

WEATHER FORECAST
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday:
Victoria and vicinity—Easterly, to southerly gales, unsettled and mild, with rain.
Lower Mainland—Easterly gales, unsettled and milder, with rain.

Victoria Daily Times

WHERE TO GO TO-NIGHT
Royal—Hearts of the World.
Pantages—Vaudeville.
Dominion—Du Barry.
Variety—Bible Gossip.
Columbia—Headline South.
Romano—Bessie Love and Ruth Roland.

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OVER 3,000 AGENTS OF NATIONS GATHERING FOR THE CONFERENCE

Host of Delegates and Assistants Will be Kept Busy During Sessions of Peace Congress; Trains Now Carrying Them to Paris

Paris, Dec. 10.—Every train arriving in Paris these days brings large numbers of officials attached to the various delegations to the peace conference. By the time the delegates gather the number of officials of all nationalities will number between 3,000 and 5,000. Each one will have some special work to do. Many of them already are busy.

The United States, because of its remoteness, will be obliged probably to have the largest and most complete staff, and for this reason the American authorities have been compelled to take over larger accommodations than any other delegation. Italy also will have a considerable working force here, but the delegates, as in the case of those of Great Britain, will be able to depend on much of their work being done in their own country.

Each European nation's delegates will have at their disposal their own private telegraph and telephone wires, over which they may communicate with their Governments.

A large number of the officials of the leading powers are receiving many representatives of small nationalities or groups of nationalities. Some of these representatives have not been recognized, and in a few cases there are two groups of representatives of the same nationality, each claiming to represent the majority party.

Wilson's Plan.
On Board the United States Steamship George Washington, Dec. 10. (By Wireless to the Associated Press.)—President Wilson probably will not sit at the peace table but will be represented there by delegates while remaining in close contact with the heads of the other nations and prepared to decide questions presented to him.

Premier Clemenceau, it is believed, will be president of the peace conference. This is considered fitting because the conference will be held in France.

Public Sessions.
President Wilson's disposition is in favor of entirely public sessions, such as are carried on in the Senate Chamber at Washington, with the press representatives given every facility to report certain business. Naturally, there will be need of secrecy, as there is in the Foreign Relations Committee at Washington, but the President's idea is that the procedure could be much the same as at Washington, a committee considering the confidential and delicate features of various questions and then reporting back to the peace congress for action.

Greek Delegates.
Athens, Dec. 7.—(Delayed.)—Premier Venizelos started for Paris to-day accompanied by M. Politis, Minister of Foreign Affairs. According to The Hestia, the Greek delegation, consisting of the President, M. Venizelos, M. Politis, Athos Romanos, Minister to France, and M. Crossakis, Minister to Italy.

Portuguese Delegates.
Lisbon, Dec. 10.—Four delegates representing the Government of Portugal, headed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, have left for France to participate in the discussion of the preliminaries to the peace conference.

CORPORAL KILLED IN MONTREAL AFFAIR

Italian, Charged With Deed, Says Soldiers Were Attacking Civilian

Montreal, Dec. 10.—Irvine Schermerhorn, a corporal in the Quebec Depot Battalion, was shot and killed last night by an Italian, Pasquale Diodati, of Trenton, Ont. The Italian states that he was in a saloon when hearing cries, he came out and found a party of soldiers attacking a civilian. He tried to help the latter and was set upon by the soldiers, whereupon he drew a revolver and fired three shots, all taking effect in the body of Schermerhorn.

Schermerhorn is said to have been an American soldier, who came here some months ago and enlisted.

An Ontario Case.
Toronto, Dec. 10.—John Howe and Anthony Rfordan appeared yesterday in the Sessions charged with having escaped from the Ontario Jail Farm. Both men claimed that on their recapture by the prison guards they were brutally treated and showed marks on their bodies as evidence of the treatment they had received. They pleaded guilty to the charge of escaping.

Judge Winchester deferred sentence for a week and directed that they be taken before the grand jury to tell their story. Both men had been sentenced for theft and have a considerable time yet to serve.

U. S. SOLDIERS RETURN.
New York, Dec. 10.—Bringing 2,450 American soldiers, the British transport ship Empress of Britain, arrived to-day, after a stormy passage.

Wilhelm's Brother Is Trying Royalist Move in Germany

Paris, Dec. 10.—(Havas)—Prince Henry of Prussia, brother of the former German Kaiser, has proclaimed the establishment of a royalist party in Germany, according to reports from Holland.

Berlin Paper Says Germany Given Longer to Surrender Engines

Amsterdam, Dec. 9.—(Via London, Dec. 10.)—The Lokale Anzeiger, of Berlin, says it has learned from competent sources that Marshal Foch has agreed to postpone the date for the surrender of all German locomotives until February 1.

VIEW OF BRITISH IS THAT THEIR NAVY MUST REMAIN POWERFUL EMPIRE DEFENCE

Cambridge, Eng., Dec. 10.—The establishment of a League of Nations will not result in the development of a world in which no wars will occur, armaments be unnecessary and reason supplant violence, in the opinion of Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, expressed in an address here last night. Under the most favorable conditions, he declared, it was to be expected that a police force would be required. On the sea, he added, the British navy had performed that function faithfully and impartially, preventing the free nations from being crushed by Germany. He regarded it as inconceivable that the supremacy of the British navy would ever be surrendered.

The First Lord expressed the belief that Germany should be made to refund the full cost of the war and pay for all the damage she had done by sea and land to the uttermost farthing.

A Leading Problem.
London, Dec. 10.—One of the gravest problems at the peace conference will be based on what is meant by "freedom of the seas" and what concessions Great Britain is going to make in that direction, said Sir Frederick Smith, Attorney-General, in a speech at Liverpool yesterday. He added that he was engaged in preparing a memorandum on the subject for the War Cabinet.

The United States has rendered brilliant service in the cause of civilization, said Sir Frederick, and Great Britain is bound to approach the conference with a determination to concede everything possible to American sentiment and American views, having regard for national security and the existence of the Empire.

Right Exists.
"It has been recognized for more than three hundred years," Sir Frederick went on, "that a nation which is supreme in the world is entitled to impose its will maritime on interior enemies by blockade as a nation stronger on land is able to impose its will militarily on a weaker nation."

CZERNIN TELLS HOW THE GERMANS DROVE AUSTRIA TO THE END

Vienna, Dec. 9.—(Via London, Dec. 10.)—Count Czernin, former Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, to-day told the Associated Press here that in 1917 Austria made desperate efforts to withdraw from the war, even to the extent of offering Germany the Empire's richest coal and oil province, Galicia, if Germany would surrender Alsace-Lorraine.

Count Czernin added that Austria's efforts always were defeated by either General von Ludendorff, the German Chief Quartermaster-General, or other high German officials, who even went to the extent of asserting that they were willing to declare war on Austria if Austria should make a separate peace.

THREE CANADIAN NAVAL MEN DIE

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—The Naval Department announces that the following members of the Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve have died in hospitals: Percy A. Mathews, Winnipeg; Alexander Cotter, Signalman, Vancouver; John Brown, Signalman, Elgin, Man.

Ontario Veterans Wish Dominion to Share Indemnity

Toronto, Dec. 10.—A suggestion will be made to the Dominion Government that \$1,000,000,000 of the \$40,000,000,000 which Britain is expected to ask as her share of the German indemnity, should be given to Canada to be used in the repatriation of returned soldiers and the upkeep of soldiers' widows and orphans, according to W. E. Turley, Ontario provincial secretary of the G.W.V.A.

FRENCH EXCHANGE UP IN SWITZERLAND; GERMAN GOES DOWN

Paris, Dec. 10.—Dispatches from Geneva report that German exchange in Switzerland has fallen considerably, dropping to 25. French exchange, it is added, has risen slightly in Switzerland.

PREMIER HAS COPY OF HOUSING ORDER

Details of National Housing Plan; B. C. Would Get \$1,100,000 Loan

One million, one hundred thousand dollars will be the approximate proportion for British Columbia in connection with the National Housing Plan, for which the Dominion Government has created a fund of \$25,000,000. And in order that proper administration of the fund may be carried out by the Provincial Government, it is taken for granted that the necessary legislative machinery will be created at the forthcoming session of the Legislature. The rate of interest on which the Federal Government will loan to each Province its share is set at five per cent, and upon the Provinces devolves the responsibility for the repayment of both capital and interest.

Premier Gets Order.
In a letter to Premier Oliver received at the Parliament Buildings this morning, Sir Thomas White, Acting-Prime Minister of Canada, encloses a certified copy of the Order-in-Council establishing the Council established for the purpose of the National Housing Plan, and also a copy of the Order-in-Council referred to. Sir Thomas expresses the hope that the fund thus created may be of material service to Provinces and Municipalities about to take up this national work.

In the submission of the Committee of the Privy Council to His Excellency, the Governor-General, it is pointed out that the Minister of Finance observes, that owing to the practical cessation of building operations during the war, there is at present a great scarcity of housing accommodation. The conditions referred to are applicable to the majority of Canadian cities which, he takes the view, will be intensified with the return of Canadian soldiers from overseas, and the re-establishment with their families in civil life and occupation.

Procedure Favored.
Mention is made in the Order-in-Council that at the recent conference of Provincial Premiers it developed that some of the Provincial Governments were considering the adoption of a policy of making loans to municipalities, or otherwise, extending over a long period of years and repayable upon the amortization plan.

The scheme is intended to promote the erection of dwelling houses of a modern character to relieve congestion of population in cities and towns in their respective provinces. And the question was raised by the conference as to whether the Dominion Government would aid the several Provincial Governments in carrying out such a plan. (Concluded on page 4.)

B. C. MEN LOOKING FORWARD TO RETURN

Victorious Troops Desire to Be Back on Coast, Says Currie

Vancouver, Dec. 10.—While no troops put up a more valiant fight than did the men from British Columbia, all are now anxious to return home, says Lieut.-Gen. Sir Arthur Currie in a message received yesterday by the Vancouver Board of Trade in answer to a cable sent by that body upon the signing of the armistice. The message, addressed to P. G. Shaileiras, President of the board, says:

"Please convey to the members of the Vancouver Board of Trade our sincere thanks for your kind message of congratulation. Among our gallant, now victorious lads, none fought more valiantly than did those from British Columbia, and they are only too anxious now to return to their homes and loved ones and receive the royal welcome I know awaits them."

GREAT SUPPLY OF HOGS AT CHICAGO

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STOCK EXCHANGE BEAT

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TOWNS ALONG RHINE IN HANDS OF ALLIED TROOPS OF OCCUPATION

British Troops Keeping Order in Cologne; French and American Troops Holding Aix-la-Chapelle; Belgian Forces Reach the Rhine

Amsterdam, Dec. 10.—The British troops in Cologne, according to a telegram from that city, have declined to make use of the public buildings there placed at their disposal. They have occupied private quarters.

Washington, Dec. 10.—"The American Third Army, continuing its advance into Germany to-day (Monday), reached the Rhine from Rolandseck to Brohl, and at nightfall was on the general line Rolandseck-Brohl-Allensbach-Munstermaifeld-Rheinbollen," Gen. Pershing reported in a message sent last night and received here this morning.

Cologne, Dec. 9.—Via London, Dec. 10.—French and American troops officially entered Aix-la-Chapelle to-day (Monday), and took over the occupation of that German city from the Belgians. Allied flags were flown in the Frederick William Place, where the Allied Generals assembled to take the salute of the troops.

WILHELM SAID TO HAVE TRIED SUICIDE

Leipzig Paper Says a Retainer Kept ex-Kaiser From Killing Himself

London, Dec. 10.—Wilhelm Hohenzollern, the former German Kaiser, attempted to commit suicide following mental depression, according to The Leipzig Tageblatt, which is quoted in a Copenhagen dispatch to The Exchange Telegraph. A member of the former Kaiser's retinue who prevented Hohenzollern from carrying out his intention received a wound, it is stated.

"Mere Comedy."
Paris, Dec. 10.—The City Council of Spa has documentary evidence proving that a Dutch general came to Spa to meet the former German Kaiser before his flight into Holland, according to The Matin. It would appear, therefore, that his reception, as was that of the ex-Crown Prince and his suite at the Dutch frontier was a "mere comedy," the newspaper adds.

Lesson Taught.
London, Dec. 10.—(British Wireless Service.)—Commenting on the presence of British troops in Cologne, The Times says:

"The flag of the 'contemptible little army' floats over the towers and steeples of Cologne. Four years ago the German war lord in his pride tried to have his hosts trample that little army under foot. It stayed his armies and helped to bring them back on the Marne, and to-day his successors look down as conquerors upon the German Rhine and fold in their safe keeping a man's gate into Germany."

It will bring home to the Germans the fact that the utmost efforts of (Concluded on page 4.)

LLOYD GEORGE HAS PRAISE FOR WOMEN

In Election Address He Tells of Their Fine Work During War

London, Dec. 10.—(Reuter's)—Mr. Lloyd George, in the course of an address he delivered to a women's meeting yesterday in the Albert Hall, said that when undertaking to organize industries for war work one of his first acts was to call on women to help, and they had done their part magnificently. Over 1,000,000 women had been engaged in manufacturing munitions of war in the United Kingdom, while 350,000 women had answered calls to take men's places and do work on the land. Later, when it was necessary to appeal to the womenfolk for the auxiliary services of the army and the navy, 250,000 women, including the nursing services, joined up, while scores of thousands of women had been helping in the civil services. Without the help of these women the Allies could not have won the war.

Peace.
In regard to peace, the Prime Minister said that the Allies must not make the same mistakes that Germany had made in connection with Alsace and Lorraine in 1871. The peace must be just, because justice would breed justice and command acceptance, while vengeance would store up wrath and breed vengeance. It must be a stern peace, because it must have the sternness of justice as well as the equity of justice. They must so fashion their judgment that Kings, Emperors, Crown Princes or whoever they were, would know 15 the end of time that if they brought upon the earth wretchedness of this kind the penalty would inevitably fall on their own heads.

The Prime Minister reaffirmed his decision that Germany should be expelled from the United Kingdom because they had abused its hospitality and should not get another chance.

PERU WILLING TO ACCEPT MEDIATION WITH CHILEAN GOVT.

Lima, Peru, Dec. 10.—It is announced that the Peruvian Government has accepted the proffered mediation of the United States and Argentina in the settlement of the dispute with Chile. As a consequence the boycott against Chilean vessels has been ended.

President Irigoyen having consented at the instance of the American Ambassador to join with the United States in the mediation of the Tacna-Arica question, which has been a source of contention between Peru and Chile for many years, instructed the Argentine diplomatic agents in Peru and Chile to inform those Governments of the desire of the United States, in conjunction with Argentina, to bring about a settlement.

ARRESTS MADE IN HOTEL IN BERLIN

Ebert-Haase Cabinet Has Twenty-Two Men Detained Following Raid

Berlin, Dec. 9.—(Via London, Dec. 10.)—A dramatic sequel to Friday's attempted arrest of the executive committee of the Soldiers' and Workmen's Council occurred to-day when the Hotel Bristol, one of the most fashionable places on the Unter den Linden, was raided by order of the Ebert-Haase Cabinet.

All the exits of the hotel were guarded by troops and the premises were searched on the strength of rumors that plotters were concealed there. In one of the large apartments the raiders found twenty-two men suspected of complicity in Friday's raid. Among them were Baron Rheinbaben, former Prussian Minister of Finance, the younger Prince Hohenzollern and several students. The entire party is under detention. Three hundred rifles which were found in an adjoining garage were seized.

Count Matuschka, one of those alleged to have been involved in Friday's disorders, has not yet been arrested.

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FUTILE FOR GERMANS TO ASK WILSON TO VISIT GERMANY

Paris, Dec. 10.—According to a wireless dispatch from the United States embassy, George Washington, says Marshal Hutin in The Echo de Paris, President Wilson was informed that Premier Ebert and Foreign Secretary Haase, of the Berlin Government, and Count Czernin, of Vienna, were about to make an effort to get him to visit Germany. The President is quoted as having made this reply:

"Only by long years of repentance can Germany atone for her crimes and show sincerity. No true American could think of visiting Germany unless forced to do so by strictly official obligations."

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PROPOSE ABOLITION OF CONSCRIPTION

British Will Ask Peace Conference to Do Away With System

London, Dec. 10.—A statement issued by the Government yesterday said:

"The coalition Government is going to the peace conference with the intention of proposing the abolition of compulsory military service throughout Europe."

Mr. Hon. Winston Spencer Churchill, Minister of Munitions, made a similar announcement in a speech at Dundee on December 5, declaring that the British representatives at the peace conference would demand general and absolute abolition of conscription throughout Europe.

ARMISTICE EXTENSION

Berlin, Dec. 9, via Amsterdam, Dec. 10.—Matthias Erzberger, head of the German armistice delegates, announced today that the French Government had requested the German army command to designate plenipotentiaries to confer regarding a prolongation of the armistice. The delegates will meet at Treves, in Rhenish Prussia, December 12 and 13.

GARFIELD MAY GO TO FRANCE TO ADVISE U. S. PEACE DELEGATES

Washington, Dec. 10.—Fuel Administrator Garfield has been asked by President Wilson to hold himself in readiness to join the American peace delegation in Paris to advise concerning problems of fuel production and distribution.

GERMANS EXPECT POLISH-AMERICAN LANDING AT DANZIG

Amsterdam, Dec. 9.—Via London, Dec. 10.—Polish-American divisions, according to a well-informed source, says the Warsaw correspondent of The Weser Zeitung, have embarked at Havre for Danzig, in West Prussia, with the intention of occupying the provinces of Posen and Silesia. The headquarters of the Polish-American troops, according to this information, will be in the town of Posen.

\$4,000 TAKEN FROM A SAFE IN QUEBEC

Quebec, Dec. 10.—A daring robbery was committed here yesterday when \$4,000 in cash was taken from the safe in the office of Arthur Duval. Mr. Duval had left his office for a few minutes and had failed to lock the safe. When he returned the money was gone and there was no trace of the thieves.

BIELASKI ALSO TOLD WASHINGTON SENATE COMMITTEE ABOUT BOLO PASHA

Washington, Dec. 10.—To the Senate Committee investigating German and brewery propaganda in the United States, A. Bruce Bielaski, Chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, yesterday afternoon read at length from the diary of Dr. Karl F. Fuehr, the German agent whose activities have figured prominently in the investigation. The notes of the diary show that the day following the publication of private letters of H. F. Albert he consulted with Albert at Cedarhurst, N. Y., and later discussed the incident with Samuel Untermyer.

W. R. HEARST

Questioned about the attitude of William Randolph Hearst, Bielaski said:

"Of all the newspapers published in the United States, those published by Mr. Hearst were the most pronounced in favor of Germany. There is no other man whose attitude was so friendly to Germany in the war day following the inquiry were limited to paid propagandists," he added, "we could not mention Mr. Hearst. There is no evidence that Mr. Hearst received any profits from the German Government or from any one acting for it."

BIELASKI

Bielaski was asked by Senator Overman to put in the hearing an account of the activities, while he was in this country, of Bolo Pasha, executed in France as a spy.

Bolo was brought to this country by a representative of Hearst, Bielaski said, and was taken to the German Embassy by Adolf Papenow, a wealthy German of New York, who is now interned. Later, the witness said, Bolo was introduced to Hearst, who invited him to lunch and who later attended a number of meetings with him. Bolo's mission in this country ostensibly was to obtain print paper, the Committee was told; but in reality it was to obtain money for purchasing a paper in France. After getting it, he returned to France.

"There is one fact about Bolo we have which was never brought out before," Bielaski said. "That is that he was in touch with the German Embassy here shortly after the war began in 1914. In a notebook of Dr. Albert which we have in our possession, this entry appears: 'Prepare telegram to Pasha.' That shows conclusively that the Embassy knew intimately of Bolo and probably knew of his activities."

Ghent University

Ghent, Dec. 9.—Via London, Dec. 10.—The Communal Council has voted in favor of the immediate abolition of the university established by the Germans here during their occupation, and for the restoration of the French University of Ghent.

EDWARD RENO HAS GAINED 25 POUNDS IN THIRTY DAYS

Takes Tanlac Following Attack of Influenza and Results Are Wonderful

"For anyone suffering from the after effects of influenza and needing something to build them up," said Edward W. Reno, a well-known employee of the American Railway Express Company, living at 1721 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri, "Tanlac is the finest thing in the world, and I'll tell you why.

"During the recent epidemic I was taken down with the flu. My appetite for two weeks was just about as sick as one can get to be. I finally managed to pull through, but my weight was as weak as a baby. I lost twenty-five pounds in weight or more, and every ounce of food I ate seemed to go to waste. Of course I wasn't able to do a bit of work and it was just about all I could do to walk around and my legs would just completely give out. I never cared for a thing to eat.

"I knew I wouldn't be able to go back to work at all feeling like I was, and as I had heard so much about Tanlac I decided to test it out. Well, I had my first bottle and it was nothing short of astonishing the way it has increased my strength and built me up in every respect. I have not only gotten back all my old strength, but I really believe I had the flu. My appetite was never better, all that tired feeling is gone and I am putting in ten hours of hard work every day, and it really doesn't bother me one bit. To say I'm strong for Tanlac is making it very mild. I am constantly telling some friend about it, and I think everybody who is in a rundown condition would do well to give it a trial."

As has been stated, there is not a single portion of the body that is not benefited by the helpful action of Tanlac. Tanlac contains certain medicinal properties which enrich the blood and promote a healthy appetite for nourishing foods thus helping to build up health and strength in the natural way. And, as in the case of Mr. Reno, Tanlac will prove invaluable to all persons suffering from the after effects of influenza, in grippe, typhoid, and pneumonia, bronchitis, troubles, etc. Tanlac is a powerful reconstructive tonic and always produces most gratifying results.

Tanlac is sold in Victoria by D. E. Campbell.—Advt.

Dr. Creelman Says British Need Wheat and Bacon From This Continent

Guelph, Ont., Dec. 10.—"I do not agree with the view of the food authorities in the United Kingdom, who expect that country to be mainly self-sustaining in the matter of wheat after the war," said Dr. G. C. Creelman, in speaking at the directors' luncheon at the formal opening of the Winter Fair here.

"It is true," the speaker said, "that Britain has increased her wheat production from 57,000,000 to 62,000,000 bushels since the war began, but much of this year's crop was in the field for two months after cutting, and in that time became so black and badly sprouted that it is unfit for human consumption. English wheat is always soft, and in a year like this, very poor. For this reason, English farmers say they will again drop wheat and get back into stock-raising as soon as possible.

In dealing with livestock, Dr. Creelman said the United Kingdom is going to be practically out of hogs for some time, and after January no hog can be brought or sold here, the object being to retain all concentrates for cattle. "As a result of this policy," he said, "all hogs, save breeding sows, are being disposed of and Britain will have to look to Canada and the United States for bacon."

"Sheep, on the other hand, are increasing, and this, despite the fact that the highest price for wool in the United Kingdom is only fifty cents a pound. "Wool, however, is \$3.49 a hundred pounds at point of delivery. Breeding cattle also are bringing phenomenal prices, sixty-four shorthorns selling at one sale at an average of \$1,400. At the Dutch sale, fifty-two head of juniors sold for \$150,000 in one hour and forty minutes with a top price of \$21,000. These prices were paid, too, entirely by home buyers, notwithstanding that cow and heifer in Britain have increased in numbers by sixteen per cent. in the last year.

"For horses, prices have simply soared. Dutch buyers \$1,000 each for a team of gettings such as would sell here for \$400 for the team. Even common horses sell at \$500 to \$750 each in England, and in France one team sold out of the Canadian army for \$1,500, and a saddle horse for \$1,650. Out there prices will not continue higher after transport horses are generally released from army work."

JUGO-SLAVS OPPOSE ITALIAN OCCUPATION

Washington, Dec. 10.—Formal notice has been given the American Government of the purpose of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes formerly held by the Austro-Hungarian Government to unite with the Kingdom of Serbia in the Jugo-Slav state, and to insist on evacuation of Jugo-Slav territory now occupied by Italy.

The official texts were presented to the State Department yesterday of addresses by Prince Regent Alexander of Serbia and a delegation of twenty-seven members from the National Council of Seagreb, delivered at Belgrade on December 12. The Seagreb delegation said in part:

"We desire to draw the attention of Your Royal Highness to the fact that the extent of the Italian occupation region foreseen in the clauses of the armistice concluded with the Commander-in-Chief of the Austro-Hungarian army, after the proclamation of these territories as independent, is an integral part of the Serb, Croat and Slovene state, and we will furnish the Government of Your Royal Highness with proof of this in the full conviction that Your Royal Highness will make it his task, together with our entire nation, to see to it that the definite frontiers of our state are drawn in such a way that they accord with the ethnographical frontiers, and are in conformity with the principles laid down by President Wilson of the United States and the other powers of the Entente."

Gentle Laxative Needed For the Aged and Feeble

With the advance of years the vital functions of the body slow down. The organs of secretion grow weak, the peristaltic action of the bowels is perceptibly lessened and dangerous constipation develops.

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FARM OUTLOOK IN UNITED KINGDOM

Dr. Creelman Says British Need Wheat and Bacon From This Continent

Guelph, Ont., Dec. 10.—"I do not agree with the view of the food authorities in the United Kingdom, who expect that country to be mainly self-sustaining in the matter of wheat after the war," said Dr. G. C. Creelman, in speaking at the directors' luncheon at the formal opening of the Winter Fair here.

