appointed permanent ambassador in London, security for this very return of the Jewry to Jerusalem.

Between the hour of the proclamation of Cyrus, King of Persia, and the hour of the letter written by Mr. Balfour, much has happened in Jerusalem. It has seen Sanballat some down from Beth-horon, from whence the British troops have come to-day, and lie in wait to destroy the people as they labored on the wall. It has seen one of the fiercest and most savage sieges in history. It has seen the dawn of the Christian era, the coming of the Christ, the trial on the Pavement, and heard the roar of the storm over Calvary. It has seen the dawn of the morning of resurrection, and the night of the vengeance of Caesar. It has risen from its ashes, under the hand of another Caesar, a Roman city, by name Aelia Capitolina. It has seen Jupiter and Apollo go the way of Babel and the graven images, and the Christian pilgrims flocking to the Damascus gate, when Constantine ruled on the Bosphorus. It has seen the builders of Justinian and the torch-bearers of Chosroes, and then the long night of Islam, broken only by the flashes of the Crusaders.

It was in 1244 that the last vestiges of Christianity disappeared in the Khareemian massacre. And then in 1517 came the Sultan Selim I, and Jerusalem became a Turkish city. That was just four hundred years ago, and the desert which Selim then crossed with his army, on his way to the conquest of Egypt, is the desert which the troops of his successor were destined to cross, when they moved out of Jerusalem in the attempt to tear the Mamelukes but the British. In 1517 Selim and his Turks were successful, but in 1917 the troops of the Sultan came tumbling back in defeat, with the British marching remorselessly at their heels. It was at Gaza, in 1917, that Selim gained his initial victory, over the Mamelukes, which opened Egypt to him. It was at Gaza, in 1917, that General Allenby inflicted on the Turks the decisive defeat that placed Jerusalem within his grasp. The Turks had boasted that the Gaza lines were impregnable. There were miles of dugouts, with chambers far underground, just as on the Somme and the ridge at Passchendaele. But General Allenby's men seized these new gates of Gaza, just as Samson walked away with the gates of the old Gaza on his shoulders. And so, for the first time for six hundred and seventy-three years, the Crescent has been hauled down from the walls of Jerusalem, and the blended crosses of St. George, St. Andrew, and St. Patrick, which men call the Union Jack, hoisted in its place.

What then does it all mean? The capture of Jerusalem, the Holy City of the Christians, as the Turks regard it, following immediately upon the capture of Islam's Holy City of Baghdad, and the revolt of the Arabs in the Holy Places of Mecca and Medina, will deal a tremendous and shattering blow to the prestige of the Turk in Asia. When, in the early days of the war, Enver Bey succeeded in forcing Turkey into the conflict, it was by

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J. F. BLEDSOE VERY MUCH IN THE FIELD

Confident Alberni Will Ring True in Support of Premier Brewster

PEOPLE ANXIOUS TO SEE PROVINCE ON SAFE LINE

Any doubts, real or manufactured, as to whether J. F. Bledsoe would contest the provincial riding of Alberni in the Liberal interests at the forthcoming by-election has been set at rest by Mr. Bledsoe himself, who arrived in the city from Seattle on Saturday afternoon. That the choice of the Conservatives should have fallen upon Richard Wallace, a personal friend, is regarded by Mr. Bledsoe as not at all an unhappy augury since he regards his opponent as a worthy foe, and, ensuring for a certainty an interesting contest, quite free from objectionable or unsportsmanlike furnishings.

Full Support to Brewster.
Chatting with a representative of The Times yesterday, Mr. Bledsoe displayed no apprehension concerning the result. At the time of his nomination he was perfectly frank with his sponsors. He accepted the charge on the complete understanding that his campaign would be one of whole-hearted support to the Brewster Government, then some three months in office. The policies announced by Mr. Brewster at that time constituted a programme to which Liberalism's candidate in Alberni could subscribe and the passage of the several months, with a good deal of constructive legislation to its credit, still leaves Mr. Bledsoe warmly in accord with the present regime in British Columbia.

