

WEATHER FORECASTS

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday: Victoria and vicinity—Strong winds and rain, mostly westerly, unsettled and colder, with sleet or snow.

Victoria Daily Times

WHERE TO GO TO-NIGHT

Royal Victoria, The White Feather, Dominion, The Auction Block, Vertier, Man From Painted Post, Pantages Theatre, Union Meeting.

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BOLSHEVIKI HEARD SOME OF ENEMY JUNKERS' PEACE IDEAS AT NEGOTIATIONS

Germans Said They Would Like Control of Russian Wheat, No Duties Against German Goods and Germany to Hold Occupied Territory

London, Dec. 11.—The Petrograd correspondent of The London Times attributes to a responsible source the statement that during the informal conversations between the Russian and German representatives at Brest-Litovsk regarding the armistice on the Eastern front, the Germans indicated that the following points were likely to be included in any of their peace negotiations:

"Germany to have control of the Russian wheat market for fifteen years. "All German goods to be admitted into Russia duty free. "No territory now occupied by the Germans to be surrendered." The correspondent says the Bolsheviki were disappointed by the reserved attitude of the German negotiators and their lack of sympathy with the Bolsheviki delegates' political idealism.

COSSACKS PREPARE TO FIGHT FURTHER CLASHES IN MOSCOW

London, Dec. 11.—The Cossacks are preparing to fight, the Petrograd correspondent of The London Daily Mail reports. Three trainloads of Cossacks are said to be at Bielorod and three at Semy, commanded by General Kornilov. Extremist Red Guards to the number of about 1,000 are expected at Kharkov from Moscow.

The correspondent says General Kaledines, the Cossack leader, is disbanding infantry regiments in the Don territory and sending them home on account of their extremist opinions.

Petrograd, Dec. 11.—A "battalion of death" which left Staffka is reported to have defeated a force of Bolsheviki troops near the town of Shlobin, in Mohilev.

London, Dec. 11.—Mearge reports from Russia indicate that the Bolsheviki are meeting with difficulty in maintaining control of Moscow. The situation there is reported grave, with the Bolsheviki garrison refusing to obey its commander, who has ordered machine guns placed in the streets in anticipation of an uprising.

London, Dec. 11.—Street fighting has occurred in Moscow and the Swedish consul there has advised all Swedes to leave the city, according to advices received in Haparanda and forwarded by the Stockholm correspondent of The London Morning Post.

London, Dec. 11.—The situation at Moscow is reported to be grave, according to a dispatch to The London Times from Petrograd. The Bolsheviki, according to Petrograd newspapers, have placed machine guns in the streets, fearing an uprising of hostile parties.

Copenhagen, Dec. 11.—As the Bolsheviki Government had proofs that General Kaledines and Duff had been arresting workmen and Soldiers' Councils and trying to disarm revolutionary garrisons, according to a dispatch received here to-day from the official Petrograd telegram bureau, the Government decided to make an end to the counter-revolutionary movement.

SECOND SHIPLOAD FROM BOSTON TO SUFFERING HALIFAX

Boston, Dec. 11.—A second shipload of supplies for the relief of Halifax was assembled here last night in readiness to go forward. The cargo, valued at between \$70,000 and \$80,000, was gathered by the Massachusetts relief committee on receipt of advices from its representatives.

Service in London Following Capture of the Holy City

London, Dec. 11.—A solemn thanksgiving and Te Deum in St. Paul's Cathedral to-day followed the surrender of Jerusalem. The London Times says that while the British flag will fly over Jerusalem, the French and Italian flags will be placed over French and Italian property such as schools and convents.

Jerusalem Will Be Kept Under Martial Law by the British

London, Dec. 11.—No attempt will be made to define the future position of Jerusalem until a general peace comes. The London Times says it understands. In the meantime the city will be treated as under British military occupation and will be under martial law.

A Carrier Pigeon Carrying a Message Caught in Halifax

Halifax, Dec. 11.—The capture of a carrier pigeon under one of whose wings was a message in German was reported to the police to-day. The pigeon, probably wounded in the explosion Thursday, entered the window of a home near the burned area.

NON-BOLSHEVIKI BODIES OF SOCIALISTS DECLARE LENINITES ARE USURPERS

Petrograd, Dec. 11.—Fears that the Bolsheviki will dissolve the Constituent Assembly if they are opposed therein by a majority are expressed in manifestos issued by various non-Bolsheviki Socialist bodies. The central committees of most of the Socialist organizations and the executive committee of the Peasants' Deputies have issued an address to the public in which they say:

"Only the immediate issue of peace can save Russia from political and economic ruin and civil war and preserve the acquisitions of the revolution, but it must be a stable peace, guaranteeing the economic and political independence of Russia and the interests of the revolution. It must not be a separate peace but a general peace. Nevertheless, the Bolsheviki Government began negotiations for a separate peace without awaiting the decision of the Constituent Assembly, without the approval of the people, without any control on the part of the people, without consulting other parties, without awaiting the reply of our allies. The representatives conducted these negotiations in accordance with secret instructions.

ELECTION IN BRITAIN URGED LONDON PAPER SEES DANGER

New York, Dec. 11.—An Associated Press cable dispatch from London dated December 10, received here this morning, says: "The London Daily Express features in its biggest type what it describes as 'Lloyd George's danger.' It represents the Prime Minister's position as threatened by the growing strength of his enemies in the House of Commons, adding:

"Parliament is weary and worn out and the last rags of its representative character have dropped away. The war has driven a plowed dyke across all the old boundaries and cut through the road, deep, new furrows of public opinion and policy. The pacifists seem to be growing in numbers. Time is wearing away the loyalty of the Liberal Lloyd Georgeites. It only requires an occasion and an old parliamentary hand to throw down the Government."

The Express urges an early appeal to the country. It exhorts the Prime Minister to realize his danger in time and to come forward and lead the masses against the pacifists and inefficients. It expresses confidence that he would be victorious, obtaining a decisive majority and a long period of unquestioned power.

TEUTONS REPULSED BY ITALIAN TROOPS

Rome, Dec. 11.—A powerful attempt made by Austro-German troops to retake the Agenzia and Zuliani positions in the Caposile region of the lower Piave River was sanguinarily repulsed yesterday by the Italians, it was announced to-day by the War office here.

The text of the statement follows: "Artillery was active along the whole front and there were intense duels between the Brenta and the Piave. The enemy's batteries, which were answered by ours, were remarkably active in the coast zone."

"In the Caposile region a powerful enemy attempt made in the afternoon to retake our Agenzia and Zuliani positions after heavy artillery preparation was sanguinarily and completely repulsed. We forced the enemy to retire, leaving many dead and some scores of prisoners."

Vienna, Dec. 11.—Honored storming troops wreathed from the Italians the Bressanin bridgehead near the mouth of the Piave River, according to an official statement issued here to-day. Two hundred and thirty-four prisoners were taken and 10 machine guns captured.

ROYALISTS DID NOT TAKE PART IN NEW PORTUGUESE OVERTURN

Paris, Dec. 11.—F. de Nomenchristo, delegate of the Portuguese Royalist party in France, issued a note last evening contradicting the report tending to indicate that royalists had participated in the recent revolution in Portugal.

BRICKLAYERS FROM STATES TO FRANCE

Washington, Dec. 11.—Instructions to enlist in the army as many bricklayers as possible have been sent to recruiting officers, throughout the country. These men will be sent to a concentration camp in the South for a short time and then to France for work on the American aerodromes.

IN SEPTEMBER ENEMY SOUNDED LONDON ON PEACE; NO FOLLOW-UP

No Reply to British Government's Answer Stating It Was Prepared to Receive Any Communication Berlin Officials Might Send

London, Dec. 11.—Foreign Secretary Balfour told the House of Commons to-day that a communication had been received by Great Britain from Germany last September through a neutral diplomatic channel, to the effect that the German Government would be glad to get into communication with the British Government in regard to peace. The British Government replied it was prepared to receive any communication the German Government might decide to make and to discuss it with Great Britain's allies. The German Government returned no reply, Mr. Balfour added.

MORE INTENSE ARTILLERY ACTIONS REPORTED TO-DAY BY HAIG; AVIATORS BUSY

London, Dec. 11.—Unusually active artillery fighting and aerial operations yesterday were reported by Field-Marshal Haig to-day. This activity was particularly noteworthy on the Ypres and Arras fronts.

The text of the report follows: "There was unusual aerial and artillery activity yesterday on both sides of the British front, particularly in the sector south of the Scarpe River and north of the Lys River. In these areas the hostile shelling was heavy against a number of localities. "A raid attempted by enemy troops in the evening under cover of a heavy bombardment against one of our positions east of Ephehy was repulsed. At other points on the Cambrai front there were patrol encounters. We dispersed hostile working parties and secured prisoners. "On the remainder of the front there was nothing special to report."

Senate in States Wants No Scandals Growing From Army

Washington, Dec. 11.—A general inquiry into the operations of the War Department in arming and equipping the American forces was decided upon to-day by the Senate Military Affairs Committee. Secretary Baker and other Department heads will be called to explain various features of the war activities.

ONE MAN WAS BLOWN SEVENTY-FIVE FEET

Halifax, Dec. 11.—Reports of thrilling incidents at the time of the great disaster here continue to come in. Fred J. Collins is lying at his home, 98 Edward Street, in a precarious condition. Thursday morning he was on Pier 8 in connection with work for his firm. There were more than 100 men on the pier and he thinks he was one of only a few who escaped.

Among the slightly injured is Captain Kendall, who was in command of the Empress of Ireland when she was sunk. He was hit by flying glass. A shell fell in front of the house where he was staying and embedded itself three feet in the ground without exploding.

The Robert Reford Company reports one of its steamships ashore at the eastern passage. All hands were saved. She was rammed at the mouth of the harbor and had to be run ashore.

Thirteen Drowned. Thirteen men aloft in the rigging of a naval craft were blown into the water and all were drowned. A soldier working over a portion of a wrecked house saw the head of a living baby who was almost unharmed. It proved to be his own child, and it was some solace for the loss of his wife and five other children.

Of all the people on Union Street, only three, it is believed, escaped alive. On Sullivan Street a woman was in bed with an eight-day-old child. The room in which she lay was almost completely wrecked, but the mother and child escaped unharmed.

Operations of the nature and extent indicated by Field-Marshal Haig's communication to-day almost invariably precede a great attack. The preliminary bombardment to break down the opposing defences and clear the way for the infantry advance may continue for a week or more, while at the same time efforts are made to clear the air of opposing aviators to conceal the bringing up of troops and other preparations for the attack.

Paris, Dec. 11.—"Patrol encounters north of Bezonvaux, on the Verdun front, and near Tahure, in the Champagne," says to-day's War Office statement. "Active artillery fighting developed in some sectors of upper Alsace and Lorraine. Everywhere else the night was calm."

London, Dec. 11.—Heavy German reinforcements have arrived in France, it is believed in the Entente capitals, but where the expected blow will fall is yet to be disclosed. For the moment the infantry is inactive along the Western front, but the artillery, and especially that of the Germans, is very active in various sectors.

London, Dec. 11.—The correspondent at Amsterdam of The London Daily Express reports that the Germans are rushing troops to the Western front with the idea of smashing the Allies before the United States is able to act, and adds: "One of the results of this is that two German munitions trains collided on Thursday. Both were blown up and several hundred soldiers were killed or wounded."

Have, Dec. 6.—General Petain, the French Commander-in-Chief, visited Belgian general headquarters to-day and conferred the grade of Grand Officer of the Legion of Honor on General de Ceynack, the Belgian Minister of War, and on General Ruquoy, the Belgian Chief of Staff. Later General Petain was received by King Albert, in whose company he reviewed a large force of Belgian troops.

Gifts For Invalids. INVALID CHAIRS, BED TABLE, HAND MIRROR, BACK REST, SMELLING-SALTS, MANICURE SETS. Campbell's Prescription Store Company.

PROTECT THE FINISH OF YOUR CAR. Johnson's Liquid Wax. Jameson, Rolfe and Willis. AUTOMOBILE ACCESSORY DEPARTMENT.

GERMANS ARE TALKING ABOUT COTTON EXPORTS. OIL INTO CANADA. Arrangements have been made between the Food Administration of the United States and the Food Controller of Canada.

NO WHEAT ON C. P. R. ALBERTA EASTWARD. Embargo Placed by Railway at Request of Grain Board. Winnipeg, Dec. 11.—The Winnipeg Free Press carries the following: "At the request of the Board of Grain Supervisors for Canada, the C. P. R. has placed an embargo on the movement of wheat to Port William over its lines in Alberta."

INDIANS NOT AGAINST CONSCRIPTION PLAN. Duncan Correspondent of Times Handed Letter Chiefs Had From Ottawa. "Duncan, Dec. 11.—A telegram signed by Messrs. Kelly and Tate was sent some weeks ago to Ottawa, in which they said they spoke for the Indians of the province and advised the Government against conscription, and gave the warning that if pressed on the Indians it probably would result in bloodshed."

REPAIRING DAMAGED HALIFAX BUILDINGS. Doors and Windows Being Replaced; Further Lists of Dead. Halifax, Dec. 11.—The snowstorm which hampered the relief workers here was of short duration, and last night was clear and cold. A hard crust had formed to-day, further interfering with traffic problems and with the work of clearing away the ruins.

The treat that its lovers learn to expect from a cup of "SEAL BRAND" COFFEE, is always realized to the full for "Seal Brand" holds its aroma and flavour to the last spoonful in the air-tight can. In 1/2, 1 and 2 pound tins. Whole-ground-pulverized-also fine ground for percolators. Never sold in bulk. 123 CHASE & SANBORN, MONTREAL.

Every Woman Will Say—"YES, AND THANK YOU" TO A GIFT OF AN ELECTRIC CURLING IRON AND HAIR DRIER. It is a gift that will carry memories of the giver throughout the year. Inquire about them at our showrooms or of your electrical dealer. P.C. Electric Fort and Langley Phone 123

Useful Gifts Are Best. Electric Toaster, Electric Iron, Electric Heater, Electric Percolator. Carter Electric Company. 615 View Street. Phones 120 and 121

TANKER MISTAKEN FOR A SUBMARINE. Halifax, Dec. 11.—The mystery of the strange-looking tow, "apparently" a large submarine in tow of a steamship, reported off the Nova Scotia coast by a ship reaching an Atlantic port Saturday, has been solved. In the opinion of shipping men here, in the view of the safe arrival at Halifax of the Sir Hugh Allan, the official craft of the Montreal Harbor Commissioners, the Allan, with an oil tanker in tow, arrived in Halifax some time before the explosion. She had been busily engaged in relief work so that no opportunity was given to report her safety.

AMERICANS FORMING CAVALRY DIVISION. Washington, Dec. 11.—A division of the Red Cross held its bazaar and superfluous auto last month an additional \$70 has been raised by selling superfluous left over from that event.

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OPEN EVENINGS. Hope Wants To Save You \$10. Place your order to-day for that new Suit. What you pay \$30.00 to \$35.00 for elsewhere, I can do for \$20. Charlie Hope 1434 Government St. Phone 2689

Buy Your Christmas Groceries, Nuts, Etc., From Copas & Young. They Are the Best That Can Be Got and the Prices Are ALL the Very Lowest Possible. Some Lines Are VERY SCARCE. Buy Now. NEW MIXED PEEL, lemon, citron and orange. Per lb. 35c. FANCY AUSTRALIAN CURRANTS 12-oz. packet 20c. NICE SULTANA RAISINS, 2 lbs. for 25c. FANCY SEEDED RAISINS, Victoria Cross brand, the finest packed; pkt. 15c. MALKIN'S BEST CUSTARD POWDER large can 25c. SELECTED CALIFORNIA PRUNES 10-lb. box \$1.25. NICE CEYLON TEA 35c. SPICES All kinds. Per tin 10c. NEW TABLE FIGS Per pkt. 10c. EMPRESS ORANGE MARMALADE 4-lb. tin 65c. RED SEAL JAM Per jar 10c. C. & Y. BREAD FLOUR, the best Bread Flour made. Sack \$2.85. INDEPENDENT CREAMERY BUTTER Per lb. 45c. NICE PINK SALMON, Sunflower brand. Large can 20c. WE SAVE YOU MONEY. NO SPECIALS FOR BAIT. COPAS & YOUNG. ANTI-COMBINE GROCERS. Corner Fort and Broad Streets. 94 Phone and 95

Doctors Said Operation. When Chatham Lady Suffered From Extreme Nervous Exhaustion—Now Feeling Fine and Working Large Garden. Chatham, Ont., Dec. 11.—This letter will interest every lady reader, because it describes a condition for which many doctors advise an operation. That the operation is often unnecessary and very often leaves the patient an invalid for life is well-known. You will read here of what Dr. Chase's Nerve Food has done for this lady and will then understand the great good it is accomplishing in many thousands of similar cases throughout the continent.

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THIS BRITISH CAPTAIN FOUGHT PRODIGIOUSLY. British Headquarters in France, Dec. 10, via London, Dec. 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—A staff captain has been mentioned in the Order of the Day issued by the General commanding a certain British division on the Cambrai front as follows: "By his heroic conduct he saved his whole brigade, if not the division."

MARRIES AMERICAN. Berlin, Dec. 10.—Via London, Dec. 11.—The marriage here on Saturday of Count Christian Gunther von Bernstorff, son of the former Ambassador to the United States, to Mrs. Marguerite Vivian Girton Thomson, of Burlington, N. J., is reported by the Berlin newspapers.