"It is true," the speaker said, "that Britain has increased her wheat production from 57,000,000 to 62,000,000 bushels since the war began, but much of this year's crop was in the field for two months after cutting, and in that time became so black and badly sprouted that it is unfit for human consumption. English wheat is always soft, and in a year like this, very poor. For this reason, English farmers say they will again drop wheat and get back into stock-raising as soon as possible.

In dealing with livestock, Dr. Creelman said the United Kingdom is going to be practically out of hogs for some time, and after January no hog can be brought or sold here, the object being to retain all concentrates for cattle. "As a result of this policy," he said, "all hogs, save breeding sows, are being disposed of and Britain will have to look to Canada and the United States for bacon."

"Sheep, on the other hand, are increasing, and this, despite the fact that the highest price for wool in the United Kingdom is only fifty cents a pound. "Wool, however, is \$3.49 a hundred pounds at point of delivery. Breeding cattle also are bringing phenomenal prices, sixty-four shorthorns selling at one sale at an average of \$1,400. At the Dutch sale, fifty-two head of juniors sold for \$150,000 in one hour and forty minutes with a top price of \$21,000. These prices were paid, too, entirely by home buyers, notwithstanding that cow and heifer in Britain have increased in numbers by sixteen per cent. in the last year.

"For horses, prices have simply soared. Dutch buyers \$1,000 each for a team of gettings such as would sell here for \$400 for the team. Even common horses sell at \$500 to \$750 each in England, and in France one team sold out of the Canadian army for \$1,500, and a saddle horse for \$1,650. Out there prices will not continue higher after transport horses are generally released from army work."

JUGO-SLAVS OPPOSE ITALIAN OCCUPATION

Washington, Dec. 10.—Formal notice has been given the American Government of the purpose of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes formerly held by the Austro-Hungarian Government to unite with the Kingdom of Serbia in the Jugo-Slav state, and to insist on evacuation of Jugo-Slav territory now occupied by Italy.

The official texts were presented to the State Department yesterday of addresses by Prince Regent Alexander of Serbia and a delegation of twenty-seven members from the National Council of Seagreb, delivered at Belgrade on December 12. The Seagreb delegation said in part:

"We desire to draw the attention of Your Royal Highness to the fact that the extent of the Italian occupation region foreseen in the clauses of the armistice concluded with the Commander-in-Chief of the Austro-Hungarian army, after the proclamation of these territories as independent, is an integral part of the Serb, Croat and Slovene state, and we will furnish the Government of Your Royal Highness with proof of this in the full conviction that Your Royal Highness will make it his task, together with our entire nation, to see to it that the definite frontiers of our state are drawn in such a way that they accord with the ethnographical frontiers, and are in conformity with the principles laid down by President Wilson of the United States and the other powers of the Entente."

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The Corporation of the District of Oak Bay
Municipal Hall, Oak Bay, B. C., Nov. 28, 1918.

The Electors of the Corporation of the District of Oak Bay: In another column of this issue will be found a by-law to raise the sum of \$5,000.00 for school purposes, and which by-law will be voted on by the electors on Wednesday, the 11th of December next.

The object of the by-law is to authorize the purchase from Mr. Casanave of a little over 3 acres as a High School site. The property in question fronts on the south side of Cranmore Road and Fort Street, and runs in a southerly direction to Howker Creek. In order that the electors may more intelligently vote upon the by-law, the following particulars are given, viz:

Block	Area, Acres	Assessed Value	Total 1918	Ann. Local
Fr. 1 and 2	9.08	\$28,700.00	\$850.50	\$278.88

The annual local improvements charged as shown above run until 1925.

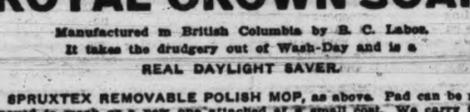
It is also the intention of the Council to submit to the electors at the annual Elections on the 18th of January, 1919, a by-law to purchase from the B. C. Electric Railway Co., Ltd., as a recreation ground, the property known as the B. C. Electric Park, situated near the Oak Bay Hotel, for the sum of \$10,000.00, payable by Corporation Debentures at 5 per cent. maturing in 20 years. The property is to be acquired conditionally upon its being used as a recreation ground, except that portion inside the bicycle track, which may be used for school purposes. The following are the particulars of the property:

Block	Area, Acres	Assessed Value	Improvements	Taxes for 1918
M. N. O.	2.507	\$44,400.00	\$1,650.00	\$583.43

The local improvements assessments on the said lands amounting to \$4,711.40 were commuted and paid by the B. C. Electric Railway Co., Ltd.

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THREE U. S. UNIVERSITIES WILL RECEIVE \$10,000,000

New York, Dec. 10.—Harvard, Columbia and Johns Hopkins Universities are residuary legatees under the will of Joseph Raphael de Lamar, millionaire mine owner, offered for probate here yesterday. A trust fund of \$10,000,000 is established for his daughter, Alice Antoinette de Lamar, and \$500,000 is left to the New York Association for improvement of the poor.

The residuary estate is said to amount to nearly \$10,000,000 and is to be divided equally among the three institutions for medical research work.

Captain de Lamar designated that the funds be "expended for the study and teaching of the origin of human disease and the prevention thereof, for the study and teaching of dietetics and of the effect of different foods and diets on the human system, and how to conserve health by proper food and diet."

AUSTRALIANS PLANNING LONG AEROPLANE SERVICE

London, Dec. 10.—Australian commercial and financial interests are making plans to connect Australia with London and other parts of the British Empire by commercial aeroplanes.

A company already has been formed to finance the survey of an aerial route to London by way of Sydney and Port Said.

CANADA'S NOVEMBER REVENUES INCREASED

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—The revenues with expenditures of the Dominion during November both showed increases over November last year.

The revenue on consolidated fund last month was \$23,518,892, as compared with \$24,322,946 in November, 1917. For the eight months' period the revenue was \$192,932,828, as compared with \$170,042,066 for the same period last year. Expenditure up the month was \$26,354,011, last month was \$21,922,635. The war expenditure during the month was \$2,768,261, in comparison with \$18,714,472 in November of last year.

The net debt during the month of

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created more than \$20,000,000. On November 30 the net debt was \$1,307,429,661.

ATTITUDE OF DUTCH ANNOYS BELGIANS

Paris, Dec. 10.—There is much feeling against Holland in Belgium because of the attitude of the Dutch Government in permitting armed German soldiers to pass through the Dutch province of Limburg, according to a dispatch from Brussels.

The Belgians are said to be indignant that Belgian automobiles interned in Holland were used by the Dutch authorities to carry the former German Crown Prince and his suite when he fled to Holland.

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GERMANS RECOGNIZE ESTHONIAN REPUBLIC

Amsterdam, Dec. 9.—Via London, Dec. 10.—The German Government, according to the Berlin correspondent of The Cologne Gazette, has recognized the Republic of Estonia, one of the Russian Baltic provinces.

VICTORIANS COMING ON THE OLYMPIC

Groups From Coast and Prairies Will Land at Halifax

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—Among the soldiers now on the way to Canada from the Old Country on the SS. Olympic are the following: Victoria, 23 officers; 211 of other ranks. Winnipeg, 25 officers; 575 of other ranks. Regina, 10 officers; 211 of other ranks. Calgary, 16 officers; 324 of other ranks. On duty, 15 officers; 14 of other ranks.

Unknown, 14 officers; civilians, 157. The vessel is carrying 325 officers and 4,972 of other ranks, and should arrive at Halifax on Thursday or Friday. A further announcement will be made as soon as the information is available.

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—The attention of the Department of Militia having been drawn to press statements concerning the disembarkation of troops from the hospital ship Araguaya on Saturday, December 7, the following statement has been issued: "The Department of Militia states that no delays which were connected with the transference of troops from this ship to the trains were in any way attributable to the military arrangements. Every precaution was taken, and all persons concerned with the matter were notified in ample time. It is true that, in view of the expected arrival of the SS. Olympic the railway yards had, with commendable forethought, assembled a large number of cars at the port of Halifax and no doubt there is congestion in the railway yards. The facilities at Halifax are limited, especially since the disastrous explosion, and when troops arrive difficulties are experienced in rapidly placing trains on the docks."

AVIATION COURSES AT UNIVERSITIES IN CANADA IN FUTURE

Toronto, Dec. 9.—The University of Toronto, along with other Canadian universities, has decided to add a faculty of aviation to its other branches of study and has arranged to secure three aeroplanes from the Royal Air Force. Two of the machines will be for instructional purposes only, but the third will be for flying.

"Every university in Canada will receive one or more planes, probably more than one," said an officer at the Royal Air Force headquarters today. "Except for a few Curtiss machines, however, they will not be suitable for actual flying, but will be used for teaching aviation. The mathematical staffs of the universities probably will teach most of the course."

PRAIRIE CITIES HAVE ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Calgary, Dec. 10.—Alderman Marshall was elected Mayor of Calgary yesterday by a majority of 66 over Mayor Costello, who sought re-election.

Commissioner Samis was re-elected by a majority of 2,733 over ex-Alderman Fawkes.

Saskatoon, Dec. 10.—F. R. McMillan was elected Mayor of Saskatoon yesterday by a majority of 127.

North Battleford, Sask., Dec. 10.—Mayor Thomas was re-elected by a majority of 44.

Regina, Dec. 10.—Mayor Black was re-elected over Bole by a majority of 663.

Prince Albert, Sask., Dec. 10.—Samuel McLeod was elected Mayor of Prince Albert yesterday by a majority of 154 over T. J. Agnew, who only polled 194 votes.

Swift Current, Dec. 10.—J. A. Rolleson was elected Mayor of Swift Current yesterday.

Moose Jaw, Dec. 10.—Samuel Hamilton was elected Mayor of Moose Jaw yesterday, having defeated W. F. Dunn and Bamford. His majority was 70.

Yorkton, Sask., Dec. 10.—Mayor Peaker was elected for a third term in the municipal election by a majority of 43 over his nearest opponent and 170 over the next, the vote being the largest in the history of the town.

RED CROSS SENDING SUPPLIES TO SIBERIA

Toronto, Dec. 10.—With reference to future supplies and comforts for the Canadian soldiers, the executive committee of the Red Cross has issued the following information: "No more shipments of hospital supplies or garments, including socks, to France will be made except by request of the Red Cross Commissioner overseas."

"For Siberia, hospital supplies will be needed as long as Canadian troops are stationed there. Alberta and British Columbia have been asked to make regular shipments of hospital garments and Manitoba is supplying dressings."

MUNICIPALITIES AND REPATRIATION WORK

Montreal, Dec. 10.—The Union of Canadian Municipalities having been invited to co-operate with the Repatriation Committee through four of its members, the representatives selected by the Union are the Mayor of Toronto, the Mayor of Ottawa and probably the Mayor of Calgary and W. D. Lighthall, of Montreal.

In addition, Harry Bragg has been appointed on the staff of the Director of Repatriation and in consequence has relinquished temporarily his duties connected with The Canadian Municipal Journal.

No Elizabeth, Joan of Arc, wasn't the wife of Noah.

PRESIDENT POINCARE VISITS STRASBOURG

Keys of City Are Turned Over to Him; a Notable Occasion

Strasbourg, Dec. 9.—(Via London, Dec. 10.)—President Poincare and the Governmental and Parliamentary party accompanying him were given the keys of this city today in Strasbourg, the former German capital of Alsace-Lorraine, the nearest thing possible to an official greeting in the province. The Diet appointed by the former German Kaiser and the Landtag dissolved by its own consent, there being no parliamentary institution, but, and had just met in a session of the defunct assembly gave President Poincare, Premier Clemenceau and members of this Cabinet and several hundred members of the French Parliament and members of the diplomatic corps of the Entente Powers, including Wm. G. Sharp, the American-Ambassador to France, and Marshals Foch, Joffre and Petain and Field-Marshal L'ig and General Pershing, a reception of the most distinguished character as having the sanction of official Alsace.

Strasbourg had profited from its first fortnight of release from German hands, and had put on a dress that was French for the occasion. The old Kaiserplatz had become the Place de la Liberte, and shop signs bearing German names everywhere had been erased, wiped out or covered to conceal German connections.

President Poincare arrived early this morning and was heartily welcomed by the populace, the keys of the city being turned over to him. The President assured the people that the custody of the keys would never be relinquished.

From the steps of the City Hall the President delivered a speech, in which he said the desire of Alsace to be returned to the bosom of the mother country had been attained, and that henceforth the country would be French.

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—The following casualties have been announced:

Infantry. III—Pte. H. B. Armstrong, Armstrong, B. C. Prisoner of war—Pte. W. R. Colegrave, Arrow Lake, B. C. Engineers.

Prisoner of war repatriated—Pte. F. F. Erns, Vancouver. Artillery.

Wounded—Gnr. S. H. Tetler, New Westminster. Railway Troops.

Prisoner of war repatriated—Pte. W. H. Courtenay, Burnaby, B. C. Mounted Rifles.

Killed—Trooper A. E. Sincyr, U. S. A.; Trooper G. A. Nicholls, Bridgetown Barbadoes, B. W. I.

Prisoners released—Trooper G. Standing, Ottawa, Ont.; Trooper P. E. Saunders, England; Trooper H. A. W. Boxley, England; Trooper H. J. Satchell, England; Sergt. C. H. M. Evans, England; Trooper G. Brown, England; Corp. N. L. Wheeler, Toronto, Ont.; Trooper A. Smith, Mountain, Ont.; Trooper G. H. Wallace, Toronto, Ont.; Trooper H. Springett, England; Lance-Sergt. R. N. Mitchell, Toronto, Ont.; Trooper G. T. Forbes, Cobalt, Ont.; Trooper R. Mullinder, Paris, Ont.; Trooper H. Devins, Dundas, Ont.; Trooper W. R. Downing, England; Trooper T. Gill, England; Trooper L. Johnston, Parrt Harbor, Ont.; Pte. E. McKay Henderson, Scotland; Pte. W. Heron, Scotland; Corp. C. Hockley, Toronto, Ont.; Sergt. J. F. Hastings, Toronto, Ont.; Trooper G. Jennings, Toronto, Ont.; Trooper A. G. Grieco, Scotland; Trooper C. Oxford, Peterborough, Ont.; Sergt. G. J. A. Penton, Toronto, Ont.; Trooper A. Pyper, Toronto, Ont.; Trooper C. Porter, U. S. A.; Trooper G. McKie, Queensborough, Ont.

Machine Gun Company. Died of wounds—Pte. A. F. Gilbert, Caledon, Ont.

Wounded—Acting-Corp. R. H. O'Brien, Dunnville, Ont.; Pte. F. C. Brown, U. S. A.

Cyclist Battalion. Died—Pte. W. Douglas, East Kildonan P. O., Man. Wounded—Pte. G. F. Slyford, London, Ont.

Forestry Corps. Died—Pte. J. Wood, England; Pte. J. A. Cosgrove, Allumet Isl., Que.

Railway Troops. Died—Pte. J. E. Matier, Kingston, Ont. Wounded—Pte. T. Higgins, U. S. A. Prisoner released—Pte. L. Wood, Salsprings, N. S.; Pte. A. H. Stewart, Carleton Place, Ont.

Medical Services. Died—Pte. H. Clifford, St. James, Man.; Pte. R. H. James, L'Assomption, Que.; Pte. D. Donovan, England.

BRITISH ARE AIDING MESOPOTAMIA GREATLY

London, Dec. 10.—In a dispatch describing the transformation effected by the British at Basra, Kut-el-Amara, Bagdad and Mosul by the construction of wharves, the introduction of sanitation, tramways and telephone systems and above all, by a just administration, the representative of the British press with the forces in Mesopotamia says: "Prosperity abounds, and the people are settling down to a life of security and peace, but they are anxious regarding the future of the Iraq states. Arab opinion is all in favor of British help. Most of the intelligent Arabs recognize the necessity of having a British adviser to assist them in the administration of the country, particularly with regard to foreign relations, while, in view of the many semi-civilized, turbulent and well-armed tribes, the British view is considered essential to the maintenance of order."

KEYS OF METZ

Metz, Dec. 9.—Via London, Dec. 10.—During the ceremony in the City Hall here on Sunday in connection with the official entry of President Poincare into Metz, Premier Clemenceau handed to the Mayor of Metz the keys of the city, which the Germans failed to get when they captured Metz in 1870. The keys had been preserved by a descendant of General F. A. Lapasset, one of the defenders of Metz.

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Drawers to match, in knee or ankle length; open and closed styles.

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Zenith Combinations, "Blue Label," at, per suit, **\$2.75**

In these styles: High neck, long sleeves, ankle length; low neck, short sleeves, ankle length; low neck, elbow sleeves, knee length; low neck, short sleeves, knee length. O.S. sizes at **\$3.25**

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A Mother's Sympathy

If there is ever a time when a girl needs the sympathy of a loving mother it is when her nerves give out, for there is no condition under which one feels so utterly helpless and discouraged. Nervous diseases are too often misunderstood. Even the family doctor's knowledge of diseases of the nerves is limited, and he sometimes makes the mistake of joining with those who are deceived into believing that the patient only "thinks she is ill," is only "putting it on." And so it happens that patients suffering from neurasthenia and nervous prostration are often greatly wronged and even cruelly treated. The mental tortures of nervous sufferers are often so indescribable that no physical pain can be compared to them. The patient may look perfectly well or she may be mentally ill and gloomy. One day she may feel better and begin to be encouraged, only to be more discouraged than ever on the day following. If in addition to the disheartening nature of her ailment she finds her friends and relatives out of sympathy with her you can scarcely wonder at the development of a chronic state of gloom and despondency. But whether the cause of such a condition is from overwork, worry, mental anxiety or nervous shock, restorative

treatment must take the form of nourishment for the starved and depleted nerve cells. While there is not the hopelessness in such cases that there is when paralysis sets in, the building up process must necessarily be slow at first, and the patient needs all the sympathy and encouragement that she can get. There is no question that the regular use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food will restore the run-down nervous system, but the treatment must be persisted in if the best results are to be obtained. The use of the nerve food will stimulate the appetite and improve digestion. It is important that the food should be the most wholesome and most nourishing in order that an abundance of rich, red blood may be formed. The patient should get into the sunshine and out into the fresh air, if possible. Her associates should be cheerful and pleasant. Keep out the pessimists and gloom dispensers. While the building-up process resulting from the use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food may seem slow at first, it is most highly satisfactory, because the benefits obtained are lasting. You can feel that each dose is at least doing some good, and that you are on the road to recovery. Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, 50 cents a box, 6 for \$2.75, all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Ltd., Toronto. On every box of the genuine you will find the portrait and signature of A. W. Chase, M.D., the famous Receipt Book author.

U. S. MINE-LAYERS TO RETURN HOME

London, Dec. 10.—Nine United States mine-layers, which planted fifty per cent of the North Sea mine-field, will leave Portland on December 15 with the expectation of arriving in the United States on December 23. They include four vessels formerly of the Morgan Line and two of the Old Dominion Line. The flagship of the mine-layers is the San Francisco. It is expected that all the vessels will be refitted as soon as possible to be used in taking troops home. The repair ship Black Hawk has left Inverness.

REV. DR. CHOWN WILL TRAVEL TO EUROPE

Toronto, Dec. 10.—Rev. Dr. Chown, General Superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada, will leave Toronto on Thursday next for overseas to assist the soldiers who are probationers for the ministry of the Methodist Church to relate themselves to their work on this side of the water. There are about 350 probationers overseas. It is expected that Dr. Chown will be overseas for about two months, and during that time Rev. Dr. R. M. Burns will act in Dr. Chown's place.

FATALITY IN VANCOUVER

Vancouver, Dec. 10.—Struck by a motor car driven by W. C. Macbeth, of 1648 Woodland Drive, Willie Biggs, aged seven, was almost instantly killed near the corner of Seymour and Smyth Streets, last evening. This is the fifth motor fatality so far this month in this city. Macbeth was taken to police headquarters directly after the accident, being held for investigation, but after the reports of detectives had been turned in he was released.

FOCH TO THIS CONTINENT

New York, Dec. 10.—That Marshal Foch may visit the United States when his duties permit was indicated by a cablegram received here yesterday by Mayor Hylan from the Marshal in response to a recent message in which the Mayor invited him to visit New York and offered him "the freedom of the city."

FRENCH REPUBLIC LOAN MEANS MUCH TO THIS PROVINCE

Money Subscribed Would Be Spent Here—and Much More

BANKERS WILL FURNISH PARTICULARS OF PLAN

A. O. P. Francis, French Consul at Victoria, has been making every effort to secure a success for the Loan of Liberation which is at present being floated for France throughout Canada. Unfortunately the necessary literature was received too late to launch a really systematic campaign in Victoria. R. F. Taylor, Vancouver Island Chairman of the Canadian Victory Loan, expressed himself as being only too willing to undertake the flotation of the French Loan, but time did not permit of getting the machinery into motion, and even yet there is a shortage of billposters and advertising matter for propaganda if undertaken. Mr. Francis has wired to Montreal headquarters suggesting that the time for subscribing the loan might be extended for two weeks, in order to permit of securing subscriptions here. As a final resort he may wire suggesting that before the loan subscription period closes, the Bankers' Association of Montreal should be urged to underwrite a large block of subscriptions, which could be taken up here later. This, some of the local bankers consider might easily be done. Yields Good Interest. The French loan has many advantages, says Consul Francis, who points out that it yields practically 4 1/2 per cent to the investor, and will prove a

much more valuable proposition as time goes on. The French Minister of Finance in the Chamber of Deputies stated recently that the 1917 four per cent loan had already risen three points. Consequently, argues Consul Francis, "what will the present loan do in peace times and starting as it does on the basis of 6 1/2 per cent?" Notification has been received from France to the effect that money will be furnished out of the Treasury of France for disbursement in Canada through the Consul-General. Large orders for almost every line of industry will be forthcoming, which appeal more directly to British Columbia than almost anywhere else, such as the output of the mines and the lumber mills. If British Columbia is to enjoy a fair share of patronage in this respect it would seem only proper that she should demonstrate a friendly interest in the present French loan, thinks Consul Francis. Every cent that is raised in any particular part of the world will be spent where it is subscribed with more added to it, and as Consul Francis has a very warm spot in his heart for British Columbia he is extremely anxious that this province should subscribe largely and receive the benefit of the money spent here. Particulars of the loan will be furnished on application to any of the banks in the city.

Christmas Holidays

Dispense with the usual drudgery of preparing that Christmas dinner. Entertain by spending the festive occasion at Brentwood this year; it will become a habit thereafter. A delightful time is assured private parties. Christmas tree and games for the children in the afternoon. For particulars apply to Manager, Special Children's Tea. Table d'Hote Dinner, 6.30 to 8.00 p.m., \$1.50 per cover. Dancing 8.30 p.m. till midnight. Parties desiring to return by auto-bus make arrangements by phoning Manager, Reating, 211.

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HELP FOR RUSSIA.

What about Russia? Certain elements of pronounced Socialistic tendencies claim she is "all right," that she needs no help from the rest of the world and that if the Bolsheviks are given time they will put the country on its feet. Some of them insist that the Allied Governments have no "accurate information" of what is going on there, that Stockholm, Copenhagen and the capitals of other neighboring countries know nothing about it, and that therefore they are justified in believing that Russia is getting along quite satisfactorily.

As a matter of fact the world knows pretty well what is going on in Russia. It knows that the Bolshevik leaders after authorizing the election of a Constituent Assembly dissolved that body in its first sitting at the point of the bayonet because the Russian people elected a large anti-Bolshevik majority. It knows that numerous localities at once declared their independence and asked the Allies to aid them in setting up an orderly administration, and that thereupon the Bolsheviks sent troops against them.

The world knows, too, the Bolsheviks entered into a treaty with Berlin to crush the nationalist aspirations of the Poles and drove the Ukraine into a German-made dictatorship. It knows further that Ulanoff, Bronstein and their confederates drove Finland into the arms of Germany, and everybody, of course, recalls the famous proclamation issued by those two men—who were neither workmen nor soldiers in any sense—announcing "mass terror" against all who expressed opinions antagonistic to them.

Lenine, Trotzky, Jacob Peters, who signs death warrants "sometimes by mistake," according to his own statements in the Soviet press, and Bill Shatoff, a well-known New York anarchist, make no pretence of setting up a democratic Government. They hate democracy more than the Romanoffs hated it and say so. Their objective is proletarian dictatorship by force, and the "Red Terror" is their means to that end. Their own organs declare that no such thing as representative Government ever will be tolerated.

Their violence, of course, begets counter-violence and so the bloody chain goes on. The great mass of the Russian people, suffering from famine and pestilence, is helpless. It is estimated that during the coming winter 30,000,000 in northern Russia west of the Urals will starve to death unless help comes to them from somewhere. That help can come only from the outside, and only through the establishment of communication with the threatened localities. That is why the Allies have sent an expeditionary force to Vladivostok. They must maintain control of the trans-Siberian railroad along its whole length from the Pacific to the Urals and protect it against the Bolsheviks, who in that part of what was once the Russian Empire exist largely of German and Austrian war prisoners and are led by Teutonic officers.

