

WEATHER FORECASTS

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Sunday: Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to strong southerly and westerly winds, partly cloudy, with occasional rain or sleet.

Victoria Daily Times

WHERE TO GO TO-NIGHT

Royal Victoria, The Moth, Dominion, Fall of the Romanoffs, Pastages, Vaudeville, Variety, The Narrow Trail.

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OTTAWA GOVERNMENT SAYS LIQUOR NOT TO HAMPER WAR EFFORT

No Importation of Intoxicants After Monday Next; No Transportation Into "Dry" Areas After April 1; Manufacture Will Be Stopped

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Announcement was made by the Prime Minister at noon to-day of the prohibition of the importation of intoxicating liquors into Canada after next Monday.

The announcement reads: On December 17 the people gave to the Government an unmistakable mandate for the victorious prosecution of the war and for the employment of all the country's energies and resources necessary to achieve victory.

PROGRESS WAS MADE BY ITALIAN TROOPS On Northern Front Despite Adverse Condition of the Weather

Rome, Dec. 22.—Italian forces in the region of Monte Asolone, on the Northern Italian front, yesterday made further progress after lively fighting, in spite of adverse atmospheric conditions.

German Statement. Berlin, Dec. 22.—Italian attempts yesterday and last night to regain the ground captured by Austro-German forces at Monte Asolone, on the northern front, were futile, the war office here announced to-day.

SMALLPOX FOUND IN HAMILTON BARRACKS Hamilton, Dec. 22.—The discovery last night of a severe case of smallpox in the barracks here where the C. O. R. Battalion, more than 2,000 strong, under the command of Lieut. Col. Belson, is quartered, resulted in an order for quarantining the entire camp.

NO KAISERISM, SAYS TROTZKY STANDS AGAINST MILITARISM Petrograd, Dec. 22.—Leon Trotzky, the Bolsheviki Foreign Minister, in addressing the Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Deputies, declared that if the German Kaiser offered "offensive peace terms," the Russians would fight against it.

CHICAGO STOCKYARDS MEN WERE WATCHING Washington, Dec. 22.—Redistribution of shareholdings of the Chicago Stockyards Company was begun as soon as the managers got wind of the Federal Trade Commission's coming investigation.

BRANDON MAJORITY. Brandon, Man., Dec. 22.—Dr. H. P. Whidden is officially declared elected in Brandon by a majority of 3,102. A total of 10,577 votes was cast.

OUT OF AUSTRIA. Berne, Dec. 21.—Forty-five Chinese men coming from Austria on account of China's declaration of war against that country, arrived here to-day on their way to Paris.

Proof Berlin Knows U Boats Failing in Task Assigned Them

London, Dec. 22.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—Reuter's is authorized to state that although it is true the Allies are not destroying more U boats than are being built, it is clear from recent attacks on convoys by surface ships that the enemy is not satisfied with the results of his submarine campaign and recognizes it requires assistance.

Communications to Teutons in Europe From U. S. Stopped

Washington, Dec. 22.—An extensive traffic in written communications to Germany, Austria and Northern European neutral countries, involving use of invisible ink and code systems, has been discovered and stopped by Customs officials within the last few weeks, Treasury officials disclosed to-day.

101 Perished When British Armed Ship Sunk by Submarine

London, Dec. 22.—The British armed steamship Stephen Furness has been torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine in the Irish Channel, it was officially announced here to-day. Six officers and 95 men were lost.

BRAZIL RULES OUT GERMANS AS CONSULS OF NEUTRAL LANDS

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 22.—A decree has been promulgated cancelling the ex-equators of Germans acting as consuls of neutral countries in Brazil. The decree is directed against the consuls of Austria and Holland.

Heavy Fine Imposed on Ex-German Consul at San Francisco

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—George Rodick, former German consul at Honolulu, who pleaded guilty to conspiring to foment a revolution against the British rule in India, was fined \$10,000 to-day by Judge William C. Van Fleet, in the United States district court here.

A GREAT FIRE IN KRUPP PLANT AT ESSEN, GERMANY, IS REPORTED VIA HOLLAND

Maestricht, Holland, Dec. 22.—Workmen from Essen, Germany, say that the Krupp plant, the greatest German munitions establishment, has been ablaze for 24 hours.

The plant at Essen, the main establishment of the Krupps, the largest manufacturers in Germany of arms and munitions, employed about 30,000 men before the war. It has been expanded greatly during the war. Facts relating to its present size and the number of workmen are kept secret by the German Government.

GENEROUS POLICY URGED BY MR. SAUVE, LEADER OF THE QUEBEC OPPOSITION

Quebec, Dec. 22.—Discussing the notice of motion given in the Quebec Legislature yesterday which will start a debate on the question of whether the Province of Quebec should express its willingness to withdraw from the Confederation pact if the remainder of the Opposition, said last night that it was not opportune.

NEW GOVERNMENT KALEDINES'S PLAN He and Other Members of Cosacks' Governing Body Resign

London, Dec. 22.—The resignation of General Kaledines and his associates in the Military Government of the Cosacks, who have been resisting the Bolsheviki, is reported in a Petrograd dispatch to The London Times.

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SOME PRISONERS TAKEN BY BRITISH

London, Dec. 22.—The following report from Field-Marshal Haig was issued here last night:

"This morning a raid was attempted by enemy troops northeast of Messines. It was repulsed by our rifle and machine gun fire. We captured a few prisoners during the day in patrol encounters on different parts of the front.

"Apart from hostile artillery activity east of Ypres, there is nothing further of special interest to report."

WITH MEDICAL CORPS.—

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 21.—Walter A. Hixenbaugh, of Omaha, who went to Europe in 1914, as a member of the Ford Peace party, enlisted yesterday in the Medical Corps.

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CONSENT OF MINISTER OF FINANCE NEEDED

Certificate in Writing Required For Sale of Securities in Canada

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—An important Order-in-Council has been passed under the authority of the War Measures Act upon the recommendation of the Minister of Finance, by which new issues in Canada of bonds, debentures or other securities of any provincial, colonial or foreign Government, municipality, commission, local Government, institution, corporation or incorporated company can only be made or sold with the approval of the Minister of Finance by his certificate in writing. The regulation also applies to any new issues or offering of shares, whether preferred or common, of any incorporated company.

It is expressly provided that nothing in the Order-in-Council shall affect the trading in any way in bonds, debentures, securities or shares of capital stock heretofore issued and placed upon the market.

In other words, the order applies only to issues made from this time forward. Provision is made whereby any issue of sale in contravention of the prohibition of the order may be restrained, and heavy penalties are provided for violation of the regulation.

Conserve Market.

The object of the Order is to conserve the Canadian financial market for the war issues of the Dominion Government and to prevent issues being made for purchases which may well be deferred until the end of the war. Issues which are absolutely necessary may be made with the consent of the Minister of Finance, who probably will have a committee or a priority board to advise him as to the necessity for new issues and the time when they should be made.

The regulation is similar to that which has been long in force in Great

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MORE FROM BRITISH FARM AREAS URGED

Lloyd George Calls on Farmers; Italy in Need of Wheat

London, Dec. 22.—Mr. Lloyd George, in addressing a deputation of agriculturists to-day in regard to the food supply, referred specifically to the problem of shipping the magnificent fighting material of the United States to Europe. Agriculturists in this country could facilitate the task of saving tonnage, he declared.

"Our very safety depends on the increased cultivation of the land," he said. "We want, if possible, to get 2,000,000 acres into cultivation. We are beginning to seriously realize the extent to which agriculture enters into the whole task of carrying on the war.

"You who are not working within sound of the cannon may not be facing danger, nevertheless you are doing a work that assists the country in this grave hour of its fate. By increasing cultivation you can enormously increase the shipping at the disposal of the Government to bring the men and munitions to defeat the enemy."

Among the measures proposed, he said, it had been decided to make greater use of prisoners of war, and he hoped thus to provide 20,000 additional unskilled laborers.

Italy.

Rome, Dec. 22.—"One of the very greatest services that could be rendered to Italy now would be the sending over of large quantities of wheat and also cornmeal," said Ernest P. Bicknell, director-general of civilian relief of the Red Cross, who has just completed an extensive investigation of Italy's refugee problem.

"Italy's wheat shortage is known in the United States, but it is not known how entirely her population, both soldiers and civilians, depends on bread as the principal food," he said. "I visited every section of Italy and everywhere was told that the first need was bread, with war munitions second. Also it must be understood that wheat, and not white flour, is required, since the Italians are accustomed to baking whole wheat bread exclusively in certain parts of the north, where corn is used.