MAYOR OF EDMONTON. Edmonton, Dec. 11.—H. M. E. Evans, a brother of Sanford Evans, formerly mayor of Winnipeg, was elected mayor of Edmonton, yesterday by a majority of more than 2,000 over his nearest competitor, J. C. Clarke.

SEVENTY PERSONS WERE KILLED IN PORTUGAL. Vigo, Spain, Dec. 11.—Seventy persons were killed and 300 or 400 wounded in the uprising in Portugal last week, according to advices received here from Lisbon. Most of the houses of that city were damaged by the bombardment. Several projectiles struck a hotel occupied by diplomats, including the Spanish Minister, and the British Mission, none of whom was hurt. One of the Spanish Minister's servants was struck by a shell fragment. During the fight with the revolutionists the battleship Vasco da Gama was badly damaged. She was stranded on the bank of the river.

MEDICINE HAT'S MAYOR. Medicine Hat, Dec. 11.—In the municipal election here yesterday Mayor M. A. Brown defeated Mayor Cruikshank for the mayoralty by more than 100 majority. Aldermen elected were W. B. Finlay, G. E. Holroyd, H. Lang and Alderman Leveque.

Cures Colds in Australia. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE tablets remove the cause. E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 3c. See the New Dolls at The Beehive.

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For Canada and the Empire To the Electors Nanaimo Federal Riding

As Unionist Candidate for this Riding, duly selected by Convention as representative of the Liberals and Conservatives, Labor, Win-the-War League, Returned Soldiers, and Farmers, I call upon you in the name of Canada for your wholehearted support.

We all have a duty to perform, not only to Canada, but to the whole world, in the cause of LIBERTY and FREEDOM.

A great National peril has arisen in this WORLD WAR, and the opportunity of choice is here before us to survive as a Democracy or become lost in a state of Feudalism.

Russia is out of the war in a state of Anarchy—the fate of Italy trembling in the balance, with France and the two great Anglo-Saxon nations left to bear an almost insupportable burden.

The great issue before us is a very simple one. Do we wish to retain our nationality? If so, we have come to the point where we must fight for it, with our men, and with all the resources of the whole country. We have given, and we must continue to give, if we wish to survive, as a Nation.

With compulsory military service, there should be the same measure of conscription of wealth. This is not a more liberal proposal, but it can be reached as easily and more readily and can be replaced, whereas life cannot be restored.

PROFITING MUST CEASE. It is regrettable that human depravity can be so low as to stoop to the taking of undue and unfair profits on war supplies, when men are giving their lives to the cause of Freedom.

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LET US TEST THE ISSUE. Would the Germans prefer a Union Government with a fighting Canadian Nation behind it, or a Government fortified only by a referendum?

LET US STAND TOGETHER THEREFORE, stand as the Romans stood in the days of old, when NONE were for the Party, and ALL were for the State.

J. C. McINTOSH, Unionist Candidate. 124 Esquimaux Road, Esquimaux, B. C., November 26, 1917.

LEGAL AND OFFICIAL NOTICES

Notice of Application for Private Bill

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, by the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for an Act to amend the "Victoria City Relief Act, 1911", providing for the following matters, and giving effect to the Corporation and the Municipal Council thereof the following powers:

I.—RE TREASURY CERTIFICATES

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

II.—RE DELINQUENT TAXES

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

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

(3) Power to be given to the Corporation to execute, at any time prior to September 30, 1918, an agreement with the owner of any land or premises, whereby such owner shall be allowed a period of ten years for the payment thereof, subject to the following conditions:

(a) Payment in full by the owner, at or before the expiration of such agreement, of all general or local improvement rates or taxes payable in respect of such land for the year 1918.

(b) Payment in full in each year thereafter during the term of the agreement of all such rates and taxes payable in respect of such land for such year.

(c) Payment by the owner of the arrears of taxes and interest included in such agreement, within 10 days from the date of the agreement, together with interest on such arrears at 10 per cent per annum, payable on the 30th September in each year.

(d) Provisions for partial payments of principal, for sale in case of default; for reinstatement of agreement if default cured before actual sale; for vesting title in the Corporation if no sale effected; for abrogating the provisions of the "War Relief Act" where such agreement is executed; for participation by agreement-holders in any scheme of local improvement tax relief; for power to borrow on the security of such agreements; relating to Section 46 of the Land Registry Act, and such other provisions and conditions as may be requisite.

III.—RE ADJUSTMENT OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENT TAXES IN RESPECT OF STREET EXPROPRIATION OR WIDENING BY LAWS

(1) Power to the Corporation either (a) by its Municipal Council, or (b) by a commission of three persons to be appointed by the Council (which may consist of members of the Council or of persons not members thereof or of both), or (c) by a commission consisting of three persons to be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, to investigate and consider from time to time the whole question of local improvement rates or taxes, with a view to their widening or expropriation projects, relating to such streets or works as shall from time to time be determined by the Council.

(2) The persons or commissioners conducting such investigation to report the result thereof from time to time to the Council, with such recommendations or suggestions as they may see fit concerning such rates, or otherwise.

(3) Power to the Council, in its discretion, to give effect from time to time to any such recommendations, suggestions or reports, by-law or by-laws, with or without any amendments, additions or variations thereof, or omissions therefrom, as the Council may determine.

(4) Provision that no such by-law shall take effect without having first been approved by a majority of the Council, and by a vote of a majority of the electors voting thereon as in the case of a money by-law.

(5) Provision to be made giving the persons holding such investigation all the powers in relation to witnesses, evidence and procedure that are now conferred upon commissioners appointed under the "Public Enquiries Act".

Dated the 23rd day of November, 1917. R. W. HANNINGTON, City Solicitor.

WATER NOTICE

Use and Storage.

TAKE NOTICE that George Parkinson, whose address is Post Office Box 111, will apply for a license to take and use 30 inches and to store 12 acre-feet of water out of Falls Creek, which flows through N. E. 1 of Sec. 5, T. 10, R. 10, West District, and drains into Mosquito Creek. The storage dam will be located at the point of diversion. The capacity of the reservoir to be created is about 12 acre-feet, and it will flood about 1/2 acres of land. The water will be diverted from the stream at a point near the old bridge on Government road crossing the creek, and used for power and domestic purposes upon the land described as the N. E. 1 of Section 5, T. 10, R. 10, West District. This notice was posted on the ground on the 14th day of November, 1917. A copy of this notice and an application pursuant thereto and to the "Water Act, 1914" will be filed in the office of the Water Recorder at Victoria. Objections to the application may be filed with the said Water Recorder or with the Comptroller of Water Rights, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B. C., within thirty days after the first appearance of this notice in a local newspaper.

GEORGE PARKINSON, Applicant.

The date of the first publication of this notice is November 29, 1917.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Albert Smith, Deceased.

All persons having claims against this estate are required to send particulars thereof to the undersigned not later than the 16th day of January, 1918.

Dated the 7th day of December, 1917. WOOLTON & HANKEY, Solicitors for the Administrator, Bank of Montreal, Chambers.

LIBERAL MEETING HELD IN NELSON

Nelson, Dec. 11.—Joseph Martin, K. C., and George Murray, M. P., Vancouver, and Winifred Stewart, the Laurier-Liberal candidates in West Kootenay, addressed a well attended meeting in Nelson last night. They were given a good hearing except when speaking of the soldiers. Then there were frequent interruptions. When the speakers claimed there were plenty of men overseas and spoke against conscription, there also was considerable heckling.

At the close of the meeting Fred Roberts, president of the Kootenay branch of the Great War Veterans' Association, read a resolution passed by that branch in protest against the designation of War Veterans as hoodlums by Mr. Maxwell. The resolution also protested against statements by supporters of Mr. Maxwell that the returned soldiers had been bought by the Unionists, pointing out that the war veterans of Canada went on record in favor of conscription as long ago as last April. The resolution declared that the war veterans would consider themselves traitors to their comrades overseas if they did not do everything in their power to send reinforcements to the men overseas.

Hon. J. H. King was absent but did not attend the meeting.

Cures Colds in Mexico. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE tablets relieve the cause. E. W. GROVE'S signature on box.

SIR M. BOWELL IS REMOVED BY DEATH

Dies at Home in Belleville When Nearing Age of 94

FINAL ILLNESS WAS BUT FOR A WEEK

Journalist and Statesman Who Was Prime Minister at One Time

Belleville, Ont., Dec. 11.—Sir Mackenzie Bowell died here last evening at 7:40 o'clock following a week's illness.

The late Sir Mackenzie Bowell was well-known in Victoria, on account of his visits to this city during periodical journeys to the Coast to see his son, Collector J. M. Bowell, of Vancouver. He always showed a keen interest in local affairs, having had personal acquaintance with many of the pioneers, particularly those associated with political life at the national capital.

As a Printer.

Like Benjamin Franklin and many other famous men, the deceased began life in the printing works and graduated into the political life with the same aptness. He was born at Rickingham, in Suffolk, England, on December 27, 1823, his father John Bowell being a builder, who emigrated to this country in 1833. In the following year the boy, then only eleven years of age, was apprenticed to George Benjamin, of Belleville, a printer. His biographer, J. Lambert Payne, says the boy began as a printer's devil, and his employer began a man of education and public spirit. "It is certain that he exercised a great influence in moulding the character and aspirations of his young apprentice." At fourteen the boy ranked as a journeyman, and he continued with Mr. Benjamin for the next four years, Mr. Benjamin printing The Belleville Intelligencer.

Desiring then to educate himself better, young Bowell attended the school of Thomas Agar, of Sydney, County Hastings, where he spent six months in hard and earnest work with his books. He qualified as a teacher and secured an engagement in that occupation. Through meeting Mr. Benjamin just before he was to take up the appointment, however, he was induced to go back to The Intelligencer as foreman. Six years later he was given a full partnership, and under these improved circumstances he married Miss Harriet Louisa Moore in December, 1847.

She died in 1884.

Next year he joined with his brother-in-law and took over the control of The Belleville Intelligencer. Three years later he assumed complete control of the paper. At that time it was a weekly paper, with a jobbing business attached. With the opening of the Atlantic cable, he commenced a daily publication known as The Diurnal, which, though it lasted for some time, did not prove successful. Thus The Intelligencer was issued as The Daily Intelligencer in 1856. He continued to be connected with it until 1878, when he sold out. He resumed his association with the journal in 1894, however.

Leading Orangeman. He became chairman of the Board of School Trustees and of the Grammar School Board at Belleville, and furthered the activities of the Orange Order. He became successively Grand Master of the Orange Grand Lodge of Ontario East, and in 1879 Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British North America. He first had become attached to the Order in 1842, at 19 years of age. He became President of the Triennial Council of Orangemen when a delegate to the organization in Great Britain.

In 1857 he joined with two others in the organization of the Belleville Rifle Company of 65 men, taking the rank of ensign. In 1864 the Belleville Rifle Company, with similar organizations, was called out for service along the Canadian frontier, to prevent raids by Southern supporters of the States of the Union during the Civil War. It was stationed at Amherstburg for four months, and on its return home in May, 1865, Ensign Bowell decided to retire. He took the place of the captain of No. 1 Company of the 11th Battalion at the time of the Fenian Raid in 1866, and the battalion served at Prescott until the trouble was over. Subsequently the 49th Battalion was organized, No. 1 Company being composed of the old Rifle Company organized in 1857, and Mr. Bowell was made senior major. He held that rank for five years, and then became Lieutenant-Colonel. He retired in 1874 with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. He became Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of the 49th Regiment in 1902, and was promoted Colonel in 1907. He held the Fenian medal and a long service decoration.

Entered Politics.

He unsuccessfully contested North Hastings in the Conservative interest for the Legislative Assembly of Ontario in 1863, having previously taken a very active share in politics on that side for other candidates. He was defeated owing to a difference concerning the right of Roman Catholic institutions to incorporate.

When Confederation was carried through he was returned to the House of Commons for North Hastings, and sat continuously for that seat from 1867 to December 5, 1882, when he was called to the Senate. North Hastings was strongly Protestant, but the electors accepted the principle of separate schools with good grace. During 25 years he was a leading figure in the

House, his restless energy taking him deeply into the active business of Parliament. During the Mackenzie administration he was a strong critic of the Government in the House, in the committee rooms, in the press and on the hustings.

The Riel Debates.

Mr. Bowell had, naturally from his association with the Grand Lodge of Orangemen, an active share in the Parliamentary debates which followed the Wolseley Expedition. Sir George Cartier, who had been defeated in Montreal East, was returned for the French-speaking constituency of Provencher in Manitoba, and Riel's name was signed to one of the telegrams of congratulation he received from his new Parliamentary riding. His health, however, compelled Sir George to go abroad, and he died in England in May, 1873. In the general election of January, 1874, which brought the Liberal Party into office, Riel was elected as his successor for Provencher. He was under indictment in Manitoba, however, for the murder of Thomas Scott, yet he went to Ottawa, signed the roll of the Commons and subscribed the oath. A warrant for his arrest was procured, but there does not appear to have been an attempt to execute it.

On March 21, 1874, Mr. Bowell moved that Riel be ordered to attend in his place in Parliament on the next day. It was on this question of Riel's expulsion that Sir Wilfrid Laurier first addressed the House of Commons in English, questioning if there was any proof that Riel was a fugitive from justice. Riel failed to appear, was expelled two weeks afterwards by a vote of 124 to 68, and a new writ issued for Provencher.

Five months later Riel was again returned, but expelled in the following February after sentence of outlawry had been pronounced against him by Chief Justice Wood, of Manitoba.

For his services, Mr. Bowell received a testimonial from the Orange lodges, for taking the libel he had in connection with Riel's expulsion.

As a Minister.

When Sir John Macdonald was returned in 1873, Mackenzie Bowell became Minister of Customs. Later he was Minister of Militia, after 13 years at the Customs, but was only at the Militia Department during the Abbott administration. His next was Minister of Trade and Commerce, which portfolio he held for two years, organizing the Department under the Thompson administration.

Prime Minister.

He succeeded Sir John as head of the Government, assuming the offices of Prime Minister, and President of the Council on December 21, 1894. He retired April 27, 1896. When Sir John Thompson had succeeded to the Premiership, he was moved to the Senate to take the leadership of the party, and in 1893 he made his famous visit to Australia, which paved the way for the Colonial Conference at Ottawa in 1894, of which he was chairman. That gathering was one of the most notable in the records of the Empire, particularly in its relation to the Pacific cable and Imperial trade. He received his K. C. M. G. on January 1, 1895.

The Remedial Bill.

As Prime Minister his main policy was the enforcement of remedial legislation in the matter of the Manitoba School question, on which policy he was prepared to stand or fall.

The Bowell administration undertook, following the judgment of the Privy Council on January 23, 1895, to have argument as to whether or not a remedial order should be issued. The recommendation of the Committee of Council was put in the form of a remedial order, and served on the Manitoba Government. The order, of course, was resisted by the Greenway administration, in moderate and carefully chosen language. Difficulties on this subject beset the Government throughout the year 1895, and on December 12, The Hon. Clarke Wallace, Minister of Customs and Grand Master of the Orange Association, with seven other members of the Cabinet, Sir Charles Tupper was recalled from London. "Then," said Sir John Willison, in his "Life of Sir Wilfrid Laurier," "on the very eve of the meeting of Parliament, to give effect to the pledge of the united Cabinet to introduce and press to a conclusion such legislation as would afford an adequate measure of relief to the minority based upon the lines of the judgment of the Privy Council and the remedial order, came the astounding announcement that seven of the Ministers had thrown up their portfolios, and the Cabinet of Sir Mackenzie Bowell had utterly evaporated. This, whatever the operating causes, is the most sensational and humiliating incident in Canadian parliamentary history. There

were probably influences at work which the country has never understood, and it may be that the men who mutilated had great provocation." Sir George Foster explained to the House on January 7, 1896 that "we thought it our duty to retire and in this manner to pave the way if possible for the formation of a Government whose Premier could command the confidence of all his colleagues."

Sir Mackenzie Bowell came back with the query: "How is it that the discovery was not made until we were in the beginning of a session, until it was almost impossible to proceed without having a disintegration of the Government itself, but treating the people of the country with comparative contempt? Surely my colleagues knew my incapacity to govern before the meeting of Parliament, and long before they sent in their resignations."

His denunciation of the "nest of traitors" was perhaps the most remarkable ever made by a Prime Minister in a British Dominion of former fellow Ministers. Of that period his biographer says: "Sir Mackenzie came out of the ordeal without a stain on his good name, and passed into quieter avenues of public life with the knowledge that he had the sincere sympathy of a vast majority of the people of Canada. No one realized more deeply than himself that he lacked some of the qualities which make a political leader strong. But it was not one of his failings to shrink from the dictates of duty nor to depart from his strict notions of fair play and justice."

His Later Career.

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He was leader of the Opposition in the Senate for ten years after Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who in the last was his only senior as a former Privy Councillor, succeeded to office in 1896. When he resigned to office in 1896, Senators presented him with a testimonial of their esteem. He became a Governor of Toronto University in 1906, and a member of the Senate of Albert College, Belleville. He was vice-president of the British League in Canada, a director of the Sun and Hastings Savings & Loan Company;

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president of several Belleville financial ventures and associated with the Northumberland-Durham Power Company, and the Imperial Life Assurance Company.

He was one of the representatives of the Senate at the coronation of Their Majesties in 1911. In religion he was an adherent of the Methodist Church. Two sons survive, J. M. Bowell, Collector of Customs at Vancouver, and C. J. Bowell, editor of The Belleville Intelligencer. Three daughters also survive: Mrs. J. O. Jamieson, St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. G. W. McCarthy and Mrs. Charles P. Holton, Belleville.

