

WEATHER FORECASTS

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Tuesday: Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate northerly winds, fine and cold to-day and on Tuesday.

Victoria Daily Times

WHERE TO GO TO-NIGHT

Pantages Theatre, Vaudeville. Dominion Theatre, Scandal. Royal Victoria Theatre, Maids.

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TO CANADIANS OVERSEAS AND AT HOME: GREETINGS

ANOTHER PEACE MOVE BY KAISER TO-MORROW IS THE EXPECTATION

Information Reaches High Quarters at Rome; Bolshevik Agents at Brest-Litovsk Demanding no Annexations and no Indemnities

Rome, Dec. 24.—The report that a new German peace move is at hand is supported by apparently reliable information which has reached high quarters here.

London, Dec. 24.—Peace without annexations and without indemnities, the formula adopted by the German Reichstag in its peace resolution last July, is the keynote of the Bolshevik peace terms now being discussed at Brest-Litovsk.

BOLSHEVIKI SHIP AT SEATTLE PIER

Rifles, Revolvers and Ammunition in Cargo; for I. W. W.'s or Raider

Seattle, Dec. 24.—Federal officials today found packages of ammunition, several hundred rifles and a number of bags filled with revolvers buried under the cargo of hides in the Shilka, a Russian freighter, which arrived here Friday night under control of its Bolshevik crew.

At Brest-Litovsk. Amsterdam, Dec. 24.—A dispatch received here from Brest-Litovsk, Russia, dated Saturday, says:

To-day at 4 o'clock in the afternoon the peace negotiations were begun at a solemn sitting. The meeting was attended by the following:

For Germany—Dr. Richard von Kuehmann, Foreign Minister; Herr von Rosenberg, Baron von Hoesl, Gen. Hoffmann and Major Brinckmann.

For Austria-Hungary—Count Czernin, Foreign Minister; Herr von Meyer, Freiherr von Wisner, Count Colloreda, Count Osaky, Field-Marshal von Chiseries and Major von Glusice.

For Bulgaria—Minister Popoff, former Secretary Hoesoff, Postmaster-General Stoyanovich, Col. Gantsjiff and Dr. Antilneff.

For Turkey—Former Minister of Foreign Affairs Neasmy Bey, Ambassador Haakki, Under Foreign Secretary Heekmt Bey and Gen. Zekki Pascha.

For Russia—Joffe, Kamneff, Bizen Koponkosky, Karaghan, Lubinski, Waposhan, Pawlosch, Admet, Altvater, Gen. Tumporri, Col. Rokki, Col. Zepiet and Capt. Lipseky.

Prince Leopold of Bavaria, as Commander-in-Chief of the German forces in the East, welcomed the delegates and invited Hakkki Pascha, as the senior delegate, to open the conference.

The most important speech before the delegates was made by Dr. von Kuehmann, the German Foreign Minister. He said:

The purpose of this memorable meeting is to terminate the war between the Central Powers and Russia and re-establish a state of peace and friendship. In view of the situation it will be impossible in the course of these

POLES ALSO DEMAND A VOICE ASK SEAT AT BREST-LITOVSK

Amsterdam, Dec. 24.—A Polish delegation headed by Professor Jan Kueharzewski, the newly-appointed Premier, has arrived in Berlin to demand that the Polish Government be permitted to participate in the peace negotiations with the Bolsheviks.

The Vossische Zeitung prints an article protesting against the Polish demand as "meddling" and declares that peace must be negotiated only by "responsible" Governments.

Petrograd, Dec. 23.—(Via London, Dec. 24.)—The Commissary of Ways and Communications has sent telegraphic instructions to the railwaymen's committee to take control of the railways into its own hands.

List of Allenby's Captures Since He Started Operations

London, Dec. 24.—A report from Gen. Allenby gives the following captures since the commencement of the present operations in Palestine:

Ninety guns and howitzers with carriages, about 400 limbers, wagons and other vehicles, 110 machine guns, more than 7,000 rifles, 18,500 rounds of small ammunition and more than 54,000 rounds of gun and howitzer ammunition, besides various other stores.

Unique Christmas Message to States From Great Britain

London, Dec. 24.—The London paper, announce that a "unique and historic" Christmas message will be sent from Great Britain to the United States on Tuesday.

GOING OVERSEAS.

North Vancouver, Dec. 24.—George S. Hanes, M.P.P. and ex-mayor of the city of North Vancouver, expects to leave shortly for overseas with a draft of men for railway construction.

Premier Brewster's Yuletide Message to People of Province

Premier Brewster extends the following Christmas message to the people of British Columbia:

"This Christmas season recalls the festive occasions of our former untroubled years, rendered impossible this year again because of the persistence of the war. The deeper meaning of the annual festival probably is better understood among the people of Christian nations than ever in the past. If, because of the war, we cannot celebrate it with old-time joyous abandon, we can divert our minds of all hatred and individually feel and exemplify the spirit of the occasion. I wish the people of the Province seasonable congratulations and all the joy that individual circumstance may justify at this time.

DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOR IS APPOINTED

James D. McNiven, Dominion Fair Wage Officer, Selected by Mr. Farris

The Hon. J. W. deB. Farris, Attorney-General and Minister of Labor, has recommended to the Provincial Executive that the name of James Dugald McNiven be submitted to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor as his appointee for the post of Deputy Minister of Labor, as provided for under the Act passed at this year's session of the Provincial Legislature.

TEUTONS DEFEATED AT PIAVE FIGHTING ON MOUNTAIN LINE

Rome, Dec. 24.—The enemy forces which had crossed the Piave River at Piave Vecchio have been driven back over the river, the War Office here announced today.

CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR CURRIE'S TROOPS

Arranged That No Soldier Shall Go Without Treat To-morrow

Canadian Army Headquarters in the Field, Dec. 23.—Via London, Dec. 24.—(By the Canadian Overseas Correspondent.)—With snow and mist alternating with bright sunshine, the Canadian troops are enduring all the rigors of winter in splendid spirits, for the trenches on this front are quiet at this moment.

VON WALDOW ADMITS ILLICIT TRADING IN FOOD IN GRMANY

Amsterdam, Dec. 24.—The Vorwaerts, the Berlin Socialist organ, reported to have been ordered to suspend publication for three days, appeared unexpectedly Saturday. It says its suspension was due to criticism of the provisioning of the war invalids under the heading: "Let them go beg."

Europe's Sovereigns at a Conference Is Kaiser's Latest Idea

London, Dec. 24.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Copenhagen says: "The Berliner Zeitung says Kaiser Wilhelm has informed his Government that he contemplates going to Brest-Litovsk if the German and Bolshevik diplomats arrive at an agreement, in which case he will endeavor to assemble the sovereigns of Europe at a peace conference, as was done after the Napoleonic wars."

CANADA'S MESSAGE TO HER SONS WHO FIGHT AS CHRISTMAS COMES

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The following message has been sent by the Duke of Devonshire, Governor-General of Canada, to Lieut.-General Sir Arthur Currie, Commander of the Canadian forces in France:

"Please convey to the gallant troops under your command my most cordial good wishes for Christmas, and congratulations on the ever-increasing lustre which they continue to add to the glorious annals of the Canadian army."

"We at home are deeply sensible of their splendid devotion and heroism, and our heartfelt prayer is that the year about to open will see the conclusion of a victorious peace and the complete and final triumph of those principles which the Empire and its brave allies are so worthily maintaining.

RAIDS FOILED BY BRITISH AND FRENCH

Eighteen German Aeroplanes Destroyed by French in Three Days

London, Dec. 24.—German troops yesterday afternoon attempted to raid British positions southeast of Epehy, on the Cambrai front, but were driven off, the War Office here announced today in the following report:

NO BREAK IN THIS DOMINION UNTHINKABLE, SAYS GARNEAU

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Sir George Garneau is quoted in La Presse as having made the following statement with regard to the notice of motion given in the Quebec Legislative Assembly by J. Francœur, member for Lotbinière, of his intention to bring on a debate on the question of Quebec breaking the Confederation agreement:

ARMY OF 100,000 AGAINST KALBOINES BOLSHEVIK REPORT

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SWISS LOAN.

Berne, Dec. 24.—Switzerland will issue in January a new loan of 150,000,000 francs at 5 per cent. The cost of Swiss mobilization to date amounts to 1,000,000,000 francs.

Times Will Not Be Issued To-morrow

There will be no issue of the Times to-morrow, Christmas Day.

ALLENBY'S MEN STILL ADVANCING IN COAST AREA OF PALESTINE

British Leader Reports Further Gains Northeast of Jaffa; Number of Towns Taken; New Positions Situated on Commanding Ground

London, Dec. 24.—General Allenby's troops in Palestine continue their advance on the Plain of Sharon, northeast of Jaffa, and have occupied four more towns. An official report issued here last night said:

"On Saturday morning, with naval co-operation, our left furthered the advance north of the Nahr El Auja, reaching the line Sheikh El Ballutah-el-Jelil, about four miles north of the river. Pushing eastward and south of the river, we occupied Fejja and Mulebbis. This was followed by the capture of Rantieh, on the Turkish railway to the north, and Kiteibeida-Kheibireh, four miles southeast of Rantrh. Effective aerial work was carried out on enemy transports and infantry."

WOULD BE FOOLISH FOR GERMANS TO ENTER SWITZERLAND

Berne, Dec. 24.—Public opinion in France may be reassured regarding the report in circulation in that country that an Austro-German offensive through Switzerland is in preparation, Gustav Ador, the Swiss Foreign Minister, told the correspondent of the Paris Petit Journal here on Saturday.

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"I have not had time to think over the matter very much, but I may say at once that the proposal, to say the least, is inopportune, for there can be no possible question of a rupture of Confederation. The Dominion election is over. The majority of the people have pronounced in favor of a law which we do not like, but as we are under a constitutional regime, we have but one thing to do, and that is to conform to the will of the majority. Once the passions that were raised during the campaign are calmed down, I am sure that there are enough well-disposed people in all the provinces to appease these prejudices and passions."

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### HONORED BY AMERICANS.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Miss Violet M. Ryley, general organizing dietitian for the Military Hospitals Commission directing the dietary departments of all the convalescent homes and sanatoria for returned soldiers in the Dominion, was elected second vice-president of the American Dietetic Association at its annual meeting held at Cleveland, Ohio.

### GETS D.S.O.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—It is announced through the Department of the Naval Service that Acting Flight Commander Fred Carr-Armstrong, R.N.A.S., Toronto, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order. The award was made in recognition of his services with a wing of the R.N.A.S. at Dunkirk. He has destroyed seven hostile machines and has led his flight with very great success and skill.

## HOSPITALS ON WHEELS CARRY WOUNDED WEST

Cars Provided by M. H. C. to Transfer Bed Cases Across Dominion

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Many visitors to Canada have praised the hospitals and sanatoria supplied by the Government through the Military Hospitals Commission for the treatment of returned soldiers and the schools conducted in connection with them for the vocational training and re-education, but the hospitals on wheels, the shuttle-like institutions which are shot from coast to coast over the rails, bearing the bed cases brought back from England, elude them.

In these cars, complete with wards, dispensary, kitchen and nurses' and physicians' quarters, 22 bed cases bound for inland points can be perfectly cared for. The beds are standard hospital cots, so spread with white linen and bolstered in pillows as would make a weary salesman weep with envy; there are solicitous nurses in perky white caps and with every unit of two cars a physician to look after the men.

One car carries all the service facilities. There is a space equivalent to drawing-room accommodation in the regular sleeping car reserved for the nurses, a diet kitchen, dispensary and a compartment for the medical officers consisting of upper and lower berths. The remainder of the space is given to eight cots for patients.

Side Entrance to Cars.

One special feature of the car is a side entrance giving easy access for the stretchers so that the patients may be moved with the least possible inconvenience to them. All cases are brought in this way and transferred to the adjoining ward car through doors made specially wide for the purpose. To protect the men already in the first car, heavy curtains are drawn in cold weather.

The second car is a complete ward, giving sufficient space for 8 cots. The

upper berths are retained even though they are never used, since they provide good space for carrying linen and supplies, and in case of a great emergency certain cases might be carried there.

By arranging these cars in units of two they may be attached to any ordinary passenger train or made up into a special train.

## HAD PHOTOGRAPHS OF GERMAN LINES

### Stated Caillaux Had Pictures of Enemy Defences on Somme Front

Paris, Dec. 24.—The secret report sent February from the French Embassy at Rome to the Foreign Office here, in which M. Caillaux was said to have expressed opinions hostile to the United States, also contained the assertion that the former Premier had in his possession photographs of the German lines on the Somme front.

This was one of the statements made at the French Embassy, according to the report, by the man referred to as M. Le Prestre, who asserted he had obtained access at the American Embassy in Rome to an account of conversations between M. Caillaux, who was then in Rome, and two ministers of the Vatican. In this conversation M. Caillaux was reported to have expressed his sentiments respecting the United States.

After the account of Le Prestre's visit to the French Embassy at Rome and the statement regarding M. Caillaux's hostility to the United States, the report quotes M. Le Prestre further as follows:

"The person who placed before me the account taken to the American Embassy by the Irish prelate—it was not the Ambassador—was, I believe, disgusted by it and gave me the information in order that M. Caillaux's conversation should come to the ears of representatives of the Entente. The document certainly was sent to Washington.

"Finally, there is a detail which has its value. In order to prove that continuation of the war would result only in butchery without a decision, M. Caillaux, in the course of his conversation, produced photographs of the German lines of defence on the Somme before and after the last offensive there. By these photographs he showed that once a system of trenches was captured, another system, quite as strong and quite as difficult to capture, was established a few kilometres in the rear.

"Were the photographs of German origin or French origin? I do not know. In either case, did he obtain them? From officers?"

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## IS NO GROUND FOR TUBERCULOSIS SCARE

### Soldiers Less Liable Than Civilians, Says Dr. Parfitt, Gravenhurst

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—"As far as the occurrence of tuberculosis among the soldiers is concerned, there is no ground for a tuberculosis scare in Canada," declared Dr. C. D. Parfitt, of Gravenhurst, in a lecture reported in a private bulletin circulated among the members of the Association of Medical Officers Caring for Tuberculous Soldiers in Canada.

"If instead of war," Dr. Parfitt pointed out, "there had been a three-year campaign for sending to sanatoria all men of military age suspected of tuberculosis, who were not capable of doing a specified minimum amount of physical work, and maintaining them free of cost to themselves, with pay while undergoing treatment and maintenance for their families provided, would not the situation appear far more serious than it does now?"

Strengthened Resistance.

"Sir, William Osler in England considers that enlisted men are less liable to develop tuberculosis in the army than if they remained in civil life, since army life will, as a rule, strengthen rather than weaken resistance, and he does not look for a great increase in the number of cases among those who have undertaken military service.

"The Military Hospitals Commission has had under treatment 2,364 cases, 993 from the Canadian camps and 1,461 from overseas. It is estimated that there are 540 tuberculosis cases still overseas, giving a total of the war to September 30, 1917, that is, for approximately three years.

20 Per Cent. Lower

"The relation of cases of active tuberculosis in any population to the death rate has been variously estimated as 10 to 1, 8 to 1, and 5 to 1. Applying this ratio to the death rate, the incidence of tuberculosis for men of military age in Canada is 5.3 per thousand. It is therefore quite plain that the incidence of tuberculosis in the Canadian Expeditionary Force is at least 20 per cent. lower than in a comparable population in civil life, notwithstanding the hardships of training and warfare.

"The Military Hospitals Commission is now running eight sanatoria for returned tuberculosis soldiers. In addition six other sanatoria, the finest institutions in the country, are devoting a large portion of their space to military patients, and four or five care for varying numbers.

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## NO MORE MILITARISM, DECLARES TROTSKY

### Says Russians Did Not Overthrow Czarism to Set Up Kaiserism

Petrograd, Dec. 23.—Via London, Dec. 24.—Detailed reports of the central session of the active committee of the Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates, the Petrograd delegates and the Peace Congress, called to consider the peace negotiations, show Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, suggesting a plan by which military opposition might be offered if there were an attempt by the Central Powers to force objectionable peace terms upon Russia.

"We have called you together to ask your support," Trotsky said. "You must help us in our efforts to make peace with nations and not with German militarism. If our delegation should meet eye to eye representatives of the German Kaiser without the people, then peace would be impossible. If dead silence should continue in Europe, if the German Kaiser should be enabled to offer offensive terms of peace, we would fight against it.

"I do not know whether we could fight, because of our economic conditions, utter exhaustion and the disorganized state of the army, but I think we would fight. We would release all the elderly soldiers and call the youth to fight to the last drop of their blood. The Allies must understand we did not overthrow Czarism to bend our knee before the Kaiser. They know our game is not yet ended.

"If they should offer unacceptable terms directed against the basis of our life, against other peoples, then we would submit the question to the Constituent Assembly. But our party takes this position—a holy war against militarism in all countries. But if, exhausted as we are by this unprecedented slaughter, we must accept the terms of the German Kaiser, we would accept them only in order to rise together with the German people against German militarism as we did against Czarism."

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## CANADIANS HAVE WON 7,000 DECORATIONS

### Nineteen Have Been Awarded Coveted Victoria Cross; Other Honors

London, Dec. 24.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—Seven thousand decorations have been conferred to date on members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force for valour in the field and for outstanding war service. Seven officers and 12 men have gained the coveted Victoria Cross; 206 officers have received the D. S. O., six have gained a bar to the D. S. O., and 105 Canadian nurses have received the Royal Red Cross. There have been 1 K. C. B. and 16 C. B.'s and 3 K. C. M. G.'s bestowed on Canadians. One thousand and 19 officers and 26 of other ranks have been decorated with the Military Cross.

Men in the ranks have gained 676 Distinguished Conduct Medals, and 4 received bars to the D. C. M. Four thousand three hundred and twenty-four have received the Military Medal, and 125 have received bars to the Military Medal and 3 received the second bar. Sixty-three have earned the Meritorious Service Medal.

**HALIFAX DEAD.**

Halifax, Dec. 24.—Following is a further list of dead: Clara Finch, Lana Finch, Thomas Finch, Mabel Finch, Joseph Finch, Annie Finch, Margaret Finch, Ralph Finch, Louis Finch, Frederick Finch, Gordon Gough, Ralph Gough, Edward Gough, Mrs. Elizabeth Gough, James Gough, Gerald Gough, Maitland Mercer, Lillian Hettler, Irene Cave, Nora Cave, Alfred Cave, Peter Carroll, Gerald Carroll, Doris Carroll, T. McCann, Maurice Hurley, Ray A. Haburn and J. R. Morgan.

**A GERMAN CLAIM.**

London, Dec. 24.—Final figures for the seventh German war loan were 12,525,680,200 marks, according to a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam, quoting a message from Berlin.

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## LLOYD GEORGE'S WORDS MAKE GERMANS THINK AN ANSWER NECESSARY

London, Dec. 24.—An official statement has been issued in Berlin, according to a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam, regarding references by Mr. Lloyd George on December 20 to the submarine warfare. It says his report that the British mercantile losses have declined is correct, but that it is due to the decrease in world shipping as a result of the barred zone warfare and "particularly of cargo space available for British traffic, as a result of which the sinkings by our U boats must necessarily gradually decline."

