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EFFORTS OF ENEMY FRUSTRATED ON VERDUN FRONT, WHERE FOUR ATTACKS WERE MADE, BRINGING HEAVY LOSSES

Germans Succeeded Only in Penetrating Some Advanced Trenches in Sector of Hill 304; Elsewhere They Were Beaten Back to Their Own Lines; Left Many Dead Behind; Paris Reports To-day

Paris, Jan. 26.—On the Verdun front last night German troops made attacks at four points between Avocourt wood and Deadman's Hill. The war office announced this afternoon that the Germans were driven back with severe losses, although they penetrated advanced trenches near Hill 304.

In Upper Alsace German troops left their trenches at two points to attack, but were checked by the French artillery.

The text of the announcement follows:

"On the left bank of the river Meuse, after a violent bombardment, German forces yesterday evening delivered attacks on four points of the front between Avocourt wood and a point to the east of Deadman's Hill, but they were repulsed by our curtain of fire and by the fire of our infantry and machine guns.

"Our assailants were compelled to move their way back to their trenches, with the exception, however, of certain detachments who were successful in penetrating some of our advanced trenches in the sector of Hill 304. The enemy during the attack suffered very heavy losses and left numerous dead in front of our lines, particularly in Avocourt wood.

Germans Failed.
"During the course of the night German troops undertook several surprise attacks against some of our minor positions, but these failed under the fire of our men located to the north of Chilly, south of the Somme, and to the northeast of Vifre, between the Oise and the Aisne.

"In upper Alsace, near Largetzen, after a spirited bombardment, forces of the enemy came out of their trenches at two points. Our artillery fire put a definite check to this endeavor.

"On the remainder of the front there has been intermittent cannonading."
German Statement.
Berlin, Jan. 26.—French trenches on Hill 304, northwest of Verdun, were stormed yesterday by German troops along a front of 1,600 metres, the war office announced to-day. Approximately 500 prisoners were taken by the Germans who also captured 10 machine-guns. The French captured in a counter-attack last night.

LONDON TIMES ON IMPERIAL CONFERENCE

London, Jan. 26.—The Times says editorially:

"The overseas dominions have long believed that the time would come for them to take a more direct share in the government of the empire. Since the war began they have felt more keenly than ever their divorce from direct responsibility. Now that they are asked to assume it there is no doubt of their reply, once they understand that the invitation is genuine and has real business behind it, and is not a mere window dressing. The prime minister's explanation of the real meaning of the invitation will show them that there is a new spirit abroad in this country. That is all they want to know."

WILSON'S "PEACE WITHOUT VICTORY" NOTION DRAWN FROM NOTE SENT TO LINCOLN BY BRAZIL IN CIVIL WAR

London, Jan. 26.—A hitherto unpublished summons to peace, addressed to President Lincoln during the American civil war by Emperor Dom Pedro of Brazil and closely paralleling President Wilson's recent speech before the Senate at Washington, is published in the Morning Post by Frederic Harrison, founder of the Positivist Society.

The Post heads the article "President Wilson's Pose," and gives it the sub-heading: "An Interesting Parallel." Mr. Harrison says:

"The language used by Emperor Dom Pedro so closely resembles the text of the address just delivered to the American Senate by President Wilson that one thinks that the president recently looked up the emperor's mandate and its words were etched in his mind."

Mr. Harrison then quotes the following passages from the Brazilian document:

"I speak in the name of humanity and the neutrals of South America, whose industry and commerce are seriously affected by this most unaccountable war between the state of North America. The Confederate

NO INTERFERENCE BY THE SPANIARDS

Premier Says Country Will Remain Neutral Under All Conditions

CABINET CONSIDERED MR. WILSON'S SPEECH

Madrid, Jan. 26.—The cabinet council, under the presidency of King Alfonso, yesterday considered the statement of President Wilson to the Senate at Washington. The question of submarine warfare also was taken up.

"Whatever may happen, Spain will not interfere in the European war, but will continue to observe loyal neutrality," Count Romanones, the premier, said to-day in a speech at an official luncheon.

Referring to the situation created by the war, the premier expressed the hope of seeing King Alfonso one day act as mediator. He added that intervention "will only take place at the opportune moment, and not before."

GERMAN STATEMENT ABOUT EAST FRONT

Berlin, Jan. 26.—In the river Aa sector of the Riga region, along the northern end of the eastern front, East Prussian troops captured additional Russian positions on both sides of the stream yesterday and withstood a counter-attack on the east bank. Russians to the number of 500 were taken prisoner, it was announced officially to-day.

W. H. LIBBY DEAD.

New York, Jan. 26.—The death last night of W. H. Libby, a director of the Standard Oil Company, of New Jersey, was announced to-day.

STATES ASSURE ME THEY ARE QUITE READY TO DISCUSS TERMS OF PEACE. WHEN THE AGGRESSIVE FEDERALS CAN SHOW THE SAME ATTITUDE, PEACE WILL BE MADE. IT IS INCONCEIVABLE THAT THE MIGHTY STATE OF WHICH I AM EMPEROR SHOULD HAVE NO PART IN THAT ENTERPRISE.

After demanding to "have a voice in determining the conditions on which such a peace shall be made permanent, because a peace which would not include Brazil could not prevent a renewal of the war," the emperor continued:

"There must be peace, I say, without victory. Both of you want the same object and neither of you can get all he wants. The foundation of peace is the equality of states, whether they are slave-holding or not, and equality implies freedom."

Mr. Harrison adds that President Lincoln did not reply to the emperor and is reported to have said to his secretary:

"Take no notice of this hypocritical swaggerer. The devil might as well preach a sermon that the only godly peace was to give men and nations free play to break the dead decalogue."

RAIDS BY INFANTRY ON THE WEST FRONT LEAD TO SPECULATION

London, Jan. 26.—The growing intensity of artillery fire and infantry raids on the western front has opened a wide field of speculation for the London military experts.

Observers profess to see importance in the announcement of heavy bombardments in the Voages by both sides. This is the sector near the Swiss frontier, and when fighting becomes heavy a German irruption into Switzerland might force a re-alignment of the French right wing.

BRILLIANT GUYNEMER ACCOUNTS FOR TWENTY-EIGHT GERMAN AEROPLANE; HERTEUX HAS DESTROYED NINETEEN

Paris, Jan. 26.—For the third successive day Lieut. Guynemer is mentioned by the war office. An announcement issued this afternoon credits him with having brought down another German aeroplane on the Somme front. This brings up to 28 the number of German aeroplanes destroyed by this pilot.

The text of the announcement follows: "On the Somme front yesterday Lieut. Georges Guynemer brought down within our lines at a point near Lignieres his twenty-eighth German aeroplane.

"It has been confirmed that Lieut. Herteux, during the day of Jan. 24, brought down two enemy machines, which brings to 19 the number of enemy machines destroyed by this pilot.

"A third and a fourth enemy aeroplane, after engagements in the air with French pilots, were brought to earth.

"Furthermore, it has been confirmed that the German aeroplane, which on Jan. 23 was subjected to machine gun-fire at close range by one of our machines, was destroyed at a point north of Craonne.

Successful Raids.
"During the day of Jan. 24 and also during the night of Jan. 25-26, French bombing squadrons conducted the following aerial operations:

"Two hundred and ten kilos (462 pounds) of projectiles were thrown down upon the railroad station at Brielleux, where an extensive fire was observed; numerous projectiles were thrown down also upon the railroad stations at St. Quentin and Voyennes, the barracks at Liancourt Poisse, the railroad station and barracks at Guiseard, the railroad station at Tergnier, and on certain buildings south of Chaunoy."

IMPARTIAL WITNESSES FEARED BY GERMANS

Why Enemy Removed American Minister and Others From Bucharest

London, Jan. 26.—The correspondent of the Times at Jassy, Roumania, says Germany's demand for the removal of Charles J. Vopicka, the American minister, and other neutrals from Bucharest, aroused indignation in Jassy. The removals are ascribed to what is termed the anxiety of the Germans to rid their presence of impartial witnesses.

"The American representative," says the correspondent, "was especially obnoxious, owing to his having sanctioned the investigation by officers of the legation into the discovery of packages of explosives containing microbes of a dangerous disease, which had been buried in the garden of the German legation."

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT PRAISES CANADIANS

London, Jan. 26.—Before leaving Shorncliffe, the Duke of Connaught instructed the officer commanding the Canadian troops, Col. Ashton, to place on record his appreciation of the excellent personal appearance and methods of training of all ranks, which he had had an opportunity of seeing. He desired it to be stated that he felt that all ranks were being given full opportunity to fit themselves for service overseas, and he had every confidence that all would give a good account of themselves.

EARTHQUAKE FELT AT MONTREAL TO-DAY

Montreal, Jan. 26.—People here were considerably alarmed about 3.45 o'clock this afternoon by a very perceptible earthquake shock, as far as can be learned there was no damage done, but in some sections of the island houses were shaken appreciably, the tremors lasting fifteen seconds.

COAST OF SUFFOLK VAINLY SHELLED BY SMALL GERMAN SHIP

London, Jan. 26.—A small unidentified German vessel shelled the Suffolk coast of England last night. There were no casualties.

The following official statement was given out to-day: "A small unidentified German vessel approached the Suffolk coast last night and fired a number of shells, only some of which reached the land. There were no casualties and only insignificant damage."

\$3,000,000 ORDER FOR AMERICAN COMPANY

Connecticut Firm Will Make Machine Guns for an Entente Power

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 26.—Official announcement was made to-day at the Martin Arms Company's office that the concern had received another \$3,000,000 contract for machine guns of the same pattern it has been turning out for the Russian government. The source of the contract is not known, but it is presumed to be from Russia.

This award of the contract follows a fight on top of the completion of a contract to build \$12,000,000 worth of guns for the Russian government. This contract was given a year ago, about the time the Martin Arms Company started operations. The last delivery on the order has just been made, and it was stated to-day that deliveries on the part of the new contract for \$3,000,000 worth of machine guns will start within a very short time.

HOW RHEIMS HAS SUFFERED IN WAR

60,000 Shells and Bombs; 545 Civilians Killed; the Cathedral

New York, Jan. 26.—Sixty thousand shells and bombs have fallen on Rheims, France, since the beginning of the war, and 545 civilians have been killed and 653 wounded, according to a statement prepared by Whitney Warren, the well-known architect of this city. Mr. Warren returned from France yesterday with material for a supplementary report to the French Institute on the present condition of Rheims cathedral.

Of the number killed, 54 were children and 192 were women, Mr. Warren said. The cathedral, he added, has received 190 bombs and all the quarter that surrounds has been absolutely demolished.

"If one overlooks the demolished flying buttresses and the surface wounds," said Mr. Warren, "the carcass of the cathedral, which is built like a fortress, has resisted nobly, but the three winters which have passed since the burning of the roof threaten absolutely to destroy the vaults, which are thus without protection from the weather."

SERBIAN MINISTER TO UNITED STATES

Washington, Jan. 26.—Ljubomir Mihalovitch, the first minister from the Serbian government to the United States, to-day presented his credentials to President Wilson.

SUNK IN MEDITERRANEAN.

New York, Jan. 26.—Rumors that the French steamship Socoa, last reported as leaving Cardiff on August 16 for an unstated port, had been lost, were confirmed to-day by Captain Y. Beridam, master of the French Line steamship Ohio, from Cardiff, who said the Socoa had been torpedoed by a German submarine in the Mediterranean on August 25, 1916. Captain Beridam was master of the Socoa when she was sunk.

LEAGUE APPROVED BY BRITISH LABOR

Resolved at Congress at Manchester Peace Should Be Enforced

WILSON'S PLAN FOR FUTURE SECURITY

Demand Made British Labor Be Represented at Peace Conference

Manchester, Eng., Jan. 26.—The labor conference, in session here to-day, unanimously adopted a resolution urging that "all the British representatives at the peace conference should work for the formation of an international league to enforce the maintenance of peace on the plan advocated by the president of the United States and approved by the British foreign secretary."

The resolution also demands that the British plenipotentiaries shall include an adequate number of the parliamentary representatives of organized labor.

The mover of the resolution remarked that many words had been spoken about Russia, but it should not be forgotten that it was Russia that initiated The Hague conference.

STATES DRIVEN TO MAKE OWN SHELLS

Will Build Plant Following Failure to Get Shells From Hadfields

Washington, Jan. 26.—Secretary Daniels to-day began preparations to offset the British government's refusal to permit Hadfields, Ltd., to manufacture projectiles for the American navy by making plans to equip a government plant to do the work. Ordnance experts were put to work on plans.

"I expect work to begin on the plant in the spring," said Mr. Daniels. "The machinery will be advertised for soon." The naval department practically has abandoned hope of getting satisfactory bids from American manufacturers. The board selecting a site for the \$11,000,000 armor-plate plant probably will locate the projectile plant on the same site.

Mr. Daniels conferred to-day with Charles M. Schwab, of Bethlehem, whose bids were rejected by the navy department.

HUNGARIANS WISH WILSON TO PROCEED

But Tisza Realizes Entente Powers Intend to Fight On

London, Jan. 26.—Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent sends a Budapest dispatch giving the reply of Count Stephen Tisza, the Hungarian premier, to a question put by a member of the opposition party in parliament concerning President Wilson's address to the Senate at Washington.

"Pursuant to our peaceful policy before the war and our attitude during the war, as well as our recent peace action," Count Tisza is quoted as having said, "we can only greet with sympathy every effort aiming at the restoration of peace. We are inclined, therefore, to continue a further exchange of views regarding peace with the United States government. This exchange naturally must occur in agreement with our allies.

"In view of the fact that President Wilson in his address made certain distinctions between our reply and our enemies' reply, I must especially state that the quadruple alliance declares it is inclined to enter into peace negotiations, but that at the same time it will propose terms which in its opinion are acceptable to their enemy and calculated to serve as a basis for a lasting peace.

"On the other hand, the conditions of peace contained in the enemy's reply to the United States are equivalent at least to the disintegration of our monarchy and the Ottoman empire. This amounts to an official announcement that the enemy aims at our destruction and we are forced to resist, therefore with our utmost strength as long as this is the war aim of our enemy."

CZAR'S ARMY IS NOT THINKING OF PEACE; VICTORY MUST COME

Indomitable Spirit of Russian Forces Summed Up by Brusiloff, Evert and Ruszky; Their Messages to Troops Under Their Command; Germany Desires Peace Because of Growing Weakness

Paris, Jan. 26.—The Russian army has answered the German peace proposal. In unmistakable terms Generals Brusiloff, Evert and Ruszky, the commanders-in-chief on the southern, western and northern Russian fronts respectively, have indicated in individual messages to the armies under their command the real value of the central powers' so-called peace offer. The importance of these acts can not be over-estimated. They are further proof that the Russian army is with the people in their determination to prosecute the war to a victorious end. The message of Gen. Brusiloff said:

"Our enemy, realizing the impossibility of a decisive victory over us and our allies and feeling the approaching exhaustion of his re-

sources, took advantage of his temporary success in Roumania and proposed that we enter into negotiations with him concerning the conclusion of an honorable peace."

"The fundamental law of war is not to do what the enemy desires. If he asks for peace it means that he expects no further success; that his condition is really bad. Let us therefore redouble our efforts and show him by a series of blows that so long as he is not completely broken and forced to lay down his arms there can be no talk of peace."

"The enemy took advantage of the first and only success he had during the whole year to make his peace proposal. He mobilized his best troops against the inexperienced Roumanians, forced them to retire and occupied Bucharest, but as we answered with our destructive offensive of last May to our retreatment of last year, so now, as soon as the Roumanian armies recuperate, we, together with our loyal allies, shall strike the enemy and throw him far beyond our boundaries. And so remain firm and strike hard, knowing that the hour of our final victory is getting near."

—Foresee End.
General Evert, addressing a remarkable order to his armies, said:

"Really, a realization of their own strength did not dictate the German act. It is because of a realization of their difficult position and their exhaustion under the yoke of the war that our enemies long for peace. It is because they see the inevitableness of their final defeat.

"The peace now proposed by Germany would be only a truce, and, if not ourselves, then our children would be forced to take up arms in defence of the country against another German invasion.

"We do not want such a peace. The hypocritical proposal of Germany can not change the unshakable and firm resolution of our allies and ourselves to continue the war to a victorious end, after which a peace guaranteeing freedom and prosperity to us and our allies will be concluded.

"The enemy already is cracked. Let us redouble our energies and we shall conquer."

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IN DESPERATION GERMAN STAFF NOW FORGING BOYS AND EVEN MEN FOUND UNFIT PREVIOUSLY INTO THE RANKS

Paris, Jan. 26.—"Slave raids" on all Germans of military age regardless of whether they previously had been considered physically or mentally unfit now are being made under von Hindenburg's orders, according to a neutral correspondent who was sent through Germany by Le Matin in order to determine the present condition of the military resources of the central powers. The raids, more rigorous even than the drafting and deportation of Belgian workmen, have brought to the colors those who formerly had been rejected for garrison duty, the Matin says.

The results of the investigation, which was made principally in Bavaria and Wurttemberg, are described thus by the Matin's correspondent:

"The German empire—not Prussia alone—has incorporated up to the present all men of the ages between 15 and 45 years inclusive without regard to their former military position. That is to say, no regard has been paid to whether the men had been rejected formerly or were auxiliaries.

"The last of these callings up, which was more like a Belgian slave raid than anything else, took place on Nov. 21, 1916. It affected all military classes from 1870 to 1887. Everybody in these classes was declared fit for military service.

"The young fellows born in 1858 have been incorporated since the end of November. They will soon have been in garrison six weeks when, in accordance with the general staff's instructions, they will be sent behind the lines to the 'etapendienst' for a further period of six weeks. They will then be sent to the trenches. In their case the decision of Hindenburg is explicit—six weeks in a home depot, six weeks in a field depot and then the trenches.

"Germany is calling to the colors everybody whom it is possible to enroll, including the men whose physical defects had caused them to be rejected even for garrison duty by several medical commissions. Thus, as a public official once told me: 'Whatever we do we shall lose, because we have no more men.'"

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Advertisement for Packard and Locomobile, featuring 'WILLARD STARTING BATTERIES' and 'JAMESON, ROLFE & WILLIS'.

STATEMENT ISSUED BY PENSION BOARD. Ottawa, Jan. 26.—The Pension Commissioners of Canada issued the following statement last night: 'The Dominion government has appointed a Board of Pension Commissioners for Canada, with offices in Ottawa. As this board wishes to cause as little delay as possible in dealing with communications with regard to pensions, it wishes the public to correspond directly with the Board of Pension Commissioners, Ottawa. A great deal of delay may be caused by communications being sent through other departments of the government.'

ARMY OF BRITAIN DEMANDS VICTORY

Too Early for Discussion of Peace, Says Maj-Gen. Maurice. London, Jan. 26.—The army's view of peace discussions was expressed to a representative of the Associated Press yesterday in an interview by Major-Gen. F. B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war office, who declared the position of Great Britain was closely analogous to that of the federal states in the American civil war at its most critical phase, in as much as the British, like the North, possessed three great points of superiority—the blockade, man power and resources of wealth. Gen. Maurice said: 'I cannot say very much about actual military operations, as General Winter has taken charge on all fronts, even in Mesopotamia, where heavy rains prevent operations. But I do want to say something about the peace discussions, again brought to our attention by President Wilson's message to the American Senate. My comments are entirely from a military standpoint. 'If I am correctly informed by extracts from various American papers, it seems that a certain section of American opinion holds that, with traditional British bulldog obstinacy, we are keeping up a hopeless war without any chance of a favorable termination. The military facts do not sustain such an opinion. The Associated Press may recall the first interview I gave after the Somme offensive began. I was asked pointblank by the correspondent if the great push had begun, and I replied that if by the big push Great Britain's maximum efforts were meant, my reply must be no. And in recalling this, I might say I was looking a long way ahead. 'The position of Britain, if an historic analogy is followed, may be compared with the position of the federal states at the critical stage of the American civil war. Great Army. 'The North had been very unfortunate in the early stages of the war, but, like the British, it possessed three great points of superiority—in the blockade, man power and wealthy resources. We started unprepared. We had to make a great army from a very small one, and not only had to supply this vast army, but had to find suitable commanders, as, recalling American history, you will remember the North also had to do. Our blockade is causing some inconvenience to the United States, but the American civil war blockade caused actual starvation in Lancashire, when the mills were compelled to close through lack of cotton. 'In man power we certainly have not reached the zenith, while the progress of the present war will show our wealth still ample for our purpose. 'People who are closer to public opinion than I tell me the vast bulk of our people are not ready to conclude peace. 'Undoubtedly a small section of our public consider our chances for victory so hopeless that they are willing to make peace on almost any terms, as were certain groups in the Northern states. If the idea that we are stubbornly fighting without hope of victory is at all prevalent, I am sure it will be useful to call the attention of American readers to the above civil war analogy. Quoting a higher authority than myself in the form of Field Marshal Haig's last dispatch, you can see that the army would consider peace at this stage of the war nothing short of a crime.'