Russia needs help and it is the duty of the Allies to see that she receives it, no matter what obstacles the men, some of them outsiders, who foisted their leadership upon the country by the bayonet and have maintained it by massacre, put in their path. She played a big part in the war against the Central Empires before Berlin presented her with Ulanoff and facilitated his propaganda. She suffered more casualties than any two of her Allies, and even more than Germany. If those who declare that she should be left alone were to spend a few months in northern Russia the telegraph and cables would be burning with messages from them containing advice of an altogether different kind.

AERIAL MAIL SERVICE.

What is to become of our aviators after peace has been declared? A large number of them, enthralled by the fascination and excitement of aerial navigation, will not want to come back to earth, but none of the belligerents will be able to maintain more than a small proportion of them in military aviation service.

The aviator, however, need not worry, like Othello, over the loss of his occupation, for, as a matter of fact, his day is just beginning. For some time the various Governments have been preparing energetically to turn their aerial organizations from the purposes of war to the pursuits of peace. Uncle Sam is diverting his 31,000 machines to the Aerial Mail Service of the United States Post Office Department and all of the big cities of the republic are to be linked up by aerial mail.

Great Britain, The Montreal Herald points out, is taking the lead in adapting air machines to ordinary freight and passenger traffic. Writing in The Empire Review, Mr. Handley Page says that a regular service can be maintained and operated at a profit on freight charges corresponding to about three cents per pound per 100 miles for goods, and about six cents per mile for passengers. The machines to do this work, he states, already exist in the long-distance night bombers used during the war by the Independent Air Force. They are capable of travelling in all weathers at a medium speed of about eighty miles an hour.

A fascinating picture of the development of aerial travel is given by Mr. Page. "These service machines," he says, "will, with some necessary internal rearrangements, make useful commercial vehicles for the conveyance of goods and passengers, the latter travelling, six or seven together, in a roomy, totally enclosed cabin. Such machines will be able to distribute the world's mails in hours

where it now takes days. They will travel from country to country and continent to continent, seeking their objectives in direct lines, ignoring the enfeebled barriers of hills and water, eliminating distances, and bringing to our shores the very outposts of our Empire. In machines of this size no part of the Old World is inaccessible, and before long the anticipated conquest of the Atlantic will bring the territories of the American within their reach. Trade will be facilitated and accelerated. Journeys to Africa, the East, and Australia, which are now a matter for long consideration, will be undertaken by the busy man and performed at the expense of a day's time. Principal and agent will meet where they now correspond, and augmented knowledge of market requirements will result in the production of goods more readily acceptable. Planters will bring or place their samples in London and Liverpool within two or three days of plucking in India, and manufacturers will be able to grant the short time necessary to inspect their raw materials at the source."

What is Canada going to do in this line? She will have a considerable army of expert aviators on her hands many of whom would be more than pleased to be associated with a Canadian Aerial Mail Service.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

According to a dispatch from Ottawa yesterday the representatives of the Dominions have been attending the meetings of the War Cabinet in London "which is instructing the British delegates to the Peace Conference." Representatives of the Dominions also will be in Paris "as separate entities" at the time of the Conference when questions in which the Dominions are concerned will be to the fore.

All this means that the Dominion representatives will not be delegates to the Peace Conference and it is doubtful if any one of them will attend even as a British delegate. This is neither unusual nor unjust. No other situation is possible, for, officially, for the purposes of international negotiations of such a character the Dominion Governments do not exist. The British Government is the only body in the British confederacy constitutionally capable of participating at the Conference.

The Dominions cannot enter into treaties except through the British Government, and if they approach foreign Government officially on any subject it must be either through British ambassadors at the foreign capitals or through the foreign ambassadors in London. There are no ambassadors at the Dominion capitals.

The British Government, of course, can choose a peace delegate from any part of the Empire, but he would attend as a purely British delegate. That, however, would be a difficult matter and would have to be determined by the Dominion representatives agreeing among themselves as to the person to be appointed. This may be done, but it is very much open to doubt.

Mr. Hughes of Australia is not likely to agree to Sir Robert Borden being appointed unless he also is chosen, and it must be confessed that Australia's claims for such representation would be very strong, not only because of the nature of her war effort but because of the fact that she is deeply interested in territorial questions while Canada is not. Of course, the British Government could not appoint all the Dominion representatives as purely British delegates, because each power is limited to a certain number of delegates.

But if the Dominions cannot be represented directly at the Peace Conference their interests are not likely to suffer. Indeed, judging by one or two of the overseas Ministers now in London we are not sure that some Dominion interests at any rate would not be better promoted by the British delegation without them.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

In the final analysis all human progress resolves itself into a matter of mental training, and the chief obstacle in the road, therefore, is ignorance. Curiously enough, the advantages offered by the public library as an agency for surmounting that obstacle are only partially appreciated at best and in some places which call themselves progressive and enlightened they are not appreciated at all. There is, in many quarters, the complacent idea that after the state has placed a reasonably good school system within the reach of its youth it has done all it should be expected to do to promote the spread of knowledge. What it actually has done is merely to show its young how to acquire knowledge and to apply it more or less usefully, and if its demonstration has been effective the chief impression the young people will carry away will be how little they know and how much they have to learn. The public library is a most important means of extending this process of instruction and mental training. It is a university which can conveniently and cheaply be made accessible to all, and if it were possible to enumerate the graduates of this institution who have profoundly influenced the character and progress of civilization the list would be of surprising length. Fortunately the country where Government and public adequately realize the advantages offered by the public library as an instrument of human development and progress.

According to Washington Irving, when the sturdy Dutch pioneers were crossing the Atlantic for the New World every night before retiring they turned their ship about so they would know where they were when they arose in the morning. That procedure was unnecessary for the Canora, for both ends are exactly alike. No doubt that had something to do with the collision which occurred in the St. Lawrence when the ferry steamer made her first start for the open sea. The master of the other vessel probably did not know whether she was going or coming.

THE MOST OVERWORKED PHRASE.

(The London Chronicle.) At a London club of writing men—chiefly from Fleet Street—there was an informal debate recently as to which is the most over-worked phrase of the war. Thirteen members took part in the argument, and on the question being put to a vote, it was found that twelve were of opinion that without doubt the most over-worked phrase was: "When the history of this war comes to be written,

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LETTERS

OAK BAY HIGH SCHOOL BY-LAW.

To the Editor.—On page 9 of last night's Times there appeared a short paragraph entitled "Oak Bay Parents," in which Oak Bay electors were asked to vote against the by-law for the purchase of a High School site on Cranmore Road. In order that the mistake may not be made that this advice was that of The Times, I would point out that the paragraph in question was a paid advertisement, and was marked with a small star to indicate its character. The reason advanced was that the site was not central. On account of the irregular shape of the municipality it has no exact centre, but to prove my statement (which has appeared in both papers) that the site is central I ask that the map be looked at. It will then be seen that the site is about as central as is reasonably possible—it is a little nearer to Shoal Bay than to the northern boundary. OAK BAY BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES. H. F. HEWETT, Secretary.

THANKS FOR AID.

To the Editor.—The General Officer Commanding has directed me to request that you will be good enough, through the medium of your paper, to express his appreciation of the services rendered by the citizens of Victoria during the recent epidemic of influenza, and if at all possible I would be thankful if you could insert the following expression of their efforts: "Major-General R. G. Leckie, G. O. C., M. D. No. 11, wishes to express his thanks and very warm appreciation to the officers and members of the Red Cross, the Imperial Red Cross, the Imperial Red Cross, and all other societies and individuals for the hospital comforts and various special articles supplied by them to the patients in the Military Hospitals in this district during the recent influenza epidemic. These comforts, etc., have been very much appreciated by the patients themselves, and the prompt and timely supply not only benefited the patients greatly to the comfort of the patients, but also relieved the officers in charge of a great deal of detail work, allowing them to give their entire time to combating the disease and to the rendering of a great factor in helping to make that fight a successful one." M. V. McGUIRE, Major, General Staff Officer, Military District No. 11. Victoria, B. C., Dec. 10, 1918.

PREMIER HAS COPY OF HOUSING ORDER

(Continued from page 1.) policy by making loans to them so that they might be placed in funds for the purpose. Vitally important. The Order-in-Council emphasizes the national importance of the matter, agreeing that it touches vitally the health, morals and general well-being of the entire community and its relation to the welfare of returned soldiers and their families. Intertwined with this opinion is the fact that the carrying out of such a policy on a substantial scale by Provincial Governments would afford considerable employment during the period of reconstruction and readjustment of industry following the war. Upon these general conclusions the Minister makes his recommendations under the War Measures Act. General Plan. It is provided that the aggregate amount to be loaned to all provinces shall not exceed \$25,000,000, and that the amount of the loan to any one province shall not exceed the proportion of the principal sum which the population of the said province bears to the total population of Canada. The period of the loan is set for twenty years with the privilege to all provinces liquidating the liability at any time in the interim. Interest, as above stated, is set at five per cent, payable half yearly. The Minister of Finance may accept bonds, debentures, or such other form of security, as he may approve evidencing the indebtedness of any Provincial Government for loans from the war appropriation fund may and may not be used as a general scheme of housing shall have been agreed upon between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Province applying for a loan. Outstanding Question. As far as British Columbia is concerned and any proposal the Government of the Province for the formation of a plan to house returned soldiers and their dependents in British Columbia. Mr. Oliver has maintained all along from the Conference onwards—that the care of the returned soldiers, particularly this question, should be a national charge. So far Sir Thomas

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has failed to give a direct answer to the Premier's direct question, as indicated in Monday's telegrams.

TOWNS ALONG RHINE IN HANDS OF ALLIED TROOPS OF OCCUPATION

(Continued from page 1.) their soldiers have been beaten in the field, and that in the day of trial, the whole system in which they put their trust has been shattered. Nothing else in the terms dictated to them, not even the ignominious surrender of their fleet, could have taught that lesson so effectually to the German mind, and particularly to the Prussian mind. A Great Event. The Daily Mail says: "The occupation of the Rhine province of Prussia is an epoch-making event and the march into Cologne is the consequence of two great manifestations of British power. The first was the blockade of Germany by the British navy; the second was the series of terrific attacks which the British armies carried out with unwavering success from August 8, 1918, until they drove in the enemy front at the beginning of November, immediately before the armistice. On the eve of the German collapse our losses approached 150,000 men a month, and this figure was the measure of our efforts."

The morning Post says: "The incident could be better calculated to bring home a military defeat to the German mind than the occupation of territory along the Rhine. A few months ago no German would regard it as possible." Attitude of Germans. "With the French Army of Occupation, Kaiserlautern, Germany, Dec. 7.—(Delayed.)—(Associated Press)—As General Mangin's troops penetrate farther into German territory the resignation of the population to foreign occupation becomes more apparent. Inhabitants from whom it has been possible to get an expression of opinion not only submit with docility to the presence of the French troops, but invite them to make their stay permanent. The weakening in the patriotic spirit of the people, due to the political upheaval in the empire, is shown in the general attitude of the inhabitants of towns through which the troops pass. As one French regiment of a colonial army marched through this old town to-day there were few drawn blinds to be seen. The streets were lined with people, among them German officers and soldiers in uniform. A great many of them were unarmed. Here and there were many faces which plainly showed hate, but the mass of the people watched the procession indifferently. Some of the people, however, signified the invaders with evident interest, and on rare occasions with manifest sympathy."

Wrong German Statement. London, Dec. 10.—American forces entered Mayen, near Coblenz, on Friday. This was reported by the Wolff Bureau, of Berlin, as an entry into Mayen (Mains). Meetings in Berlin. Copenhagen, Dec. 10.—The German majority Socialists held thirteen meetings in Berlin on Sunday. They were addressed by the principal leaders. The Independent Socialists held three open air meetings, while Dr. Liebknecht, the radical leader, spoke at a Spartacus meeting of 3,000 people at Treppow Park. There were no disturbances anywhere. The weather was foggy and rainy. Bavaria. Munich, Dec. 9.—Via London, Dec. 10.—In a statement to-day Premier Eisner called on the people of Bavaria to maintain strict order. He said that the disturbances through which Bavaria occurred Friday cannot be tolerated and that the troops assigned to preserve order have been instructed to use their weapons ruthlessly if necessary. The Premier added that he was con-

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TWENTY-FOUR-INCH GUNS POSSIBLE, SAYS AN AMERICAN GENERAL

Washington, Dec. 10.—Ordnance development during the war has brought cannon-makers to the point where the twenty-four-inch rifle is easily practicable, Major-General F. W. Coe, chief of the coast artillery, said to-day in his annual report. The nominal range of a gun of this size would be forty miles, the report says, but "longer ranges for special types are possible if desired." The limit has not yet been approached in the size of tractor-drawn artillery, declares General Coe, intimating that a successor to the German "Big Bertha" is to be expected. "In the case of our harbor defences," the report declares, "the existing armament lacks in power when judged by the latest standards. In order to provide for the unshattered movements of our fleets in leaving important harbors it will undoubtedly be necessary in many cases to supplement the existing armament with the highest power largest calibre guns, placed as far to the front as possible."

UNITED FARMERS OF ONTARIO PROVINCE GROW IN STRENGTH

Toronto, Dec. 10.—Ten thousand new members have joined the United Farmers of Ontario since the big deputation went to Ottawa last spring over the complaint in the province. Morrison, secretary-treasurer of the United Farmers, said to-day. "In the Province of Ontario we have 616 United Farmers' Clubs with a total membership of 25,000," added Mr. Morrison. "We are not forming a political party; we are forming a bundle of political principles," was Mr. Morrison's reply to a question as to the farmers forming a party. "We probably shall have candidates in all the constituencies where we have a good fighting chance, but we have not the organization yet to contest all the rural constituencies. We feel it would be better for the present simply to place candidates in the constituencies where we have a good chance of victory."

AMERICAN PRISONERS LEAVE GERMAN CAMPS

Berlin, Dec. 9.—Via London, Dec. 10.—(Associated Press).—Twenty-six hundred American prisoners of war interned at Camp Rastatt left there yesterday and to-day for Switzerland. Two hundred other Americans who have been scattered in various camps in Germany are leaving by way of Holland and Denmark. It is expected that the last of the Americans will be out of German camps by the middle of this week.

MAY BE A STRIKE.

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—Unless the Government takes immediate action to force the J. R. Booth Company to submit its dispute with its employees to arbitration, an effort will be made to call a general strike of all the allied trades in Ottawa and Hull before the end of the week.

CHILD WAS KILLED.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 10.—A tragic shooting occurred in the home of W. J. Thomson near Denbigh. A six-year-old son of Thomson's moved a chair to the wall and took down a small calibre rifle. The rifle went off and the bullet killed his thirteen-year-old sister, who was standing with her back to the boy.

EX-DANISH MINISTER DEAD.

Copenhagen, Dec. 10.—John H. von Hegemann Lindencrone, former Danish Minister to France and Germany, is dead.

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Special Christmas Offer in Lace Curtains at 98c a Pair

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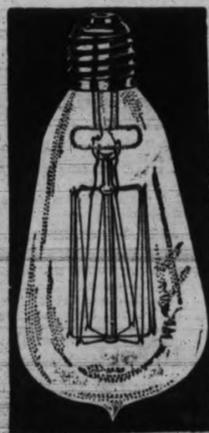
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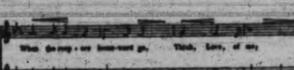
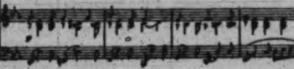
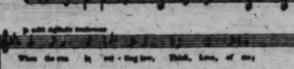
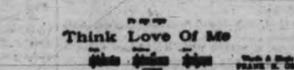
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A BEDTIME STORY

Uncle Wiggily and the Shelf
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(By Howard R. Garis.)

"There it goes again!" cried Nurse Jane. "The muskrat lady housekeeper, as she hurried around in the kitchen of the hollow stump bungalow one morning. 'There it goes again!'"

"What is it?" asked Uncle Wiggily. "Longears, the bunny rabbit gentleman. 'What is it that goes?' Is it the clock?"

"No! Of course not!" exclaimed Nurse Jane. "That always goes, except when you forget to wind it!"

"Do you mean there goes the old Pipsisewah, after the souse on some one's ears?" went on the bunny.

"No," spoke Nurse Jane. "I mean I dropped the dishpan again. It won't stay on the wall when I hang it up. It's always falling off. I wish I had a shelf in the kitchen where I could set the dishpan. Then it wouldn't fall!"

"So you want a shelf put up in the kitchen, do you?" asked Uncle Wiggily, casual like, as he began taking off his coat and rolling up his sleeves.

"Yes," answered Nurse Jane, "but you can't get out after a carpenter to put up a shelf that way. It's cold, and you'll get the enzoitic. You'd better put your long fur coat on, instead of taking your short coat off; if you're going for the carpenter to have him put me up a shelf."

"I'm going to put that shelf up myself," said Uncle Wiggily. "I guess I can do it as well as any carpenter. Besides, Mr. Flat-tail, the beaver gentleman, who does most of the carpenter work around here, is so busy we can't get him for a week. I'll put the shelf up for you myself."

"Do you know how?" asked Nurse Jane.

"I think so," answered the rabbit gentleman. "All I have to do is to get a flat board, and fasten it to the wall. Then you can set your dishpan on it, or you can get up on it and sit there yourself, if a dog should come in and bark at you, or a big wild-cat size at you."

"Ho!" snorted Nurse Jane. "I'm not afraid of dogs or cats. Besides, if I were, I wouldn't sit up on a shelf. I'd like to see myself on a shelf!"

"So would I!" chuckled Uncle Wiggily. "Anyhow, I'll make the shelf, and you can set the dishpan on it."

So he got his hammer and nails, and saw—for he often used to do odd bits of work around the bungalow—and then the bunny gentleman looked around for a board for the shelf.

He couldn't seem to find what he wanted, so he thought he would have to go out in the woods and gnaw a board from a tree, when he saw Johnnie Bushytail, the squirrel boy, scurrying along on his way to school.

"Hi, Johnnie!" called Uncle Wiggily. "Have you time, with your sharp teeth, that can gnaw through hard nuts, to have you time to gnaw out for me a piece of board that I can use to make a shelf in the kitchen for Nurse Jane?"

"Indeed I have, Uncle Wiggily," answered Johnnie.

So he put his books down on a pile of leaves, and soon, with his sharp teeth, he had gnawed out a nice, smooth board for Uncle Wiggily. Then Johnnie hurried to the hollow stump school, to recite his lessons to the lady mouse.

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IN WOMAN'S DOMAIN

Social Personal

Mrs. George Hatt, of this city, has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Frank C. Sewell, at Kitsilano, Vancouver.

Mrs. D. M. Doherty, of Vancouver, spent the past week in the city as the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. W. J. Bowser.

Miss Davies, of the High School staff, left on this afternoon's boat for Vancouver, where she will visit friends until the re-opening of the schools.

Mrs. Kenworthy, the late President of the Victoria Women's Liberal Association, came over from Vancouver this morning for a brief visit. She reports that the voyage was a very trying one owing to the gale.

Instead of holding their "soldiers' Christmas cheer shower" at the home of Mrs. W. A. Gallier as previously announced, the Women's Canadian Club has decided to hold it at the Central Building, 614 Viceroy Street, on Tuesday and Wednesday.

In order to raise funds for the benefit of the French war orphans, the local branch of the French Red Cross has arranged to hold a sale of work in a store on Fort Street, kindly loaned for the occasion by the British American Trust Company. The sale will be held on December 21, and a specialty will be made of dainty gifts suitable for Christmas. Donations of articles suitable for the bazaar will be received with gratitude by Mrs. F. C. Holden, President of the local branch. The "bal costume," which was postponed owing to the epidemic will, by kind permission of Lady Barnard, be held at Government House shortly after the New Year.

An invitation to attend the Military Headquarters' Club ball at the Empress Hotel on Friday evening has been extended to the officers at Camp Lewis and at Vancouver, and it is anticipated that a large number will come over from the Mainland for the event. The members of the club have been busy perfecting their arrangements for the affair, and already this their first big social venture, bears the hallmarks of success. Tickets are being readily and may be obtained at Fletcher Bros' Music Store, the Hamsterley Farm Store, Spencer's Drug Department and W. H. Wilkerson's. The band of H. M. S. Lancaster will, by kind permission of the ship's officers, furnish the programme of music.

The bazaar to be held by the members of the West Saanich Women's Institute at West Road Hall on Saturday next, promises to be a great success. Among the many attractive booths will be those for the sale of plain and fancy articles suitable for Christmas gifts; a home products booth, which in conjunction with a cafeteria will provide good fare of all kinds; a rummage-booth; a candy stall at which will be offered for sale dainty boxes and baskets filled with home-made and soft-time candies, while a "brain tickler" will interest the children. The numerous raffles will include a beautifully decorated Christmas cake. The event is to culminate in an informal dance in the evening. A generous share of the proceeds will be devoted to Red Cross work.

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A lesser victim of the sport of kings And rape of empires; suffering much I drew From out the fray—my love of warlike things Was fled, my trust was shattered, and then you came, a vision pure and my pain. To look upon you was to know wide faith again.

The evil sights I saw had taken root, Retreating ulcerous sores, and dire distraught; I knew that having eaten of the fruit Put forth, the core betrayed a bitter rot; Putrid, poisoning all who come in touch. For who guards fire and is not burned by such?

Ladies, to you who soothed the sufferer's pain, Who smoothed his pillow with your tender hand, The mangled victims of a madman's brain Give fervent thanks; a Forever you will stand Within their hearts, embodied, 'mid war's red curse A ray of light, God's noblest work—a nurse.

J. L. VALLIE,
Invalided Soldiers' Commission, St. Joseph's.

The man's shirt was far from spotless, and his waistcoat and coat were covered with grime and grease; but a large bunch of flowers was placed on the lapel of his coat.

"What do you think of this?" he said in a casual acquaintance, pointing to the bouquet. "Where do you think I got it?"

"Don't know," admitted the other. "Perhaps it grew there." Adelaide (Australia) Chronicle.

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RECEIVED MANY GIFTS ON JUBILEE OCCASION

Golden Wedding Celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund W. Andrews Yesterday

Yesterday afternoon and evening at the home of their daughter, Mrs. W. Russell, 75 Moss Street, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund W. Andrews received congratulations from hosts of their friends on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of their married life. The house was beautifully decorated with flowers, palms and potted plants, the color scheme of gold and white predominating. The guests were received by Mrs. Russell. Refreshments were served in the dining room, which reflected the general scheme of decoration. The position of honor on the table was occupied by the provincial wedding cake which was dated 1868-1918. Messdames J. Dinsmore, F. H. Griffith, G. W. Andrews and W. Dinsmore assisted the hostess in serving refreshments.

Presented By Co-Workers.

During the afternoon the Ladies' Committee of the B. C. Protestant Orphanage presented Mrs. Andrews with a handsome gold brooch suitably engraved and accompanied by the following address:

"Dear Mrs. Andrews: Upon the fiftieth anniversary of your wedding we, the members of the committee of the Protestant Orphan's Home, beg to extend their loving congratulations to you. You have been identified for the past sixteen years in this institution's work, and those who have been privileged to work with you gratefully recognize the benefit of your wide experience and the value of your advice, always tempered with the divine spirit of motherhood which you have brought to bear on all child problems facing the committee.

"We take great pleasure to-day in asking your acceptance of this small remembrance from the Ladies' Committee and in wishing you and Mr. Andrews many years of happy prosperity and usefulness with those near and dear to you both."

Received Many Gifts.

The address was read by Mrs. Miller and the presentation of the pin made by Mrs. McTavish.

The ladies of the Mission Circle and Aid Society of the First Baptist Church sent a handsome basket of flowers with accompanying letter of congratulation and good wishes.

The gift of the children of the happy couple took the form of a purse well lined with gold coins.

A large number of flowers and other individual gifts were bestowed by many friends in the city and from outside points.

THE WEATHER

Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 10.—5 a. m.—An ocean storm now centred on the Northern Coast is causing easterly and southerly gales on the Coast, Straits and Sound. Snow has fallen in North B. C. and in parts of the prairie provinces.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.85; temperature, maximum yesterday, 32; minimum, 26; wind, 20 miles E.; rain, .03; weather, cloudy.

Vancouver—Barometer, 29.84; temperature, maximum yesterday, 32; minimum, 26; wind, 20 miles E.; rain, trace; weather, cloudy.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.96; temperature, maximum yesterday, 32; minimum, 22; wind, 22 miles N. E.; rain, .72; weather, raining.

Temperature.