"The refugee problem will remain acute all this winter. It now is a question of helping to obtain work to make them self-supporting and to see that the family life is not destroyed. Venice offers the first example of all Europe of a scientific handling of refugees by removing families slowly but entirely and taking along their working tools. Thus, the manufacture of Venetian lace now is being carried on at Rimini as it was in Venice, and the same condition applies to the tobacco and leather factories. It was partly due to the efforts of American Consul Carroll at Venice that the refugee movement to the new homes was successful. The Red Cross also contributed to this result by establishing a hospital at Rimini."

CLOSING EXERCISES IN DUNCAN SCHOOL AND OTHER CENTRES

Duncan, Dec. 22.—The schools in Duncan and its neighborhood held their Christmas closing exercises very quietly this year. In the Duncan school each teacher held the exercises in her own room. In the junior high school these consisted of songs and recitations and a Christmas tree. The visiting parents went to the various class rooms. At the primary school, in charge of Miss Henderson, at which there are 23 pupils, there were 19 parents present and a similar programme.

Maple Bay school closed yesterday afternoon. Under Miss Hardwick there are eight pupils, and they also sang and recited for their parents and friends.

The Somerses new school held its exercises on Thursday night and the old school yesterday morning.

At Koksilah the children with their parents and friends met Thursday night. After the Christmas tree the whole party repaired to the basement, which had been transformed into a supper room. After supper old and young played games. Miss Verrinder, the teacher, the parents and the children had a good opportunity to become acquainted, and they thoroughly enjoyed their evening, which ended at 11 o'clock.

The Quamichan, the Glenora and other schools all had similar closings.

The Sahtlam school building is 27 years old, of log construction, the foundation of which has rotted. The trustees have a long lease of the building, which is owned by John Currie, who has given notice that the building is used at the users' risk. Repairs will be made at once to make the building safe.

About 50 turned out for the school closing exercises Thursday night, which began shortly before 9 o'clock. The children took their parts splendidly, the recitation by Pearl Gravelle being especially enjoyed.

After the concert there was supper provided by the ladies, followed by a dance, the music for which was provided by H. Robinson and J. Currie. The proceeds were \$12, which will be used for school purposes.

This school district levies no tax for incidentals, these being provided by the parents. It is an assisted school of 12 pupils and the Government pays the salary of the teacher.

Of the private schools, the Cliffs Girls' School held its closing Thursday afternoon, with prize giving, carols, recitations, afternoon tea and a Christmas tree.

The kindergarten department of the Quamichan Lake School closed Thursday afternoon with prize giving and a tea party for the parents. P. Skrimshire, the head master, held the closing for the boys' department yesterday.

PERU CONSERVING ITS FOOD SUPPLIES

Lima, Peru, Dec. 22.—The exportation of foodstuffs necessary for home consumption is prohibited by a bill adopted by the Senate.

Sugar is the chief food product, exported from Peru. In 1915 sugar to the value of about \$28,000,000 was exported.

ALICE NIELSEN MARRIED.

Greenwich, Conn., Dec. 22.—Alice Nielsen, one of the most celebrated of American operatic singers, and Dr. Leroy R. Stoddard, a prominent physician of New York, were married yesterday in the First Presbyterian Church here. Miss Nielsen's intention to marry has been kept a secret from her most intimate friends.

Dr. Stoddard is the son of the late S. R. Stoddard, author, artist and publisher.

Dr. and Mrs. Stoddard sailed for Havana, and on their return will reside in New York. Miss Nielsen will resume her profession.

TEST CASE TO OTTAWA.

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—Judge Dawson has decided here that Plymouth Brethren, Bible Students and Seventh Day Adventists do not come under that section of the Military Service Act which would exempt them from military service; also that they do not prove that they are forbidden by rule to kill. He has decided to have a test case sent to Ottawa for ruling.

Judge Haggart yesterday refused exemption to H. F. Barrett, an Abernethy citizen, resident 15 years but not registered either in Canada or the United States.

QUEBEC PROPOSAL.

Quebec, Dec. 22.—T. A. Bouchard, M.P.P. for St. Hyacinthe, yesterday gave notice in the Legislature that on January 3, he would introduce a motion to admit women to the practice of law in Quebec. A similar motion has been defeated twice in the Legislature of Quebec in the last two years.

FUEL SHORTAGE.

Regina, Dec. 22.—A delegation from Saskatoon met Hon. J. A. Calder, Dominion Minister of Colonization and Immigration, and Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture of Saskatchewan, in regard to the fuel shortage which threatens the rural districts of Northern Saskatchewan. The matter was promised every attention.

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DEALING STERNLY WITH HANDLERS OF FISH

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—After receiving information that one Gilchrist, a Jew from Fargo, had paid more for a catch of fish than he permitted under the Order-in-Council passed by the Government, J. D. McGregor, Food Controller for the Western Provinces, ordered the car to be held at the boundary pending his decision. Mr. McGregor stated last night that Gilchrist had outbid local buyers at Lake Winnipeg, and by his action in paying more than the maximum allowed by the Order-in-Council had rendered himself liable to a fine of \$1,000 or three months' imprisonment.

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RUSSIAN PEASANTS' CONGRESS DIVIDED

Conflict Over Power of Constituent Assembly and Soldiers' Delegates

London, Dec. 22.—The meagre news reports from Petrograd indicate a serious division of the Peasants' Congress, which has been in session for a fortnight in Petrograd. The right wing, led by M. Tchernoff, insists that all power shall be given to the Constituent Assembly, which will decide upon peace, the land question and other reforms, while the left is dominated by the Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates. The latter take the position that the Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates should be given authority above that of the Constituent Assembly. All attempts to heal the breach have failed. The left has a slight majority.

Officers of the Baltic fleet have adopted a resolution protesting against the latest reforms which place the supreme command of the fleet in the hands of a body of elected sailors and make all posts elective. The resolution of protest declares that the reform, if carried out, will paralyze the fleet and prevent peace on a democratic basis. Because of impotent authority, Russia would be dictated to by the imperialists of the enemy.

AMERICAN CORN FOR THE STARVING FINNS

Washington, Dec. 22.—Permission for the shipment of about 40,000 tons of corn and oats to Finland by way of Sweden has been granted by the Food Administration and the War Trade Board upon evidence that thousands of the Finnish people are starving.

An agent of the War Trade Board will be sent into Finland from Sweden to investigate conditions and make certain that Germany will not benefit by the American shipments.

VETERANS FORMING A DOMINION BODY

Under Charter Granted at Ottawa; Convention About Middle of May

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—The first step toward the organization of the army and navy veterans of Canada under the Dominion charter secured during the close of the last session of the late Dominion Parliament was taken yesterday afternoon when a meeting of the incorporators was held. Lieut.-Colonel G. F. Carruthers was elected Dominion president and E. W. Low, Dominion secretary-treasurer, provisionally, until the holding of the proposed Dominion convention.

It was decided to hold a Dominion-wide convention, the date to be near that of Decoration Day, which will fall on Sunday, May 12. The convention therefore will probably open on Monday, May 13. To this will be invited representatives from every organization which admits to active membership veterans of all campaigns. Every association of this nature may send any number of delegates, but the voting power will be one vote for every hundred members. In conformity with this plan, any association which sends fewer delegates than one to every hundred members will be able to vote by proxy up to its full representation.

MACEDONIAN FRONT.

London, Dec. 22.—In the region of Doiran, in the Macedonian war, theatre, artillery activity continues. British troops have carried out a successful raid in the region of Lake Bulova, capturing one officer and 54 Bulgarian soldiers.

CALGARY AND HALIFAX.

Calgary, Dec. 22.—Calgary workers for the Halifax Relief Fund have secured a total of more than \$14,200. About 60 solicitors are working. The goal set is \$30,000.

END WAS PUT TO CAREER OF U BOAT

Account of Fight in Which Old French Cruiser Was Sunk

Paris, Dec. 22.—A statement by the Ministry of Marine concerning the sinking of the old French cruiser Chateaurenault says that the warship, with several other vessels, was attacked by a submarine in the Ionian Sea at 7.15 a.m. on December 14. Continuing, the statement says:

"A torpedo struck on the starboard side in the region of the stokehold, which was flooded, stopping the engines. Torpedo boat destroyers which formed a part of the convoy dashed in the direction from which the torpedo had come and sent volleys of missiles at the spot where it was presumed the submarine had submerged.

"While the boats were being lowered from the Chateaurenault, the enemy submarine came up on her port side. The cruiser had sunk to her gunports, but nevertheless the gun crews remained at their posts and opened a hot fire on the submarine, which promptly dived. A second torpedo was fired shortly afterwards and struck the Chateaurenault on the starboard side forward. She sank by the head a few minutes after the captain had got aboard a patrol boat. All the passengers were saved, but ten members of the crew are missing and are supposed to have been killed by the explosion.