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Jan. 26.—The following casualties have been announced: Infantry. Killed in action—Pte. Wm. Sandison, Winnipeg; Pte. J. Robinson, England; Pte. A. Croal, England; Pte. Wm. Ross, Scotland; Pte. S. Loucks, Parham, Ont.; Pte. F. Bell, England; Pte. J. Fullerton, Halifax. Previously reported missing: now presumed dead—Pte. H. A. Hicks, England; Pte. J. Craig, Scotland; Pte. H. L. Ravehill, Scavenger Lake, B. C.; Pte. L. L. Ricketts, England; Pte. E. Monk, England; Pte. J. M. Witing, England; Pte. R. M. Clark, Scotland; Pte. A. Crookston, England; Pte. J. H. Coss, England; Corp. W. Snowden, Toronto. Previously reported missing; now killed in action—Pte. B. Baker, Scotland; Pte. G. J. Jordan, Toronto; Pte. J. Pearson, England; Pte. A. Woodhead, Havelock, Ont.; Pte. J. W. Delarmer, Winter, Sask.; Pte. H. J. Harris, Dryden, Ont.; Pte. W. Peacock, Niagara Falls; Pte. J. Gillis, Richmond, N. S.; Pte. H. Hellwell, Mount Hamilton, Ont. Died of wounds—Pte. S. Hewitt, York, Ont.; Pte. F. J. Dorey, Simcoe, Ont.; Pte. R. Y. Alston, Prince Albert, Sask. Previously reported dangerously wounded; now officially reported died of wounds—Pte. J. L. Ynott, Woodstock, N. B. Wounded accidentally—Pte. B. Brace-mirdle, Edmonton. Wounded—Pte. A. R. Itaines, England; Lieut. Thos. Brewer, Seattle, Wash.; Pte. W. B. Hall, Toronto; Pte. G. Robson, Toronto; Pte. C. Rowe, Woodstock, Ont.; Pte. W. Shingleton, England; Pte. M. O'Donnell, St. John, N. B.; Pte. C. Sigtrygsson, Glenboro, Man.; Pte. C. Gunton, Blenheim, Ont. Wounded; returned to duty—Pte. A. Brown, Scotland; Pte. J. Clough, Bowmanville, Ont. Severely wounded—Pte. C. Campbell, Vancouver; Pte. A. Nicolis, Toronto; Pte. A. Lane, England; Pte. W. Davey, Port Arthur. Shell shock—Pte. R. Lafontaine, Montreal. Gassed—Pte. C. McClare, Roxbury, Mass. Reported missing—Pte. R. Paul, England; Pte. E. Jackson, England. Seriously ill—Pte. R. Colman, Burdette, Alta.; Pte. C. Church, Toronto; Pte. H. Lawrence, England; Pte. Thos. Jones, 840 Caledonia avenue, Victoria, B. C.; Pte. H. Christmas, England; Pte. W. Keating, Connecticut, U.S.A. Previously reported missing; now returned to duty—Pte. W. Syrie, Montreal. Previously reported missing; now reported killed in action—Corp. C. Bradley, Carleton, Ont. Previously reported killed in action; now reported missing and believed killed—Pte. S. Young, Regina. Previously reported missing; now not missing—Pte. C. Kostenko, Russia. Missing—Pte. J. A. Payne, Boston, Mass. Mounted Rifles. Previously reported wounded; now died of wounds—Pte. T. F. Bryan, Ireland. Previously reported wounded; now wounded and missing—Pte. H. Dougan, Scotland; Pte. R. Wilson, England. Previously reported wounded; now reported missing and believed killed—Pte. H. Urquhart, Scotland; Pte. F. Leaprance, Windsor, Ont. Previously reported wounded; now not wounded—Pte. E. Hollox, England; Pte. D. McInnes, Scotland; Pte. G. Salisbury, Stratford, Ont. Shell concussion—Pte. J. Collins, Rothern, Man. Engineers. Dangerously wounded—Sapper F. Dentley, England.

MARKS NEW EPOCH IN HISTORY OF EMPIRE

Lloyd George Speaks of Forthcoming Imperial Conference in London. Ottawa, Jan. 26.—The following dispatch from London has been received by the Reuter Telegram Company agency here: 'Mr. Hon. David Lloyd George gave an important interview yesterday on the subject of the forthcoming imperial war council to the London correspondent of the Australian United Cable Service. He said: 'I do not wish to interfere in any way with the affairs of a great self-governing dominion, but we took the step of urgently inviting the prime ministers of the dominions to attend the war council despite the fact that it might cause much inconvenience locally, because we desired their advice and assistance in coming to decisions about the conduct of the war and the negotiation of peace. 'I regard this council as marking the beginning of a new epoch in the history of the empire. All Questions. 'The empire war council will deal with all general questions affecting the war. The prime ministers, or their representatives, will be temporary members of the war cabinet. Nothing affecting the dominions, the conduct of the war or negotiations for peace will be excluded from its purview. There will be domestic questions, of course, which each part of the empire must settle for itself—questions such as recruiting in the United Kingdom or home legislation. Such domestic matters will be our only reservation, but we propose that everything else should be, so to speak, on the table. 'Will the discussion include such matters as the fate of the German colonies?' Mr. Lloyd George was asked. 'That is one obvious question,' the prime minister replied, 'but there are many questions of equal moment. All the different problems connected with making peace, as was stated in the government's invitation, will be threshed out. The war policy of the empire will be clearly defined, and of great importance is what I may call the preparation for peace. That will involve not only demobilization, but such after-the-war questions as the migration of our people to other parts of the empire, the settlement of soldiers on the land, commerce and industry. 'You do not suppose that we think the overseas nations can raise and place in the field armies containing an enormous proportion of their best manhood and not want to have a say, and a real say, in determining the use to which they are to be put? That seems to us an impossible and undemocratic proposition. That is why one of the first acts of the new government was to ask the overseas prime ministers to come over; not to a formal imperial conference, but to sit in the executive cabinet of the empire. That is why we have arranged for a representative of India, which has rendered invaluable service to our common cause, to be present also. 'What about after the war?' he was asked. Some Change. 'If you mean by that constitutional reconstruction,' replied Mr. Lloyd George, 'I can only say it is too soon to talk about after the war; but I can say this: Things can never be the same after the war as before it. Five democracies, all parts of one empire, cannot shed their blood and treasure with a heroism and disregard of cost which has been beyond all praise without leaving memories of comradeship and great accomplishment that will never die. 'Of this I am certain: The peoples of the empire will have found a unity in war such as never existed before—a unity not only in history but of purpose. What practical change in imperial organization that will mean I do not venture to predict. That it will involve some change is certain. I believe that all the statesmen of the Old Country and the dominions who have spoken about it are unanimous on that point. The forthcoming war council, however, cannot deal with these fundamental post-war problems, but it may afford some insight into the form they may take.'

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SUCCESSFUL RAID MADE BY BRITISH

Many Germans Killed Near Hulluch; Three German Raids Broken Up. London, Jan. 26.—The following official report was issued last night: 'We carried out a very successful raid to-day near Hulluch. Many of the enemy were killed in their trenches and also in a dugout destroyed by us. We secured some prisoners. Our casualties were four men slightly wounded. 'Two hostile raiding parties were driven off last night east of Fraucquasart. A third party early this morning reached our trenches east of Ypres under cover of a heavy bombardment. The raiders were driven out immediately and our position re-established. 'There was much aerial activity yesterday. One enemy machine was brought down by our anti-aircraft guns. In air fights four other German machines were destroyed and three more driven down, damaged. Three of our machines are missing. French Report. Paris, Jan. 26.—The war office gave out the following report last night: 'Our artillery carried out destructive fires on the German organizations and batteries, near Bures, northeast of Luneville, and at Hartmanns-Wellerkopf. The artillery fighting was quite lively in upper Alsace. There was no event of importance elsewhere. 'A Belgian communication said: 'On the entire Belgian front spirited cannonading occurred on both sides. Near Steenstraete violent bomb fighting took place. German Statement. Berlin, Jan. 26.—The following official statement was issued last night: 'On the west bank of the Meuse (Verdun region) there has been lively fighting on Deadmen's Hills. Otherwise nothing important has occurred on the western front. 'On the eastern front our troops made progress on both banks of the river Aa. Italian Report. Rome, Jan. 26.—The following official statement was issued last night: 'In the Tonale district, in the Val Camonica, the usual artillery activity was displayed on both sides. On the rest of the front, owing to a heavy snowstorm, the artillery action was limited to desultory firing, which was more intense in the Cismon valley, in the upper Travignole and in the area east of Gorizia. 'In the Posina valley a detachment of our troops surrounded and captured an enemy outpost.'

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A PLAN TO PROVIDE THE NEEDED LABOR

Head of Manitoba Agricultural College Urges Conscription of Unenlisted. Winnipeg, Jan. 26.—An appeal for conscription of labor among the factions in the nation that have failed to enlist is made in the report of the Manitoba Agricultural College, compiled by President Reynolds and tabled in the legislature yesterday by Hon. Valentine Winkler, minister of agriculture. 'Next to men and money directly engaged in winning the war the urgent need at the present time, the national need, is skilled men to work on the farms,' say President Reynolds in his report. 'So generously have the farmers responded to the call for recruits that there are not enough men left to start the teams at work in the spring. The farmers can not produce in Canada and fight in France at the same time. Let there be conscription of labor among the factions in the nation that have failed to enlist.'

BRITAIN MOBILIZING FOREIGN SECURITIES. London, Jan. 26.—The official gazette announced last night that by a new order in council the treasury is empowered under the Defence of the Realm Act to requisition any foreign Demand Phoenix Stout. Home product.

ALLIES' NAVAL POLICY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

London, Jan. 26.—It is announced officially that the conference held in London on recent dates to discuss and determine questions relating to the naval policy of the allied fleets in the Mediterranean were attended by Sir Edward Carson, first lord of the admiralty; Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, first sea lord; Rear Admiral Lacaze, French minister of marine; M. Lebon, former minister of commerce in the French cabinet; Admiral Corel, the Italian minister of marine; Gen. Daddio, the Italian minister of munitions, and other experts of the three powers. The proceedings were opened by Mr. Lloyd George, who indicated the British government's views for closer co-ordination and unity of action by the allied fleets in the Mediterranean. 'The result of the conference,' says the announcement, 'was entirely satisfactory. Important decisions have been reached affecting not only naval operations, but the use of shipping, control of trade routes and other problems.'

WILHELM GIVES BAUBLE TO VON MACKENSEN

Berlin, Jan. 26.—Kaiser Wilhelm has conferred upon Field Marshal von Mackensen the Grand Cross of the Iron Cross. It is officially announced. At the same time he sent the field marshal a letter expressing the thanks of the Fatherland for the achievements of the recipient. The only other recipient of the Grand Cross of the Iron Cross is Field Marshal von Hindenburg, upon whom it was conferred by Kaiser Wilhelm on Dec. 10 last, at which time the Kaiser sent the field marshal a letter expressing his desire to give an especial manifestation of his respect thanks by decorating him as the first general to be so honored.

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INFANT NOT DESERTED?

Mr. Gosnell returns to the defence of Sir Richard McBride against our charge of desertion in respect of the precocious political infant which was christened with brass band accompaniment some years ago as "Better Terms." The joint commission, representing the Dominion and province, chosen to investigate the question was delayed in beginning its task, he says, partly by the difficulty of selecting a third member, and the British Secretary of State for the Colonies was invited to make the selection.

This reads plausibly enough, but leaves cold those who recall the unremitting energy and noisy ardor with which Sir Richard pursued the subject when the Liberals were in power at Ottawa. The announcement of a joint commission was made in the legislature on March 3, 1913. The war did not break out until August, 1914, seventeen months later. The taxpayers of the province, therefore, may consider themselves fortunate that the matter was allowed to drop, for if a period of seventeen months was not sufficient for the organization of the commission, once formed it would have become a permanent white elephant.

Our sincere respect for Mr. Gosnell's ability as a statistical research specialist was unduly shaken by his recital of his difficulty in getting a copy of the statement prepared by the auditor-general in 1908 on the Dominion expenditure and revenue in British Columbia. He describes it, as an "unauthorized" document, says he applied for a copy of it at Ottawa in 1912 but without success, and that the auditor-general had informed him that no such document had been issued under the authority of his department. He says he learned afterwards, however, that it actually did exist, but discovered that it had been "literally and actually" cut out of every volume of the sessional papers of 1907-8 that he had been able to examine. As a matter of fact the return was issued on the authority of the House of Commons on motion of the late Duncan Ross, dated February 19, 1908. It is known as Sessional Paper 219, and if it has been cut out of the bound volume the trick was done by Mr. Gosnell's friends at Ottawa since 1911. Our amazement that so keen an investigator should have been baffled by such a clumsy plot to keep him in ignorance is no less

than our surprise that so ardent an advocate of "Better Terms" should have waited for four years without making a serious effort to procure an easily-obtained document affecting a matter he had so much at heart.

The closing paragraph of Mr. Gosnell's letter deserves some attention: "I just want to say in conclusion, owing to the physical conditions in British Columbia, that in normal times, without considerable increase in the taxation, it will be impossible to make revenue and expenditure meet, it makes no matter under what government it is—that is to say, without a very considerable increase in the allowance from Ottawa."

We congratulate the writer on the sublimity of that passage. If British Columbia is menaced by bankruptcy it is not because it did not receive additional subsidies from Ottawa. The entire revenue of Canada would not have sufficed for the band of prodigals, led by Sir Richard McBride, who squandered the country's resources, all but wrecked its credit and fastened a millstone around its neck in the shape of a railroad policy which may yet cost us more than one-half our present revenue in annual interest payments. It was the McBride record which vitiated whatever merit Sir Richard's late vote-catcher may have possessed.

SIR ROBERT FOR ENGLAND.

Sir Robert Borden has accepted the offer of Sir Wilfrid Laurier respecting Canada's representation at the forthcoming imperial conference and parliament will adjourn shortly after the present debate has been terminated in order that the Prime Minister may leave for London as soon as possible. Sir Wilfrid's offer was made in the course of his remarks on the Speech from the Throne, Canada, he said, should be represented at the conference by the Prime Minister and he was prepared to say that if the government would postpone all controversial measures the opposition would be willing to pass a war vote and an interim supply bill covering current expenditure for the time being.

This was a fair offer, fairly made. Incidentally it shows how unsound is the contention of government partisans that the ministry has been hindered in its war efforts by the factious opposition of Sir Wilfrid and his followers. As a matter of fact not a solitary war measure has been opposed. Every appropriation submitted to the House has been passed without question. But in closely scrutinizing current expenditures, aid to railways and such measures as the purchase from Sir Rodolphe Forget of a railroad which he found unfit for the people of this country. In assailing war graft, exposing the shortcomings of the Shell Committee, the operations of Wesley Allison, and the Ross rifle affair and condemning weakness and slackness in organization rendered a patriotic imperial service. Several governments have fallen in England, France and Italy, each on account of such criticism. In Russia half a dozen cabinets have succumbed. Tragedy lurks in the path of a country in war-time whose government is able to stifle investigation and criticism.

CHICKENS COMING HOME.

Had Sir Robert Borden chosen a strong Conservative to fill the vacancy in his cabinet caused by the death of Mr. Casgrain, it is hardly likely that there would have been a contest. The selection of Mr. Seigny, the government candidate in Dorchester, is another matter. He was elected in 1911 as a Nationalist in opposition to the Laurier navy bill, the repeal of which he promised to advocate. At Tingwick in that election he said on the platform: "The Laurier cabinet is a cabinet of imperialists disposed to sacrifice the interests of Canada and to launch into wars which do not concern us. What has England ever done for us? She has no need of our aid. She is strong enough to defend herself. You should protest against the idea of aiding England in her wars; if you do not protest you certainly will have conscription."

In other speeches he declared that the Laurier navy bill was a plot to take young French-Canadians to fight England's battles in foreign seas. In 1910, in Drummond and Athabaska, he and his coadjutors, directed by Henri Bourassa and financed by the Tory campaign fund in Montreal, even went to the extent of sending men from house to house to announce themselves as recruiting agents for the Laurier navy, which they said was to be manned by conscription. That sort of game always ultimately recoils upon the heads of its authors. The Nationalist chickens are now coming home to roost. But it would not matter much if that were all. What is much worse is that this propaganda of a few years ago has been largely responsible for the failure of recruiting in Quebec in the present war.

The government knows how heavy a load it must carry in Mr. Seigny, but it is a load of its own making. Its campaign factory, we observe, is attributing to his opponent now the speeches that were made by Seigny

four years ago. Cannon has denied, making the statements attributed, but this, of course, is overlooked. Cannon must be painted as a traitor to enable Seigny to sit at the council table with Hon. P. E. Blondin, who used to talk about shooting holes in the Union Jack and Hon. Mr. Patenaude, organizer for the Nationalist party in 1911. Between them they are a sure guarantee of immunity to Henri Bourassa. There should be no room in a Canadian cabinet for the Nationalist cult, and there would be none if Sir Robert Borden had shown a little backbone. As it is the English-speaking Conservatives of Quebec have no representative in the ministry at all. When Laurier was the country's chief there were no Nationalists in the government. Quebec was represented by men like Sir Wilfrid, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Hon. Sydney Fisher, Hon. L. P. Brodeur and Hon. Dr. Beland, now a prisoner in Germany.

WILL NOT HAVE IT NOW.

The Cologne Volks Zeitung sends the reference to a "united, independent Poland" in President Wilson's address to the Senate. Six weeks ago the German government officially announced that this was its ideal in respect of Poland, issued a proclamation establishing a Polish kingdom and followed it immediately with a call for a Polish army to protect it. It cannot complain now if President Wilson takes it at its word.

A "united, independent Poland" is an impossibility without the overthrow of Prussian militarism, because of the territorial changes it would involve. It would require the surrender by Germany of Posen and portions of East Prussia and Galicia by Austria. An undefeated Germany would not agree to that under any circumstances. She set out to absorb the small nationalities adjacent to her, not to part with any area already under her control. Her aim in the east was as much to tear the Polish salient from Russia and unite it in a German province with the fragments of the ancient kingdom which went to her and Austria under the original partition as it was in the west ultimately to absorb Switzerland, Belgium, Denmark and Holland.

THE ROSS RIFLE.

Until a copy of the return containing the correspondence relative to the Ross rifle which has been tabled in the House of Commons arrives, it is impossible to comment very fully upon the subject. The press dispatch outlining the contents of the return states that on March 20 Sir Robert Borden telegraphed to Sir George Perley to see if a certain supply of rifles made in a certain British factory could be secured for the Canadian forces and Sir George replied that the British government discouraged it.

"On May 12," the return says, "Sir Max Aitken cabled that a serious situation had arisen regarding the Ross rifle. Sir Robert answered that he was prepared to leave the choice of rifles to the commander-in-chief after all necessary tests had been made. "On May 24 Sir Robert cabled Sir George Perley, urging a definite, reliable, and thorough report on the Ross rifle."

"Some further cables led up to Sir Douglas Haig's report made under date of May 28, in which he said that after extensive inquiry he had found the Ross rifle, as a service weapon, less trustworthy than the Lee-Enfield. He recommended that the second and third divisions be armed with the Enfield. "On the 21st of June General Haig said his recent experience had confirmed his view, and he adhered to his first recommendation. "On August 30 the government cabled the colonial secretary that in future the Canadian troops at the front would be armed with the Lee-Enfield."

According to this, it was not until March 30, 1916—while the matter was being discussed in the Canadian parliament—that the Prime Minister bestowed himself sufficiently to deal with the Ross Rifle question. The weapon, however, had been found to be defective at the second battle of Ypres, nearly twelve months before. It is well known that General Alderson reported to Ottawa to that effect, and it is also well known that those reports were suppressed—all except one which was published in the Ottawa Citizen during last session, and which found its way into that journal through sources which could not be stifled. Not until August 30, last year, did the Canadian government inform the British colonial secretary that in future the Canadian forces would be armed with the Lee-Enfield. This was nearly eighteen months after the second battle of Ypres. Was the Ross rifle being forced into the hands of Canadian troops throughout that whole period?

Frederic Harrison's discovery of the striking resemblance between President Wilson's address to the Senate and Dom Pedro's message to President Lincoln during the American Civil War will cause a sensation. It is pretty tough on the memory of Brazil's somewhat late ruler, who had troubles enough in the flesh, to have his "noble sentiments" unblushingly appropriated

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Sixty years later by the head of the very nation whose quarrels he was trying to settle when he expounded them. Lincoln made no reply to Dom Pedro's plea for "peace without victory" and told his secretary of state to pay no attention to the "swaggering hypocrite." As the allies no doubt have copies of Pedro's communication in their archives, their refusal to complete the parallel showed real, lofty forbearance.

The Toronto Telegram hates the idea of "O Canada" as a national anthem, because this noble composition originated in Quebec. Judging by his comments our contemporary's prejudices and musical tastes would be better served with "Down Went McGlinity."

Japan is the latest of the entente countries to have a political crisis. An' when Japan has a crisis it is a live one. The Japanese democracy, like most other democracies, will not forego any of its constitutional rights.

Owing to the things the late government left undone and the things it were better to have left undone, the members of the present government of British Columbia are about the busiest men in the world these days.

A solitary Hun cruiser shelled, without effect, the English coast last night. The enemy appears to have reached the conclusion that in units there is safety. But what is the matter with the Zeppelins?

Finer tributes to the memory of Robert Burns, the poet of humanity, seldom have been delivered or written than those the people of Victoria had the high privilege of listening to last evening.

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Give us a name to stir the blood With a warmer glow and a swifter flood At the touch of a courage that conquers fear— A name like the call of a trumpet clear And silver-sweet and lion-strong, That brings three million men to their feet, Ready to march and steady to meet, The foe who threatens that name with wrong— A name that rings like a battle-song: I give you, France!

Give us a name to move the heart With the strength that noble griefs impart— A name that speaks of the blood out-poured To save mankind from the sway of the sword— A name that calls the world to share The burden of a sacrificial strife Where the cause at stake is the world's free life And the rule of the people everywhere— A name like a vow, a name like a prayer: I give you, France!

—Dr. Henry Van Dyke.

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Miss Pearson Tells Something of Work She Proposes to Do

Miss M. G. Pearson, representing the Canadian-Alaskan Bureau of Travel, with headquarters at the Biltmore hotel, New York, who last night applied to the city council for a grant of \$2,000 with which to advertise the city in the east, is still advocating the cause of the bureau, and it is understood that Alderman Gale, of Vancouver, representing Vancouver city council, is in favor of her scheme, and will try to interest Mayor, Todd in it.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, Jan. 26, 1892.

Notice is given that the proposition of the Victoria, Saanich and New Westminster railway will be considered by the city council shortly. President T. B. Hall, of the Board of Trade, has received an invitation from the Winnipeg Board of Trade to attend the annual banquet Feb. 2. The architects report more work on hand in the way of construction during 1892 than last year, and one contractor estimates that there will be a 50 per cent increase in building.

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Clearing House.—The report of the Victoria clearing house for the week ending January 25, 1917, gives a total clearing of \$1,591,619.

Ashcroft Half-Holiday.—By order-in-council Wednesday has been set as the day upon the afternoon of which the shop-assistants of the town of Ashcroft shall enjoy a weekly half-holiday. This action is taken under the section of the act giving the lieutenant-governor in-council power to name a day in the case of stores in organized territory.

Municipal Revision Courts.—Notice

of the holding of municipal courts of revision of the assessment rolls for the year 1917, set for dates late next month, is given by North Vancouver City, West Vancouver, South Vancouver, Burnaby, Matsqui and Point Gray.