SUCCESSFUL LOCAL BLOW NEAR CAMBRAI

London, Dec. 11.—The following report from Field-Marshal Haig was issued here last night: "A successful local operation was carried out early this morning on the Cambrai front against a post held by the enemy east of Bourisies. The hostile detachment defending the position was driven out by British troops with the loss of several Germans killed or taken prisoner."

WILL BE SHOT.

London, Dec. 11.—The German named Holts and the Austrian named Karmelich, who recently were captured after they had been wandering for some time with a small force of Arabs in the interior of French Somaliland, have been sentenced to death as spies, says a Reuter dispatch from Cairo. They were acting under orders of the German Minister at Addis Ababa, in attempting to capture a small French port in Somaliland.

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Paris, Dec. 11.—There was great activity on the part of both armies between the Aisne and the Oise, in the Champagne in the region of Massiges, on the right bank of the

French Report.

There was increased hostile artillery activity east and northeast of Ypres, particularly in the neighborhood of the Polygon Wood and Passchendaele.

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SIR MACKENZIE BOWELL.

In the death of Sir Mackenzie Bowell Canada has lost one who for more than sixty years has played a conspicuous part in the public life of the country. He was the last of that group of extraordinary men who long before Canada had become a confederated commonwealth were identifying themselves with numerous interests and responsibilities for the betterment of the country, and laying the foundation for the solution of the great national problems which were to develop later.

THE VOLUNTARY BASIS.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said at Winnipeg last night: "I want to do my share in winning the war. But I stand firm in my conviction that it must be fought on a voluntary basis, as has been done in the past." Sir Wilfrid Laurier had been at the head of France in 1914, the wonderful organization which enabled our ally to hold the enemy until Great Britain was ready, would not have existed, and Germany would have won the war. He would have relied upon the voluntary basis; there would have been no selective mobilization of the country's resources.

was possessed of information such as Sir Wilfrid, not being in office, could not have. And he is a democrat through and through, a democrat more advanced than even the Canadian statesman is. In proportion to its size and population his country had the smallest regular army in the world when it entered the war, conclusive proof of its pacific tendencies.

Sir Wilfrid does not say that compulsory military service is a failure. He merely says he is against it now because he was against it before. He will not break new trails. And on that account he would suspend the operations of the law under which, even now, men are being enrolled for reinforcements for the Canadian army. He would stop all this and revert to the voluntary system, notwithstanding its uncertainties.

WILL TRY AGAIN.

A week ago the United States Secretary for War, in his weekly review of the military operations in Europe, stated that reports received from overseas foreshadowed a desperate offensive on the West front in the hope of gaining a decision, or at least sufficient success to use as the basis of a peace offer.

SHYING AT WORDS.

Strange to say, there are persons who shy at the words "drafted" and "conscript." The suggestion has even been made that "chosen" should be used as a sort of polite to those whose feelings are made raw by what they regard as the harsher words.

NORTHCLIFFE ON REVOLUTION.

We have a more kindly feeling toward Lord Northcliffe now that he has been in Cleveland and spoken his piece, than we had before he came. Although owner of the ultra-Tory London Times, Northcliffe talks like a real democrat—he sees that merry old England is again laboring in revolution and evidently realizes that he and his class can't stop it.

USES FOR AEROPLANES.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Mail and freight carrying, the locating of vessels in distress at sea, the destroying of derelicts menacing navigation and the mapping of the United States are some of the duties to which the Government proposes to put aeroplanes after the war.

THE SAME OLD STORY.

A Vienna correspondent of the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger says Roumania was compelled to fall into line with the Bolshevik armistice movement by the Petrograd threat to withdraw Russian soldiers from Moldavia and deprive the Roumanian army of supplies. In other words, the amiable Bolsheviks not only would desert the Roumanians but would assist the Teutons to annihilate them by cutting their communications.

Roumania was forced into the war by a forty-eight hour ultimatum from the Sturmer Government at Petrograd on the ground that Russia desired to march against Bulgaria. Sturmer promised to place a million men there, leaving the Roumanians free to invade Transylvania. Then when Roumania intervened the Petrograd Government forwarded to von Mackensen all the Roumanian plans and other information designed to enable the Teutons to gain a cheap victory.

OLD KING COAL.

He may be a jolly, warm-hearted soul, but he has fits of being very severe with his subjects. The dusky old monarch is reigning with a tight hand and closed fist this winter. He is not the genial generous giver of heat and power in abundance and to spare. His palace, in the mines of Pennsylvania, West Virginia and the Central States, does not move him out as fast as his subjects would like to see him come.

NOT DEALING WITH THE GERMAN PEOPLE.

peace, Sir George nevertheless asserted the Allies were entitled to complain that the Council of the People's Commissaries had been negotiating with the enemy without previously consulting the Allies, which was a breach of the London agreement of 1914.

MAYOR OF REGINA.

Regina, Dec. 11.—Alderman Henry A. Black defeated Peter McAra yesterday for the mayoralty by 471. Aldermen elected were T. G. England, P. Perry (Labor), H. H. Campkin, A. J. Mackinnon and Dr. Rose.

MAYOR OF CALGARY.

Calgary, Dec. 11.—The civic election held here yesterday resulted in the return of Mayor Costello to office by a majority of ten over his opponent Alderman Adashead. City Commissioner Graves also was returned to office by a majority of 239.

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Is No Union Government in Canada To-day; He Stated.

Winnipeg, Dec. 11.—Notwithstanding bitter winter weather, 6,000 persons greeted Sir Wilfrid Laurier last night on his return to Winnipeg after seven years and gave him such a Western welcome as must have cheered the old chief on the first stage of his rapid tour to the Pacific Coast. He will speak to-night in Regina, on Wednesday in Calgary and on Friday in Vancouver.

KEEPING THE RECORD STRAIGHT.

Belgium has filed a formal protest against the bombing of Belgian sanitary units at Calais and other points, noting that this policy is systematic, and calling on the international committee of the Red Cross and the allied and neutral Governments which signed the Geneva Convention of 1906 to witness its flagrant violation by the German air fleets.

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The meeting was held in the assembly hall of the Industrial Bureau, and long before the advertised hour it was filled to its seating capacity of 6,500, admittance being by ticket only. Notwithstanding 20 below zero weather, some thousands of people crowded the entrance on Main Street and finally dispersed to two big overflow meetings.

CONSCRIPTION.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who on rising was greeted with tumultuous applause, said he did not believe the change from 1911 had been a change for the better. Seven years ago he had spoken in Winnipeg, and he regretted that he missed to-night friends who had stood by him then. They had fallen away.

"The so-called Union Government has no right to monopolize the title of 'win-the-war' party. I am as much for winning the war as they are," said Sir Wilfrid amid great applause.

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OUR LETTER BOX.

RETURNED SOLDIERS. To the Editor.—In Saturday's issue of The Times a letter headed "Thinks Minister Was Right," appeared over the nom de plume "Returned Soldier From the Front."

It has long been recognized that efforts were being made to wreck the returned men's organization, and in order to achieve that object, the false nom de plume "returned soldier" has been a favorite throughout the Dominion.

Will you grant me space to make an appeal to a fair minded public to discredit all letters signed in this manner. A true soldier would never take cover behind a nom de plume in order to stab a comrade in the back. A returned man, with the courage of his convictions, is not ashamed of his name or afraid to attach it to any letter he wishes to publish in the press.

Your faithfully, A. TAIT, Chairman of Publicity Committee, Great War Veterans' Association, Victoria, B. C., Dec. 10, 1917.

THE WEATHER.

Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 11.—5 a. m.—An ocean storm area, now centred in Cariboo, is causing heavy snow there, and westerly gales are becoming general on the Strait and Sound. Intense cold continues in the prairie provinces and Edmonton reports 30 below zero. Heavy frosts have also spread southward to Texas and other Gulf States.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.8; temperature, maximum yesterday, 4; minimum, 6; wind, 2 miles S. W.; rain, 12; weather, cloudy.

Vancouver—Barometer, 29.8; temperature, maximum yesterday, 4; minimum, 6; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, 12; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.7; temperature, maximum yesterday, 2; minimum, 3; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.5; temperature, maximum yesterday, 2; minimum, 2; wind, calm, snow, 30; weather, snow.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.5; temperature, maximum yesterday, 4; minimum, 5; wind, 16 miles W.; rain, 30; weather, rain.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.2; temperature, maximum yesterday, 5; minimum, 4; wind, 16 miles S. W.; weather, variable.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.4; temperature, maximum yesterday, 6; minimum, 4; wind, 20 miles S.; weather, cloudy.

Calgary—Barometer, 28.2; temperature, maximum yesterday, 6 below; minimum, 22 below.

Edmonton—Barometer, 26.6; temperature, maximum yesterday, 12 below; minimum, 48 below.

RED CROSS HALIFAX RELIEF.

Table listing names and amounts for Red Cross Halifax Relief. Includes names like Thomas Ellis, Mrs. Wellburn, Mrs. Logan, etc., with amounts ranging from \$1.00 to \$10.00.

BULL AND BEAR STORY.

Once upon a time two men were crossing in that field. When they were right in the middle of the field a big brindie bull came along to show them the nearest way to the fence.

One of the men found a tree and climbed it as rapidly as possible. The other couldn't get to the tree in time, but, seeing a large, scabious-looking hole in the ground, he jumped into it.

The bull pretty nearly got him as he went down, but just missed him and jumped over the hole. The man came up again like a jack-in-the-box and the bull gave a snort and a jump at him. Down went the man, and over went the bull, up came the man and back came the bull, till the man up in the tree got excited and called down:

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Patent Leather Queen Quality Boots at, Pair, \$4.85.

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About 75 Pairs Patent Leather Boots at, Pair, \$3.95.

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We therefore urge all men needing new Suits or Overcoats to take advantage of this great Rebuilding Sale offer and buy them at the following extraordinary price reductions.

Such an opportunity to save on wanted merchandise may not occur again for many a day or even years, for the class of goods we are selling at this sale are hard to buy from the makers, even at greatly advanced prices.

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Every Suit in our big stock included, and you have your choice from some of the finest materials ever put into men's clothing. Good all-wool tweeds and worsteds, also materials that are 75 per cent. wool. The styles are new and made for this season's wear.

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EXCELLENT CONCERT
 Several Young Vocalists Heard
 Last Night at Empress Hotel

Before an audience of over five hundred people the Thomas Steele Choir made its debut last night before a Victoria audience in the first concert of its 1917-18 season. Particularly felicitous was this its first appearance in that it will assist a cause very near the heart of Canadians just now—the relief of the Halifax sufferers. The choir responded well to the baton of the conductor, R. Thomas Steele, and while, perhaps, the male element was, owing to the exigencies of war, not sufficiently represented, yet this was offset by the fine work of the men.
 In the first part of the programme the choir was at its best in Elgar's "Fly Singing Hymn, Fly," which was sung airily and with a fine precision of attack. In the "Peasants' Wedding March" (Soldermann) the joyous note was well sustained, and the effect of distance, as the procession recedes, was excellently reproduced.
 One of the most delightful numbers, which had to be repeated in response to insistent demands for an encore, was the old favorite part-song "Now Tramp O'er Moss and Fell" (Bishop), Mrs. Macdonald, Fahey's beautifully sustained notes ringing out clear in the obligate to this number.
 Younger Vocalists.
 Several of the younger vocalists of the city appeared in the first half of the programme. Miss Lotus Griffith, who assisted Mrs. Nasmith as accompanist, was heard also as a mezzo-soprano of much sweetness in "Beloved, It Is Morn' (Aylward), and as an encore in "Nature's Music." Miss Irma Duck, who made her first appearance on the concert platform, was encored for her singing of Cyril Scott's "Blackbird's Song," and in her second number, "An Open Secret" (Woodman), her soprano voice was heard to even better advantage. Miss Edna Lehman sang Meyerbeer's passionate aria "Roberto o Che Adoro" with much feeling and power, and in strong contrast was her encore, Well's "Spring Song," a dainty thing sung with verve. Mr. George Green's cornet solo, "Aurora" (Hartmann) was received with enthusiasm.
 Exquisite Blending.
 Among the numbers which gave most pleasure to the audience were the

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duets by Mrs. Macdonald Fahey and Miss Lagrin. In "Carmena" (Lane Wilson), Mrs. Fahey's beautiful soprano voice blended exquisitely with the fine contralto of Miss Lagrin, and in response to demands for an encore they sang Rubenstein's "The Angel" in Chaminade's "Bacchante" the gliding, lilting, song of the boatmen was perfectly rendered, and in the "The Swallow's Flight" (Kuchen), both singers exemplified their finished artistry.
 The work of the choir in Villiers Stanford's "The Revenge," was excellent, the light and shade being well marked particularly in the latter part where after the dramatic account of the battle against fearful odds, the gallant hero meets his death.
 The choir has wonderful volume, and the part-singing throughout was of fine quality, and it is to be hoped that the work will be repeated at some future date. The orchestral part was beautifully rendered by a twenty-piece orchestra which added greatly to the success of the production.

BACK TO LIFE
 Private Tom Booth, Formerly of Timber Wolves, Was Posted Dead in Germany; Now Alive.
 Reference was made in these columns recently to the effect that Private Tom Booth, who left here in July of last year with the Vancouver Island Timber Wolves, had died in a German prison camp at Dulmen. This information was contained in an official notification from Ottawa sent to his sister, Mrs. M. McConnell, of 322 Langford Street. Another sister of the captive soldier resident in Glasgow cabled yesterday the brief message: "Tom Alive."
 In the absence of more detailed information it is not possible to say whether the former official communication was an ordinary mistake or the result of incorrect information supplied by the enemy. On the other hand there is the possibility that Booth was successful in making a bid for liberty. Subsequent advices will tell.
 Private Booth was well known in Victoria, where his circle of friends will anxiously await more specific news of his fate. On arrival in England with the Timber Wolves he was drafted with reinforcements to the Kootenay Cougars, with which unit he was serving at the time of his capture.
LOOKING BACKWARD.
 As Mary and her million votes were having a paralytic effect there came in view a horrid sight. From which they shrank dismayed.
 The leaders called a sudden halt. While Mary shrieked "Polite!" Those million votes filled the air. With sounds like startled geese.
 A little mousey-looking fellow And finding none to eat. In places where 'twas wont to roam Had ventured in the street.
 Those "Suffs" with banners waving high, Tho' they for glory thirst, While willing men should do and dare, Believe in "Safety first."
 And so some sought the fences near. Some fair ones climbed the trees, While others gently dropped to earth And tightly clasped their knees.
 Poor little mousey, could you know I'm sure like you'd sooner starve Than curb a "Suff's" desire.
 —E. N. Coy, Rochester Democrat.

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SUGAR PLUMS GAVE ENJOYABLE BAZAAR
 Society Which Has Sent 2,496 Pounds of Candy to France Raises More Money

A very interesting event took place on Saturday when the "Victoria Sugar Plums" held a bazaar at the home of Mrs. Lewthwaite at 35 Douglas Street, to raise funds for the purpose of continuing their good work in sending comforts to the Canadian boys overseas. The fact that during the afternoon and evening about 200 guests attended and that the proceeds totalled almost \$200 spoke well for the success of the affair.
 Considerable interest has been aroused throughout the city of late to learn something of the organization that for over two years has been assiduously at work sending comforts to Victorians overseas. On October 30, 1915, ten young ladies decided that they would form themselves into an organization to co-operate in sending candy to England and France. The necessary preliminaries were completed and for the past two years the society, which early in its career was given the appellation, "Victoria Sugar Plums," has met on Friday evenings at the homes of the parents, to make their supply of sweets. The fathers and mothers supplied the material and the girls themselves by the payment of a yearly fee defrayed a portion of the postage. Twenty-four pounds was the weekly batch which was sent away, neatly packed in three-pound boxes. As this performance has been repeated every week for the past two years a little calculation soon reveals the fact that ten energetic young ladies have supplied their soldier friends and others whom they have adopted with 2,496 pounds of their home-made sweets. In addition their activities were extended to the knitting of socks.
 Remarkable Success.
 As the end of a second year approached they realized that to continue their all-round work on a large scale it would be necessary to take some means to swell the funds. The idea of the bazaar was conceived and acted upon with remarkable success. The many articles which were for sale including soldiers' comforts, fancy work and candy were for the most part all made by the girls, though many of their friends were most generous in making donations. Mrs. Lewthwaite, of Douglas Street, kindly offered the use of her home, and for many weeks prior to December 3 the "Sugar Plums" were as busy as bees. When the afternoon arrived all was in readiness to greet the many interested Victorians.
 Decorations.
 The guests were received into a spacious apartment where a pretty picture awaited them. The room in which the four artistic stalls were arranged was tastefully hung with a net-work of serpentine. The stall where soldiers' comforts were displayed was prettily decked with a snowy covering while across from it the candy apartment was festooned with mauve crepe paper. At the summit of a huge pyramid was an elegant basket of sweets which when raffled was won by Miss May Smith. In another corner the fancy work stall was decorated with pale pink and green streamers behind which a great variety of Christmas novelties were arranged.
 Tea Served.
 Tea was served before 6 o'clock, and at 8 the bazaar opened for the evening. The stalls again did a rushing business, and an added attraction was given in the form of a very enjoyable musical programme. The following artists who assisted the club were much appreciated: Miss May Mitchell, Miss Switzer, Miss Dorell, Miss Duck, Mrs. D. B. McComan and Mr. Brown. Refreshments were served following the programme, and the evening's festivities were closed with dancing.
 Raffles.
 Considerable interest centred about the raffles and various prize contests which were held. Mrs. W. Blair was presented with a beautiful cushion cover as winner of the butterfly painting contest, and Mrs. Lewthwaite the crepe de chine handkerchiefs which were raffled. A silver pencil was won by Miss Walker, and a lovely doll by Mrs. G. Grubb. A large Christmas cake was awarded to A. J. Hudson, which he eventually auctioned, realizing \$4 additional. Miss MacEachern, who read tea cups proved her skill in that delicate art.
 The Sugar Plums.
 Victorians will be not less interested in reading the names of the ten young ladies who at present compose the "Victoria Sugar Plums." The club president is Miss Dorothy Moore; vice-president, Miss Beattie Scott; secretary, Miss Dorothy Kingham; treasurer, Miss Connie Scott; and Misses Violet Lewthwaite, Inez Lewthwaite, Gertrude Scott, Edna Mitchell, Virtue Errington, Mrs. Norman Taylor, Mrs. R. Grubb is an honorary member of the organization.
 To all those who assisted in making the bazaar a success the young ladies have extended their thanks and especially to Mrs. Lewthwaite, who so kindly allowed them the use of her home.
Social Personal
 Col. Duff Stuart was a week-end visitor in the city from Vancouver.
 Mr. and Mrs. H. G. E. Pocock were among the week-end visitors to the city from Vancouver.
 Mrs. R. Marpole, of Vancouver, arrived in the city on Saturday, to spend a few days with her parents, Col. and Mrs. Holmes.
 Captain and Mrs. Campbell Strang have returned to the mainland after