"The torpedo boat destroyers, overloaded with survivors, renewed the attack upon the submarine, and two sea-planes bombed it. The submarine probably had been sunk by a shell so as to make it impossible for her to remain submerged, for she appeared again and was immediately covered with a rain of shells. One of her gunners was swept overboard by a shell while in the act of aiming his piece, and all the others jumped into the sea and the submarine sank like a stone, torn to pieces by French guns. The prisoners number 22, among them the captain of the submarine and two officers."

Not Sunk.

An Atlantic Port of the United States, Dec. 22.—The British steamship City of Naples, reported a few days ago to have been sunk by a torpedo from a submarine off the British coast while under convoy of destroyers, arrived here to-day. It was learned the vessel was not attacked by a U boat, but had struck a mine, and her officers, fearing she was seriously damaged, put back to a British port. The examination of the hull proved the effect of the explosion negligible and the ship resumed her voyage. An American vessel which was in the same convoy with the City of Naples brought the story of the British ship's supposed sinking. The accident occurred on December 5, when the fleet was five days out from port.

SENTENCES IMPOSED IN DETROIT COURT ON CONSPIRATORS

Detroit, Dec. 22.—Albert Kaltschmidt and his wife Maria were sentenced to two years' imprisonment and fined \$10,000 each at the end of the trial of them and four others here yesterday on charges of conspiracy.

Schmidt will serve his prison term at Fort Leavenworth, and his wife was sent to the Detroit house of correction. Franz Respa, 79 years old, German, was the only one of the six acquitted on all three charges. He was held, however, to answer to other indictments pending against him.

The trial came to an end at 2.30 o'clock yesterday morning after a session of court lasting since early Friday morning. The jury was out more than 13 hours, several times asking additional instructions from the court. In passing sentence Judge Tuttle pointed out that the statute under which the defendants were convicted was framed by Congress during peace times and therefore it was not possible to impose heavier penalties.

TREATS AGAINST WINNIPEG JUDGES

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—Judges sitting on appeal under the Military Service Act here are receiving anonymous letters or telephone calls almost every day containing threats. Yesterday a letter was received by one of the judges threatening him in all sorts of ways. The judge said several letters of this nature had been received by himself or brother judges since the courts began their sittings.

IMPERIAL OIL, LIMITED.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The incorporation of "Imperial Oil, Limited," with a capital stock of \$50,000,000 and headquarters in Montreal, is announced to-day in The Canada Gazette. The new company will take over the business of refining and marketing petroleum now carried on in Canada and Newfoundland by the Imperial Oil Co., Ltd. The powers granted to the company include the right to operate ranches or farms for livestock and to deal in animal and agricultural products. The provisional directors are Walter Teagle, C. O. Stillman, G. W. Meyer, G. H. Smith, oil operators, and Hon. W. J. Hanna.

McCOIG'S MAJORITY.

Chatham, Ont., Dec. 22.—The official majority of Archie B. McCoig over J. W. Plewes in the election on Monday was 1,151. The total vote polled was 12,303, the number-cast for Plewes being 6,176, and for McCoig, 7,327.

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Fifty Dozen Hand-Embroidered Gift Handkerchiefs on Sale To-night at 3 for \$1.00

To-night we will place on sale Fifty Dozen Fine Hand-Embroidered Christmas Handkerchiefs of the most beautiful designs, with fine hemstitched edges, the various patterns being embroidered in white and colors. Make your own selection and same will be put in a pretty Xmas box, which always adds to the gift. We advise an early visit to the Handkerchief Booth to-night—while the assortments are at their best.

Hundreds of other dainty Handkerchiefs are priced from 5c up to \$6.50. Make your Christmas selections to-night.

Exceptional Value in Good Silk Stockings



- Women's Fine Silk Hose, with lisle top; black, white and colors, at, per pair \$1.00
- Fine Silk Hose—Splendid quality; black, white and colors, at, per pair \$1.50
- Women's Fine Silk Hose, in shades of black, white, pink, silver, bronze and navy, per pair.... \$1.75
- Women's Extra Heavy Black Silk Hose, with yellow garter top, at, per pair \$2.25
- "Kayser" Heavy Quality Black Silk Hose, at, per pair \$2.50
- Fancy Striped Silk Hose, black, white and colors, Special at, per pair \$1.95
- Extra Heavy High-Grade Black Silk Hose at, per pair \$4.00
- "Holeproof" Silk Hose, black, white and colors, per pair, \$1.50; per box of 3 pairs, \$4.00
- Fancy Silk Hose, with white and black clockings, at, per pair \$3.25
- Fancy Silk Hose, colors of grey and champagne, with black clockings, at, per pair \$1.75



STORE OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

Until 9.30 p.m.

This Store Will Be Closed All Day Wednesday, Dec. 26th.

Silk Knitted Scarves Are Useful Gifts

On display in the Neckwear Section you will find a splendid range of plain and fancy striped Knitted Silk Scarves at most interesting prices that will make a most appropriate and acceptable gift for mother, wife, sister or sweetheart.

At \$3.25 to \$10.75

GLOVES—The Most Popular Gift

Those Who Wish to Give the Best When They Give Gloves

Should Come to "Campbells" Where Glove Values Reign Supreme

NOTE THESE SPLENDID VALUES

- Trefousse Kid Gloves, in black, white, tan, navy, mode, brown and grey, with contrasting points. Special at \$1.95
- Trefousse Kid Gloves, pique sewn, black, white and tan, contrasting points. Priced at \$2.50
- Trefousse Washable Kid Gloves, white with self or black points. Special at \$2.25
- Perrin's Fine Kid Gloves, pique sewn, black, white and canary with black points, at \$2.50
- Perrin's Kid Gloves, black with white points. Special at \$1.90
- Perrin's Tan Cape Kid Gloves, good quality. Special at \$1.75
- Maggioli Fine Quality Italian Kid Gloves, black, tan, white, brown and navy. Special at \$2.25
- Dent's Fine White Kid Gloves. Special at \$1.75
- Dent's Cape Kid Gloves—Splendid wearing qualities. Special at \$1.75
- Washable Cape Kid Gloves, self and black points, in shades of tan and putty, at \$1.90
- Piece Wool-lined Mocha Gloves, in colors tan or grey, at \$2.25
- Heavy Cape Kid Motor Gauntlets, in tans and browns. Special at \$3.00
- Washable Chamois Gloves, white and natural, at, per pair, \$1.50 and \$1.95

View Window Display.

"Glove Scrip" is Redeemable Any Time in Any Department

ON SALE TO-NIGHT From 8 to 9.30

15 Dozen Washable Jap Silk Blouses at the Low Price of \$1.35

Between the hours of 8 and 9.30 o'clock we will place on sale 15 dozen White Washable Jap Silk Blouses at the moderate price of \$1.35. Trimmed in various ways with laces, tucks, etc. There are five good styles to choose from, featuring sailor and convertible collars. They will make a useful and acceptable gift. In sizes 36 to 44. On sale to-night between the hours of 8 and 9.30 at \$1.35.



BAKER'S COCOA

HAS GREAT FOOD VALUE

THE food value of cocoa has been proven by centuries of use, and dietitians and physicians the world over are enthusiastic in their endorsements of it. It is said to contain more nourishment than beef, in a more readily assimilated form. The choice, however, should be a high-grade cocoa,—"Baker's" of course.

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BIG COUNTERFEITING PLANT IN NEW YORK DISCOVERED; RAIDED

New York, Dec. 22.—What was said to be the largest counterfeiting plant ever unearthed in this city was raided last night by United States secret service agents, who arrested six men and seized more than \$150,000 in spurious ten-dollar notes of the Federal Reserve Bank issue.

Under Chief William J. Flynn, the secret service men had been on the trail of the alleged counterfeiters for the last eight months.

The plant, which was in West Broadway, in lower New York, had been working day and night for the last week, Chief Flynn said. The counterfeiters planned, according to the federal authorities, to float \$1,000,000 of the spurious bills through confederates operating throughout the United States to whom the notes were to be sold at \$5 each. None of the product of the plant had been put in circulation, although packages of counterfeit bills had been mailed to various cities. These were seized in post offices.

A printing press weighing more than a ton was used in printing the bills and one of the men arrested was proprietor of a job printing establishment. Paper, acids, and plates also were seized.

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PARTYISM

A contemporary expresses the hope that the old party lines have been swept away for ever by the election...

Undoubtedly the old party lines, based upon labels and political opportunism instead of upon principles and policies, have gone overboard.

But there will be political parties until the world reaches perfection, and that goal is still somewhat remote.

The present Union Government would not last more than a very few months in time of peace, because it contains representatives of two hopelessly irreconcilable views on fiscal policy.

Dispatches from Maastricht, Holland, says that workmen who have arrived there from Essen report the Krupp Works have been in flames for twenty-four hours.