The statement adds:

"Even the convoy system, with its extensive work in increasing measure, is in our favor, for it means, especially in consequence of inevitable heaping up for shipping in ports and consequent delays, such big losses in the utilizable cargo space that it requires a very considerable total sinking of equal such loss of available shipping by this method of destruction."

## ELEVATOR DESTROYED; LOSS PUT AT \$250,000

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—Entailing a loss estimated at \$250,000, the large terminal elevator of the Northern Elevator Company in St. Boniface, containing 80,000 bushels of grain, was completely destroyed by fire Saturday night. Half an hour after the fire was noticed the entire building was a mass of flames. The walls collapsed and released an avalanche of grain which immediately broke into flames. All that remains is a huge pile of smouldering grain and twisted machinery.

The fire originated under the dryer. Several workshops and storehouses in connection with the elevator were destroyed. Three cars which were waiting to be unloaded were removed from the danger zone.

## ENEMY'S AIR LOSSES ON FRENCH FRONT

Paris, Dec. 24.—An official report issued here yesterday afternoon said: "In the period from December 11 to 20 inclusive 14 German aeroplanes were brought down by our pilots. Three others were forced to land in a damaged condition inside their own lines. In addition three enemy machines were brought down by the fire of our guns."

## BRITISH ARMY CLUB IN FRENCH CAPITAL

Paris, Dec. 24.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—In connection with the appeal which is being made in favor of the British Army and Navy Club of Paris, Hon. Philippe Roy, Canadian Commissioner here, has received from the Duke of Devonshire, the Governor-General of Canada, the following telegram: "I heartily endorse your appeal for the British Army and Navy League Club, and wish it success."

## FIVE MINISTERS TO HALIFAX WEDNESDAY

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Five members of the Cabinet will proceed to Halifax on Wednesday to consider with the municipal and provincial authorities reconstruction plans and relief work. The Ministers are Hon. J. D. Reid, Minister of Railways and Canals; Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, Minister of Marine and Fisheries; Hon. F. B. Carroll, Minister of Public Works; Major-General Mewburn, Minister of Militia and Defence; and Hon. A. K. Maclean, Minister without Portfolio.

## BOLSHEVIKI GENERAL PETROGRAD TO KIEV

London, Dec. 24.—General Antonoff, the military commandant of the Petrograd district, has gone to Kiev, says a Petrograd dispatch to The Times, with instructions to negotiate with the Ukrainian Tada in an effort to settle the differences between it and the Bolsheviks.

**LEAVES RUSSIA.**

Petrograd, Dec. 24.—Victor Hugo Duras, of Nebraska, the former American vice-consul at Liege, Belgium, and later vice-consul at Petrograd, who was arrested in August, 1916, at the Finnish frontier on suspicion that he became a German spy after he had left the consular service, has been finally granted permission by the Bolshevik authorities to leave Russia.

Mr. Duras recently was released but found some difficulty in securing a permit to quit the country. After securing this permission—the American left Petrograd on Saturday morning on his way to Stockholm.

## BERLIN CONTINUES TO DODGE THE TRUTH

Amsterdam, Dec. 24.—According to a Berlin dispatch, official denial is given to the statement made by Mr. Lloyd George in the British Parliament on November 13 that five German submarines had been sunk on the previous Saturday. The statement gives no particulars of the actual sinkings on that day.

In the speech in question, the British Prime Minister, referring to the submarine menace, said: "But now of the submarine I have no fear. We are on its track and I am glad to tell the House that on Saturday we destroyed five of them—five of these pests of the sea."

## GERMAN DIPLOMATIC PAPERS WERE STOLEN

Geneva, Dec. 24.—The German legation here is much concerned over the theft of a valise containing diplomatic papers stolen Friday at the Basel station en route from Berlin to Berne.

## NORWEGIAN VESSELS SUNK BY GERMANS

Copenhagen, Dec. 24.—The Norwegian Foreign Office announces that the Norwegian steamship Ingrid H. was torpedoed and only four of the crew saved, and that the Norwegian steamship Borgstein was torpedoed, two sailors being killed.

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### BY-ELECTIONS MAY BE HELD NEXT MAY

Vancouver Dispatch Tells of  
Rumor Regarding Vacant  
Provincial Ridings

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—A report is in circulation to the effect that the Government has decided not to hold the provincial by-elections till next spring, probably in May, desiring not to bring them on so close to the federal election, which upset business and produced general turmoil for several weeks during the campaign. As far as Vancouver is concerned a civic election is to be held next month and if Premier Brewster should insist on carrying out his intimation of having the by-elections before the next meeting of the Legislature it would mean that this city would have two more elections within a few weeks of each other. The Brewster Government has been in power for more than a year, and nearly all of that time Albert and Newcastle have been without representatives in the provincial House. Shortly after the Government took office Hon. Ralph Smith, Minister of Finance, died and left Vancouver short one member. E. W. Shatford a short time ago was appointed to the Senate, which leaves Similkameen without a member in the House. So far as Vancouver is concerned there does not appear to be a great deal of complaint at the delay in the election of a successor to the late Hon. Ralph Smith, but it is reported that the country districts do not accept the delay and postponements with a great deal of equanimity.

### CENSOR APPRECIATES ASSISTANCE OF PRESS

Col. Chambers Mentions Aid in  
Extending Christmas  
Greetings

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Colonel E. J. Chambers, Chief Press Censor for Canada, has issued a message extending his thanks to the press and all other institutions and people who have assisted him in his important work. It is as follows: "The undersigned wishes to extend sincere season's greetings and personal thanks for the support accorded him, to the members of the press and to the officials and employees of the land telegraph and telephone services. No one knows better than he does how loyally these mentioned have co-operated in their respective spheres with the authorities to bring the struggle for justice, for liberty and righteousness, to a triumphant conclusion. When the time comes to release the old Christmas message again the Canadian press and the national communication services so closely associated with it will be justly able to claim an honorable share of credit for patient service and sacrifice in winning the blessing of an enduring peace upon earth."  
(Signed) ERNEST J. CHAMBERS.

### ON SPECIAL TRAINS.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—Three special trains with returned soldiers arrived here yesterday. The first special brought 32 returned soldiers for Calgary and 52 for Victoria. Another brought women and children, and the third carried 123 returned heroes for Winnipeg and 52 for Regina.

### GUERRILLA WARFARE NEAR JERUSALEM

Turks' Plan; British Answer; Taking of Village of Bethlehem

London, Dec. 24.—Since the Turkish forces were driven out of Jerusalem they have been conducting guerrilla warfare to the north and east of the city, splitting up into numerous small bodies to attack British outposts, to snipe patrols and generally to make the movements unpleasant, says Reuter's correspondent at Jerusalem, telegraphing under date of December 15. "Such tactics," the correspondent continues, "are greatly facilitated by the fact that the country is so hilly and intersected by so many ravines and small rivers. To improve the British position the taking of certain ridges was ordered so that there might be a wider range of defence. All those moves have been successfully carried out. "A remarkable chance to carry on this fight is marked by the Mount of Olives, which mountain probably is the most remarkable observation post in the world. Objects 5,000 to 6,000 yards away look as if they were within pistol shot. The winding course of the Jordan is clearly visible and motorboats may be seen skimming the surface of the Dead Sea. "One of the most brilliant pieces of work during the recent operations was the capture of Bethlehem. The Turks had strong forts there, with numerous field guns on the outskirts of the hamlet. The troops which had been ordered to take the town deployed by nightfall to the left, threatening the Turkish line of retreat and compelling the Turks to withdraw. Welsh troops then entered Bethlehem at daybreak."

### GUILLAUMAT LEADS NOW IN MACEDONIA

Succeeds Gen. Sarrail as Commander of Forces of Entente

Paris, Dec. 24.—General M. P. Sarrail, the Government has decided, according to an official announcement, will be replaced as head of the Allied armies on the Salonica front, by General Marie Louis Adolphe Guillaumat. General Sarrail, who has had to struggle against serious difficulties, and has rendered great service, will be called to other duties as soon as circumstances permit. General Guillaumat arrived at Salonica on Saturday. He is one of the heroes of Verdun, where he commanded an army corps which was mentioned in army orders as having distinguished itself by the methodical precision of its preparations and the vigor of its attacks.

A London dispatch last Wednesday said that an Athens paper reported the recall of General Sarrail, who had been in command in the East since October, 1915. His successor's name was given at that time as General Guillaumat. The great French victory at Verdun last summer was under the immediate leadership of General Guillaumat.

### CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The following casualties have been announced:  
Infantry.  
Killed in action—Pte. W. White, Victoria; Pte. J. Withers, South Vancouver.  
Presumed to have died—Pte. R. E. Burke, Victoria; Pte. M. Connor, Victoria; Lieut. E. Graves, Jacobsonville, N. B.; Pte. E. E. Edmond, Vancouver.  
Wounded and missing—Pte. R. W. Crawford, Vancouver; Pte. W. P. Ross, Vancouver.  
Wounded—Pte. S. W. Cooper, Victoria; Pte. G. Whitlock, Vancouver; Pte. J. H. Widmark, Notch Hill, B. C.  
Artillery.  
Died—Driver A. Stacey, Victoria.  
Gassed—Driver C. B. Ross, North Saanich.  
Wounded—Gunner E. R. Etheridge, Victoria; Lieut. H. Gabbitt, Montreal.  
Prisoner-of-war—Pte. W. J. Jones, Sanderby.  
Railway Troops.  
Wounded—Corpl. R. J. Laxton, Huntingdon, B. C.  
Engineers.  
Killed in action—Sapper W. S. Boxer, Vancouver.  
Wounded—Sapper W. Cowie, Victoria.  
Infantry.  
Killed at Halifax—Lieut. F. J. Howley, Halifax.  
Wounded and missing—Lieut. H. C. Stiver, Winnipeg.  
Seriously ill—Lieut. F. C. Young, Edmonton.  
Railway Troops.  
Wounded—Pte. G. Delvas, Vancouver.

### PAPER SEIZED.

San Jose, Costa Rica, Dec. 24.—The Nova Era, the largest German paper in Costa Rica, has been seized by the Government on account of libellous articles against President Wilson and the British Prime Minister, Mr. Lloyd George. It published also a violent protest against the trade black-list.

### BRITISH AVIATORS THREW MANY BOMBS

Also Killed Many German Infantrymen by Gunfire From Air

London, Dec. 24.—The following report from Field-Marshal Haig was issued here last night: "Early this morning enemy troops raided a British post east of Ephey. A few men are missing. "Our fire drove off another enemy attempt to raid our positions in the vicinity of the Menin Road. "There was artillery activity on both sides this morning north of Poelcapelle. "Aviation.—A heavy fire from the air was poured on the enemy infantry on Saturday. In air fighting four hostile machines were brought down. After dark some of our aeroplanes bombed aerodromes of the enemy's night flying squadrons and important railway stations. Many hits were obtained. All our machines returned safely. "On Aerodromes. The Admiralty issued the following report last night: "Some of naval aircraft Saturday night successfully bombed the enemy aerodromes at St. Denis Westrem, Mariakerke and Ostacker, dropping six tons of bombs with good results. All our machines returned safely. "Under cover of a heavy artillery barrage," said a report from Field-Marshal Haig yesterday afternoon, "enemy troops yesterday afternoon made a local attack against our positions in the neighborhood of the Ypres-Staden railway and succeeded in driving in our advanced posts for a short distance on a front of 700 yards. "During the night the hostile artillery was greatly active in the neighborhood of Poelcapelle and Gheluvelt." Attack Foiled. Paris, Dec. 24.—The War Office here reported last night: "On the right bank of the Meuse and in the region of La Mort Homme, there was some artillery activity. Enemy troops unsuccessfully attempted a surprise attack in the Bois de Courieres. "On the evening of the 22nd German aeroplanes dropped two scores of bombs on Dunkirk and its vicinity, killing one civilian and wounding three others, among them a woman and a child. "Belgian communication.—The enemy has maintained a weak artillery fire. Our artillery carried out neutralizing and retaliatory operations. Enemy aeroplanes and enemy long range artillery have bombarded Adinkerke." German Statement. Berlin, Dec. 24.—An official announcement issued here yesterday said: "There was lively artillery fire until nightfall from Blankert Lake to the Deule. By an enterprise carried out on the Boesinghe-Staden railway, we brought in 30 British prisoners. On both sides of the Scarpe and south of St. Quentin there was spirited firing in the afternoon. "Numerous successful encounters took place between Arras and St. Quentin. "Aerial activity was strong throughout the day in many sectors, and also marked during the moonlit night. Bombs were dropped freely on Dover and Dunkirk, as well as on depots behind the Anglo-French fronts."

### WILHELM VISITED FRONT NEAR VERDUN

Amsterdam, Dec. 24.—Kaiser Wilhelm visited the German front north of Verdun on Friday, according to a Berlin dispatch, and in an address to the troops thanked them warmly for their efforts. "But for the calm and heroic warriors on the Western front," he said, "the enormous deployment of German forces in the east and in Italy never would have been possible. The fighter in the West has exposed heroically his body so that his brothers on the Dnieper and the Isonzo might storm from victory to victory. The fearful battles on the bloody hills of Italy were not vain. They created new foundations for the conduct."

### CARIBOO PIONEER HEARS LAST CALL

Barkerville, Dec. 24.—The death of John Bibby at the Royal Cariboo Hospital marked the passing of another of the pioneer builders of this province. Mr. Bibby was born in Kingston, Ont., in 1828, and heard the call of the West in 1859. He embarked for the Coast via Panama with a number of argonauts, including the late Thomas Cunningham, who for many years was fruit inspector for this province. "Victoria was a tented town in those days and Vancouver was not. He left Victoria for the Cariboo in 1871. There his trade of tinsmith secured him plenty of work and it was not long before he was operating a tinsmithing shop which he controlled continuously thereafter until his death.

### SUBMARINE-CHASER DESTROYED BY FIRE

An Atlantic Port of the United States, Dec. 24.—A submarine-chaser on patrol duty near here was destroyed by fire late Saturday and two of her crew were injured in lowering the small boats. They were taken to a naval hospital. When the fire started in the engine room the crew beached the craft, and after they got to land a shore battery opened fire on the vessel in an endeavor to puncture the gasoline tank and prevent an explosion. Two shots went wild and then another submarine-chaser fired into the tank, releasing the gasoline.

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December 25 and 26

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That happiness may be your lot with the dawn of an early and victorious peace is our heartfelt and confident wish.

*J. H. Watson*  
Managing Director.

Toronto, December, 1917.

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CHRISTMAS, 1917.

Christmas, 1917, finds the world still in the throes of Armageddon. Instead of the peace which was predicted a year ago we have preparations for still more gigantic war efforts...

NATION-WIDE PROHIBITION.

After to-day and until twelve months following the conclusion of peace no intoxicating liquors may be imported into Canada. This is the first instalment of the nation-wide prohibition programme adopted by the Dominion Government under the War Measures Act.

The regulation which goes into force to-day is merely a preliminary, a prohibition appetizer, as it were. It only stops liquor importation from outside points and, standing by itself, would increase the business of Canadian distilleries.

No doubt the action of the Canadian Government was influenced somewhat by the opinion of the prohibition amendment to the constitution enacted by the American Congress ten days ago.

AUSTRALIA'S REFERENDUM.

A Reuter dispatch from Melbourne yesterday gave the result of the referendum on compulsory military service in Australia as 72,000 in favor of the policy and 247,000 against it.

THE BREACH WIDENS.

While the wily Kuehmann and the shrewdest diplomats of the Central Empires are discussing peace terms with Bolshevik delegates at Brest Litovsk, the breach between Petrograd and the Ukraine grows wider.

Meanwhile, according to a report from Petrograd Saturday night, the Ukrainian troops under Lieut-General Scherbacheff, have taken up positions on the southwestern front, while orders have been issued for the mobilization of all the Cossacks in the Ukraine provinces.

All this increasing defection in southern Russia reduces the separate peace negotiations at Brest Litovsk to a mere mechanical proceeding. Nothing will be considered by Russia to be binding, because the Bolsheviks have no authority to speak for the Russian people.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Among the passengers on the Empress of India were T. G. Allen and W. J. Sachtleben, two young New Yorkers, who are making a tour of the world on their bicycles.

"WHERE ARE WE AT?"

The reply of the Minister of Railways to the communications of the Hon. John Oliver, the Victoria City Council and the British Columbia Manufacturers' Association, regarding the early completion of the Canadian Northern Pacific undertakings on Vancouver Island does not help the situation.

As we infer from this that the policy of the Canadian Northern in regard to the railway extensions on Vancouver Island and the car ferry will remain as it was before?

Huns as well. The negotiations at Brest Litovsk are very much in the nature of a sham.

Henri Bourassa is not likely to support the resolution introduced in the Quebec Legislature in regard to a rupture of the Confederation pact.



THE KING'S PROCLAMATION.

To the Editor.—On a former occasion when the Duke of Connaught, as Governor-General, issued a letter to the different heads of the various organized churches enclosing a copy of a Proclamation fixing a certain date as a day of national prayer, we were charged not to publish the wording of this Proclamation until just before the time.

Open To-night Special Clearance Sale of TOYS Everything Greatly Reduced to Clear Out To-day Don't Miss These Offerings Doll Furniture Bargains All Doll and Kindergarten Furniture Is Reduced Dressers, China Cabines, Desks, Tables, Etc. AT ATTRACTIVE PRICES Weiler Bros., Limited Government Street Near Post Office

ANOTHER PEACE MOVE BY KAISER TO-MORROW IS THE EXPECTATION

deliberations to prepare an instrument of peace elaborate in its smallest details. What I have in mind is to fix the most important principles and conditions upon which peaceful and neighborly intercourse, especially in the cultural things, may speedily be resumed, and also to decide upon the best means of healing the wounds caused by the war.

that the negotiations open within sight of that festival which for centuries past has promised peace on earth, goodwill to men, I enter upon the negotiations with the desire that our work may make speedy progress.

Wishing All Our Customers and Friends A Merry Christmas Kirk & Co., Ltd. 1212 Broad St. Phone 139

Yuletide Greetings May the people of Nanaimo Electoral District who so graciously and emphatically entrusted me with their confidence, have a gladsome Christmas and the joys of a happy and prosperous New Year. May the grave problems which now vex and perplex the people of Canada be solved, and Canada as a united country go forward to her great destiny as the centre of an empire, made glorious by deeds of peace rather than war. May Peace with its attendant blessings soon descend upon us, with the victorious return of our courageous brethren from the horrors of a war made brutal by an unscrupulous and licentious enemy. J. C. McINTOSH. 1394 Esquimalt Road, Esquimalt, B. C.

CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR CURRIE'S TROOPS

It is expected that it will be weeks yet before the result of the soldiers' vote is announced, but it is known that 99 per cent. of the available vote in the various corps was polled.

DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOR IS APPOINTED

In a special appendix to Orders to-day it is announced that the Canadian command has authorized the establishment of a university on Vimy Ridge. A scheme of technical and vocational training will be tested first by a division and then extended to all divisions as soon as possible.

any of the Provincial Executive Councils in the Dominion. It was pointed out at the time that such an office was especially necessary in a province like British Columbia by reason of the fact that its industrial activities were of such a nature that action from a responsible head was oftentimes needed promptly, a course not always possible from the Federal Government on account of the distance separating the provincial from the national capital.