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a brief honeymoon spent in this city. They are staying at the Hotel Vancouver for a few days before leaving for their home in Winnipeg.
 Mrs. Macdonald Fahey left the city on this afternoon's boat for Vancouver. She will appear as soloist in Handel's "Messiah," which is being given at Chalmers Church to-morrow, and will return to Victoria to-morrow.
 Mrs. Robert Macdonald, 2664 Cedar Hill Road, has received word that her son, Sergt. H. C. Macdonald, 31st Canadian, will arrive in the city on Tuesday next. Sergt. Macdonald was severely wounded during the fighting on the Western Front in the early summer.
 Mrs. J. C. Shields recently entertained at a small tea in the Vancouver Hotel, when her guests included Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Henshaw, Mrs. Le Feuvre, Mrs. Mary Ritter Hamilton, Mrs. Grange V. Holt, Mrs. Cleaver Cox and Mrs. Cascarden.
 Mrs. Harold Eberts arrived in the city on Sunday morning, after an absence of nearly two years in England. She was accompanied from Vancouver by her parents, Captain and Mrs. J. W. Troupe, and her father-in-law, Mr. Justice Eberts, who went to the mainland to meet her.
 Sergt. and Mrs. L. E. Smith (nee Florence Daniels) whose marriage took place in Victoria recently, have returned to the Coast from their honeymoon trip to Kelowna. They are at present in Vancouver, where the groom is stationed at Hastings Park.
 An interesting gathering took place on the Queen's Hall Sanford, England, recently when nearly one hundred officers, N. C. O.'s and men of the 72nd Seaforth's held a reunion dance. Among the distinguished guests were Lieut.-Col. Kemp, D. S. O., late of the 15th Battalion, and Mrs. Kemp, Major Marshall and Mrs. Marshall, and Major Curdley of the 7th Battalion. The music was supplied by the band of the 1st B. C. Reserve Battalion, and in spite of the food restrictions an excellent supper was provided.

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BABY CLINIC HAS PROVED SUCCESSFUL

Dr. Price Reports on Various Activities of City Health Department

Dr. Price, Medical Health Officer, in submitting his report to the City Council last evening on the work of the Health Department during November, stated that the baby clinic opened last month had been satisfactory. There were 12 babies examined, and their mothers advised as to their health, he stated.

Condemned Buildings.
 On November 15 the time expired for the voluntary demolition or repairing of all buildings condemned in June last. All condemned buildings were again visited, and notices mailed to the owners who had paid no attention to the orders made, informing them that the time limit had expired, and that proceedings would be taken to enforce the removal or repair of buildings as ordered.

Vital Statistics.
 Ninety-nine live births were registered during the month (45 males, 54 females), 3 being still-births. Thirty-four deaths were registered during the month. Of these 5 were of infants under 1 year and 12 were of persons between 70 and 90 years old, 8 of whom were 80 years of age. There were 34 marriages registered during

the month.

Infectious Disease.
 There were nine cases of scarlet fever in November. Great care had been taken in isolating and quarantining the patients and disinfecting their houses, and no fresh case had developed since the middle of the month. Other diseases reported were: Measles, 7; German measles, 1; chickenpox, 5; typhoid fever, no fresh cases; diphtheria, no case. Fifteen out of 39 reported cases of pulmonary tuberculosis are under treatment in the Jubilee Hospital, and ten are being visited at their homes by the city nurse. Two deaths from this disease occurred in the month.

Eighteen patients were under treatment for infectious disease at the Isolation Hospital, eight being admitted during the month. Ten of the patients were from outside the city. Forty-two city indigent patients were under treatment at the Jubilee Hospital.

Dr. Price stated he had attended 30 patients at the office, visited 79 others, and attended 8 police cases.

Children's Home.
 The doctor further reported on his visits to the Aged Women's Home, the Aged Home for Men, and the Children's Aid Home. Of the last named institution he said: "Twelve of the children were infected by a contagious skin disease with boils and abscesses. I do not consider that the buildings are at all suitable for a Children's Home. The sleeping quarters in the premises at the back are cold and cannot be kept clean, the building being unlined, and with rough unpainted wooden partitions."

Sanitary Inspector Lancaster's report was attached as a supplement, showing the inspection work carried out

WEART AND M'GEER SCORE UNIONISTS

Laurier-Liberal Meeting at Pantages Theatre Was Well Attended

LAVERGNE SHOULD BEEN SHOT, SAID SPEAKER

If there are any redeeming features about the Borden administration they failed to get any recognition at the hands of the speakers taking the platform at the Pantages Theatre last night in support of the Laurier-Liberal campaign.

The meeting marked the introduction of new blood in support of Stuart Henderson in the persons of Hon. J. W. Weart, speaker of the Provincial Legislature, and Gerald G. McGeer, Liberal member for Richmond, in the Provincial House. The body of the hall was full when the speakers took the platform. The chair was occupied by Frank H. Stephenson, who in his introductory remarks said he understood that in Vancouver the people are in the habit of "talking pretty plain," and he hoped that those present "would talk their medicine."

At the outset, Mr. Weart said he offered no apology for appearing on a public platform of the Laurier-Liberal candidate. He would not have been there had he not resigned the speakership, but he had been a staunch Liberal all his life and in view of the momentous issues at stake he would be lacking in his duty if he did not take the platform in the cause of Liberalism.

Criticized Burrell.
 The speaker freely criticized statements made by Hon. Martin Burrell, Secretary of State, as reported by the press to the effect that the late Conservative administration is not on trial; that the new Union Government is everything in its favor and that many prominent Liberals are within its ranks.

"I say it is on trial and very much on trial," and he would go further than that. He scored the late Government on what he termed the "vicious" Elections Act, which barred a large proportion of the women of Canada from the vote, maintaining that Mr. Burrell's contentions that to permit all women to exercise the franchise would have necessitated modification of the naturalization laws was merely a subterfuge as there was no question of naturalization except in the case of unmarried women of alien birth. If simply meant that the women of the Western provinces had been deliberately disfranchised. Any woman was entitled to go on the voters list.

Conscription.
 "These men in office were the servants of the people, and, said Mr. Weart, "the Government has no right to introduce the conscription act without having the mandate of the people."

He declared that Premier Borden had no intention of introducing conscription in the first place, and he quoted extensively to show the change that had taken place in the attitude of the head of the Federal Government resulting in the introduction of the Military Service Act. He referred to the turning down of the conscription referendum in Australia and argued that there was no conscription in South Africa, where, he said, the composition of the population would have made such a measure a dangerous one to the status of the country as British territory. The people of Great Britain had to be educated up to it. There was no conscription in Ireland. The racial question in Quebec had to be taken into consideration.

The constitution of Canada gave certain rights to French-Canadians. It was the French-Canadian's only homeland, and it was the methods adopted by the Borden administration in its recruiting campaign in Quebec that were at fault for the lack of results.

Should Have Been Shot.
 Making reference to the alliance between the Conservatives and the Nationalists, of Quebec, he asserted that Lavergne was a man who ought to have been put up against a wall and shot for his treasonable utterances. Is it any wonder that only 8,000 French-Canadians have enlisted? he said. The cutting up of the French-Canadian battalions and sending them to the front with other units was not an inducement for them to enlist. He wanted to know why Major-General Leonard had not been permitted to go to the front. Everything that could be done, he said, had been done to discourage the French-Canadian from enlisting.

Making further reference to the attitude of Lavergne, Mr. Weart said, "where would you be if you had uttered one particle of what he has said?" Major-General Sir Sam Hughes had been dismissed because he had told some truths. He was inclined to believe Sir Sam when he said that Borden had done everything to "let up" on recruiting.

Foodstuffs Important.
 It was most important in the speaker's opinion that Canada should do her utmost to supply Great Britain with foodstuffs. To his mind this was more important than the few farmers conscripted to go overseas. British statesmen had said that they looked to Canada for food, and unless food was supplied there was a danger of losing the war.

Question of Speed.
 A lot had been said about the delay that would occur in the event of a referendum being taken, said Mr. Weart, but the fact remained that the conscription bill took 100 days from the

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time the measure was introduced until it received the Royal assent, whereas the C. N. R. bill took but 29 days, and news dispatches now indicated that \$6,000,000 was to go to the C. N. R., and some \$25,000,000 to the Canadian Bank of Commerce. "That's speed," said the speaker. No doubt some of this was Victory Loan money.

The speaker stated that within three months of the outbreak of the war he offered his services in any capacity and he still thought he could fill in a niche and do more efficient work than many of those who were drawing down \$5 and \$10 a day. He roundly scored the methods adopted in carrying on the war work, especially the tremendous waste of public money, adding that 2,000 able-bodied men were employed on the records and pay offices in England doing work which could be done by others less fit.

Same Old Government.
 "It is the same old Government," asserted Mr. Weart in enlarging at great length the fuse, shell and supply contracts, outlining the purchase of the site for a quarantine station at Levis and the manipulations of the Flavell interests.

Alleged Steals.
 What he claimed to be other steals were quoted in an effort to show up what he claimed to be the wanton manipulation of public money by the late Conservative administration. He referred to the operations of the William Davies Company and of the salt and water injected into bacon to increase its weight by 4 per cent. If all the 100,000,000 pounds of bacon had been treated that way, could not Hon. Martin Burrell, in his expressed antagonism of blood money, find something to condemn in such methods?

In concluding his remarks Mr. Weart said that a deliberate attempt had been made to keep women who would not support conscription, off the voters' list. He contended that conscription of man-power should go hand in hand with conscription of wealth and war profits. On taking his seat Mr. Weart was roundly applauded.

MEMBER FOR RICHMOND.
 "At no time in the history of Canada have the people been called upon to face a situation so serious, so great, and so vital to the welfare of the country," said Gerald G. McGeer, M. P. P. for the provincial riding of Richmond. Therefore, he said, it was essential that the people fully weigh what is being done at this time. It was not a time to be stampeded by slogans. "You have a right to look back over the late Government's record and base your conclusions on that record."

He remarked that it was no longer possible to be patriotic, and at the same time differ with the Government. If so, he added, you are at once branded as lacking in patriotism. It appeared

that the people were to be budgeoned into supporting the Union policy. Mr. McGeer referred to the patriotism shown by Mr. Weart's son in joining up. There were no wires pulled there. He had joined as a private. He was not foot-loose and free himself, but two of his brothers had enlisted. Surely this was not lacking in patriotism.

He admitted that at the outset he thought that the Union idea was a good one, and was prepared to lend his hearty support, but he had since found that every evil of the old government, the new government possessed. He had discovered that it was the same old crowd, and tagging along was the same old patronage and other evils.

The investigations into the Galt finding; the C. N. R. deal; the scandal concerning the purchase of supplies, and the investigation into the investigation of the bacon trust, all these things convinced him that "it was the same old bunch."

Not Sincere.
 Hon. J. A. Calder, Mr. McGeer, declared was not sincere in throwing in his lot with the Union Government. He credited to Mr. Calder the statement in effect that "You can't beat them under that Elections Act, and if you can't beat them you had better go in with them."

"Most of them went in on that basis," added Mr. McGeer in making reference to the Liberals who had joined the Unionist cause, and he waxed indignant over the fifty-fifty division of seats promised in British Columbia, but not carried out. He believed that he was the most ardent conscriptionist in the Province, but when he heard the Unionists talking about 100,000 men, he knew they were insincere. These men did not know the spirit of this Dominion? "We are in it to the end," he said with emphasis. "Any man who says that all Canada wants is 100,000 men is either a fool or a knave, and I know that Sir Robert Borden is not a fool."

He characterized the work of the late Conservative administration as "one sordid trail of corruption," and "a bungle of inefficiency." If Premier Borden had said, "We are going to make those Frenchmen fight and do it on the same basis as British Columbia," he would have supported him. The Unionist plan was merely one in the interest of the classes as opposed to the masses. He was a Canadian, a Liberal and was proud of the Laurier party.

Mr. McGeer was given a spirited ovation and many minutes elapsed before Stuart Henderson, the Laurier-Liberal candidate could launch his remarks.

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PANTAGES THEATRE

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Rev. Geo. Dean
Hon. H. C. Brewster

The Chair will be taken at 8 p.m. sharp by
 Jos. Patrick

about the Borden Government that I need say but little," said Mr. Stuart Henderson, making reference to the previous speakers. Taking his-hearers back to 1896 he stated that the Dominion of Canada was but little known then. It was Sir Wilfrid Laurier who had had Canada on the map. In that year Canada started on an era of prosperity that only ended with the election in 1911. What Sir Wilfrid had done in Dominion affairs then he could do today in spite of the mismanagement of the Borden administration. The country had to be handled like a business in order to bring about results. Borden, he said, had proved an absolute failure and had handed the country over to the control of about 25 people in it. The issue was clear cut. What was wanted

was complete and absolute organization of the country's resources. Mr. Henderson said he had not wanted to be a candidate, but had been pressed to stand. He was asking for the support of the people in order to defeat this mismanagement and assist in again starting an era of prosperity which was inaugurated in 1906, and the only way to do it was to make Sir Wilfrid Laurier premier of Canada.

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ALBERT BROWN AGAIN MASTER OF SITUATION

"White Feather" Gives Actor Opportunity to Display His Versatility

Albert Brown, the gifted Canadian actor in a new role, was once again welcomed by a small but nevertheless appreciative audience of Victorians last evening when in the play, "The White Feather," he appeared at the Royal Victoria Theatre. In an undisturbable manner, he once again proved himself the master of his role, and vindicated the many expressions of praise, that he is a genius in the art of interpretation. Mr. Brown possesses that essential of the successful actor—a personality that not only attracts but demands attention. His presence alone on the stage is sufficient to command the attention of every mind before him. It is this power that makes possible an even greater—the creative faculty in moulding an intensely dramatic scene.

As the title suggests, "The White Feather" is essentially a war play. Its significance is made the more forceful by reason of the fact that the defeat of the German spy system in England by "The Man Who Stayed at Home" is made the theme of its action. The whole fabric of the plot has been woven about those unsuspected agencies through which the secret departments of the German War Office learned of enemy orders the moment they were given. In this setting it is natural to suppose that the play is dramatic. Certain it is that it possesses all the appeal of the clever detective narrative. A series of thrilling dramatic situations and finally the climax which all bewildering circumstances are cleared away, makes a piece of exceptional merit, when enacted by Mr. Brown and his company of able supporters.

It was most gratifying to last evening's audience to see the true fulfillment of many praises which heralded Mr. Brown's advent to Victoria. Those who were fortunate enough to see him the previous week in "The Love of a King" were struck last evening by his versatile power. His first production required him to assume a most difficult role in the part of the tottering monarch. Last evening demand something entirely apart from the former interpretation, and the contrast was forcibly carried. The apparent wanton imbecility of Kit Brent, the man who stayed at home, and hence the white feather, was sustained by the actor to a full measure of success. The role was undoubtedly a light one, but demanded an interpretation that suited Mr. Brown's ability most admirably. His expressions in moments of exasperation, "silly ass" and "upon my word, now," were in marked antithesis to the scene of the pathetic old monarch in "The Love of a King."

Briefly the story of "The White Feather" is that of "The Man Who Stayed at Home," the name by which it was known when first appearing in London. The hero, Kit Brent, in the first scene is presented with the white feather. It subsequently develops, however, that he is the British secret agent tracing the German spy. That he may be free from suspicion he assumes the role of the "silly ass." The guise deceives all and almost loses his sweetheart, Molly Preston, a part daintily taken by Lenore Phelps. Her artistic perception of the requirements of the role created a character almost as appealing as Hannah Lightfoot in "The Love of a King." In the end all facts are cleared, even to the satisfaction of the blustering John Preston, M. P., Molly's father.

Under the personal direction of Mr. Brown the roles have been well allotted and good houses should be assured for this evening's and to-morrow night's performances.

VARIETY PROMISED IN PANTAGES BILL

A big bill and diversified one will be set before Pantages patrons this week, the biggest in several months and the best for a long time in point of quality, for there are seven acts booked and every one of the seven is full of entertainment, while at least five of them are entitled to first place honors. A fair illustration of the quality of the bill lies in the fact that Joe Roberts, who usually fills houses by his marvellous banjo playing, is away down on the list this time, three other acts being adjudged by Mr. Alexander Pantages as of merit enough to precede him.