Place	Max.	Min.
Tatsoosh	40	28
Fortland, Ore.	42	28
Seattle	42	28
San Francisco	53	38
Calgary	4	1
Edmonton	10	2
Qu'Appelle	22	12
Winnipeg	12	2

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NEW ARMORY BAZAAR NETS HANDSOME SUM

Women's Auxiliary to 5th Regiment Raised \$1,467; Raffle Winners

As a result of the two-days' bazaar held in the New Armory on December 4 and 5, the treasury of the Women's Auxiliary to the Fifth Regiment, C. G. A., has been enriched by the sum of \$1,467. The Auxiliary have expressed their thanks to the following firms for their generous assistance: Gordons, Ltd.; David Spencer, Ltd.; Goodacre & Sons; Victoria Mattress Co.; Lennox & Gonnason; Barbour & Holcroft; also the many ladies and gentlemen whose hearty co-operation contributed so largely to the success of the event. The results of the drawing for raffles were as follows: Blue handkerchief satchel, Mrs. F. M. Russell, first prize; butterflies, Mrs. Booker; second, Baby Steele; white satin satchel, Miss A. Sowrey; blue satin satchel, Mrs. Oilphant; yellow satchel, violet decoration, D. E. Grey; bag with pink roses, Mrs. J. S. Bowler; cedar chest, Miss Marsden; pink boudoir jacket, Mrs. Mitchell; box of apples, Mrs. Geo. Anderson; pink boudoir cap, Mrs. Pratt; French boudoir cap, Richardson Cox; dolls hat, Mrs. Lewis; blue doll's hat, Mrs. W. H. Langley; pink doll's hat, Mrs. W. H. Langley; "Uncle Wiggily," Elwood Grimm; mauve boudoir jacket, Miss Kinsey; sack of potatoes, Mr. Cloke; China set, Miss Clearihue; cushion, J. J. Dickens; sweater, Silver; half-ton coat, Mrs. Ridgway; Wilson; yellow cushion, Mrs. D. A. Macfarlane; hat, Mrs. Lewis; pink doll, Mrs. Leves; pink doll, Mrs. Leves.

The winners of the above are requested to call for their prizes at the office of the Fifth Regiment in the Armory, Bay Street, on Tuesday afternoon or to-morrow morning.

FORBIDDEN DIET.

"Now, getting down to brass tacks," continued the side-show manager, "why—"

"I haven't," interrupted the Human Ostrich, who had been ill. "The doctor says I mustn't touch solid food for at least a week yet."

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A SOLDIER'S CASE.

To the Editor.—At our last meeting a resolution was passed giving the publication of the enclosed letter. Will you kindly publish it and oblige.

J. BLOOM, Secretary,
Victoria Chapter, No. 1,
Comrades of the Great War.

Armstrong, B. C.
Secretary Comrades of the Great War,
Victoria B. C.

Dear Sir,—As a member of your branch of the Association, I feel it my duty to put my case before you. I went overseas with the 143rd from Victoria, and was transferred to the 47th Battalion in France. I was wounded in action at "Lens" on August 21, 1918, receiving a compound fracture of the skull. When I left England I was classed at about fifty per cent. disability. On my return to Victoria, I was operated on, at St. Joseph's Hospital in March, 1918, by the late Dr. O. M. Jones, who removed part of my ribs onto my head, and I was told to take exceptional care of myself for two years. On June 19, 1918, I received my discharge, and pension of \$12.50, which with wife and children's allowance made a total of \$19.50. This means that I have reduced my previous disability one-half, as I am unable to follow my previous employment of shipping clerk, owing to my unreliable condition. I was re-boarded at Armstrong and Vernon by two civilian doctors and one military doctor. The civilian doctor reports me at sixty per cent. disability for at least two years, and that further treatment is of no avail. Apparently Ottawa was not satisfied with this, and I was requested to report at Vancouver on November 12 to Dr. Manchester Shaghtney Hospital, who says if I am placed at any more disability than the Board placed me at in Victoria, I would have to go for further treatment. This seems inconsistent with common sense and justice, especially when it is of no avail. In the meantime my wife and family have to live on \$19.50 a month with the winter facing us, and no provision, and to make matters worse, my home was burned to the ground, while I was at Resthaven, Sidney, B. C., during the month of May. Since my discharge I have rented a small fruit and poultry ranch, as this is the only life suitable to my condition, but with my miserable pension and unfortunate circumstances, I have a very poor chance of making any headway. If the Government would only give me fair play on my pension, or permit me to buy this place, things would be different, and would be the means of returning one who has done his bit, to some useful sphere of life. For reference to the truth of my statements, I refer you to Dr. Van Kluck, Mayor J. M. Wright, Rev. Wesley Miller, all residents of Armstrong. Trusting you will investigate for me, and see what can be done.

SIDNEY NAYLOR,
Formerly 826124, 143rd Battalion
Pension number 40453, Class 16.

CHURCH UNION.

To the Editor.—A half truth is often a practical error. In the Protestant churches there are some who say: "If we have unity of spirit there is no need for unity of organization." The half truth is the fact that unity of organization must be the outcome of unity of spirit. The practical error lies in the fact that unity of spirit as it grows must clothe itself in some organization or else it will be chilled to death.

The great mission of the Church of Christ is to bind together in brotherly love and mutual service all classes in the community, and ultimately all nations in the world.

Viewed in the light of this mission the denominational churches are weighed in the balance and found wanting. However beneficial in other respects, in one respect at least they are a curse to the community because they cause distinct lines of social cleavage in the community. And so God, through the trend of events, is in some degree at least quietly bringing aside these denominational bodies and using other organizations such as Patriotic Societies, Benefit Lodges, Trade Unions, etc. to cut across these denominational lines of cleavage and break down these unchristian barriers of prejudice. The great war has shown the weakness of sectarianism. The most hopeful sign in the way in which the Spirit of God is working in the separated denominations creating a demand for some form of organic union.

It may be truly said that labor though very diverse it is one in spirit but labor knows well it must have some organic tie if it is to make its influence felt in the community, but the Protestant churches march separately into the great fight with no organic bond.

If the churches occupied different territory, as the nations do, it would be in order to press for a League of Churches to correspond with the League of Nations, but as these churches cover the same ground with more or less competition—a mere League of Churches, though better than no tie whatever, will never prove a final solution of the organic problem. There-

must be one organic body with different members having different functions. Variety there must be, but variety in unity. All the different members acting in co-ordination under one head, in accordance with one plan, and for one purpose.

In a democratic age like this a Representative Church Council may well be the central brain receiving impressions from the Mind of the Spirit so that Christ is still the Head of the Church.

F. H. DU VERNET,
Archbishop of Caledonia,
Prince Rupert, B. C.

OUR SUNSHINE.

Gonzales Heights Observatory,
Victoria, Dec. 9, 1918.

To the Editor.—Respecting the amount of bright sunshine recorded here it is interesting to note that this southern portion of Vancouver Island compares favorably with any part of the British Isles.

In a recent edition of The Guernsey Weekly Press it is stated that Guernsey holds the record amount of sunshine when compared with other places in Great Britain.

The period taken being from December 30, 1917, to August 3, 1918. Among the thirty-two places given Guernsey tops the list with 1,408 hours of sunshine. The Scilly Islands had 1,311; Torquay, 1,288; Ventnor, 1,224; Plymouth, 1,192; Valencia (Ireland), 1,172; Cardiff, 1,148; Llandudno, 1,077; Oxford, 1,026; Liverpool, 1,021; Dublin, 987; Glasgow, 798; while Manchester, the great industrial centre, comes last with 710 hours.

The amount of sunshine for the above period as recorded here was 1,540 hours, which is 132 hours in excess of Guernsey's record.

F. NAPIER, DENISON,
Superintendent in B.C.

RECONSTRUCTION.

To the Editor.—The Second and Fourth Armies are to be the armies of occupation in Germany, I am told. This means, as our boys are in the First Army, that we shall have them on the way home in three months from now.

The time has gone for platitudes and generalities; we must have facts and face them now. In a previous letter I said "Reconstruction, like charity, begins at home," in other words, our problem of reconstruction is right here at our own doors, and every man of us must take the matter up, although reconstruction will have to be Dominion and world-wide in its scope eventually. My opinion is that the best way to start the solution of our particular bit is to rouse civic patriotism. When this is accomplished we shall be able to provide for a population of 100,000. Lack of confidence means lack of enterprise, and lack of that means hard times. Let respected and gifted leaders of the people, in and out of office, tell us what they know and I have no fear of the result.

MUSIC WANTED IN THE HOSPITAL.

To the Editor.—Here is an opportunity for some charity disposed person, or persons, church societies or lodges, to bring cheer to the hearts of a lonely heart and to uplift many a drooping spirit.

I find in my visits to the tubercular wards of the Jubilee Hospital that the patients are without adequate amusement or recreation. If any class of patients require entertainment, it is the "tubercular" patients.

There should be a piano in each of these wards and a first-class Victrola. This is a most deserving cause. Cannot someone kindly disposed "go over the top" in this matter and prove to those sufferers that the heart of humanity is still true? Do it now and you will add to the Christmas cheer of these invalids and also to your own happiness.

CHRISTMAS CHEER.

To the Editor.—Permit me space to make an appeal to the always generous citizens of Victoria in support of the Rotary Christmas Tree Fund which up to date has not met with the support necessary to carry out the programme under consideration.

The committee hope to have sufficient money to give Christmas cheer to every deserving needy case in Victoria, irrespective of who or what they may be, and are working in co-operation with the Friendly Help and Returned Soldiers' organizations.

This is the first peace Christmas in four years, and by the assistance of the public of Victoria it is possible to make it a happy Christmas for all our citizens.

Send your subscription to the Times or Colonist and help to give Christmas cheer to homes where without your support it might not exist.

J. D. CONNELL,
President Victoria Rotary Club,
1117 Government Street, Victoria,
B. C., Dec. 9, 1918.

CHICKEN THIEVES.

Sir,—On reading the news to-day I notice a letter from one who has evidently been doing his bit towards production, and he has very sensibly, for L. too, had five young fowl stolen last Saturday night (November 30), the pick of my pen, and worth to me to-day \$15. It is very hard after having raised them, and then to lose them as they were about to bring in a little towards their feed. The thieves will be thinking of making a return visit and taking the pen in sections. I do not know what police protection Lampton Street area has, but we in this neighborhood have none, and Council should get busy and find employment for some man who has done his bit overseas; by finding employment for him, not only could he police this part of the Gorge Road to protect the taxpayers' property, but he could keep a sharp eye on the motorists that use this road. Unless the Council do this and put a light on the cor-

ner of Depart or Holland Roads, there will be many more serious things to record than the one that happened last Saturday night. The cost would be nil in proportion to the safety it would ensure the public.

MRS. ARTHUR VILLIERS,
2834 Depart Road, Gorge,
December 6, 1918.

EXECUTIVE MEETING WAS FAMILY AFFAIR

Vancouver Liberals Have Good Old Talk Fest With Premier Oliver

For the first time since he became Premier of the Province the Hon. John Oliver was afforded an opportunity on Saturday evening last of conferring with the executive of the Vancouver and District Liberal Association. The gathering was more in the nature of a family affair and it concerned itself for the most part with the internal workings of the organization. During the course of the evening a number of suggestions were placed before the head of the Government and several questions were similarly asked and duly answered by the Premier.

Not Enough Lighthouse.
As an ex-President of the Association, W. C. Brown was in a regretful mood when he said that by reason of the fact that the present Government lacked the command of newspaper space, the people of the Province had not sufficient opportunity to know how the affairs of British Columbia were being conducted. And it was resolved that the executive of the Association be charged with going into the question and to devise means by which a greater measure of publicity could be afforded the Government. However, the Vancouver Liberals were sufficiently satisfied to enable them to pass a hearty vote of confidence in the present administration as headed by Premier Oliver.

Cost of Living.
One of the members present raised the suggestion that the Provincial Government might very well take hold of the fishery question, and in some measure save the industry from exploitation by monopolies and cartels. There seemed also to be a desire on the part of another member of the executive for the Government to take action to arrest the soaring living costs. His plan was the operation of Government farms on a large scale and intertwined therewith control and operation of the fisheries of the Province.

Reduction in the cost of coal to the consumer was a suggestion by implication for the acquisition and operation by the Provincial Government of the British Columbia coal fields. The Premier, it is understood, was not out to make any pronouncement on a policy of general Provincialization.

Mr. Cowper and Mrs. Smith.
The standing of J. S. Cowper, the fifth member for the City of Vancouver, in the Liberal Party, missed one of the executive members present, should be more clearly defined. To the question by inference Mr. Oliver declared that Mr. Cowper was one of the Vancouver City members and as to his position in the ranks of the Liberal party, he said Mr. Cowper's constituents would be the proper court of appeal for the information desired.

And another questioner desired to know whether Mrs. Smith was a supporter of the Government. The Premier said in reply that the Government did not expect to introduce legislation to the Legislature which a sensible lady like Mrs. Smith would not support.

Corporate Interests.
Whether it was desirable to hold a party convention was another alleged poser put to the Premier by another delegate. But the head of the Government declared it to be a matter for the Association to decide for itself, since it had all the machinery necessary therefor. Was the Government under the influence, spell or control of corporate interests constituted another inquiry directed to the Government's head, who said he has yet to discover the corporate interest that could exercise any sort of spell over his public or private words or deeds.

Closed towns, and the bristling difficulties concerning them for which no solution had yet been found, the returned soldier question, Asiatic labor and the semi-monthly pay-day all came up for treatment.

PRAIRIE PEOPLE ARE COMING FOR WINTER

Victoria and Island Development Association Office is Busy

A mother with five children walked into the office of the Victoria and Island Development Association yesterday morning and inquired: "Are you Miss Taylor?" On receiving an answer in the affirmative the lady proceeded with: "Well, I want a house please." The family had just arrived from the prairie and having read the literature distributed by the Victoria and Island Development Association went direct to the association offices on arrival in the city.

The above incident sums up the manner in which the local organization has become familiar to residents

of other portions of Canada, and is applied to for assistance on reaching Victoria.

During the past day or two there have been quite a number of prairie visitors registered with the Association, and yesterday the number of traveling bags at the office was reminiscent of a baggage room in a railway or steamship office.

Under the circumstances, Miss Taylor finds it necessary to enlarge her list of furnished apartments for the accommodation of the visitors, and will be glad to receive details of any two or three room suite that are available for use during the winter months.

A copy of the Grain Growers' Guide just received contains a splendid advertisement of the Victoria and Island Development Association, while on the opposite page an exceedingly attractive appeal is made by the Canadian Pacific Railway for winter residents on the Pacific.

THE WRONG DIRECTION.

A teacher was explaining to her class that if one wished to do anything well one had to begin at the bottom, when a voice from the back interrupted her.

"How about swimming, teacher?"

PROHIBITIONISTS TAKE OFFENSIVE

Will Ask Police Commissioners for Speedy and Definite Action

A large deputation of prohibitionists will wait on the Police Commissioners at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, G. M. Robertson, President of the organization, and all the members of the executive joining forces with many others who have been prominent in prohibition circles for the occasion.

One of the deputation stated to-day that they would wait on the Police Commissioners "for the purpose of drawing their attention to the conditions which prevail in Victoria at the present time as a result of the man-

ner in which the Prohibition Act is not being enforced and for speedy action.

A statement has been drawn up for presentation to the Commissioners, which sets out every phase of the situation as the Prohibitionists see it, and a definite reply will be sought as to what the authorities intend to do about it.

While the contents of the statement will be presented to the commissioners not be given out for publicity until the time of the meeting, it is known that there are a number of matters regarding which a strong complaint will be lodged and a remedy sought without delay.

Colonel (after hearing sergeant's evidence)—"Well, Private Jones, what have you got to say?"

Jones—"Well, sir, the sergeant has got me taped."

Colonel—"Now, Private Jones, I don't want any slang terms here. You understand me?"

Jones—"Yes, sir."

Colonel—"Now, what's your excuse?"

Jones—"Well, sir, the sergeant has me spotted."

Colonel—"Hang it, sergeant, what the devil does this man mean?"

Sergeant—"Well, sir, the man means to say that I have got him waxed."

Collapse of C. O.



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TO-DAY'S AMUSEMENTS

Pantages—Vaudeville. Dominion—Charlie Chaplin in his latest First National Production, "Shoulder Arms" and Constance Talmadge in "Up the Road with Salie."

DOMINION

There was a strong element of surprise in the presentation of "Du Barry" at the Dominion Theatre yesterday, for in spite of all that the public had expected of it, the audience that viewed it were amazed, not only at the gorgeousness of the production but at the brilliant work of Theda Bara in the presentation of this greatest of the William Fox photoplays.

ROYAL VICTORIA TO-DAY

Matinee 2.15 Evening 8.15

Advertisement for D.W. Griffith's 'The Hearts of the World' film, featuring a large image of a woman and text describing the film's historical significance.

Dominion Theatre TO-DAY

Theda Bara in "Du Barry" COMEDY WEEKLY

VARIETY TO-DAY

BILL HART As "RIDDLE GAWNE" War Review Cartoon Comedy

COLUMBIA TO-DAY

Douglas Fairbanks IN "Headin' South" Also 6th Chapter "Vengeance and the Woman."

ROMANO TO-DAY

BESSIE LOVE IN "A Little Sister of Everybody" 1st Chapter, "HANDS UP"

PANTAGES VAUDEVILLE TO-DAY

LEON AND COMPANY "The Wonder Workers"

of the former side are clearly presented, and every phase of it is built up so as to make a most splendid drama. But the personality of Theda Bara as she displays this woman of the most effective court...

ROMANO

In the midst of the war pictures and the problem pictures and the sex pictures and the plot pictures and the spy pictures comes now the sweet and winsome Bessie Love in what they are calling "The happy play," "A Little Sister of Everybody," in which the dainty Pathe star appears at her best.

COLUMBIA

From the sun-baked desert of Arizona to the snow-tipped mountains at Truckee, Cal., is the contrast in the scenery offered by Douglas Fairbanks in his new Arctic picture "Headin' South," a rip-roaring tale of Mexican raiders, which is the attraction at the Columbia again to-day.

WAR'S REALISM IN THE GRIFFITH FILM

"The Hearts of the World" Newest Triumph of the Screen

Average memories usually dwell upon life's happenings possessing the more rosy hue. Even throughout the fateful early months of the war the average Britisher's vision was focussed upon that quality of heroics which characterized the memorable retreat from Mons rather than a contemplation of the horrors through which ravaged Belgium and northern France passed day after day.

When David Wark Griffith tells the English-speaking peoples that he has staged a new production; that it comprises so many thousand feet; that it embraces scenes in more than a quarter of a dozen continents; that it has cost so many hundreds of thousands of dollars to consummate it; that thousands of people were on his payroll during its preparation, the English-speaking peoples just take the word of Mr. Griffith and wait with an impatient patience as possible until an opportunity is presented to see the finished masterpiece.

Miss Heming Announces A PIANO RECITAL

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SCENE IN "HEARTS OF THE WORLD" At Royal Victoria



'Hearts of the World' compels an understanding of real grief.

intertwined with the pictured battles, in which thousands of khaki-clad warriors come to death grips with the ex-Kaiser's field-greys, is the inevitable romance. "An old-fashioned play with a new-fashioned theme" is the author's designation of his work, and he has made the most of it. The spectator is allowed a glimpse of a belle France in the early days of 1914, when her wonderful people had no thought of war.

Peaceful days fit away into memory. One sees the advent of the clouds of war; the orders of mobilization; the resolve of the young Englishman to join the legions of the tri-color; the inevitable parting with his love. Lending a vivid realism to the theme are the scenes in the British House of Commons on the afternoon of August 3, 1914, when Sir Edward Grey makes his statement to the nation; similarly thrilling is the spontaneous outburst in the French Chamber of Deputies when it is known that John Bull had signed his intention to stand true to his pledge.

Then came the scenes which give some idea of the tremendous courage the peasants of France and Flanders displayed in the face of modern warfare as understood by the Prussian bully. The order to evacuate the villages in which the love scene of the plot centres comes as a thunder-bolt to the peasant, to whose mind the idea of a French line wavering strikes unbelievable horror.

A farcical offering entitled "Hunting Liberty" afforded the audience an opportunity for the provoking of hearty laughter from the audience. The theme of a bibulous husband arriving home during his wife's absence only to find that she has unexpectedly returned furnished the main plot around which was woven a network of deception. In response to the inquiry as to how he has occupied his time since his wife went away, the erring spouse hits upon the ingenious idea of a hunting trip.

As the tide of battle turns, the theme automatically points its progress toward the recapture of the village from which the love-plot radiates. British and French, their new armies showing the spirit and determination of the two nations' obsolete equipment replaced by the equal of Krupp's latest product compels the Hun to retreat. And as the advance continues the curtain is drawn from that phase of the ghastly struggle which alone can be understood by the people whose liberation from the heel of the foe was only accomplished during the last six months of the war.

Victorians are to have the opportunity of seeing "The Hearts of the World" twice daily throughout the present week. And if patrons of the Royal Victoria Theatre will be so kind as to attend the production of a Griffiths production, and that its stupendous scenes are laid on the blood-stained terrain of France and Flanders, seating capacity should be taken to the uttermost at every performance. The photography is unparalleled, the acting is Griffiths acting, and the tout ensemble is a Griffiths triumph.

LIBRARIANS HERE IN CONFERENCE ON NEW LIBRARY BILL

Mr. Ridington Outlines Necessity for Increased Aid to Institutions

SPEAKERS INDICATE COMMUNITY'S WANTS

The necessity of an early improvement in the library situation of the Province, particularly in view of the need of education during the great period of reconstruction, was considered from all angles at the annual meeting of the British Columbia Library Association in the Belmont House yesterday afternoon.

The present conditions of book distribution in British Columbia were fully described by various speakers and by Miss Helen Stewart, the president of the Association, who occupied the chair. The legislation and the need of its adoption was described by John Ridington, Librarian of the British Columbia University.

NOVELTY IS KEYNOTE OF PANTAGES BILL

Original and Clever Turns Mark This Week's Local Offering

Novelty has been declared by the ages to be the spice of life. Whatever may be the general view upon this point, no one will deny that it is the presence of so many novel turns which gives the touch of piquancy to the offering at Pantages Theatre this week.

Peaceful days fit away into memory. One sees the advent of the clouds of war; the orders of mobilization; the resolve of the young Englishman to join the legions of the tri-color; the inevitable parting with his love.

Princess Joe Quon Tai made a welcome re-appearance before local audiences and gave a number of pleasing songs. Those who remember themselves "the gloom killers" McShane and Hathaway introduced a dance of original songs into their offering. A phalaric hit presented by this couple was the "Charlie Chaplin Walk," a clever song and skit upon the antics of that universally-known comedian.

In drawing up the legislation proposed to reform present library conditions in British Columbia, which was the only province which did not have satisfactory legislation of a practical working character, Mr. Ridington said the officials had examined minutely into the conditions which prevail. They had found an appalling scarcity of public libraries, there being only five institutions of the kind in the province.

THE BOND

"Can you tell me what Mrs. Crowley and Mr. Geron have in common that should make them so fond of each other?" "Why, sure! She is a grass widow and he has the hay fever."

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change, and to overcome this municipal indifference which had prevented the establishment of many libraries, provided that the cost of maintaining the library character of the municipal Board, should be included in the municipal estimates at the beginning of the year. Again, to make the spread of library work possible, the Act provided that on the request of a reasonable number of citizens in a town the Council would have to submit a by-law for the establishment of a library.

The library, said Mr. Stevenson, affected all ages and civilized peoples. No phase of life was concerned more than the great labor element, whose reform would be safe and whose actions would be guided by the knowledge disseminated by a real and adequate library system.

In considering the relation between the library and labor Mr. Stevenson described in detail the broader features of the labor programme. In the first place, if a permanent peace was to be secured, the surplus revenue which would be available on a great international basis, and one which would obviate conflicting industrial interests.

"Reconstruction," said the speaker, "does not centre about getting jobs for returned soldiers or inventing a scheme for land settlement, or setting up a Land Settlement Board. It is in connection with the broader conditions that the Labor Party has fashioned its programme, a programme which embraces the three great principles of the surplus revenue, the abolition of armaments and conscription."

Again the Labor Party demanded that everyone in the community should secure the requisites of health and life. When this was brought about, said the speaker, the world would look back with horror upon the present condition of labor and wonder how this generation tolerated it.

The employment of everyone was also a plank in the labor programme, as was the democratic control of industry by the workers of the nation. The surplus revenue under the labor plan would be used to better the conditions of society and to investigate art and the sciences.

"The Labor Party," said Mr. Stevenson, "embraces in one organization the common interest of the great mass of people, and it has taken a broad view of the situation the world faces to-day. These contentions and investigations after a better order of things could be supported by the library as by no other institution in the state. This place could be filled neither by the church nor by the university, and nothing in the political world 'come within a million miles of helping the situation.'"

No Censorship. No censor, Mr. Stevenson claimed, should dictate the contents of the libraries which would take part in the great labor movement. The range of the library should be increased and its scope enlarged and to meet the conditions there should be a representative of labor on the library commission to be appointed under the proposed Library Act. The library commission indeed was just as important as the Municipal Council or the School Board.

Education and Library Are One. A very favorable opinion was passed upon the proposed legislation by W. E. Henry, Librarian of the University of Washington. "It is one of the best bills I have ever seen," said Mr. Henry, who went to point out that the library was not a part of an educational programme, but it was educational itself. The school was an institution in which the individual was educated by the advice and counsel of an older person, while the library beginning where the school left off, was one in which the individual educated himself, and one which thus made "democracy safe for the world."

Collect World's Experience. The great purpose of the library, the speaker believed, was to collect the experience of the past and make it available for the present, to concentrate the knowledge gained through centuries of toil into a collection of books which could be read by all. It was impossible for one man, in his allotted three score and ten years, to live to the fullest extent; but the library afforded him access to the knowledge of ages. The experience thus gained by reading would ever be a guide in a man's life, and he would avoid the mistakes made by his ancestors.