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Spencer's Helpful Hints for Solving Last Minute Gift Problems

**Silk Waists**

of Silk Crepe de Chine and Georgette Crepes. They were made specially for this holiday trade, and both the materials and styles make them welcome as Christmas gifts. The styles are absolutely the latest, finished with frills, trimmed with beads; others with lace and some beautifully embroidered. In shades flesh, maize, rose, biscuit, navy, white and black. All at Christmas Sale prices. \$3.50, \$3.75, \$4.75, \$5.75 and \$6.75. —Waists, First Floor

**Toys Must Be Cleared Out To-night**

All Toys must be sold to-night. We have no room to store them and this portion of the store will be in the hands of the builders within a few days. Special Price Reductions have been made on the balance of stock, and you will do well to make your shopping visit an early one. The reduced prices are—

- 15c Toys to clear at 2 for 25c.
  - 25c Toys to clear at 19c.
  - 35c Toys to clear at 25c.
  - 50c Toys to clear at 42c.
  - 75c Toys to clear at 63c.
  - \$1.00 Toys to clear at 83c.
  - \$1.25 Toys to clear at \$1.08.
  - \$1.50 Toys to clear at \$1.29.
- Wheel Goods at clearing prices.  
—Toys, 1st, First Floor, Douglas Street

**Men's Sweaters**

**A Regular \$5.00 Grade for \$3.95**  
Made from 75 per cent. woolen yarns, well knit and finished with shawl or military collars. A splendid range of plain and combination colors. Sizes 34 to 44. One of these Coats will make a splendid Christmas gift.  
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Combinations of fine muller, trimmed with lace, beading and ribbons, neatly hand-embroidered (Dove Brand). Christmas Special at \$2.50.  
Corset Covers of fine muller, deep yoke front and back of Swiss embroidery and lace. Christmas Special at \$2.25.  
Combinations of Jap Silk, finished with deep yoke of lace. Christmas Special at \$2.75.  
—Whitewear, First Floor

**Tea Aprons**

—of fine quality voiles, organdie and muslins. Very daintily trimmed in a variety of ways with lace and colored ribbons. Styles that make most acceptable Christmas gifts. Prices range 50c up to \$1.75.  
Lower priced Aprons, 25c and 35c.  
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**FURS At Half-Price**

The balance of our stock of Fur Stoles and Muffs clearing at half-price. Included are Mole-skin, Black and Brown Wolf, Alaska Sable, also a few White and Brown Vienna Fox Sets. The half-prices range from \$4.25 to \$20.00.  
—First Floor

**Men's Neckwear**

Hundreds of beautiful Ties to choose from here. All the newest Christmas patterns and shades represented, and we pack them in pretty individual gift boxes.  
Wide-End Silk Ties, reversible and will not stretch, a grand improvement on the old style—the tie lasts twice as long. \$1.25 value for \$1.00.  
Other Silk Ties up from 35c, 50c and 75c.  
Silk Fibre Knitted Ties, 35c.  
—Main Floor

**Store Closes To-morrow Christmas Day**

**Store Closes All Day Wednesday**

**Slippers**

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 Arctic Plaid Slippers, felt and leather soles. A pair, \$1.50 and \$1.75.  
**A BIG TABLE OF WOMEN'S SLIPPERS PRICED AT \$1.50**  
Including Quilted Satin and Felt Models. A splendid variety and all special values.  
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—Slippers, First Floor

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Bibs of fine linen, hand-embroidered. Each, \$1.00.  
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Hand-Painted Pin Trays, Each, 35c.  
—Infants, First Floor

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Cased Cutlery and Set—Reg. \$35.00 for \$19.90.  
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Cased Silverware—6 Teaspoons, 1 Sugar and Tongs—Reg. \$7.50 for \$5.90.  
Cased Silverware—6 Dessert Knives and Forks, with pearl handles—Reg. \$15.00 for \$9.50.  
Cased Carvers—Reg. \$15.00 for \$11.90.  
Cased Poultry—Reg. \$3.50 for \$2.95.  
—Hardware, Second Floor

**Underskirts Suitable for Gifts**

Moire Silk Underskirts, finished with deep flounce and tuckings; all shades. Special values at \$1.50, \$2.50 and \$3.75.  
Satin Underskirts in all shades and specially good range of designs. Reg. \$3.50 value for \$2.90.  
Taffeta Underskirts from \$5.75 to \$9.75.  
—Mantles, First Floor

**Ladies' Gloves**

Real Chamois Gloves, in natural and white. A pair, \$1.50.  
Cape Skin Gloves, in tans only, 1 dome. A pair, \$1.75.  
Glace Kid Gloves, in tans, brown, black and white, also white with black points. A pair, \$1.75.  
Cape Skin Washable Gloves, in tans, white and putty. A pair, \$1.90.  
Dent's Chamois Gloves, selected skins and very fine values, in white and white with black points. A pair, \$1.90.  
Dent's and Perrin's Gloves, glace kid, in black, white, brown, tan, grey, also black with white points and white with black points. A pair, \$2.00.  
—Main Floor

**Ladies' Neckwear**

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—Neckwear, Main-Floor

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In Tune With the Infinite. By Ralph W. Trine. A volume, 65c to \$1.25.  
The Story of the Other Wise Man. By Henry Van Dyke, 60c each.  
Mary Slessor of Calabar. By W. P. Livingstone—the missionary book of the year, \$1.50.  
All's Well. By John Oxenham, \$1.25.  
—Main Floor

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 Lieut. W. Santo, of Cranbrook, is a guest of the Dominion Hotel.  
 M. S. Bell and Mrs. Bell, of Regina, are staying at the Dominion Hotel.  
 Elmer Shaw and Mrs. Shaw, of Saskatoon, are stopping at the Dominion Hotel.  
 Mr. Doyle and family, of Munton, Alta., registered at the Dominion Hotel yesterday.  
 J. P. Clark, T. H. Davies and Ed. Murphy, of Saskatoon, are at the Dominion Hotel.  
 G. E. Halliday and Mrs. Halliday, of Unity, Sask., are guests of the Dominion Hotel.  
 D. Smith, Mrs. Smith, Peter Smith and family, of Saskatoon, are new arrivals at the Dominion.  
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## TOLMIE SCHOOL GIVES SUCCESSFUL CONCERT

St. Mark's Hall Filled to Overflowing; \$84 Realized for Red Cross

The pupils of Tolmie School gave their Christmas concert in St. Mark's Hall, Cloverdale, on Thursday evening last, in aid of the Red Cross Funds. The popularity achieved by the former concert of this school was ably demonstrated by the fact that before 8 o'clock the hall was packed, and many were turned away.

George McGregor, school trustee, officiated as chairman, and in his opening remarks urged co-operation between parents and children, especially in the matter of regular attendance. The child who failed to attend school regularly lost interest. Bill Bell and the district he knew that they were not only equal, but a little above the average of other schools. Unfortunately both for teachers and parents, the school had been overcrowded, resulting in overworked teachers and a consequent lack of individual attention to the pupils.

Above Average.  
 Mr. McGregor had heard it said that the children of Tolmie School were somewhat below the standard, but speaking from long experience in the district he knew that they were not only equal, but a little above the average of other schools. Unfortunately both for teachers and parents, the school had been overcrowded, resulting in overworked teachers and a consequent lack of individual attention to the pupils.

School Orchestra.  
 The concert opened with a selection by the school's eleven-piece orchestra, which played with exceptional precision and harmony. The various drills, dances and choruses were excellently performed and reflect considerably upon the able tuition by the teachers, who coached the children in the several numbers. Particularly effective was the flower drill, in which the small girls wore pretty crepe paper dresses, each representing a different flower.

An original number which received much applause was "The Sunflower Boys," in which ten small boys popped their heads over a wall, each one in turn disappearing to enlist in some branch of service overseas, the last one being dolefully conscripted. The programme.  
 The full programme was as follows:  
 March . . . . . The Orchestra  
 Recitation—"Mr. Nobody" . . . . . Tommy Hutchison  
 Norwegian Folk Dance . . . . . Norwegian Folk Dance  
 Chorus—"The Pixies" . . . . . Division 10  
 Recitation—"The Kitten" . . . . . Irene Williams  
 "Flags of the Allies" . . . . . Division 3  
 Selection . . . . . The Orchestra  
 Drill—"The Flowers" . . . . . Division 10  
 Recitation—"Before and After" . . . . . Elsie Crowther  
 Chorus—"Santa Claus" . . . . . Boys of Division 2 and 4  
 Court Dance . . . . . Jeanne Smith and Kenneth Darbyshire  
 Cradle Song . . . . . Divisions 9 and 10  
 "Call of England" . . . . . Orchestra  
 "Sunflower Boys" . . . . . Division 6  
 Fancy dancing . . . . . Jeanne Smith  
 Mother Goose Rhymes . . . . . Divisions 7 and 8  
 Swedish Folk Dance . . . . . Divisions 1 and 2  
 Dialogue—"Easier to Preach Than to Teach" . . . . . Division 2  
 Drill—"Good Night" . . . . . Division 4  
 National Anthem.

The sum of \$84 was realized by the affair, and the committee in charge wish to express their thanks to all who assisted, and especially to the Misses Tolmie for the loan of the wigs used in the court dance.

## KINDERGARTEN CONCERT.

On Friday afternoon the little pupils of the Golden Gate Kindergarten and Primary School, Oscar Street, held

"The Gift Centre"  
**TEN PER CENT. CASH DISCOUNT**  
 \$1,000 in Prizes for Winners of Clock Contest

## LEATHER GOODS

Pocketbooks, Jewel Cases, Handbags, Purse, Card Cases, Money Belts, Tobacco Pouches.  
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their term closing exercises. The rooms were gaily decorated with flowers, greenery and festoons of bright paper chains. Before an interested audience of parents and friends, the kiddies, under the supervision of the Misses Ash gave the following programme in delightful manner:

Welcome song, school; Sunshine school; "Golden Moon," school; "Baby Loves the Sunshine," school; dialogue, "A Queer du Bois," Trixie and Geraldine Ross; "Four Seasons," quartette, Naomi Taylor, Evelyn Hamilton, Mary and Jessie Musket; recitation, "Goldfish," Peggy Hamilton; season songs, school; "L'Automne," school; recitation, "Daisies," Miriam Biggin; "L'Aisneau," school; "Jingle Bells," school; recitation, "Notre Ane," Frank Hall, Berry Cove, Claudia Gardiner, James Mackay, Margaret Fatt, George Musket; "Christmas Eve," school; "Jolly Old Santa Clause," school; recitation, "Noel," Geraldine Ross; carol, school; "Long Ago," school; recitation, "L'An et l'Enfant," Billy Harvey; "Christmas Bells," school; "Le Chat et les Souris," school; recitation, "In Trust," Trixie Ross.

One of the features of the afternoon was the distribution of gifts from the huge Christmas tree, gaily decorated and laden with toys.

**King's Daughters Arrange Party.**  
 On Friday night, December 28, the Ministering Circle of King's Daughters will give a Christmas party in the Alexandra Club ball-room. Somewhat of an innovation will be introduced in the form of a huge plum pudding which will contain gifts for the little guests, while a bran pie will be provided for the babies. A splendid programme has been arranged to which Miss Barbara Fay, Miss Mollie Hibben and Miss Kate Renwick will contribute dances, and L. D. McLean will give an entertainment. A real old-fashioned Punch and Judy show will open the programme. The arrangements for the affair are in the hands of Mrs. H. A. S. Morley, assisted by Mrs. E. J. Hearn, and Mrs. Charles F. Gardiner has charge of the tea, which will be served upstairs in the large tearoom. The house committee numbers Mrs. F. Moore, Mrs. A. T. Purser and Mrs. Errington; the entertainment committee, Mrs. Willis Dean and Miss Thain, and Miss Bertha Morley has charge of the plum pudding.

## Social Personal

George Sangster, of this city, was in Vancouver over the week-end.

Mrs. P. de N. Walker returned to the city yesterday after spending a few days in Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. James Angus have returned to Victoria after a stay of some weeks in Vancouver.

Robert Baird, Inspector of Municipalities was a passenger to Vancouver on Saturday afternoon's boat.

W. H. Wilkinson went over to Vancouver on Saturday night's boat and returned to Victoria this morning.

Mrs. Chalmers, of Vancouver, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Gordon Grant, for the Christmas holidays.

W. W. Walkem, a member of the Ladysmith City Council, spent the week-end with friends in Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Elder, of Cowichan, have gone over to Vancouver to spend the Christmas holidays with friends.

Mrs. G. S. McConnell, of Vancouver, has been on a visit to Mrs. C. Downing at Fairburn Ranch, Duncan, during the past week.

W. T. Findlay, Prohibition Commissioner, left the city on Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with his family in Vancouver.

F. J. Stappole, K.C. of this city, left on Saturday for Grand Forks, where he will spend Christmas with members of his family.

H. A. Ackroyd, of the Canadian Explosives, Limited, was a week-end visitor to Vancouver and returned to the city on this morning's boat.

Dr. S. G. Keen, of Kamloops, is the guest of J. W. Farquharson and Mrs. Conacher, of Mount Edwards Apartments for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Barnes, of Victoria, spent the week-end in Seattle, and during their stay in the Sound City were guests at the Butler Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Barton left the city for Vancouver on Saturday afternoon, where they will be the guests of Mr. Barton's brother over the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Tobatha Greening, the original "Cousin Puss" of all Mark Twain's stories, and the woman to whom he left a legacy, died recently in Palmyra, Illinois, at the age of eighty-three.

Major Schreiber, one of the original officers of the Western Scots, who returned from France some few months ago, is in Vancouver in connection with matters military.

W. A. Wilkinson, Sr. and Pay-Sergeant Wilkinson went over to Vancouver on Saturday and will spend the Christmas holidays as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson, Jr., at Point Grey.

Mrs. Robert Macdonald and Miss Macdonald, of Victoria, with Sergt. H. C. Macdonald, of the 31st Canadians, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. King'sley Bramatt, Point Grey Road, Vancouver.

Mrs. Schofield and Miss Cresce returned from Vancouver on Saturday after attending a meeting of the Provincial Food Committee. They were accompanied by the Bishop of Columbia, who was at New Westminster on Thursday.

Dr. Simon F. Tolmie, newly elected Unionist member in the Federal House for the City of Victoria, was a week-end visitor to the Terminal City and was singled out for hearty congratulations among a host of personal friends and supporters of Union Government.

Senator L. W. Shattford, former member for the Provincial Riding of Similkameen, was in the city this morning from Vancouver and returned to the Terminal City on this afternoon's boat to spend the Christmas holidays with his family.

Private Harry Hopkins, who has been undergoing treatment at Quillum Military Hospital, is expected to arrive in the city to-night to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Hopkins, of Pandora Avenue.

Miss G. Shakespeare, 421 Wilson Street, holder of ticket No. 629, was the fortunate winner of the \$1000 raffled by Mrs. Max Leiser, for the benefit of the Returned Soldiers' Convalescent Home. The sum of \$189.50 was realized by the raffie.

Among Saturday's arrivals in the city were Mr. and Mrs. Oliver C. Evans, of Chilliwack, whose marriage was celebrated in Vancouver on Friday. After a brief honeymoon in this city, Mr. and Mrs. Evans will take up their residence on their ranch at Chilliwack.

Miss E. Nafra, Miss Violet Davis and Miss Vera Bickle, who have been attending the Normal School at Mount Tolmie, have left the city to spend the Christmas holidays at their respective homes in Ladysmith. Miss Bickle is a daughter of Thomas Bickle, ex-Mayor of that city.

Major Walter Barton has arrived in the city from the East to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Barton, of Esquimalt. Major Barton is attached to the headquarters staff of the Military Hospitals Commission, and has been absent from the city for the past 18 months.

Miss Grace Hall, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Hall, gave a party to about fifty of her young friends at her home on Fort Street, on Saturday evening. The drawing, dining and sitting rooms

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were thrown open for the occasion and effectively decorated with a profusion of holly, greenery, and Christmas bells. The young guests enjoyed much fun in a series of Christmas games until nine o'clock when the floor was cleared for dancing. A dainty supper was served at 10:30, and the guests left for their homes at midnight.

Mrs. Clifford Bayles, of Hollywood Crescent, was hostess to about 20 friends on Saturday evening. A most enjoyable time was spent at dancing, music and cards.

The carol singers from the Naval and Military Methodist Church met with a splendid reception on Saturday night in the city and last evening in Esquimalt. The moonlight and the keen frosty air lent an enchantment to the scene, the merry party wearing red and green bandoliers, and armed with electric torches and storm lanterns. Among the homes visited last evening was that of J. C. McIntosh, the newly-elected member of Parliament for Nanaimo riding. Mr. McIntosh expressed his warm appreciation of the old English carols. This evening the party will make calls on Esquimalt Road and the immediate vicinity, winding up at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pooley.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICE

First Presbyterian Choir Rerendered Special Music Yesterday.

The spirit of the season was fittingly expressed in the exquisite Christmas music which the choir of First Presbyterian Church rendered at both services yesterday. This was the first time when Jackson Hanby with his enlarged choir had an opportunity of showing what they could do, and it is only fair to say that seldom has any congregation in this city listened to sweeter and grander music. The morning service was specially for children—carols, hymns, anthems, solos, sermon and prayers. Miss L. Christie sang "The Sweet Story of Old" with a naturalness and beauty which was a benediction in itself. In a sermon which retained the interest of all the scholars for twenty minutes on the word "Emmanuel," Mr. Inkster read with impressive effect the story of the dream of A. J. Gordon, "How Jesus came to Church."

At the close of the service the minister thanked the scholars for the good attention and excellent behavior, a choral service. Mr. Inkster preached on the first Christmas carol, "Peace on Earth." He asked: Are these words hollow mockery these days? Has Christ failed? Has the Church failed? Has the Gospel failed? He answered the questions with a definite and dogmatic no. "But," he said, "amidst impressive silence, 'we who profess

to be followers of Christ—members of the Church—believers in the Gospel—we have failed. By our jealousies, discourtesies, and unkindnesses we have crucified Christ afresh and put him to an open shame. These words need to be repeated and lived to-day as never before."

The choir numbers were the old English carols, "What Child is This?" "Good King Wenceslas," "O Sing to God," and "Sweetly Tinged the Night," in which Mrs. Hudson, Miss Christie and the Misses Morrow sang the solos. Mrs. Morrison sang "The Birthday of a King," and Mrs. Hudson "The Star of Bethlehem." After the great congregation had sung the National Anthem the choir sang as a vesper the carol "Holy Night," with soft sweetness.

Mr. Hanby and the choir have kindly consented to repeat their superb programme of Christmas music next Sunday.



The entertainment committees of the Hollywood and Fairfield Red Cross branches have completed plans for the big dance to be held in aid of Halifax relief at the Empress Hotel on Thursday, December 27. Following is the excellent programme of dance music to be rendered by Vivaldi's orchestra:

Extra, one-step, waltz, "Flora," one-step, "Joan of Arc," fox trot, "By Heck," three-step, "Miss Maud's" waltz, "Fascination," one-step, "Hy Sine," schottische, "Shadowland," one-step, "Every Little Thing in Dixie," waltz, "Coelin," fox trot, "Livery Stable Blues," extra; supper; extra; waltz, "Inspiration," one-step, "Honkora," fox trot, "Bugle Call, Rag," three-step, "Shadow Time," waltz, "Annette," one-step, "Keep Your Eye on the Girl You Love," fox trot, "Tiddle De Winks," one-step, "You're a Dangerous Girl," schottische, "Sunset Land," Home, waltz.