Moreover, the present Union Government might not be "The" Union Government at all. Like the Asquith coalition, it might only be the first step towards a much more satisfactory combination; indeed, in all probability this will prove to be the case.

Governments which arise from war conditions seldom survive the return of peace for any considerable period. This, of course, is inevitable, as they are the products of circumstances directly antagonistic to those of peace.

The Krupp works at Essen are the largest in the Central Empire, and among the largest in the world, employing more than 80,000 people.

THE VORWAERTS OUTBURST.

The extract from The Vorwaerts, the great German Socialist organ, which we print to-day, in conjunction with the report of the fire at Krupp's, reminds us that the vital theatres of war are not the battle fronts.

man defect and the loss of the war. These are strong words and indicate the gravity of the conditions under which Germany is confronting her fourth winter of war.

HOGS AND FEED.

The success of the Food Controller's hog-production campaign would be assured if pigs could be raised on cereals, pamphlets and appeals in various forms which are pouring out of Mr. Hanna's office these days.

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Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, in eloquent language, reminded his countrymen of the fortunate position in which they were placed in contrast with the people of French origin in Louisiana and told them that if Canada were an independent nation or part of the United States, Quebec would lose many of the privileges granted to it by legislation enacted by the British Parliament.

A VANCOUVER "RUMOR."

According to a Vancouver paper a "rumor" is in circulation in the Terminal City to the effect that the Premier is going to be requested to retire.

FUEL SHORTAGE IN MICHIGAN STATE

Detroit, Dec. 22.—A large number of factories in Michigan already have curtailed operations because of the fuel shortage. None of them, however, was engaged in the manufacture of war munitions.

TAHITIANS AIDING CAUSE OF LIBERTY

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Tahiti, one of the palm-shaded isles of the South Seas, has sent most of her young men to the war.

KITCHENER FIRMS SUFFER HEAVILY

Toronto, Dec. 22.—As a result of the election the business interests of Kitchener have suffered heavily, stated W. G. Wiebel, defeated Unionist candidate for North Waterloo, when interviewed here to-day.

DEFEATS OF ENEMY REPORTED BY PARIS

Paris, Dec. 22.—The War Office here reported last night: "Artillery activity has been intermittent at several points on the front, but more active in the region of Courcieres Wood (Champagne)."



UNIONISM FOR B. C.

To the Editor,—'O' 'twas a famous victory; I refer to that of Monday last. It fairly did one's soul good to be in that committee room on Broad Street on Monday evening and watch the game.

A COMPARISON.

To the Editor,—My son, in the Canadian Forestry Corps, now stationed at Forres, Scotland, has sent me a cutting from a local newspaper.

Press Comments

THE LOST GERMAN COLONIES. (New York Globe.) The surrender and dispersal of the last German force operating in German East Africa marks the suppression of the German colonial empire.

LANDSOWNE AND THE EMPIRE.

What else is there in the Landsowne proposal than craven surrender to Kaiserism, a particularly paltry surrender, since its only purpose is to save to a British Junkerthum its pits and its pans.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

An order-in-council will be published in next week's Gazette calling the Provincial Legislature together on January 25, 1923.

Big Clearance Sale OF TOYS Doll and Kindergarten Furniture Weiler Bros., Limited Government Street Near Post Office

KIRK'S Large Size Washed NUT COAL Suitable for your Grate or Range. NO SOOT—NO DIRT

HELP THE FARMER. To the Editor,—Through the efforts of members of our agricultural organization here we secured from a prairie company a carload of mixed feeds...

DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

Store Open
To-night and Monday
Until 9.30

Gifts, Novel and Useful

Store Will Close
Christmas Day and All
Day Wednesday

Gift Suggestions in Waists

The best and largest selection of Dainty Waists in the city. You will find choosing here a real pleasure.
Voile Waists in new designs, priced from \$1.25 to \$3.75.
Jap Silk Waists, in all white and in striped effects, \$2.50 to \$5.75.
Crepe-de-Chine Waists in all the wanted shades and latest styles, from \$3.50, \$4.75, \$5.75 and up.
Dressy Waists in silk crepe-de-chine, georgette crepes and shadow lace effects, priced up from \$4.75.
—Waists, First Floor

Always Safe in Giving Slippers

—Because Slippers are always needed. Why not decide on a pair from the following numbers. The qualities are reliable and the prices most reasonable—



Women's Felt Juliet Slippers, fur-trimmed; leather soles and heels. A pair, \$2.50.
Women's Kid Boudoir Slippers, in grey, black, brown, blue, red, pink and purple. A pair, \$2.00.
Women's Felt Boudoir Slippers, in grey, lavender, old rose, blue and brown. A pair, \$2.00.
Women's "Aretic" Plaid Slippers; felt and leather soles. A pair, \$1.50 and \$1.75.
A BIG TABLE OF WOMEN'S SLIPPERS PRICED \$1.50
—including quilted satin and felt models. A splendid variety and all special values.
Girls' "Aretic" Plaid Slippers, with ankle strap; sizes 11 to 2. A pair, \$1.00.

Children's Felt Strap Slippers, in red and blue. Sizes 4 to 10. A pair, 85c.
Japanese Quilted Satin Slippers, neatly embroidered. Special at 90c.
—Slippers, First Floor

A New Dress for Baby

Dainty Hand-Embroidered Dresses of fine pique and organdies. In sizes 6 months to 4 years. These will make welcome Christmas gifts. Special, each, \$4.75.
—Infants', First Floor

Give a Boudoir Cap

And choose one from this nice selection of latest styles. These Caps of fine muslins, silk and silk crepe-de-chine, finished in various styles, with trimmings of lace, ribbons, chiffons and flowers. Prices range 50c to \$3.50.
—Whitewear, First Floor

Camisoles—A Useful Gift

A splendid range of styles in silk and silk crepe-de-chine. Very daintily trimmed with lace and ribbons. Just what women need for wear under thin blouses and dresses. Prices range \$1.25 to \$4.50.
—Whitewear, First Floor

Beautiful Handpainted Vases to Clear at Half-Price

A score or so different styles and decorations in very pretty colorings. Floral, figure and landscape scenes. Vases fit to adorn any home. They make ideal Christmas or wedding gifts. Made in heights 9, 12, 18, 22 and 24 inches.
To clear up the balance of this stock we offer them at half-price, that is, we will sell the pair at the price of one—90c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.95 and \$2.50 a pair.
—Crockery, Second Floor

Silk Hose Sure to Please

Ladies' Silk Hose, in black, white and tan and all colors, a pair, \$2.00.
Ladies' Fancy Silk Hose—Very special, a pair, \$1.25.
Ladies' Fancy Silk Hose—Extra fine quality, a pair, \$2.00.
Ladies' Silk Hose in black, white, tan and colors. Splendid value, a pair, \$1.00.
—Hose, Main Floor

Bissell's Sweepers and Vacuums

—Make serviceable gifts for the housekeeper. One that is thoroughly appreciated all the year round. It's a daily pleasure and delight to use one. Come and see them demonstrated.
Bissell's Carpet Sweepers, up from \$2.75.
Bissell's Vacuum Sweepers, up from \$8.50.
—Carpets, Third Floor



All Furs to Go at Half-Price on Monday

About fifty pieces comprise the balance of our stock of Furs. As these are nice fashionable neck pieces, so suitable for gift-giving, we place them on sale at prices bound to effect a speedy clearance.

Every piece or set is marked at one-half the former price, represented as follows:

FUR SETS OF WHITE AND BROWN VIENNA FOX.		STOLES OF MOLESKIN, BLACK WOLF, ALASKA SABLE AND BROWN WOLF.	
3 Sets—Reg. \$17.50 value, Monday	\$8.75	1 Only—Reg. \$8.50 value, Monday	\$4.25
3 Sets—Reg. \$18.50 value, Monday	\$9.25	4 Only—\$10.00 value, Monday	\$5.00
1 Set—Reg. \$20.00 value, Monday	\$10.00	9 Only—\$12.50 value, Monday	\$6.25
		7 Only—\$15.00 value, Monday	\$7.50
		1 Only—\$17.50 value, Monday	\$8.75
		4 Only—\$20.00 value, Monday	\$10.00
		2 Only—\$22.50 value, Monday	\$11.25
		1 Only—\$25.00 value, Monday	\$12.50
		3 Only—\$35.00 value, Monday	\$17.50
		1 Only—\$37.50 value, Monday	\$18.75
		1 Only—\$40.00 value, Monday	\$20.00
			—Furs, First Floor

Father Christmas Holds Another 7 o'Clock Sale of Toys in Toyland To-night

Father Christmas is not going to keep the Toys in Toyland much longer. They have all got to be cleared by Monday night. So he has planned for another big sale at 7 p.m. to-night.