Avoid Nation's Mistakes. The thorough dissemination of knowledge over the whole country would obviate the mistakes made by nations in the past and would make safe the changes which were coming, Mr. Henry said. "If the Bolshevik could have read history," said the speaker, "they would never have made the terrible mistakes which have plunged a great Empire into ruin." Discussing the part of the library in the reconstruction of the world, Mr. Henry remarked, "The Allies have accomplished the greatest feat ever set for man to do. But we are just at the beginning. There are many things more interesting than kicking Germany—though scarcely more delightful. I do not fear the changes which will arise if they are to be brought about by an element made wise by contact with the knowledge of the world as set forth in books, the most enduring of human works." Direct Assistance. The libraries would also be a direct assistance to the world by affording to the people under any conditions whatever those mental riches in search of which they had so often flocked to the city, leaving the country districts depopulated when the need of agriculture was greatest. In conclusion, Mr. Henry pointed out that the failure or success of the great library movement would not depend upon the actual wording of the law, but upon the co-operation, the work and the patience of those behind it. The more representative the bodies there were behind it the more probable would be its ultimate success, he said. In the general discussion of the library legislation, the following speakers, representing various public bodies which favored an extension of library work took part: Miss Cann, of the Teachers' Association; Mrs. Hyndman, of the Victoria Branch of the Navy League; Mrs. Graves, of the Local Council of Women; Mrs. Jenkins, of the Women's Canadian Club; Miss Wynn, of the Women's University Club; D. L. MacLaurin, Principal of the Provincial Normal School; Rev. R. Connell; and J. Hurd, of the Trades and Labor Council.

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ALLEGED TO HAVE CAUSED ACCIDENT
Otto Huff is Charged With Running Down Miss Helen Robinson

The person alleged to be responsible for running down and injuring Miss Helen Robinson on Cranmore Road on Saturday appeared in the Police Court this morning in the person of Otto Huff, H.N., who is seventeen years old, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Chief Syme, of the Oak Bay police force, following investigations instituted immediately after the accident. The case was remanded for a week in order that Miss Robinson might recover sufficiently to give evidence. When notified of the occurrence Chief Syme discovered a quantity of glass evidently of an automobile headlight lying on the road at the spot where the accident had taken place. Believing that the person who had driven the car would endeavor to obtain glass to repair the damage, he notified all garages to telephone him immediately a motorist came in to get a damaged headlight repaired. Yesterday afternoon Huff called at a glazier's in town, and tried to secure a glass for one of the lights of his car. This car belongs to relatives and was hired on Saturday to deliver parcels for the New England Meat Market. Huff, who lives on Chamberlain Street, denies that he was involved in an accident, but it is alleged that he admitted that he was delivering goods in Oak Bay on Saturday. He is out on bail of \$500, charged with causing bodily harm to Miss Robinson by wanton driving. D. S. Tait is acting for the defence.

One Only Squirrel Set Furs for sale at The Beehive Cash Store.

High School By-law, Oak Bay.—Tomorrow electors of Oak Bay are asked to attend at the schoolhouse, Oak Bay Avenue, for the purpose of registering their votes on the by-law to borrow \$5,500 for purchase of a High School site.

Alleged Liquor Offence.—A summons has been served upon the proprietors of the Pain Cafe on Government Street charging them with having liquor in other than a private dwelling place.

Gale Did Damage.—Considerable damage was done by last night's gale, judging by the reports handed in to the police. At the corner of Blanshard Avenue and View Street a fence was blown over, and part of the cornice on the Odd Fellows' Hall on Douglas Street was blown off and broken. The timbers of trees in Beacon Hill Park were also broken by the storm.

Fined For Speeding.—In the Police Court this morning Rennie and Taylor were fined \$10 for being the drivers of an automobile, which was driven in excess of the speed limit.

Recommended for Military Medal.—The Military Medal has been recommended for Signaller J. T. Jalland, who left Victoria with the 103rd Battalion, and has been in France for the last fourteen months. Signaller Jalland was only 17 years of age when he left Canada in July, 1915.

New in Hospital.—J. McKenzie, known during his work at the Victory Bond Dugout as "Fighting Mac" is at the Fairmont Hospital undergoing treatment, and has also been enrolled as one of the workers for the Vancouver branch of the Comrades of the Great War.

Three Drunken Indians.—Three Indians charged with being drunk appeared in the Police Court this morning. Harry George and Gus Morris were each fined \$5, while Annie, an Indian woman in their company, was allowed to go.

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DESERTER SENTENCED TO YEAR IN PRISON
Soldier of Siberian Forces Goes to Jail for Military Offence

A twelve month's jail sentence for desertion from the Canadian Forces was passed by Magistrate Jay in the Police Court this morning upon Frank Sherman, a soldier of the Siberian contingent quartered at the Willows. Lieut. A. M. Bankart, of the Siberian Expeditionary Forces, told the court that Sherman was serving a term of detention when he made his escape. Accused had been up before him at different times for various offences, and his record "was not a very healthy one." Sergeant Tuffs stated that he had arrested Sherman on Bay Street on December 5, some two weeks after he had deserted from the camp. "He is not wanted for overseas service," remarked City Prosecutor Harrison, and the Magistrate sentenced him to a year in prison.

TAXPAYERS FLOCK TO TREASURER'S OFFICE
To-day Last Opportunity for Securing Discount; Results Satisfactory

City Treasurer Edwin C. Smith reports that taxes are being paid into his office in a satisfactory manner, and indications point to the results being much more satisfactory than last year. For several days past there has been a steady stream of taxpayers seeking to obtain the discount allowed on payments made up to December 10, and to-day is therefore the last occasion on which this privilege will be granted. Mr. Smith states that the natural tendency on the part of a large portion of the public to leave things till the last minute was strongly emphasized in the number of taxpayers who crowded into his office as soon as the doors were opened this morning. The staff is, therefore, kept very busy. It is impossible to state the total amount already collected, the staff having had no opportunity of checking up the figures of payments. Large payments are coming in steadily throughout the day, and, taking it altogether, Mr. Smith looks for very satisfactory results as regards this year's payment of taxes.

MERCHANTS BANK HAS PROSPEROUS YEAR

Large gains in savings deposits, in current loans, liquid resources and total assets are reported by the Merchants' Bank for the twelve months ending on October 31, 1918. The figures when compared with those reported as at October 31, 1917, show that very substantial progress has been made by the bank, gains over the corresponding period of 1917 being shown in every department of the bank's activities. The total assets of the bank now amount to approximately \$165,000,000, as compared with \$150,000,000 at the end of October, 1917. The liquid assets amount to over \$72,000,000 and show an increase of almost \$17,000,000, indicating that the bank is taking every precaution to keep its resources in a quickly convertible form. While demand deposits remain practically unchanged, the gain in saving deposits amounts to over \$15,000,000, or a gain of 50 per cent. The total of now \$105,000,000. That the Merchants' Bank is doing its full share in catering to the business needs of the country is shown by the fact that current loans have gained over \$18,000,000 and now stand at over \$86,000,000. Altogether the report is one which gives a most pleasing picture of the bank's performance during the year, and the public in general. The statement shows evidence of widespread prosperity throughout the Dominion, a prosperity which is shared in by the Merchants' Bank.

Ministerial Association.—The Ministerial Association of the Dominion, which held its annual meeting in Victoria, will be held this evening at the residence of Rev. Dr. Campbell, 1155 St. James Street. Rev. Robert Connell is to read a paper on a popular subject, which will be discussed.

Victoria Choral Society.—The regular rehearsal of the Victoria Choral Society, will take place to-night in St. John's Hall, Herald Street, at 8 o'clock. A splendid chorus has been assembled which, under the baton of Gideon Hicks, the Honorary Conductor, will give a good account of itself.

The Best Place in the City for English Wool Socks and Stockings, is The Beehive.

Church Anniversary.—The twenty-sixth anniversary services of the Centennial Methodist Church were held on Sunday. Rev. J. G. Inkster took the morning service, speaking on "The Transfiguration." In the evening Capt. Horn, who has spent three years in Y. M. C. A. work in France, related some interesting facts about the services rendered the men who die fighting. Last evening the anniversary celebration was continued.

North Ward Bazaar.—To-morrow afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock, a bazaar in aid of the North Ward Red Cross will be held in the Scott's Building, Corner of Hillside Avenue and Douglas Street. Many articles suitable for Christmas presents will be on sale. There will also be a home-cooking table, and attractions for the children.

See the Display of Dolls at The Beehive; the home-dressed ones are a treat.

The Meeting of the Methodist Social Union has been postponed to Tuesday, December 17, at the home of Mrs. Hardwick, 4701 Bay Road.

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WOULD GATECRASH CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICES

Local Council of Women Wants Pledge on Public Reforms

MAN-MADE LAWS SHOULD BE REFORMED

Striking evidence that the thinking women of the community do not intend to neglect the privileges and opportunities afforded by the franchise was shown at yesterday's meeting of the Local Council of Women when a long discussion on matters affecting women in particular and the community in general was crystallized into the following resolution sponsored by Mrs. Schofield and carried unanimously: "That whereas this Local Council of Women is desirous of the betterment of social and civic conditions in Victoria, and whereas they have definitely pronounced themselves in favor of (1) a woman's department of police, (2) mothers' pensions, (3) the most need for proper homes for mental defectives on cottage lines, therefore be it resolved that the Council ask those candidates appealing for the public vote, whether as school trustees, aldermen or for the Provincial Legislature, that they make a public statement of their views on the reforms before they receive the endorsement and vote of this body."

The Mental Defective Problem.
The embodying of the clause as to the need of homes for mental defectives was the result of the report given by Miss Winn, who is in charge of this branch of work in connection with the local schools. Citing the case of a local family where two defective children, offspring of a defective mother, had proved incorrigible, Miss Winn showed the danger which arose from the sending of the boy to an asylum where his association with lunatics had resulted in the further lowering of his mentality until he became quite unmanageable. Lack of proper environment and careful training had in many other cases which she outlined resulted in serious moral offences on the part of these defectives, and led to the filling of the Criminal Courts or the asylums with those who could be made into decent citizens if taken in hand in time.

Man-Made Laws for Men.
An appeal to the women to ask prospective candidates for public office to make clear their attitude on the subject of proper laws ensuring the protection of married women was made by Mrs. Chas. Wilson, of Esquimalt. The speaker cited a harrowing tale of a local woman who for eleven and a half years had been the prey of a brutal husband. According to Mrs. Wilson, the man had consistently denied his wife but she, owing to a lack of witnesses of the actual assaults, was unable to obtain redress in the courts. Forced by his cruelty to leave her home the woman was in dire straits, continued Mrs. Wilson, who strongly urged her hearers to take steps to obtain the amendment of the man-made laws which she said were entirely written for the benefit of the men.

Mrs. Gordon also added an observation calling attention to the fact that under the present Divorce Law a woman could not obtain a divorce upon the grounds of infidelity alone—she had also to prove cruelty.

Mrs. Graves as convener of the committee on Taxation gave a report on the subject of Municipal Taxation, quoting the figures for the current year in comparison with previous years. For the finance committee, Mrs. Gairbairn outlined the plan for the holding of a concert at the Empress Hotel as a fund to be announced later.

Reconstruction Matters.
A pamphlet emanating from a body in Montreal, asking the co-operation of the Council in certain matters pertaining to reconstruction processes in the Dominion was laid upon the table, pending further inquiries as to the status of the body in question. The discussion gave rise to a question as to the reconstruction conference to be held in Victoria this week at the call of the President of the Board of Trade. It was pointed out that Mr. Kingham had omitted to invite a representation from the Local Council of Women to attend the meeting, and on the motion of Mrs. Schofield the secretary was instructed to send a letter to Mr. Kingham to remind him of this little defect.

The communications read at the meeting included an invitation to delegates from the Council to attend the forthcoming Child Welfare Conference in Vancouver. Miss Winn and Mrs. Williscroft will probably attend, and Mrs. J. S. Maclellan, who is a delegate from the Tillicum Women's Institute, will also represent the Council.

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MET LOCAL MINISTERS

Dr. Evans Entertained at a Luncheon Given in the First Presbyterian Church Yesterday.

Yesterday Dr. William Evans, D.D., LL.D., met the ministers of the city engaged in active work at a luncheon held in the ladies' parlor of the First Presbyterian Church, at the invitation of the ladies of the church and those attending the conference. Twenty ministers were present, and messages of regret were received from the Bishop of Columbia, Dean Quantin, Revs. H. S. Osborne, W. Leslie Clay, T. M. Habershon and W. Baugh-Allen, who were unable to be present.

At the conclusion of the enjoyable repast, Dr. Evans gave a short address in which he outlined his methods of Bible study and emphasized the growing importance of Bible conferences. He had received requests, he said, for conferences from China and India, as well as throughout Canada and the United States. Dr. Evans said he had noticed a tendency for laymen to arrange to hold the conferences under their own auspices, and he hoped the day would come when the churches would undertake this branch of the work. The speaker then gave a short talk exemplifying his methods in conducting a class.

At the conclusion a vote of thanks was passed to the speaker by the meeting, on the motion of Rev. J. McCoy, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Boyd. Replying to a vote of thanks, proposed by Rev. E. G. Miller and seconded by the Rev. A. B. Osterhaut, to the ladies of the church and the pastor, Rev. J. G. Inkster expressed the hope that Dr. Evans would return at no very distant date in response to an invitation by all the churches.

FINED FOR HAVING A BOTTLE OF WHISKEY

For the possession in other than a private dwelling place of one bottle of whiskey, Emil Bertrand, a soldier, was fined \$50, with the option of a month, by Magistrate Jay in the Police Court this morning.

Bertrand was locked up in the police cells along with three other soldiers on Saturday night, and when he was searched by the jailer a bottle of spirits was discovered. The prosecution followed.

Returned Men—Five returned soldiers arrived on the afternoon boat to-day from overseas. They are: J. O'Connor, C. Spring, P. C. Platt, E. V. Fullerton and S. Carlisle.

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WOODEN SHIPYARDS IN STATES TO CONTINUE

Competition of B. C. Yards Proved Strong Lever in Securing Removal of Ban

Seattle, Dec. 10.—During the past week much of the gloom hovering about the wood shipbuilding plants of the Northwest was dispelled by the announcement from Washington to the effect that the United States Shipping Board would not only permit the construction of wood ships on either domestic or foreign account, but would also remain in the market for this type of construction itself.

Alarm Created.
The signing of the armistice, accompanied almost at once with the establishment of a retrenchment policy by the shipping board, which carried with it the announcement of a curtailment of the wood shipbuilding programme, created considerable alarm among the operators of wood shipyards. It was not so much the ship contracts that caused the feeling of alarm, but the policy of the Emergency Fleet Corporation in refraining from extending the privilege to plant operations on the vessels for either local or foreign concerns. The problem seemed likely to hang fire for some time, while yards of governmental red tape and bureau regulations were unrolled.

Charles H. Hamilton, President of the Washington Wood Shipbuilders' Association, made a hurried trip to Washington, as did the representatives of other wood shipbuilding districts, and the congressional delegations of all sections building ships were sent urgent appeals to secure some definite decision from the shipping board.

Frequent conferences were held in Washington, and from it all came the announcement last week which means a continuation of the wood shipbuilding industry for some time to come.

Curtailed Programme.
While it is undoubtedly quite probable that the shipping board will curtail the number of wood ships ordered, as well as contemplated, during the war period, this curtailment of the building programme need not now affect the status of the operating plants.

For many months, in fact, ever since the United States entered the war, if not before that period, foreign interests, especially Norwegians, have been active in the market for ship orders and descriptions. A large number of these orders, held in abeyance for over a year, may now be placed with local shipyards. One of the arguments used to advantage in securing the shipping board's consent to permitting the wood builders to engage in foreign contracts was the fact that British Columbia plants had been granted this concession by the crown and had taken contracts for something like sixty ships.

This argument proved a telling one, and with the ban off the Washington shipbuilders, practically all of them, are now figuring with not only foreign interests, but American shipping firms as well.

TO REMOVE ORIENTAL FREIGHT RATE LIMITS

San Francisco, Dec. 10.—Within a short time the shippers of the Pacific Coast will be notified that the freight rate limits set by the United States Shipping Board on charges to the Orient will be removed, according to an announcement at Shipping Board headquarters here.

The maximum that British and American shipping companies may now charge a ton on freight at the following ports is: To Manila, \$30; to Yokohama, \$40; to China, \$45. The rates charged by Japanese operators of unsubsidized freighters are: To Manila, \$25; to Yokohama, \$35, and to China, \$35. One company is advertising a January steamship for the Orient with a rate of \$55 a ton to Japan.

BARQUENTINE JAMES TUFT NOW AT 'FRISCO FROM AUSTRALIAN PORT

The American barquentine James Tuft, well-known here in command of Capt. Wikander, equally well-known as master of the Hawaii, has arrived at San Francisco from Sydney, N.S.W., after a run of nearly two days. She carries a cargo of 1,100 tons of coals in addition to hardwood and coconut oil consigned to George E. Billings.

SAILING VESSEL WAS IN DISTRESS

Became Unmanageable in Heavy Southeast Gale and Drifted Towards D'Arcy Is.

PICKED UP LATER BY POWERFUL TUG

Steamer Chamer Compelled to Seek Shelter During Voyage From Mainland

Rendered unmanageable in the heavy southeaster sweeping the coastline this morning a four-masted schooner in tow narrowly missed coming to grief on D'Arcy Island in Haro Strait.

The distressed windjammer, signalling for assistance, was first sighted by Robert Buller from his place on San Juan Island, and was reported by telephone to Capt. J. W. Trout, manager of the Chamer, which arrived at C. P. R. station on Thursday, and Capt. G. E. L. Robertson, agent of marine.

Apparently the vessel was in tow of a small-powered tug, which was unable to handle her while heading into the gale, and the sailing craft was seen setting down towards D'Arcy Island.

Later in the forenoon came word to the effect that the sailing vessel had been taken in tow by a more powerful tug, and was again under control. Upon the predicament of the vessel being learnt here, the Chamer and Company was communicated with, and the salvage steamer Tees got in readiness at Esquimalt to proceed to the rescue. Fortunately the services of the Tees were not required, and she remained at anchor in the naval harbor.

Salvage officials proceeded by automobile to Cordova Bay, where it was seen that the vessel had been got under control.

The vessel was sighted by the C. P. R. steamer Chamer during her run from Vancouver, but at that time nothing seemed amiss.

The tug Pioneer and the naval steamer Malaspina are standing by, and directly the wind drops will give the vessel a tow out.

Shipping Hampered.

Coastwise shipping was subjected to a bad dusting during the night, but no further marine mishaps have been reported. The Chamer, which arrived from Vancouver at 11:45 o'clock last night had a particularly rough passage, and for two hours was forced to shelter under the lee shore of James Island. She shipped a great deal of water while heading into the storm, and her passengers were not immune from mal de mer. She slipped into port about 10 o'clock this morning.

Seas Over Breakwater.

During the forenoon great seas pounded over the Ogden Point breakwater, and the Hows Bay sea wall. Those endeavoring to negotiate the latter driveway by automobile were invariably drenched by heavy spray.

The gale also put out of commission the electric light on Brochie Ledge at the entrance to the Inner Harbor, the submarine cable being carried away by the turbulent waters.

DECREE IS HANDED DOWN ON FISHING RIGHTS IN ALASKA

Washington, Dec. 10.—Federal court decrees holding it to be within the President's power to grant exclusive fishing rights in public waters were upheld by the Supreme Court of the United States yesterday in making permanent injunctions restraining the Alaska Pacific Fisheries from placing nets in the vicinity of the Annette and adjoining islands off the Alaska coast.

Under Presidential proclamations these islands together with adjacent waters were set aside for the exclusive use of Metlakatla Indians. In contesting the proceedings which were brought by the Government the company contended the President had no authority to exclude the public from these waters.

OWNERS OF STEAMER HEATHCOTE TO PAY \$183,354 DAMAGES

Montreal, Dec. 10.—The Dominion Shipping Company has been awarded \$183,354 damages including interest for the loss of the steamer Heathcote as a result of a collision with the ship Kelbergen in the Bay of Fundy in July, 1917, the owners of the Kelbergen, Furness, Withy Company, being condemned to pay this amount on the finding of W. S. Walker, K.C., deputy registrar of the Admiralty court, confirmed by Mr. Justice McLennan.

BOILERMAKERS RETURN TO WORK AT OAKLAND

Oakland, Cal. Dec. 10.—After having been out for two weeks because of differences with the company, three thousand striking boilermakers returned to work yesterday at the plant of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Company. The men agreed to return pending mediation of their differences by H. A. Brotherton, examiner for the United States Shipping Board.

The men demanded a forty-four hour week instead of the forty-eight hour week provided by agreement between the shipworkers and the shipping board, improved sanitary conditions and certain concessions in regard to the work on the night shift.

TRYING TO RUB HIM OUT.

"S-s-s-s-s-s-s-s-s, mother," stammered Bobby, through the snuff, as his mother grabbed and scrubbed him. "I guess you want to get rid of me, don't you?"

"Why, no, Bobby dear," replied his mother. "Whatever put such an idea into your mind?"

"Oh, nothing," said Bobby. "Only it seems to me you are trying to rub me out."—Onward

S. S. PRINCE RUPERT MEETS WITH DELAY

G. T. P. Vessel Will Return North From Vancouver; No Boat To-morrow

Delayed on her southbound voyage, the G. T. P. steamer Prince Rupert, Capt. Duncan McKenzie, will not be able to make the usual trip to Victoria and Seattle this week, according to advices received by U. F. Garie, local ticket and passenger agent.

The Prince Rupert is scheduled to reach here from Prince Rupert to-morrow morning, but owing to the lateness of her arrival at Vancouver she will return north from Vancouver direct.

Passengers from Seattle and Victoria will be accommodated on the regular C. P. R. afternoon boat on Thursday and will make connections with the Prince Rupert at the mainland port.

John on New Schedule.

The winter schedule covering the Prince Rupert-Queen Charlotte Islands service went into effect on Sunday last. Throughout the winter months this service will be performed by the steamship Prince John, operating to and from Prince Rupert. She will make semi-weekly trips between Prince Rupert and the regular ports in the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Northbound connections will be made for Massett and other ports by the steamship Prince George, arriving at Prince Rupert Wednesday. Connections for south island points will be made by the steamship Prince Rupert, arriving at Prince Rupert on Saturdays. Southbound connections will be made from Massett and north island points with the Prince Rupert, leaving Prince Rupert on Sundays, and from south island points with the Prince George, leaving Prince Rupert on Thursdays.

STEAMSHIP YUKON LOADING AT SEATTLE FOR VLADIVOSTOK

Seattle, Dec. 10.—Approximately 3,000 measurements tons of railroad equipment, shoes and other government supplies are being loaded at the Union Pacific terminal by the steamship Yukon, the second freighter to be sent from Seattle to Vladivostok by the quartermaster's department of the army. The vessel began loading last Friday morning, and already has taken aboard 2,500 tons. She will complete loading by the end of the week.

PLAN TO COMMENCE WORK ON NEW SHIPS

Construction of Canadian Steel Freighters to Start Immediately at Coughlan's

Vancouver, Dec. 10.—As soon as one of the ways of the Coughlan yards is cleared by the launching of one of the four steel hulls now under construction, the work on the first ships recently ordered from the firm by the Dominion Government for the Canadian merchant marine will be commenced, according to John Lockhart, general manager of J. Coughlan and Sons, who is back from a business trip to Ottawa.

Mr. Lockhart states that the War Convoy will be launched on Monday, December 16, and construction of the first of the new Dominion Government hulls will commence. He also states that the War Chief will leave the yards during the week ending December 21. It is expected that the present contracts now held by the company will keep the yards busy constructing ships until the fall of 1919.

WIRELESS REPORT

Dec. 10, 8 a.m.
Point Grey—Overcast; S. S. strong; 29.78; 43; sea rough;
Cape Lazo—Rain; S. E. strong gale; 29.52; 37; sea moderate.
Pachena—Rain; S. E. gale; 29.42; 46; sea rough.
Estevan—Rain; S. E. gale; 29.16; 40; sea rough. Spoke str Harold Dolmar, 19.05 a.m., position at 8 p.m. 300 miles from Cape Flattery, eastbound; spoke str Santa Cruz, 2.10 a.m., position at 8 p.m. 548 miles west of Cape Flattery, westbound.
Alert Bay—Rain; S. E. gale; 29.16; 29; sea rough. Spoke str Admiral Nicholson, 8 p.m. absent southbound.
Dead Tree Point—Show; calm; 29.08; 30; light swell.
Ikeda Bay—Hail; S. W.; 29.90; 34; heavy swell.
Pachena—Rain; S. E. gale; 29.39; 46; sea rough.
Estevan—Rain; W. variable; 29.35; 36; sea rough.
Alert Bay—Calm; calm; 29.36; 36; sea smooth. Spoke str Chelovina, 9 a.m., Johnstone Strait, northbound.
Triangle—Overcast; S. W.; 29.57; 33; sea rough. Spoke Catherine D., 10.38 a.m., absent southbound.
Northbound; spoke str Prince George, 11.59 a.m., no position.
Dead Tree Point—Snow; calm; 29.35; 30; sea smooth.
Ikeda Bay—Hail, snow; 29.08; 34; heavy swell.
Prince Rupert—Snow; calm; 29.01; 40; dense seaward.

WRECK SURVIVORS REACH HONOLULU

Honolulu, Dec. 10.—The survivors of the steamer Benito Juarez, which foundered in a storm off Nookai on December 3, arrived here to-day. It was reported that Charles Byrne, second engineer, and seven departed Chinamen were lost.