Fernwood Branch.  
 The committee in charge of the raffie for the dolls' house, in aid of the Fernwood Branch, has decided that the drawing will take place next Monday evening, December 31. It is hoped that a large number of tickets will be sold during the present week.

The work rooms will be kept open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings of this week for workers. The ladies are anxious that a large supply of work should be returned to headquarters.

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**The WEATHER**  
 Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 24-5 a. m.—The barometer is now high over the North Pacific Slope and fine, cold weather is general, with light to moderate northerly winds along the Coast. Zero temperature, with light in Cariboo and Kootenay, and in the seaside localities they range from 29 to 39 below.

**Reports.**  
 Victoria—Barometer, 30.15; temperature, maximum yesterday, 35; minimum, 23; wind, 12 miles N. E.; weather, clear.  
 Vancouver—Barometer, 30.18; temperature, maximum yesterday, 34; minimum, 29; wind, calm; weather, clear.  
 Kamloops—Barometer, 29.34; temperature, maximum yesterday, 33; minimum, 19 below; wind, calm; weather, clear.  
 Barkerville—Barometer, 29.39; temperature, maximum yesterday, 3 below; minimum, 19 below; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.06; temperature, maximum yesterday, 21; minimum, 21; wind, calm; weather, clear.  
 Tatonah—Barometer, 30.06; temperature, minimum yesterday, 31; wind, E.; weather, clear.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.04; temperature, maximum yesterday, 41; minimum, 28; wind, 19 miles E.; rain, trace; weather, cloudy.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, maximum yesterday, 38; minimums, 25; wind, 4 miles N. E.; weather, cloudy.

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	Temperature.	Max.	Min.
Penticton	29	..	..
Cranbrook	22	..	..
Nelson	24	..	..
Calgary	3	..	..
Edmonton	23	..	..
Qu'Appelle	12	..	..
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ing New York audiences. Altogether the bill of six acts of feature calibre should make an ideal holiday programme. It promises to be one of the biggest laughing hits for many weeks. Comedy seems to rule from beginning to end with lots of scintillating features to set it off.

Robert Millikin has the reputation of being one of the funniest comedietta comedians on the circuit. He is the centre feature of "The Courtroom Girls," the headline act of the new bill, and in a ridiculous role helps to carry the act to exceptional popularity. The play is a George Choo production and is a musical offering of unusual brightness. Millikin is supported in the leads by Will Burns and Herbert Brooks and has a chorus background of exceptional beauty and cleverness. The scenic setting has been given close attention and consists of some startling effects in the latest stage art.

Chauncey Monroe and company's offering of "A Business Proposal" makes an entertaining turn. It is a bright and snappy farce, the situations of which are full of good humor. It is cleverly acted and as one of the prominent turns makes a distinct comedy hit.

Burns and Lynn are a pair of top-notch soft shoe dancers who challenge the audience to ask for something in their line that they are not capable of putting across with the finish of the master.

Stewart Jackson and Dorothy Wahl are two clever people, right from the New York Winter Garden, where they have been favorites with their smooth and finished sketch, "Too Late." Miss Wahl has a personality and sings when not exchanging personalities with Mr. Jackson and the latter is a dancer whose eccentric dance is one of the hits of the bill. It is described as being worth seeing twice. Marie LaVarre is described as "The Blond Jazzette," and must have something in the way of ragtime to exhibit. She is put down on the bill as an especially clever singing comedienne who is popular as much for her looks as for her songs and who has a dazzling array of costumes. Hill and Ackerman complete the bill with their knockabout turn, which ends in a riot, for they are comedians as well as clever acrobats. The fifteenth chapter of "The Fatal Ring" gives the motion picture touch to a programme that should make a

holiday feature of more than ordinary interest.

The vaudeville bill will be given every day this week, commencing with the matinee performance this afternoon.

**CONSTANCE TALMADGE BEATRIX IN "SCANDAL"**

Society Girl is Heroine of Novel Picture at Dominion Theatre

In her new Select picture, "Scandal," which is scheduled for showing at the Dominion Theatre all this week, Constance Talmadge portrays the character of a high-spirited society girl, spoiled and capricious, with the depths of her real womanliness unstirred. The story has been written for the screen from Cosmo Hamilton's fascinating novel of the same name, and is filled with amusing complications and tense action.

Beatrix Vanderyke, child of rich parents among the socially elect, is pronounced one of the most successful debutantes of the season. She is spoiled to her heart's content and insists on her own way with the royal arrogance of a young queen. Left much to her own devices by a father and mother too busy to inquire into her ways, she has only the adoring Mrs. Keane, her chaperone, to guide her. Mrs. Keane is a charming English woman, too foolishly fond of Beatrix to curb her headstrong impulses and the girl is allowed to do pretty much what she pleases.

Beatrix becomes interested in Sutherland Yorke, whose portraits of society women bring him in a comfortable income, and more enamored of his wicked reputation than of himself, enters into a flirtation. She recklessly visits his studio at night, but at Yorke's first mis-step leaves him in a lurch. Her visits to the artist's apartment become known to the family, who determine to send her West out of harm's way. In order to avert the sentence of exile, Beatrix, on the spur of the moment, declares herself secretly married to Pelham Franklin, a wealthy young eligible of her set, whose apartment is directly across the corridor from Yorke's and explains that she was in Franklin's rooms, not Yorke's.

The family is delighted, with the news, for Beatrix has been somewhat of a problem, and hasten to welcome Franklin into the fold. She reaches him first and implores him to play the game, which he does, inwardly angered, however, at the deception. Franklin is more or less the careman type and he determines to give Beatrix the scare of her life. He accompanies her to her room and refuses to leave, de-

claring that she has brought his presence on herself. After a battle of wits he retires worried and goes up to his rooms in town. The climax comes later.

**LIFE OF KITCHENER IS WONDERFUL FILM**

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To say that the "Life of Lord Kitchener," which opened a week's engagement at the Variety Theatre this afternoon, is an impressive production would be putting it mildly. In viewing the presentation of the life history of the Empire's greatest hero, one feels a deep sense of reverence for Kitchener, and a deeper sense of a national loss in the realization that he is gone. The wonderful energy created in the nation at the commencement of the present struggle by the mere mention of the great soldier's name, would have been of material advantage to us even today. He is gone, but the great army he created, remains to carry on the work as he would have willed it.

In watching the picture from the opening scenes showing Crocker House, Ballydoon, County Kerry, where Kitchener was born on through the

seven reels dealing with his life in Egypt, India and South Africa and the wonderful accomplishment of welding together the Colonies and the Motherland, the surmounting of seemingly impossible obstacles which seem as nothing to Kitchener, one feels that there was something superhuman about the man. It seems as if no other man on earth would have been able to do the things that he has done.

The greatest credit is due the producers for the remarkable attention to details in the making of this picture. Every scene is reproduced without a flaw in its construction, every character in the vast spectacle of British History is played in such a manner that the spectator feels that he is face to face with the greatest men of our Empire. The three actors impersonating Kitchener at various periods are absolutely true to life, and in watching the picture on the screen one would imagine that the great soldier had personally appeared before the camera.

The Peoples' Amusement Co. operating the Variety Theatre, are to be congratulated on their enterprise in securing these pictures from England. Nothing could be of more value to the people of Victoria than this history of the great Empire of which we form a part, and the greatest leader that Empire has ever known. It is to be hoped that arrangements will be made whereby it will be possible to exhibit the pictures throughout the length and breadth of Canada.

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**SPECIAL MUSICAL PROGRAMME BY VARIETY ORCHESTRA**

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Matinee, 3—Hours All This Week—Night, 7 and 9

ing New York audiences. Altogether the bill of six acts of feature calibre should make an ideal holiday programme. It promises to be one of the biggest laughing hits for many weeks. Comedy seems to rule from beginning to end with lots of scintillating features to set it off.

Robert Millikin has the reputation of being one of the funniest comedietta comedians on the circuit. He is the centre feature of "The Courtroom Girls," the headline act of the new bill, and in a ridiculous role helps to carry the act to exceptional popularity. The play is a George Chooa production and is a musical offering of unusual brightness. Millikin is supported in the leads by Miss Ruth Francis and Herbert Brooks and has a chorus background of exceptional beauty and cleverness. The scenic setting has been given close attention and consists of some startling effects in the latest stage art.

Chauncey Monroe and company's offering of "A Business Proposal" makes an entertaining turn. It is a bright and snappy farce, the situations of which are full of good humor. It is cleverly acted and as one of the prominent turns makes a distinct comedy hit.

Burns and Lynn are a pair of top-notch soft shoe dancers who challenge the audience to ask for something in their line that they are not capable of putting across with the finish of the master.

Stewart Jackson and Dorothy Wahl are two clever people, right from the New York Winter Garden, where they have been favorites with their smooth and finished sketch, "Too Late!" Miss Wahl has a personality and sings when not exchanging personalities with Mr. Jackson and the latter is a dancer whose eccentric dance is one of the hits of the bill. It is described as being worth seeing twice. Marie LaVarro is described as "The Beyond Jazette," and must have something in the way of ragtime to exhibit. She is put down on the bill as an especially clever singing comedienne who is popular as much for her looks as for her songs and who has a dazzling array of costumes. Hill and Ackerman complete the bill with their knockabout turn, which ends in a riot, for they are comedians as well as clever acrobats. The fifteenth chapter of "The Fatal Ring" gives the motion picture touch to a programme that should make a

holiday feature of more than ordinary interest. The vaudeville bill will be given every day this week, commencing with the matinee performance this afternoon.

**CONSTANCE TALMADGE BEATRIX IN "SCANDAL"**

Society Girl is Heroine of Novel Picture at Dominion Theatre

In her new Select picture, "Scandal," which is scheduled for showing at the Dominion Theatre all this week, Constance Talmadge portrays the character of a high-spirited society girl, spoiled and capricious, with the depths of her red womanliness unstirred. The story has been written for the screen from Cosmo Hamilton's fascinating novel of the same name, and is filled with amusing complications and tense action.

Beatrix Vanderdyke, child of rich parents among the socially elect, is pronounced one of the most successful debutantes of the season. She is spoiled to her heart's content and insists on her own way with the royal arrogance of a young queen. Left much to her own devices by a father and mother too busy to inquire into her ways, she has only the adoring Mrs. Keane, her chaperone, to guide her. Mrs. Keane is a charming English woman, too foolishly fond of Beatrix to curb her headstrong impulses and the girl is allowed to do pretty much what she pleases.

Beatrix becomes interested in Sutherland Yorke, whose portraits of society women bring him in a comfortable income, and more enamored of his wicked reputation than of himself, enters into a flirtation. She recklessly visits his studio at night, but at Yorke's first mis-step leaves him in icy anger. Her visits to the artist's apartment become known to the family, who determine to send her West out of harm's way. In order to avert the sentence of exile, Beatrix, on the spur of the moment, declares herself secretly married to Pelham Franklin, a wealthy young eligible of her set, whose apartment is directly across the corridor from Yorke's, and explains that she was in Franklin's rooms, not Yorke's. The family is delighted with the news, for Beatrix has been somewhat of a problem, and hasten to welcome Franklin into the fold. She reaches him first and implores him to play the game, which he does, inwardly angered, however, at the deception. Franklin is more or less the careman type and he determines to give Beatrix the scare of her life. He accompanies her to her room and refuses to leave, de-

claring that she has brought his presence on herself. After a battle of wits he retires, worsted and goes up to his rooms in town. The climax comes later.

**LIFE OF KITCHENER IS WONDERFUL FILM**

One of Best English Productions Shown at Variety Theatre This Week

To say that the "Life of Lord Kitchener," which opened a week's engagement at the Variety Theatre this afternoon, is an impressive production would be putting it mildly. In viewing the presentation of the life history of the Empire's greatest hero, one feels a deep sense of reverence for Kitchener, and a deeper sense of a national loss in the realization that he is gone. The wonderful energy created in the nation at the commencement of the present struggle by the mere mention of the great soldier's name, would have been of material advantage to us even today. He is gone, but the great army he created, remains to carry on the work as he would have willed it.

In watching the picture from the opening scenes showing Croter House, Ballyvoisford, County Kerry, where Kitchener was born on through the

seven reels dealing with his life in Egypt, India and South Africa and the wonderful accomplishment of welding together the Colonies and the Motherland, the surmounting of seemingly impossible obstacles which seem as nothing to Kitchener, one feels that there was something superhuman about the man. It seems as if no other man on earth would have been able to do the things that he has done.

The greatest credit is due the producers for the remarkable attention to details in the making of this picture. Every scene is reproduced without a flaw in its construction, every character in the vast spectacle of British History is played in such a manner that the spectator feels that he is face to face with the greatest men of our Empire. The three actors impersonating Kitchener at various periods are absolutely true to life, and in watching the picture on the screen one would imagine that the great soldier had personally appeared before the camera.

The Peoples Amusement Co. operating the Variety Theatre, are to be congratulated on their enterprise in securing these pictures from England. Nothing could be of more value to the people of Victoria than this history of the great Empire of which we form a part, and the greatest leader that Empire has ever known. It is to be hoped that arrangements will be made whereby it will be possible to exhibit the pictures throughout the length and breadth of Canada.

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 Chamoisette Gloves, \$1.25  
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 Men's Silk-Lined Mocha Gloves, \$2.00 to ..... \$3.00  
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 Astrachan Gauntlets, lined, black, \$2.75 and ..... \$2.25  
 Jaeger Wool Gloves, 75c ..... \$2.00  
 Jaeger Wool Gauntlets, ..... \$2.00  
 Astrachan Gauntlet Mitts, wool lined ..... \$2.25  
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## OPENS NEW FIELD TO ENTERPRISE OF BRITISH PEOPLE

Visitor Here Who Took Part in Campaign in Southwest Africa

### KALAHARI DESERT MAY BE RECLAIMED

Half a century ago the world was astonished when the desolate back-veit farms became swarming with the blazars of the diamond fields. Today, according to G. C. Ross, of Johannesburg, South Africa, who arrived in the city yesterday from the Orient, the southern portion of what was formerly German South West Africa, has diamond fields of great potential value. For nine years the diamond deposits in the Luderwits district, some 200 miles from the Orient, have been known to exist, but the advent of the British expeditionary force when the former German colony was captured has brought into the limelight a rival area to Kimberley and the Brazilian fields.

Understands Diamonds. While Mr. Ross is an auctioneer in the city of the Rand, he knows something by practical experience of the valuable crystals, and tried to secure a license to operate in the new diggings. However, the authorities are not giving any new licenses or trade privileges until the future of the country is definitely settled, when the re-adjustment takes place after the war.

He is a veteran of both the Matabele War and of the South African war. Needless to say he was in the front when the present war opposed the Anglo-Dutch interests in South Africa. To those of the Germans across the vacant spaces of the Kalahari desert. He was attached to the Eastern Force under Colonel, now General Berrange, and so came into touch with the diamond fields of the annexed territory.

To Irrigate Desert. He has very much the same story to tell of the campaign as has already been so well told by Generals Botha and Smuts to the British public, but there is one aspect of great importance to the future of the British people, which was discovered by his section of the expedition. It had not been thought possible for an arm to successfully cross the Great Kalahari desert. Its wastes of sand dunes and scrub, inhabited by nomadic savages, and the fierce beasts of the wilderness has offered the sterile face of nature to the traveller.

However, the Eastern force accomplished its mission, as history now tells, in that theatre of the world war, and it was found that with bore holes it was possible to secure that water which will render the desert capable of bearing a healthy and prosperous people.

"The day will come," he told the Times representative, "when the land will be peopled by farmers and miners as is the country across the Vaal today. It is the most important economic discovery of South Africa in this war."

Minerals. The diamonds of which I was speaking are found in a white sand country, in the alluvium which is so often a feature of the Bushman's lands. They are small, and like the Brazilian rather than the Griqualand type. They are, however, in such quantities as to be a very promising feature of the future. Strange as it may seem, the Kaiser had an area barricaded off where no one was allowed to operate, held for his own exclusive use.

"In addition to diamonds, there are valuable copper deposits in the northern part of the country. Modern methods have been introduced, water is pumped from the coast, and electrically driven machinery is in use in the industrial establishments. The country is far more valuable than the public would think from the meagre accounts which have been known of the western part of South Africa."

Railways. Mr. Ross, after referring to the existing railways built by German enterprise to connect Windhoek, the capital with the Coast, and the Northern and Southern lines to serve other parts of the colony, says much is expected of a proposal to build a railway from some point on the main line from Cape to the Zambesi, to connect Johannesburg with the new territory, crossing the Kalahari desert, and opening that vast unknown waste to civilization.

He speaks very highly of the way in which the Dutch members of the expeditionary force behaved during the campaign.

### A DISTRACTED CITY

Business Man Here From Harbin Thinks Outbreak of Trouble is Inevitable.

Supplementing the story that the Japanese will not move troops into Northern Manchuria and thereby complicate the difficult international position, a prominent American who passed through to Seattle yesterday from Harbin, Manchuria, stated that the intervention promises to be by civil police.

He had just arrived from the city which has become a centre of international intrigue, and left it at a time when anything might happen. The lawlessness and frequent robberies had forced the Foreign Consuls to demand

protection for their citizens, and while at that time the Russian committee of Soldiers and Workmen in control had promised to organize a police force of 300 special to clean up the city, the position was anything but satisfactory. He forecasts trouble in Northern Manchuria before the situation clarifies.

### RETAIL MARKET PRICE LIST IS STILL FIRM

Supply of Small Fish Increases During Past Few Weeks; Business Brisk

The past week has seen but few changes in the local retail markets. Business appears to be brisk and several expressions of opinion as voiced by retailers point to the fact that trade is better than at the corresponding season of 1916.

Meat prices have remained unchanged, with local turkey selling at 50c, while the eastern is going at 40c and 45c. The demand thus far appears to have been on a par with sales of former seasons.

In the fish market conditions have improved. The supply of small fish has risen considerably of late, and the demands of dealers are being met with a greater degree of facility.

The supply of other varieties is also increasing. In the Spanish Arm large numbers of salmon and grise are being caught, but these are not affecting retail trade.