The Thinking People.
The success with which the Premier has grappled with an almost unparalleled condition of affairs in this province and the courageous stand he has taken on the public questions of the day," said Mr. Bledsoe, "are matters thoroughly understood and appreciated by the thinking people, whose chief desire is to see British Columbia in a more stable state and once again in the position that is her due. But before that desirable condition is possible hard facts have to be faced, and the process of adjustment persisted in until the debit and credit sides of the story more nearly harmonize. It is always a matter of difficulty," Mr. Bledsoe went on, "for any people to submit to drastic changes immediately. However, the job undertaken by Mr. Brewster is the very necessary surgical operation demanded of him by popular voice and action on September 14, last year, and I have no reason to believe that the responsible electors of the Alberni riding, male or female, have changed one jot or tittle in their views in the very short time the present Premier has been at the helm."

"Not Born Yesterday."
The candidate was perfectly well aware that the Bowser's "persuasive" eloquence had been trained upon the electorate in the northern riding, with the dominant note that everything the farmers of the locality did not like could be laid to good purpose at the door of Premier Brewster, while the virtues of the regime skippered by Mr. Bowser were of especially hallowed memory. "The farmers of the Alberni riding were not born yesterday," observed Mr. Bledsoe with a knowing wink and the accompanying suggestion that for more than a quarter of a century he himself had been actively associated with the district.

In his two complete tours of the riding during the spring and late summer Mr. Bledsoe was enthusiastically received in every section and he sees no reason to anticipate any change in the general atmosphere which will characterize the meetings he has planned for the next three weeks. He has always championed woman's suffrage, regarding the question at all

times in the light of right and privilege.

Creating Lumber Market.
Mr. Bledsoe's profession as a mining engineer took him to Seattle some six weeks ago, which business he left on receipt of advices of the forthcoming contest. While in the States, however, he was able to discover at lucrative avenue for the disposal of any surplus lumber from the Alberni district. While plans at the moment have not assumed definite shape Mr. Bledsoe returns with assurances that on the completion of the necessary formalities, good business, especially in shipbuilding lumber, will follow for the locality he hopes to represent on the floor of the Provincial House.

Must Send Reinforcements.
Discussing matters in general Mr. Bledsoe made it quite clear to his interviewer that he was heart and soul behind the policy best calculated to bring the war to a successful conclusion in the quickest and most effective fashion. He has two sons in France and in consequence his paternal instincts, as well as his keen appreciation of conditions from the national point of view, brings his warm support to the policy of maintaining Canada's fighting army.

ISSUES CALL FOR NEXT CONVENTION

Secretary of Federation of Labor Notifies Affiliated Unions of Objects

A. S. Wells, secretary-treasurer of the B. C. Federation of Labor, is issuing the convention call for the Federation's annual convention, which will be held in Vancouver, commencing January 23, in Political Field.

"Early in the year," the call says, "the executive, as instructed, took a referendum as to whether the Federation should enter the political field. Later, under stress of circumstances and acting on the instructions of a special convention held in Vancouver on Labor Day, candidates were placed in the field to contest the federal elections. The result of that activity on the political field is now well-known to you, and should prove the necessity of organization along political lines. The methods to be adopted in the future must be decided upon by the rank and file of the movement, and this question will be one that will, from very necessity, be dealt with at this convention.

The legislative needs of the workers must be dealt with at this convention, and all that lies in the way of them will be intelligently in the annual meetings of the Federation. The legislative programme adopted at the last convention will be one that will, from very necessity, be dealt with at this convention. The legislative programme adopted at the last convention will be one that will, from very necessity, be dealt with at this convention.

Industrial Conscription.

"Last, but not least, will be the danger of industrial conscription. The people have given a mandate to the Government to carry out the Military Service Act, 1917, and in that lies a danger to our industrial unions that cannot be overlooked. On you rests the responsibility as to the future of the organization of the workers, and all that lies in the way of them will be intelligently in the annual meetings of the Federation. The legislative programme adopted at the last convention will be one that will, from very necessity, be dealt with at this convention. The legislative programme adopted at the last convention will be one that will, from very necessity, be dealt with at this convention.

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