North Saanich Pound.—The minister of agriculture has named D. M. Robertson as poundkeeper of the pound, established within the district of North Saanich, and situated at the corner of Beacon avenue and Fifth street, in the town of Sidney.

Favor Poll-Tax.—Another city council has passed a resolution in favor of the reposition of poll-tax, the proceeds to be devoted to the patriotic fund and for the use of returned soldiers. The city council of Mission City has forwarded a copy of it to the provincial executive.

Fishermen Will Protest.—The fishermen of the Fraser river and other coast points are up in arms over a report that the Dominion government will prohibit the export of fresh salmon from this province during the war, and the Fraser River Fishermen's Protective Association is preparing a petition to the minister of marine and fisheries, asking that there be no interference with their right to sell their catch in the open market.

Timber Sales.—The minister of lands is calling for tenders for the purchase of three timber licenses. Under License X532 may be cut 525,000 feet of Douglas fir and cedar on an area on Southgate river, under License X794 may be cut 1,350 cords of shingle-bolt cedar on an area on Powell Lake, and under License X802 may be cut 7,850 cords of shingle-bolt cedar on Goat Island, Powell Lake. One, two and three years, respectively, is allowed for the removal of the timber under these licenses.

National Service.—The campaign of distributing and collecting the National Service cards among the Chinese and Japanese of the city is progressing in a manner very favorable to the local authorities. The Orientals appear to be perfectly willing to sign the cards, although in many instances it has been found to be a difficult matter to make them understand the real significance of the movement. Invaluable assistance, however, is being given by the better educated among them in explaining the true purport of the campaign.

Scottish Concert at Oak Bay.—Harry Lauder, Piper Cameron, and one of the finest Scotch dancers in the country, will entertain the people of Oak Bay in the theatre on Saturday night at a Scottish entertainment in aid of the Red Cross funds. Everyone likes Scottish music and there will be plenty of it on this occasion. Familiar ballads will be sung by men and women who are artists, and there will be a goodly admixture of humor of the right kind. The hour set for commencing is 8 p. m.

Half-Holiday Muddle.—The half-holiday muddle in Vancouver, which is due to the manner in which the late premier and attorney general drew up the Half-Holiday act, is still engaging the attention of the wholesale trade, which has been giving employees a half-holiday on Saturday for a long time, and which is now confronted with the necessity of giving them Wednesday as well, since the people of that city have decided upon that day. A petition is being prepared to the provincial executive, asking for an early amendment of the act which will permit jobbers and wholesalers to observe Saturday as the half-holiday, no matter what day may be observed by

TO REPRESENT CASE

Belated Bill From Government for Keep of Prisoners is Presented.

Mayor Todd, the city comptroller, and chief of police will meet the minister of finance, it was decided by estimates committee last evening, to deal with the belated bill from the department of finance for \$10,112, for keep of prisoners in the provincial jail, from March, 1914, to Dec., 1916.

It appears that the Chinese lottery raffle some months ago alone cost \$1,976, the numerous prisoners being kept there for 13 days.

The comptroller said that provision had been made each year, but no bill had been rendered. A hazy idea existed that no charge might be made; however, it had now been rendered, apparently since the government was looking to all sources of revenue.

Alternative to paying the whole bill at once, should it be insisted upon, it is proposed to ask Hon. Ralph Smith to divide it over two or three years.

NO SEPARATE GRANT

All Publicity, Council Decides, Must Come Through V. & I. Development Association.

The council in committee last evening declined to entertain a request from the Canadian Alaska Publicity bureau, represented by Miss Pearson, of New York, for a grant. Last year she had sought \$500 a year for two years, but she now required \$2,000, with \$3,000 from other bodies, or \$10,000 in all each year.

After the subject had been explained by Alderman Cameron, the council decided that any grant should be made by the Victoria and Island Development Association, after that vote has been dealt with.

Miss Pearson will be so informed.

APPOINTMENTS GAZETTED

Several Provincial Nominations Approved by Administrator-in-Council.

Provincial appointments gazetted to-day, most of which have already been announced through these columns, are the following:

To be stipendiary magistrate for the county of Nanaimo and judge of the small debts court for the city of Nanaimo—Charles H. Beaver-Potts.

To be a justice of the peace—Capt. Clifford S. Manchester, Vancouver, S. D. I. O., military district No. 11.

To be notaries public—Leon U. Conyers, Fred M. McGregor and Ernest D. Todd, Victoria; John C. Richards, Kelowna; William A. W. Hames, Courtenay; John A. P. Caley, Rossland; Ernest Clark, Kamloops.

To be commissioners for taking affidavits—Ernest Clark, Kamloops, and William H. Johnson, Vancouver, within the province; William P. Duval and T. Yates Foster, Montreal, within the province of Quebec; Charles G. Bradshaw and Henry G. Waterson, London, within the counties of Middlesex and London.

To be chief forester of the province—Martin A. Grainger, from January 1, 1917.

To be an issuer of marriage licenses—Frank L. Musher, Houston.

The appointments made to the boards of police and license commissioners for the cities of Vancouver and Nelson are also gazetted.

Calls on Mayor.—Mayor McLeath, of Vancouver, was a caller on Mayor Todd to-day by appointment.

A Serious Charge.—Ernest A. Goerg, charged with a serious offence, was this morning in the police court remanded for hearing till to-morrow.

Streets Committee.—A report on macadam trails necessary, as requested by the committee, is being made to civic streets and sewers committee this afternoon.

Intermunicipal Committee.—The city members of the intermunicipal committee will meet members of the Esquimalt council on Wednesday afternoon next to discuss questions affecting the educational arrangements between the two districts.

Court of Revision.—In the Omnica assessment district a court of revision will be held by Stephen Hoskins at Hazelton on February 2, under the Taxation act and the Public Schools act. Notice is given in this week's issue of the British Columbia Gazette that in the Barkerville, Comox and Fort Steele assessment districts taxes for the year are now due. For the Fort Steele district Alexander B. MacDonald, Cranbrook, has been appointed as a court of revision and appeal, in place of Walter A. Nisbet.

Rummage Sale.—The Y. W. C. A. will hold a rummage sale on Friday, February 2, at 1813 Douglas street. The sale is being arranged as a benefit, to aid funds of the Y. W. C. A. for work of a public nature which is being carried on. The board of directors constitutes the committee in charge of the sale, and they would be very grateful if those ladies in Victoria who have old articles of clothing or old dishes would leave the same or their names and addresses, at the Y. W. C. A. or phone 4699. Articles will be collected.

North Ward Red Cross.—The committee in charge of the North Ward branch of the Red Cross is working industriously to have a successful opening on Monday next. The work-rooms in the Scott building still require several articles of furniture. Donations of tables, chairs, rugs, strips of carpet, etc., will be gratefully received. The rooms will be open daily from 10 to 12 and from 2 to 5 to receive donations. Contributions for the tea, which is to be served on Monday afternoon, should be sent in on Monday morning.

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AT THE THEATRES THE COLUMBIA. Charlie Chaplin is always funny, but this week, at the Columbia theatre, is shown the funniest parts of all the latest funny incidents in the parts he has taken during the past year. There are extracts from "His New Job," "A Night Out," "The Tramp" and other mirth provokers. The only difficulty in watching the stunts of the great comedian is to stop laughing long enough to give one's sides a rest. "A Laughing Riot" in five parts is a good title for this funniest film on the American continent.

DOMINION THEATRE. A land in which slavery is an actual present-day institution and where a handsome young American might have stayed a life-long captive, but for a native's friendship, is the setting of the new Moscoro-Paramount photoplay "The Road to Love." The strange and startling world lying back of the Algerian coast cities is filmed in this fascinating screen story that stars beautiful Lenore Ulrich.

ROYAL VICTORIA. Everybody throughout the country has heard of Rector's famous restaurant, New York's smartest place of refreshment, but the tall prices charged and the general expensiveness of the place has kept away thousands who would have liked to visit it. Not less famous is the wonderful cabaret show of the world-known resort. Now, however, that William Fox has made his great production of Henry Guy Carleton's drama "A Gilded Fool" which is the attraction at the Royal Victoria again to-night and Saturday, starring William Farnum, who is supported by an all star American cast, every man, woman and child, the country over, will have an opportunity to participate in the Rector Revels. One scene in the "The Gilded Fool" shows him in the smart restaurant with a party of gay friends. Corks pop, eyes flash and diamonds gleam on white bosoms. Wonderful toilettes, the smartest creations of Paris and New York, mingle with the black and white of the men's evening clothes.

THE VARIETY. Bluebird Photoplays, Inc. have prepared, under the direction of the author, Rufus Steele, an unusual photodrama entitled "The Eagle's Wings." The feature will be exhibited at the Variety theatre to-day and to-morrow with Herbert Rawlinson and Grace Carlyle playing the leading roles. It is a non-political, patriotic, inspirational portrayal of what can be done by the captains of industry in time of emergency to furnish the army and navy with proper equipment for defence; a lesson in national forethought and a pictorial demonstration of what the term "Industrial Preparedness" actually implies. To combine entertainment with these demonstrations of national efficiency, Rufus Steele has written a story and Maud Grange has provided a scenario, carrying an engaging love story, fraught with suspense and acted with perfect artistry by a company individually chosen to play the various roles.

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SIXTH BRANCH STARTS AT SHOAL BAY. Residents of District Show Keen Interest in Red Cross

The organization meeting of the Hollywood and Shoal Bay branch of the Red Cross was held last night at the Margaret Jenkins school, the residents of the district showing their enthusiasm and interest in the formation of such a branch by turning out in big numbers. T. H. Slater, the district organizer, explained the purpose of the extension of the branches to include every part of the city, and F. W. Jones, chairman of the Victoria city branch, reiterated his appeal for more workers and the need for supplies. The work of organization was then proceeded with, and the following committee was drawn up, under the co-operation of Mrs. Fullerton: Mesdames Van Renner, Price, Fowler, Ashdown, Gibbs, Bayliss, Lennox, Mitchell, Clowes, Edgar, Thornton, F. C. Green, and Miss Ethel Clark. Messrs: D. H. McNaughton, H. G. Watson, Fowler, Geo. Brown, Price, Potts, G. W. Anderson, Dr. Pearce, Dr. Lennox, G. W. Anderson was appointed secretary, and George Brown treasurer, and these two gentlemen were made a committee, with power to add to their numbers, to look for headquarters and report at a committee meeting to be held this evening. The rooms will be opened at the earliest date possible after they are secured, and will be in charge daily as follows: Monday, Mrs. Van Renner; Tuesday, Mrs. Clowes; Wednesday, Mrs. W. C. Edgar; Thursday, Mrs. F. C. Green; Friday, Mrs. Bayliss, and Saturday, Miss Clark. The knitting, will be in charge of Mrs. Edgar and Mrs. Price; bandages, Mrs. Ashdown; pyjamas, Mrs. Fowler, and shirts, Mrs. Gibbs. James Ray Branch. There is to be a committee meeting of the James Bay branch to-night at 8 o'clock. Oak Bay Branch. The Oak Bay branch held a tea yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. S. Floyd, 1155 Monterey avenue. Mrs. Munn being joint hostess with Mrs. Floyd. A programme of music and a bridge tournament constituted the entertainment features, and a sale of candy and raffle added to the proceeds, which totalled \$60. Mrs. Bullock-Webster had charge of the tea, being assisted by several young ladies, while Mrs. Rattenbury and Mrs. Curtis took charge of the tea receipts. The Misses Munn and Wootton had charge of the candy stall, which did a brisk business, and the bridge tournament attracted many players, the prizes being won by Mrs. Baxter and Miss Arrowsmith. The winner of the beautifully embroidered scarf given by Miss MacDonald to be raffled was Mrs. Croase, who held the winning ticket No. 44. Giving Concert. The Esquimaux branch Red Cross announces a concert to be given on Monday in the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Esquimaux. The proceeds will be devoted to the Comfort Bag Fund. A good programme has been arranged, and refreshments will be provided. The admission charge is 25 cents.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL. All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender. Mrs. W. Roseboom, of Port Angeles, is at the Dominion. Geo. S. Olson, of Moose Jaw, is at the Dominion hotel. J. W. Hartley, of Port Angeles, is a guest of the Dominion. H. J. L. Egglinton, of Portland, is a guest at the Empress hotel. L. Schulz and Mrs. Schultz, of Atlin, are guests of the Dominion hotel. H. Holden is here from Swift Current and is stopping at the Dominion. J. F. Vall and family, of Winnipeg, are stopping at the Dominion hotel. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Telfer, of Calgary, have arrived at the Empress hotel. Mr. and Mrs. John Donaldson, of London, were at the Empress hotel yesterday. D. H. Beatty, of Kitenango, B. C., registered at the Dominion hotel yesterday. G. E. Robinson and Mrs. Robinson, of Maywood, Sask., are at the Dominion hotel. A. C. Middleton and Mrs. Middleton, of Vulcan, Alta., are guests of the Dominion hotel. A. P. Rickard and Mrs. Rickard are down from Soanens and are stopping at the Dominion. Mrs. C. G. Sear and A. C. Sear, of Conquest, Sask., are visiting Victoria and staying at the Dominion. A. C. Murray and Mrs. Murray are down from Fort St. James and are stopping at the Dominion hotel. B. W. Bray and Joseph Cates, of Qu'Appelle, Sask., are amongst yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion. C. E. McPherson, of the C. P. R.,

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Winnipeg, was in the city yesterday, registered at the Empress hotel. Mrs. S. Hooper and her sister, Nurse Simpson, of Winnipeg, are the guests of Mrs. W. H. Ozard, 3066 Albany road. F. W. Anderson, M. P. P., has returned to the city after visiting his constituency in the Kamloops district. Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Benjamin, of Shanghai, arrived in the city yesterday to join the Empress of Russia, homebound. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hamilton, of Redison, Sask., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. Gillespie, of Victoria avenue, Oak Bay. A. M. Johnson, the new deputy attorney general, expects to leave Nelson, where he has lived for several years, for Victoria on Sunday next.

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MUNICIPAL CHAPTER. Routine Business Disposed of at Meeting Yesterday: Holding Tag-Day. There was a meeting yesterday of the Municipal chapter, I. O. O. E., when a quantity of routine business was dealt with. Mrs. A. F. Griffiths presided and announcement was made of the date of the annual meeting, which will be on March 8. Primary chapter annual reports must be in the hands of the Municipal chapter secretary not later than February 28. A request was made for permission to hold a tag-day at an early date, the funds to be used for the purchase of wool for socks. The request was granted, and the secretary was instructed to apply to the city for the necessary permission. The convener of the field comforts committee, Mrs. Cecil Cookson, reported that nine boxes had been sent to the Canadian Field Comforts commission at Shorncliffe, the shipment containing among other things 21 shirts, 10 pairs mittens, 11 caps, mufflers, sleeveless sweaters. Thirty-six pairs of socks had been sent direct to a company on the Somme front in addition to this. Mrs. Laundry, honorary secretary-treasurer of the prisoners of war committee, stated that the Slater

Susie club had sent them \$25.00 to be forwarded to Mrs. Rivers Bullock, of the Canadian prisoners-of-war department, London, and the ladies' emergency committee of the Navy League. The Langford Women's Institute and the Esquimaux and Navy League Chapters, I. O. O. E., had sent other contributions. Acknowledgment had been received from the O. C. at Banfield for magazines received there and Pachena. Mrs. Hugo Brown's committee is amalgamating with the Municipal Chapter for the distribution of magazines to military outposts. A report was given by Mrs. Taw of the successful entertainment given the soldiers' children at the pantomime during Christmas week. The Navy League in this instance had the assistance of the Superfluties committee, the Esquimaux, Agnes Deans Cameron, Gonzales and Lady Douglas chapters, who had contributed to the finances, and by the French Red Cross, which had helped toward the giving of a present to each child. Mrs. R. G. Day reported on the Khaki club organization work. Mrs. Andrew Wright was appointed to represent the Municipal chapter on the Khaki club committee. Mrs. A. F. Griffiths will continue to represent the Municipal chapter on the auxiliary to military hospitals. Application is to be made through the Canadian Field Comforts commission for the voluntary workers' badge and the auxiliary badge for Mrs. Belson and Mrs. Cecil Cookson, who have qualified for these. Grateful acknowledgement was made to Mrs. M. Harding for the sewing machine which she had kindly lent for use in the field comforts department.

ARMENIAN RELIEF. Fifteen Hundred Dollars Have Been Forwarded by Royal Bank to Toronto. Mr. J. A. Taylor, manager The Royal Bank of Canada, acknowledges, with thanks, the following subscriptions to the "Armenian Relief Fund": Previously acknowledged \$ 533.20 Sunday box collections 63.35 Caroline Macklem 282.29 Collected by Miss C. Macklem 181.48 C. C. Cochran 5.00 A. Friend 2.50 Mrs. Sparrow 2.09 Bishop Doull 25.63 Naval and Military Methodist church, Esquimaux 25.70 Mrs. Alexis Martin 1.00 Mrs. W. Cook 2.20 Christopher 1.00 Mrs. Holmes, Duncan 1.00 Mrs. Ham 2.50 Mrs. Bodwell 2.50 Miss Booth 1.00 A. Friend 7.00 Mrs. Alice Turner 1.00 Thankoffering 10.00 A. Friend 5.00 Helper 5.00 Mrs. MacInnis 5.00 A. Friend 20.00 Mrs. Walker 1.00 A. D. Musket 10.00 \$1,290.53 To drafts on Toronto Main Fund (at par) 1,200.00 Balance in Royal Bank of Canada \$ 89.53

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HIGHLAND UNIT PAYS TRIBUTE TO BURNS

Fiftieth Gordons Hold Dinner and Concert in Honor of Poet

It was to be expected that so Scottish an institution as the 50th Gordon Highlanders Regiment would not fail to observe the anniversary of Scotland's bard, Robert Burns, and the dinner and concert which were given last night by the 50th Gordons in honor of the occasion were quite in keeping with the traditional celebration.

The chair was taken by Sgt. Major Stewart, who started the programme by proposing the toast to the King. This was responded to with loyal enthusiasm by the whole company.

"It is with a feeling of apprehension that I rise to propose the toast of the evening, 'The Immortal Memory of Robert Burns,'" said the speaker. "So many a calm of oratory enshrines his memory that it almost seems impertinence for me to cast my pebble on the colossal pile for this toast is one which, in the land we left, and love, in a nation of scholars, is never entrusted to any but the most eloquent and scholarly of her sons.

"I cannot plead lack of knowledge, I cannot plead lack of comprehension, I cannot plead lack of imagination there is anyone in Victoria more familiar with his works, his life, his homes, his surroundings and his atmosphere. My ancestors on my mother's side were neighbors of and intimately known to the poet. 'Halloween' was, I believe, written after a celebration at the house of one of my forefathers, 'Man Was Made to Mourn' was composed

while Burns paced the streamside, a favorite haunt of his, which bounded the farm of my relative. My last New Year in Scotland was spent in Mauchline, digging up family history, where every breath was charged with memories of Scotland's bard and of the friends, sweethearts and enemies who surrounded him at the zenith of his powers.

"To-night the songs of Burns will be heard on the sun-dried African veldt, on the frozen vastnesses of the north, beneath the blue gums of Tasmania, throughout the length and breadth of this great continent, in the blood-stained, or rather blood-battered, trenches in Europe, wherever on sea or land Britons and their descendants gather. At this very moment the refrain of 'Auld Lang Syne,' the supreme doxology of the English speaking peoples is moving with the twilight round the globe.

"My tribute, if halting, is at least sincere, and methinks that Robin himself will look down on us to-night and forgive the poor words in which we strive to show that, wherever Scotsmen gather, the divine force with which he endowed the world in his messages of the brotherhood of man, has not lost its power, but goes surging through the world for ages yet unborn.

"If we would measure the grandeur and proportions of a great man, we must view him from afar. I have but little sympathy with that mean spirit which ever seeks to find stain upon the clothing of genius. The world would be a sweeter place to live in could we but practice truly the great-hearted charity of judgment he so finely expressed in his opinion of others.

"Then gently scan your brother man, Still gentler sister woman, Tho' some may gane a kenna' wrang, To step aside is human. One point must still be greatly dark, The moving why they do it, And just as lamely can ye mark How far perhaps they see it.

"It is too much to ask for one who has given the world so much of the purest and loftiest gems of thought that we judge his life as he judged the lives of others. 'I do not propose in these remarks to dwell upon the songs of Burns, for a song which does not touch the very heart strings was never written by Robin, and we doubt we shall hear nothing to-night of tenderest love and passion which would be profaned by comment. To take but a stray gem from the glorious crown of song, was there ever a purer, sincerer love in the peasant heart which wrote 'The Lea Rig,' which I trust we shall hear ere we part:

"At midnight hour in mistiest gleam I'd rove and ne'er be eerie O, If thro' the glass I gazed to thee My ain kind dearie O. Altho' the night were ne'er sae wild And I were ne'er sae weary O, I'd meet thee on the lea-rig, My ain kind dearie O."

"Passing on, then, let us dwell for a moment on his patriotism. What would Burns have written to-day? What lurid sentences would he have used to paint the preparedness of Great Britain three years ago? What would he say if he stood up here to-night, those glorious dark eyes, immortalized by the brush of Nasmyth, flashing on us 'That man to man the world o'er Shall brothers be for a' that?'

"His throbbing patriotism was closely knit with another outstanding characteristic, which is the next point upon which I would touch. I refer to his sturdy independence of character. His love of freedom was neither a political plant nor a party weed; it was the innate worth of the man blossoming as a child of liberty and a child of God. The rights of the individual were sacred to Burns; he held that men make or mar themselves. For him 'the honest man though e'er sae puir is king o' men for a' that.' He could, and did, always scourge the sin and forgive the sinner. He could threaten the tyrant, sympathize, like Milton with 'Auld Nick himself,' but let us remember that at the same moment his heart throbbled for the wee sleekit tim'rous cowerin' fieldmouse and for the daisy of the field overturned by the plough. In closing let us look for a moment at his loving kindness. That was his greatest mood and greatest of all, when it burst into song. For he has sung himself into the hearts of men as they wander from the cradle to the grave. Of a truth, this poet of ours had a heart so large that only one great as himself could measure it. In his letter to Peter Hill he says: 'God knows I am no saint, I have a whole list of follies and sins to answer for. But, if I could (and I believe I do as far as I can), I would wipe away all tears from all eyes.' Take again his songs of Highland Mary, against whom some have thrown the sneer. That, I think, was the greatest unsatisfied love of his life, the wound which left the deep unhealing scar. She was no poet's dream, still less will I believe her a 'light o' love.' Let us remember

the reticence and reserve of Burns's attitude to Highland Mary. Could 'Will Ye Go to the Indies, My Mary?' have been written were it otherwise, or 'A Prayer for Mary,' or 'The Highland Lassie?' Three years after her death he wrote 'To Mary in Heaven.' Six years after her death he sang:

'O pale, pale now those rosy lips I aft he's kissed see fondly, And closed for aye the sparkling glance That dwelt on me sae kindly, And mould'ring now in silent dust The heart that lo'ed me dearly, But still within my bosom's core Shall live my Highland Mary.'