Flour prices have not altered for some time. The present quotations are likely to stand for some time in view of the regulations set by the food controller. The following are current quotations:

Vegetables	
New Beets, per bunch	55
Horse Radish, lb.	35
Cabbage, per lb.	25
Cucumbers, lb.	25
Onions, dry, 5 lb.	35
Onions (pickling), 4 lb.	25
Potatoes (Ashcroft)	2.00
Potatoes (local)	1.75
Sweet Potatoes, per lb.	25
Vegetable Marrow, per lb.	35
Green Ginger, lb.	30
Fruit	
Oranges, Japs, per box	35
Nuts (mixed), lb.	25
Walnuts, lb.	25
Apples, table, box	1.75-2.00
Apples, cooking, box	1.00-1.25
Pears (Cal.), dozen	25
Casaba Melons, lb.	25
Bananas, doz.	35-40
Grapefruit (Cal.), doz.	50-75
Lemons (Cal.), doz.	40-50
Nectarines, doz.	40
Valencia Oranges	30-40-50
Grapes, Black Prince	15
Grapes, Malaga	15
Grapes, Tokay	15
Hot-house Tomatoes (local), lb.	20
Sugar	
B. C. Granulated, 50 lb.	2.10
B. C. Granulated, 100 lb.	4.25
Lump Sugar, 2-lb. cartons	30
Dairy Produce and Eggs	
Salmon Arm	55
Northwestern Creamery, lb.	55
Salt Spring, lb.	60
Cowichan Creamery, lb.	60
Eastern Creamery, lb.	50
Golds, lb.	
Rougefort, lb.	40
Canadian (new), lb.	40
C. 50 (old)	40
Canadian Stilton, lb.	45
English Stilton, lb.	75
Eggs, doz.	
Local, Alberta storage, doz.	45
B. C. storage, doz.	45
Fish	
Roasters, lb.	125
Crab, each	15
Cod, salt, Alaska	15
Cod, lb.	15
Cod Fillets, lb.	20
Fresh Black Cod, lb.	15
Finnish Haddock, lb.	15
Hallbut, lb., 5c; or 2 lbs. for	40
Herring, kippered, lb.	15
Trout, equipment, doz.	40
Salt Salmon, doz.	40
Salmon, doz.	40
Shad, lb.	15
Sole, lb.	15
Flour	
Purity, 45-lb. sack	2.00
Robt Hood, 45-lb. sack	2.00
Five Roses, 45-lb. sack	2.00
Royal Standard, 45-lb. sack	2.00
Royal Household, 45-lb. sack	2.00
H. & K. Flour, 45-lb. sack	2.00
Gold Seal, 45-lb. sack	2.00
Snowflake, 45-lb. sack	2.00
Graham, 45-lb. sack	2.25
Whole Wheat, 45-lb. sack	2.25
Meats	
Beef, boiling, lb.	15-20
Lamb, forequarters, lb.	25
Lamb, hindquarters, lb.	25
Lamb, leg, lb.	25
Mutton, forequarters, local, lb.	25
Mutton, hindquarters, lb.	25
Mutton, leg, lb.	25
Mutton, loin, lb.	25
Pork, legs, lb.	25-30
Pork, shoulders, lb.	25
Pork, loins, lb.	25-30
Pork Sausage, pure	20-25
Turkeys, fresh, lb.	50
Turkeys, cold storage, lb.	40-45
Whole Meat, per lb.	10
Feed	
Timothy Hay	25.00
Ground Barley	20 25
Oats	20 25
Crushed oats	20 25
Barley	20 25
Cracked Corn	20 25
Cracked Corn Meal	20 25
Wheat	20 25
Whole Corn	20 25
Scratch Feed	20 25
Alfalfa Hay	20 25
Straw	10 15
Oil Meal	20 25
Soya Bean Meal	20 25
Brass	20 25
Shorts	20 25

### ANGEL VISITATIONS AND MODERN SCIENCE

Christmas services in the Unitarian Church yesterday possessed seasonally attractive features. In addition to the special music a baptismal ceremony at which "Mary," infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Llewellyn, of the civil service, was consecrated, added interest to the occasion. That traditional hymn, "The First Nowell," was sung by the children of the Sunday School, as was also the time-honored Christmas poem of Edmund Hamilton Sears, "Stilly Night, Holy Night," in the refrain of which the congregation joined.

The special musical feature of the event was a quintette sung by Messrs. Black and Green, Bowden and Miss Thompson, with obligato by Mrs. Oiler. The service was conducted by Rev. E. J. Bowden, B. D., pastor of the church. He entered a modest protest against the practice of some who "spoil angel stories for children."

Mr. Bowden intimated that the adult who has managed to retain that which is wholesome and comforting in the "child view" continues to find interest in it by studying and solving the old angel stories and traditions. Those who do not know how to apprehend the heart of such recitals must continue to "wonder" about them as many did when a soldier on the field of Mons started the story of having seen a heavenly host proceeding that famous battle so victorious for the Allies.

How large a part "angel visitations" plays in human notions of the interference of benevolent visitors was illustrated by brief references to Persian and Greek literature, Roman romances and early English folklore. Theological teaching and even modern psychology. Whether the angels be called fairies or gnomes as in earlier days, or whether adopted into the family of events with more modern names, Mr. Bowden held that it would be a pity, if not impossible, to banish the idea entirely. Even modern science, though it denuded the angels of their wings and fleecy adornments, still retained them designating them with names no less suggestive than mysterious when it called them "forces." Therefore angels did not stop coming to earth after the strange events of the first Christmas had transpired. To the ancient Jews they came often in the form of men, and while the Greeks and other Eastern peoples sought to give them form in the "graces" and in the "muses," modern science makes them the creative force at work in construction and rehabilitation of material things.

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## SUPERINTENDENT OF RAILWAY COMPANY TO INVESTIGATE MATTER

Mr. Beasley Promises Metchosin Farmers' Institute Action on Charges

Readers of The Times and particularly the agricultural communities, will recall the reference in Friday's issue to the case of the Metchosin Farmers' Institute and a car-load of mixed feeds from the Robin Hood Milling Company, of Calgary. It will be remembered that the Institute asked for quotations of British Columbia merchants for the feed in question, with the result that figures were a good deal too high to admit of the transaction being carried out with any of the local firms. That being the case the same inquiries were sent to the Alberta mills direct, and the Robin Hood Company rejected the order.

The shipment arrived in due course and on its reaching Victoria considerable delay occurred, and a further twenty dollars freight was asked by the railway company in addition to that stipulated by the shipper. The Institute refused its payment and it was afterwards agreed that the original figure was perfectly in order. It was alleged by the Institute, in a communication addressed to the Minister of Agriculture, that there was a good deal of "discrimination" shown by the British Columbia feed merchant against any individuals or group of individuals who chose to go outside this Province by reason of prohibitive prices, this militating directly against any possible increase in stock raising.

It was this phase of the question which prompted the Institute to take up the matter with the Hon. John Oliver, and at the same time with H. E. Beasley, the General Superintendent of the E. & N. Railway, since the question of the additional freight charge was dropped as soon as the secretary of the Institute called in the local agent of the Robin Hood Milling Company at the time of the discussion of the matter at the freight office. In this connection Mr. Beasley has written to C. E. Whitney-Griffiths, President of the Institute, in the following terms:

"I have your letter of the 15th inst., complaining regarding collection of charges and delivery of car-load of feed at Colwood, and if the facts are as they appear to you, there is certainly a good excuse for complaint. I will have this matter thoroughly investigated and, in the meantime, if you should be receiving any further car-loads and do not get prompt action, be good enough to call me up on the telephone personally. I will write you further as soon as I have investigated this case."

### Rev. E. J. Bowden in Christmas Sermon Discusses Christmas Messengers

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### IMPERIAL OFFICERS ON CHRISTMAS VISIT

Instructional Experts From the Front, Now Engaged at Camp Lewis, Arrive

Capt. Maudsley, Manchester Regiment; Lieut. P. N. Shaw, 2nd Bedfordshire, and Lieut. F. H. Pugh, A.S.C., of the Imperial Service, who with many other Imperial officers, are acting as instructors at Camp Lewis, Tacoma, arrived in the city yesterday to spend Christmas here. All these officers have seen considerable service at the front, and were selected to go to the United States from England last summer, as experts in their different lines of up-to-date military instruction. They spent this morning as guests of Maj. Major at the Willows Camp, and with the weather unrelenting here for the pastime, it is expected they will be seen enjoying a round of two over the Oak Bay golf links.

That the Camp Lewis depot is the largest permanent Army mobilization and training cantonment in the United States is shown from a card issued by the Tacoma Commercial Club and Chamber of Commerce, copies of which are being issued in the city by the Victoria and Island Development Association. The cantonment, which is 13 miles long and 12 miles wide, contains 76,000 acres, of which 70,000 were donated by Tacoma and Pierce County, whose citizens voted \$2,000,000 in bonds to acquire the tract.

A Permanent Camp. Nearly 50,000 officers and men of the new United States National Army are being trained at the camp. Irrespective of the continuance of the present war, one division of 19,000 men of the regular army will be permanently maintained at the cantonment. The amount of money distributed in salaries to officers and men is \$18,000,000 a year.

There are 1,850 separate buildings—for the construction of which 24,000,000 feet of lumber were used. There are 25 miles of graded streets and 25 miles of sewer and water pipe. A quarter of a million doors and window sashes were required, and the cost of the construction of the camp was \$6,864,000, in addition to which the base hospital and its equipment cost \$1,000,000.

Camp Lewis is only thirty minutes by car from Tacoma, and the roads between the camp and the city are paved. Many Victorians have already visited the camp, besides thousands of persons from other parts of the continent.

General Supt. L. H. Burke, of Seattle, who passed through Victoria yesterday from the Philippines after two years in the Islands, holds that office in the Insular Lumber Company, an organization with extensive timber limits, cutting all classes of hard woods, but especially the native mahogany. The woods of the Islands are particularly suitable for panelling, and furniture, and a large trade is carried on by his company, one of the largest in the lumbering industry in the Islands.

Mr. Burke, who was accompanied by his wife and daughter, states that the conditions in the Islands have greatly improved in the past two years, in spite of the shortage of tonnage. Food stuffs, however, have been steadily rising in value, particularly all hues which are imported.

### FROM THE PHILIPPINES

American Lumberman Says Conditions in Insular Group Have Greatly Improved.

The Filipino Government, after a year in office, has displaced a number of American office holders, who have left the Islands with resentment, but otherwise the rule has not affected the trading and commercial classes among the American residents. The Government has organized a native constabulary to take the place of the American regiments withdrawn for the purpose of the war, but hitherto nothing has been done with regard to the proposed departure of the Filipino Division, which was offered by Hon. Manuel Quezon to President Wilson for overseas service for the purpose of a new service.

POSSIBLY SO.

"There is no excuse for these high prices." "That may be the reason nobody is offering now."—Kansas City Journal

### TO WAIT ON CABINET CONCERNING DUGGAN

Veterans Will Ask Re-instatement Before Adopting Petitioning Scheme

The matter of the dismissal of R. G. Duggan, President of the Victoria branch of the Great War Veterans' Association, from the service of the Provincial Government, was the subject of debate at a meeting of the Executive of the Provincial Branch held in Vancouver on Saturday night. The principle involved and its relation to the particular case under review was thoroughly discussed by all members present.

It was finally decided that a reputation from the Provincial branch composed of D. Laughan, Provincial President; W. Drinnan, President of the Vancouver Branch and a member of the Executive; and H. W. Hart, Vice-President of the Provincial body, should wait upon the Provincial Cabinet during the present week with a request that Mr. Duggan be reinstated in his former position.

Although all the machinery was in readiness for petitioning the various branches of the organization throughout the Province, as well as that for enlisting the moral support of other

patriotic institutions, it was agreed on Saturday that the proper course would be to discuss the matter with the members of the Cabinet before taking the more widespread action. In the event of reinstatement following the reception of the deputation the matter will, of course, be dropped; on the other hand the G. W. V. A. Executive will put forth every possible effort to prosecute their point to a successful issue.

H. W. Hart, Vice-President of the Provincial body, and R. G. Duggan, President of the Victoria branch and a member of the Provincial Executive, were in attendance and returned to the city yesterday afternoon.

The same deputation will wait upon the City Council Tax Committee in connection with the proposed new Municipal Act, since the Great War Veterans are interested in the matter of taxes accumulating on the property of soldiers serving with the Canadian Expeditionary Forces.

### ONE-MAN CARS ARE TESTED AT CALGARY

Business Agent of Street Railway Men Will Submit Report to Government

F. Hoover, the business agent of the British Columbia Street Railwaymen's Union, and Vice-President of the International Union, has just returned from a visit to Calgary, where he has been investigating the running of the one-man cars. He will make a report to the Provincial Government in the near future.

Mr. Hoover states that he went to Calgary under instructions from the International, which is making a thorough investigation of the one-man car problem in all cities where it is in use. At Calgary, the City Commissioner, A. G. Graves, in charge of the public utilities, told him that he was not sure the one-man car had come to stay. He hardly thought it had. It had been introduced as the best thing to do in the present period of stress in order to lower operating expenses.

Mr. Hoover disputed the statement that one-man cars had shown a saving of time in operation. In fact, the Calgary commissioners, A. J. Samis and Mayor Costello, told him that it was merely a trial.

The delegate declares that one-man cars cannot maintain the same speed as two-man cars do without added danger to the public. The delay of service inevitably meant a loss of the street-haul traffic, the cream of street railway business.

With regard to accidents, he said that Calgary did not contend that the one-man car reduced them. According to reports, he said, actual injuries were slight to persons, though altogether in the eight weeks prior to September 17, eight cars had been seriously damaged in collisions, and in one instance a passenger who was trying to perform a conductor's duties, in getting a trolley pole back on the overhead wire, narrowly escaped being crushed to death. The period of two months preceding September 17 was generally recognized as the safest of the year. There was little rain, no dust storms, and no snow. Winter weather was most damaging to street railway transportation. He contended that damages and excessive use of power were both to be considered in estimating the cost of operation of the cars.

### HAS BLOOD POISONING

Lieut. Marshall A. Kent is Now Patient at Hospital at Dieppe, France.

Lieut. Marshall A. Kent, son of Mrs. Kent, 228 Douglas Street, who has been attached to headquarters of the 10th Brigade, C. F. A., has been admitted to hospital at Dieppe, suffering from blood poisoning in the left foot.

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**Building Permit.**—A building permit has been issued for a private garage at the premises of D. Pallantieri, 219 Superior Street.

**Some Weeks Yet.**—The first issue of the Weekly Review devoted to the interests of the returned soldier in British Columbia, which was to have made its bow to the public on the first day of this month, will not materialize until the early days of February according to present forecasts.

**Laughman, editor-in-chief and former member of the staff of the Provincial Department of Agriculture, are fully occupied in connection with the preliminaries.**

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**Boxing Day—Dance at Alexandra Hallroom.**—Wednesday evening, 8.30 o'clock, December 26. Numbers drawn for Christmas parcels. Good fun. Something new. Ladies, 25c; gents, 50c. Ozard's Orchestra. Dance given by Mrs. J. J. Boyd.

**Wants Street Opened.**—Some time ago through the activity of Councillor Digson, a right-of-way connecting the two parts of Walter Avenue, in the Gorge district, was secured. An application has now been made to open the road through, but the subject will not be taken up by the Saanich Council till next year.

**Was Hugging Steve.**—Robert Murray, who was fined \$50 to-day in the City Police Court for having liquor in pressen which were not a dwelling house, was found by Constable Stevens dead drunk on the floor of the hall of the Jubilee Hotel, clapping the warm stove with his arms. Accused, when aroused, declared he had only been drinking Kennedy's tonic port, however he recovered himself sufficiently in the police patrol to throw out and smash a bottle of the liquid which he still carried upon him.

**North Ward Term Closing.**—On Friday morning, the 21st inst., at 10.20 o'clock, the pupils of the North Ward School were assembled in the auditorium where Christmas carols were sung under the leadership of H. J. Pollard, supervisor of singing. In one of the carols, the solo part was artistically sung by Miss Ede, a member of the teaching staff of the school. The Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick addressed the pupils on the significance of Christmas. The address was most interesting and appropriate and was listened to very attentively by the young people. During the week previous to the close of school the pupils and teachers contributed \$65 to the Halifax Relief Fund. The concert held on Wednesday of last week resulted in the sum of \$83 being raised for the school's patriotic work including the enlarging and framing of the photographs of former pupils who have made the supreme sacrifice.

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**LACK OF EXERCISE**

**Abolition of Wilkinson Road Jail is Mentioned in Police Court Sequel.**

"It is not a humane thing," said Magistrate Jay to the prisoner, Harold Fisher, when in the Court to-day the latter asked for permission to take exercise in the care of a detective. He pointed out that he had been shut up in the city jail from week to week without exercise and was beginning to feel the consequences.

Such a complaint was bound to come after the Attorney-General's Department had closed the Wilkinson Road gaol, as now the city is compelled to keep prisoners remanded from time to time in the city lockup, without any adequate means of taking proper exercise.

Fisher is in charge for not having registered under the Military Service Act, and has been remanded from time to time while the authorities are investigating his claims of having been discharged from the Imperial Army at Preston, England. Meanwhile he is serving two months for obtaining money by false pretences.

He appears to look much better than when he was first incarcerated. While the City Prosecutor admitted the justice of Fisher's plea for exercise, Magistrate Jay was not sure if the Court had power to grant his request. At any rate no order was announced, and another adjournment of the trial was taken.

**The Pythian Club will hold a masquerade Dance on New Year's Eve.** Invitation only. For invitation phone 1936.

**Thefts of Turkeys.**—Several thefts of turkeys from butchers have been reported to the city police, some people apparently being anxious to secure a fat bird gratuitously.

**Pressure at Oaklands School.**—It has been decided to move one of the annexes from King's Road School to Oaklands School, in order to provide for the pressure on accommodation there. The new room will be opened next week.

**Revised Map Issued.**—The revised map of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, which has been prepared for the Pacific Northwest Tourist Association, is now available for inspection. Mayor Todd received a copy to-day.

**Sends Greetings.**—The following telegram has been received from the Canadian headquarters of the Red Cross: "To Red Cross Victoria, Christmas greetings and best wishes for New Year from the executive to officers, members and workers. Noel Marshall, chairman."

**Special School Board.**—There will be a special meeting of the City School Board on Friday afternoon, for the purpose among other matters, of formally accepting the resignation of Trustee Dr. Hudson, and making provision for a by-election at the time of the approaching annual election of trustees.

**Open Christmas Day.**—The Victoria Public Library will be open on both Christmas and New Year's Day. The circulation department will be closed but the books of the institution will be at the disposal of all who may wish to make use of them in the building. The hours during which the doors will be are from 2 until 9 o'clock.

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**WARD FIVE LIBERAL ASSOCIATION**  
The annual meeting of the above association will be held in the Arcade Building, Wednesday, 26th, at 8 o'clock.  
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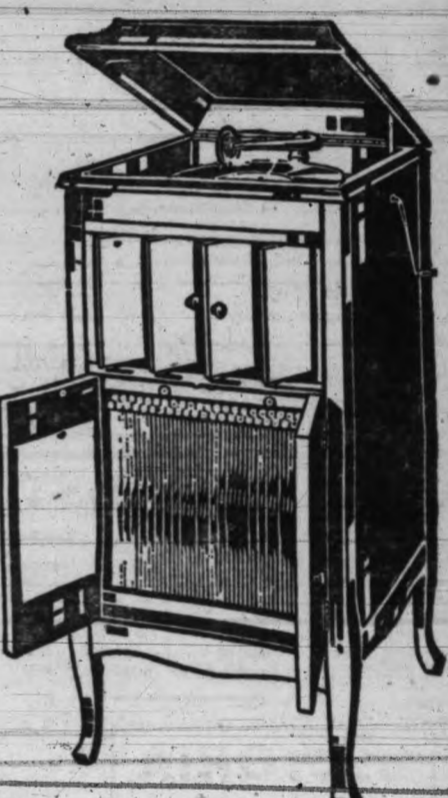
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He was always interested in mining, a good deal in company with his brother James, who survives him, and was one of the five original members of the famous old Waverly Hydraulic Company, of Grouse Creek, when it was made into a joint stock company. This is the oldest working mine in Cariboo, and with the exception of two

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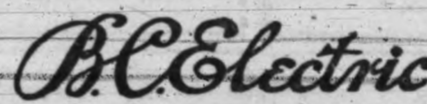
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Victoria, B. C., 17th Dec., 1917.