Leading all are the Olga Arlova dancers, headed by Mme. Olga Arlova and including Boris Yuseny and Miss Charlotte Joy and a ballet of five. Miss Yuseny has for some months been associated with Mme. Arlova in the role of premier dancer, but Miss Joy is a newcomer to the American dancing armament and one of the most promising young women to come to the front on this continent in several years.

The added attractions of the bill are Mlle. Marguerite and her leopards in a stirring and beautiful dramatization of "Zira," "The Beauts and the Fairy," produced by H. G. Wilson. A melodramatic plot is interwoven with the turn in which the leopards and pumas take their parts under the skillful leadership of Mlle. Marguerite.

Herbert Brooks, the famous American entertainer, will be present with his twenty-minute of illusions, at the end of which trunk mystery, one which is said to rival the disappearance of the ducks at the hands of Neek Suen, two weeks ago.

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THE AUCTION BLOCK IS UNUSUAL PHOToplay

Another example of a play that does not depend upon a star for its popularity appears in Rex Beach's great photoplay, "The Auction Block," which opened at the Dominion Theatre yesterday and continues all week.

There are no stars in "The Auction Block" although there doubtless are many in the making, for it is said that there are few more striking examples of histrionic ability than those which appear in this action. The various characterizations which figure in the story are rounded out in the great novelist's best manner, and probably as much of their force is due to this fact as to the splendid capabilities of the players themselves. It is from a finely conceived character that the action springs, that of a young girl, Lorelei Knight, daughter of a small town politician and an ambitious but nagging mother. She is so beautiful that her parents determine to make capital of it, and bring her up carefully, hoping to reap from their sacrifices in due time by marrying her off to much money.

This plan works out very well indeed as far as they are concerned, for, through the machinations of her worthless brother, Lorelei is given a fat part in a famous "girl show" on Broadway and subsequently is married to the dissipated young son of a millionaire.

SENSATION OF YEAR IS REDEMPTION

Coming to the Royal Victoria Theatre for two days, Thursday and Friday, with a Saturday matinee only, fresh from a remarkable engagement at the Colan Theatre, New York, where it was the supreme photo-dramatic sensation of the year, "Redemption" is to be seen with Evelyn Nesbit and her son, Russell Thaw.

In this, her screen debut, Miss Nesbit became a star over night. Broadway went wild over "Redemption." It was a profound sensation, winning instantly by superb photography, the thrill and tense interest of its narrative, the great mother-love displayed by the heroine, Miss Nesbit's truly wonderful emotional powers, the excellent cast, and fine stage direction by Julius Steger and Joseph A. Golden, nothing just like it ever had been seen before and Broadway enthusiastically welcomed the novelty.

APPEAL TRIBUNALS

Cases Set Down for Hearing in Mr. Justice Gregory's Court on Wednesday.

- The following are the cases set down to be heard in Mr. Justice Gregory's Court on Wednesday:
- C. Desautel, Strand Hotel, carpenter.
- W. S. Fawcett, 1774 Second Street, dairyman.
- M. W. Matheson, 1115 Meigs Street, no stated occupation.
- G. Spence, Metchoan, farmer.
- R. Strong, 2634 Work Street, driver, Fire Department.
- W. Elliott, 1267 Walnut Street, driver.
- W. I. Gibbs, Shawnigan Lake, farmer.
- H. Robinson, Duncan, farmer.
- E. D. Taylor, Duncan, unemployed.
- G. A. Tibbitts, 123 Olive Street, blacksmith's helper.
- Thos. Dunn, 1534 Amphion Street, the munition worker.
- John Robson, Cowichan Bay, farmer.
- E. H. Williams, Cobble Hill, farmer.
- Percy B. Ross, Beaumont, ranch hand.
- F. Crocker, 223 Menzies Street, engineer.

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Are we going to place ourselves under the domination of the French Canadians, who, by spurning their duty in this war, made Conscription necessary?

Patriotic Canadians Carry On!

On December 17th these questions will be answered by the voters of Canada at home and overseas. The brave men and women in France who have sacrificed home comfort and loved ones for our liberty, the men and women at home who believe in Canada, believe in the cause and in the maintenance of Canada's honor, will cast their votes to

Support Union Government

The representative men of the two great political parties came together in Union Government to make Canada's effort in the war most effective in the support of our men at the front with additional forces, and to direct and control the industrial and economic life of Canada to the one end of winning the war. An additional 100,000 reinforcements are urgently needed. Union Government will continue to raise the force quickly and impartially under the provisions of the Military Service Act, 1917. Laurier, Bourassa and Quebec think we have done enough, and are in favor of deserting our men, breaking our pledge, ruining the country's credit with our Allies, and trailing Canada's honor in the mud of world opinion. Quebec, having failed to do her duty, is now trying to bend the rest of Canada to her will.

Wives, Mothers, Daughters and Sisters—You Have a Vote

Every woman may vote who is a British subject, 21 years of age, resident in British Columbia six months, and in the constituency 30 days, who is the mother, wife, widow, daughter, sister or half-sister of any person, male or female, living or dead, who is serving, or who has served without Canada in any of the Military forces, or within or without Canada in any of the Naval forces of Canada or of Great Britain in the present war, or who has been honorably discharged from such service, and the date of whose enlistment was prior to Sept. 20, 1917.

Unionist Party Publicity Committee

GREEN WINNING SAYS

F. J. STACPOOLE, K. C.

Very Encouraging Signs for Unionism Noted in East Kootenay

One of the most encouraging features of the meeting held in the federal-riding of East Kootenay in support of the candidature of R. F. Green, the Unionist standard bearer, is the fact that people go to the gatherings with the fixed intent of learning something of the great issues which confront the country, is the opinion expressed by F. J. Stacpoole, K. C., who returned from an interior tour during the week end. From that state

of mind on the part of the people of East Kootenay there was but one conclusion Mr. Stacpoole could arrive at, viz., that the return of R. F. Green on Monday, next with a substantial majority over his two opponents was assured.

Meetings were addressed by Mr. Stacpoole at Revelstoke, Nelson, Rossland, Creston, Procter, Silverton and Kaslo, and at some points Hon. Martin Burrell, Secretary of State, took a hand on the platform in support of his colleague in the late Government. There was but one single interruption, and that of a very minor nature, throughout the whole of the meetings, which he considered augured well for Mr. Green's success. On every hand his record in the late administration had been such that no regrets appeared to exist in the federal riding of East Kootenay, an enviable reputation for any erstwhile politician, no matter what particular color.

Wednesday morning. In order to get to his destination two hours before the time of the meeting, Mr. Stacpoole was obliged to cross the international boundary to Spokane and reach Vancouver Island via Seattle and Vancouver. He did it, however, and on Saturday addressed another meeting at Sooke.

ECONOMY OF 1864

Hardships of To-day Trivial in Comparison With American Civil War Times.

Lord Northcliffe in a statement issued in connection with the recent Food Pledge Week in New York, said: "The greatest food experts on both sides of the Atlantic say that there is a world shortage of food. The boys who are enduring the hell of the trenches for our sake cannot hold out if ill fed. The situation which we have to face right now is obvious. Either the stay-at-homes

must save so that the soldiers may get their vital needs, or the soldiers must go short so that the stay-at-homes may fatten. You can not have it both ways, and must make your choice."

The Anaconda (Montana) Standard in dealing with the need of food conservation says: "Let the persons who think wheatless and meatless days are a hardship listen to the venerable men and women whose memory takes them back to the civil war of 1864.

"Roasted barley, parched corn, chicory roots, and even dandelion roots, dried and roasted, were used as coffee-substitutes. White or granulated sugars were a rarity, and only on the table for company. Brown sugar and old-fashioned black molasses were used for sweetening. Honey, apple butter, fruit jams and even lard, were used as substitutes for butter. "Butter was scarce and dear, for those times, and bread and molasses, bread and honey, and even bread and ham fat, were considered plenty good enough for all but the very old people.

In those days nearly every family in town kept a cow. Those who didn't, as a rule, went without milk. The papers of that day emphasized the fact that coffee and tea were more nutritious when used without milk."

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POLITICAL MEETING

Unionist—Pantages Theatre, to-night at 8.
Laurier-Liberal—Semple's Hall, to-night at 8.
Laurier-Liberal—Columbia Theatre, Wednesday at 8.
Unionist Final Rally—Royal Victoria, Saturday at 8 p. m.

Pretty China Makes Good Gifts—Large assortment at Brown's, Douglas Street.

The Navy League Chapter, I. O. D. E. Cabaret, Empress Hotel, Saturday, December 15. Tickets on sale from Mrs. A. T. Purser, phone 333R, Campbell's, Lady Outfitters, Pitt-Ritte, Cockram's and Terry's. To reserve tables, phone 1693L.

To Be Prosecuted—A seizure made on Saturday afternoon at the Burnside Hotel of two bottles purporting to contain cider, and a demijohn stated to contain whisky, will be the subject of proceedings in the Saanich Police Court on Thursday, against the proprietor, J. O. Creighton. The raid was carried out by Chief Little, Constable Dryden and Special Constable Rankin.

Is Injured—Constables Allen and Littlefield attended an ambulance call to give first aid yesterday to William Laitney, of 1274 Centre Road, who had been thrown from his wagon by one of the horses falling. He is engaged by the Sylvester Feed Company. In the fall his forearm was broken. He was removed to the Jubilee Hospital after first aid had been rendered by the police.

City School Board—It is presumed that the school trustees will at the meeting of the School Board to-morrow evening give some direction with regard to the question whether the tentative estimates for 1918, which the City Council hopes to have in time for the budget consideration on Thursday week, will be framed on the basis of a partial restoration of salaries, as distinct from the adjustments made in the course of the past few months. Probably an aggregate will be sufficient for the Council at this time.

Saanich School Board—At the meeting of the Saanich School Board yesterday it was announced that preparations for the cultivation of the grounds at the Tolmie, Royal Oak, Strawberry Vale and West Saanich schools, for next year's crop, would be undertaken. This was regarded as desirable to gain full benefit from agricultural classes. Christmas concerts in aid of the Patriotic Fund are to be held at Royal Oak, Cedar Hill and West Saanich schools. Saanich school has already held a concert. Staff changes, to be effective next month, include: Miss Halliday, from Saanich to West Saanich, Miss Sparring to Tolmie, Miss Nellie Hill to Royal Oak, Misses Bruskey and Creeden to Cedar Hill.

Engineer and Solicitor were read at the Council meeting last evening with regard to the C. N. R. grade on Alpha Street, and it was reported that the necessary by-law for the diversion of the street, and the closing of portion of it by the C. N. R. had not yet been passed.

Killed in Action—Pte. Ernest R. Bailey, who enlisted in the Victoria Fusiliers, in December, 1915, and had been fifteen months in the firing line, is reported killed in action on December 6. For nine years prior to the outbreak of the war deceased lived at Cowichan.

Warning From Red Cross—In connection with the Red Cross appeal for holly, it has been reported that several parties have applied for holly in the name of the Red Cross without showing any authority, and some applications have been made for Halifax relief without disclosing the authority behind the request. The Red Cross will commence cutting holly on Tuesday and the work will be done by F. Bennett and George Rye, each of whom will be furnished with written authority from the Red Cross Society. If any others should be employed cutting or gathering up the cut product, they will also be furnished with written authority, and owners are requested not to allow the holly to be removed in the name of the Red Cross without proper identification. The Society will be glad to have as much holly as possible delivered at the shop at the corner of Gordon and Humboldt Streets on Tuesday, December 11, and any day after that this week. It will be packed and sent forward as fast as received.

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COUNCIL OF WOMEN IN REGULAR SESSION

Questions Relating to Food and Helping Halifax Sufferers Discussed

At the opening of the regular meeting of the Local Council of Women held in the Y. W. C. A. yesterday afternoon, Miss Crease voiced the general regret of the members at the enforced resignation through ill-health of the recording secretary, Mrs. W. Holmes. The affiliated societies were requested to send in nominations for a successor to Mrs. Holmes.

Miss Crease, speaking on the question of food conservation, stated that the agitation against the use of cream and sugar for making ice cream had been Dominion-wide, but that the Food Controller had decided that no action was necessary owing to the fact that very little of this commodity is consumed in the winter, and that it does not require any of the most needed foods in its preparation. In reference to the question of price-regulating, she pointed out the difficulty of making a uniform price throughout the Dominion, and urged that the remedy against exorbitant prices lay largely in the hands of the consumer, who should cease to patronize the tradesman charging in excess of his fellows.

Fake Butter
Mrs. Gordon spoke of having tested butter made in a recently introduced manner which claims to make eight pounds of butter from two pounds of butter and a gallon of milk. Upon washing a small portion of the butter under the tap it dissolved, showing the absence of butter-fat.

A letter from the National Council asking for extra support from the Local Councils towards the parent body, gave rise to considerable discussion. Under this new assessment the Victoria Local Council is required to send \$15, as against \$10 sent last year. On the motion of Mrs. Gee, seconded by Mrs. Stanier, it was decided that the matter be taken back to the various affiliated societies for consideration. The president, enumerating the difficulties which beset the council with regard to raising money, asked for suggestions for dignified opportunities of increasing the finances, to be brought to the next meeting.

Recreation For Girls
Miss Marjatt gave an interesting report in connection with the steps which are being taken to provide recreational facilities for working girls of the "teen age." In connection with a resolution put forward by the representative of the Florence Nightingale Chapter as to the amount of saving of four necessities, and urging a display of public notices with regard to the Food Campaign, Mrs. Frank Andrews pointed out the information re flour given on the pledge cards, advising that the cards of which ten thousand had been distributed in the city be more widely read by the public.

Sympathy With Halifax
Miss Lawson, of the Friendly Help Society, moved that a letter of sympathy be sent to the women of the Local Council at Halifax, and that if possible a tag day for relief of the sufferers be organized. On the motion of Mrs. Gordon, seconded by Mrs. Gavin Burns, Mrs. R. B. McMicking was appointed convener of a committee to undertake this, with power to select her own assistants. Mrs. Wm. Grant at this point stated that a woman be appointed as coadjutor with Magistrate Jay, in the Juvenile Court. It was decided to hold the annual meeting of the Local Council on February 12 and 13. Application was made and the necessary permission obtained at last night's meeting of the City Council to hold a tag day on Friday next, December 14, in aid of the Halifax sufferers.

TAGGERS NEEDED
Local Council of Women Will Tag on Friday in Aid of Halifax Victims.

Feeling that there are many in Victoria who would gladly add their quota of support to such a worthy cause as the relief of the injured and bereaved of Halifax, yet who, owing to shortness of purse, are unable to subscribe to the various funds which have been started, the Local Council of Women have obtained permission to hold a tag day on Friday next, December 14. Victorians have ever displayed prodigality in their support of patriotic causes and it is anticipated that every-one will respond to the appeal of Friday's taggers on behalf of the innocent victims of the Halifax explosion.

Mrs. R. B. McMicking is the convener of the arrangements, and she urgently appeals to the members of the various women's organizations of the city to attend a meeting to be held in the Y. W. C. A. to-morrow afternoon, at 2.30, when the arrangements will be completed. As an army of taggers will be needed to ensure the city being well-covered, it is hoped that as many women as possible will volunteer to help in the collection.

Dr. Clay on Halifax—The chief feature of the weekly meeting of the St. Andrew's Young People's Society held in the lecture room last Monday evening, was a talk given by Dr. Clay, regarding Halifax and the terrible loss which it has sustained. At the conclusion of this address, a collection was taken in aid of the sufferers in the stricken city. An appropriate recitation was given by Miss Pottinger, and music and games were indulged in for a short time, after which the meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.



YOUR NAME ON THE VOTERS' LIST YET

Old Lists Are No Good; To-day Last Day Before Poll

There still seems to be a belief prevalent among some of the electorates of the federal riding of Victoria and Nanaimo that because a voter exercised his franchise at the last provincial election that it necessarily follows his name automatically finds its way to the list which will operate on Monday next. This is by no means the case. All previous lists are as extinct as the dodo.

To-day is the last day upon which the enumerators' lists will be on display at the several polling stations in the various sections of the Victoria riding and at the specific addresses in Oak Bay, Esquimalt and Saanich. It is the duty and privilege of every male over the age of twenty-one years, with six months' residence in the province and one month in the electoral district, to visit the polling station of his section and see if his name is included on the new list. If it is not there he must report the fact to the enumerator immediately, when the omission will be remedied. If that is not done to-day, however, there will not be another opportunity until polling day, when the same report will have to be supplied at the polling station before permission will be given to vote.

In the case of the women folk, any woman who has attained the age of twenty-one years and in possession of the provincial qualification noted above may vote on Monday next, providing only that she is the mother, sister, daughter, wife or widow of a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces, alive, dead, or honorably discharged. Similarly relationship to a member of the naval forces carries the same privileges. In the case of a soldier relative he must be outside of Canada, but a naval man may be in home waters, and still give the qualification to his women relatives.

It is necessary for those women who are entitled to vote to examine the list to-day for the purpose of seeing if their names appear thereon. If not, the same process as that necessary for the men must be followed.

Returning Soldiers—The following returned soldiers arrived in the city this afternoon on the Vancouver boat: Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant Crothers, Sergeants Coombs, Passo and Rose; Ptes. Scanton, Mowat, Ritchie, Newberry, Roberts.