"Gentlemen, if all the worst that has been said of Highland Mary were true we should still offer thanks that her real sweet womanliness, which lay beneath the surface, gave so lofty an inspiration to her immortal lover. He may have loved not wisely but too well. His magnetism for the other sex may have been a joy, a sorrow and a sin for him, and for some of them, but 'Gently scan your brother man, Still gentler sister woman,' and remember:

'Who made the heart, 'tis He alone, Exactly can try, His various tone, Each spring its various bias; Then at the balance, let's be mute, We never can adjust it, What's done we partly may compute, But know not what's resisted.'

"With the flight of ages the Temple of Fame grows more spacious; its lofty dome gleams golden over the sea of time; the soft hallowed light of immortality falls through each jewel window, bathing in color the gods who have chosen. For the warrior there is ruby, for the painter an opal, for the poet a diamond, and for Burns a radiant rainbow nimbus of all of them.

"Gentlemen, let us uplift our hearts and look once more into his kindly eyes; let us make a link in the chain of hands which girdles the globe as we speak, and let us drink in grateful silence the world-wide toast: 'The Immortal Memory of Robert Burns.'"

The programme included the following numbers: Mr. Findler acting as accompanist where necessary: Pipe selection, Pipe Major Coutts; songs by Harry Owens, Mr. Brown; Sgt. Harrison, F. Waddington, F. Petch, Pte. Robertson, Sgt. Harrison; recitations by J. Walker, Pte. Robertson, Sgt. Shoucliffe, Capt. Williams; Highland dances by Bugler Nicol; piano solos by Capt. Higgins; and concert solos by Mr. Green. 'Auld Lang Syne' and the National Anthem closed the proceedings.

EXAMINERS OF MINERS APPOINTED FOR YEAR

Boards Which Will Issue Certificates of Competency in Coal Mines

Boards of examiners of coal miners for the issue of certificates of competency have been appointed for the year 1917 by Hon. William Sloan, minister of mines, in accordance with the requirements of the Coal Mines Regulations Act. On each board the operators and the miners each name a member and two alternates, to act in the absence of the man named, and the minister of mines appoints the third member, who is the secretary in each case. The appointments made are as follows:

Cumberland Collieries—John C. Biggs, Cumberland, secretary; John Gillespie (with Charles Parnham and John Dando as alternates) for the owners; Nathaniel Bevis (with Thomas Watson and John M. Liddell as alternates) for the miners. Nanaimo Collieries—R. R. Hindmarch, Nanaimo, secretary; John Hunt (Thomas R. Jackson and David Brown) for the owners; William Bradley (James Miller and Edward Gibson) for the miners.

East Wellington Colliery—Thomas Budge, Nanaimo, secretary; W. H. More (A. Bryden and C. Gray) for the owners; Robert N. Hamilton (T. Thomas Reid and Thomas Jordan) for the miners. South Wellington Colliery—George Taylor, South Wellington, secretary; William Roper (Arthur E. Smith and Joseph Neen) for the owners; William J. Neen (James Bateman and John Richardson) for the miners.

Extension Colliery—John S. Greenwell, Extension, secretary; Thomas Strang (William Wilson and Hugh Davidson) for the owners; William Anderson (John H. Foster and Michael Cottle) for the miners. Nicola Collieries—George Hudson, Merritt, secretary. Coal Creek Collieries—John McCourt, Coal Creek, secretary. Michel Colliery—R. L. Spruston, Michel, secretary. Corbin Colliery—William Walker, Corbin, secretary.

COMPANIES CHARTERED TO MINE FOR COPPER

Two Incorporated During the Present Week; Other New Commercial Concerns

In this week's British Columbia Gazette notice is given of the incorporation of two more mining companies, both of which will engage in the business of mining for copper in this province. These two new corporations will have their headquarters in Vancouver. One is the Union Copper Mining Company, Limited (Non-Personal Liability), with a capital of \$200,000. The other is the Omineca Copper Company, Limited, with a capital of \$50,000.

Other incorporations of the week are: Pacific Coast Manufacturing Company, Limited, Vancouver, capital \$10,000; O-Roy-Nay Company, of Trail, Limited, Trail, \$10,000, theatre proprietors; Sea Gull Soap Works, Limited, Vancouver, \$10,000; Wallace Limited, Vancouver, \$10,000, fishermen's canneries; Western Tanneries, Limited, Vancouver, \$25,000.

Under the Benevolent Societies Act certificates of incorporation have been granted to Native Fishermen's Association, Port Essington, an organization of white fishermen on the Skeena River; and to Society of the Elderly General Hospital, a women's auxiliary of that institution.

The Arizona Fire Insurance Company, of Phoenix, Ariz., has ceased to transact a fire insurance business in this province and its license has been withdrawn. William G. Patrick, Vancouver, local manager of the Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited, has been named as its attorney in this province, in place of W. S. Kieckieff.

A meeting of the creditors of the Victoria Truck & Dray Company, Limited, which is in voluntary liquidation, will be held at the office of R. F. Taylor, liquidator, on Monday next.

Dyspeptics Should Avoid Drugs and Medicines

Try a Little Magnesia Instead. Some people instinctively shut their eyes to danger, and it may be that instinct, or custom or habit causes dyspeptics to take drugs, patent foods and medicines, artificial digestants, etc. But closing the eyes does not banish the danger, and it is certain that neither drugs nor medicines possess the power to destroy the harmful excessive acid in the stomach, which is the underlying cause of most forms of indigestion and dyspepsia. They may give temporary relief, but ever increasing quantities must be taken, and all the time the acid remains in the stomach as dangerous as ever. Physicians know this and that is why their advice so often to sufferers from digestive and stomach trouble is 'Just get about an ounce of pure bisphurated magnesia from your druggist and take a teaspoonful in a little water immediately after every meal. This will instantly neutralize all the harmful acid in the stomach and stop all food fermentation, thus enabling you to enjoy hearty meals without experiencing the least pain or unpleasantness afterward.'

TELLS POET'S LIFE IN SONG AND STORY

Big Audience at First Presbyterian Church Hears About Burns

The big auditorium of the First Presbyterian church was filled last night on the occasion of the Burns anniversary celebration. The lecturer of the evening, Rev. John Gibson Inkster, B. A., introduced the Hon. Dr. McLean, minister of education, and the chairman of the evening, and this gentleman in his opening remarks dealt with the wonderful versatility of the Scottish poet, whom they had come together to honor.

Mr. Inkster's subject was 'The Homes and Haunts of Robert Burns.' With his well-known descriptive ability the lecturer transported his audience in spirit to the Old Land, where they viewed not only the scenes made familiar through the works of the poet, but also had a rare insight into the character of Burns. Speaking with an eloquence which at times moved his audience to applause, Mr. Inkster depicted the many phases of the poet's life, his strength and his weakness. The pictures shown were specially selected. Songs appropriate to the subject matter were sung during the talk, Miss Harkness singing 'Ye Banks and Braes o' Bonnie Doon,' while a picture of the Doon and the famous 'brig' were thrown on the screen. J. G. Brown sang the stirring patriotic air, 'Scots Wha Hae,' which, the speaker pointed out, was as applicable to-day as when written by Burns, and should be read by every able-bodied young man in Victoria and Canada. Mr. Brown's rendering was vigorous and spirited. Mrs. R. W. Hudson sang with wonderful sympathy and deep feeling the old favorite, 'John Anderson My Jo John.'

The concert programme proper was begun with the beautiful love-song of Burns, 'Afton Water,' sung exquisitely by Mrs. Jesse Longfield, who received an ovation at the conclusion of the lines. For an encore she sang another ballad by the poet: 'My Heart is Sair for Somebody,' which again captivated her audience. Mr. Edmund Petch followed with the 'McGregor's Gathering,' his fine tenor doing full justice to the musical part of the song, although the singer was perhaps lacking a little in the sentiment. As an encore he gave another martial air, 'The March of the Cameron Men,' which was given with the necessary vigor and power.

'The Crookit Bowbe,' an almost invariably found selection in a Burns programme, was repeated as an encore. Mrs. R. G. Morrison captured the heart of her audience with her splendid rendering of 'The Hundred Pipers,' her stage presence and singing being reminiscent of the great Jesse MacLachlan, who sang this song so successfully. Mrs. Jesse Longfield was again called on, and 'Angus Macdonald' was sung in magnificent style, with feeling and spirit which brought her a vociferous encore, for which she gave the piquant 'I'm Glad My Heart's My Ain Yet.'

The singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' by the artists and the audience, the words being thrown on the screen, was followed by the National Anthem, which brought another 'Burns Night,' as good or better than any of its predecessors at the First Presbyterian church, to a close. A vote of thanks to the lecturer and the lantern operator was proposed by Robert Erskine and seconded by Geo. McGregor, being carried amidst demonstrative applause. The chairman, Hon. Dr. McLean, was also thanked heartily for presiding at the gathering. A feature of the occasion was the presentation to the children present of real Edinburgh Rock candy, presented by Mr. Pease, of Hammersley Farm. Mrs. Lewis Hall, who has so ably presided at the piano on many previous occasions of the kind, was again the accompanist of the evening, and gave very valuable assistance in this respect. Among the beautiful slides were shown the Burns cottage near Ayr, where the poet was born, and also the house in Edinburgh where he died. Scenes at Dumfries, Lochlea, Mossgill, and Ellisland, where he lived at various times; and some of the poems, such as 'The Cotter's Saturday Night,' 'Tam o' Shanter,' 'Highland Mary,' 'Afton Water,' etc., were illustrated the lecturer leading his hearers through the history of the poet's years in a graphic descriptive way which will leave memorable impressions.

'If ever a man could say with truth and feeling, 'Save me from my friends,' that man was Robbie Burns,' said the speaker. 'He has suffered at the hands of biographers, essayists and lecturers, and his name and fame are still suffering from the same sources. Sometimes he is praised too much and sometimes he is blamed too much. 'In estimating the character of Burns we must avoid these two extremes of praise and blame. As Carlyle who has written the finest essay on Burns ever written, says: 'The best way to delineate the bard is to give the characteristic incidents, habits, actions and sayings which exhibit the whole man as he looked and lived among his fellows.'

'There were good and bad in Burns himself and these are also to be found in his poems, and we can afford to overlook the bad, the false and the ugly. Let them die, as die they will, and let us only think of the good, the true and the beautiful, for these will live forever and ever, and there is ever so much of all three to be found both in the life and work of Scotland's national bard.'

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DISCHARGED SOLDIERS WEARING UNIFORM. To the Editor: Was it not in orders sometime ago by the late minister of militia and defence, that returned soldiers were to be allowed to wear their uniforms, and what are the reasons that an order has been issued forbidding now the wearing by soldiers discharged to civil employment of their uniform. Is it the old red tape idea of the military martinet or jealousy of civilian officials. I have read with pleasure your articles on pensions for the wounded and the invalided and broken in mind and health in this war of wars and for the rights and position of the rank and file. I therefore venture to ask you to press for the right of the rank and file or the private or common soldier to wear his uniform as a privilege specially granted for the work performed for his country and the trials and sufferings mentally and bodily he has endured in this terrible war of all wars. I hope that every newspaper, Conservative, Liberal, Radical or Socialist will take up the case of our glorious soldiers and see that every honor and justice is paid to them and no miserable petty annoyances are allowed to pain them. There is no need that any mistake be made between a soldier serving and one discharged. Let all soldiers who have gone overseas, after discharge have a distinguishing mark, say an inverted chevron in scarlet cloth or braid below the show on each arm, and in the case of the man who has been honorably discharged from serving in this war, a bar of scarlet below the chevron on the khaki uniform, and in the full dress, if scarlet, the chevron in blue and if blue uniform the chevron in scarlet. Officers the same. The soldier to have the right to wear his uniform at all legislative or government house functions, at public meetings, balls and entertainments, etc. That no hotels or halls, etc., which an officer can attend or enter, shall be out of bounds to a non-commissioned officer or private who has been honorably discharged from serving in this war. I do not include the home guards or soldiers serving who have not gone overseas. They are subject to the rules of the army while serving. But in the case of the man who has "done his bit" and is discharged, I claim that it is for the public to say how he shall be treated and honored and what position he is to hold in public. Of course there may be other and better ways of distinguishing the soldier who has served than I mention, but if any change of uniform is to be made, then let the men who have gone overseas get the change of uniform and not the discharged soldier who has served in the war.

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Miss Isabel Elliott to Officiate at Launching of Schooner Margaret Haney

On the occasion of the forthcoming launching of the auxiliary schooner Margaret Haney, one of the three vessels of this type under construction at the local yards of the Cameron Genoa Mills Shipbuilders Ltd. for the Canadian West Coast Navigation Company, Miss Isabel Elliott, daughter of R. T. Elliott, of this city, will act as sponsor and will smash the customary bottle of champagne over the bows of the craft as the wedges are removed to permit the schooner to slide down the greased ways into the drydock.

SHIDZUOKA COMING

Japanese Liner Bringing 940 Tons of Cargo for This Port.

W. R. Dale, local agent for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, has been advised that the Japanese liner Shidzuoka Maru sailed from Yokohama January 18, and is expected to reach this port February 2. She has 12 passengers and 940 tons of general Oriental freight for Victoria. The through passengers number 119. The liner Tanba Maru, scheduled to sail from this port January 28 will now leave for Yokohama and Hongkong January 30.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific standard time) at Victoria, B. C., for the month of January, 1917:

Table with columns for Date, Sunrise, Sunset, and Daylight. Rows list dates from Jan. 1 to Jan. 31.

Arrivals and Departures

COASTWISE SERVICES

For Vancouver: Steamer Princess Victoria leaves daily at 9 p. m., and steamer Princess Mary or Alice daily at 11.45 p. m. Steamer Prince George leaves Mondays, 10 a. m.

JOHN GOES ASHORE; IS TAKING WATER

G. T. P. Coasting Steamer Piles Up in Wrangell Narrows With Passengers Aboard

SENDS OUT S. O. S. CALL FOLLOWED BY SILENCE

Salvor and Other Vessels Rushing to Aid; Smart Work by Canadian Wireless

Prompt action by the Canadian government radio-telegraph service in reporting the Grand Trunk Pacific steamer Prince John in distress in Wrangell Narrows at an early hour this morning brought a ready response. This forenoon several vessels were reported rushing to the aid of the stranded steamer, and by this time it is probable that some of them are standing by.

It was at 1.10 a. m. to-day that the government wireless station at Digby Island heard very faint distress calls from some vessel. After some adjustment of the apparatus at Digby Island the vessel calling proved to be the Prince John, and direct communication was then established. The Prince John gave her position as "some point in Wrangell Narrows, that she was hard ashore and was taking water."

A general call was immediately sent out by Digby Island, but neither of the American wireless stations at Ketchikan or Juneau, the latter supposed to be one of the most powerful stations on the coast, could be raised. At 2 a. m. the steamship Prince George, of the same fleet, southbound from Granby Bay to Victoria, responded, and she was advised of the accident.

When the information reached the Gonzales Hill station, the local telegraph offices were closed, but Capt. C. H. Nicholson, manager of the G.T.P. coast steamships at Vancouver, was advised by wireless through the Point Grey station. He immediately got in touch with the B. C. Salvage Commission through the same medium, and arrangements were promptly made for the salvage steamer Salvor to proceed north.

The Salvor, which always has steam up in readiness for an emergency call, left the inner harbor at 9 a. m. to-day, her crew having been signed on by Capt. George Kirkendale, shipping master, after being routed out of their beds. She took out Mr. Brownlee, G. T. P. engineer, and proceeded direct to Vancouver to pick up Capt. Nicholson. It will take the Salvor about three days to make the run up to Wrangell Narrows, which is about 100 miles to the north of Ketchikan, Alaska.

The Prince John drove ashore while on passage from Prince Rupert to Skagway, having a number of passengers aboard who were transferred from the Prince George at the G. T. P. terminal. The vessel maintains a fortnightly service between Prince Rupert and Skagway during the winter months. She is commanded by Capt. Alan Morton Davies, formerly pilot of the steamer Prince Rupert, one of the most experienced navigators in coastal waters, and who has piloted the Prince John over the Alaska route for several seasons, and under all conditions. It is generally thought that the steamer went ashore in a heavy fog.

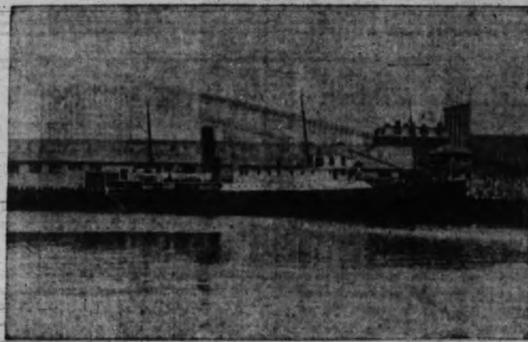
About the same time that the Digby Island station picked up the message, the radio station at Northhead, Wash., picked up the call from the John. The message stated that the vessel was leaking badly and needed immediate help. The John operator asked all steamships in the vicinity to rush to her aid. No details were given in the S. O. S. call.

Up to a late hour this afternoon no further word of the condition of the Prince John had been received at the Gonzales Hill station from Digby Island.

The Prince Rupert station reported that it was impossible to establish further communication with the wrecked vessel, probably owing to the atmospheric conditions. The receiving radius is much greater at night than during the day time.

The smart work of the Canadian naval radio stations is again evident in the wreck of the Prince John. It illustrated the necessity for a constant watch on both steamers and coast sta-

Hard Ashore on Alaska Coast



G. T. P. STEAMER PRINCE JOHN

tions, even covering the Alaska coastline, which is properly out of Canadian jurisdiction. All the important Canadian stations maintain a 24-hour watch and the operators are constantly on the alert.

Further news of the Prince John will be awaited with not a little anxiety. She has accommodation for 60 first-class passengers and it is probable that she carried a pretty full list as travel to Alaska has been conspicuously brisk of late.

The Prince John is a steel three-masted steamer of 905 tons gross, and 540 net. She was built in 1910 by Scott & Sons, Bowling. She was purchased by the Grand Trunk Pacific shortly afterwards and brought out to this coast by Capt. A. M. Davies, her present commander.

Passengers All Safe. According to word received by Capt. Nicholson, before leaving for the North on the Salvor late this afternoon, the Prince John struck on Rocky Point, Wrangell Narrows. She started to take water at a rapid rate and Capt. Davies decided to beach her. He steamed for Singer Point, a few miles north of Rocky Point, and ran his vessel all got off and sent on to Petersburg, Alaska, on small craft which came alongside. The steamer Prince Albert, Capt. Moorhouse, of the same fleet, received the S.O.S. call and raced south from Juneau to the scene of the mishap.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Seattle, Jan. 25.—Arrived: Motor str. George Washington, Copenhagen, via way ports; str. Amur, Anyox, B. C.; str. Selkirk, Nanaimo, B. C.; str. Eastholm, Vancouver, B. C.; str. Admiral Schley, Vancouver, B. C.; via Anacortes; str. Jefferson, with str. Alameda's passengers, the Alameda, preceding direct to Tacoma; str. Amur, Nanaimo, B. C.; str. Eastholm, Vancouver, B. C.; str. Selkirk, Vancouver, B. C.; str. Kingfisher, Astoria; str. Davenport, Tacoma; str. Jefferson, to meet the str. Alameda for her passengers; tug Moonlight, towing scows McBride No. 2 and McBride No. 3, Vancouver, B. C.

Port Townsend, Jan. 25.—Passed in: str. Alameda, or Tacoma; str. Amur, for Seattle. Passed out: str. Comanche, Tacoma, Jan. 25.—Strs. Alameda and Latouche, from Southwestern Alaska; str. Valdez, from San Francisco; Sailed: str. Havall, for San Pedro.

Aberdeen, Jan. 25.—Sailed: str. Charles Bristensen, Willamette and G. C. Lindauer, for San Pedro.

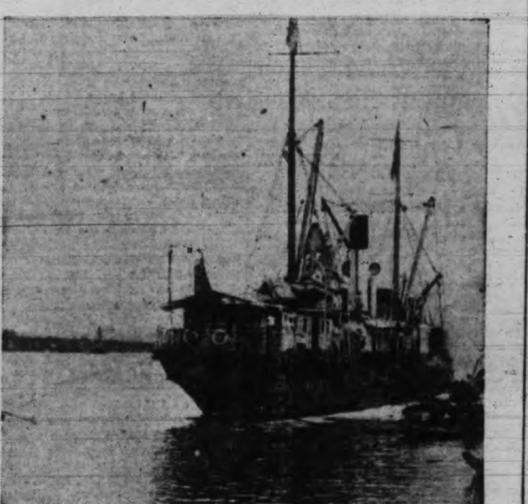
San Pedro, Jan. 25.—Today's arrivals were the str. Col. E. L. Drake, from Seattle; str. Multnomah, from Portland; str. Santa Barbara, from Willapa Harbor; and str. Nohalem, from Gray's Harbor. Departures were the str. Governor, for Puget Sound; str. Cello and Klamath, for Portland; str. Hartwood, for Redondo Beach; str. Neacum, for Astoria; str. Washington, or Eureka, and str. South Coast, for Mexican ports.

San Francisco, Jan. 25.—Arrived: str. Unatilla, from Seattle. Sailed: str. Adeline Smith, for Coos Bay; str. Ocean and Admiral Farragut, for Seattle; str. Hoguam, for Willapa Harbor; str. Meteor, for the Columbia river.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 25.—Arrived: str. E. A. Kilburn, from Coos Bay. Sailed: str. Daisy Freeman, for Gray's Harbor.