### SILLY PROPAGANDA OF THE GERMAN PRESS

#### Attempt to Show That Great Britain Intends to Hold Calais

Among the numerous absurdities nourished in the German press none is more persistently maintained than the Calais legend, says a recent issue of The London Chronicle in its "Sidelights From Germany." Of course, the object is apparent. It is sought to rouse French feeling against the British by statements to the effect that Calais is not merely used by us as a military base, but that it is our fixed intention and policy to occupy the French town and its surrounding district in permanence. We are purchasing extensive tracts of territory there; our officers and officials are building houses "in the English domestic architectural style"; English schools and factories are rising "everywhere" and you cannot take your walks abroad without hearing English spoken in the streets.

A most diverting example of this Calais propaganda is afforded by an article in The Illustrierte Zeitung, in which Professor Hasbagen, of Bonn University, discusses "England's Fight For Calais." He begins with the siege of Calais in 1346 and ends with Queen Mary, and points out that in this period of over two centuries we held Calais because we regarded it at the time as the key of Europe. We are holding it now for the same reason, for with its possession we believe that we have hung the key of France on our girdle.

Professor Hasbagen states that the French are raging at our occupation, that they have even composed a Song of Hate on the subject. "In the blood-red heavens over this conquered Calais we read the flaming words, 'Gott strafe England!'"

An interesting feature of Herr Hasbagen's article is four exceedingly excited illustrations. The first is the late M. Rodin's "Burghers of Calais," the second is the surrender of Calais to Edward III. in 1347, after the famous picture of Bethlehem; the third is Bonnat's Siege of Calais; and the fourth is Monet's picture of the Patriotism of the Burgheers, showing the aged Bastache de Saint Pierre declaring his readiness to undergo death for his fellow citizens.

Kuno Meyer's Hate.

The quotations from Professor Kuno Meyer's recent lecture in Berlin on England hardly do justice to the malignity and bitter hatred displayed by this man who has enjoyed our hospitality and friendship for years. A few additional quotations may help us to be on our guard against the Kuno Meyers of the future.

"SEARCH the Russian and you find the Tatar is more true when applied to the Englishman, who is a barbarian of the purest water." The English are the most brutal people in the world, and proceed to every brutal act without the faintest regard for the feelings of others. Their character shows monstrous moral cowardice, the result of a wholly false system of training; that is the Englishman's second nature. With moral cowardice there go hand in hand incredible boastfulness and depreciation of foreigners.

"Then where is the English gentleman? The English gentleman is a person who conducts himself correctly—his moral character is not regarded. To tell the truth is unnecessary, to reveal his objects is stupid. He must not display excitement, and his smile, according to the Irish proverb, is one of the three things in the world to be most dreaded.

"Above all, the Englishman, according to this Herr Meyer, is superficial. He despises experts and erudite persons. Before the war the people were boundlessly egged on to action by false reports. Their gullibility is marvelous. It is certain that there are still people in England who believe that in Germany children are slaughtered and that in a short time we shall make Scheidemann German Kaiser."

Offences and Food Regulations.

According to "Vorwaerts" there have been in Germany 185,506 indictments

### RUSSIAN CAPITAL SCENE OF CARNAGE

C. H. Sladek, American Constructional Engineer, Eye-witness of Uprising

### THOROUGHFARES RAN WITH HUMAN BLOOD

Hotel at Which He Was Staying Riddled With Shot; Narrow Escapes

"It was the most exciting two weeks that it has been my lot to experience," said C. H. Sladek, an American constructional engineer, fresh from the hub of civil carnage and anarchy in Russia, who passed through this port aboard an Oriental liner yesterday en route to Chicago.

"Petrograd on the instant was a battlefield with guns covering the principal thoroughfares dealing death and destruction." For days the streets were running with human blood.

"From the shelter of my hotel, I myself counted 250 bodies of the slain, but that was a mere drop in the bucket. Anyone venturing on the streets took big chances with his life."

"The hotel at which I was staying was literally riddled with shot, and I had several particularly narrow escapes from death."

Beyond a few remarks such as these Mr. Sladek was not disposed to discuss the terrible scenes enacted before his eyes in the very heart of Petrograd following the outbreak of the second revolution which resulted in the overthrow of the Kerensky government and the usurpation of power by the Bolsheviks.

Mr. Sladek, who represents the Brown Portable Conveyor Manufacturing Company, of Chicago, reached Petrograd on the eve of the Bolshevik rising from Archangel, where he had been supervising the construction of mechanical conveying machinery by which means supplies were transferred from ships to the warehouses ashore.

Uprising Sudden.

"Owing to the unsettled conditions in this country we were forced to abandon operations at Archangel," he said, "and I immediately proceeded to Petrograd with the intention of making my way back to the States."

"I had not been in Petrograd long before the trouble broke. If anything the Bolshevik outbreak was more sudden than the first revolution. The first few days of November were indeed dark ones in Petrograd."

How Kerensky Escaped.

Mr. Sladek says that Premier Kerensky managed to make his escape from the Winter Palace in the dead of night by automobile. The Bolshevik soldiers arrived just too late to effect his capture.

Mr. Sladek inferred that no reliance could be placed on the reports to the effect that Kerensky had again approached Petrograd at the head of an army. The present whereabouts of Kerensky were shrouded in mystery.

Strong at Capital.

Speaking of the situation in Russia at the time of his departure, Mr. Sladek stated that the Bolsheviks were strong in the Petrograd district, but in other parts of Russia they were but weakly supported.

He denied that the Bolshevik troops were in control of Vladivostok.

under the various food regulation Acts between October 1, 1916, and September 30, 1917, or roughly 529 days. We can take up no German daily paper without seeing columns occupied with the cases of delinquents who have wittingly or unwittingly sinned against one or other of the innumerable enactments with which every German citizen is supposed to be familiar. Sometimes he is the big provision merchant who has been criminally manipulating markets; more frequently the adulterator who has been poisoning off on the public poisonous substitutes for food; most frequently of all the hungry woman or child who has robbed a potato field or a hen-roost and has been caught red handed by the constable. It is interesting to note that nearly 130,000 of the indictments are the result of information laid by private informers. The following cites a case from each of these categories. A large food merchant in Osnabruck was fined 1500 for acts which gave him control of all the beans and peas in the district. He had bought stocks, for which he paid 27 pfennigs a pound and had sold them at 95 pfennigs. His net profits amounted to £25,000.

A master tailor of Duisburg, finding tailoring an unsatisfactory occupation, took to the manufacture of soap and soup tablets. The soap was composed of ingredients of a most deleterious character and when used set up a violent inflammation of the skin. The soup tablets were salt mixed with the fatty scum of boiled offal. He was punished with three years' penal servitude, but he had scooped in over £4,500 profit.

Lisbeth Eckhardt, from a village near Crefeld, 23 years, her daughter and grandchild were severely punished for roaming the fields at night and for digging up 20 lb. of potatoes and cutting ten heads of cabbage. Moreover they had told untruths to the gendarme who had pounced on them. Old Lisbeth was fined £5, her daughter £3 with a fortnight's imprisonment and the child, aged seven, was sent for a year to a reformatory.

### STEEL SHORTAGE IN JAPAN NOT APPARENT

Capt. W. F. Andrews Says Yards Are Choked With Vessels Under Construction

Capt. W. F. Andrews, vice-president of the International Stevedoring Company, of which the Victoria & Vancouver Stevedoring Company is a subsidiary concern, reached here by a trans-Pacific liner yesterday from the Far East, leaving for Seattle by the afternoon boat.

Capt. Andrews says his visit to Japan was purely a business one. One thing brought particularly to his notice was the tremendous shipbuilding activity in Japan.

"Every yard is just choked with ships in various stages of construction," he remarked, "and operations did not seem to be hampered by lack of steel." The Japanese, he says, are now starting out to develop the steel manufacturing industry, a number of new plants having been opened recently for the manufacture of this much-needed shipbuilding material.

While at Yokohama, Capt. Andrews saw the steel steamer War Helmet launched from the Asano yards, and he understands that this vessel will be turned over to the Leyland Line. Capt. Andrews says everybody appears to be prosperous in Japan.

### ACCEPTANCE OF NEW AGREEMENT DEFERRED

#### No Action by Deep Sea Fishermen's Union Until Other Branches Heard From

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—Before any action will be taken by the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union in regard to the acceptance of a new agreement with the companies operating halibut and cod boats out of Vancouver, Seattle, Prince Rupert and Ketchikan, the result of a conference held yesterday by representatives of the union and the employers at the Hotel Vancouver will have to be placed before the branches of the union in the three last named ports.

The men have proposed an agreement giving them an increase of 100 per cent, on halibut from 2 to 4 cents per pound, while they want 75 cents per pound for black cod, another 100 per cent. increase. For ground fish they want 1 1/2 cents per pound, an increase of 20 per cent.

The fishermen declare they are eager to aid in the production of fish food, but can not live on their present wages, which, according to an official of a cold storage company operating boats, average \$180 per month all the year round, while some fishermen were able to earn as much as \$250 per month for the year. According to these figures, if the demands of the union are met the average wage per man will run from \$200 to \$300 per month, including board. This the employers say, would cripple them.

"In fact," said a fisheries official yesterday, "we will just lay up the boats."

Further conferences will be held before the men are able to report back to their union. The present agreement runs out on December 30.

### DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN PORT ARTHUR SHIPYARD

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 24.—Fire in the dry kiln at the Port Arthur shipbuilding plant early yesterday morning destroyed several thousand dollars' worth of woodwork prepared for boats under construction. It was with difficulty that it was prevented from spreading to other parts of the plant.

### SUCCUMBED IN ORIENT.

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Melville Dollar, wife of the president of the Canadian Dollar Company, the well-known shipping firm, died in Shanghai, according to a cable received from Mr. Melville Dollar. Stanley Dollar left the city last night for Portland to break the news to Mrs. Stanley, mother of Mrs. Dollar.

Mrs. Dollar lived in Vancouver for about 20 years after the local branch of the firm's interests was established. She was accompanying her husband on a visit to the Oriental offices of the Dollar concern and left here at the end of last September.

### TIDE TABLE.

December.			
Date.	Time of High Tide.	Time of Low Tide.	Time of High Tide.
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1	9:16 6.7	12:26 9.0	3:28 1.7
2	9:25 8.6	12:35 8.1	3:37 2.6
3	9:34 10.5	12:44 7.2	3:46 3.5
4	9:43 12.4	12:53 6.3	3:55 4.4
5	9:52 14.3	13:02 5.4	4:04 5.3
6	10:01 16.2	13:11 4.5	4:13 6.2
7	10:10 18.1	13:20 3.6	4:22 7.1
8	10:19 20.0	13:29 2.7	4:31 8.0
9	10:28 21.9	13:38 1.8	4:40 8.9
10	10:37 23.8	13:47 0.9	4:49 9.8
11	10:46 25.7	13:56 0.0	4:58 10.7
12	10:55 27.6	14:05 0.9	5:07 11.6
13	11:04 29.5	14:14 1.8	5:16 12.5
14	11:13 31.4	14:23 2.7	5:25 13.4
15	11:22 33.3	14:32 3.6	5:34 14.3
16	11:31 35.2	14:41 4.5	5:43 15.2
17	11:40 37.1	14:50 5.4	5:52 16.1
18	11:49 39.0	14:59 6.3	6:01 17.0
19	11:58 40.9	15:08 7.2	6:10 17.9
20	12:07 42.8	15:17 8.1	6:19 18.8
21	12:16 44.7	15:26 9.0	6:28 19.7
22	12:25 46.6	15:35 9.9	6:37 20.6
23	12:34 48.5	15:44 10.8	6:46 21.5
24	12:43 50.4	15:53 11.7	6:55 22.4
25	12:52 52.3	16:02 12.6	7:04 23.3
26	13:01 54.2	16:11 13.5	7:13 24.2
27	13:10 56.1	16:20 14.4	7:22 25.1
28	13:19 58.0	16:29 15.3	7:31 26.0
29	13:28 59.9	16:38 16.2	7:40 26.9
30	13:37 61.8	16:47 17.1	7:49 27.8
31	13:46 63.7	16:56 18.0	7:58 28.7

### BRITISH SKIPPER HAD TWO VESSELS SUNK UNDER HIM

Capt. John Richards Was Master of Sunken Harrison Steamers

"Hello, so you've been done in, eh?" This situation is full of meaning to the British merchant seaman who has had the misfortune to fall foul of German sea pirates during the course of his wanderings afloat within a prescribed area known as the submarine zone. It is a question that is almost invariably put by a member of the mercantile service ashore when he happens to meet a fellow seafarer adorned in a new suit of clothes.

The submarine peril, which the British merchant seaman is constantly facing, is a subject that is rarely discussed among themselves. Fully conscious of his danger when afloat every possible precaution is taken to avert disaster, and if everything goes all right he thanks his lucky stars and dismisses it at that. To be submerged these days is such a common occurrence to the average sailor that when questioned about his experiences the subject is usually dismissed with a shrug of the shoulders.

### WIRELESS REPORT

Dec. 24, 8 a. m.

Point Grey—Clear; N. W. light; 29.10; 23; sea moderate.

Cape Lazo—Clear; calm; 29.96; 24; sea smooth. Spoke steamer Princess Sophia, 3.15 p. m. Seymour Narrows, southbound; spoke steamer Alaska, 3.45 p. m., off Chatham Point, southbound.

Pachena—Clear; calm; 29.96; 26; sea smooth.

Estevan—Clear; calm; 29.79; 22; sea smooth.

Alert Bay—Overcast; calm; 29.88; 25; sea smooth.

Triangle—Cloudy; N. W. light; 29.26; 28; sea moderate. Spoke steamer Princess Royal, 7.15 p. m., off Pine Island, 7 p. m., northbound; spoke steamer Venture, 7 p. m., off Ivory Island, northbound; spoke steamer Redondo, 6.35 p. m., Millbank Sound, southbound.

Dead Tree Point—Overcast; N. W. light; 29.92; 24; sea smooth.

Ikeda Bay—Cloudy; calm; 29.72; 30; sea smooth.

Prince Rupert—Snow; calm; 29.98; 26; dense seaward. Spoke steamer Prince Albert, 7.35 p. m., off Rose Spit, northbound.

Noon.

Point Grey—Clear; N. W., fresh; 29.10; 27; sea rough.

Cape Lazo—Clear; calm; 29.10; 29; sea smooth.

Pachena—Cloudy; S. E. breeze; 29.92; 27; sea smooth.

Estevan—Overcast; calm; 29.83; 33; sea smooth. Str. Tees abeam, 11 a. m., southbound.

Alert Bay—Overcast; calm; 29.81; 28; sea smooth.

Triangle—Cloudy; N. E. light; 29.12; 22; sea moderate. Spoke str. Gray, 9.20 a. m., off Pine Island, northbound; spoke str. Prince George, 9.35 a. m., leaving Ocean Falls, southbound; spoke str. Princess Maquina, 10.30 a. m., Quatsino Sound, northbound.

Dead Tree Point—Overcast; N. W. light; 29.93; 28; sea smooth.

Ikeda Bay—Cloudy; calm; 29.78; 34; sea smooth.

### MASTER MECHANIC AT COQUITLAM YARD KILLED

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—Andrew Johnson, master mechanic at the Coquitlam shipyard, was instantly killed yesterday when the automobile in which he was riding plunged over an embankment and pinned him beneath the steering gear. He was alone at the time of the accident, and his still warm remains were found by two Indian boys.



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Notice of Application for Private Bill

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

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

II.—RE DELINQUENT TAXES

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

curd before actual sale; for vesting title in the Corporation if no sale effected; for abrogating the provisions of the "War Relief Act" where such agreements are 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 4C of the Land Registry Act, and such other provisions and conditions as may be requisite.

III.—RE RE-ADJUSTMENT OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENT TAXES IN RESPECT OF STREET EXPANSION OR WIDENING BY LAWS
(1) Power to the Corporation either (a) by its Municipal Council, or (b) by a committee of three persons 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 committee 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 taxes in connection with street widening or expansion of streets, and to make such recommendations or orders as shall from time to time be determined by the Council.

(2) The persons or committees conducting such investigation, to report the result thereof from time to time to the Council, with such recommendations or suggestions as they may make concerning suggested relief, readjustment or reduction of such taxes, or otherwise.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Albert Smith, Deceased.
All persons having claims against this estate are required to send particulars thereof, duly verified, to the undersigned not later than the 10th day of January, 1918.

of VICTORIA THE NORTHWEST AND THE WORLD

'Varsity Players Had Pep Local Ruggers Lost 3-0

'Varsity waded and splashed its way to a victory of three points to nil, when on Saturday afternoon it met the V. I. A. A. at the Royal Athletic Park. Reeking with mud, drenched with clay, and drenched to the skin with water of a temperature destined to cool the shivers of the most excited individual, the two rugby teams put up an excellent game during the hour and a half that they battled on land and sea. Indeed the question arose at times as to whether life-preservers might be necessary. For when a twist-squirring mass of players found themselves immersed in some six inches of water at one end of the field, the prospect of the man at the bottom coming out without undergoing the first degree of suffocation was not hopeful. Father Neptune was evidently in good humor for his toll of casualties was slight, and although he administered the water element in great profusion, it appeared altogether probable that a second application would be necessary before players would consider themselves "dolloed-up."

Stanford Awaits A Berkeley Decision
Would Play Football If California Institution Will Play Rugby
San Francisco, Dec. 24.—The one topic among followers of football here concerns the possibility of a resumption of gridiron relations between the University of California and Stanford University.

Senior Soccer League
Teams: P. W. L. D. Pts.
Victoria Wests ..... 5 0 0 3 17
Garrison ..... 4 4 3 1 9
E. M. C. H. ..... 7 4 2 1 9
V. I. A. A. ..... 6 3 1 2 8
Navy ..... 6 3 2 1 7
14th Regiment ..... 7 1 5 3 2
Infantry ..... 4 3 5 0 2
C. A. M. ..... 0 0 1 1 1

Senior Soccer League
Victoria Wests, 2; Garrison, 1.
"Who does a turkey gobble strut?" "Maybe," said Farmer Coratsept, "he has managed to find out how much he is worth a pound."—Washington Star.

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LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL LOSES RUGBY MATCH

King George Takes Trophy by a Large Score Over Victoria Ruggers
Vancouver, Dec. 24.—King George, 1 goal, 5 tries (twenty points); Victoria, nothing.

When the Victoria High School lined up at Brockton Park Saturday afternoon tall, strong lads, greatly outweighing King George, they promised to be formidable contenders for the Thomson Cup, emblematic of the High School rugby championship. Their looks belied them. They were wanting in speed, and King George chased them off their feet. Having already disposed of King Edward High School, which had held the silverware for years, the easy victory of King George gives them possession of the championship for the first time in the history of the school.

King George turped every faulty play by Victoria to advantage. They were always fast on the ball, and it was fast following up which led to the first score. A run down by the left wing carried play to the corner flag, and, on the line-out, Peterson captured the ball and forced his way over. After missing a kick for goal from a favorable position, a forward threw the ball out in a loose rush and Rice dashed over almost under the posts, but the kick for goal failed. Victoria's kick-out was well returned, and again, from the line-out, Victoria failed to mark their men and Peterson dashed over with a 25-yard run.