Replacing Firemen—Chief Davis has practically filled all the places rendered vacant by the call of firemen to the colors, and yesterday, in engaging a husky youth of 18, who looked some years older, brought to the department its youngest fireman. Two seriously wounded, have been engaged, among other assistance.

"Spinsters' Convention" To-night—Judging by the rehearsals which have been in progress under the able direction of Mrs. L. T. Davis and Mrs. Colin Cummins for some time past, the "Spinsters' Convention," which is being presented to Victoria audiences to-night and to-morrow, will be among the most entertaining productions ever seen in the city. In addition to this farcical gathering of old maids, an excellent vaudeville programme has been arranged. The proceeds will be handed into the fund for the Halifax sufferers, by the Lady Douglas Chapter, I. O. D. E., under whose auspices the affair has been arranged. Intending visitors are requested to be in their seats at the Princess Theatre at 8.15 as the curtain will rise promptly at 8.30.

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FULTON MAY CLAIM WILLARD'S TITLE

Knocked-Out Porky Flynn in Big Battle at Columbus Last Night

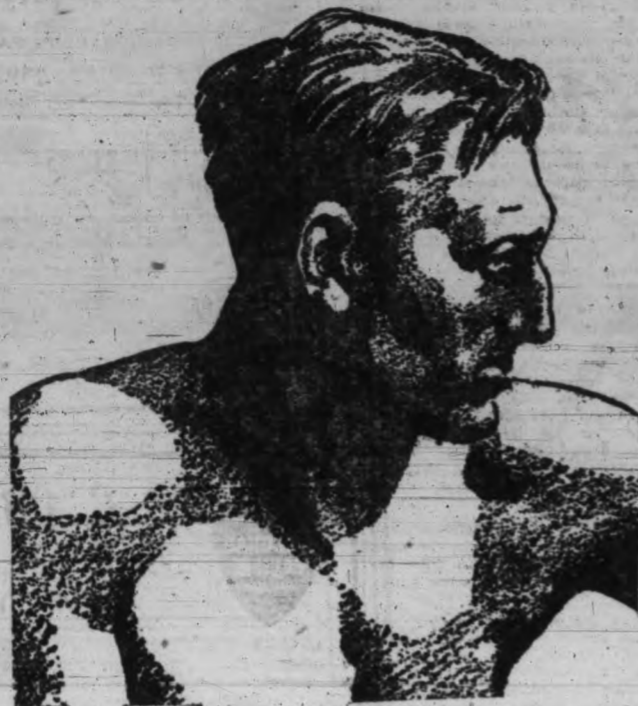
Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 11.—With a short left jab flush to the point of the jaw, Fred Fulton, Rochester, Minn., heavyweight, knocked out Porky Flynn, of Boston, after two minutes and eighteen seconds of fighting in the second round of what was to have been a twelve-round fight here last night.

Fulton was on his man from the first, using short-blows to the body, while Flynn endeavored to cover up. In the opening round, Fulton landed hard to the head with his left and Flynn seemed dazed. Several times he was knocked against the ropes so hard that he had to be helped off.

Flynn missed long swings repeatedly and did not lead half a dozen blows, while Fulton was after his opponent from the top of the gong. After rushing his man from a neutral corner to his own Fulton caught Flynn squarely on the jaw with a hard left smash that sent him over the ropes.

It was the third meeting between the two. Fulton said that after the fight if Jess Willard, present heavyweight titleholder, continued to ignore his challenges after December 20 he would claim the title and would be willing to meet all comers.

Heavyweight Makes Progress



FRED FULTON

Who, after his victory over Porky Flynn last evening, declared that if Willard continued to ignore his challenges after December 20, he would claim the title and would be willing to meet all comers.

BASEBALL WORLD IN UNCERTAIN CONDITION

League Meeting at New York May Mean Suspension of the International

New York, Dec. 11.—The annual meeting of the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs to be held in the city to-day is expected to have a most important bearing on the future conduct of the sport. The drafting of players, increased cost of maintenance and traveling expenses, legal actions arising from the former Baltimore Federal League Club and possible decrease in public interest due to the war, are some of the problems calling for attention. None of the early arrivals cared to venture an opinion as to the outcome of the meeting.

New York, Dec. 11.—The consensus of opinion among baseball men gathered in New York to attend the meetings of the various leagues, is that the suspension of the International League at one time the most prosperous minor league in the country, for the duration of the war, is inevitable. Only a sudden peace or Sunday baseball in New York will restore the waning confidence of a number of International club owners. If the sport is legalized on Sundays in this state, Rochester might be induced to stick for another year, and strong efforts will be made to get into Syracuse and probably Troy. With these cities the magnates might decide to hold out another year.

MORE TROUBLE IN THE PROGRESS OF HOCKEY CLUBS IN THE EAST

Montreal, Dec. 11.—A mild sensation developed in hockey circles when it was announced on behalf of the Wanderers that unless the other clubs of the new professional league immediately handed over the surplus players the Red Bands would suspend for the season. Art Ross, manager of the Wanderers, in the course of a statement, states that Carey and Ritchie, the two men awarded them from Quebec, are now hold-outs, and that it is extremely doubtful if they will play this winter.

In regard to the announcement, Geo. Kennedy, of the Canadiens, says: "Let the Wanderers get out, who care? I have friends in Quebec who will be glad to jump in now and furnish a good team in the Wanderers' place. The time to complain about scarcity of players was before the schedule was made up, now no."

President Frank Calder, of the National Hockey League, is noncommittal. "I have not received any official notification from the Wanderers," he said. "At the same time I do not believe the rumors that have come to my ears. The president of the Wanderers is not a quitter."

CANADIAN WON BOUT IN THE OLD COUNTRY

London, Dec. 11.—In a ten-round boxing contest at the National Sporting Club, Sgt. Rolf (Canadian) beat C. P. O. "Bill" Curzon (R. N.). The fourth session was stubbornly contested, and Rolf's extra strength began to prevail, but he was handicapped through receiving a cut over the eye. After Curzon had scored on the jaw with a hard right, the Canadian took his man off his feet, but Curzon was quickly up again.

TORONTO ICE TEAM WILL BE COMPLETE

Toronto, Dec. 11.—Manager Querrie, of the Toronto Club, announced this morning that his team would be complete with the arrival of Harry Munnery from Brandon, Wednesday. Cameron reported yesterday, and Gusher Herbert this morning. He has entered negotiations with the Ottawa club for the release of Nighbor, who at present is located in this city with the flying corps.

BILLIARD PLAYERS AT MEET DOWN AMENDMENT

New York, Dec. 11.—Members of the National Association of Amateur Billiard Players at the annual meeting last night refused to vote in favor of an amendment which would result in the organization of sectional associations in various parts of the country. George T. Moon, New York, was elected president.

PENNANT WAS AWARDED.

New York, Dec. 11.—The International League baseball championship pennant for 1917 was awarded formally to the winning club—Toronto—at the meeting here yesterday of the owners of the league teams.

GOT REFEREE'S DECISION.

New Orleans, Dec. 11.—Pal Moore, Memphis, was awarded a referee's decision over Arthur Simons, of New York, in a 15-round bout here last night. The men are bantamweights.

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GOLFERS ASSIST IN THE WAR CHARITIES

Francis Quimet Tells of the Good Work; Hopes Efforts Will Be Continued

When we had all holed our putts at Englewood recently on the last green of that hard-fought match in which Anderson and Kirkby played against Gullford and me, it was probably the last exhibition match for the war relief fund of the season. It is a source of great regret to me that there will be no more to play in, as I never enjoyed any golf so much since I have been playing the game as I have these exhibition matches, and the fact that it helped along a good cause adds considerable pleasure to it, as I look back on these games now, says Francis Quimet.

Gullford and myself were fortunate in winning all but one of the exhibitions that we were able to get away with so many victories, considering the class of our opponents, and I want to say right now that I never have played in matches where luck favored a team as much as it did ours.

PRIZES AT BIG SHOW

Island Birds Compared Well With Products of Mainland at Vancouver. Victoria birds made an excellent showing at the Vancouver Poultry and Pet Stock Association Fair held from December 4 to 8. The following are the results attained by local fowl: Single Comb Rhode Island Red—W. Nicols, 1st and 2nd cock; 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th pullet; 1st, 2nd and 4th hen; 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th cockerel; 1st pen, 2nd pen. In the specialties: Best 10 Rhode Island Red, best cockerel in the show, best male and female Rhode Island Red, best pen, 2nd best pen, best display from Vancouver Island.

SIX-DAY RACE WINNERS.

New York, Dec. 11.—Goulet and Marin won on points the annual six-day bicycle race which closed at Madison Square Garden at midnight, Saturday. The distance covered by the seven leading teams was 2,514 miles, 70 laps. The event this year lasted to within two minutes of 144 hours. The world's record for a track race of 142 hours is 2,759 miles and 2 laps, made by Goulet and Grends in 1914. The winning team this year received \$3,000.

IN PUGILISTIC ANNALS.

1906—Dave Sullivan won on a foul from Tim Callahan in eighteen rounds at Louisville. 1902—Jack Munroe defeated Jim Jeffries in four rounds at Butte, Mont. 1912—Luther McCarty knocked out Jim Flynn in the sixteenth round at Vernon.

GAVE KUNZ KNOCK OUT.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 11.—Johnny Dundee, of New York, knocked out Battling Kunz of this city, here last night in the fifth round of their 12-round match. It was a one-sided bout with the New Yorker, the master from the outset.

HAD BEST OF FIGHT.

Racine, Wis., Dec. 11.—Bill Brennan, of Chicago, had much the better of it over Homer Smith, of Benton Harbor, Mich., all through a 10-round bout here last night.

HAD THE EDGE.

Philadelphia, Dec. 11.—Pete Herman, the bantamweight champion, had the better of the 6-round bout here last night with Joe Tuber, a local boxer.

hibitions must have been well up in five figures. I sincerely hope it is not all over with, and those who do not go to the front will no doubt help out a lot by continuing these matches next summer. I regret that I will not be able to do my part in this respect, but will try to make up for it in some other way.

When spring comes we hope to be on the other side, and goodness knows, our minds are then apt to be on more important things than golf.

AT THE HOTELS

R. R. Reynolds and family, of Gull Lake, Sask., are registered at the Dominion. E. Davies, of Dewdney, is a new arrival at the Dominion Hotel. Mrs. James Cormack and son, of Grandview, Man., are stopping at the Dominion Hotel. J. Millsap and family, of Sovereign, Sask., are staying at the Dominion Hotel. W. A. Morrison and family, of Edmonton, are amongst yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion. H. Cairns, of Calgary, is at the Dominion Hotel. A. N. Oliver, of Leduc, is stopping at the Dominion Hotel. Mrs. J. M. Peters and son, of Fulford, B. C., are at the Dominion Hotel. R. M. Smith, of Gabriola Island, is at the Dominion Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. J. Roberts, of Minto, Sask., and E. A. Frederick and family, of Maple Creek, Sask., are staying at the Strathcona Hotel. Mrs. M. E. Arnott and daughter, of Govan, Alta., are registered at the Strathcona Hotel. C. J. Draper, of Calgary, is a guest at the Strathcona. Mr. and Mrs. Calhoun are at the Strathcona Hotel from Comox. Mr. and Mr. Parrott, of Courtenay, registered at the Strathcona Hotel yesterday. Miss H. Badgley, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Salmon, C. E. Ruck, A. W. Lee, J. McLachlan and R. S. Swelling are Vancouver guests at the Strathcona Hotel. R. D. Morrison, of Shanghai, registered at the Empress Hotel yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Brackman, of Kandahar, Sask., arrived at the Empress Hotel yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Purser, of Swift Current, Sask., are guests at the Empress Hotel. PIGGIE WANTS A LAWN.

"Every hog is of greater value to the winning of this war than a shell. We need a keep-a-pig movement in this country."—Hoover.

Have you a little piglet in your home? When from your daily toil you homeward roam Do you turn your steps with gloom To a place where Pigger Wee Is blithely raising pork, his back to comb?

It is no easy task to make a shell: Very few of us could do it truth to tell. But each home, small or big, Could surely keep a pig, And do its bit in that way just as well.

Just think of all the possibilities of profit On Euclid Avenue and on the street just off it! When each green and rolling lawn A few pigs shall adorn, We surely may and glorious profit and through it.

Consider all the girls to conservation. If each fashionable maid in all the nation Instead of chow or food, Led a piglet by his noodle, With ham and sausage in anticipation!

But-piggies live on garbage, I've heard tell, And since we've all signed Food Pledge cards—why—well, No, Mr. Hoover dear, We surely may and glorious profit and through it. There'd be nothing left for piggies but a smell!

A horse hunter saw an advertisement in the papers describing a charming house "with a stone-throw of the station." He made an appointment, and in due course was escorted to the house in question, two miles away. When they reached the threshold he turned to the agent smilingly. "Would you mind introducing me," he whispered, "to the person who threw that stone?"

A sheet of tin placed over the smallest gas jet will heat two flat-irons as quickly as if two jets were used.

SOME OF THE RISKS OF WAR CORRESPONDENTS

Have Many Hairbreadth Escapes; Nevertheless the Mortality Has Been Low

Not a few people living in comparative safety and solitude in Blighty, far from the horrors of his world conflagration, run away with the idea that the average war correspondent does a modicum of work for a very great deal of pay, and that his share of any danger there may chance to be knocking around is the lightest.

Of course, nothing can be farther from the truth. The war "specialist" at the front is a trained man, skilled in graphic description with pen and pencil. He must carry to his work the cool, calculating head of the diplomatist allied to the stout heart of the soldier, for he needs all his coolness and courage to surmount successfully all the difficulties and dangers that beset his path.

Although up to the present only one correspondent has lost his life on the Western Front, several of our British "specials" have had hairbreadth escapes. Only the other day, Mr. Philip Gibbs, the brilliant representative of the Daily Chronicle, went through the novel experience of having his "tin helmet" dented by a Hun sniper, whilst Beach Thomas, the Daily Mail man, has been within an ace of death times out of number.

Taking into consideration the vast magnitude of this present war, the mortality among war correspondents has been remarkably low. In former campaigns, however, it was quite a frequent occurrence for a scribe of the battlefield to meet with some dreadful fate. One of the most notable instances is that of Frank Rawby, who represented the Times in the Chinese Opium War. By treachery he, together with several companions, was taken prisoner, carried in chains to Peking, and immured within the pink walls of the "Forbidden City." Exactly what happened after that will never be known, and what little is known can never be set down in writing.

Ardent Sutor—"I lay my fortune at your feet." Fair Lady—"Your fortune! I didn't know you had one." Ardent Sutor—"Well, it isn't much of a fortune, but it will look large beside those tiny feet."

Mr. Stewart believes that a truly National Government can and will be formed after the people have expressed themselves at the polls on December 11, and that, as a result, we will have a thorough organization of the wealth, resources and man and woman power of Canada consecrated to the task of winning the war. Mr. Stewart pledges himself, if elected, to do everything in his power as a Member of Parliament, to win the war and punish profiteers and divert the money more into the hands of the soldiers and their dependents.

Mr. Hector Allen Stewart was born in Prince Edward Island, and came to B. C. as a boy of seven. He was educated in Vancouver and has spent the whole of his life in the Province with the exception of seven years in the Yukon, where he worked as a miner, owned and operated steamboats and ran a sawmill. He was the first man to bring the mail into Dawson in the winter of 1897.

He is resident at Tree Sidings, where he is actively interested in the Eldorado Lumber Co. Among his interests on the Mainland is a large stock farm at Sumas Prairie. He was the largest breeder of registered thoroughbred cattle in B. C. and Mrs. Stewart have two children.

Let it be emphasized again that from B. C. we have already sent 14 per cent of our white population, while Eastern Provinces have sent

Liberals.

BE A CANADIAN AND SMASH THE PROFITEERS AND THE POLITICAL MACHINE

Advertisement for Hyde Park Egyptian Cigarettes. Features a circular logo with 'HYDE PARK EGYPTIAN CIGARETTES' and text: 'A Delightful Cigarette', 'DELICATELY MILD', 'CORK TIPPED AND PLAIN ENDS'.

Advertisement for Old Dutch Cleanser. Features an illustration of a woman and text: 'Always First because of', 'Cleansing power in every grain', 'Superior quality assuring economy', 'Absence of Caustics, Acids, Alkali or Ammonia', 'No roughening or reddening of the hands'.

Advertisement for Hector Allen Stewart. Features a portrait of Stewart and text: 'If You Want a Home', 'It would be good business to buy before prices advance. We own a number of desirable residences in the Fairfield Estate and other parts of the city, and will sell at sacrifice prices. All particulars may be obtained at our office. E. W. Whittington Lumber Co., Ltd., 2811 Bridge St. Phone No. 2627.'

Advertisement for Hector Allen Stewart's political campaign. Features a portrait of Stewart and text: 'TO THE ELECTORS OF THE NANAIMO FEDERAL RIDING', 'Mr. Hector Allen Stewart, of Tree Sidings, the Liberal Candidate for the Nanaimo Federal Riding in the forthcoming election, is a lumberman with large interests in the district. He is opposed to the so-called Union Government, formed nominally by Sir Robert Borden, but actually by Sir Clifford Sifton and the Big Interests of the East, in the hope that the predatory interests of Canada and the hosts of profiteers that have been fattening on the war pangs of the nation under the guise of patriotism, may be allowed to continue their work as long as the Great War lasts. He declares that the Conscription Act, introduced at the last moment, on the eve of an election, was designed for the purpose of rescuing a thoroughly discredited Government from certain defeat. This Act is unfair against British Columbia compared with Quebec and some other Eastern Provinces, in that a much greater proportion of our laboring population is being "drained" and their places being taken by foreigners, mostly Orientals. We have already sent overseas a greater percentage of our population than any other Province. Exemption tribunals in Quebec, appointed by the Government, and supposed to carry out the policy of the Government, are exempting 25 per cent of all who apply for exemption, and practically all in Quebec are applying for exemption. This is permitted there, while in B. C. where already 11 per cent of the population have enlisted, further drafts are being made without regard to equality throughout Canada and without regard to industrial and labor requirements. It is an "Electoral Act" pure and simple, and not an Act for national service. Let it be emphasized again that from B. C. we have already sent 14 per cent of our white population, while Eastern Provinces have sent Liberals.