Flavel, Ore., Jan. 25.—Sailed: str. Northern Pacific, for San Francisco.

Rushing North to Aid John



SALVAGE STEAMER SALVOR.

BIG SAILING SHIP TO HAVE WIRELESS

Benjamin F. Packard, Over Thirty Years Old, Being Equipped With Apparatus

When the American sailing ship Benjamin F. Packard, of the Northwestern Fisheries Company, squares away off Cape Flattery to begin her voyage to Bristol Bay in the coming spring, the huge square-rigger, product of the famous shipyard of Bath, Me., will flash wireless messages from aerials strung between her towering masts, informing her owners day by day of her position at sea.

Back in 1883, when the Benjamin F. Packard took her first plunge in the waters of the Atlantic from the yards at Bath, her builders little dreamed that there would come a time when her master would be in constant communication to receive the news of the world by aerial telegraph system.

But wireless is no longer considered merely a convenience for sailing vessels—it is a necessity—and gradually the entire fleet of craft which depend on the winds of the Pacific in making their voyages to Alaska and overseas are being equipped with radio apparatus.

The Benjamin F. Packard will not only send and receive wireless messages during her voyages, but will serve as a wireless station at Nushagak during the summer, giving that part of the north its first wireless service to the south. The Packard will be in constant communication with the powerful government wireless station at Unalaska, which will relay messages to Tatoosh Island, at the entrance to the strait, and North Head on the coast.

The Nushagak cannery is the most westerly of the plants of the Northwestern Fisheries Company, and the only means of communication has been by steamship to Unalaska and then by wireless to Seattle through the Tatoosh, North Head or Canadian wireless stations.

The largest sailing ship now sailing the high seas equipped with powerful wireless is the E. R. Sterling, which was formerly owned and registered at Victoria.

ADVERTISING VICTORIA

Interesting and Well-Illustrated Booklet Compiled by Secretary of Harbor Association.

An interesting booklet entitled "The Harbor and City of Victoria" has been compiled by Thos. C. Sorby, secretary of the Inner Harbor Association, giving much useful data relative to the port of Victoria and the unsurpassed advantages of the city as a tourist resort and from a residential standpoint. The publication, which is attractively written and illustrated, will be given a wide circulation and should prove a useful advertising medium.

IS OPPORTUNE TIME TO START DRYDOCK

Taking Over of Breakwater Leaves Complete Plant and Machinery Available

After an inspection of the Ogden Point breakwater, C. C. Worsfold, Dominion government district engineer, New Westminster, has officially taken over the big seawall on behalf of the government. H. A. Elgee, local agent for the contractors, and William Knight, superintendent, to whose efforts the success of the contract is largely responsible, are now engaged in winding up the work, and within a week or two the large force of labor that has been engaged on this gigantic undertaking will have been removed from the contractors' payroll.

The valuable machinery that has been used on the contract will be stored, by permission of the government, on the site until such time as it can be transferred to another contract. The general consensus of opinion is that the Dominion government should take immediate steps with a view to placing the contract for at least an initial part of the work on the long-contemplated graving basin at Esquimalt, particularly as this is the most favorable time, inasmuch as the entire plant required for the construction of such a drydock is now available to be placed in operation at once.

It is realized that were tenders called for the proposed Esquimalt graving basin at the present time, the famous British contracting firm of Sir John Jackson, Limited, would be in a position to make a most reasonable bid for the work, because of the fact that the entire plant of machinery necessary to inaugurate and continue the contract could be transferred to the drydock site from its present location within a day.

The Esquimalt Graving Dock Committee and the local Board of Trade have made strong representations to Ottawa along these lines, and it is hoped that the government will decide to make some use of the initial appropriation that has been voted from year to year and start the construction of the drydock which it has been proved time and again, is an absolute necessity, not only by reason of the exigencies of war, but in view of the great expansion in shipping and size of vessels after the close of hostilities.

EMPERESS OF RUSSIA STEAMS FOR ORIENT

C. P. R. Liner Carries Large Passenger List, Including Trade Commissioners

Taking out 217 saloon and 51 second cabin passengers, the Canadian Pacific Ocean Service liner, Empress of Russia, Capt. Samuel Robinson, R. N. R., after awaiting important mails arriving on the Princess Alice, left this afternoon on her fifteenth outward voyage to the Orient.

Prominent among the outgoing passengers are members of the American Honorary Commercial Commission, an influential party of American business men and women who are visiting Japan and China with the object of improving commercial relations between those countries and the United States. The party is made up of: David E. Rose, former mayor of Milwaukee, counsel for the Chinese American Products Exchange Co., chairman; Mrs. Rose, General J. S. Carr, of Durham, North Carolina; and Mrs. Carr; Julian O. Frank, of Milwaukee, and Mrs. Frank; Fernando P. Neal, of Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. Neal; Fred A. Landeck, of Milwaukee; Mrs. H. M. Johnston and Mrs. L. W. Neely, of Muncie, Ind.

Mr. Rose says it is not the intention of the United States to capture the trade of the Far East from England, who now holds 58 per cent. of the business of China, but merely to try and get what they can of the remaining 42 per cent. In a country with over four hundred million inhabitants, he says, there is room for all the nations of the earth to do business. Mr. Rose is the husband of Rosemary Rose, the famous opera singer, whom he married six years ago. Mrs. Rose was born in the United States, but is a Hungarian by descent. She was a famous European singer before her marriage. She has relatives fighting on both sides in the present great war.

A large proportion of the Russia's passengers include persons from all over the United States, whose visit to the Orient is in the interests of business houses and who will inspect the business possibilities of the Far Eastern countries. There are also a number of passengers from England and other points in Europe.

James E. Harvey, of the shipping firm of Frank Waterhouse & Co., is bound for the Orient in connection with the company's interest there.

Joy Morton, of Kansas City, identified with the International Salt Company, is on a business tour of the big cities of the Far East, accompanied by Mrs. Morton and party. Bishop J. McKim is returning to Tokio after attending the Protestant Episcopal convention at St. Louis.

Mrs. Dixon Hopecraft, wife of the commander of the liner Empress of Japan, is making a trip to the Orient. Another passenger of note is Hon. Clayton Rockhill, of New York city, accompanied by Miss Rockhill.

Canadian Pacific Railway B. C. COAST SERVICE VANCOUVER, daily at 2 and 11.45 p.m. SEATTLE, daily at 4.30 p.m. ALASKA, from Victoria, Jan. 26 and Feb. 9, at 11 p.m. PRINCE RUPERT and ANYOX (Granby Bay) from Vancouver every Wednesday at 11 p.m. OCEAN FALLS and SWANSON BAY, from Vancouver every Thursday at 11 p.m. HOLLBERG and way ports, from Victoria, Feb. 1 and 20, at 11 p.m. CLAYQUOT and way ports, Feb. 10, at 11 p.m. UNION BAY and COMOX, from Victoria, every Tuesday at midnight; from Vancouver, every Wednesday and Friday, at 9 a.m. POWELL RIVER, UNION BAY and COMOX, from Vancouver, every Saturday at 11.45 p.m. Full particulars, rates and reservations from L. D. CETHAM Phone 174 1102 Government Street

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DAY STEAMER TO SEATTLE THE S.S. "Sol Duc" Leaves C. P. R. wharf daily except Sunday at 11.30 a. m., for Port Angeles, Dungeness, Port Williams, Port Townsend and Seattle, arriving Seattle 8.30 p. m. Returning leaves Seattle daily except Saturday at midnight, arriving Victoria 9.00 a. m. Secure information and tickets from E. E. BLACKWOOD, Agent. 1224 Government St. Phone 65.

Blackman of New York; Mr. de los Doliver, of Belmont, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Donaldson, of New York; W. A. Oudin, of New York; and J. Littell, and Master E. Littell, also of New York. The Empress of Russia, which was originally scheduled to leave Vancouver at noon yesterday, was delayed in getting away from the mainland port until 8 o'clock this morning. Following her arrival here at 1 o'clock she was ordered to await further mail sent across the gulf by the coasting steamer Princess Alice. The Empress has in her holds a varied cargo, which totals close to 5,000 tons.

HAS LINES OF YACHT

Norwegian Motorship George Washington Arrives on Sound From Christiania.

Seattle, Jan. 26.—The first vessel of the Norway-Pacific line, the new motorship George Washington, arrived in port yesterday from Norway via Norfolk and San Francisco. The George Washington, with her hull in light gray, her upper works in white and with the sweep of her lines unbroken by funnels, looks more like a private yacht than a cargo carrier, but the Norwegian colors on her hull fore and aft, for safety in the war zone, showed that she is cruising the sea strictly on business and is not the property of a pleasure-seeker.

The new vessel dwarfs the ordinary craft plying out of this port with her 450 feet in length, 55 feet of beam and her 40 feet depth of hold. She carries a full 10,000 tons dead weight and makes the passenger liner speed of twelve knots, load-d, through the drive of her two Diesel engines, developing 3,400 horse power. She has twin screws and, according to her captain, Erik Thome, former Seattle and Stanwood resident, handles like a yacht. She covered the 5,000 miles from Norfolk, Va., to San Francisco, through the canal, in nineteen days, with a load of 5,500 tons of coal, which is believed to be a record for a cargo vessel of her size.

TIDE TABLE. January, 1917. Table with columns for Date, Time H, Time M, Time H, Time M. Rows list dates from Jan. 10 to Jan. 21.

California Invites You— to come and enjoy a few weeks of her glorious sunshine. The quick and comfortable way is via Portland "The City of Roses" and the famous SHASTAROUTE Three daily trains leaving Portland at 8.20 A.M. 3.50 P.M. 8.00 P.M. to San Francisco Quick Time and a Safe Line Your choice of standard or tourist sleeping cars. Dining cars on all trains. Phone, call or write C. M. Andrews, District Freight and Passenger Agent, 1111 Pacific Ave., Tacoma, Wash.; 712 Second Ave., Seattle, Wash. John M. Scott, Gen. Pass. Agt. SOUTHERN PACIFIC ADVERTISE IN THE TIMES

SPORTING NEWS

AMERICAN INDOOR MEET RECORDS FALL

New Marks Are Set in Hurdles and Mile and Half Run.

Two American records were established at the Millrose A. A. indoor meet at Madison Square Garden, New York, recently. In the one and one-half mile run, J. W. Ray, of the Illinois A. C., Chicago, covered the distance in 6 minutes and 45 seconds, bettering the former time of 6:48 2-5, made by the late Thomas P. Conneff, outdoors, at Bergen Point, N. J., September 2, 1896. In the 70-yard low hurdles Robert Simpson, of the University of Missouri, slipped a fifth of a second off the former record of 22.5 seconds made by Hob J. J. and Robert Eller in Madison Square Garden in 1910 and 1911.

George Goulding, of Canada, world's champion, was unable to overcome a handicap of 30 seconds in the two-mile walk, finishing fully 100 yards behind Richard Remer, New York A. C., the winner.

Meredith Wins 600-Yard Run. Ted Meredith, of the Meadowbrook Club, Philadelphia, led from start to finish in the special 600-yard run, winning by two yards from Joe Higgins, of New York. Dave Caldwell, of Boston, was a close third.

Joe Loomis, of Chicago, after winning his trial heat of the 70-yard dash in 7.3-5 seconds, was the final by going one-fifth of a second faster.

LIEUT. DORCHESTER WAS NOTED ATHLETE

Lieut. F. E. Dorchester, officer commanding the B. C. Cyclist Corps, who has signed quite a number of men for this division of the service, has quite a record as a physical culture expert. In his early days he devoted most of his time to athletics, but a number of years ago he gave up the open-air sports for the gymnasium, and finally achieved the highest diploma which an athlete can receive in this respect.

Back in 1908, at Regina, he lifted a 200-pound bar bell when lying on his back, and when holding it in his up-stretched arms, supported three other men, making the aggregate total of weight which he was supporting more than 500 pounds. Lieut. Dorchester weighs in the neighborhood of 140 pounds.

AMERICAN RINKS WIN INTERNATIONAL MATCH

Duluth, Minn., Jan. 26.—United States, 150; Canada, 145.—The United States curlers triumphed over the Canadians and retained the Louis Hill challenge cup in the big international primary here, after one of the hardest battles ever fought for the now famous trophy. With twelve rinks a side competing only 15 points separated the winners from the losers at the finish. The Canadians won six of the games, but a couple of one-sided contests turned victory to the Americans.

BASKETBALL.

To-morrow night in First Presbyterian Church Gymnasium, commencing at 7.30, three Sunday School League games will be played. The first game will be between the Presbyterian "A" and "B" teams and it is expected this will be a ding-dong struggle as the "B" team is determined to take a fall out of the "A."

The intermediate games will start at 8.15, between Pres. "A" and Congos, followed by Pres. "B" and Metropolitan at 9 o'clock.

N. H. A. STANDING.

	W.	L.	P.	F.	Pct.
OMAHA	12	4	0	0	.750
25th	6	3	0	0	.667
Paradise	6	3	4	0	.667
Torontos	5	4	1	0	.555
Quebec	2	7	3	0	.222
Wanderers	2	7	4	0	.222

FAILS IN HANDICAP



GEORGE GOULDING

George Goulding, of Toronto, world's champion walker, was unable to overcome a handicap of thirty seconds at the indoor meet at Madison Square Garden, New York, recently, and finished 100 yards behind Richard Remer, New York A. C., the winner. The time for the two miles was 14:07 2-5.

"POP" ARLETT SOLD TO OAKLAND CLUB

Veteran Twirler is Turned Over to the Coast League Team

"Pop" Arlett, the veteran twirler who was with Vancouver a couple of seasons ago and then refused to report last year, has been turned over to the Oakland club, according to President Bob Brown, of the Vancouver club, who closed the deal recently. In exchange for the pitcher the Vancouver club will receive two youngsters from the Oakland club this spring following the training season.

Turned Down Seattle Offer. Arlett was suspended last year by Vancouver when he refused to report. Brown at that time offered him to Seattle in a trade, but Arlett refused to report as his home is in California and he desired to remain there. This month the Oakland club succeeded in signing the pitcher and he will remain in the south.

Beavers Benefit By Deal. That Vancouver will benefit by the deal is a foregone conclusion. Bob Brown figures that he will get a couple of likely-looking youngsters from the Oakland club. He made a similar deal a few seasons ago and Kramer was one of the boys he got in the trade.

TO RETIRE AGAIN.

Freddie Welsh, lightweight champion, wired to a New York promoter that he intends to retire from the ring, either with or without the title, on July 7, the third anniversary of the date on which he annexed it from Willie Ritchie. Welsh said he wants one more long fight, and he wants it to be with Ritchie Mitchell, of Milwaukee, who outpointed him Tuesday night.

SOCCER GAMES FOR LOCAL ENTHUSIASTS

Played To-morrow; Friendly Game at Willows

The following soccer games will be played in the city to-morrow:

Senior League. Navy vs. Victoria West, at Canteen; referee, Lockley. 143rd Battalion vs. V. I. A. A., at Beacon Hill lower ground; referee, B. Robinson.

Intermediate League. Congregationals vs. Central, at Central Park; referee, P. C. Payne. Peden Cup (Replay Game). Garrison vs. James Bay, at Beacon Hill, upper ground; referee, Cpl. Graham.

Besides these games there will be a friendly match at the Willow's camp between the Willows team and the Retainers.

The following line-ups have also been announced:

V. I. A. A.—Le Fevre; Taylor and Elliott; Dumbleton, Adam and Davies; McGregor, Downes, Cummings, Speak and Kirchen. Reserve, Hay.

James Bay—Hay; Chester and Newman; Huxtable, Ledingham and Ackerman; Copas, Shandley, Holmes, A. Moffat and J. Moffat. Reserve, Colson.

The Congregationals—Givens; A. Smillie and Clack; Hugh, W. Smillie and Webster; Moulton, Dangerfield, Christian, Buckett and Cull. Reserve, Arthur Hole.

Navy—Long; Bridgewater, Rutter; Smith, Lacey; Cronin; Davis, Burt, Jenkins, Johnson, Jasper.

Bantams—Keating; Menzies, Williams; Harris, Hornsby, Blakeborough; Patrick, Castle, Cornwall, Harker, Willie.

Victoria Wests—Mickerson; Whyte, Robertson; McLeod, Allan, Petticrew; Thomas, J. Peden, T. Peden, Muir, Sherritt.

Garrison—Davis; Gale, Vincent; Martin, Lynn, Forest; Wells, Stevens, Ellmore, Frankish, Buxton.

Centrals—Hall; Whatman, Wall, Blythe, Blundell, Gilbert; Plovs, McGimpsey, McKinnon, McKinnon, Grubb. Retainers—Jessup; Fox, Day; Bosson, Skuse, Henderson; Lomas, Bachelor, Hill; Carrol, McArthur.

BILLY KEAN ACCEPTS OFFICE OF REFEREE

Winnipeg Official Coming to Handle Clash Between Leaders

Fred Ion is going to play a return engagement in the role of referee. Billy Kean, Winnipeg's premier arbiter, will assist him in future games and Portland will be given the dual referee system in games in which the Buds are participants, according to President Frank Patrick, of the P. C. H. A., in announcing the settlement of the Portland dispute over referees. A hurried meeting of the coast directors resulted in a decision being reached, which it is hoped will end the controversy to return to the game at the urgent request of the coast directors, Portland excepted.

Kean to Referee Here. Billy Kean will referee the game in Vancouver Saturday between Seattle and Vancouver. George Irvine will referee the Spokane-Portland game in the Rose-City to-day and big Jim Seaborn will be judge of play.

Barney Stanley Injured. Barney Stanley, the hustling centre of the Millionaires, suffered a painful injury to his left leg in the game at Spokane Tuesday night, and while he will probably be able to play in the next game, it is just possible that "Cyclone" Taylor will break into the game, alternating with Stanley. Taylor has entirely recovered from his recent battle with Old Man Appendicitis and is anxious to get into the fray again.

Meldrum Passes Up Offer. Frank Patrick tendered Bob Meldrum, the Montreal official, an offer to come to the coast and finish the season but the latter official passed it up. It was then that Billy Kean was asked to come and he accepted terms. Kean is one of the best known officials in Manitoba and has handled nearly ever Allan Cup series in recent years. He also refereed when the Vancouver and Coast All Stars played in the prairie city a few seasons ago on their way east.

MITCHELL AND KILBANE.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 26.—Ritchie Mitchell has called off his scheduled 10-round bout with Johnny Kilbane on February 8, at Cleveland, Ohio. Three X-ray photographs of Mitchell's right hand showed a broken bone, sustained in his bout with Freddie Welsh. The bout was originally scheduled for January 30, and was later postponed because of Mitchell's injured hand.

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VICTORIA CURLERS MAKE FINE SHOWING

Local Team Wins Tuckett Trophy and Nelson Cup at Trail Bonspiel

Victoria has captured many prizes in the sporting world, but though having a curling club has never till now brought home any trophies representing that grand old game. A rink representing Victoria in the persons of J. W. Burden, T. I. Dunn, O. M. Shore and F. W. Pretty were allowed to enter in the recent spiel at Trail and succeeded in winning two of the principal trophies and individual prizes. In addition to this they were in two semi-finals and well up in two other competitions, but had to forfeit as there was not time to complete the games.

IS NEUTRAL IN BASEBALL FIGHT



St. Louis, Jan. 26.—Ty Cobb, Detroit slugger and speed merchant, used but two words in defining his stand in the baseball strike situation. "I'm neutral," said the Georgia Peach, in a telegram to a St. Louis sports editor. He had been asked whether he would join the Tigers on their spring training jaunt or line up with Dave Fultz in the proposed strike.

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next year will have to be affiliated with the B. C. Curling Association. The rules applying to this were on this occasion kindly waived to allow Victoria to enter. The trophies won will be in the city shortly, and many old members of the Kootenay Curling Association will be glad to have a look at their old friends.

SIDELIGHTS ON SPORT

If Connie isn't careful he will dispose of the home plate and the water bucket in his pursuit of a pennant.

While Ban Johnson is talking about squashing Dave Fultz he might as well recollect that another big fellow who went out to annihilate another David got the loser's end before he knew it.

The United States Golf Association has finally arrived at the conclusion that golf is a sport and not a business, thus settling for all time Francis Guimet's amateur career. Guimet is not in the sporting goods business because he is the best salesman in that particular line, but because he is the best golfer in the United States.

These are stirring times in sportdom. With Dave Fultz threatening to put the quietus on organized baseball and Portland hockey officials demanding referees of their own selection, the fans are right up on their toes.

DOG TEAMS HEADED FOR GRAND FORKS

Hamilton, N. D., Jan. 26.—With the avowed intention of reaching Grand Forks by nightfall the leading drivers in the dog-race from Winnipeg to St. Paul piloted their teams of huskies out of this town over the southward trail shortly after dawn to-day, while eighteen miles up the back trail, the seven other entrants resumed the run at Pembina, N. D.

The three leading teams were driven by Gunnar Tomasson, of Hecla, (Big Island), Man.; Mike Kelly, also of Hecla and Hyurtus Sanson, of Selkirk, Man. They had traveled approximately 89 miles when they resumed to-day with Grand Forks 72 miles away.

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All complaints or objections to the said Assessment Roll must be made in writing and delivered to the Assessor at least ten days before the date of the first sitting of the Court, namely, the 22nd day of February, 1917.