WENT TO SEA WITH 400 PASSENGERS

It is said that the snipe has a nerve running clear down to the end of his bill. The plumber must be that kind of a bird.

ADMIRALTY COURT MAY INVESTIGATE

Circumstances of Sophia Disaster Considered Too Involved for Marine Court

There are indications that the investigation into the Princess Sophia disaster will yet be instituted before a properly constituted Admiralty Court. In certain quarters it is considered that the circumstances are too involved to come within the jurisdiction of an ordinary marine court of inquiry, and it is reported that steps have already been taken with the object of having the investigation transferred to a higher court.

The duty of the marine court is to find out the causes leading to an accident and no direct evidence on this point can be secured as not a soul aboard the ship was saved. Capt. J. D. Macpherson, Wreck Commissioner for British Columbia, who was instructed by Ottawa to hold an investigation states that he has no knowledge as to when the investigation will be instituted.

He has done all that could be done by communicating with Thomas Riggs, Governor of Alaska, and others with a view to securing those who were in the vicinity at the time of the wreck to come here and voluntarily testify. As the men of the Cedar and other vessels which stood by the Sophia are Americans it is not within the power of the Wreck Commissioner to subpoena the witnesses.

CHARLES PIEZ TO SUCCEED SCHWAB

Wilson, on High Seas, Accepts Resignation of Director of Shipbuilding

Washington, Dec. 10.—Charles M. Schwab, Director-General of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, who laid aside his own shipbuilding plans eight months ago to help build ships for the Government, received word this afternoon from President Wilson Saturday night that his resignation had been accepted.

It had been understood here for some time that Mr. Schwab was anxious to resign from the office, so that he could again take up extensive interests he relinquished when asked to become the directing force of the country's war time shipbuilding programme, although it was not known that his resignation would be placed in the hands of the President before the latter's departure for Europe.

Mr. Schwab was not in Washington during the week-end, but it was stated that he would retire at once and that Charles Piez, Vice-President and General Manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, would carry on the work exactly as heretofore.

Wilson's Message.
President Wilson, in accepting the Director General's resignation, in a message sent to the White House from the transport George Washington with instructions that it be conveyed to Mr. Schwab, said:

"I accept your resignation only because you wish it and because I feel I must do so in fairness to you. You have been exceedingly generous in giving your services and they have been invaluable. I want to thank you very cordially indeed for all that you have done. Shall always remember it as I am sure all your associates in the Government will, as a service of unusual value and distinction."

Bainbridge Colby, vice-President of the United States Shipping Board, said that Mr. Schwab had rendered service of the greatest value and had contributed precisely what was expected of him. Mr. Piez, he described as a man in every way equipped to continue a branch of Government service no less important now than in war time.

THREE MEN LOST WHEN SHIP STRANDED ON BRETON COAST

Arichat, N. S. Dec. 10.—Three of the crew of the schooner Emma Belliveau, from St. John's, Nfld., for Prince Edward Island, were drowned when the vessel went ashore at Cape Laronde, Cape Breton, in a storm yesterday. The captain and his crew of five launched a boat and left the schooner safely, but when approaching the shore three of the men jumped out into the surf too soon and were swept away into the sea and lost.

GALE SWEEPING PACIFIC COAST

Storm Extends From Cape Flattery to Point Reyes in South

Seattle, Dec. 10.—With the Pacific Coast by the Point Reyes, Cal., to Cape Flattery, in the grip of the storm king, the United States weather bureau at 7:30 o'clock this morning ordered warnings to mariners posted at all weather stations and in all ports from the Strait of Juan de Fuca to San Francisco.

"A severe storm is approaching Vancouver Island, moving rapidly south-east, and will cause whole southeast gales shifting to the southwest on the Washington and Oregon coasts," says the warning issued by the weather bureau. "A strong southerly gale is expected to-night on the North California coast."

In a whole gale the velocity of the wind ranges from fifty-six to sixty-five miles an hour, while a storm with the wind reaching a velocity of more than seventy miles an hour is rated as a hurricane. A strong gale is the term used by the weather bureau when the wind reaches a velocity of from forty-eight to fifty-six miles an hour; a fresh gale from forty to forty-eight miles an hour and a moderate gale when the wind blows with a velocity of from thirty-four to forty miles an hour.

The disturbance predicted by the weather bureau to-day along the Washington and Oregon coasts is a storm blowing to a hurricane, which is common in Oriental and South Sea waters and in the West Indies.

WENT TO SEA WITH 400 PASSENGERS

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GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP TRADE

Tremendous Possibilities Are Opened Up Through Medium of Car-Ferry Canora

The great possibilities of the commercial future of Victoria and the means to its development by methodical exploitation of the vast resources of the post-prandial observations last night incident in the civic entertainment of the officers and men of the Canadian Northern steel car ferry Canora. A large number of prominent citizens representative of the City Council, Board of Trade, Rotary Club and other public organizations attended the dinner served in the ball-room of the Empress Hotel. Short addresses were made by Mayor A. E. Todd, Joshua Kingham, President of the Board of Trade, Capt. J. Y. Rochester, C. N. R. Marine Superintendent on the Pacific coast, and D. O. Lewis, Resident Engineer of the Railway Company.

Entertainment Features.
An excellent programme of entertainment was provided by Messrs. Neil MacWhinnie, the well-known Scotch character comedian; William Hall and James Hunter, the accomplished comedians; the accompanist being R. H. Rines. The tenor of the speeches hinged upon the necessity of immediate and aggressive action leading to the development of the potential wealth of Vancouver Island with an eye to the advancement of Victoria as a first-rate port of the Pacific coast. It was clearly evident from the tone of the speakers that the business community realizes that it is only through development along these lines that the commercial future of this city can be assured. The Canora represents the link that will bridge the Gulf and give Victoria direct rail communication with the Mainland.

Great Event.
Mayor Todd, who presided, in his opening remarks stated that after waiting for seven or eight years—he had almost forgotten the exact time—they were now celebrating an event of great importance to Victoria and Vancouver Island generally, an event of far-reaching possibilities in the industrial and commercial development of the community.

He commented upon the fact that he had recently received from numerous sources the most bitter complaints regarding the inadequate service available. He felt that the operation of a regular car ferry across the Gulf of Georgia would go a long way towards remedying the conditions under which the lumbermen of the Island were now operating. The Mayor took this opportunity heartily to welcome Capt. Norman McKay, master of the C.N.R. ferry to Victoria. Alluding to his own interest, he had taken it upon himself to trace out the course of the road in his car and had found practically no gradients. It was a perfectly local line. He also referred to the many gradients on the Sooke and Port Alberni right-of-way and the fact that upon Mr. Lewis's plan—the main—had played an important part in connection with the C.N.R. railway expansion on the Island.

Victoria's Opportunity.
The opportunity of Victoria and Vancouver Island to develop its water-borne commerce and the advantages of the car-ferry system was enlarged upon by Mr. Lewis. When he first came here everybody was clamoring for the Seymour Narrows Bridge, but he did not think that Victoria wanted to be connected by rail with the mainland. "Railways can't compete with water lines," said the speaker in drawing his conclusions to the advantage of the water route. There was no better method of hauling than by car-ferry as by such means of transit freight was more conveniently and more economically handled.

He touched upon the untapped resources of the Island and the wonderful country that would be tapped by the Canadian Northern system, which had the lowest gradients of any line on Vancouver Island. The proceedings terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

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SAFETY—SPEED—COMFORT

BOARD HEARS OF WORK OF SAANICH PUPILS

The results of the increased production drive among the school children of the municipality were laid before the Saanich School Board last night. The Secretary was authorized to forward to the Red Cross the money received to date from the sale of produce. So far \$73 has been obtained, but there are some further funds to be added to the total.

The expenses of the school gardens were also considered, and a financial statement was approved. It was seen that a small surplus will remain after the expenditures of the year.

The Secretary was instructed to advertise for sale the old Cedar Hill School building which has been in disuse for some years.

Certain re-arrangements in the teaching staffs were allowed to stand over.

HAWI! HAWI! MAJORI

"So this is your famous Beacon Street," said Major X. as he strolled with his friend along past the State House. "Frankly I'm surprised. I had always heard that it was a very exclusive street, you know?"

"Well, as it is," said the other man. "I'm 'd'cided, how can you say so? Why, it positively verges on the Common."

SOMEONE'S NEIGHBORS NEVER REALIZE WHAT A GOOD MAN HE WAS UNTIL THEY HEAR THE MINISTER TELL ABOUT IT AT THE FUNERAL.

BUSINESS OFFERING

Joshua Kingham, President of the Board of Trade, expressed his pleasure to learn from Capt. Rochester that the Canora was waiting to be dry-docked at Esquimalt, because he had heard it reported that she was to go to Vancouver to be fitted out for service. He was fully convinced that there was great business in store for the Canora, and as evidence of the possibilities in this connection referred to the fact that approximately 4,000 tons of Oriental freight was being charged each month at the Outer Docks for shipment to points in the East. He hoped that the business

VICTORIA NORTHWEST WORLD

EDDIE OATMAN MAY BE ICE HOCKEY CENTER

Last Year's Captain of Portland May Join the Aristocrats

This season promises to develop into the greatest hockey ever seen on the Coast. Vancouver has their McKay and Taylor combination and expect to be reinforced on the defense by the addition of Duncan, the former millionaire who crossed the seas and through his wonderful work in the air is credited with five Hun machines.

The Victoria team will open up strong. Manager Lester Patrick can be counted upon to round up a septette which will always be in the running. It is quite possible Eddie Oatman, last year's captain of the Portland Club, will be found battling in the centre ice division for the Aristocrats.

The Seattle fans will welcome Jack Walker back into the game. Walker is one of the most popular men that ever wore the steel blades. He takes his bumps, and using his hook check has won game after game by playing the puck from the time the referee blows the whistle. The hook check was first used by Walker. His style has been copied, but the peevish Jack has yet to meet his master in the art of using it.

Aviation Force would Thursday be discharged from the Canadian Aviation Force and would be willing to come to the Coast again this season. Negotiations are under way.

Fowler is still in Victoria wearing the uniform of the Canadian Siberian force, and both Seattle and Victoria are easting longing eye on him. During the influenza epidemic Fowler became afflicted and for a time no hopes were entertained for his recovery. His wonderful stamina and athletic training stood him in good stead, and although still convalescing in the military hospital in Victoria, heek is coming back to his old self. Harry Holmes is a possibility for the net job.

SOCCER PLAYER HAS RETURNED FROM FRANCE

Tom Stewart, who left with the 103rd Battalion, is back from the fighting line and is now on his first furlough since returning. Stewart came back with a party of about 400 men on Friday and Saturday, the large part of whom completed their journey at Vancouver. Most of the men are soldiers of low extraction who will be sent to discharge within a few weeks after they report at the end of their furlough. Stewart played on the defence for the Timber Wolves with Victoria three years ago. He also played with the Engineers' team in England.

FRAGMENTS TO ENTER BASKETBALL GAME

Taking advantage of the gymnasium at the Commodore's the Great War new quarters occupied yesterday. The Fragments from France have decided to take up basketball. The basketball court is ready marked out at the new gym, and the players intend taking up the game for the purpose of working into fit condition for soccer games.

WANT DARKIE DANIELS TO VISIT SEATTLE

The wire sent to Dan Salt, Manager of Mickey King, with the request for the manager to bring the little heavyweight fighter to Victoria for an exhibition bout with Darkie Daniels, who has made a big impression with those who have seen him fight at the Willows has been answered. Salt states that Daniels is in the 125-lb. class and decides that for one reason is sufficient to prevent the possibility of King appearing against Daniels at the Willows Camp. He did, however, state that he was unable to find anyone in Seattle able to make the trip, so was interested enough to endeavor to find a substitute according to his letter. Salt also asks particulars of the local fighter with a view of having him appear in Seattle.

DATES ARE ANNOUNCED FOR BILLIARD CONTESTS

New York, Dec. 10.—Dates for the amateur billiard championship contests for the coming season were announced at the annual meeting here of the National Association of Amateur Billiard Players as follows: Class A—18-2 balk line, Chicago Athletic Club, February 27. Class B—18-2 balk line, Brooklyn Billiard Association, February 1. Class C—18-2 balk line, Lewis's Academy, Brooklyn, January 6. Pocket billiards at New York Athletic Club, March 15.

THRILLING SCRAP FOR PHILIPPINE TITLE

Salvor Helme, the lightweight who boxed once in Seattle, defeated Sammy Good, also known in the Northwest, in a recent bout for the championship of the Philippines. Reports from the scrap say it was a thriller. Both boys were going at a fast clip all the way. Good had a big lead up to the last couple of frames, but the sailor began to come back.

FRENCH LIGHTWEIGHT TOP IN FOUR ROUNDS

Philadelphia, Dec. 10.—Benny Valger, the French lightweight, had the better of a six-round bout with Eddie Wallace, of Brooklyn, here last night. Valger had the advantage of the first, second, fifth and sixth rounds, while the third and fourth went to Wallace.

FRENCH STYLE BOXING INTRODUCED IN 'FRISCO

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—"La Savate," the French style of boxing with both the hands and feet, was introduced into San Francisco Saturday night when expert boxers in a group of French soldiers visiting here got together in a special boxing tournament under the War Camp Community Service. The tournament also decided several amateur championships in the California division of the service and in the Twelfth naval district.

SPORTSMEN ARE DOWN WITH SPANISH FLU



AL DAVIES

The well-known local boxer, and at one time claimant of the bantamweight championship of Canada, is down with Spanish influenza, and is having a hard tussle with the complaint. Al's condition is reported to be serious and last night he had a temperature of 104. His many sporting friends will hope that that fighting spirit which he has shown in the ring will help him in his tussle with influenza.

Billy Kennedy Also Down. W. N. Kennedy, the star oarsman of the James Bay Club and sports booster for the Foundation Company, is also at home with the influenza attack, it is reported. He expects to be around again next week.

FRANK VAISE WOUNDED



FRENCHY VAISE

Frank Vaise, better known in Seattle and throughout the entire Pacific Northwest as "Frenchy" Vaise, once champion lightweight of Canada, who took the title away from Joe Bailey, and this section, has been badly wounded in battle. "Frenchy" was a fighting Bear Island Marine. He went over the top, and now lies in hospital No. 5 at Paris, France. He was hit in the hip.

CANADIAN REGATTA TO BE REVIVED AGAIN

Toronto, Dec. 9.—Major Heron, president of the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen, stated last night that he was confident that the Canadian Henley regatta would be listed among the great sporting events of next season. It is the president's intention to call a meeting of the association some time after the new year and once more get the rowing club in line for the big regatta, which has produced so many fine oarsmen and champion crews in the past. The Canadian Henley regatta has not been held since 1915.

WILL PUT BASEBALL ON ITS OLD FOOTING

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 9.—August Herrman, chairman of the National Baseball Commission, said today that action would be taken at the National League meeting in New York next Tuesday to resume the league schedule and to elect John Heydler president of the organization.

RUMOR SAYS HANK WILL BE MANAGER OF BRAVES

New York, Dec. 9.—Reports have it that Hank Gowdy will be the man to manage the Braves, and that steps have already been taken to assure the latter's discharge from the army in France in time to take charge of the team next spring. Gowdy was the first ball player to enter the service as an enlisted man and has made a great record on the battlefield, having been promoted to the rank of sergeant. It would be a great piece of advertising for the Braves if Gowdy should return to manage the team, especially as Stallings no longer has the popular support of the Boston fans.

"PINKEY" MITCHELL IS SHOWING GOOD FORM

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 10.—"Pinkey" Mitchell, at 122½ pounds, won every session of the ten-rounds decision wind-up over Otto Wallace last night before a local boxing club, sporting writer agreed. Mitchell, a brother of the well-known Milwaukee lightweight, had his opponent hanging on in the concluding rounds.

SAYS STAR WRESTLERS HAVE FORMED TRUST

Former Manager of Frank Gotch is Out to Defeat Combine

"I'm out to bust the wrestling trust," which is headed by Jack Curley and which includes such well-known wrestlers as Earl Caddock, Joe Stecher, W. Zhyzako, John Olin and "Strangler" Ed Lewis, and when I succeed in doing so the mat game will be back better and stronger than ever and devoid entirely of all shady practices," declared J. C. Marsh, former manager of Frank Gotch, to-day. Marsh brought Gotch out years ago and is well-known to old-time wrestling fans. He was here with Gotch back in 1903 when the mat game was booming in the Northwest and was managing Gotch when the latter won the championship from Tom Jenkins in Bellingham.

Marsh is at present looking after the interests of Mason, Pleina, a Chicago heavyweight, whom he declared is the coming heavyweight champion. So far, however, he has been unable to secure matches with Curley's "trust," although he has posted big forfeits to him, bouts with any of the men Curley's circle. It is a well-known fact that a wrestling "trust" exists and that the majority of the topnotchers are compelled to wrestle according to the methods laid down by the big interests. Pleistina, Santell and Jack Taylor are a few of the men who have been ostracized by the "trust" because of their refusal to get into line and they are unable to get a crack at the Cadlock-Stecher-Lewis-Olin-Zhyzako combination, all of whom have been working the "brother act" for the past few years in the East.

Pleistina was schooled by Farmer Burns, one of the greatest men who ever engaged in a mat match. The former is twenty-nine years of age, stands well over six feet and weighs about 220 pounds in condition. Marsh is particularly anxious to match him with Curley's men and intends making an eastern trip this winter when he will make a determined effort to break "trust."

NEW LEAGUE MAGNATES ARE ALL OPTIMISTIC

With One Exception Are Ready to Continue Game Next Season

The clubowners of the new International League held the first session of the annual meeting here to-day and will reconvene to-morrow afternoon. All of the clubs were represented and President Farrell of Auburn, N. Y., presided at the banquet.

With the exception of John Dunn, of the Baltimore club, all the owners said they were ready to continue next season. All were optimistic as to the future of the national game. Dunn, however, stated that in case the national commission, at its annual meeting in Cincinnati next month, failed to eliminate the drafting of players by major leagues, his club would not go through another season. Farrell's report of the 1918 season was read and adopted.

In it the executive recommended that a committee be appointed to fix a club salary limit based on the number and disbursements. The limit now adopted by American Association is \$3,000 per month for each of its clubs.

It was officially announced here today that Manager Higgins, of the New York Americans, had purchased Fitcher Schneider from the Cincinnati club.

BAYLEY IN SEATTLE

Seattle, Dec. 9.—Joe Bayley, the clever little Canadian cat, who for some time held the Canadian lightweight title, is a Seattle visitor. Bayley, who is in business in the North is being trained by Charlie Hulon and will stay over to see the bouts to-morrow night.

THE SOLE POWER

Chicago, Dec. 10.—The National Commission will become the sole administrative power of baseball, settling the disputes of the Major and Minor League alike. If a program agreed upon at a conference between President Ban Johnson, of the American League, and A. R. Tarnear, president of the Three-I League, is carried out.

FAST AND FURIOUS FIGHTING AT WILLOWS

Novices and Experts Mix Freely in Big Training Camp Ring

In and out with a merry mix-up was the order with the fighters for the entertainment provided last night at the Willows Camp ring under the direction of Lieutenant Martin. The officer had no set programme for yesterday's encounters, but invitations were thrown out to all the ambitious ring men, and would-be artists with the gloves to "step in lively" and show what they could do. The officers had a watchful eye for likely material, and were sizing up the promising boys for the regulation bouts which it is hoped to pull off Friday. No names were taken of the fighters except one or two that may be used for Friday's programme but the few civilian spectators present were given a good evening's entertainment.

The weights ranged anywhere from 115 to 215 pounds, and there was no disputing as to the matter of giving away five or six pounds. A sturdy built couple of the 115 pound class, vest pocket editions of heavyweight fighters, provided what was generally regarded as the best show of the night. Neither were weighed down with a superabundance of ring knowledge, but had lots of gameness, and one of the men after accidentally landing the referee one that took his breath away for a few seconds, finished up by putting his opponent to the mat for the count. The heavyweights were disappointing.

Ice Hockey. With the announcement of the opening of the skating rink some of the enthusiasts in their midst, but uncertainty as to their length of stay here appears to be the main difficulty. They, however, claim to be able to raise a team from the eastern district. Sticher-Lewis-Olin-Zhyzako, combination, all of whom have been working the "brother act" for the past few years in the East.

JACK JOHNSON CABLE FROM EXILE THAT HE IS READY FOR FIGHT

London, Dec. 10.—Jack Johnson, cableing from Barcelona, has asked H. T. Booker, an Anglo-American promoter, to arrange a bout for him with Percy Fitzpatrick, who is in the midst of which King Alfonso had given permission for the bout to be held in the royal gymnasium at Barcelona. He said he has been in training for some time and was in the pink of condition. Booker has undertaken to arrange the match.

CHINESE SOCCER TEAM, UNDEFEATED RECORD

Boston, Mass., Dec. 9.—Four victories and no defeats, with every contest won in a decisive manner, is the record of the Chinese all-collegiate soccer football team in the progress of which devotees of the sport are following with much interest. The eleven, which is composed mostly of students from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has proved to be one of the fastest in this section of the United States. It is supported by Chinese students in this city and in New York City, and is carried on under the supervision of the Chinese Students Alliance in the United States.

MAJOR RICKEY NAMED AS HEAD OF CARDINALS

Rumor has it that Major Branch Rickey, president of the St. Louis Cardinals, will be the next head of the National League, succeeding John K. Tener, who resigned last summer after the squabble over the Perry case. According to reports Rickey is already assured of five votes, or enough to elect him. Those said to have pledged themselves to support Rickey are: Charles Weeghman, of the Chicago Cubs; Harry Egan, of the Boston Braves; Percy Haughton, of the Boston Braves; Charles Ebbets, of Brooklyn; James Jones, of the St. Louis Cardinals.

THREE OVERSEAS

New York, Dec. 10.—Of the New York American Leaguers who enlisted for were called into the service only three have gone overseas, and all were second-string players, so Manager Higgins will have close to his pre-war strength when another season rolls around. It is possible that the players now overseas may be home by that time.

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NO CHANGES IN CITY BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Point Ellice, However, Are Tied for First Position on the Table

The Foundation Company teams, Point Ellice and Point Hope, carried off the points in last night's basketball games in the city league, played in the Central Fire Hall. Point Ellice had little trouble in registering the points against the firemen whom they best by 39 points to 18, obtaining the lead from the start and holding it until the final whistle blew. Although the firemen showed some good individual work, their poor combination and lack of spirit in shooting made the decision apparent from the start. Brown and Moran were high scorers for Point Ellice and Dwyer for the firemen.

The Point Hope players were too heavy for the Crusaders, and exactly doubled their opponents score, the shipyard workers registering 24 points to the Crusaders' 12. The lighter players had no trouble in making their heavy shipyard workers to break down their efforts by the use of a little of their weight.

Ordered Off. A regrettable feature of the game was a dispute between Willowscroft and Mout in the first half, which resulted in Willowscroft being ordered off the court. The shipyard workers put on another game when the game was resumed after half-time, although, according to the rules of the game no substitute is allowed for a man ordered off. No changes resulted in yesterday's games, except that Point Ellice tied with the First Presbyterians for top place. The table now stands as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Team, P, W, L, Pts. Point Ellice: 2, 2, 0, 4. First Presbyterians: 2, 2, 0, 4. Crusaders: 1, 1, 0, 2. Army and Navy: 1, 1, 0, 2. Y. M. C. A.: 2, 1, 1, 0. Point Hope: 2, 1, 1, 0. Firemen: 2, 0, 2, 0. I. M. B.: 2, 0, 2, 0.

PATRIOTIC FUND

Monthly Contributions Include \$18,547 From Victoria; Appeal for Continuance Until March.

Contributions received by the Provincial Branch of the Canadian Patriotic Fund for the month of November, 1918 (exclusive of Vancouver City), were \$43,783.77, of which \$23,341.98 were from Provincial points and \$18,547.19 from the city of Victoria.

Table listing contributions from various groups: Clinton: 140.00, Cowichan Dist. Branch: 87.25, Cranbrook: 694.44, Chilliwack: 305.62, Delta Branch (Ladner): 1,200.00, Fairview: 2,500.00, Fernie: 3,455.00, Golden: 250.00, Grand Forks: 505.47, G. T. P. Ry. employees: 24.50, H. C. W. employees: 656.23, Govt. Telegraph employees: 34.50, Hope: 65.00, Harrison Mills: 9.50, Interest, Bank, for Nov. 30: 2,839.52, Kelowna: 350.00, Kootenai: 212.00, Lillooet: 212.00, Ladysmith: 70.75, 190-Mile House: 100.00, Mission City: 100.00, Nanaimo: 2,500.00, Nelson: 1,000.00, New Denver: 126.62, New Westminster: 2,744.99, Ocean Falls: 1,927.75, Port Coquitlam: 280.69, Princeton: 1,141.38, Pionex: 580.00, Powell River: 356.50, Quesnel: 140.00, Revelstoke: 160.25, Rossland: 737.32, S. K. P. employees: 197.28, Summerland: 142.00, Smithers: 142.00, Slovan City: 70.00, Swanson Bay: 174.75, Terrace: 35.00, Telkwa: 40.00, Vernon-Oct. 30: 307.05, Nov.: 418.48, Total: 48,725.53.