So come along, mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters—everyone. There's plenty of room in this big store and there will be plenty of bargains in useful Christmas gifts. Just read this list over:

Dolls, with hair—Reg. \$1.75 value for	95c	\$1.00 Swords for	68c
Kewpie Dolls—		Builderettes—Reg. 25c for	19c
Reg. 25c for	18c	A B C Blocks—Reg. 25c for	19c
Reg. 50c for	39c	Kitchen Sets—Reg. \$1.75 for	\$1.25
Reg. 75c for	59c	Kitchen Sets—Reg. \$1.25 for	75c
Reg. 90c for	72c	Autos—Reg. \$11.25 for	\$9.18
Reg. \$1.25 for	98c		—Toyland, First Floor
Reg. \$1.90 for	\$1.50		
Dumping Sandy and Sandy Andy—Reg. \$1.50	78c		
Clear at, each	78c		
Cotton Dogs—Reg. 50c for	38c		

Delayed Shipment of Wheel Goods, Selling at Clearing Prices

Including Tricycles, Speeders, Autos, Express Wagons and Row Wagons

These goods must be cleared before Christmas, for we shall need the room for rebuilding operations by the New Year.

All interested in buying wheel goods for their boys or girls will be wise in shopping to-night or early Monday.
—Toyland, First Floor, Douglas

Our Selection of Latest Copyright Fiction Is the Best in the City

You are sure of getting what you want in the way of titles here. No need to waste time, come right away and make your choice. Here are a few by way of suggestion:

His Last Bow, by Conan Doyle, \$1.25	Ann's House of Dreams, by Helen Montgomery, \$1.50
The Luck of the Irish, by Harold McGrath, \$1.49	The Dwelling Place of Light, by Winston Churchill, \$1.50
The Secret Witness, by Geo. Gibbs, \$1.50	The Cinema Murder, by E. P. Oppenheim, \$1.55
The Yellow Dove, by Geo. Gibbs, \$1.35	Summer, by Edith Wharton, \$1.50
The Soul of a Bishop, by H. G. Wells	Barbarians, by Robert Chambers, \$1.40
The Hundredth Chance, by Ethel Dell	And many others.
The White Ladies of Worcester, by Florence Barclay, \$1.50	
The Definite Object, by Jeffrey Farnol, \$1.50	

—Books, Main Floor

Gift Gloves for Men

Tan Leather Dress Gloves, wool lined, also in grey mocha, wool lined. All sizes, a pair, \$1.50.

Tan or Grey Mocha or Undressed Kid Gloves, wool lined, at a pair, \$2.00.

Dent's Heavy Tan Kid Gloves, wool lined, all sizes; suitable for driving or walking. Pair, \$3.25.

Dent's Heavy Tan Mocha Wool-lined Gloves, a pair, \$3.25.

Dent's Heavy Tan Kid Driving Gloves, with wool knit lining, strap and clasp at wrist, all sizes. A pair, \$3.75.

Fowne's Heavy-Tan Mocha Gloves, fur lined, suitable for motoring or driving. Packed in individual boxes for gifts. A pair, \$6.25.

Grey Suede Dress Gloves, unlined. A pair, \$1.50 and \$1.75.

Grey Suede Dress Gloves, silk lined. A pair, \$2.25.

Tan Kid Dress Gloves, unlined. A pair, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

Tan Kid Dress Gloves, silk lined. A pair, \$2.50.

Penman's—Grey—Wool Mitts, heavy make. A pair, 40c.

Tan Kid Gauntlet Gloves, also black with stiff cuffs. At a pair, \$3.00.

Soft Cuffs, a pair, \$3.75.

Genuine Buckskin Gloves, tan shades, heavy weight, suitable for driving or auto wear. A pair, \$2.50.

Men's Wool Knitted Gloves, inexpensive and warm, heather, grey and black gloves. A pair, 75c, 85c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

Suggestions in Men's Mufflers and Ties



Black and White Mercerized Satin Mufflers, long shape with fringe. Special, each, \$1.99.

Silk Mixture Mufflers, with fringe ends, in black and white stripes. Each, \$1.75.

Silk Mixture Knitted Mufflers, long shape, fringed ends, in fancy shot effects, black with white, black with red and white with brown. Each, \$2.50.

Silk Knitted Mufflers, long shape, fringed ends, with wide fancy stripes. Each, \$3.25.

Men's and Boys' Mercerized Knitted Ties, in fancy mixed colors, Derby shape. Each, 55c.

Better Grades in Knitted and Silk Ties, wide or plain shapes. Each, 50c, 75c and \$1.00.

ENGLISH HEATHER MIXTURE SOCKS.

A good wool and cotton mixture. A pair, 40c; 2 pairs for 75c.

Better grades, a pair, 50c and 65c.
—Main Floor

Your Boy Will Be Delighted With a Pair of Football Boots

—Especially if it's a pair of these we are selling at \$3.75. They are strong and serviceable, finished with studs or bars on sole. Various lasts and we have all sizes.

—Boys' Boots, Main Floor

Smoker's Stands and Novelty Pieces of Furniture

All dainty pieces that are well made and finished, and such as will make welcome additions to any home. Hundreds of novelty pieces of furniture to choose from here. A few pieces specially reduced for quick selling.

3 Only, Solid Mahogany Smokers' Stands, fitted with brass ash tray and glass-liners. Clear at, each, \$5.98.

4 Only, Solid Mahogany Smokers' Stands, with brass tray and glass lining. To clear, each, \$5.50.

4 Only, Mahogany Jardiniere Stands. To clear at \$4.50.

3 Only, Small Coffee Tables. To clear at \$5.50.

6 Kindergarten Sets, in red and in white, 2 chairs and 1 table to each set; well finished. To clear, a set, \$2.65.

—Furniture, Fourth Floor

Umbrellas

Suitable for men and women, and in dozens of different grades and styles suitable for giving away as Christmas gifts. Come and look our stock over—it's the largest and best selection in the province.

—Main Floor



DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 11 a.m. "Christmastide Musings"
 Evening, 7.30—
"A 20th Century Reading of the Nativity Stories"
 Special Christmas music. Organ Recital by Mr. Deane Wells 7 to 7.30 p. m.

First Presbyterian Church
 Cor. Quadra and Fisgard Sts.
 Minister, REV. JNO. GIBSON INKSTER, B.A.

Children's Service
 1. Sermon, "Emmanuel."
 2. Choir music—
 (a) "Christians Awake"
 (b) "What Child Is This?"
 (c) "Nasareth." Solos by Mrs. Hudson and Mrs. Morrison.
 3. Solo, Miss L. Christie, "The Old, Old Story."

Choral Service
 1. Sermon, "Glad Tidings."
 2. Choir music—
 (a) "O Sing to God."
 (b) "Good King Wenceslas."
 (c) "Holy Night."
 3. Quartette, "Sweetly Thro' the Night," Mrs. Hudson, Misses Morrow and Christie.
 4. Solos—
 (a) "Star of Bethlehem," Mrs. Hudson.
 (b) "Birthday of a King," Mrs. Morrison.

METROPOLITAN CHURCH
 Cor. Pandora and Quadra Sts. Pastor, REV. H. S. OSBORNE, B.A., B.D.

THE PASTOR
 11 A. M.—
 7.30 P. M.—
 Special session Sunday School.
 Soloists—Mrs. Downard, Mrs. Ticknor, and Messrs. Dunford and Crook. Service Christmas Day, 11 a. m.

Naval and Military Methodist Church, Esquimalt
 CHAPLAIN: REV. ROBERT HUGHES
 A Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year to the Officers and Men of Both Branches of His Majesty's Service
 Special service, Morning and Evening, Sunday, December 23. Sunday School: Christmas entertainment, Friday, Dec. 28.

Wesley Methodist Church
 McPherson Ave. REV. R. M. THOMPSON, Pastor.
 11 A. M.—"White Gift Service." Special programme by Sunday School.
 7.30 P. M.—Musical service. Anthems, quartettes and solos. Sermon and Christmas hymns illustrated by lantern slides. Everybody welcome.

DOUGLAS STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
 Pastor, REV. M. THEODORE HABERSON.
 CHRISTMAS SUNDAY.
 11 A. M.—Great young people's service. Subject, "FOR OUR SAKES."
 1 P. M.—Open session of the Sunday school. Subject, "JESUS."
 7.30 P. M.—Christmas Song Service. Subject, "THE ANOINTED HEIR."

OAKLANDS GOSPEL HALL
 Cedar Hill Road, Near Hillside Car Terminus.
Christians Meet 7 p. m. Bright Gospel Service
 SPEAKER—MR. H. L. HOPKINS
 Subject: "No Room for the Son of God"
 A Believers' Baptismal Service will be held at this meeting.