Dated at the Township of Esquimalt this eighteenth day of January, 1917.
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TO LET—One double and one single bedroom, well furnished, for rent; suitable for friends; full or part; centrally located. Phone 2671. SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE—BOOKKEEPER, married man, thoroughly competent and experienced in business affairs, and excellent correspondence. Clean worker and excellent correspondent. D. Box 128, Port Office, city 2517. WE HAVE A WAITING LIST of skilled and unskilled laborers, clerks, bookkeepers, etc., both men and women, ready and anxious for employment. What do you need? Municipal Free Labor Bureau. WANTED—AUTOMOBILES—TWO or five-passenger auto wanted. Box 1637, Times. WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS—READ THIS—Best price given for ladies' and gents' cast-off clothing. Phone 2907, or call 704 Yates. BICYCLES bought for spot cash. Mag-nent, 722. HIGHEST PRICE paid for ladies' and gents' clothing, in condition. Phone 126. All business strictly confidential. WANTED—Any quantity chickens or turkeys, and, nothing whole, phone 5018, or write 615 1/2 Fort street, city. 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PROMINENT LAWYER ON WAY TO ORIENT

T. N. Perkins, of Boston, Director of Many Companies, on Professional Journey

Among the passengers on the Empress of Russia to-day, who arrived in Thomas' wharf, awaiting her departure, was T. N. Perkins, a prominent lawyer and director of many companies, of Boston. Mr. Perkins explained to the Times that he is visiting the Orient on this occasion to look into some business matters which require attention at first hand. Throughout the United States, he explains, there is a surprising interest being taken in the awakening of trade, particularly with this side of the Pacific. American business men are pushing their connections, and since the traditional policy of the United States in China is that of the open door, the opportunity for export of most of the great nations trading into China Seas have been curtailed, the neutral powers have now an excellent opportunity to encourage and expand their connections. Mr. Perkins is accompanied by three business men who are also making an Oriental tour which will occupy them for some time. Mr. Perkins has practised at Boston since 1894, and his directorates are principally in public service, banking, traction and similar companies, chiefly in the eastern states. He however has interests on Puget Sound, in two or three companies. Mr. Perkins, as a Harvard graduate, is associated with various organizations connected with the great university.

NATIONAL SERVICE AND THE WAR PROFITEERS

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—Parliament will be just as busy as it likes this session. There is plenty of material for discussion in Lieut.-Gen. Sir Sam Hughes' correspondence with Premier Borden. Dr. Bruce's report, the returned lieutenant colonels, who are now lieutenant colonels in a double sense, because they chose to come home and be colonels in their own countries, and the Canadian militia, the super-swollen England, and many other matters, bearing on the Borden government's incapacity to manage its end of the war.

Meanwhile the talk in the corridors is all of registration and national service. Is the government putting it over with a vengeance? Are the cards being filled in? How long will it take to count, classify, tabulate and cross index the answers? Two months? Three months, perhaps? A census of any kind is always slow work. When the first count is indexed will the government have another registration, this time with fines and penalties to catch the sulky fellows who fore their cards up? And after this second count is made, how long will it take to tabulate that? Another two months? Three months, eh—well, perhaps? And that brings us to July, 1917, about which time the allied offensive against the German counter thrust should be at its height. Many things can happen in six months—if the registration takes that long—and there is a disposition in these cynical pundits to believe that the Borden government is going to let them happen, which is a wise course to pursue, because how could the Borden government prevent things happening in Europe anyway? It would be very much like Mrs. Partington's attempt to sweep back the Atlantic ocean. The prudent course is to wait and see, meanwhile making use of noble gestures, like national registration and such. Members of parliament who are in touch with labor say that there are several reasons why the workingman doesn't sign the registration cards cheerfully as he would a petition to hang the Kaiser. One reason is that he doesn't consider it a square deal to make an inventory of the man's property, and to make an inventory of the man's money power. If the one is mobilized or conscripted, the other ought to be too. There may be something in this objection. If the national registration has any other object than finding out who's married and who's not—who's two in Canada, so to speak—it must be the war, and if men can fight, money, as Shakespeare says, is a good soldier, too, and will march. This naturally brings up the question of the excess profits of munition manufacturers and others who have got rich out of army contracts. Is the government going to do anything more with these gentry, and if it is, why doesn't it let the workingman know beforehand, so that when they ask him to do it with a glad heart, he will appear to the profiteer? Of course he would be willing, if his fare was paid, to go anywhere else in Canada and make the same money as he is making now. You bet your life he would!

As for the workingman, he doesn't look at it quite that way. Why, he asks, should he tear up his home by the roots and go elsewhere in Canada to make some rich munition maker richer? If the manufacturers of munitions were nationalized—ah, that would be another story! They have got the right idea in England. Over there the government asks the workingman to make sacrifices for his country, not for the profiteer. Incidentally they have squeezed the profiteer out of the munition business, and wherever else they leave him they bleed him good and plenty—they take 60 per cent. away from him. Since sacrifice is the word, England sees to it that everybody does it. In this connection word comes that there is a little group of Canadian companies with administrative offices in London, who are fighting this tax to the last gasp. One Canadian capitalist who had a big contract from the British war office is said to be organizing the opposition to this levy on the ground that it is Canadian money and not English that the British government is trying to tax. This same capitalist, ever here in Canada, sings quite a different song. He tells the Canadian profiteers, that is to say, those who make their profits out of the Canadian government, and not like him, out of the British war office, that they ought to be ashamed of making so much money and that the time has come for them to make great sacrifices for their country. In fact he is prepared to sacrifice everybody's profits but his own. This is a habit philanthropists frequently develop—being generous with other people's money.

It is facts like these which give the workingman pause when he goes to fill in his ticket. As a loyal citizen he does it, but as a friend of fair play all round, he doesn't half like it. But, being a good man and true, he does his duty even if others shirk it. It is not unreasonable to suppose that Mr. J. W. Flavell, chairman of the Imperial Munitions Board, is in the workingman's mind when he fills in his registration card. He reflects that Mr. Flavell has been posted by the Borden government in a strategic spot and that he would do well to keep an eye on Mr. Flavell, who is cold storage czar, egg emperor, pork prince, poultry potentate, sausage sultan, sirloin sardar, beef bagshaw, and other titles too numerous to mention in this fair Canada of ours. Like Monte Cristo, Mr. Flavell has the world by the hair. He

is monarch of all he surveys—his right there is none to dispute. Mr. Flavell has given it out that everybody should make sacrifices, and he pretty nearly has his wish. We are fellow food monopolizers. The soldier marches bravely away to the war and leaves his wife and children behind to spend the separation allowance and what they get from the patriotic fund and what else they may earn besides on buying something to eat. For example, bacon costs forty cents a pound, back of a scale of prices, it is not long very, very rich out of the giving slip life.

Chairman Flavell's latest message is to the effect that Canada is drunk with prosperity. If Canada is drunk with what Mr. Flavell says she is she doesn't know it. It is true that the customs receipts show large increases and that Canada has had a riot of spending. But this extravagance is not so much the exuberance of prosperity as the recklessness of despair. Eat, drink, and be glad gaily, say the people, for tomorrow the beneficiaries of a 40 per cent. tariff will take it all out of us anyway. Prices are high because the profiteers make 'em high while the making is good. Besides, everybody's doing it. But the ultimate consumer is no further ahead. On the contrary, he gets set back harder every minute.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Weather/Forecast. Includes entries for Victoria, Kamloops, Seattle, and various weather reports.



Victoria, Jan. 25-5 a. m.—The barometer remains low over Northern B. C. with heavy rains on that coast and heavy snow in Cariboo. The weather is fair on the Pacific Slope southward to California. Snow is falling in Alberta and zero temperatures continue in Manitoba.

Forecast.—For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Saturday, Victoria and vicinity—Southerly winds, mostly cloudy and mild with rain to-morrow or on Saturday. Lower Mainland—Mostly cloudy and mild with rain.

Reports.—Victoria—Barometer, 30.21; temperature, maximum yesterday, 47; minimum, 38; wind, 14 miles S. W.; weather, fair. Vancouver—Barometer, 30.29; temperature, maximum yesterday, 41; minimum, 38; wind, 4 miles N. E.; weather, cloudy. Nanaimo (Entrance Island)—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 35; wind, 1 miles E. S. W.; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, maximum yesterday, 30; minimum, 18; wind, W.; weather, cloudy. Barkerville—Barometer, 29.88; temperature, maximum yesterday, 32; minimum, 15; rain, 50; weather, cloudy. Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.88; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 24; wind, 8 miles E.; rain, 67; weather, raining.

Seattle—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, maximum yesterday, 20; minimum, 10; wind, 8 miles S. W.; weather, cloudy. San Francisco—Barometer, 29.96; temperature, maximum yesterday, 41; minimum, 29; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, cloudy.

Temperature. Max. Min. Penticton 42 22 Cranbrook 42 22 Nelson 42 22 Prince George 42 22 Kamloops 40 20 Edmonton 40 20 Kootenai 40 20 Winnipeg 38 20 Toronto 38 20 Montreal 38 20 St. John 38 20 Halifax 38 20

Victoria Daily Weather. Observed on Jan. 25 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Thursday. Temperature. Highest 47. Lowest 38. Average 41. Minimum on grass 41. Maximum on grass 41. Rain, .06 inch. Bright sunshine, 8 hours 24 min. General state of weather clear.

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT. Victoria Observatory. January 17 to 23. Victoria—Total amount of bright sunshine, 2 hours and 24 minutes; rain, 1.26 inch; highest temperature, 45 on 22nd; lowest, 31 on 17th and 18th. Vancouver—Total amount of bright sunshine, 3 hours and 48 minutes; rain, .25 inch; snow, 3.25 inches; highest temperature, 33 on 22nd and 23rd; lowest, 21 on 21st. Kamloops—Total amount of bright sunshine, 2 hours and 6 minutes; snow, 1.00 inch; highest temperature, 25 on 23rd; lowest, 4 below zero on 17th. Nanaimo—Total amount of bright sunshine, 2 hours; rain, .21 inch; highest temperature, 43 on 23rd; lowest, 22 on 17th and 18th. New Westminster—Rain, .07 inch; snow, 5.00 inches; highest temperature, 37 on 20th; lowest, 21 on 18th. Penticton—No snow; highest temperature, 35 on 23rd; lowest, 19 on 18th and 19th. Nelson—No snow; highest temperature, 29 on 23rd; lowest, 7 on 17th. Grand Forks—Snow, 1.00 inch; highest temperature, 24 on 19th and 23rd; lowest, 4 on 20th. Cranbrook—Highest temperature, 17 on 23rd; lowest, 10 below zero on 17th. Barkerville—Snow, 20.00 inches; highest temperature, 29 on 18th; lowest, 12 below zero on 21st. Prince Rupert—Rain, 2.78 inches; highest temperature, 40 on 19th and 22nd; lowest, 21 on 17th. Atlin—Snow, 3.40 inches; highest temperature, 32 on 18th; lowest, 14 below zero on 21st. Dawson—Snow, 5.00 inches; highest temperature, 6 below zero on 18th; lowest, 42 below zero on 21st.

PUBLIC WARNING REMEMBER LAST FEBRUARY

Be prepared with our COAL and WOOD Our Motto—'FULL MEASURE' MACKAY & GILLESPIE LTD. Office, 738 Fort Street Phones 149 and 622

Answers to Times Want Ads.

The following replies are waiting to be called for: 1153, 1154, 1155, 1156, 1203, 1224, 1223, 1224, 1215, 1253, 1271, 1281, 1408, 1411, 1409, 1508, 1516, 1541, 1576, 1621, 1637, 1624, 1634, 1648, 1654, 1655, 1656, 1657.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

DIGNONISMS—Do not howl if you get it in the neck occasionally. Cheer up and be thankful that you are not a giraffe. Digdon's, 738 Yates St. Cards printed for every purpose. We give you honest value for money.

THE UMBRELLA SHOP has removed to 1411 Douglas. Covering and repairs. Waites & Knapton. Phone 545.

WHY GO HOME TO EAT when you can eat a nice, tasty lunch at our cafe at the Vernon Cafe for 25c? Try it once and you will keep on trying it. Tables for ladies.

STORE TO RENT, 577 Johnson street (close to Government). Get in before the bridge work starts. Rent moderate. Victoria Phoenix Brewing Co. 27

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REAL BARGAINS—It will pay you to buy blouses, fancy work and materials at 718 Yates street.

TILLICUM LIBERALS welcome ladies. 236

BARGAIN, OAK BAY LOTS—2 lots 50x 120 each, one block from car, school, etc. Price, the two, \$1,100; terms, Currie & Power, 1214 Douglas St. Phone 1486.

FAIRHALL'S SODA WATER are absolutely pure, safe for the children and deliciously refreshing. Phone 212.

LIBERALS of Ward Seven to-night at 7 o'clock. Excellent location. 990, forms.

WILL TRADE, clear title lot, 12 feet frontage, 10x100 ft. road, for Ford car or good piano. Box 1663, Times. 29

WAR BARGAIN—No. 1728 Fourth St., 3-roomed house, toilet and water; lot about 50 feet by 150 feet; price, \$1,200. Terms, \$100 cash, balance \$10 monthly, interest at 7 per cent. Apply P. R. Brown, 1112 Broad St. 25

WAR BARGAIN—No. 142 Dallas Rd., 3-roomed house, toilet, bath, electric light, lot about 50 ft. x 121 ft. Price, \$1,250; terms, \$120 cash, balance \$12.50 per month, interest at 6 per cent. Apply P. R. Brown, 1112 Broad St. 25

TILLICUM LIBERALS to-night at 7 o'clock. Excellent location. 990, forms.

WAR SNAP—No. 136 Moss St., 3x3-roomed modern kitchen and two lots, about 50 ft. x 120 ft. each. Price, \$3,000; reasonable terms. Apply P. R. Brown, 1112 Broad St. 25

CORNER STORE, Victoria West, 5 living rooms, excellent location. 990, forms. Price, \$12,500. Owner, Box 1662, Times. 29

YOUNG LADY going East, end of March, would take care of invalid or young person for part fare. Apply Box 1662, Times. 29

TO LET—Comfortable furnished five-roomed cottage; bath and gas; central. 1945 Yates St. Phone 3621.

TO DAIRYMEN—Bottle washer and boiler. Ferris, 1419 Douglas. Phone 1875.

WANTED—Fined vacant lots for cultivation. Apply Ferris, 1419 Douglas. 25

HUY YOUR FURNITURE from Ferris and save money. 1419 Douglas St. Phone 1875.

WANTED—2 strong girls for labelling. Apply Mr. Larimer, B. A. Paine Co. 25

FOR SALE—Handsome piano, \$120, monthly. 1417 Quadra. 25

SMALL furnished cottage, 1902 Chambers St. 25

WANTED—Experienced bookkeeper, male or female. Answer in own handwriting, stating experience, also wages expected. Box 686, Times. 25

FOR SALE—Pure bred pointer bitch and three dog puppies, 6 weeks old. Apply A. E. Moore, Sidney, B. C. 25

SELLING OUT? No. We have 50 first-class machines, come in to-day. Box 1662, Times. 29

SEWING MACHINES—Note, we never have any surplus stock of machines, therefore you get first-class machines at lowest prices in town. The Bargain House, 1600 Douglas street. 25

SEWING MACHINES—Star Bart rotary, B, which others sell for \$15. Low in this not saving money? Also Whites, Domestic and New Home, \$7.50, and all other makes at lowest prices. The Bargain House, 1600 Douglas street. 25

SEWING MACHINES—Half 12 soldiers' wives. Call at the Bargain House, 1600 Douglas street, and get a free ticket for machine to be given away at the Columbia Theatre Saturday, Feb. 16, at 8 p.m. 25

TO RENT—Partly furnished bungalow, Fowl Bay beach. Apply 1847 Crescent road. 29

NANAIMO BOY GETS MILITARY MEDAL

Three Boys From Coal City Similarly Rewarded in One Week

Three in one week is a record to be proud of, and Nanaimo has the claim to three awards of the military medal to her sons during this week. The latest recipient of the much coveted honor is Private R. Crowe-Sword, who is at the present time confined to the hospital in Derbyshire, England. He writes to his father as follows: "Dear Dad,—You must overlook the shortness of this little note as I am back to bed, with a heavy fever and bad heart. I suppose the result of the awful experience of being blown up. However, I think it is only one of those releases one has to look forward to in cases of this kind, because my hips, knees, ankle and shoulder was dislocated and my heart slightly displaced. "I might say, that for work that I had done on the firing line, and which I thought was only my duty, I have just found out that I was recommended for the military medal, a very distinguished decoration for bravery. I just received word also that it has been granted, and I will receive it in due course, not so bad, what do you think? "Will tell you more about it when I write again."

RED CROSS DONATION

Equiptment Gun Club Gives Assistance to the Red Cross Society. The following letter has been received by A. B. Beales, honorary secretary of the Equiptment Gun Club, from the treasurer of the Equiptment Red Cross: A. B. Beales, Esq., Dear Sir.—The members of the Equiptment Red Cross beg me to convey their grateful thanks, through you, to the Equiptment Gun Club for its generous donation, the result of the Christmas turkey shoot. Yours truly, MARIAN MUGRAVE, Treasurer. It was originally intended to apply the proceeds of the shoot to the returned soldiers, but owing to the great success of other entertainments held on their behalf, at the same season, it was decided to help the Red Cross.

Minor Appointments

At the meeting of the executive this morning, J. Turner, Ymcr, was appointed as a justice of the peace, and T. W. McNeice, Port Moody, and C. A. Cameron, Cloverdale, as notaries public.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

JERREY COW for sale, price, \$85; young, gentle and a good milker. Apply 2492 Camboro Bay road. 29

GENTS CYCLE, worth \$25, sell \$18, or trade. Phone 4661, 5 to 8.

LAWN MOWERS—GROUND, collected, delivered. H. Dandridge, Collection Phone 1231.

CYCLISTS—Oak Bay only, Canadian tires, \$2.20; tubes, \$1.35; in pairs, \$3.45. Dandridge, Oak Bay avenue. 25

WANTED—Young lady to do light house work. Apply 1528 Grant street. Phone 1067.

DIED

STEENSON—On the 25th inst. at his home, 918 Cloverdale avenue, on Saturday, the 25th inst., at 2 o'clock, in the First Presbyterian Church, corner Quadra and Fisgard streets, where services will be conducted at 2.30 o'clock by Rev. John Gibson Inkster. Interment in Ross Bay cemetery.

The remains will be removed from his home, 918 Cloverdale avenue, on Saturday, the 27th inst., at 2 o'clock, in the First Presbyterian Church, corner Quadra and Fisgard streets, where services will be conducted at 2.30 o'clock by Rev. John Gibson Inkster. Interment in Ross Bay cemetery.

HUTCHINSON—On January 25, at the St. Joseph's Hospital, Daniel Cameron Hutchinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hutchinson, aged 3 months.

Funeral from 558 Sumas street, at 2.30 p.m., Sunday, 27th inst.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Mrs. Isabella M'Grove McGavin wish to thank their many friends for their kindness and sympathy in their sad bereavement.

CAME TO PROVINCE WITH GOLD STAMPEDE

Antonio Basso, Well-Known Old-Timer, Passes Away

A pioneer, well-known to the men who came to the province in the 'sixties and 'seventies in connection with the opening up of the mining areas in the interior, passed away this morning. This was Antonio Basso, whose death took place at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Purser, 3231 Fulton street. A native of Italy, he came to Victoria just about sixty years ago, and there were few of the old-timers to whom he was unknown. The late Mr. Basso came out to California in 1858 from Italy, making the trip on one of the long-voyage Italian ships. One of the men who took part in the rush of miners which invaded that part of the country later "pulled stakes" and set out for Victoria in the wake of the rush for the gold mines in the Cariboo district. He arrived in this port in 1858 on a sailing ship, remained for a very short time and continued his way to the upper country. He was for many years in the Cariboo country, prospecting with more or less varying success. Subsequently he returned to the capital and opened up a business in the city, from time to time meeting many of his old friends and acquaintances of mining days. Mr. Basso had been retired for many years. He is survived by three sons, Nicholas, Joseph and Lawrence, and one daughter, Mrs. Purser. There are also eleven grandchildren. The remains are at the B. C. Funeral parlors pending funeral arrangements.

ENGINEER APPOINTED

R. W. MacIntyre Will Supervise Construction Work Being Done on Pacific Great Eastern.

By the terms of the Loan Act of last session, by which the late government took authority to borrow ten million dollars and loan six millions of it to the Pacific Great Eastern railway, it is necessary that an engineer be appointed by the lieutenant-governor-in-council to supervise and certify the expenditure made by the company out of the loan. An engineer was appointed by the late government, Mr. Anderson, but his tenure of office came to an end soon after the present administration came in, for reasons which he himself concurred in. As work is proceeding on the road from Clinton northwards, and the government is making advances to meet the actual outlays on construction, as certified by the engineer, it is necessary to fill the vacancy left. At the meeting of the executive this morning, R. W. MacIntyre, of this city, was named an engineer to supervise the expenditures made and to certify to them.

SUPREME COURT CHAMBERS

Applications Granted in Respect of Merchant's Finance & Trading Company.

An application was granted by Mr. Justice Hunter in supreme court chambers this morning to A. D. Macfarlane, counsel for the official liquidator of the Merchant's Finance & Trading Company, in liquidation, granting the liberty to execute a writ of claim on lots 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, block 213, district lot 526, group 1, and situated in the city of Vancouver, to Henry Herbert Williams.

Leave was also granted in the same matter to Mr. Macfarlane to conduct negotiations with the E. & N. railway in connection with the rents for sidings leased to the company, which are in arrears. An order was made that the E. & N. railway take rails belonging to the Merchant's Finance & Trading Company at Combs and to allow said company to take out two million feet of logs prior to the removal of the rails by the railway company.

Personal

Mrs. Charles Fulton has returned to her home in Vegreville, Alta.

C. L. Harris, secretary of the Island Automobile Club, is leaving by this afternoon's boat for Seattle for Portland. While at the latter place he will visit the automobile show for the purpose of assembling ideas, which he hopes to incorporate at the forthcoming event in Victoria. As far as plans stand at present it is expected that the Victoria show will immediately follow that of Vancouver during the latter part of March.

C. E. McPherson, assistant passenger traffic manager for the western portion of the C.P.R., with headquarters at Winnipeg, who was in the city yesterday, made a statement that should be of great interest to the citizens of Victoria. It is to the effect that the C.P.R. was favorable to taking any steps which were possible in co-operating with the people of Victoria in advertising the city throughout the continent.

Ex-Alderman George McBeth, builder and contractor of Kamloops, is the latest recruit for the overseas company of the 102nd Battalion, Rocky Mountain Rangers, now being recruited in the interior, with headquarters at Kamloops. Mr. McBeth has conducted a large business in that city and the neighborhood for a number of years, and last year was chairman of the finance committee of the municipal council.