RED CROSS WORK

North Ward Branch. Work returned to headquarters last week from the North Ward Branch, W. A.: 72 pairs socks, 3 scarves, 5 sweaters, 44 grey shirts and 42 suits pyjamas. The workers are reminded that there is still urgent need for supplies and utmost effort is still required. The rooms are open daily from 10 to 5.

The convenor wishes to thank the following friends of the branch for donations of fuel: Mrs. Gomanon, Mrs. Kirby and Mrs. Leigh. Also to thank Mrs. Wood, of Esquimalt for a brush-broom to be used in cleaning the rooms.

The card party held in the rooms on Saturday evening was quite successful. The result of the musical result. Another will be held at the same time and place on Thursday, December 19.

THE VICTORIA WEST BRANCH

The Victoria West branch of the Red Cross Society held their second annual meeting on Monday last when the committee reported the following officers: Convenor, Mrs. J. L. Grimson; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. C. Jenkins; chairman, F. V. Clark. The Secretary's Report showed that

Boots and Skates

Ladies' Skating Boots. Per pair \$5.50, \$5.00, \$4.75, \$4.00, \$3.25. Gent's Skating Boots. Per pair, \$6.50, \$6.00, \$5.00 and \$4.00. Boys' Skating Boots. Per pair \$1.75 and \$1.25. Boys' Hockey Skates. Per pair \$4.00 and \$3.00. Ladies' Skates. Per pair \$4.00, \$3.25 and \$3.00. Men's Skates. Per pair \$6.00, \$5.25, \$4.00, \$3.00 and \$1.75. Men's Tube Skates. Per pair \$6.00.

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CLEAN FISH DEALERS TO GET CERTIFICATE

Canada Food Board Devises Means of Promoting Cleanliness in Trade

In order to stimulate a greater interest in the attractive display and sanitary handling of fish by retailers the Canada Food Board, in co-operation with the Canadian Fisheries Association, has decided to issue an "appropriately" engraved certificate to those retailers who consistently display and handle fish in an approved up-to-date manner. These certificates will be ready for distribution shortly and the ordering on them is as follows: "This store is commended by the Canada Food Board and the Canadian Fisheries Association for handling fish in a sanitary and attractive manner." The certificate will be signed by the chairman of the Food Board and the president of the Canadian Fisheries Association over the seals of each organization.

The issuance of these certificates will be made upon recommendation of the officials of the Canadian Fisheries Association and the secretaries of the various Provincial Committees of the Canada Food Board. Certificates will be awarded on the following points: 1. Cleanliness of store and care in handling of fish and fish products. 2. Attractive window or counter displays of fish at least once a week. 3. Good salesmanship, ability to dress and fillet fish and general courtesy on the part of the salesman in direct charge of fish store or fish department.

These certificates will not be granted indiscriminately. The company or person who receives one must be fully entitled to it, and it is hoped that the certificates will be regarded as being of some value as it can be framed and displayed in the window of the store. Awards will only be made to those stores who consistently fill the requirements. Certificates will not be awarded to the storekeeper who dresses his window once in a while and cleans his place up occasionally. Departmental stores and fish departments of butchers and grocers are eligible. Certificates will be forwarded post-free from Ottawa.

The volume of work has been well maintained, the following list being the total turned in: 1,650 pairs of hand made socks, 632 pairs machine made, 283 shirts, 560 pyjamas, 1,452 handkerchiefs, 17 scarves, 16 sweaters, 7 wristlets, 4 French caps and 60 face cloths. The Swastika Club have also sent in 17 pyjamas, 146 socks, 407 handkerchiefs, 1 sweater, 3 scarves. The ladies of the First Ed. W. C. T. U. 34 shirts, 7 pyjamas, 35 handkerchiefs, 4 pairs socks, 1 sweater.

Treasurer's cash statement for the year ending November 30 was as follows: Receipts—Card socials, \$27.80; membership, \$56; life membership, \$182; donations, \$58.39; raffle apples, \$2; raffle jacket, \$2.50; prisoners of war, per Miss Daniels, \$11; concert Rex Theatre, \$18.25; dance, St. Valentine Club, \$15; Victoria West School, \$25; football match, per Mr. Carroll, \$25; cocoa nut shy, \$22.75; Swastika Club, \$5; boxes, \$4.49; sale of articles, \$38; Mrs. Taylor's, \$1.00; table mats, donated by Mrs. Carruthers and Miss Paterson, \$15.40; tea, \$50.50; concert Temple's Hall, \$7.25; total, \$467.78. Disbursements, \$278; rent to headquarters, \$49.95; cash in hand, \$37; total \$567.73.

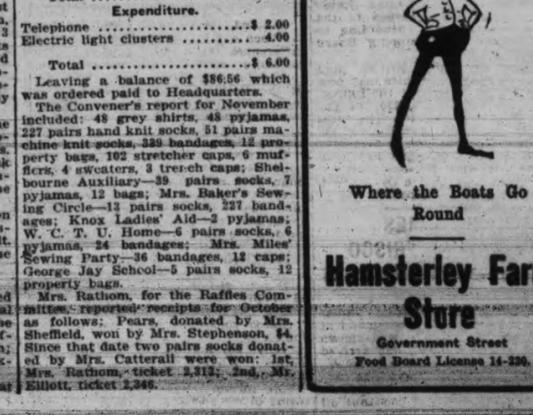
The rooms will be kept open for some time to come, and an earnest appeal is made to revive interest in social activities to provide urgently needed funds. On Thursday next, December 12, the fortnightly card social will be resumed, and the committee anticipate a good attendance.

Fernwood Red Cross

The regular monthly meeting of the Fernwood Red Cross was held at Mrs. Hudson's residence, Fernwood Road, on Tuesday evening. The Treasurer's report for the month is as follows: Completing life membership—Mrs. Snelling \$ 5.00 On account life membership—Mrs. J. McIntosh 5.00 Mrs. A. Filmye 5.00 Mrs. Munley 4.00 Mr. Jones 3.00 Mr. Wilson 2.50 Mrs. M. E. Graves 2.00 Mrs. M. Taylor 2.00 Mrs. A. Parritt 2.00 Mrs. Ferris 2.00 Mrs. P. R. Brown, Jr. 2.00 Miss Dalby 2.00 T. Evans 2.00 Donation, M. W. H. 2.00 Donation, McGill Stock Co. 1.00 Oaklands School 1.00 Interest at bank08 Total Expenditure. Telephone \$ 2.00 Electric light clusters 4.00 Total \$ 66.00 Leaving a balance of \$96.56 which was ordered paid to Headquarters. The Convenor's report for November included: 48 grey shirts, 48 pyjamas, 227 pairs hand knit socks, 51 pairs machine made, 338 handkerchiefs, 12 property bags, 162 stretchers caps, 6 mufflers, 4 sweaters, 3 trench caps, Shelbourne Auxiliary—39 pairs socks, 7 pyjamas, 12 bags, Mrs. Baker's Sewing Circle—13 pairs socks, 237 handkerchiefs, Knox Ladies Aid—2 pyjamas, W. C. T. U. Home—6 pairs socks, 6 pyjamas, 24 handkerchiefs, Mrs. Milne's Sewing Party—26 handkerchiefs, 12 caps, George Jay School—5 pairs socks, 12 property bags.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

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WATSON—On December 8, to the wife of Major J. C. Watson, 23 Chapel Street, Belgrave Square, London, England, a son.

DIED.

GOSS—On the 9th inst., at Seattle, Miss Evelyn Goss, aged 21 years; born in Charlestown, N. S. W., and a resident of Seattle for the past two months, formerly a sister of Gordon Head. She leaves to her mother, one sister and two brothers in Seattle.

The funeral, which is being arranged by the Sands Funeral Company, will take place tomorrow afternoon. The remains will be conveyed from the Seattle boat to Ross Bay Cemetery, where service will be conducted at 1:30 by the Rev. A. B. Osterhout.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. Thomas Bridges and Mrs. D. Robinson and family wish to thank their many friends for their kind sympathy extended them and for the beautiful flowers sent during their sad bereavement.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Trickey, of Prospect, Mrs. W. M. Webb and Miss S. Trickey, of Victoria, desire to thank all their friends for the kind words and sympathy extended to them during their recent sad bereavement.

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JAMES DRYDEN,
Pound Keeper.

NOTICE.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of the Estate of Nicholas Zafiris, Deceased, and in the Matter of the Administration Act.

Notice is hereby given that under an order granted by the Honorable Mr. Justice Gregory, dated the 5th day of December, A. D. 1918, I, the undersigned, as appointed Administrator of the estate of the above deceased. All parties having claims against the said estate are requested to forward particulars of same to me on or before the 15th day of January, A. D. 1919, and all parties indebted to the said estate are required to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 10th day of December, 1918.

WILLIAM MONTEITH,
Official Administrator.

TONNAGE AVAILABLE.

London, Dec. 10.—A survey of the shipping and food situation as set forth in the conferences centring around Edward N. Hurley, of the American Shipping Board, and Herbert C. Hoover, the American Food Administrator, lends the Allied food and shipping heads to believe that there is available at present enough tonnage to handle present food needs.

COURTSHIP AT THE FRONT.

Even such matters as courtship and marriage are now supervised by the military authorities.

A girl who was in the Q.M.A.A.C. at Boulogne became engaged. Engaged couples are allowed to remain in France, married couples are not. After a period of courtship her fiancé was informed that he was for the front line at a certain time.

Then the burning question arose: Should she remain at Boulogne as a fiancée and a Q.M.A.A.C. and be to the front, or should they be married and she go back to England? They decided to marry.

First at the Consulate and then at the garrison church, Gerlie was married in a cleaned frock with patched elbows. The three days' official honeymoon was spent at a cottage rented by the authorities for the purpose—an official home for honeymoon couples. The cottage is in the care of a French housekeeper, whose charges are moderate.—The Bits.

THE WRONG PLACE.

He seated himself in the grill and made a protracted study of the menu.

"Water," he said at length, "I have only 33 with me. What would you recommend?"

The waiter gently removed the card from the hand of the unsophisticated stranger as he replied:

"Another restaurant.—San Francisco Argonaut."

ELECTION OUTLOOK IN UNITED KINGDOM

General Expectation is Lloyd George Will Have Good Majority

London, Dec. 10.—(Canadian Press Dispatch)—The election campaign in the United Kingdom on the whole is lethargic owing to the results not being in doubt. There is general agreement as to the outcome. The Government will carry over 400 seats. Of these members one-fifth will be Liberal supporters of Mr. Lloyd George. The second largest organized group will be the Labour Party, which may get 100 seats. The following of Mr. Asquith is developing strongly and may return eighty-five or ninety members. The remainder of the House will be composed mainly of Sinn Feiners. The virtual destruction of the Irish Nationalist Party is looked for. While the result will give the Government a good majority, it is not believed that it will stabilize the political situation, which is very uncertain.

There is very little controversy over the Government's programme, which is generally accepted, but the argument of Labour and the Asquith Laborites is that there are reactionary influences behind Mr. Lloyd George that will cancel the programme if they are strong enough in the new House to give effect to their will. The features of the campaign are the bitterness shown toward Mr. Lloyd George by the Asquith Liberals and Labour, and the fact that meetings addressed by extremists in the Labour Party are very largely attended.

There is much dispute as to the effectiveness of the provision for taking the soldiers' votes. The opposition speakers say that only thirty-five per cent of the soldiers can vote, while the Government insists that facilities will be extended to eighty per cent. A majority of the soldier vote is claimed by both sides.

HEARST PAPERS AND WASHINGTON INQUIRY

Washington, Dec. 10.—Government copies of telegrams signed by William Randolph Hearst giving instructions regarding the policy of his newspapers and their correspondents during the war were read into the record at today's hearing of the Senate Committee investigating German propaganda in the United States.

In a message to The New York American on February 24, 1917, Mr. Hearst outlined instructions to be carried by William Bayard Hale, a Hearst correspondent in Berlin and who, according to evidence recently produced, was on the German payroll without Hearst's knowledge. Mr. Hearst said he believed a vast majority of the people in the United States and Germany opposed the United States entering the war, and concluded: "We earnestly desire to employ the influence of our country not for the extension and protraction of the war, but for the promotion of a just and lasting peace."

A. MACDONALD CO. SHARES.

Montreal, Dec. 10.—It is learned that the proposal for the funding of the dividend arrears on preferred shares of the A. Macdonald Company has met with a substantial measure of support that the plan is well assured to go through. The success of this, together with assurance of good times ahead for the west, where the company operates, is expected to find reflection in the common shares, which have been quiet for some time.

NEW CZECHO-SLOVAK PREMIER SPEAKS

Says Republic Wishes to Be Prosperous and Friend of Entente

Prague, Dec. 8.—Via London, Dec. 10.—There are people who believe the world must come to an end because the Austrian and German Empires now do not exist, but I know we will all be happier," said Dr. Kramarz, Premier of the Czechoslovak Republic, in a representative of the Associated Press today.

Dr. Kramarz for many years fought for the rights of Czech people. He was arrested at Prague on July 1, 1915, and following his trial at Vienna was sentenced to death. King Alfonso of Spain appealed in his behalf and the death sentence was commuted to fifteen years' imprisonment. Dr. Kramarz later was released under an amnesty proclamation issued by Emperor Charles.

"I have always believed in the new life of peoples," Dr. Kramarz continued. "Our sole ambition is to have peace and prosperity and to become a strong friend of the Entente against the Germans. It is probable Germany will remain a menace so long as it is possible to destroy such a strong nationality.

"As for our political future we do not see a way to tie up with Austrians or Hungarians. It is certain that in future we will try to maintain commercial relations with the Jugos-Slavs and with the Roumanians. Regarding the tariff, it is certain we must maintain a protective wall against Germany of our industries will be ruined.

"We also desire to establish the frontiers of ancient Bohemia. It is only just that we have what was once ours. It was during the Thirty Years War that the Germans ruined us, killed our people, and seized our territory, yet our race has been so strong that we survived through the centuries. However, we will be fairer with the Germans than they were with us. We will not oppress those within our frontiers. We will give them every liberty, their own schools and language, but the government must be ours."

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—The following casualties have been announced:

Infantry.

Died—Lieut. K. P. Campbell, Brandon; Pte. T. D. Curtis, New Westminster.

Prisoner of War—Pte. C. Hanson, Victoria.

Ill—Pte. Herbert Morrison, Shoal Bay, B.C.

Prisoners of War Repatriated—Lieut. J. B. Rose, Vancouver.

Artillery.

Wounded—Lieut. G. Y. L. Crossley, Montreal.

Mounted Rifles.

Wounded—Lieut. M. H. Bluetner, London, Ont.

GERMANS HAND OVER RAILWAY MATERIAL

Paris, Dec. 10.—(Havas)—Reports from Saarbrücken, Rhénish Prussia, indicate that the delivery of German railway material is being carried out very slowly, but without objection by the Germans. They tried at first to pass off worn-out French railway cars, but the commission which was receiving the material was strict in its examination and accepted only two or three cars out of every ten.

The French authorities are all the more severe in this connection, as it is declared that they have proof that the Germans, during the war built quantities of cars which they held in preparation for a proposed economic invasion to follow up the expected German victory.

OLYMPIC DUE FRIDAY.

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—Major-General McWburn to-day received the following cablegram from Sir Edward Kemp in regard to the sailing of the Olympic: "Olympic left dock 1:30 p.m., December 8."

Allowing five days for the trip, it is probable therefore, that the Olympic will dock at Halifax early on Friday.

Washington, Dec. 10.—An official summary of the results of the influenza epidemic in army camps and military centres in the United States made public by the War Department to-day, shows that there are 335,257 cases of the disease up to December 1, with approximately 17,000 deaths.

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THREE CANADIAN PARTIES IN RUSSIA

One is Operating With Army and Others Are Otherwise Engaged

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—A cable from the overseas militia authorities to the Director of Public Information, states that the Canadian contingent employed in Northern Russia consists of three parties. The first and third parties are engaged in training and leading the local forces raised in Archangel and Murmansk and in administrative duties.

The second party forms part of the Allied Expeditionary force co-operating from Archangel, which also includes British, American, French and Russian troops whose object is to protect the Russian people from the ravages of the Bolsheviks, and to maintain the status of the Allies.

HANDLING OF CIVIL SERVANTS' BONUS

Ottawa Cabinet Appoints Committee of Ministers to Deal With Matter

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—The Government has appointed a sub-committee of the Cabinet to administer the civil service bonus. At first it was decided that each member of the Cabinet should be responsible for the application of the bonus to the employees of his own Department, but so many unforeseen difficulties and complexities cropped up that it has been deemed wise to turn the matter over to a committee of the Cabinet. It will be the duty of this committee to straighten out tangles and objections and difficulties that have been encountered thus far in administering the bonus, and it is hoped that this step, will in large measure, meet objections of the Civil Servants' Organization.

An Extension.

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—The Government has decided to extend the terms of the recent Order-in-Council granting a bonus to the civil servants. As distinguished from clerks, etc., all employees without regard to the nature of their work, who are paid on a monthly or yearly basis, will be eligible for the bonus of \$150 in the case of single persons and \$250 in the case of those married or with dependents.

TURKS IN SMYRNA OPPRESSING GREEKS

Athens, Dec. 10.—The Turks in Smyrna continue to oppress the Greek population there, according to information reaching the semi-official Athens News Agency. The attitude of the Turks has not improved since the armistice was signed, it is declared, but rather has been more arrogant. A number of Greeks have been arrested and several have been killed. The advice adds that the Turks have torn down Greek churches and have lowered Greek flags raised at the time of the signing of the armistice.

LAST OF BRITAIN'S CONSULS IN RUSSIA HAS LEFT COUNTRY

Stockholm, Dec. 10.—Great Britain's last remaining representative in Russia, Vice-Consul Baker, reached here on a steamship to-day from Petrograd.

Another passenger on the vessel was Princess Helena, daughter of King Peter of Serbia and wife of the Grand Duke Ivan Constantinovich. Princess Helena for several months was a prisoner of the Bolsheviks. She was released through the influence of the Norwegian Legation.

JOSEPH A. CLARKE MAYOR OF EDMONTON

Edmonton, Dec. 10.—With a majority of 487 votes, ex-Alderman Joseph A. Clarke was elected to the mayorship of Edmonton for 1919, in succession to the incumbent, Mayor Evans.

The new aldermen elected are C. F. Hepburn, Alderman J. M. C. Coppen, H. M. Martin, J. McKenzie, A. R. McLennan and C. H. Grant.

On the Public School Board, Chairman W. Rea and Trustee J. A. Dugan were returned, along with Dr. F.

SACRAMENTO FLIGHT.

Eugene, Ore., Dec. 10.—Lieut. A. F. Hogland, an army aviator, left here at 9:25 a.m. to-day on a trial flight southward. He declared before starting that he would go on to Sacramento if he found weather conditions favorable.

NEW YORK CURB MARKET.
(By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.)

Canada Copper	Bid.	Asked.
Ray Hercules	2 1/2	2 3/4
Hecla Mining	3 1/2	3 3/4
United Eastern	4 1/2	4 3/4
Aetna Explosives	6 1/2	6 3/4
Chevrolet Motors	140	150
Curtis, Aeroglines	12	14
Sunmarine Boat	11 1/2	12 1/2
United Motors	34	36
U. S. Steamships	5 1/2	5 3/4
Wright-Martin Aero.	15	16
Cosden Oil	4 1/2	4 3/4
Elk Basin	5 1/2	5 3/4
Merritt Oil	2 1/2	2 3/4
Mid. West. Oil	10 1/2	10 3/4
Do. Refining	47	49
Northwest Oil	12 1/2	12 3/4
Sapulpa Refining	6 1/2	6 3/4
Caledonia	3 1/2	3 3/4
Cons. Copper	6 1/2	6 3/4
Davis Daily	5 1/2	5 3/4
Kerr Lake	5 1/2	5 3/4
Magma Copper	29	30
Nipissing Mines	8 1/2	8 3/4
Success Mines	19	20

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\$ 165.42 " 50 " " " " " " " " " "	1250 " " " " " " " " " "
\$ 330.84 " 100 " " " " " " " " " "	2500 " " " " " " " " " "
\$ 1654.20 " 500 " " " " " " " " " "	12500 " " " " " " " " " "
\$ 3308.41 " 1000 " " " " " " " " " "	25000 " " " " " " " " " "

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FINANCIAL NEWS

GENERAL ADVANCE IN NEW YORK STOCKS

More Activity Shown in Late Trading; Prices Advance Easily

(By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.)

New York, Dec. 10.—The market this morning had a very steady opening. The morning session was quiet but brought in some impressive buying. The short interest was in an uncomfortable position as the market gained headway. The buying of United States Steel was said to be of the very best character, the strength in this issue after the long period of dullness was responsible for the general cheerfulness as reflected in the rest of the list. The good earnings of Union Pacific are beginning to have an effect on the quotations in the stock. Southern Railway and Atchison are also well bought by conservative interests.

Nevada Cons. Copper	19 1/4	19 1/2	19 3/4
N. Y. Air Brake	102	102	102
Pennsylvania R. R.	47	47	47
People's Gas	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2
Pressed Steel Car	85	85	85
Reading	85 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2
Ry. Steel Spring	79 1/4	74 1/2	76 1/2
Ray Cons. Mining	23 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Republic Steel	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2
Southern Pacific	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2
Southern Ry. com.	32 1/2	31 1/2	32 1/2
Do. pref.	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2
Studebaker Corp.	53 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
Stoss Sheffield	48	48	48
The Texas Company	188 1/2	186 1/2	186 1/2
Union Pacific	132	130 1/2	131 1/2
Union Copper	80 1/2	79 1/2	80 1/2
U. S. Ind. Alcohol	105 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2
U. S. Rubber	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2
U. S. Steel, com.	99 1/2	97 1/2	99 1/2
Do. pref.	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2
Virginia Chem.	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
Western Union	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2
Wisconsin Cent.	34	34	34
Wabash R. Co.	10	10	10
Wabash R. Co. "A"	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Wily's Overland	27	28 1/2	27
Windsorhouse Elec.	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2
Arglo-Pr.	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2
Arn. Linsced	45	42	41 1/2
Do. pref.	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2
A. A. Suggs Tob.	105 1/2	92	92
Am. In. Corp.	56	56	56
Cal. Pet. pref.	70 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2
Columbia Gas	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2
Gen. Motors	110 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2
Ohio Gas	44	43 1/2	44
R. I. S.	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2
Lib. to	93.20	93.20	93.20

NARROW GRAIN MARKET TO-DAY

(By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.)

Chicago, Dec. 10.—The trade was evenly balanced to-day and the market narrow. There was some buying of January against sales of March and May.

Corn	Open.	High.	Low.	Last.
Jan.	131 1/2	132 1/2	130 1/2	131 1/2
Feb.	129 1/2	131 1/2	129 1/2	129 1/2
March	131 1/2	131 1/2	129 1/2	131 1/2
May	130 1/2	131 1/2	129 1/2	130 1/2
Oats				
Jan.	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2
Feb.	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2
May	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, Dec. 10.—The cash markets continue dull and featureless to-day. Oats closed 1/2 cent higher for December and 1/2 cent lower for May. Barley closed 1/2 cent lower for December and 1/2 cent higher for May. Flax closed 1/2 cent higher for December and 1/2 cent higher for May.

Oats	Open.	High.	Low.	Last.
Dec.	78 1/2	79	78 1/2	79
May	83 1/2	83 1/2	82 1/2	83
Barley				
Dec.	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2
May	111 1/2	111 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2
Flax				
Dec.	321	321	321	321
May	321	321	321	321

Cash prices: Oats—2 C. W., 79; 3 C. W., 75 1/2; extra 1 feed, 75 1/2; 1 feed, 75; 2 feed, 70 1/2.

Barley—3 C. W., 104; 4 C. W., 99; rejected, 87 1/2; feed, 85 1/2.

Flax—1 N. W. C., 33 1/2; 2 C. W., 32 1/2; 3 C. W., 27.

SENDING MONEY TO SOLDIERS

Those who have friends or relatives at the front, may wish to send money, but possibly do not know the best way to do so.

If time permits, the safest and most convenient method of making remittances abroad is the Bank Money Order or Draft, as issued by The Merchants Bank.

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DEPARTMENT OF WORKS.
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.
COMOX DISTRICT—Highway Bridge over the Salmon River at Saech Crossing, also Highway Bridge over the Salmon River at the Second Crossing about Four Miles West of Saech Crossing, which Sites are distant about Four and Seven Miles, respectively, up Stream from the Salmon Bay Wharf, Johnstone Strait, Vancouver Island, B. C.
SEPARATE SEALED TENDERS, as ordered above, will be received at the Department of Provincial Public Works, Victoria, B. C., up to noon of December 12 next, for the erection and completion of two bridges over the Salmon River. Drawings, specifications, forms of contract and tender may be seen in Room No. 7, East Wing, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B. C., in the office of the District Engineer, Vancouver, Vancouver, and in the Government Agent's Office, Cumberland, B. C., on and after the 25th instant.
Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit, made payable to the Provincial Public Works Department, for an amount equal to ten (10) per cent of the tender, security for the due fulfilment of the contract, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering declines to enter into contract when called upon to do so, or if he fails to complete the work contracted for.
The cheques or certificates of deposit shall be returned to them upon the execution of the contract.
Tenders will not be considered unless made out on the forms supplied and signed with the actual signature of the tenderers.
A. E. FOREMAN,
District Engineer, Provincial Public Works, Victoria, B. C., November 25, 1918.