New Thought Free Lectures
 NEW THOUGHT TEMPLE, Hall 118 Pemberton Block
 Dr. T. W. Butler will speak at 11 a. m. on "INNER POWER AND MASTERY"
 7.30 p. m. Subject: "THE CHRISTMAS MEANING AND LESSON"
 COME, and receive the GLAD hand.

FREE PRINCESS THEATRE
 YATES STREET, 7.30 P. M. SUNDAY
 SUBJECT
 "The Extraordinary Story of"
Lecture "JONAH and the WHALE"
 Is It Believable?
 Jonah, chap. 2, verse 2, tells us that Hell is situated in the belly of this remarkable fish. Do you believe it?
 Speaker, CLIFFORD ROBERTS, Bible Lecturer.
 I. B. S. A. Seats Free. All Welcome. No Collection.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
 REV. W. LESLIE CLAY, D. D. Minister
Dec. 23rd—Christmas Service
 11 A. M.—Worship. Sermon, "The Prince of Peace to a World at War." Solist, Mrs. Longfield.
 12.15—Adult Bible Class.
 2.30—Sabbath School.
 7.15—Organ Recital.
 7.30—A Service of Praise. Christmas anthems, hymns and solos. Mesdames Longfield and Grant, and Messrs. D. C. Hughes, Jas. Hunter and W. Melville will be soloists. Strangers cordially invited.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN CITY CHURCHES

Special Music to Be Featured To-morrow; Special Preparations

Preparations are being made for the celebration of Christmas in the churches of the city, and in many of them members of the congregations are busily working to-day in putting up appropriate decorations. The services in most of the churches to-morrow will include special Christmas music.

At St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral Pontifical High Mass will be celebrated at midnight on Christmas eve by Bishop Macdonald. The choir will sing Weber's Mass, in which W. Anthony Williams will take the tenor solo. Mr. Williams will also sing Adolf Adam's "Noel" at the offertory. On Sunday the evening service at the Metropolitan Methodist Church will be mainly choral. Music from "The Messiah" (Handel) will be rendered by the choir, and Mrs. Downard, Mrs. Ticknor, Messrs. Crook and J. O. Dunford will be the soloists. Rev. H. S. Osborne will preach sermons in keeping with the day. On Christmas Day a service will be held at 11 o'clock.

Rev. W. L. Clay will preach "The Message of the Prince of Peace to a World at War" on Sunday morning at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. In the evening Christmas music will be rendered by the choir and anthems sung by Mrs. Jesse Longfield, Mrs. Grant, D. C. Hughes, James Hunter and W. Melville. The evening service will be preceded by a short organ recital at 7.15.

A special service will be held at the Church of Our Lord, Humboldt Street, on Christmas Day at 11 o'clock, when Holy Communion will be celebrated. Sunday morning service at the First Presbyterian Church will take the form of a children's service, when the Sunday school and Bible classes will enter the church in procession. In the evening the choir will be augmented by 24 of the older scholars of the Sunday school, and special Christmas music will be rendered. Rev. J. Gibson Inkster will preach on subjects in keeping with the season.

On Sunday evening the usual custom of having a "Choral Service" will be observed at St. John's Church, when instead of the sermon the old Christmas Carols will be sung. The services on Christmas Day will be at 8 a. m. and 11 a. m. Rev. Geo. A. Wilson, D. D., Superintendent of Missions for B. C., will preach to-morrow in the Gorge Presbyterian Church at 11 a. m., and in Erskine Church at 7 p. m.

Fairfield Methodist Sunday School will hold their annual Christmas entertainment to-night at the church, when they will give "White Gifts to the King." This beautiful service has been given on two former occasions, and this year instead of gifts for the poor the members are asked to bring gifts of money for the sufferers in the Halifax disaster. A collection will also be taken for that purpose. At Christ Church Cathedral to-morrow night, special Christmas carols will be sung, and the Dean of Columbia will deliver a brief address. On Christmas day Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8, 7, 8, 9.15 and 12.15 o'clock, and at the eleven o'clock service the Bishop of Columbia will preach.

At the Congregation Church the pastor will preach in the morning on "Christmastide Musings," and in the evening a "20th Century Reading of the Nativity Stories." Special music at both services.

ROAD TO LAKE

Municipal Party Did Not Have Cheerful Time Yesterday at Sooke Reservoir.
 If any evidence were necessary as to the absolute need to maintain the road from Goldstream to Sooke Lake over the summit, the municipal party driven by Alderman Johns yesterday had it brought home to them emphatically. The object was to inspect the effect of the torrential rain early in the week. The Water Commissioner found that it will be necessary to put in a small concrete wall or dam near the screen house to protect the bank, which has been damaged by the flood.

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That work will be undertaken early in the new year. The road from Japan Gulch onwards was in a terrible state, with holes filled with mud and water which jeopardized the safety of the car. The road had not been in good shape all summer, and it was just as much as the party could do to get the car through. There was a little snow on the summit. However, homeward bound it was very much worse, in a blinding snowstorm, and the surface of the narrow road being covered with a white mantle, it was impossible to avoid the pitfalls, so that the car splashed and struggled through the mire and watercourses. Sometimes walking had to be resorted to and altogether it was a miserable trip for the four occupants of the car. They were glad to get back to the main Island highway.

The Department of Public Works considers that the city should keep the road in repair, as it is really only used for waterworks traffic. Mr. Rust states that if the circumstances did arise this winter of an emergency call to the lake, it would be impossible to get through with any quantity of material. With any heavy fall of snow, the road will be absolutely closed to traffic.

PRISONER ON RHINE NOT TREATED BADLY

Winnipeg Man Writes Secretary of James Bay Red Cross Committee

The secretary to the Prisoners of War Fund for James Bay branch has just received the following very interesting letter from Germany:
 "Dear Madam,—Your letter, dated June 28, 1917, to hand. A trifle belated; nevertheless it is welcome, as all letters assuredly are to us, in our present circumstances. My home is in Winnipeg, and with the other Canadian boys who are on this kommando with me, we often in our imagination take a stroll down Portage Avenue, pay a visit to Eaton & Co's. Imagination is a great thing, it takes one out of the sordid things that be, to the pleasant things that might be.
 "We are not too badly off here, the Red Cross sends out a good assortment of foodstuffs which we receive fairly regularly.
 "I have been to Vancouver, and this climate I consider somewhat similar to yours there. At present it is chilly, raining and windy. I am somewhere in Germany on the Rhine; it is a pretty district, also an industrial one, and has been the scene of great activity. I am on a kommando (working party) of 85 men, and having learned the language am the interpreter. We are quartered in a little village and occupy a two-story block. Our spare time is filled in with card playing, concerts and reading. The Board of Education send out any educational book we wish, so we have no shortage of mental food, but despite all those things, someone has said, 'Give me liberty, or give me death.' That is our one wish—the time when we shall again step forth in the atmosphere of liberty.
 "By the time this reaches you, Christmas should be near, so I wish you a merry Christmas. Also I thank you for your interesting letter, and should be pleased to hear from you again with 'censorable'—(this applies to a little Chinese) put in the letter telling him that all was going well—news of the kind of the Maple Leaf.
 "With the very best of wishes, and thanking you in anticipation of a reply.
 "I remain, yours sincerely,
 "JOHN ARMOUR."

AT THE HOTELS

- W. J. Armour, of Wingham, Ont., is at the Dominion.
- Mrs. Lawrence, of Nanaimo, is at the Strathcona Hotel.
- Samuel Rea, of Russell, Man., is at the Dominion Hotel.
- Miss L. Sugden is at the Strathcona Hotel from Cobble Hill.
- A. R. Chambers, of Seattle, is staying at the Empress Hotel.
- H. B. Murray, of Cranbrook, is stopping at the Dominion Hotel.
- Charles A. Mackay and family, of Port Moody, are at the Dominion.
- F. E. Bradley and R. Dagg, of Nanaimo, are at the Dominion Hotel.
- A. Keith, of Empress, Alta., arrived at the Strathcona Hotel yesterday.
- Mrs. Reade, of Burnaby, registered at the Strathcona Hotel yesterday.
- Mr. and Mrs. Wilkes, of Ganges, are stopping at the Dominion Hotel.
- Mrs. A. B. Wilson is stopping at the Strathcona from Qualicum Beach.
- S. Olsen and family, of Provost, Alta., are staying at the Strathcona Hotel.
- J. McPhee and Mrs. McPhee, of Ceylon, Sask., are guests of the Dominion Hotel.
- Mr. and Mrs. W. Williams, of Winnipeg, are stopping at the Strathcona Hotel.
- G. H. Wilmet and Mrs. Wilmet, of Lethbridge, are staying at the Dominion Hotel.
- A. A. Jamieson and family, of Lethbridge, are new arrivals at the Dominion Hotel.
- Dr. D. E. Kerr, of Duncan, motored down yesterday and is at the Dominion Hotel.
- Chris. White and Mrs. White, of Red Deer, are new arrivals at the Dominion Hotel.
- J. L. Evans and party, of Rosetown, Sask., are new arrivals at the Dominion Hotel.
- G. C. Kyler and family, of Saskatoon,

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"THE MOTH" TO-NIGHT
"MAGDA" NEXT WEEK

For the last time to-night at the Royal Victoria, Norma Talmadge will be seen in "The Moth." This picture has caused a good deal of favorable comment since it has been shown in the city and should receive a well-filled house on its last presentation, as it is the kind of a picture that is worthy of good support.