Victoria Outplayed.
In the second half Victoria was kept continually defending their lines. The King George half dashed over from a scrum but was held up and unable to ground the ball. The ball came away from a subsequent scrum and went to Harvey and Rice, and then a long pass out to the wing enable Simpson to start the opposition and cross over for the fourth try. The kick for goal failed, and this left King George 12 points up.

Braced up against their own lines as they were, Victoria was having a hard time. Toft was fed the ball, and when Victoria were expecting a pass out, broke in and scored under the posts. Harvey added the extra two points with the kick. The play again swept against the Victoria line and Peterson dashed over. This being the third try for that player, a forward at that shows how largely he was figuring in all the attacks and his ability to handle the ball.

McNiven, who had played splendidly at full-back in the first period, operated on the wing during part of this half and looked like coping with the beautiful passing movement by dashing over, but he was brought down just outside the line, and though he squirmed his way over, the referee properly ruled that he had been held and ordered the necessary scrum.

Football Scores in Old Country Games Played at Week-End
London, Dec. 24.—The following are the results of Saturday's games in the English League:

London Combination.
Arsenal, 2; Queen's-Park Rangers, 0.
Brentford, 5; Clapton Orient, 0.
Chelsea, 6; Millwall Athletic, 2.
Crystal Palace, 2; Tottenham Hotspurs, 2.
West Ham United, 0; Fulham, 1.
Midland Section.
Barnsley, 3; Sheffield United, 0.
Bradford, 1; Leicester Fosse, 0.
Notts County, 5; Grimsby Town, 2.
Hull, 3; Notts Forest, 2.
Sheffield Wednesday, 3; Rotherham, 2.
Lancashire Section.
Blackpool, 1; Rochdale, 2.
Bolton Wanderers, 0; Burnley, 2.
Burnley, 6; Manchester United, 5.
Liverpool, 3; Oldham Athletic, 0.
Manchester City, 1; Blackburn Rovers, 0.
Preston North End, 0; Everton, 1.
Stockport County, 2; Southport, 1.
Stoke, 1; Bury, 0.
Scottish League.
Glasgow, Dec. 24.—The following are the results of Saturday's football games in the Scottish League:

National Hockey League Toronto Defeats Ottawa

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Chas. Querrie's Toronto professionals ushered in the 1917-18 National Hockey League season with a victory Saturday night when they defeated Ottawa, 11 to 4. The first two periods saw some fast, clever hockey with both teams traveling at top speed. In the closing period, the Blue Shirts had much the better of the play, and although the Ottawa forwards attempted to check back, they were unable to stem the tide, Toronto scoring five goals to one lone tally registered by Ottawa.

Agreeably Surprised.
Hockey fans were agreeably surprised by the work of reorganized team. Displaying speed and stamina which was of mid-season calibre, they swept the easterners before them in the 60 minutes of play, and were not at any time seriously threatened by defeat. Ottawa scored the first goal Meeking evened up for Toronto. Toronto then tallied five times in a row and the period ended with Toronto leading by four goals. Ottawa had the shade better of the play in the second period, but were completely overshadowed by Querrie's men in the final session.

Noble Aggressive.
Reg Noble, who started at Centre for Toronto, probably was the most aggressive man on the ice. Besides scoring many of the Toronto goals, he checked back so hard and fast that he really provided a third defense, giving Randall and Cameron great support. Harry Meeking, who succeeded Noble

at centre when the latter went to left wing, is another whose improvement was noticeable. Ken Randall played his usual strong defensive game and relieved nicely with effective rushes. He made three trips to the bench, however, which somewhat marred his effectiveness. Brooks in goal was another surprise. While he did not have much to do, he took care of Ottawa's offerings in great style, and if his work Saturday night can be regarded as an indication he is a fixture in his position.

Ottawa's Team.
Ottawa has a good team, and in Crawford and Gerard have two clever men both offensively and defensively. Cyril Denny played a good game for Ottawa, but marred his efforts with considerable rough work. He was responsible for Randall's trip to the bench on a major foul when he mixed it with the latter down behind his goal. Shore played up to his usual good form while Benedict appeared to be off color. He made many good stops, but some comparatively easy shots got away from him.

The Teams.
Toronto: Goal, Brooks; defence, Cameron and Randall; centre, Noble; left wing, Denny; right wing, Skinner.
Ottawa: Goal, Benedict; defence, Crawford and Shore; centre, Darragh; left wing, Denny; right wing, Gerard.
Refs.
Toronto: Meeking and Coughlin.
Ottawa: Lowery, Bruce and Boucher.

VICTORIA WESTS ARE AGAIN WINNING Game at Work Point Resulted in Victory for Civilians; Score 2-1

Another victory was added to the already extensive lead of the Victoria Wests in senior soccer circles, when on Saturday afternoon the team defeated the Garrison eleven by two goals to one on the grounds at Work Point. The E. M. C. H., V. I. A. A. and Garrison appear to be holding matters pretty well balanced for second place in the running, but as yet they have not greatly endangered the stand of the Wests, who, with their record of wins, no defeats, and only one draw, are far in advance of their opponents. Their tussle with the regulars on Saturday was, however, a very close contest, and toward the end developed into as fast a game as the condition of field and ball would permit.

Mud Flying Fast.
The most interesting portion of the contest was witnessed in the second period, for as the final minutes of the game were reached enthusiasm heightened and the mud and water were flying in fast time when the whistle sounded by Referee Goward brought the match to a close. This latter part of the game might well have been termed the fastest of the season. Its appeal to the spectators was augmented by the close checking and aggressive tactics adopted by both sides. The strenuous work indulged in under the most trying circumstances brought repeated applause from the side-lines.

Heavy Work.
At the commencement of play the Wests with one man short made a quick and strategic attack that outwitted the Garrison before they were fully into the game. Tommy Peden took the ball past the soldiers' defence well up to the goal line, and passing to Johnny Peden, who was ready to receive and who placed it neatly between the posts. This lived up to the Garrison, but for the remainder of the half the play was net noticeable for its speed. This, however, was due rather to the muddy field and the consequent weight of the ball, than to any lack of energy or spirit on the part of the players. The Garrison attacked on several occasions but Peden in goal was equal to the task of protecting the net, while the Garrison backs took care to deal with the West forwards whenever they became aggressive to a degree that threatened the soldiers' interests. The pressure for the most part was, during the first period, exerted by the civilians, and although the forwards displayed good combination the elements often thwarted their efforts to score.

Second Half.
The opening of the second period gave both custodians an opportunity to show their mettle. The first test was exerted against Oeler. For a time the civilians bombarded him with all manner of shots, but eventually the soldiers got away and the volley was directed from their forwards against Peden. Both men, however, displayed a knowledge of their art that for the time proved too much for the attackers. The hopes of the Garrison supporters were raised when Gale got away on a run and took the ball to the penalty line. The gunners were awarded a free kick but the ball hit the right goal post. The Wests replied by taking play to

RETURNED MEN AND CIVILIANS IN DRAW Match Played at Beacon Hill; Was Close Battle

2-2 Was Score in Soccer Match Played at Beacon Hill; Was Close Battle
The V. I. A. A. and the E. M. C. H. soccer teams played a draw game at Beacon Hill on Saturday, when they met in a match that developed in interest as the final stages were reached. The tally of 2-2 will give some idea of the manner in which the teams held each other to a strict account. The game could be described as a very close and hard battle in which the utmost degree. Neither team conceded a point oftener than was necessary, and the spirit with which they endeavored to take or maintain the lead was remarkable for a fast game. Referee Payne had a most difficult task on his hands, but his decisions were impartial and well rendered.

It is not improbable that there will be some lively debate at the next meeting of the Victoria and District Football Association. Some, in fact, a goodly number of the spectators who lined the field appeared to have forgotten the fact that the referee was the official in charge. The league in appointing the man with the whistle is for the most part careful to select only one who is capable, and spectators who cannot see their way clear to refrain from verbal interference or from casting biting remarks at players would do well to absent themselves from the soccer field. Their actions cast a distinct reflection on the worthy followers of the sport who are likely to be unfairly criticized.
Changes in Teams.
There were several changes necessary on the lines of both teams. Townsend, of the E. M. C. H., instead of being on the forward line, took the place of McAdam at back, while McGregor played for Moulton on the half-back line of the V. I. A. A. The soldiers were the first to attack, but their repeated positions at off-side spelled numerous chances to score. The forwards of the returned men were playing a live game, but it was not until twenty minutes had elapsed that the first score was registered on a shot from Tipper. The second score came from Singlehurst and the conflict then reverted to centre field. Daniels showed up well for the civilians but in spite of his good shooting the soldier defence held. The combination play of the soldiers looked dangerous at times but Jelliman in the civilian goal was on to the ball whenever it attempted to enter the forbidden territory.

Second Half.
Following a fine run from Daniels, Knight secured the ball when McMinn fumbled and succeeded in netting it. The score was a decided stimulant to the V. I. A. A. The team began to have more of the play and shooting was active the order of the day. With repeated charges they were at length successful in evading matters when Stott found the net. Both clubs endeavored to get the lead before time should be sounded but play was in mid-field when the whistle blew for time.

The teams were as follows:
E. M. C. H.—McInn, Townsend, Gonn, Bowers, Pitts, Moncar, Southin, Tipper, Singlehurst, Bloom and Kroeger.
V. I. A. A.—Jelliman, Brown, Elliott, Hay, Ferris, McGregor, Aleock, Knight, Daniels, Stott, Lomas.
Referee—P. C. Payne.

CANADIENS TRIMMED RIVALRY AT HOCKEY First Game of New League Played at Montreal on Saturday Night

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Barely 1,000 hockey fans witnessed the initial game in the new hockey league between the Canadiens and Wanderers at the arena here Saturday, when the Canadiens trimmed their local rivals 11 to 3, in a contest that altogether lacked action and contained little of interest. The champion Canadiens showed superior combination work. Their team play seemed bewildering to the Wanderers, who failed to stop their rushes. Lindsay did great work at the net, but he could not withstand the whole opposing forward line and invariably when a goal was made by the champions he was out trying to break up the attack single-handed. He had little support from his team mates. It was the debut of Skilton of professional hockey, and he made a good impression, his work and McDonald's being the feature of the Wanderers' play. Malone and Lalonde showed their old time form, and shared the scoring honors for the Canadiens with three goals each.

Art Ross started with the Wanderers, but lasted only one period, when he was replaced by Gerard.
The Teams.
Canadiens—Veina, Corbeau, Hall, Malone, Lalonde, Pitre, Laviolette, Belliquette, Centre.
Wanderers—Lindsay, Ross, Skilton, McDonald, Hyland, Ritchie, Gerah, Stephens, O'Grady.

RED CROSS SOCCER AT BEACON HILL A CHRISTMAS FEATURE

The Victoria and District Football Association has its entire energy at the present time focused on the Red Cross soccer match that will be played at Beacon Hill, commencing sharp at 10:45 o'clock on Christmas morning. Spurred on to action by the worthlessness of the cause, the men who are making arrangements only ask that the public turn out. Apart from the matter of aiding the Empire's wounded the Association is confident that the soccer displayed will be well worth going to see. The lineup of the contesting teams, on one hand Victoria, and on the other the Army and Navy give promise of fast and exciting work.
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First Depot ..... 10 4 0 0 8
West Canada ..... 4 0 4 0 0
Saturday Results.
Hearts, 2; First Depot, 0.
Nabobs, 2; Coughlans, 1.
Longshoremen, 4; Western Canada, 0.

INFANTRY VS. NAVY GAME POSTPONED
Only two soccer matches were played Saturday in the local Senior League. At the meeting of the V. D. F. A. on Wednesday last it was decided that the game between the C. A. M. C. and the 5th Regiment should be indefinitely postponed. The Infantry and the Navy were to have met at the Willows on Saturday, but at the request of the former club the game was postponed on account of the flooded condition of the ground.

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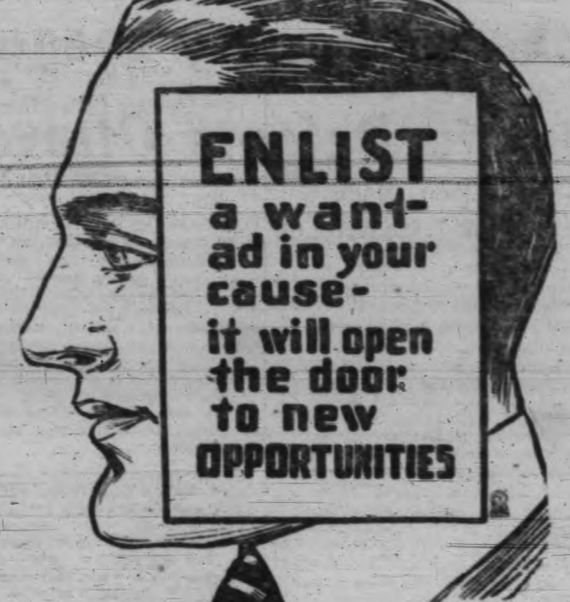
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**DIED**  
STEWART—On December 24, 1917, at the residence, 2255 Olympia Avenue, Oak Bay, Susan Ingersoll Stewart, widow of John Stewart, aged 66 years; born at St. John, N. B. The remains are being forwarded to Ottawa for interment.

**MANAGED THEATRE HERE**  
Sapper F. W. Simmons Now in English Hospital Following Successful Operation.

Sapper F. W. Simmons, who went overseas May, 1916, joining the Canadian Signal Company, and going to France in November, was slightly wounded on August 2, 1917, but remained on duty. On November 23 he was invalided to England, where an operation for appendicitis was successful, and he is now at the Civil Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Before enlisting he was head operator, and later manager of the Majestic Theatre, Victoria.

**TO RECEIVE COMMISSION**  
Sergt. H. D'Oyly Rochfort Returning From France to England for Training Course.

Sergt. H. D'Oyly Rochfort, of the 26th (Vancouver) Battalion, with which unit he has been serving for over a year at the front, is returning to England to take an officer's training course for a commission. Sergt. Rochfort is a brother of Capt. W. D'Oyly Rochfort, and Lieut. A. D'Oyly Rochfort, of Victoria, in addition to whom he has two other brothers who have seen service at the front. Capt. Rochfort lost a leg over two years ago as the result of a bomb explosion.

**GASSED AND IN HOSPITAL**  
Pte. T. Robinson, One of Five Fighting Brothers, is at Liverpool Hospital.

Pte. T. Robinson, one of the five sons of Mrs. Robinson, Kent Road, Saanich, who are serving at the front, is now at the First West General Hospital, Farnborough, Liverpool, his health being affected as the result of having been gassed. Pte. Robinson has been serving with the 21st Battalion.

**GIGANTIC SCHEMES FOR SPRUCE BELTS**  
Twenty-Fold Increase for British Columbia Certain in Few Months

**ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY HON. T. D. PATTULLO**

Reference was made in these columns recently indicating in some measure to what extent the Imperial authorities were relying upon the Province of British Columbia for enormous supplies of aeroplane spruce. In the former announcement made by the Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands, it was noted that inquiries were being directed to this part of the Dominion amounting to somewhere in the region of thirty million feet board measurement per month. The Minister stated at the time that the whole question would resolve itself into a matter of just how many men and how much machinery could be trained exclusively on to the spruce belts of this province and, in the final analysis, the amount of spruce logs that could be got into the water.

Development Certain.

During the last week or two the Minister of Lands has been laboring energetically along the lines indicated by the former statement and on his return from Prince Rupert this morning he is able to predict with absolute certainty that private enterprise alone having made definite arrangements for the moment—will within a very short space of time complete its plans whereby about ten million feet per month will be procured and placed on the market for disposal along the essential channels. Other concerns are making tentative plans which will be certain to materialize just as soon as the engineers now making practical investigations have completed their findings. So that what appeared to be next door to an impossibility three weeks ago is practically certain of conversion into an accomplished fact before many months have passed.

Startling Comparisons.

The enormity of the undertakings now planned by two or three private enterprises will be best understood when it is recalled that the present monthly output of aeroplane spruce for the whole province of British Columbia the product of the same commodity for barely reaches half a million feet, while the whole of the United States per month does not exceed three million feet. From the figures quoted some insight will be gained into the plans of the Imperial Government with regard to aeroplane construction during the next twelve months, and Mr. Pattullo's announcement will also bear out the definite statements made in private and public, by Lord Montagu of Beauly during his recent visit to this city.

Fishery Expansion.

Discussing the fishing industry as far as Prince Rupert is concerned Mr. Pattullo states that its growth at the northern port has been remarkable during the last twelve months. At the present time there are no less than 450 boats operating out of Prince Rupert, and the various concerns so engaged report excellent business, good prices, and a profit at all times in the offing. It was in connection with the needs of the fishing industry and more adequate water frontage that took the Minister on his hurried trip to his constituency, certain recommendations concerning which will have his consideration.

Record Passenger List.

The Minister remarked upon the number of passengers hailing from the province taking the boat trip to this city. He stated that the passenger list on this journey was a record one in the annals of the company. Mr. Pattullo had an opportunity of chatting with a number of the visitors, who for the most part were wealthy farmers and their families en route to this province and later to the various cities to the south of the international boundary. There seemed to be no end to the interesting stories of the prairie people, who could afford to be on holiday bent, that the equable climate of this province was an extremely desirable thing for the winter months, while there were many expressions flattering to the scenery of British Columbia and the hospitality of her people.

**RECOMMENDED FOR THE VICTORIA CROSS**

Maj. George Randolph Pearkes, M. C., May Receive Highest Military Distinction

Mrs. L. Pearkes, of Mount Tolmie, has heard from an independent source in England that her son, Major George Randolph Pearkes, M.C., has been recommended for the Victoria Cross. Major Pearkes, during his over two years service at the front, has been wounded four times, the last occasion being at Passchendaele, when he was shot through the hip on October 30. Notwithstanding his wound, he remained with his men the whole of the day until his commanding officer in-

**TRAGIC DEATH OF SEVEN-YEAR CHILD**

Little Gordon Arthur Brown Crushed by Elevator at Begg Garage

Major George R. Pearkes, M. C.

On the eve of Christmas—the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown, of 1046 Rockland Avenue, has been plunged into a house of mourning by the tragic death of their little son, Gordon Arthur Brown.

Six years and eleven months of age, the child was born in Edmonton and came with his parents to Victoria about two years ago. Mr. Brown is foreman of the Begg Garage, on View Street, and the little fellow has been in the habit of visiting him during working hours. Following the usual custom the lad went to the garage yesterday afternoon and accompanied his father to the top floor of the building to get a car for the purpose of going out and bringing home a Christmas tree.

While the father was busy upstairs, one of the men sent down the elevator laden with a big automobile, and it is presumed that the boy must have stolen downstairs and after the removal of the car, entered the elevator, which is merely a platform, and operated it himself to get to the top floor. The first intimation of the tragedy was the discovery of the little fellow's body, which had been crushed between the elevator and the flooring. The child gave no cry and no one witnessed the accident, life being extinct when the body was found.

At a coroner's inquest, held this morning it was decided that no inquest was necessary. The B. C. Funeral Co. has the arrangements in hand for the funeral, which will be held on Wednesday.

**EXEMPTION TRIBUNALS**

Total Cases Which Came Before Boards of the Province Up to December.