SITUATION WELL IN HAND AT HALIFAX

Relief System Running Smoothly; the Remarkable Experience of a Soldier

Halifax, Dec. 11.—The relief committee had only completed the work of removing refugees from tents and other temporary quarters to substantial buildings last night when the weather conditions changed with characteristic suddenness and extreme cold set in.

The tremendous snowstorm which raged yesterday afternoon and part of the evening rendered the transportation problem acute, but the relief workers refused to be stopped, and by midnight everybody was housed in premises that will at least protect them from the elements.

During the night the temperature fell to nearly zero, but reports from the refugee homes indicated that nobody was suffering.

The organization of food and clothing supplies for the refugees seemed to be running smoothly to-day, and with the regulation against undesirable visitors being applied rigorously the question of the food supply, which threatened to become serious, has been solved.

After being blown through the air a distance estimated at a quarter of a mile, Pte. Frederick Comens, although badly injured, was able to-day to tell of his own experiences during his remarkable flight.

Comens was on guard on the waterfront, and when the explosion occurred it flung him on a pile of lumber, lifted the mass high into the air and dropped it a quarter of a mile away. He was quite conscious during his passage through the air, and can recall thinking of what was going to happen when he struck the ground again.

The lumber under him seems to have broken his fall. Both of his legs were fractured and a large piece of steel entered his side. He was picked up and taken to a hospital, and ultimately operated on by the Massachusetts doctors who have taken over Bellevue, the old military hospital headquarters here.

Following is a further list of identified dead: Captain H. H. Brannan, Robert Pearce Malone, Robert Hockley, Mr. G. and Mrs. Faulkner, Mrs. Munro and child, Miss Bella Zwicker, Mrs. Williams and three children.

THIRTEEN NEGROES HANGED TO-DAY AT A FORT IN TEXAS

San Antonio, Dec. 11.—Thirteen of the negroes of the twenty-fourth infantry, United States army, found guilty of complicity in the riot and mutiny at Houston, on August 22, were hanged on the military reservation at Fort Sam Houston, at 7.17 o'clock this morning. Announcement of the carrying out of the sentence was made at headquarters of the Southern Department at 9 a. m.

GREAT CHEMICAL WORKS IN GERMANY DESTROYED

London, Dec. 11.—Germany suffered a disaster comparable with a very serious military defeat in the explosion last month which destroyed the Griesheim Chemical Works, near Frankfurt-on-the-Main, one of the greatest munitions factories in the world, according to a statement issued to-day by the press bureau here. It is said to be impossible to reconstruct the works during the war. The statement adds that sooner or later Germany must show on her fighting fronts the effects of this staggering blow.

The destruction of the Griesheim works by an explosion on November 22 was reported in a Zurich dispatch on the following day.

GERMAN SUGGESTS WILHELM ABDICATE

Geneva, Dec. 11.—Albrecht von Graefe, an influential member of the Reichstag, writes in the world, according to the official Pan-German newspaper, asking the Kaiser to abdicate.

Von Graefe points out that it is considered throughout the world that Prussian militarism is inseparable from the Hohenzollerns. He concludes: "By reason of these circumstances we, the elected representatives of the German people, humbly propose this question to Your Illustrious Majesty: Would it not be a conformity with the Hohenzollern family to remove willingly this last obstacle and thereby give the people the inestimable benefits of peace?"

DEBARRED FROM DRINKING

Montreal, Dec. 11.—Canadian officers and soldiers in uniform are debarred from drinking intoxicating liquor in places of public refreshment in the United States, according to an order from Ottawa issued here by Major-General E. Wilson, general officer commanding this Military District.

INDICATION HOW U BOAT FAILING

London, Dec. 11.—British tonnage completed in the month of November was within measurable distance of the tonnage lost in that period through enemy attacks. It was announced in the House of Commons to-day by Sir Leo Money, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Munitions.

ITALIAN DIVISION FOUGHT HEROICALLY

Story of Great Battle in the Asiago Plateau Region

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Dec. 10.—Via Rome and London, Dec. 11.—(By The Associated Press.)—A visit to-day to the headquarters of a division major-general commanding a division of heroic Alpini and Bersaglieri closed the story of the manner in which this division held the heights back of the Asiago Plateau until it was cut to pieces and the remnant was compelled to fall back to its present new line. The general is now engaged in reorganizing his shattered forces, which were seen in long lines along the roads preparing to go back in the fight.

A major of the general's staff, who toward the close of the fight called together the remaining men of the division, and led them in the final charges until the order for retirement came, gave a first-hand description of the struggle. He said there were three Bersaglieri regiments, some Alpini battalions and one infantry regiment in the division in addition to the usual quota of batteries of field and middle calibre guns. These were ranged back along the Asiago when the enemy's drive reached its maximum intensity last Wednesday. For 24 hours one Bersaglieri regiment had held Monte Tondar, and until his platoons had been ejected from 20 men to 2. It was then that the battalions of Alpini were sent to their relief.

Against Heavy Odds. The Alpini fought their way up the hill, gaining the summit against heavy odds, only to find their comrades cut to pieces. Most of them were brought down from the summit. Now the Alpini battalions found themselves in the centre of a concentration of enemy forces which gradually encircled them. Some of the battalions manoeuvred and were carried back and forth in the fury of the fighting along the slopes. Others remained on the summit with enemy troops surrounding them.

At 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning the colonel of these battalions sent his last report to the general. It said laconically: "The enemy is on all sides, and I am about to charge." That was the last which was ever heard of him or any of his men.

The enveloping enemy masses grew denser and the gallant Alpini band which had gone to rescue the Bersaglieri was wiped out of existence. Fighting continued along other points of the line until the forces were decimated, and it became clear that the enemy greatly outnumbered the Italians.

Gathered Remnants. The general himself, who was directing operations from a point just back of the line, narrowly escaped a shrapnel shell which burst near his automobile. It was then that the major-general, who recounted these events, gathered the remnants of the division and fought out the remainder of the day until the new Italian lines were formed across the Franzosella and Gadenia Passes, leading to the Brenta Valley and the plain. It is here the valleys are now resting with good prospects of holding.

The correspondent visited a number of points on the present lines and talked with officers and men. All were confident of being able to hold when the new attack which they expect in a few days is made.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL OFFICIAL REMOVED IN UNITED STATES

Los Angeles, Dec. 11.—The Rev. Dr. E. P. Ryland, district superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will be removed from his post next Monday, and assigned to some other duty because of his unwillingness to support the church's patriotic attitude, it became known here to-day. Bishop Adna W. Leonard, who announced the change, said a decision was made when Dr. Ryland found himself unable to assist in a proposed series of patriotic addresses.

Dr. Ryland concurred in the step. "Inasmuch as the bishop and I do not agree on the present attitude of the United States in the great war, it is perfectly proper that I be relieved of my office," he said.

SEATTLE HAS NEW CHIEF OF POLICE

Seattle, Dec. 11.—Charles L. Beckingham to-day resigned as chief of police, of Seattle, and J. F. Warren, former chief of police, of Spokane, and one-time United States marshal of Nome, Alaska, was named in his stead.

FARE INCREASED. Cleveland, Dec. 11.—Four-cent cash fares, three tickets for a dime, with a penny rebate on transfers, will be in effect at night Friday, according to announcement this afternoon of President Stanley, of the Cleveland Railway Company, and approved by Traction Commissioner Sanders. A three-cent fare was insufficient to meet the increased cost of operation, it is said.

HALIFAX EXPLOSION CAUSED BIG WAVE

Wall of Water Eighteen Feet High; Toll of Nine Ships

Halifax, Dec. 11.—One of the worst features of the disaster here was the tidal wave that was caused when the Mont-Blanc's cargo exploded. The stern part of the ship was under water and a wave described as 18 to 20 feet high rushed along the harbor front. It is supposed to have been responsible for the deaths of 185 men working at the drydock. They were caught in the swirl of water that rushed over the side of the dock.

A worker on a pier felt the shed tremble and slipped under a large beam of wood lying nearby. Debris fell all around him, but he escaped, and when the wave swept over the pier he clung to the beam until rescued. Six men working with him were killed.

The majority of sixty-five men acting as stevedores on the Furness-Withby wharf are believed to have been drowned by the tidal wave.

Together nine ships either were destroyed or badly damaged as a result of the explosion of the cargo of the Mont-Blanc, the list being: Mont-Blanc, Imo, Caraca, Colonne, Middleton Castle, Raguse, Stella Maris, Hilford, and Picton.

A fragment of the side of the Mont-Blanc lies on the shore near the Richmond pier. The Imo is beached on the Dartmouth shore.

The Caraca, which was at the Richmond pier and which drifted across the narrows after the explosion, is beached inside Bedford Basin. Her foremast is gone.

The Colonne, which also was at the Richmond pier, is a torn and twisted hulk.

The funnels of the Middleton are gone and her superstructure is badly battered.

The Picton has been sunk in the eastern passage after suffering from fire in her deck cargo.

The Raguse was a new steamship and was moored at the Acadia Sugar Refinery pier. She received the full force of the blast and there are only a few remnants.

The Stella Maris, a tugboat, appears to have been lifted clear of the water, ripped to pieces and blown some distance, because parts of her were found mixed up with those of the Raguse.

The tug Hilford is on top of one of the piers, having been partly blown away and partly carried along on the tidal wave.

CONTINUING TO MAKE ARRESTS IN PORTUGAL

Madrid, Dec. 11.—The revolutionary excitement has died down in Oporto, according to a dispatch from that city to-day, and the city now is calm. Efforts are being made to solve the problem presented by the high cost of living, the prefect and the businessmen's association holding a meeting to this end.

Former Premier Costa was put under arrest in Oporto after he and his family had arrived by special train, and Dr. Augusto Soares, the former Minister of Foreign Affairs, also was placed under arrest and locked up in the barracks, together with Dr. Costa. Arrests continue to be made.

Railway communication with Lisbon is reported suspended.

DISASTER INTERFERES WITH BORDEN'S PLANS

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—Sir Robert Borden, according to information received at Unionist headquarters here, has cancelled all his public engagements with the exception of the meeting here on Thursday night. He will not speak in Montreal on Wednesday night at a banquet near Hamilton on Friday night. It is possible, however, that before leaving for Ottawa he will address the electors of King's County, where he is the Unionist candidate. Otherwise his series of Maritime Province meetings, interrupted by the Halifax disaster, has been cancelled.

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—The following casualties have been announced:

Infantry. Died of wounds—Lieut. E. G. Logan, St. John, N. B.

Wounded—Lieut. W. B. Harmon, M. C. Woodstock, N. B.

Wounded and Missing—Pte. F. J. Jones, Enderly, B. C.; Pte. E. Smith, Victoria.

Wounded—Lieut. W. V. Crothers, Kingston. Engineers.

Died of wounds—Sapper J. Davis, Vancouver. Mounted Rifles.

Wounded and missing—Pte. R. T. M. Kellow, Victoria.

Railway Troops. Wounded—Pte. J. A. O'Neill, Kamloops; Pte. C. B. Fisher, Victoria.

Infantry. Killed—Pte. T. Lennon, Ireland; Pte. R. Hardy, Cleveland, Ohio; U. S. A.; Pte. W. Campbell, Bloomfield, Ont.; Pte. P. Lowry, England; Pte. F. Harvey, Toronto, Ont.; Pte. C. A. Lohnes, Riverport, N. S.; Pte. J. C. Y. Robichaud, Pokoube, N. B.; Pte. J. Dykes, Westfield, N. B.; Pte. A. Forrester, Montreal; Pte. F. Davis, New Glasgow, N. S.; Pte. S. Hachey, Chatham, N. B.; Pte. W. A. Williams, Verdun, Que.; Pte. Joseph Payette, Pinewood, Ont.

Died of wounds—Spr. Aubrey T. McFadden, Toronto, Ont.

Wounded—Sergt. J. Birnie, Scotland; Pte. E. C. Virgo, Parry Sound, Ont.

Gassed—Corpl. G. V. Abrahams, Sutton West P. O., Ont.; Pte. J. H. Harrison, Hamilton, Ont.; Pte. E. Fisher, Bellevue, Alta.; Sergt. W. Moir, Scotland; Pte. J. Dost, Ridgway, Ont.; Pte. Harold S. Beaumont, Toronto, Ont.

Missing—Pte. J. W. Saunders, Lafond, Alta.; Pte. A. F. Peacock, Lelax, Alta.; Pte. T. K. Smith, Edmonton, Alta.; Pte. A. Hill, England; Pte. Peter W. Friesen, Rush Lake, Sask.; Pte. W. Gollan, Neuchatel P. O., Alta.; Sergt. J. Sullivan, Ireland; Pte. O. W. Harrison, Nesbit, Man.; Pte. W. W. Pynes, Crosby, Ont.; Pte. L. H. Robinson, Toronto, Ont.; Pte. J. Diggle, England; Corpl. H. Blydenham, England; Pte. A. T. Mitchell, St. Thomas, Ont.; Pte. W. J. Penn, Bridgeburg, Ont.; Pte. H. Price, Toronto, Ont.; Pte. T. Watkins, Detroit, Mich., U. S. A.; Pte. N. C. Selman, Northbrook, Ont.; Pte. J. McDonald, Barrie, Ont.; Pte. B. A. Youse, Colwood P. O., B. C.; Pte. J. Holden, Simcoe, Ont.; Pte. W. Halopoff, Hartline, Wash., U. S. A.; Pte. W. J. Carruthers, Warkworth, Ont.; Pte. E. Brierley, England; Pte. M. Anderson, Edmonton, Alta.; Corpl. F. Wiley, Sarnackton, B. C.; Pte. A. H. Cole, Vancouver, B. C.; Pte. C. W. Cuckey, Vancouver, B. C.; Pte. D. F. Pfanzo, (address not stated); Lance-Corpl. G. H. Wright, Ireland; Pte. J. H. Trueman, Winnipeg, Man.; Pte. B. M. Topham, Asquith, Sask.; Pte. W. A. Tebb, England; Pte. M. Wallberg, Beadle, Sask.; Pte. H. Richardson, Winnipeg, Man.; Pte. L. K. Rolston, Kipling, Sask.; Pte. G. H. Suddaby, Eden, Man.; Pte. T. W. Stokell, Elmwood, Man.; Pte. H. S. Ferguson, Daughin, Man.; Pte. W. J. Atkinson, Brandon, Man.; Pte. H. Benson, Fort William, Man.; Pte. A. Campbell, Shoal Lake, Man.; Pte. F. Brown, Oxford, Sask.; Pte. W. E. Crawford, Brandon, Man.

Artillery. Ill—Gnr. A. L. Lacoste, Montreal. Engineers.

Gassed—Spr. A. D. Horn, Bashaw, Alta.; Spr. T. W. Harding, England.

BACK TO CHINA.

New York, Dec. 11.—The bodies of 400 Chinese buried in the Chinese reservation in Cypress Hill Cemetery, Brooklyn, during the past 13 years are being exhumed, preparatory to shipment to the Orient, that they may rest finally in the soil of their ancestors. The six companies, made up of religious, patriotic and fraternal Chinese organizations, are financing the work, it was said to-day.

GRAINS AT CHICAGO STRONG; LIGHT TRADING

Chicago, Dec. 11.—The corn market took most of its strength from oats, and though a good demand was reported for cash offerings there was good selling by commission houses on resting orders, which checked the market. Receipts were and cash prices held fairly steady and late in the day were quoted 5 cents to 10 cents higher than yesterday.

There were light offerings of oats and a general demand kept the grain working gradually higher and good advances were made. Trade was moderate and the buying induced by the strength in the cash situation. The buying of the past few days probably has been covering of shorts and some recession is now likely.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

MONTREAL STOCKS

The Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd. Montreal, Dec. 11.—Local trading was very light again to-day, and prices were very little changed. The uncertain nature of the war news had an unfavorable effect upon all stock markets. There is plenty of precedent for the lack of activity after an important swing in the market in either direction and the present listless period may continue for some time yet and be followed by a substantial rise.

Bond business continues small, the demand being poor on account of weakness in British and French issues.

Table with columns: High, Low, Bid, Ask. Lists various stocks like Bell Telephone, Canadian Pacific, etc.

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, Dec. 11.—The feature of the cash grain market here to-day was the sharp break made in the fall prices when buyers dropped out of the market. The premium declined from 6 cents to 2 cents for No. 1 N. W. C. over December. Cash oats were again in good demand, both for the straight and tough grades. Cash barley was in good demand. Prices held firm. There was an excellent demand for all grades of wheat. Offerings of all grains were slight and not up to the requirements.

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NEW YORK STOCKS

ARE WEAK AND LOWER. Uncertainty Overhangs Market; Some Rails Made New Low Price.

New York, Dec. 11.—Declines in a number of specialties, including American Tobacco, Distillers and Pullman and in the rails dragged the stock list downward here this afternoon. Some of the rails made considerable losses in the last hour and some new low prices. There was no obvious reason for the decline, but the street talked of rumors about a German victory on the West front, probably with no other reason than the prediction of a strong offensive there made by Secretary Baker. Opinion in Washington regarding the railroads appears to be drifting in the direction of a sort of Government supervision over private management.