For the holiday season the Royal Victoria has secured Clara Kimball Young in "Magda." This picture is a romance—stage classic and has been compared favorably with "The Common Law," in which this well-known screen star was supposed to have made her greatest success. Aside from the general excellence of the story this famous drama depicts a powerful lesson.

On the same programme will also be another Fatty Arbuckle comedy in "The Rough House." This picture is full of good genuine laughter and makes a very acceptable holiday offering.

WESTERN PHOTODRAMA
IS "THE NARROW TRAIL"

One of the things which make Western photodramas starring William S. Hart so realistic and convincing is his use of none but dyed-in-the-wool, never-been-carried-below-the-knee cow-punchers. This procuring genuine characters in his supporting cast, Hart not only must plan and act his own role, but also painstakingly rehearse the parts given to these big-hearted fellows, who, although proficient in the "3 R's" of the range, often are woefully lacking in screen ability. If it were not that Hart, who is a Western man and a big favorite with the punchers, knows how to overcome their natural bashfulness before teaching them the rudiments of acting, many of his pictures would be much less true to the real West in its palmy pioneer days.

Hart's first offering under the Arctcraft trade-mark is "The Narrow Trail," which will be seen at Variety to-night. It was directed by Lambert Hillier under the supervision of the well-known producer, Thomas J. Ince.

CROIX DE GUERRE

Capt. the Hon. Francis E. Grosvenor Belongs to 29th (Vancouver) Battalion.

The Canada Gazette of December 15 conveys the notification that Capt. the Hon. Francis E. Grosvenor has received the Croix de Guerre from the President of the French Republic. Capt. Grosvenor, who is the second son of Lord Elbury, has served with the 29th (Vancouver) Battalion ever since that unit went to the front, and is one of its most popular officers. He has twice been wounded. Previous to the war he was ranching at the Kootenays.

Turkey Shoot, Dec. 23, Esquimalt Gun Club, Admiral's Road.

G. O. C.'S CHRISTMAS WISHES TO TROOPS


Capt. M. V. McGuire Appointed Second in Command at Willows, Camp

In the Military Orders issued by Major-General R. G. Edwards Leckie, C. M. G., O. C., it is stated that the General Officer Commanding desires to convey to all officers, non-commissioned officers and men serving in the district his sincere good wishes for Christmas.

Military orders are as follows:

Appointments.
The following C. E. F. appointments are approved provisionally:
First Depot Battalion B. C. Regiment.—To be Lieutenants: Lieut. J. D. Lewis, 6th Regt. D. C.-O. R. Lieut. K. W. Morton, 104th Regiment; Lieut. H. S. Atkinson, 101st Regiment; Lieut. J. A. H. Hoyle, 88th Regiment.
Second Depot Battalion, B. C. Regiment.—To be second in command—Capt. M. V. McGuire (late 2nd C. M. R.)
To be Lieutenants: Lieut. G. A. Watson, 15th Battalion, Lieut. T. A. Johnston, 88th Regiment, Lieut. M. A. M. Marsden, 67th Battalion; Lieut. E. F. Gillespie, 67th Regiment.
Demobilizations.
Captain (temporary major) G. A. B. Hall, C. A. M. C., is demobilized, with effect from December 19.
Lieut. W. F. Luton, C. A. M. C., was demobilized with effect from November 29 to December 4, inclusive.
Lieut. A. V. Webster, C. A. M. C., is demobilized, with effect from December 21.

Conducting Officers.
It is notified for the information of all concerned that officers who are detailed to proceed overseas with drafts as Conducting Officers are to be shown "on command" pending the receipt of notification from the overseas authorities of their retention in England or their return to Canada.
2. If retained in England they will be struck off the strength of the district accordingly.
3. If they are returned to Canada they will resume duty with their unit, unless their services are not required.
4. These officers are not to be replaced pending advice as to their disposal.
Attached to "J" Unit.
The undermentioned officers are attached to "J" Unit, M. H. C. C. for treatment: Capt. E. J. Gook, B. C. Regiment, Lieut. W. H. Crocker, 16th Reserve Battalion, Lieut. H. W. M. Rolston, Canadian Machine Gun Depot.
Separation Allowance.
It is notified for the information of all concerned that under Order-in-Council P. C. 3257, the rate of Separation Allowance has been fixed at \$25 per month, effective on December 1, 1917, for dependents of all soldiers of the Canadian Expeditionary Force and Active Militia, below the rank of Warrant Officer.



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During the holiday weeks of Christmas and New Year, the vaudeville offering at the Pantages Theatre will commence with the matinee performance on Monday and will show for the full week.

The headline-feature of the bill of music, comedy and dancing numbers which is scheduled to be given during the coming week, will be an unusual amount of entertaining comedy. It is entitled the "Court Room Girls," a melange of music, fun and pretty girls. Bob Millikin, Ruth Francis and Herbert Broske, are featured in the cast, and are supported by a bevy of pretty and attractively gowned girls in singing and dancing numbers of up-to-date vintage.

Chauncey Monroe and Company will present a most enjoyable playlet entitled "A Business Proposal."

Burns & Lynn will offer a display of different dance doings.

Marie Lavaro, the dainty comedienne, will amuse with a repertoire of singing numbers.

Hill-Ackerman will offer a most funny skit entitled "Senseless," and Jackson & Wash will present a dainty number called "Too Late."

"The Fatal Ring," in its eleventh episode, will conclude a very interesting programme of vaudeville that is discriminatingly Victoria public.

Pearl White will be seen in the most interesting of all the instalments of "The Fatal Ring," when in the final chapter of that most absorbing serial film story reveals the climax of the story. This holiday programme promises to offer more than ordinary interest.

Officially Gazetted.—The award of the Military Cross to Capt. E. O. Carew Martin, son of Mr. Justice Martin, Victoria, is officially published in the current issue of the Canada Gazette.

THE \$10 CREDIT

It has been brought to notice that in some districts, men who have enlisted in the C. E. F. since the date General Order No. 1 of 1917 was made public, are being paid the \$10 at the end of six months service. This is not correct, as every man attested since the receipt of the above order and still serving should have the sum of \$10 to his credit, which should not be paid until he is discharged.

Victory Loan.
With reference to District Orders 824, 842 and 847, 1917, regarding the purchase of Victory Loan Bonds, it is notified for the information of all concerned that the following procedure will be carried out:
The monthly deduction will be shown in the pay list under column "Regimental Charges" and in column of "Remarks" write "Victory Bond."
The Battalion Paymaster will forward, payable to the Accountant and Paymaster General, one cheque for the full amount of the deductions for his unit, with a statement of the Regimental number, name, unit and amount of each purchaser.
When the unit proceeds overseas, the assigned paymaster will be forwarded immediately to the officer in command separation allowance and assigned pay, Ottawa, and the payments will be continued from there. The officer in command B. A. and A. P. will then forward the statement and a cheque to the Accountant and Paymaster-General.

Transfers.
The following transfers are authorized: Sgt. Frank H. Hayward, from No. 11 Special Service Coy., to "J" Unit, M. H. C. C.
Pte. Eric S. Fry, Sgt. Thomas Peacock, Sgt. Frederick L. Watson, from No. 11 casualty unit, C. E. F. to "J" Unit, M. H. C. C.
School of Cookery.
A course of cookery will commence at the Willows Camp, Victoria, about the middle of January. Applications for attendance should be forwarded to the A. D. G. and T., M. D. No. 11, not later than January 16.

"FINEST CHRISTMAS CARD"

Andrew Gray Gets Cable Saying Son, Previously "Missing," Now Reported Prisoner.

After waiting with much anxiety since the early part of November, when he heard that his son, Second Lieut. G. R. Gray, R. F. C., was posted as "missing," Andrew Gray, of the Marine Iron Works, Victoria, has now received a cable which he considers "the finest Christmas card anyone ever received," telling him that his son was officially reported, from Geneva, as a wounded prisoner. The cable came from Mr. Gray's business agent in London, who stated he believed the information was correct.

Lieut. Gray was reported missing on October 31, at which time he was acting as scout with the No. 4 Squadron of the R. F. C. in France, where he had arrived three weeks before.