TOMMY SENDS THANKS FROM BATTLEFRONT

C. A. M. C. Man Eulogizes Work of Local Patriotic Fund

The following letter was recently received by one of the committee of the Patriotic Fund, from a soldier in the C. A. M. C., serving overseas: "Dear Madam,—It is great pleasure and deep gratitude that brings me to address these few lines to you for your genuine kindness to my wife and family. I feel inspired to do better work for the great cause for which we are fighting, when I know that those we love and who are left far behind are being cared for by such kind people as yourself and those that are associated with you in the great work. "My dear wife has told me how good you have been to her, and allow me to assure you of my sincere appreciation. Believe me when I tell you that your good work shall not be forgotten, and I only trust that those who have benefited by your goodness will live to return to their homes, and so be able to express in a much better form their gratitude for the many acts of kindness and goodwill tendered to their wives and families. "It may be a source of satisfaction to you and your colleagues to know that the men here continue to remain resolved to do their duty to its fullest extent, and so return with the knowledge that their work has been well done, and victory will be ours we have no doubt. "Personally I am happy and content with my work and expect shortly to leave for France, where I hope to be able to do more useful work for our more unfortunate comrades; and so I conclude, thanking you for your kind interest in my dear wife and children, and with all good wishes to the association, which I think is grand. I remain, madam, your very sincerely."

NANAIMO IS NEXT CONVENTION CITY

Associated Boards of Trade Meeting at Kamloops Concluded Yesterday

At the annual convention of the Associated Boards of Trade which assembled at Kamloops on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, it was unanimously decided to hold the 1918 convention in the city of Nanaimo. President Jno. Shaw, of the Nanaimo Board of Trade, was present at the gathering in Kamloops. The convention was one of the most important in the history of the association. A large number of questions were discussed and action taken thereon. The following subjects were each in turn exhaustively dealt with: Mobilization of man power for industrial purposes; re-arrangement of university curriculum to meet after war conditions; Railway extension to Peace River, Fruit growing and marketing facilities with special reference to berries, etc.; Agricultural organizations and fair price for farm products; Establishment of colonies of fishermen on Pacific coast; Assistance to mineral prospectors in development work; Development of the iron and steel industry; Removal of obstacles to trade via Panama canal; Nationalization of the harbors of Greater Vancouver; Burrard Inlet and Fraser river; Completion of missing links in inter-provincial wagon and automobile roads; The rule of the road; Sale of rights to cut timber upon provincial lands by public auction; Returned soldiers; Provision for immigration in agriculture, trades and professions; of manufacturers and importation of intoxicating liquors in Canada.

LONG APPEAL

Many Hours Taken by Counsel in Barron vs. Kelly Case.

Commencing yesterday afternoon, continuing all through this morning and resuming at this afternoon's sitting of the court of appeal, the case of Barron (Appellant) vs. Kelly (Respondent), on appeal from the judgment of Mr. Justice Clement is proceeding at the time of going to press. The issue involved is the sale and purchase of lots in the Township of New Hazelton. Messrs. Bowser, Reid, Wallbridge, Douglas and Gibson are the solicitors for the Appellant and Russell, Macdonald and Hancox for the Respondents.

CREDITS COMMISSION

Solicitor Transferred From Land Registry Office to Agricultural Bank.

The agricultural commission finds that it is in need of a solicitor on account of the amount of legal business connected with its operations, and a request for the appointment of one was made to the government a short time ago. This morning the matter was before the cabinet and the request was complied with, by the transfer of R. A. Hunt, of the land registry staff here, to the agricultural credits commission as solicitor to the board.

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Eight Men of the 225th Arrive; Four Clarinet Players.

Yesterday's boat from Vancouver brought eight members of the recently demobilized band of the 225th Battalion to join the crack band of the Bantams. The brilliant achievements of the band of the 143rd have gone far and wide and the acquisition of the Kootenay musicians will give the "railway builders" a band which should just about excel any other musical organization in existence in the wide Dominion. Four of the Kootenay men are clarinet players and since this chance to be the only very weak spot in the Bantam aggregation their arrival is timely.

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RECREATION HALL CONTRACT AWARDED

Canadian Explosives, Limited, Erect Building for Employees at James Island

To George Musgrave, contractor, of 1957 Ash street, was awarded the contract this morning by the Canadian Explosives, Limited, for the erection of the company's assembly hall at James Island. As stated in a recent issue of the Times the company has felt for some considerable time past that some measures were necessary to provide its continually growing colony at James Island with some means of social advantage as a set-off to the sense of isolation naturally felt by the workpeople. The work will be commenced immediately, as both contractor and sub-contractors have their instructions to complete the structure in the quickest possible time. The plans of the building provide for practically everything one could imagine to come under the head of recreation hall. A dancing area of 31 feet by 62 feet, reading room, pool room, barber shop, refreshment room, as well as every other convenience, are all carefully arranged for the ground floor. In the basement, occupying that portion of it not used by the necessary heating system, is a full-sized bowling alley. The company fully anticipate that their employees will appreciate the innovation and although the numbers of the colony fluctuate from time to time, there is on an average four hundred people employed there. The plumbing and heating has been placed in the hands of Hayward & Dods, the electrical work with the Carter Electrical Company, and the painting to Brown & Pomeroy. The building should be ready for use in about three months.

WILL CONTINUE APPEAL

Committee of Russian Polish Jewish Relief Considering Plans to Increase Fund.

At a special meeting last night of the committee of the Russian Polish Jewish Relief Society of Victoria it was decided to give as much publicity as possible to the appeal contained in the message from Lord Rothschild, Baron Swathling, and Chief Rabbi Hertz and Gaster for more funds to help the famished and homeless Russian Jews of Poland. Until such time as some definite means of raising funds in connection with the local branch are decided upon this call for money will be advertised as widely as possible, and it is hoped that people in sympathy with the suffering people in this invaded territory will come forward with financial assistance. Several suggestions were brought forward last night for ways and means of raising funds. As soon as any definite plans are decided upon announcement to the fund may be sent to J. Waxstok, 1241 Broad street, or to J. Landberg, 641 Fort street.

HORTICULTURE COURSE

Three-Week Series of Lectures Given at University of British Columbia Ended This Afternoon.

The short course in horticulture which has been in progress at the university of British Columbia in Vancouver for the past three weeks, closed to-day. The course has been very successful and was attended by a large number of fruit-growers and market gardeners as well as by students in the agricultural department of the university, thus affording a practical demonstration of the value of such a course. The course occupied the entire day for five days each week, and was very thorough. Every problem that faces the horticulturist was dealt with by practical men of experience and many of the lectures were given out-of-doors in garden or orchard. Among those assisting the department in the carrying out of this course were Dr. Webber, president of the university; Dean L. S. Klinek, and the faculty of agriculture, and the agricultural staff; R. M. Winslow, horticulturist of the provincial department of agriculture; Dr. Hutchinson, Dr. Clark, Dr. Davidson, F. M. Clement, P. A. Boving, R. C. Treherne, John Davidson, J. W. Eastman and R. C. Abbott. The programme called for an experience meeting this afternoon, when the class were to tell what the result of the course has been so far as they were concerned.

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THE PHONOGRAPH WITH A SOUL Notice to Edison Disc Owners

Our 65th Supplement on Sale To-day 34 Real Gems

- HERE ARE A FEW OF THEM —Annie Laurie (Scott), Soprano—Anna Case. —Old Folks at Home (Foster), Soprano—Anna Case. —Home Again (Pike), Contralto—Ida Gardner. —Juanita, Soprano—Rice and Wheeler. —Lorna (Newton), Tenor—Emory B. Randolph. —Sweet Genevieve, Contralto—Ida Gardner and Chorus. —Melodie (Tschalkowsky), Violin—Kathleen Parlow. —Rondo (Dvorak), Violoncello—Paulo Gruppe. —Killarney (Balfe), Tenor—John Finnegan. —Sundial (Darewski), Contralto—Helen Clark. —Gay Gosson, Banjo—Vess L. Osseman. —Keep Off the Grass, Banjo—Vess L. Osseman. —Old Black Joe—With Variations, Piano—Andre Benoit. —Valse in E Flat (Durant), Piano—Andre Benoit.

Kent's Edison Store

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Military Items

Lieut. Aylmer, officer commanding Resthaven Convalescent Hospital, has been advanced to the rank of captain this week.

It is expected that draft number thirteen of the Canadian Army Medical Corps, now undergoing training at the Willows, will be leaving for overseas during the early days of next month. These drafts are being called for at regular intervals and recruits are needed to supply the constant demand. Practically all the training required for service in the field is carried out at the Willows and very little is necessary when the drafts reach the other side. Full information may be secured at the orderly room or of any recruiting officer.

Captain Tweedale, district intelligence officer at Work Point, continues to receive a number of applications every day in connection with the flying corps, the details of which he is attending in the absence of Lord Innes-Kerr. It is expected that a further batch of selections for appearance before the medical board will be made soon.

LOCAL NEWS

Binders Made to Fit Any Form.—Forms printed and punched to fit any order. Sweeney-McConnell, Ltd., "Loose-leaf Specialists." Phone 190. 25

The influence of Candy—Candy is said to be an athletic trainer, a business manager that puts courage and energy into a man, a bold fighter of the demon and a heart specialist. The muscles of the body require sugar and the more a man or woman brings his or her muscles into play, the more they demand sweets to stimulate them, and thus the craving for candy arises. Everyone is talking about the quality of Wiper's candies. As far as possible they are manufactured on the same day that they are offered to the public, so that they may receive them in a fresh condition. Special for Friday and Saturday: K. Mixtures, 29c. per lb. Our latest success in candies, Custard Creams, 49c. per lb. Don't say you don't like candies till you've tried Wiper's, the winners of 14 gold and silver medals and numerous diplomas. Wiper & Co., 1210 Douglas street and 607 Yates St. 25

Prohibition Delegation.—The delegation of prohibitionists who demand the head of Sir Richard McBride on a charge because of irregularities which they allege took place in the taking of the deferred soldier vote on the referendum, is waiting upon the executive this afternoon. 25

Five Hundred and Music.—The Ladies' Aid of the Roman Catholic cathedral are giving a social evening at the Knights of Columbus hall to-night, commencing at 8 o'clock. Five hundred will be played during the first part of the evening, after which a musical programme will be rendered, and refreshments served. An admission fee will be charged; the proceeds thus derived to be given to the poor. 25

Lady Douglas Chapter.—At the meeting of Lady Douglas Chapter, I. O. O. E., held on Wednesday, the regent, Mrs. McMicking in the chair, the election of officers for 1917 took place, resulting in the unanimous reelection to office of almost all last year's officers: Honorary regent, Mrs. Schofield; regent, Mrs. R. B. McMicking; first vice-regent, Mrs. J. McPhillips; second vice-regent, Mrs. J. H. Holmes; secretary, Mrs. W. H. Holmes; treasurer, Mrs. Stewart Williams; standard-bearer, Miss Denise Harris; echoes secretary, Mrs. Dean; councilors; Mrs. J. D. Gordon, Mrs. Whitlans, Mrs. Drewry, Mrs. J. Taylor, Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Lewthwaite, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Riddell, Mrs. Worlock and Miss E. C. Moore. The annual meeting of the chapter was announced for February 23. Three new members were elected at the meeting, and a resolution from the diocesan board of the Women's Auxiliary to introduce Biblical study into the curriculum of the public schools of British Columbia was endorsed by the meeting, only forty of the twenty-eight members present voting against it.

LADIES' CHORAL GIVE CHARMING NUMBERS

Very Fine Musical Standard Attained at Musical Club Recital

The quality of the work done by the Choral Club last night in connection with the Ladies' Musical Club concert demonstrated in very convincing manner the high standard which this organization has set itself. Much more than mere memorizing of parts is aspired to, and as the programme progressed it became apparent that in addition to the very highest class of ensemble singing the choir was putting forth a quite distinctive individuality in its work. The difficult character of the numbers selected was further proof that their conductor, Mrs. Davenport, believes in no cheap and easy success, and the plaudits which were accorded at the close of each selection were won by real merit after hard work and intensive training. One of the noblest things of the whole group of numbers presented by the chorus was Greig's "My Native Land," which has great dignity and impressiveness as a musical composition, while the words have an especial appeal at this time. The contraltos in this, as in most of the subsequent numbers, revealed singular strength and unity, and displayed a distinct collective fibre which was as pleasing as it was unusual. Of the subsequent numbers one of the finest was Branscombe's "Dear Lad of Mine," a composition somewhat singular but delightful in its variability, "Singalongs," and opportunities. All parts of the choir had important work to do in this, and displayed very nice shades of feeling in the oft-times difficult parts. It was repeated in response to an encore. There was very nice balance in the rendering of the two Mary H. Brown choruses, "Snowflakes" and "The Snowflakes," the Rosy Maiden's Chorus, "Goring-Thomson's Orchard Lullaby," one of the earlier numbers on the programme, had a particularly appealing lilt and very dainty compositional qualities. The chorus and obligato, "Great is Jehovah," a work characterized by devotional spirit, although of somewhat stern mood. The solo part was very creditably taken by Miss Maudie Fraser, a young singer of considerable vocal power, who has not previously been heard at any of these concerts in anything resembling solo work. Throughout the work of the choir there was apparent a mastery guiding influence, found in the person of their conductor, Mrs. Davenport. She herself contributed to the vocal part of the concert by singing with orchestral accompaniment in a very quaint and unusual "Pastoral" by Nevin, with orchestral trio, a number which was repeated from first to last at the call of the audience. Her voice is remarkably sweet, and her interpretation that of one innately musical. It is no exaggeration to say that one of the chief pleasures of the evening was the Widor "Serenade," played as a trio by Mrs. Green, violinist, Mrs. Bridgewater pianist, and Mr. Long, cellist. The theme of this composition is comparatively slight, but has a singular charm in its variations, throughout retaining the qualities of a lullaby. These were portrayed to a nicety by the three instrumentalists who dealt with the subject very sympathetically. The audience were delighted to welcome back to one of these recitals, after an all too long absence, D. C. Hughes, a tenor who is an enduring favorite here. Among the best of his several numbers were the two contained in his first group, "The Star," and Leon's "The Birth of Morn," while the more modern of the settings of "When I Awake" was also beautifully sung. Mr. Hughes's voice has lost none of its old-time sweetness and charm, and he was twice recalled after his last number. Miss Lotus Griffith, who is a talented young musician by more than one respect, acted as accompanist for the chorus, and Mrs. Bridgewater for the soloist.

CANADIAN ENGINEERS' RESPONSIBLE DUTIES

Work of the Sapper Not Understood Except by Returned Men

"I have not found anyone in Canada, except the returned soldier, who knows the status of the Engineer in France. It is a mistaken idea that the sapper does the actual work involved in construction of trenches, roads, etc. The sapper in France has no time for that. All he can do is to guide and instruct working parties from infantry and other units. One sapper will have the handling of from fifty to one hundred men nearly every day of his life. A field company may be handling, in working parties drawn from other units, up to 1,500 men in a night at two or three assembly points. The sappers are there as consulting engineers, to lay out the work, to set the task and report on the amount of work done by the working parties under their direction, and to report whether this work is satisfactory. If the sapper's report shows that working parties are not doing what they should be doing, the sapper's headquarters brings pressure to bear so that the unit which supplied that working party will not have such a thing occur again."

Reliable Authority. An engineer officer, who has had no less than seventeen and a half months with No. 2 Field Company, Canadian Engineers, at the front, made the above quoted statement to dispel what he describes as the most extraordinary idea as to the duties of the engineering corps at the front. An engineer, a construction foreman, or any man who possesses the ability to handle men and lay out work are the men who are specially desired for service with the Canadian Engineers. An individual who is gifted with technical knowledge will be able to have that knowledge developed, whether it be great or small, and when normal conditions again let him will benefit to the extent of his application to that particular line of study.

Not Navvies. Under the title of "The Canadian Engineers and Their Part in the Great War," a circular has been issued by the Engineers which goes a long way to scatter some of the prevalent beliefs that the C.E.'s were just a "rank of navvies doing what they were told by some engineering magnate in khaki." Copies of this pamphlet will be in circulation in Victoria during the next few days, when a vigorous campaign will be commenced on behalf of the Engineers. Lieut. E. Evans was in the city from Vancouver yesterday and states that from now on he has instructions to have ready, if possible, two drafts each month, on the first and fifteenth, composed of fifty men in a draft. "In order to do that," said the lieutenant, "I want every man in Victoria who possesses executive ability and is fit for overseas service, to shut out from his mind the popular impression of the duty of the Canadian Engineer, get a copy of the pamphlet I have referred to, and then convince himself that the C.E. is the unit in which he can make good. We will do the rest, and promise him an early departure to take part in the work of winning the war."

WILL TAKE 15TH BRIGADE TO FRANCE

Colonel Ogilvie Will Command Men He Recruited in This Province

According to information received in military circles at Work Point, Colonel Ogilvie was expected to leave Witley Camp for Salisbury Plain where he would provide the 15th Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery, with the finishing touches to their training in the use of the latest field pieces, prior to its departure for France with the colonel himself as their commander. Since its arrival in England, the brigade has been stationed at Witley Camp where it has undergone several months of hard training. It is not expected that it will be necessary to retain the brigade at Salisbury for long, since the noted facilities there for training artillery coupled with the fairly lengthy training the brigade had in Canada and again at Witley, should equip it for active service in the next three or four weeks. Colonel Ogilvie then anticipates that orders for France will be received. He states that the men are in fine fettle and fully ready for their arduous duties at the front while he considers that the brigade is one of the finest artillery units that has so far left Canada. An impression had gained ground that Colonel Ogilvie would be returning to Canada shortly, the recent communication, however, in which the precise details of the brigade's movements were given, would appear to dispel the rumor. It will be recalled that from Oct. 1914 to May, 1916, Colonel Ogilvie was officer commanding District No. 11, he being succeeded by Colonel Duff Stuart on the former's departure with the artillery for Petawawa training camp.

IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Pioneer Thomey Jones, of 4th Canadian Pioneers in Hospital.

To-day's casualty list contains the name of Pioneer Thomey Jones, who is reported to be seriously ill. Pioneer Jones is a son of the late J. T. Jones, of this city. Twenty-six years ago the family came to Canada from Liverpool, England, and took up their residence in this city, where Mr. Jones, sr., opened a business as a tobacconist on Douglas street. Pioneer Jones, his son, was for some time apprenticed to the cigar-making business; but his physical condition soon necessitated his going to sea, and in the months following he made several voyages. He later became an inspector of roads in the employ of the Worswick Paving Company, and in 1914 he went to Russia to engage in the construction of emergency railways, made necessary by the war. Returning to Canada last year he enlisted with the 4th Canadian Pioneers at Halifax and left with that unit in September. His mother and sister, Mrs. Campbell, are residing at 810 Caledonia avenue.

Nanaimo Creamery. The Nanaimo Creamery reports having had the most successful year since its establishment. In the year just closed, it has made 11,049 pounds of butter in excess of their previous best record.

SURPRISES IN STORE FOR BANTAM SHOW

"Censor" Holds Down All Secrets of Mirth-Provoking Turns

The wires were kept busy with Vancouver all day yesterday where preparations are in progress for the big vaudeville turn to form part of the programme slated for the Royal Victoria theatre on February 5 and 6. On that date the largest local variety show ever put on here will be produced by the Bantams' Battalion under the auspices of the King's Daughters, who will receive all the proceeds for distribution among the local civilian charities. The committee responsible for the arrangements will leave out no detail to make the performance an all-star one and thereby ensure the success which is the splendid object to which the receipts are to be devoted, deservingly. With this in view some of the artists who took part in the now famous "Bantam Revue" have been asked to appear, thus making doubly sure that whatever is put on will be of a very high order. Indeed, it is understood that something entirely new in the vaudeville line has been discovered by one of the ladies who took a prominent part in the "Revue," and that she will enlist for its support six or seven of the most delightful and accomplished girl artists. From the bugler to the commanding officer there is being maintained a discreet silence as to this item of the programme, and any more than to hint that the turn will be entirely original, they will not go.

Bantam "Humor." In the "darky" part of the show they are similarly secretive, although they admit that so much humor has been existing for so long a time in the rank and file that the time has now arrived for all jokes to be pooled and the public given an opportunity to judge of their quality for themselves. If all goes well the stage director promises the patrons of the theatre on the nights of Feb. 5 and 6 sufficient cause for a temporary facial derangement, while the jokes—quite of the non-chestnut variety—he says, will cheer up the lads in the trenches if included in the next letter.

The committee state that many enquiries are being received at Beacon Hill Park for tickets, presaging a bumper success financially.

INDECENT POSTAL CARDS

Police Seize Bundle; Circumstances Under Which They Were Obtained.

Postal cards of an indecent character formed the exhibits in a police court prosecution to-day against Mrs. Agnes Vassillon, 1426 Government street. Defendant keeps a fruit and candy store. Some time ago she bought out a similar business outside the Willows camp, and among a number of views of normal character such as all these stores carry were a bundle of 25 or 30 very questionable pictures. They were not offered for sale, but were placed in a part of the show case away from public view. Two boys, familiar with the store from having had a sister work there, and apparently not above tasting the fruit surreptitiously in the absence of the owner, came into the store one day and found the defendant's baby playing with the cards. They obtained two copies, according to their account by gift, according to the defence by appropriating them, which were eventually seized. Mrs. Vassillon stated that she did not have any intention of circulating the cards, which were away from public access. Had she appreciated their immoral nature, she would have destroyed the bundle. The court imposed a fine of \$15, and ordered the bundle to be destroyed.

PERSONALS

Ontario Women.

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BEAVER LAKE DAM HAS BECOME UNSAFE

Water Commissioner Asks for Appropriation to Protect Barrage Against Possible Flood

An important question, and one which affects not only the city, but the whole Saanich peninsula, was mentioned in civic estimates committee last evening, and will receive the early attention of the council. It appears that the dam at Elk Lake is unsafe, and that if it went out a serious flood would result. It is of the cheaper type common in the early days, of wood and earth, and the water commissioner has applied for a grant of \$1,000 to execute immediate repairs. The timbers after 40 years of usefulness have rotted out, and must be replaced. Otherwise the water may break through, and flood the city property lower down, possibly crossing into the East road, in consequence of which serious damage would follow. Mr. Rust stated to-day that he had recently visited the dam, and considers some steps will have to be taken to prevent a rupture.

From the point of view of the peninsula, which is looking to irrigation as a means of stimulating production, any lowering of the lake level would be serious. The present size of the lakes (Elk and Beaver) is about 500 acres, being natural basins almost entirely filled by precipitation. So long as the dam is maintained at Beaver Lake, what was originally a swamp retained as a lake, and were the area would revert to its original condition, putting the headworks at the lake out of commission.