Table with columns: High, Low, Bid, Ask. Lists various stocks like Allis-Chalmers, Am. Beet Sugar, etc.

NEW YORK BOND MARKET.

(By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.)

Table with columns: Bid, Ask. Lists various bonds like U. S. 5-year, 1917, etc.



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CLEARING DEPOT
 Queens' Park Buildings, New Westminster, Will House Returned Soldiers Pending Discharge.

The buildings at Queen's Park, New Westminster, have been taken over by the Military Authorities of District No. 11, and will be devoted to the functions of a clearing station for British Columbia soldiers, who are either awaiting discharge or disposal for duty elsewhere in Canada. Announcement was made to this effect at the headquarters here this afternoon. The original plan was to lease the Winters Hotel, or some other edifice



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"Why" by B. J. Perry

There is but one issue in this election:

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Or

Shall the Canadian forces on the Western Front receive assistance man for man for everyone that falls or is disabled, until when the final battle is fought—the last great victory won, Canada can say to the Empire and her returning heroes, I have done my duty to you both.

The only way that the necessary reinforcements can be obtained is by the continuous and full enforcement of the Military Service Act, 1917.

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in Vancouver, to do duty in the same connection, but the plan has now been changed in favor of New Westminster. Formal sanction has not yet been received from Ottawa; engineers, however, have already commenced the business of alteration and sundry construction for the purpose intended by the authorities.

So far as can be ascertained at present, the buildings will be ready for occupation very early in January.

STRAIGHT CASH VOTE
 Provincial Government Will Immediately Donate Sum of Money for Desistute Thousands of Halifax.

While the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan are extending to utilize the same machinery which secured the country far and wide for Victory Loan subscriptions in connection with aid for the distressed sufferers of Halifax, supplementing such results with a Government grant, it is expected that the Provincial Government of British Columbia will make a straight cash vote immediately.

While the members of the Cabinet have not finally decided on this as a definite plan it is altogether likely that such will be decided upon as the most practical manner of affording immediate relief to the thousands made homeless by the unparalleled disaster of Thursday last.

Definite announcement will be made on the subject by Premier Brewster to-morrow.

KILLED IN ACTION
 Pte. George James Fulton Gives His Life; Brother Also Serving With Forces.

Pte. George James Fulton, youngest son of the late Robert Fulton, merchant, of Glasgow, Scotland, and of Mrs. A. J. Fulton, 1756 Coronation Avenue, of this city, was killed in action at Passchendaele, Ridge on October 30.

Pte. Fulton left Victoria for overseas with the 143rd Battalion, B. C. Bantams, as a member of the quarter-master's department. In England he was transferred to the 2nd C. M. R. and served for a time with the stores department of the 50th Gordon Highlanders. A sister, Mrs. Oxley, resides in this city, while a brother, Pte. Sam Fulton, is serving on the western front.

To Aid French Red Cross.—The Players' Society of Victoria West will present the comedy, "A Gilded Youth," in Semple's Hall, Langford Street, on Saturday afternoon and evening next. The proceeds will be handed to the local branch of the French Red Cross.

DISCRIMINATION IS ALLEGED BY C. P. R.

Committee of Board of Trade Presents Report on Freight and Transportation

CLAIMS COMMUNITY MAY INSIST ON COMPLIANCE

Failing Which Threaten Discontinuance of City Support Given C. P. R. in Past

Consideration of the present situation in this city concerning the freight and transportation problem was gone into at great length in a report by C. Schwengers, chairman of the Freight Committee of the Board of Trade, presented to a meeting of the Council of the Board held this morning.

In the first part of the report it is stated that "many questions have been dealt with by the freight committee during the past year, some successfully, others, unfortunately, not so, but the whole trend of the developments which we shall outline herein are so diametrically opposed to the commercial interests of Victoria that we feel the matter is one that is beyond the means of this committee to cope with, and should be dealt with by the Board of Trade or by the entire mercantile interests of the city as a whole.

"We believe," the report continues, "that only by taking strong and active measures and working in complete unison, will it be possible to bring about conditions which are necessary to enable us, not alone to increase, but even to maintain our present business interests. As there may be some members of your Council who are not engaged in commercial enterprise, we will deal somewhat exhaustively with the entire situation so that all may understand as far as possible the views we have."

Summary of Report.
 The report then proceeds to set out in detail the case, in all its various conditions, made out by the committee, the following summary being appended:—

"We would ask that immediate action be taken along the following lines:

"1. An assurance should be asked for that the commodity tariff should not alone be not further depleted, but that it be restored to the status at the time of the assurance given by Mr. Langman and Mr. McInnes.

"2. The freight service asked for in the special letter to the E. & N. Railway be granted, or, in lieu thereof, a tri-weekly steamer service be given, leaving Victoria at night and arriving at Nanaimo not later than 8 a. m.

"3. That the former service to the Gulf Islands be restored, running on the old schedule.

"4. That the arbitrators on lumber be removed.

"5. That the rate on coal be made to harmonize with the charges from Princeton to Vancouver, taking the mileage and cost of haul into consideration.

"6. That the hour for receiving freight at all wharves be fixed at 5 p. m.

"7. That the C. P. R. arrange for the prompt handling at Vancouver of all through freight destined for Victoria, and that consignees here be notified at date of arrival at that point.

"8. That Victoria be given the same rate as Vancouver on flour from prairie points.

To Insist On Compliance.
 "We submit the foregoing demands are not out of harmony with Victoria's commercial importance, and the support the C. P. R. received from the community on its transcontinental line is sufficient for us to firmly insist on its compliance with our request. We believe if our case were properly presented to Baron Shaughnessy, that he would personally see that the discriminations referred to were removed. Failing this, steps should be decided on which will indicate to that concern that the overwhelming preference and support which has been accorded them in the past can only be continued by our requirements receiving that measure of consideration which we are entitled to.

"We believe also that steps should be taken to inaugurate a locally supported steamer, or steamers, to develop our water trade with coast points such as Nanaimo, Comox and the many islands abounding on this coast. It was the mosquito that originally gave Seattle and Vancouver their commercial start."

Referred For Action.
 After the full report asking for readjustment of conditions which, it was held, are operating against the best interest of the city, had been read by C. Schwengers, members of the Council present entered into a discussion of many of the subjects to which the report referred, the contention of all the speakers being that Victoria is discriminated against in an improper manner.

James Forman, President, who was in the chair, considered that the report was of the utmost importance, and the Council decided that it be accepted, and passed on to the general committee for action, at a meeting of that body to be held on Thursday.

Musical Recital.—An interesting recital was given by the pupils of Miss Ada Saunders, on Friday evening, Dec. 7, at the B. C. Academy of Music. The programme was excellently carried through, all the pupils who took part playing from memory. The singing of Miss Denise Harris added greatly to the pleasure of all present, her rendering of "My Shadow," by Lisa Lehmann, being especially applauded. At the close of the programme prizes for "Theory" were presented to Fern James, Maud Crease and Alex. Bradshaw.

HALIFAX APPRECIATION

James Forman, President of the Board of Trade, has received the following telegram from E. A. Saunders, President of the Board of Trade, Halifax:

"Halifax, in its great distress, appreciates your sympathy."

SIR WILFRID MAY COME THIS WEEK

W. T. Andrews Gone to Vancouver to Try to Arrange for Visit

W. T. Andrews, Campaign Manager for Stuart Henderson, the Laurier-Liberal candidate for the city of Victoria, left on this afternoon's boat for Vancouver, with a view to making arrangements, if possible, for Sir Wilfrid Laurier to speak in this city during the week-end. While endeavors have been made all morning to get into telegraphic communication with the veteran Liberal Chieftain, so far no direct connection has been possible. For that reason Mr. Andrews has gone to the Terminal City.

According to advices received in Vancouver, yesterday by E. H. Knowlton, Campaign Secretary for W. W. B. McInnes, Liberal candidate for Vancouver Centre, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, will speak there on Friday afternoon.

Sir Wilfrid presumably will reach Vancouver on the Friday morning train. There is much conjecture in the Terminal City as to whether those in charge of the Western tour intend to include this city in his itinerary, or to have him start eastward on Friday night to speak in places on the Prairies which it will be necessary for him to pass by on his way to this coast to be in Vancouver for Friday afternoon.

For the purpose of asking the Provincial Government to guarantee \$150,000 worth of forty-year four per cent. interest bearing debentures in connection with the obligations of the Dewdney Dyking District, a deputation representing the land-owners of the locality and the Dyking Commissioners waited upon the members of the Cabinet in council this morning.

The history of the Dewdney Dyking District has been an extremely chequered one. Many years ago it was undertaken by the municipality but proved a failure. So downtown were the citizens that there did not exist sufficient energy to elect a municipal council the year following the disappointment, as a result of which all municipal incorporation privileges were annulled and the Government of the day came to the relief of the people and assumed a portion of the obligations.

The reclamation of the lands in question, which comprise something less than 3,500 acres, was undertaken by the Dyking Commissioners, acting on the powers and under the provisions of the Dyking and Drainage Act. The first estimated cost of the enterprise was placed at \$50,000 and debentures for that amount were duly issued. This amount, however, was soon found to be insufficient and a further debenture issue of \$50,000 followed with still a third issue amounting to \$50,000.

A contract between the Dyking Commissioners and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company was entered into whereby the Railway Company agreed to elevate and strengthen their roadbed so that it might serve the purposes of a dyke. Still the days of trouble were not past, for a dispute arose between the Commissioners and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, which found its sequel in a judgment given against the Commissioners for a large amount, a good deal of which still remains undischarged. The balance of the judgment, together with interest and other expenses now reach a liability approximating \$150,000.

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RED CROSS WORK

Mrs. Keadle, chairman of the Fairfield Red Cross entertainment-committee and Mr. Price, of the Hollywood Branch, have called a meeting of the entertainment committee for Wednesday evening, December 12, at 8 o'clock at the Fairfield Red Cross Rooms, corner Linden and May, to make final arrangements for the Red Cross dance to be given at the Empress Hotel on Thursday, December 27.

The Hollywood and Fairfield Branches are giving a dance in the Empress Hotel ballroom on December 27 in aid of the Halifax sufferers. Tickets may be procured at the following places: Colonel, Times, D. Spencer's, Angus Campbell's, Carter Electric Co., Williams' Drug Store, Campbell's Drug Store, Hibben & Bone, Victoria Book & Stationery, Superfluities and Richardson & Stephens. The affair will be informal.

Hollywood Branch wishes to thank Mrs. Thomas Shotbolt for the generous donation of holly.

Mrs. A. A. Bengough, convener, suffered a painful accident on Saturday, slipping and dislocating her knee. She will be under a physician's care for a week, and her absence will be keenly felt.

Agnes Deans Chapter, Mrs. David Miller presided at the regular monthly meeting of the Agnes Deans Cameron Chapter, held in the Y. W. C. A. library last week.

Two new members were elected. Mrs. Macfarlane and Mrs. Hardie gave very interesting reports of the Municipal Chapter work and Patriotic Service Committee's work respectively.

Mrs. Dorman reported the following articles handed in at the meeting: 84 pairs, socks, 4 pairs, hospital socks, 4 pairs, gloves, 4 sweaters, 2 scarves, 12 pairs, slippers and 13 hospital shirts.

"The Secret Garden," by F. H. Burnett was given to the Y. W. C. A. library. The Chapter unanimously endorsed the purchase of two fifty-dollar Victory Bonds from Chapter funds.

It was announced that the secretary would have the nomination papers ready for the January meeting when the nominations for officers of Chapter for 1918 will be made and posted, and the election of officers will take place at the annual meeting in February.

GRADING OF POTATOES

Food Controller Writes Board of Trade That This Process Would Be Great Benefit.

On the subject of grading potatoes the Board of Trade has received the following letter from the Food Controller, Ottawa:

"It has come to the notice of this office what a benefit the grading of potatoes would be in Canada, not only from a marketing point of view, but also as a means to help the farmer finance his crops.

You will see by the enclosed pamphlet relative to the grading of potatoes in the United States the effect it would have, and we would be glad if your Board would take this matter up, and, after consideration, make your representations to the Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa on the subject."

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DELEGATION SEEKING AID FROM EXECUTIVE

Government Hears All About Dyking Troubles of Dewdney This Morning

For the purpose of asking the Provincial Government to guarantee \$150,000 worth of forty-year four per cent. interest bearing debentures in connection with the obligations of the Dewdney Dyking District, a deputation representing the land-owners of the locality and the Dyking Commissioners waited upon the members of the Cabinet in council this morning.

The history of the Dewdney Dyking District has been an extremely chequered one. Many years ago it was undertaken by the municipality but proved a failure. So downtown were the citizens that there did not exist sufficient energy to elect a municipal council the year following the disappointment, as a result of which all municipal incorporation privileges were annulled and the Government of the day came to the relief of the people and assumed a portion of the obligations.

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A LIBERAL MEETING

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Wednesday, Dec. 12

at 8 o'clock in the evening.

MR. H. A. STEWART
 The Liberal Candidate for this Riding

MR. A. B. CLABON
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Mass Meeting

COLUMBIA THEATRE

Wednesday Night
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SPEAKERS:

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Thursday Evening, 13th Instant

at 8 o'clock, in **PRINCESS THEATRE**

MEN INVITED

CHAIRMAN—MRS. GALBRAITH

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SEMPLER'S HALL, Victoria West
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ed, and Johnny was packed off to bed. Later, his mother repented. After all, she reflected, children obtain most of their knowledge by asking questions. So she tiptoed upstairs, knelt beside his bed, and told him she was sorry.

"And now, Johnny, dear," she continued, "if there is anything you would like to ask before you go to sleep I will try to answer it."

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UTILIZE TIMES WANT ADS

WORLD MUST BE RID OF GERMAN MENACE

European Socialists Have Signed Death Warrant to Militaristic Despotism

FIGHT UNTIL VICTORY SAYS HAWTHORNTHWAIT

With the addresses of A. S. Wells, Labor candidate for Victoria, and Dr. Curry, of Vancouver, on Sunday night there were forceful arguments for the cause of the working classes; there was an entire absence, however, of an expression of opinion as to what should be the means employed, other than those now existing, to combat the German menace. J. H. Hawthornthwaite, Socialist candidate for the provincial riding of Newcastle, who was on the same platform at the Columbia Theatre, confined his remarks to a series of comparisons relating Socialism to present-day conditions. At St. Mark's Hall, Saanich, last night, Mr. Hawthornthwaite went a good deal further and came out flat-footed that real Socialism demanded the use of every known power and weapon possible to kill the Kaiser's autocratic military machine. For that reason conscription in Canada was not by any means an issue, but merely an incident in the essential plan to make the world a safe place. It was immaterial to him who held the reins of power so long as every man and every dollar were conscripted for the great fight.

Shows The Way.

From a general survey of that phase of his subject which he treated at length on Sunday night, and which was daily referred to in these columns yesterday, Mr. Hawthornthwaite proceeded to deal with the popular anti-conscriptionist view put forward from many labor platforms. It had been said that it was impossible to support the prosecution of the war because of profits secured by certain sections of the capitalistic class. The speaker took the stand that this aspect of the case had no interest whatever for the workers and Socialists, in the present production system the workers are stripped of the product of their toil at the point of production, and this is the only point at which they are robbed and despoiled. It is a matter of no interest or concern to them whatsoever as to what disposition the owning classes make of these products once the worker has lost possession of them.

The Capitalist Pays.

"It is an economic truth that the working classes do not pay the taxes, although they produce the wealth. The expenses of this war," he proceeded, "are being paid by the capitalist class out of the surplus value they have received over and above the wages of the worker." Mr. Hawthornthwaite illustrated his point of "surplus value" by again citing the case of the many hours of unpaid labor worked by the average toiler; the hours beyond that point when the man had produced his wages and "overhead expenses." "If the money so devoured by the capitalists is wasted," he went on, "it is their own loss and one in which we have no concern."

The Appeal of Russia.

From this point Mr. Hawthornthwaite turned his attention to the affairs in Russia, heralding a great country as being the first country in history in which the people had completely overthrown the ruling class, following that action by the establishment of a Government of their own. He was nevertheless mindful of the menace which still hung over the land of the Muscovite. "They were threatened on the one side," he said, "by all the reactionary forces in their own land, and on the other by destruction from the semi-feudal armies of Germany. They are appealing to the Allies and the workers of the world to assist them and in return have pledged that they will never lay down their arms until the German menace is overturned. If the workers of the world do not assist them by every means in their power the chances of Socialism being established or inaugurated at the close of this war are very small indeed."

Conditions—Not a Theory.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite declared that the average Canadian laborer must fight the war as a theory instead of a condition, and so long as that sort of argument was allowed away there was a constant danger to the movement of real Socialism. He strengthened his argument by reminding his audience of von Hertling's recent declaration that the constitution of Germany should never be altered one iota, which meant that Junkerdom would go its limit to prevent the further spread of Socialism in the Fatherland. He took the position therefore that it was the imperative duty of the Socialists of Canada and the United States to line up with their brothers in Europe. "It was a cause for regret that the American Socialist had not done so to his full extent since the movement on the other side had been retarded by the sinister influence of the Hun. But, he declared, the Socialists of Great Britain, France, Belgium and Italy were a unit in agreement that Germany's militaristic despotism must be exterminated at all costs.

The Rev. Mr. Plinton, president of St. Mark's Club, officiated as chairman.

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