CONDITIONS WARRANT DOUBLING EQUIPMENT

S. I. Silverman Returns From East; Associates Satisfied With Sidney Inlet Property

That the conditions warrant the doubling of the concentrator mill at the Dewdney mine, Sidney Inlet, which was brought into operation three weeks ago, is the welcome news brought by S. I. Silverman, of Seattle, who is operating the property.

Mr. Silverman has just returned from a business trip to the East, to consult with associates interested in the development of the property. They were very well satisfied with the reports of the season's work which he was able to carry to them, and the promise of further financial backing will be forthcoming as events warrant.

Copper operators in the East, he says, look forward to some hardening of the price from 23½ cents a pound, hoping to reach 25 cents, but with prices regulated largely by Government demands, no great fluctuation may be expected in the near future. The demand for copper is strong, he says, in many lines of industry and there is no prospect of any flapping in requirements for a long time to come.

Mr. Silverman does not expect to be handicapped by the weather for some weeks, most of the operations at the mine being protected from the elements and it will not be necessary to suspend operations such as is the case at many Coast properties at this time of year.

He is a strong champion of concentrating plants on the various properties, and says much of the future of the copper mines on the Island and the vicinity depend on convenient means of milling at the mines. On account of the rather isolated position of the Dewdney mine, he finds the transport of fuel a serious consideration. Before leaving on the steamer for the mine last evening one of his objects in the city was to arrange for an adequate supply of coal regularly for the plant.

He intends, he states, to concentrate his attention on this mine during the winter, and will not divide his time with other properties on the West Coast, stating he has plenty to do in developing production in the Sidney Inlet property.

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ary training in advance which will, of course, stand him in good stead at Wing Headquarters. The age limit for cadets, which was until recently 18 to 25, has now been extended from 18 to 20 in order that a wider field for recruits might be obtained.

FINANCES DISCUSSED BY HOSPITAL BOARD

High Cost of Commodities Does Not Tend to Clear Situation

The question of finances occupied a considerable portion of the time spent last evening at the regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital.

A. C. Fraser, chairman of the Finance Committee, requested the Board for an extension of time for the furtherance of the investigation re the advance of hospital charges, on which he and his committee had been asked to report.

The matter of appointing an X-ray specialist, the question of expense was again debated. The meeting was divided in its opinion as to the advisability of procuring an efficient X-ray machine.

The report of the House Committee was dealt with in detail. Among other items it was reported that following the suggestion at the last Board meeting the visiting hours prevailing in the hospital had been extended.

The hospital Christmas treat will take place on Monday evening, and the recommendation of the House Committee that a grant of \$50 be made for this purpose was endorsed.

COURT OF APPEAL

Commencement of Sittings Are Adjourned From January 8 to January 22. The Court of Appeal Registry is advised by the Chief Justice of the Court of Appeal that the regular sitting of the Court which were to have been commenced on January 8, stand adjourned to January 22.

WILL NAME CANDIDATE

Conservatives of Alberni Constituency Preparing for Forthcoming By-Election. For the purpose of selecting a Conservative standard-bearer at the forthcoming by-election in the provincial constituency of Alberni, a convention has been called for December 28 at Port Alberni.

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- Perrin's Joinville Pique Sewn Gloves of splendid quality, shown in black, white and black with white points, and white with black points; sizes 5 1/2 to 7 3/4. Price \$2.50. Fine French Kid Gloves, Trefousse make, in black, tan, brown, navy, grey, champagne, green and white; also black with white points and white with black points; pique sewn seams with one or two dome fasteners. All sizes. Price \$2.00. Perrin's Washable Chamolix Gloves of super quality, white with price seams and one dome fastener. Sizes 5 1/2 to 7. Price \$2.00. Perrin's Gloves, in white with black points and black with white points; pique sewn and one pearl dome fastener; sizes 5 1/2 to 7. Price \$2.00. Dent's Cape Gloves, of splendid quality leather, shown in tan and brown, with pique sewn seam and one or two dome fasteners at wrist; all sizes from 5 1/2 to 7. Price \$2.50. Ladies' Fine Glace Kid Gloves, in white and white with black points; oversewn seams and two dome fasteners; sizes 5 1/2 to 7 3/4. Special, \$1.50. —Gloves, Main Floor

Many Will Choose a Smart Handbag

- Black Leather Bags in various shapes and sizes, 6 daintily lined and fitted with mirror and change purse. Price \$1.95. Pin Seal, Morocco and Red Seal Bags, in an assortment of shapes, plain and fancy linings, all fitted with mirror and change purse. Price \$2.00. Black Hand Purses with serviceable linings. Prices \$1.25 and \$1.50. Hand Purses of Oriental Leather, two shapes. Price \$1.95. —Bags, Main Floor

Pretty Waists for Christmas Gifts

- A Dainty Waist is one of those things that make Christmas giving worth while. Here we show a beautiful range of crepe de chine Waists in shades of rose, flesh, maize, peach, green and white; daintily trimmed with fine lace, tucks and hemstitching. Price \$3.75. Beautiful Crepe de Chine Waists, in plain, tucked and some have trim in front and novelty collar. Colors, flesh, maize, white and black; sizes 34 to 44. Price \$3.00. Georgette Crepe Waists in a host of charming styles. Some have tucks and embroidered designs, others trimmed with fine lace; shown in many new shades. Prices range from \$7.75 to \$13.75. —Waists, First Floor

Choose a Dainty Neck-piece for Christmas

- Dainty Collars in net, lace, satin and Georgette crepe. Many styles, such as the high neck, with jabot, square, sailor, shoulder point, and the new long front effect. Price \$1.25. A good range of High Neck Collars with jabot in net, trimmed; embroidered lace; net with Val. lace; Georgette crepe, in plain or trimmed and altover lace. Price \$1.75. Pretty High Neckwear with jabots, in Georgette crepe, lace and net; also turndown Collars with long fronts. These are very smart for one-piece dresses. Price, \$2.25 and \$3.00. Beautiful High Neck Collars with jabot made of very fine lace and Georgette crepe, plain hemstitched or trimmed with lace. Price \$3.50. —Neckwear, Main Floor

Women's Tub Silk Waists

- Tub Silk Waists, made in semi-tailored styles with convertible collars, sizes 34 to 44. Price \$1.95. Heavy-weight Tub Silk Waists, with large roll collar and turn-back cuffs. Price \$3.95. Tub Silk Waists, of heavy Habutal, made with large collar, hemstitched, black and white, all sizes. Price \$4.50. —Waists, First Floor

Handsome Furs the Christmas Favorite

- White Mongolian Fox Stole, snake style. Price \$9.00. White Iceland Fox Stole, Colton style, satin lined. Price \$11.50. Handsome Black Wolf Stole, Wescott style, large animal, satin lined. Price \$35.00. Bonnyville Muff to match. Price \$22.50. Handsome Hudson Seal Set, Wensley cape and Rugby muff, crepe de chine lined, m. Has novelty wrist-fig. Price \$25.00. Natural Muskrat Muff, in rug style, satin lined. Price \$25.00. Natural Muskrat Muff, Colonial style, satin lined. Price \$16.50. Blended Muskrat Muff, pillow style, satin lined. Price \$18.50. Racoon Muff, in Milton style, satin lined. Price \$25.00. Persian Paw Muff, pillow style, heavy satin lined. Price \$7.50. Black Dog Muffs, in rug and colonial styles, poplin lined. Price \$10.00. —Furs, First Floor

Silk Underskirts Are Practical Gifts

- A new idea in a useful Underskirt, made with lisle top and deep silk flounce, with cluster tucks. An excellent wearing garment, shown in purple, green, rose, gold and navy shot effects. Price, \$4.25. Another handsome Underskirt is shown in various shot effects. Made with glove-fitting top and elastic band; deep flounce; with cluster tucks and narrow trim. Price, \$5.75. —First Floor

An Umbrella Is a Suitable Gift

- Umbrellas, with fine quality gloria covers and short handles, with cord attached. Price, \$4.75. Umbrellas, with short black handles, set with sterling ring or colored wood handles. Fine quality gloria covers of useful size. Price \$5.50. Another range of Umbrellas, with sterling silver ringed handles, large and small size rings. Very fine quality covers. Price, \$4.75. —Umbrella Section, Main Floor

For a Pleasant Gift Always Select Hosiery

- Black Silk Hose. An excellent quality, extra length and elastic top; sizes 3 1/2 to 10. Special, pair \$1.00. Fine Quality Silk Hose, in shades of silver grey, smoke, champagne, navy, white and black. Priced at \$1.25. "Holeproof" Silk Hose, in pearl, gunmetal, dark tan, nigger brown, navy, white and black. Priced at \$1.50. "Novelty" Silk Hose, in good style, colors grey, navy, champagne, white and black with fancy stripe, \$2.00. —Hosiery, Main Floor.

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