IMPROVED SITUATION
DR. YOUNG BACK FROM A SPANISH "FLU" TOUR OF INSPECTION

From an official visit to several points in the interior to investigate the conditions which have arisen out of the Spanish influenza epidemic, Dr. H. E. Young, Secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, returned to his office at the Parliament Buildings yesterday afternoon.
The first place of call was the City of Kamloops, whither Dr. Young went on an urgent call to a joint meeting of the Hospital Board and City Health Committee. The Provincial official met the city council and the medical men of the city in conference and discussed the circumstances from every angle. The organization, says Dr. Young, is excellent, and he considers that the worst of the situation has now passed.

One of the chief factors causing alarm to the authorities at Kamloops was the manner of dealing with the many cases developing at outside points in the event of roads becoming impassable by heavy falls of snow. Up to the present the accommodation in the city itself has been available to all outside patients and the Hospital Board will continue to deal with them so long as patients are able to make the journey.
The Government Agent has been empowered by the Provincial Board of Health to make arrangements for the opening of certain available buildings in the outlying districts to take care of any situation that may develop as a result of heavy snow storms and inability to move fresh cases of the malady to Kamloops.

Sanction to which point Dr. Young proceeded from Kamloops is about the only town in British Columbia which has not reported a case of Spanish influenza, testifying to the efficiency of the ban which has been in since the early days of the epidemic. Local difficulties have been experienced, however, in the matter of how best still to preserve the town proof against the ravages of the malady. The ban was extended by Dr. Young to take in a radius of seven miles so that the Medical Health Officer may have control of ingress and egress to the main road leading to the town.
A wire reaching Dr. Young from Dr. Oliver at Hope this morning declares the epidemic now to be under control there. More than a score of cases are receiving attention at present but Dr. Oliver's news says that they are all recovering. Two Victoria nurses are assisting the Premier's son to combat the disease.
Dr. Young will go to Ladysmith tomorrow in company with J. H. Hayward, M.P., to investigate certain representations made to him on behalf of the miners of the locality.

COURT OF REVISION CONCLUDES SESSION
Victoria's Voters' List for 1919 Shows Total of 9,500 Names
A sitting of the Court of Revision on the Municipal Voters' List for 1919 was held in the City Council Chamber this morning, the session being a brief one.
Application was lodged for the striking off of the names of two voters who died recently, and an order was made accordingly. Eight names were stated to have been duplicated owing to the fact that property owners had qualified as householders or licenseholders under the mistaken impression that they were required to qualify in order to secure the privilege of voting, consequently they were listed as both property-holders and householders.
Only one applicant appeared before the court to request that his name should be placed on the list, and this was done.
Application was made to strike off the list the names of Robert Watson Clayton and Joseph Brotherton, two returned soldiers who have obtained their discharges, on the ground that they had not paid their road tax of \$2 as required by Act. They were ordered struck off as there was no alternative, no provision having been made for the exemption of men from payment of the road tax who have received their discharges.
The court was adjourned until 10 o'clock next Friday morning, in order that the claimants whose names have been duplicated on the list may be heard.
The voters' list as it now stands includes a total of about 9,500 names, as against a total of 9,382 last year.

Municipal Voters.
The number of voters in Saanich will be about the same this year as last. Between seven and eight thousand voters are included in the list, compiled with some slight additions to the number of last year. The Saanich Court of Revision sat this afternoon.
In Oak Bay there will be between 2,000 and 2,200 voters, or about the same number as last year. The court of revision will sit at half past five o'clock. In Esquimalt, where the court of revision will sit this evening, there will be about 1,500 voters, about the same as last year.
War Pictures.—On Friday evening at 7 o'clock a large assortment of pictures of the great war will be shown on the screen at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Victoria West. The scenes show troops in Canada, England and in action in France.

Christmas Market Days.—A petition from the stallholders of the Victoria City Market will be read at the meeting of the City Council to-night regarding the market days for the holiday season. Fixed for December 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 31.

SENTENCE OF THREE MONTHS FOR SOLDIER
F. P. O'CARROLL FINALLY CONVICTED OF PASSING WORTHLESS CHEQUE

After several remands, granted in order that his mental condition might be investigated, F. P. O'Carroll was sentenced to three months in prison by Magistrate Jay in the Police Court this morning, for passing a worthless cheque. Two other charges of a similar nature will be considered to-morrow.
In the case under consideration this morning, it was alleged that O'Carroll had obtained money from a fellow soldier in the Siberian Contingent by giving him a worthless cheque. Accused pleaded that as a result of shell shock sustained at the front, he was subject to periods during which he was not responsible for his actions, and which he did not recollect afterwards. He remembered nothing of the alleged offence, and he cited incidents in his life during the past few months to support his claims.

Medical Testimony.
R. C. Lowe, acting for the defence, called into the box Capt. W. G. Shepherd, a military doctor, for his knowledge of O'Carroll's case. Captain Shepherd stated that O'Carroll had been examined by a medical board on November 22, when he was placed as a mental defective, and classed in Category D for further treatment. However, the Captain explained that there was usually some considerable delay in the receipt of the papers necessary to place a soldier in a mental hospital.
"He would know that he was writing a cheque," said the witness, "but he was not normal, for a man would not have done it." The captain said he had been led to believe that accused was in the habit of using cocaine.

No Excuse.
"The defence must prove," said the Magistrate, "that the accused was suffering in a way that would be an excuse for his action. He knew enough at the time to fill in the date on the cheque. I cannot come to any conclusion other than he knew what he was doing at the time, and the consequences. I think the man is suffering with some mental derangement, but not sufficient to excuse him for the offence with which he is charged."
DR. KING ABOUT
Minister of Public Works Paid a Visit to His Office Yesterday.
Although only able to remain in his office for a few minutes, the Hon. J. H. King, Minister of Public Works, was driven to the Parliament Buildings yesterday afternoon, repeating the process again to-day.
The Minister has been laid up with bronchial pneumonia since he returned from his month's fight against Spanish "flu" at Cranbrook.
It will be recalled that when the madly struck Dr. King's home town, the population there were ordered to be released from his ministerial duties and again apply his medical knowledge for the benefit of the community. Very naturally Dr. King readily responded.

OBITUARY RECORD
The death occurred yesterday at Seattle of Miss Evelyn Goss, aged twenty-one years, a former resident of Charlottetown, P. E. I., and had been a resident of Seattle for the past two months. She leaves behind her a mother, one sister and two brothers in Seattle. The funeral, which is being arranged by the Sands Funeral Company, will take place to-morrow afternoon at the cemetery located on the Seattle boat to Ross Bay Cemetery, where service will be conducted at 1.30 o'clock by the Rev. A. B. Oesthout.
The funeral took place this morning of Constantine Joseph, the six-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Lennax, of 1125 Yates Street, the remains leaving the residence of his grandfather, 2161 Fowl Bay Road, at 9.45 o'clock and fifteen minutes later service was conducted at St. Andrew's Cathedral by the Rev. Father Letere. Interment was at Ross Bay Cemetery.

Interdenominational Association.
The Interdenominational Local Preachers' Association has arranged to hold its quarterly meeting this evening at the home of Wm. Marchant, Fort Street, at 8 o'clock. A paper will be read by George Grist on the subject of "Church Union," to be followed by a general discussion.

Schools Football.—Although the schools of Oak Bay have been closed again, this has not been allowed to postpone the match between the football teams representing the schools of Victoria and those of Oak Bay. Considerable enthusiasm has been shown on both sides, and the spectators, of whom a good number are expected to attend, may be sure of seeing a very spirited contest, and not a little thrill.

Small Fire.—The Fire Department was called out shortly after noon today to attend to a small fire which had broken out at premises situated at 2407 Fernwood Road. Some slight damage had been done by flames caused by a defective oven.

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50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size 25c. At all dealers or sent on receipt of price, postpaid, by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

ROTARIANS TO BEAR EVERY CENT OF COST
Subscriptions to Fund Go Direct to Guests; Club Pays Expenses

For the last three or four years the Rotary Club of Victoria has taken subscriptions from its members for the purpose of providing Christmas cheer for the children of this city, who, owing to the present circumstances, would otherwise have been deprived of the right of every child to a Merry Christmas.
Never before has the club appealed to the general public to assist in this work, and it does so this year only because the need is so great, and it is desirous of making this the first "Peace-Christmas—a happy one for every child in Victoria."
The members of the club are prepared to do all the work in connection with the buying of gifts and wrapping of parcels. Rotarian Clifford Denham, Manager of the Royal Victoria Theatre, is donating the theatre and show for Monday afternoon, December 23. The Rotary Club will provide a Christmas tree and a Santa Claus to distribute the parcels. Every cent of expense in being borne by Rotarians. All the money subscribed will be used for the purpose of buying gifts, and in this connection it should be said that never yet has the Rotary Club failed to buy any gifts needed at cost price or less, both from non-Rotarians and from members.
In order that the list of guests may be as comprehensive as circumstances allow, it is desired that all who are able to do so, in good time for treating each one as the promoters would wish it, essential that the generous people of Victoria give and give quickly.
Amount previously acknowledged \$290
R. A. B. 2
William Agnew 25
Mrs. Audain 10
Total \$327

WILL NOT PUBLISH INFLUENZA REPORTS
Dr. A. G. Price Takes Exception to Victoria Getting All the Notoriety

No further reports will be given out by Dr. A. G. Price, Medical Health Officer, respecting the co-operation of the Victorian Order of Nurses in Victoria such time as Saanich, Oak Bay and Esquimalt get into line, and furnish the public with similar statistics.
The above was the announcement made by Dr. Price to-day, and in explanation of the stand taken he states that it is manifestly unfair to Victoria that the city should be given the entire onus of the epidemic.
From Saanich the public statement has been made that that district has handled the situation better than Victoria, says Dr. Price, who takes strong exception to Victoria being discredited by such statements and advertisements which take care to refer to the remarks at the Saanich Council on Saturday.
As a matter of fact it is explained that Victoria did everything possible in a friendly spirit of co-operation in the adjoining districts. Voluntary nurses were sent out, and one of the Victorian Order of Nurses was assigned to Saanich work. In fact, the machinery of the city's department was at the disposal of any of the adjoining municipalities as far as it was possible to utilize it.
Frequent reports of cases were received over the telephone and dealt with by the City and included in its reports of the number of cases in connection with which it was afterwards found by checking up the addresses that they were outside of the city limits.
"It is not fair that the whole thing should be shouldered on Victoria, and so long as the other municipalities do not publish reports of the influenza situation there is no reason why we should," said Dr. Price.

The Plunkett Nurses.
There is yet another nursing service, known as Plunkett Nurses—so named after the wife of a previous Governor—who was much interested in the society. It was started by Dr. Thurby King, who recently passed through America on his way to England. The Plunkett Society was established for the special purpose of trying to reduce the mortality amongst babies. It has brought about such improvement in this respect that infant mortality in New Zealand is now the lowest in the world. Its great aim is to teach mothers how to care for and discipline their babies.
Special importance attached to scientific methods of artificial feeding, where the mother is unable to nurse her baby. The society has a special training hospital in Dunedin and has now started another in

THE MERCHANTS BANK OF CANADA

Comparative Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at October 31st, 1918, and October 31st, 1917.

	October 1918	October 1917
ASSETS		
Current Coin	\$ 4,742,077.80	\$ 4,727,088.00
Deposit in the Central Gold Reserves	8,900,000.00	6,500,000.00
Dominion Notes	7,418,910.00	8,319,730.00
Notes of other Banks		
Cheques on other Banks	7,088,185.00	6,088,675.00
Balances due by other Banks in Canada	2,635.00	2,706.00
Balances due by Banks and banking correspondents in the United Kingdom	144,789.00	168,570.00
Balances due by Banks and banking correspondents elsewhere than in Canada and the United Kingdom	1,240,844.00	1,541,145.00
Dominion and Provincial Government securities, not exceeding market value	16,390,464.00	8,662,607.00
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, not exceeding market value	3,933,373.00	5,905,232.00
Canadian Municipal securities, and British, Foreign, and Colonial public securities other than Canadian	15,187,644.00	9,081,704.00
Call Loans in Canada on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	4,916,574.00	5,882,431.00
Call Loans elsewhere than in Canada	2,800,198.00	3,277,614.00
Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less Rebate of Interest)	80,029,341.00	68,070,191.00
Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less Rebate of Interest)	345,308.00	304,122.00
Liabilities of customers under letters of credit as per contra	418,008.00	630,764.00
Real Estate other than bank premises	333,872.00	303,434.00
Overdue debts, estimated loss provided for	350,807.00	279,900.00
Bank premises, at not more than cost, less amount written off	5,218,802.00	4,758,215.00
Deposit with the Minister for the purpose of the Circulation Fund	860,000.00	355,000.00
Other Assets not included in the foregoing	413,870.00	294,947.00
	\$165,924,430.00	\$130,608,653.00
LIABILITIES		
Notes of the Bank in Circulation	\$15,190,243.00	\$13,402,863.00
Deposits, Demand	27,246,080.00	27,360,064.00
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NURSES' POSITION IN NEW ZEALAND
Mrs. MacLachlan Receives Information From Sister Dominion on Their Status

The recent epidemic which cast its blighting hand over the whole of the Dominion drew attention to the dearth of competent nurses under which Canada has been laboring since the war took so many of them to the battlefields of Europe and elsewhere. The emergency furnished those public services, such as the Victorian Order of Nurses, with an invaluable opportunity to prove their worth and at the same time emphasized the need of an extension of this, or some similar public nursing service.
In view of this a brief description of the public service in vogue in New Zealand may not be amiss. The details are furnished in a letter to Mrs. V. S. MacLachlan from Mrs. M. A. Blackmore, of Christchurch, New Zealand.

Hospitals and Taxation.
The New Zealand hospitals are built and maintained by taxation—the people of the district in which a hospital is situated pay half the cost of building and maintenance, the Government paying the rest. In these institutions all nurses are trained, it is a three years' course and at the end a Government examination. If this exam is passed, the candidate is placed on the Government register of trained nurses.
The Government at its own expense maintains in large and small centres maternity homes. The charges are very low and in some cases no fee is asked. These homes are used as training schools for maternity nurses. These nurses also have to pass a Government examination and be placed on the register before practising. They are not necessarily hospital trained nurses, though many take the three years' course first and then specialize as maternity nurses.
By means of trained hospital nurses and trained maternity nurses, the Government maintains a district nursing service for outlying portions of the country. These nurses are stationed in country centres and attend settlers, their wives and families in their own homes for general nursing purposes or for confinement cases. In addition there are also town district nurses, who attend the poor in their own homes without fee. This town service was, until recently, kept up by voluntary subscriptions, but the Government now subsidizes these organizations.

GAVE THE WRONG NAME.
An error in the Times report last Saturday of the case of three soldiers who were charged with breaking out of the Guard House at the Willows, represented a "Sergeant Purdy" as giving evidence to the effect that he was in charge of the Guard House at the time of the occurrence. Sergeant R. P. Purdie, of the 26th Battalion, Canadian Rifles, informs this paper that he is the only sergeant of that name in the whole Brigade, and that on the occasion referred to his batman did not supply the main Guard.
The error was due to a misapprehension of the name of the witness who gave the testimony, and The Times cheerfully expresses to Sergeant Purdie its regret that it appeared in its columns.

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HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN ON PRE-EMPTED LAND

Realizes Force of Premier Oliver's Representations on Soldiers' Behalf

During Premier Oliver's recent visit to Ottawa to attend the conference of Provincial Premiers, the British Columbia Secretary of the Provincial Returned Soldiers' Commission wired him as follows: "No provision is made by the Federal Government for granting patent to returned soldiers who had pre-empted land and fully complied with development duties before enlistment. Try to have them legislate along lines similar to British Columbia. Understand the matter has been called to the attention of Mr. Maber, Chairman of the Land Settlement Board. Existing conditions penalize soldier as compared with the man who remained at home."

Mr. Meighen Replies.

The Hon. Arthur Meighen, Minister of the Interior, has now given his views upon the representations made to him by Premier Oliver at the request of Secretary Pyke, of the Provincial Returned Soldiers' Commission, in a letter which follows here in part:

Ottawa, Nov. 28, 1913.

"My dear Mr. Oliver,—

"I have your letter of the 22nd instant, enclosing a telegram addressed to you by Mr. George F. Pyke, of Victoria, B. C., as follows:

"No provision made by Federal Government for granting patent to returned soldiers who had pre-empted land and fully complied with development duties before enlistment. Try to have them legislate along lines similar to British Columbia. Understand matter has been called to attention of Maber, Chairman land settlement board set existing condition penalize soldier as compared with man who remained home."

"The policy of this Department provides for counting military service overseas as performance of residence duties in the case of a man who held homestead entry before enlisting, but such entrants are expected to complete the required cultivation duties upon their return, unless they have been disabled while on military duty. Provision is also made whereby a man on active service may lease his home-

stead and the work done on the land by the lessee counts towards the performance of cultivation duties by the entrant.

Full Consideration.

"Every entrant who has been on active service overseas is given the fullest possible consideration and is given advantage of every possible elasticity in the enforcing of the Homestead Regulations. This is particularly so, if the entrant has been partially disabled, and, in such cases, the Department reduces the amount of duties required to the greatest possible minimum. For such men who enlisted for active service overseas and who have held homestead entries, authority has been obtained from Parliament for making a grant of land, and also a loan to enable them to commence farming operations.

Exchange Facilities.

"The regulations also provide for a returned soldier, purchased homestead or pre-emption, entrant exchanging such form of entry for a grant, under the legislation authorizing grants to returned soldiers, which is administered by the commission created for that purpose, that is, a returned soldier entrant holding a pre-emption or purchased homestead entry for a certain parcel of land may have such entry changed to a military grant, and in which he would be required to make if he retained this land under pre-emption or purchased homestead entry.

Want to Know of Hardship.

"You may assure Mr. Pyke that the returned soldier will be given every possible consideration and assistance in this Department in having his homestead difficulties adjusted as promptly and as leniently as the legislation in this respect will permit, and this Department will appreciate any of the local Returned Soldiers' Associations, advising the Department as promptly as possible of any alleged cases of hardship which come to their notice in connection with returned soldiers holding homestead entries."

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Certificates are either registered as principal or coupon bearer, with interest payable quarterly, the 16th of January, April, July and October. Subscriptions close in Canada December 14, 1913, and interest accrues from October 16, 1913.

THE WISDOM OF BENNIE.

"My boy Bennie is lazy, but I must say he is smart," said the musician. "Is he going to follow in your footsteps?"

"No, I learned to play the trombone and I've got to march about eight miles every time there is a parade. Bennie is learning the harp, so they will have to let him sit down."—Boston Transcript.

BIG AUDIENCE HEARS CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CULT DENOUNCED

Dr. William Evans Says "Un-Christian and Foe to the Home"

AT DOMINION THEATRE SUNDAY AFTERNOON

"I am not a Christian Scientist because Christian Science is not scientific; because it is not Christian; because of its wrong attitude towards the Bible; and because it is a foe to the home."

Christian Science tells us that there is no such thing as matter. According to this theory a cobble stone is not matter, but an idea. Suppose that it is an idea, then if a man throws one at you, it is a case of an ideal man hurling an ideal stone. It strikes an ideal head, causes an ideal pain, raises an ideal bump, and so you have an all round ideal experience.

The Christian Scientist says there is no such thing as cold. Why then did Mrs. Eddy wrap her body in sealskin furs when she went on a journey?

"If it be true that man is never sick, then it is nothing short of a crime for Christian Science practitioners to take money from patients for curing diseases which the patients do not have."

Christian Science and the Bible hopelessly contradict each other.

"I defy anyone to give me the name and address of any Christian Science couple being married in a Christian Science Church by a Christian Science Minister or Reader anywhere in the world."

The foregoing are a few of the statements with which Dr. William Evans, D.D., LL.D., galvanized a huge audience in the Dominion Theatre Sunday afternoon during the course of an address on "Why I am not a Christian Scientist." In giving his reasons Dr. Evans indulged in no fiery reprimands nor vague generalizations, but in simple straight forward language proceeded to disintegrate the principles underlying the cult of Christian Science as he understands and views them. Admitting that he made no attempt to rely upon memory for his comparative illustrations as between the teachings enunciated in "Science and Health," and his belief in the omnipotence of Divine instruction, which accepts the principle of human frailty. The speaker was careful to quote in extenso from the writings of Mrs. Eddy giving chapter and verse to his audience before he proceeded to specific analysis, and throughout the course of his address, which occupied some ninety minutes, there was no audible expression of dissent.

The gathering was presided over by Dr. Ernest Hall and supporting him on the platform were the Rev. J. G. Inkster, of the First Presbyterian Church; and the Rev. P. C. Parker, of the First Baptist Church.

Disaffection With Orthodoxy.

In introducing the speaker, Dr. Hall declared that he was not a Christian Scientist, though he had been for many another cult, it was originally founded on a great truth, which had not been sufficiently emphasized by the church. Declaring it to be probably one of the most intense forms of present-day unrest, Dr. Hall characterized Christian Science as an expression of dissatisfaction with orthodoxy, not only of the church, but of the medical profession, and a groping, less ecclesiasticalism in the church and less materialism in his own profession. He was not aware of the stand which Dr. Evans intended to take on the subject of Christian Science, but he "hoped there would be no nudging or I shall be disposed to call him to order."

Introducing his subject by stating that he had on many occasions been accused of not being competent to judge of Christian Science, Dr. Evans expressed the opinion that in order to understand the teachings of Christian Science it was better not to be a follower of those teachings. He described a Christian Scientist as "one who is compelled to walk through life like a horse with blinders, seeing only one thing and reading only one class of books." One who was not thus confined, said the speaker, was better able to judge the merits of the cult. He had been asked why he singled out Christian Science for attack and why he had not left it alone. To which he replied that the Christian church would gladly have left it to the medical profession had the cult confined itself to its original purpose of mental healing, and not tried to itself the prerogatives of religion. (Applause.)

Mind versus Matter.

Giving as his first reason for not being a Christian Scientist his opinion that the cult was not scientific, Dr. Evans quoted at some length from Mrs. Eddy's writings to support his contention. The cult, he said, denied the first principles of science in asserting that "there is no substance in matter and that it does not exist, and that the only evidence of the existence of matter is gathered through the five senses." According to this theory, the speaker was of the opinion that a cobblestone was just an idea, but that did not prevent its violent contact with the body from proving an actual experience. In the same way, according to the Christian Scientists, a person weighing 200 pounds if they thought themselves as light as a feather could float girly through life and suffer no inconvenience in the hottest weather—a good obesity-reducing scheme.

To a disciple of the cult, continued the speaker, heat and cold had not existence. Then, why, he asked, did Christian Scientists live in steam-heated apartments, pay gas and fuel bills, and why did Mrs. Eddy clothe herself in sealskin furs when she took her journey? Quoting from "Science and Health," he said "we have smallpox because others have it." If that were true, he asserted, then the hospitals are filled with people who are well and healthy, and the doctors are taking money—under false pretences, while under the same conditions, "there is nothing short of a crime for Christian Science practitioners to take money from patients for curing diseases which the patients do not have."

According to the teachings of Christian Science "there is no death."



This, Dr. Evans continued would tend to inculcate the belief that the woman who had laid away her little babe, being persuaded that it was dead, was guilty of burying her child alive. For the same reason, the mummy of Rameses which he saw in Egypt must still be living, according to the cult under discussion.

Claims it "Unchristian."

His second reason for not believing in its doctrines, Dr. Evans gave as "because it was not Christian." "I said all the suffering boys who lay in their blood-stained khaki on the battlefields of Europe, was there one Christian Scientist to bind up their wounds?" (Cries of "No, no!")

Continuing his theme, the speaker quoted the words of Punahia Ramahai, who on hearing of the cult on her arrival in New York in 1898, characterized it as the pagan philosophy which had been taught among her people for the past four thousand years and which, according to her, had ruined thousands of lives and brought untold misery to many homes. Dr. Evans claimed that the cult was un-Christian inasmuch as it claimed to be the religion of Jesus Christ while asserting that it was discovered and revealed to the world for the first time by a woman. He declared that the cult denied the personality of God, by their creed that matter had no substance, for he said "God is all and all is God." The teachings of Mrs. Eddy set forth that Mary's conception of Christ was spiritual, thus denying the incarnation of Christ. The speaker quoted at some length from "Science and Health," and from the Bible to support his contention that the former hopelessly contradicted the latter, and that Christian Science adopted an attitude adverse to the teachings of the Bible.

A Foe to the Home.

That the cult was a foe to the home, to marriage and to motherhood was the final reason given by Dr. Evans for his non-agreement with the teachings of Christian Science. He cited the case of an invalid girl with three brothers whose great love for her led higher positions in the study of art that he might paint the scenes which she was unable to visit; the second devoted his time to music that he might play for her, while the third made himself proficient as a reader in order to amuse her. "Had that been the home of Christian Scientists," continued the speaker, "that girl would have been declared to be well, and those tender ministries of love would have been changed into the acidities of criticism and rebuke."

TOO MUCH LEGISLATION.

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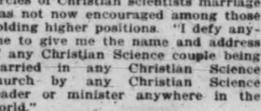
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DR. EVANS

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