The cost of maintaining the auxiliary supply, which eventually must have a value for irrigation purposes, is so small that it is not thought the council will allow the jeopardy to exist. In the eighties there were law suits with riparian owners on the Colquits river affecting the raising of the level at Beaver Lake, owing to that stream being the natural means of escape for the overflow from the lakes.

BAPTIST CHURCH HAS ANNUAL MEETING

Encouraging Reports Received From All Departments of Organization

The annual meeting of the First Baptist Church was held last evening. The affair commenced with supper, served at 6.30 p. m. by the Ladies' Aid Society. Immediately thereafter the roll-call. The business session commenced about 8 p. m., the chairman of the executive, Dr. W. Russell, presiding. J. W. H. King, the church clerk, reported a present membership of 248, and stated that 53 members of the congregation donated the khaki and were now serving with the colors. The church school report was encouraging. The present membership is 109. Receipts for the year amounted to \$187.55, of which \$69.52 was contributed to missions. The Ladies' Aid Society reported a membership of 47, with receipts for the year amounting to \$387.42. The Women's Mission circle membership is 26, and reported receipts of \$53.29, all of which has been forwarded for mission work. The Girls' Mission Band received during the year the sum of \$36.32.

The church treasurer, George Stevens, reported general receipts for the year amounting to \$2,243, of which \$251 was placed in the mission fund. The receipts from all sources made a grand total of approximately \$3,035.

Votes of thanks were extended to the workers in several auxiliary departments, all of which presented most encouraging reports, and also to the choir and all who had assisted with the Sunday services of the church.

Matters affecting the future policy of the organization were freely discussed, and some tentative arrangements arrived at. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation to Miss Clarissa Davis, the church organist, of a beautiful pendant brooch set with pearls and peridots. H. I. Smith, for the music committee, read the address, and Mrs. O. M. Brown made the presentation.

Vocal numbers were contributed to the programme by the Misses Mary Middleton and Clarissa Davis. The proceedings concluded with the singing of the national anthem.

FAREWELL LUNCHEON

Captain Shuttleworth to Recruit for Forestry Battalion in Calgary.

Instead of completing the journey to Brockville, Ont., where the remainder of the 230th Forestry Battalion is undergoing training, Capt. Shuttleworth, officer in charge of recruiting in British Columbia, together with Lieutenants McManagers and W. F. Loveland will make a stop in Calgary for a month opening an office there for the purpose of enrolling recruits for the battalion. Prior to their departure from Vancouver a farewell luncheon was tendered the officers by the Vancouver Commercial Club at which function Mayor McBeath acted as chairman. Since July 8, last year, Capt. Shuttleworth has handled no less than 3,500 men, and of this number he was able to get 1,850 successfully passed; the majority of that number will soon be on their way overseas.

DEFENCE RESERVED IN NECROMANCY CASE

Only One Witness is Called in Police Court; Accused Committed for Trial

The preliminary hearing of the charge of fortune telling under section 443 of the Criminal Code was quickly disposed of in city police court this morning. Madame Robert, having been committed for trial, application was later made by W. H. Bullock-Webster, her counsel, to Judge Lappman for bail, which was fixed in \$400 surety for her own recognizance, and two others of \$200 each.

The preliminary hearing only occupied half an hour before Magistrate Jay, the city prosecutor calling one witness, while the defence was reserved. Detective Edwards said that on Monday afternoon he called on Madame Robert at her rooms in the Metropolis hotel. She replied in the negative to a question whether she foretold fortunes, adding that she did not like the expression.

When his turn came, he queried the scale of fees, and was told by accused that the ordinary fee was \$1. This sum was not paid till the conclusion of the interview.

Madame took his hand and proceeded to tell his future. He was told that he had followed electrical engineering and chemistry he would have made a greater success of life than in his present career. She gave him information about future travel he might be expected to make, and of family relationships, present and prospective.

She added that she saw a spirit behind him, and mentioned the Christian name of his mother, adding that the spirit wished communication with him.

An elder woman, a relative, was described to him by Madame.

Accused supplemented her reading to him by stating that only in the previous week she had assisted in the location of a man for his sister. After paying the fee he retired.

Mr. Bullock-Webster applied for the return of two cards taken from the rooms of the defendant, and in the possession of the city prosecutor. The request was refused. Accused was then committed for trial.

CAMOSUN CHAPTER

Regular Monthly Meeting of I. O. O. E. Discusses Many Matters.

The regular monthly meeting of the Camosun Chapter, I. O. O. E., was held on Wednesday afternoon in the I. O. O. E. rooms, Fort street, the regent, Mrs. King, presiding. The treasurer reported a balance of \$21.25.

The resignation of Mrs. Love, convener of the prisoners' war fund, was received with much regret. This month's collection for prisoners of war amounted to \$15. A letter of thanks for Christmas hampers to five prisoners of war was received from Mrs. Bulkeley, London, Eng.

Mrs. Hasell, Echo's secretary, especially commended the Y.M.C.A. as being most worthy of assistance. Miss Fell, convener of the wool committee, reported that 56 pairs of socks had been received during the month. The following donations were given: \$25 to the wool fund; \$50 to Rethwain for the purchase of comfortable chairs; \$50 to the High School cadets to assist in the purchase of uniforms; \$25 to the military service department of the Y.M.C.A. Each member was asked to give a contribution to the Queen Mary Needlework Guild.

The chapter expressed thanks to the following, all of whom assisted in making such a success of the Christmas dinner to the returned soldiers: Goodacre & Co., Victoria F. R. meat market, P. Burris & Co., Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Locke, Clay's, Hanbury's, Turner, Beeton & Co., Pither & Leiser, Mr. Pratt (Hudson Bay Co.), C. A. Steele, Kirkham's, and the Western Grocery Company.

TIRED WORKINGMEN

A Local Druggist Suggests a Remedy for Overworked, Run-Down Men

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GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH DEPARTMENTS. Ministers Securing First-Hand Knowledge; Hon. Dr. MacLean at Tranquille

In order that each of the ministers of the Brewster government may be intimately acquainted with the working of his department, the premier is desirous that they should get outside as early as possible and come in touch with the operations being carried on under it in other parts of the province. All the ministers who have the administration of business outside Victoria are at one with him in this, and since they took office, have been familiarizing themselves with all branches of the work under their charge. In this way they will be in a better position to consider the estimates which will have to be dealt with shortly in anticipation of the coming session and the need for the passing of supply before the end of March.

The provincial secretary has the oversight of a number of public institutions in different parts of the province, and these require visits from him from time to time. Already Hon. J. D. McLean has visited some of those in Vancouver and New Westminster. This afternoon he started out on a longer trip, this being to Tranquille, where he will inspect the sanatorium for tubercular patients there and investigate its needs. Hon. Dr. MacLean takes a keen interest in the treatment of this disease, and in the work being done at Tranquille. It is to acquaint himself in detail with the needs of the institution and with the present state of the work there that he is visiting it at this time, so that the government may be in a position intelligently to discuss conditions when the matter of a grant to it is brought up. In 1914-15, the last year for which the public accounts are available, the King Edward Sanatorium at Tranquille received \$27,121 as per capita grant. In the current fiscal year there is a grant of \$10,000 towards construction in the public works estimates.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH HAS ANNUAL MEETING

Encouraging Reports Are Heard and Adopted by Gathering of Members

The annual business meeting of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian church was held last evening in the lecture room of the edifice on Douglas street. The business portion of the meeting, which commenced at 8 o'clock, was preceded by a supper served by the ladies of the congregation. Dr. Clay took the chair and A. E. Starr assumed the duties of secretary. W. I. McRae opened the meeting with a short prayer. The first matter of business was the reviewing of the sessional statement and the general work of the congregation together with the obligations and privileges that had fallen upon the members as a result of war conditions. In spite of the very trying times the board of management was able to make a very satisfactory report. It was pointed out that it had been the custom in previous years for the Ladies' Aid Society to raise funds for the general work of the congregation, but owing to the very abnormal conditions at the present time they had this year devoted their efforts to the carrying out of Red Cross work and that in connection with the congregation their work had been of a purely social nature. The reports of the Sabbath schools were also very gratifying. In spite of the fact that almost all the original officers and teachers have enlisted for king and country from both the regular school and that at Hollywood, the membership since last summer had shown a very distinct increase. The branch of the work that had suffered most as a result of the enlistment, of course, was the Young Peoples' Societies, from which practically all the young men have gone. The report of the work done by the missionary societies of the church was also read. The department was shown to be divided into three bodies: The Missionary Committee of the congregation, the Woman's Missionary Society and the Young Woman's Missionary Society. The total contribution of these organizations was stated to be about \$200 less than the amount given by them last year, and a recommendation was passed adopting the weekly method of giving to missions, through the envelope system. By this means it is fully expected that the church will be able to bring its missionary collections to the amount desired. The statements from the choir, the Men's Bible class and the Men's Debating Club were also accepted by the

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meeting and Dr. Clay and Mr. Starr were authorized to send a letter of greeting to each member of the church who is serving the country in Europe. Half the number of members on the church board retire each year and the names of those who were elected to fill the vacancies thus caused are as follows: Messrs. Robertson, Starr, Duncan, McOrmond, Brown, Frame, Currie, Melville, Mehary. The usual votes of thanks to those who had assisted throughout the year in the work of the church and congregation were moved and the meeting closed with the Doxology and prayer.

Public Market.—Saturday's market will witness a large attendance of producers and full lines of all seasonable produce. The usual crowds are expected to take advantage of the fresh local vegetables, fruit, dairy products, meats, fish, cut flowers and plants and home manufactured cakes, pies, candies, etc.

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HENRY PEARCE HEADS NEW MOVIE CONCERN

"Superfluities Motion Pictures, Limited," Incorporated Yesterday Afternoon

RED CROSS FUNDS TO GET HALF PROFITS

Local Juvenile Talent to Be Utilized; Company Ready to Make Films

"Some people told me the 'superfluities' enterprise would never pay; others were apprehensive about the chances of success of 'Puss in Boots' if played for a whole week. Doubtless it will not be difficult to find a few 'wet blankets' for another enterprise I am about to launch."

"These were a few of the remarks concerning Henry Pearce's activities on behalf of a noble cause, the Canadian Red Cross Society, made to a Times representative this morning."

"What do you mean precisely by a new enterprise?" queried the reporter.

"I am coming to that," replied Mr. Pearce. "About a year ago Mr. Hincks suggested to me, when I was advertising the 'superfluities' shop as going into a decline for the want of goods, that there were other fish in the sea of patriotic enterprise to be caught with the right bait. He more than hinted that it would be possible to produce films by the aid of local wealth in artistic talent backed up by ideal climatic and geographical conditions. In fact it was, in his opinion, a means of furthering the work of the Red Cross. The idea did not materialize then for the simple reason that soon after the advertisement appeared goods were donated in loads and the 'superfluities' shop prospered in consequence."

Company Incorporated.

On being asked whether, from his remarks, it was permissible to draw the conclusion that he contemplated the establishment of a moving picture industry, Mr. Pearce said "Yes, and why not? Some of the most powerful companies now in existence were started not more than six years ago with much less capital than is at my command. Yesterday afternoon, a company was actually incorporated under the style of Superfluities Motion Pictures, Limited, with registered offices at 509 Bayward building, studios at Maynard building, Pandora street, and three directors."

"Are you intending to appeal to the public for money?" asked the reporter.

"No," replied Mr. Pearce, "we are hoping to establish an enterprise of this description from small beginnings, but those beginnings will have a firm foundation. If we succeed, as we trust we shall, the business will be built up as we go and, mark you, until we have demonstrated that our business is a going concern only private money will be risked."

Red Cross to Benefit.

On the subject of conducting a business of this nature partly as a beneficiary to the Red Cross funds and the reporter's inquiry as to the engagement of "stars" assisted with the professional moving picture world, Mr. Pearce stated that despite the fact that failure was prophesied for "Puss in Boots" no less than twelve thousand people saw it and enjoyed it to the full. He continued:

Clean, Healthy Pictures.

"The film market to-day is saturated with sex and problem plays with impossible and altogether ludicrous situations. They are billed all over the continent of America as featuring the best or that prominent movie actress or actor, yet there is an entire absence of the good old fairy tales, which fascinate the younger generation and give a little relaxation to the jaded nerves of the average grown up."

Asked if he intended to pursue that theme in connection with his venture Mr. Pearce stated that it was a part of the early plan of the company, declaring that amateur talent in Victoria was noted and when developed along the proper lines, utilization of that talent for the making of moving pictures would not only be eminently successful, but would be particularly unique. "The public are ready for a change in the class of film distributed for their delectation. Victoria made films with Victoria artists would be as welcome in New York as they would be in any part of British Columbia. Just imagine two hundred bonny Victoria kiddies, after the proper tuition, filmed with Cadboro Bay as a setting! Los Angeles couldn't buy such a picture with all its 'film wealth.'"

Film Market Unlimited.

Suggesting every likelihood of several moving picture companies locating here, Mr. Pearce agrees that technical experience confirms the fact that the climate of Victoria is such to make it possible for her to catch up to and eventually outstrip Los Angeles before many years have passed. "You see," continued Mr. Pearce, "the market is unlimited and just as soon as the people of the Dominion realize they are going to get Canadian made films they will more than ever welcome the variety of subject. That variety will be best secured when Victoria boasts of half a dozen moving picture studios. It will then be difficult for the foreign made film to nose its way into the Canadian market, but the very news

ness itself of the Canadian film will pilot it to every corner of the empire, while the progress of our product will not be retarded by any means, when the Red Cross is to benefit."

"As far as we are concerned, in the very short time we have been engaged in formulating our scheme, which admittedly has been smouldering for nearly a year, we have collected cameras, apparatus, including an experienced operator, the use of ten acres of ideal land at Cadboro Bay, an excellent studio with dressing rooms right in town, and what is more, the whole bag of tricks has not cost a single cent. We are only a small company but we are working on an economical basis. Mr. Hincks, Mr. Rosedale and myself are the directors and active workers of the company without salary or fee. The only expenses incurred in promotion have been the actual fees paid to the government for registration. That of course came out of our own pockets."

Filming in Few Days.

"Yes, but where does the Red Cross come in?" queried the reporter.

"It is specified in our memorandum and articles of association," said Mr. Pearce "that for the duration of the war one-half of the profits will be given to the Red Cross Society and the other half will be used in the development of the business. All the capital has been subscribed by three people, whom I have already named, and they can only receive material benefit after the war is over by their possession of the good will of the business, which I hope will be successful."

Mr. Pearce was asked when his company intended to start on its first film. "We are fully equipped," he replied "for business this very minute and we are going to start 'wasting' film in a very few days."

"Do you expect it to be a success?" was the next enquiry to Mr. Pearce.

"Well we can scarcely say yet; we can but try. You remember what I told you about 'Superfluities' and 'Puss in Boots.'"

"Yes, but isn't that rather different to this?" suggested the reporter. "We shall doubtless learn a few things before a mile of film has been spelt" was the parting shot of M. Pearce.

KITCHENER A GREAT CURIO COLLECTOR

Distinguished Chinese Visitor Has Autograph Letters From Late War Minister

"Kitchener and my father had a great deal in common, their friendship was not merely born from personal contact—it went further. They were both deeply interested in the collection of rare specimens of the antiquities of many nations. My father, Yen Ting Cho, after his term as ambassador to Tibet, was in India for several months, and it was during his sojourn there that he and the late field marshal became fast friends, spending many hours together over the subjects which contributed so much interest to their leisure hours."

Extremely proud of his possessions, King Lau Yen, who left this morning on the Empress of Russia, for the Orient, displayed to a Times reporter at the Empress hotel last evening three autograph letters from the late war minister to the visitor's father, written in the year 1905.

Kitchener's Letter.

The first letter, written in the great soldier's own hand from start to finish, was dated January from Fort William, India, acknowledging in the most friendly terms a gift from Yen Ting Cho of a fine specimen U-kuo-tien-tsing vase, in which Kitchener was apparently intensely interested, since he described it as "one of the most charming additions to my collection." The letter concluded with a desire to possess "more specimens of the splendid old art in porcelain, which made the reign of Emperor Kangshi so illustrious." The five color vases of the Kangshi period were much sought after by Kitchener, according to King Lau Yen, and up to the time of his untimely death, every effort was made by the friends of Yen Ting Cho to procure additional specimens, likewise a powdered dark blue plate of the same period, imitations of which Kitchener said he possessed.

Second Letter.

The second letter from Kitchener was written from the Government House, Hongkong, in which the late minister expressed himself in exceedingly warm terms concerning the trouble the ambassador had gone to in making his visit to Canton so enjoyable. This was in November of 1905. A third letter dealt almost exclusively with carved wood antiques, concluding with an expression of regret at the loss sustained to the imperial royal family of China, expressing the hope that under the new ruler she would become more prosperous and powerful in the future.

A Great Collector.

King Lau Yen's father is recognized as the foremost connoisseur on Chinese art in the Orient, and is reputed to possess most marvellous specimens in porcelain. Supposedly used by the Chinese emperors of old is a Gee Ding and the only known example in existence is possessed by Yen Ting Cho, who estimates its age as nearing two thousand years, although it is probably of an earlier period. It was described to the Times as an upright vase standing about eighteen inches high with a diameter of nine inches. It is of porcelain and its body is blood red; its exterior is surmounted by a dragon in red of a deeper hue, while supporting the whole at the base is a four-legged dragon in five colors.

Industrial Expansion in China.

King Lau Yen has spent six years of study in the United States, graduating from Cook's Academy at Mountain Falls and the University of New York.

SALARIES DEFERRED TO PRIVATE MEETING

Civic Estimates Committee Will Take Up Subject at Later Date

The council will take up in camera the question of salaries. The estimates committee so decided last evening, on the suggestion of Alderman Cameron, supported by Alderman Fullerton.

Alderman Dilworth was doubtful of the advantage of trying that course, since sooner or later the discussion would be made public.

Alderman Fullerton: "There is a leak somewhere."

Alderman Cameron raised the question of per capita contributions to institutions supported by the city, rather than flat subscriptions, placing them in the same category as the indigency cases at the Jubilee hospital and the consumption cases at Tranquille. He thought a per capita grant would be a better plan.

The idea received considerable support in the council, and will be considered by the special committee. The Children's Aid home was mentioned in this connection, a straight contribution being given to this institution, and it was thought a change would be more economical.

Alderman Dilworth asked, in considering the park vote, for an extra sum to repair the piles under the Gorge boat-house, either \$600 for re-inforced concrete, and \$250 for wood. He favored the more permanent material, since the teredos did much damage. The decision was laid over for consultation with the engineer and park superintendent.

The fire department and library votes passed without comment, the comptroller stating that the former were among the most satisfactory sent in by any departments. There is a substantial reduction in the former vote.

Alderman Cameron questioned with regard to the cluster lighting current charges, but was informed that the city is under contract to the owners

SEEK TO CONSOLIDATE HEALTH SERVICES

Another Effort is to Be Made to Unite City and School Medical Inspection

In order that the health department can be given a free hand in inviting applications for the positions in the health department, the civic estimates committee last evening authorized the chairman, Alderman Peden, to take the necessary steps for advertising for a whole time medical health officer at \$200 a month, without car, and for the chief and assistant sanitary inspectors at the same rate of pay as formerly.

Prior to the issuance of the advertisements, however, Aldermen Peden and Dinisale were requested, at the former's suggestion, to meet the school board and see if it is not possible to combine the offices of city and school health inspector. The last position carries \$90 a month.

Alderman Dinisale, who has recently left the school board, was not very hopeful of the trustees agreeing to the appointments being combined.

Some of the aldermen foresaw there would be a difficulty when the appointments to the position came to be made. The whole of the work done last evening on estimates did not reduce the total as compared with the provisional figures last month, owing to the increase of \$2,500 in the school board estimates on the former figure, and as a matter of fact the bill just tendered for keep of prisoners, plus the insurance compulsory under the Workmen's Compensation Act will jump the total up to nearly \$30,000 more than the corresponding figures of December.

The appropriations for the engineering department as well as for water-works, were laid over for the presence of the city engineer. Alderman Johns had telephoned he wished to be present when the items were taken up, and so consideration was accordingly deferred.

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Women's Silk Waists

Reg. Values to \$7.50. Saturday morning . . . \$3.85

These are made of crepe de chine and Georgette crepe in plain tucked and frilled styles, with shawl and large collars and finished with long sleeves with dainty cuffs. You can choose from shades of sage, rose, pink, maize and white. All sizes are represented.

Children's Pyjamas and Bath Robes

Reg. to \$2.25. Saturday morning . . . \$1.35

Children's "Good-Night" Pyjamas and Bath Robes, made of good quality flannelette, in attractive nursery designs, which include Teddy Bears, puppies and polka dots. These come in shades of pink, sky and fawn. Pyjamas 2 to 8 years. Robes 4 to 10 years.

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Values to 25c yard. Saturday morning, yard . . . 13c

To-morrow morning we will place on sale a large range of Fancy Crepes in white grounds, with small and large checks and spots; also fancy floral effects. Widths 25 to 28 inches.

Feather Neck Ruffs.

Special at \$1.98

We are showing a splendid range of Feather Neck Ruffs in colors navy, purple, grey, sky, pink, sage and black; also fawn and white, sage and white, and black and white mixtures.

Women's Union Suits Reduced for Saturday Morning

6 only, Silk and Wool Suits, in Swiss rib with high neck, short sleeves and ankle length. Size 38 only. Reg. value \$4.00. Saturday morning . . . \$3.15

6 only, in same quality and style as above. Size 34 only. Reg. value \$2.50. Saturday morning . . . \$2.85

Final Clearing of Odd Suits, Coats, Capes and Dresses, Saturday Morning at \$2.95

Original Values \$7.75 to \$38.50

Saturday Morning Specials From Bargain Basement

Clearance of Children's Underwear. These garments are made of heavy knit cotton, well finished. Drawers come in sizes 22 to 32. Vests in sizes 22 to 32. Reg. values to 35c. Saturday morning, per garment . . . 19c

Special Offer Saturday Morning in Boys' and Girls' Hose, made of fine grade cotton, in narrow and wide ribs; black only. Sizes 6 1/2 to 10. Reg. values to 35c. Saturday morning, per pair . . . 23c

From the Needlework Department

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