Appealed by military	131
Allowed	5,195
Disallowed	3,254
Total	8,580
Appeals by claimants	1,694

The "allowed" totals include the medically unfit for Class 1, all Class B, C, D or E men, whose cases have come before the medical boards; and also the cases where exemption has been allowed for certain periods.

**ORITINARY RECORD**

Yesterday at her residence 3225 Olympia Avenue, Oak Bay, the death occurred of Susan Ingersoll Stewart, relict of the late John Stewart. Sixty-six years of age she was the late Mrs. Stewart was a native of St. John, New Brunswick, and had resided in this city for the past two years. The body is at the B. C. Funeral Chapel and will on Thursday be sent to Ottawa for burial. A son, R. H. Stewart, will accompany the remains east.

**INDIANS ARE CAUGHT**

Suitcase Full of Wet Goods Taken From Men on Train; Chinaman Charged.

In an endeavor to put an end to the secret sales of liquor to Indians, chiefly by disreputable Chinese who are able to demand a much larger sum than the value set by the authorities upon it, Dominion Constable O'Connell, Constable Munro and Constable William Kier have been keeping watch on the trains from Victoria.

As a result they have caught two Indians, one of the Chemainus band, another of the Cowichan tribe, with a quantity of liquor, one of the men carrying a suitcase full of the brewer when interrogated.

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**WILL PROCEED LATER**

Employers Who Kept Open Store on Saturday Afternoon Will Be Charged on Two Counts.

For the first time since the Weekly Half Holiday Act came into force here eighteen months ago, it is the intention to proceed against the employers, whose stores were open on Saturday afternoon, on two separate counts.

Hitherto the proceedings have been based entirely on the question of having the store open for business. Now the Court will be asked to penalize employers under the section making it an offence to employ store assistants in hours not allowed under the statute.

A great many names have been taken, and the court proceedings will follow later in the week. While the police were instructed on Saturday to take the names of employees working during the afternoon, it is understood they will be used only in case of evidence being required, and not for the purpose of a direct prosecution against the employee. Such at any rate was the intention this morning.

**WOUNDED IN THE LEG**

Gunner E. R. Etheridge, C. G. A., Lived on Wilkinson Road Before Going Overseas.

Gunner E. R. Etheridge, who is the son of Mrs. Etheridge, Wilkinson Road, has received a gunshot wound in the leg, and is now in hospital, according to a cable received by his mother yesterday. Gunner Etheridge left the city, February 23, 1917, with an artillery draft from the 5th Regiment, previous to which he was employed at Chase's grocery store, corner of Boleskin and Saanich Roads.

**Call of Fire.**—The Fire Department was called last evening to a chimney fire at 312 St. James Street.

**Back From Ottawa.**—J. P. Baskock, of the Fisheries Department, of the Provincial Government, returned to his office in the Parliament Buildings this morning from Ottawa, where he was in attendance at the annual meeting of the Commission of Conservation, of which he is a member.

**Rotary Luncheon.**—Father Christmas will be the guest of honor at the luncheon of the Victoria Rotary Club that will be held in the Empress Hotel on Thursday, December 27. A musical programme appropriate to the Yuletide season will be rendered, and a very enjoyable Christmas event is being anticipated by the members.

**Christmas Entertainment.**—The annual Sunday School Christmas entertainment of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, military and naval, Victoria West, will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 26, commencing at 7:30 p.m. The children are to be supported by older talent, among whom will be taking part Chief Petty Officer Pearce. The sailors who attend the church services have signified their intention to be present. Awards of seals and diplomas will be made by the Sunday school staff. A feature of the gathering this year will be the presentation of a copy of the New Testament to every boy and girl on the Sunday school roll present at the entertainment. The old-fashioned candy bag will be in evidence. The entertainment is free to all. A collection will be taken up to defray expenses. George McCandless will preside.

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Major George R. Pearkes, M. C.

On the eve of Christmas—the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown, of 1046 Rockland Avenue, has been plunged into a house of mourning by the tragic death of their little son, Gordon Arthur Brown.

Six years and eleven months of age, the child was born in Edmonton and came with his parents to Victoria about two years ago. Mr. Brown is foreman of the Begg Garage, on View Street, and the little fellow has been in the habit of visiting him during working hours. Following the usual custom the lad went to the garage yesterday afternoon and accompanied his father to the top floor of the building to get a car for the purpose of going out and bringing home a Christmas tree.

While the father was busy upstairs, one of the men sent down the elevator laden with a big automobile, and it is presumed that the boy must have stolen downstairs and after the removal of the car, entered the elevator, which is merely a platform, and operated it himself to get to the top floor. The first intimation of the tragedy was the discovery of the little fellow's body, which had been crushed between the elevator and the flooring. The child gave no cry and no one witnessed the accident, life being extinct when the body was found.

At a coroner's inquest, held this morning it was decided that no inquest was necessary. The B. C. Funeral Co. has the arrangements in hand for the funeral, which will be held on Wednesday.

**EXEMPTION TRIBUNALS**

Total Cases Which Came Before Boards of the Province Up to December.

Appealed by military	131
Allowed	5,195
Disallowed	3,254
Total	8,580
Appeals by claimants	1,694

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### TROTZKY THREATENS AMBASSADOR OF U. S. "HEAVY HAND" IDEA

Petrograd, Dec. 23.—Via London, Dec. 24.—Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, at a meeting of the revolutionary organizations assembled in congress to-day, read documents and telegrams which he declared contained evidence that American officers and officials were helping Gen. Kalaidasa, leader of the Don Cossacks. "The American Ambassador must break his silence now," said Trotsky. "Since the revolution he has been the most silent diplomat in Petrograd. We will tell all the Ambassadors if you think you can, with the help of American gold, under the guise of the holy mission of the Red Cross, support and bribe Kalaidasa, you are mistaken. If you think that you are no longer the representative of the United States, but a private adventurer, then the heavy hand of the revolution will reach out after you."

Ambassador Francis in a statement to the Russian press declares that the embassy and the Red Cross are in no way involved in the counter-revolution.

**AID GERMANY; CUT OFF.** Buenos Ayres, Dec. 24.—As a result of the revelations that the Germans had been paying a monthly subsidy to the newspaper La Union, the directors and editors of La Union have been suspended by the press club here. They have been given a month's time in which to sever their connection with the newspaper, failing which the suspension by the press club will become permanent.

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### BORDEN'S MESSAGE TO CANADA'S ARMY

Declares Dominion Will Strive and Endure for Its Forces

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The Prime Minister has sent to Lieut.-General Sir Arthur Currie and to Lieut.-General Turner the following Christmas message: "For the Canadian troops overseas: To the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Canadian forces overseas: It is again my great privilege to convey to you from the Government and the people of Canada the greetings and gratitude which during this season are deep in the heart of every Canadian. At this Christmastime we recall in loving and solemn memory the many thousands of your gallant comrades who have passed into their perfect peace. They died that Canada might live. They gave up their lives that we might have peace here on earth. But their spirit yet lives to inspire the nations which can never forget. You who are completing their unfinished task, look to us for support and cheer; the men and women of Canada already have shown you that your trust is not in vain. Our sacrifice can never equal yours, but in the New Year now approaching we shall resolve anew that as the army struggles and suffers for the nation, so the nation will strive and endure for the army, and both for the great common cause of liberty and civilization to which we have consecrated our efforts, but which unhappily remains yet to be secured. We hope and pray for a speedy victory, but however long the necessity may demand, we shall struggle on, convinced in heart and conscience that only in the complete downfall of militarist aggression may we and our allies hope for that secure and honorable peace without which every sacrifice would rise up to shame us and our children in the years to come."  
(Signed) R. L. BORDEN.

### INCREASED PAY FOR FREIGHT HANDLERS

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—It is understood that the Minister of Labor at Ottawa has returned the finding of the majority of the Board of Arbitration in the C. P. R. freight handlers arbitration case, stock-inspectors and freight checkers is fixed at \$50 for the first year, \$55 for the second and \$60 for the third. These men now get \$37.50, \$42.50 and \$47.50.

### MANY HOMES

"Where have you been?"  
"Back to the country to visit my old home. Ever visit your old home?"  
"My dear chap, I was raised in a series of city flats. I can't remember half the places I've lived."—Kansas City Journal.

### ANTI-CONSCRIPTION MAJORITY 175,000

Tally in Australia Up to Last Night; Counting Soldiers' Vote

Melbourne, Dec. 24.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—Returns up to last night in the voting on conscription placed the result as follows: For conscription, 792,000; against, 967,000. Majority against, 175,000. This does not include the soldiers' vote, now being counted in London.

London, Dec. 24.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—An Australian correspondent writing in The London Times says it is important that the issue of the conscription referendum in Australia should not be misunderstood. It is, he says, a plain question regarding the procedure. The anti-conscriptionists consider that voluntary enlistment will provide sufficient reinforcements and they fear that conscription would interfere with the agricultural and mining industries, which are essential to the prosecution of the war. All recognized political parties in Australia agree that the war must be conducted until victory is achieved.

Sydney, Australia, Dec. 24.—Further returns on the conscription referendum in Australia have increased the vote against compulsory service and the defeat of the plan is now beyond doubt. The political situation is most uncertain. Mr. Hughes, the Prime Minister, has made no statement thus far, but in certain quarters there is evidence of opposition to his continued leadership of the Nationalists, the dominant party. It is not improbable that Frank G. Tudor, a former Cabinet member, will be permitted by the Nationalists to form a Government from the Labor Party, giving this party opportunity to put into effect its plans for raising troops without conscription.

### AMERICAN MAJORITY

Melbourne, Dec. 24.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—Among the majorities against conscription in the initial returns, which, without the soldier's vote show a total majority of 175,000 against, are:  
New South Wales, 141,000; Victoria, 12,000; Queensland, 38,000; South Australia, 21,000.  
Among the majorities for conscription are: West Australia, 23,000, and Tasmania, 350.

The impending defeat of conscription causes an embarrassing situation. Mr. Hughes, the Prime Minister, will now advise the Governor-General to summon Hon. Mr. Tudor or a member of his own party to form a new Government, by which Mr. Hughes will be absolved of his pledges, or he may ask for dissolution. It is believed that the majority against conscription is largely due to the solid vote of the labor unions, smarting under the recent strike defeat, the strong campaign of Archbishop Mannix in influencing the Roman Catholics and the fact that the industrial classes failed to appreciate the large issues involved.

Anxious to Win.  
London, Dec. 24.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—Reuter's is informed that all the Australian anti-conscription leaders have expressed strong views on the war views. Prominent Labor leaders are fighting at the front and others have sons there, including Senator Tudor, the anti-conscriptionist leader and former Minister of Defence. Australia is maintaining larger forces than all the other Dominions together. All parties are unanimous for the retention of the German Pacific colonies and for no slackening of the war effort.

### DRASTIC REGULATIONS IN CANADA SOON

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—The Vancouver World has the following special dispatch from Ottawa:  
"The re-organization of a number of Departments at Ottawa probably will take precedence over all other business in the forthcoming sessional programme."  
"The new stringent regulations governing the liquor traffic are but the forerunner of other regulations to eliminate waste, conserve our food and financial resources and control prices and supplies of necessities."  
"With the election over and a great majority in Parliament assured, there will be the most drastic reforms and innovations."  
"The food problem is most serious."

### TROTZKY HINTS AT "REVOLUTIONARY WAR"

Paris, Dec. 24.—Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, according to a note issued by the Havas Agency, called on Joseph Noulens, the French Ambassador to Russia, and explained that the Bolsheviks were trying to keep to the principle of a democratic peace, leaving to the people the right to dispose of themselves. The Ambassador having asked him what he would do if Germany should refuse his peace, Trotsky answered that then peace would not be signed and that the Maximists might be led to "wage a revolutionary war."

### FIVE BOMBS DROPPED ON A DUTCH TOWN

Amsterdam, Dec. 24.—Five bombs have been dropped on the town of Goes, in Zeeland, damaging several houses and seriously injuring one man. Zeeland is a Dutch province.

### Notices to Report for Service Sent Out By Registrar

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—Registrar Lennox announced to-day that the first call for duty under the Military Service Act would go out during the day by registered mail to Category A men who reported for duty or whose claims for exemption have been disallowed. The men are to report at Hastings Park here or The Willows Camp, Victoria.

### WILHELM AT ODDS WITH HINDENBURG

Reported Out of Sympathy With Crown Prince and War Party

London, Dec. 24.—There has been no comment in the British press on the statement by Mr. Lloyd George on the Kaiser's refusal to de throne the Kaiser. There has been much private discussion of it, however, and it is believed that there is a good deal of indirect evidence to show that the Kaiser is inclining to more moderate counsels. Perhaps the Prime Minister, if challenged, could not produce the chapter and verse for his statement, but well-informed neutrals who have left Germany recently have declared it to be the common idea in that country that the Kaiser is out of sympathy with the Crown Prince, Hindenburg and the extreme war party. It is noted that while von Ludendorff, von Tirpitz and all the lesser fry are making frequent speeches, the Kaiser remains silent, being more in the background than during any other period of the war.

### CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The following casualties have been announced:  
Infantry.  
Killed—Pte. J. F. McCallum, Brandon, Man.; Pte. T. L. O. Mellor, Garden Head, Sask.; Pte. R. J. Jones, Rathwell, Man.; Pte. Erick Anderson, Gonyick, Minn.; U. S. A. Sergt. W. Douglas, Scotland; Act. Corp. A. Roach, Somerville, Mass.; U. S. A. Pte. H. Wright, England; Pte. H. L. Seller, Detroit, Mich.; U. S. A. Pte. F. G. Crow, Kitcoy, Alta.; Pte. R. E. Atkinson, Fallis, Alta.; Pte. S. A. Borthwick, Box Springs, Alta.; Pte. T. MCG. Runham, Redcliff, P. O., Alta.; Pte. R. F. McMurty, Toronto, Ont.  
Died—Pte. A. W. Crawford, Beachville, Ont.; Pte. T. Connolly, Empress, Alta.; Sergt. J. F. Martin, London, Ont.; Pte. J. Martin, London, Ont.; Pte. A. Malley, Neguac, N. B.; Pte. S. Martin, Deux Rivieres, Ont.; Pte. G. W. Davis, Toronto, Ont.; Pte. F. Berger, Winger, Ireland.  
Wounded and missing—Pte. F. C. Benner, Shubenacadie, N. S.; Pte. G. Hill, Balmoral, N. S.; Pte. W. F. Hughes, Avonport, N. S.; Pte. J. W. Fleiding, Kentville, N. S.  
Wounded—Pioneer Sergt. C. A. Freeman, Herbert, Sask; Pte. E. J. Brown, Donald, Alta.; Pte. H. D. Kent, Didsbury, Alta.; Pte. L. J. M. Newton, Woolchester, Alta.; Pte. E. Van der Haegen, Clover Bar, Alta.; Pte. Nikita Kowalenko, Montreal; Pte. J. Dion, Quebec.

### ENEMY'S NEW ATTEMPT ON ITALIAN FRONT

London, Dec. 24.—Checked in their attempt to drive through to the Italian plains east of the Brenta by the brilliant feat of the Italians last week in recapturing the Asolo heights, the Teutons have now switched their attack to the west bank of the Brenta. Striking suddenly yesterday in this quarter, they pushed into the Italian lines on the Asiago Plateau in the vicinity of Buso, where the Frenzala Valley affords a route to the Brenta Valley.  
Had they succeeded in driving south-east down the Frenzala Valley to the Brenta at Valstagna, three miles distant, where the valleys merge, the Italian line on both sides of the Brenta would have been in serious straits. The Rome War Office, however, reports the enemy checked at the Italian rear positions, when a counter-attack was launched. This counterstroke is proceeding with satisfactory results, the Italian report declares.  
On the lower Piave front the enemy has suffered a reverse at the point where he had driven his lines nearest Venicis. The Italians in this sector carried out an operation yesterday, as the result of which the assembly groups which had crossed the Old Piave River were ousted from their foothold on the west bank and thrown back to the easterly bank of the stream.

### PROSECUTION OF EX-PREMIER CAILLAUX

Paris, Dec. 24.—General Dubail yesterday signed the order for the prosecution of Deputy Caillaux and Deputy Loustalot and M. Comby. It is alleged that Comby was present at the luncheon at which former Premier Caillaux met Cavallini, and is said to have accompanied Loustalot to Switzerland, where he saw the former Khedive of Egypt.  
Maitre de Mange, who defended Dreyfus at Rennes, has been chosen by M. Caillaux as his counsel.

### MAJORITY SHOWN FOR HON. FRANK OLIVER

Edmonton, Dec. 24.—Returns to The Edmonton Bulletin give Hon. Frank Oliver a lead of 77 votes in the West Edmonton constituency, with 17 polls are in the Far North and will not be reported for weeks.

### ARSENAL URGED AS CABINET MEMBER

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 24.—The Patriote, the chief Liberal organ of this city, suggests that Mr. Arsenault be chosen as a member of the Union Cabinet to represent the Acadians of the Maritime Provinces. The Acadians of Prince Edward Island are well represented at the front.

### SMALLPOX CASES IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 24.—Smallpox cases in this province are more numerous than any other time during the recent outbreak. There are 54 new cases, the majority secondary cases. Northumberland and Kent counties now are infected. The situation in Maine also is reported to be more serious.

### YOUNGER OFFICERS CLEMENCEAU'S PLAN

French Premier Carries Joffre's Scheme for Chief Leaders Still Further

Paris, Dec. 24.—Premier Clemenceau has sent a circular letter to General Petain and all the army chiefs, pointing out that the experience of more than three years of war has shown that the existing age limits are too high and that with a few rare exceptions command is not effectively exercised at over 54 years for a regiment, 58 for a brigade, 60 for a division and 62 for an army corps. Under these conditions, he adds, general and field officers over these ages must be given commands hereafter in the rear or placed at the disposal of the Minister of War.  
The only exception to this rule will be general officers recommended to personal responsibility of generals commanding armies.  
In the future, the Premier declares, no promotions will be made to the rank of general officer of officers who have served only a short time on the line.  
This policy will result in placing at the head of the fighting troops, he hopes, chiefs who know them well and in whom the soldiers can have full confidence from having seen them at the front. The same principle will be used in promoting field and subordinate officers.

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Standard Silver Lead	4 1/2	5
Wright-Martin Aeroplane	2 1/2	3
Curtiss Aeroplane	2 1/2	3
Mid. Western Oil	91	94
Mid. Western Refining	97	99
Chevrolet Motors	35	36
Butte & Balclutha	29	30
Boston & Montana	29	30
Magma Copper	27	29
Hay Hercules	22	24
Hercules Mining	41	42
Howe Sound Mining	21	22
Success Mining	21	22
N. A. Pulp	2	3
S. A. Pulp	5	6
Shannon	14	15
New Cornelia	14	15
Submarine Boat	19	21
S. J. Joseph's Lead	14	15
Consolidated Oil	51	52
Big Ledge	11	12
Maxims	4	5
Kerr Lake	4	5
Merritt Oil	21	22
Northwest Oil	54	55
ENK	61	62

### NEW YORK BOND MARKET

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	Bid	Asked
U. S. five, 1918	97 1/2	98
U. S. 3-year 6 1/2, 1919	94 1/2	95
U. S. 3-year, 1921	92 1/2	93
U. S. 1-year, 1918	90 1/2	91
U. S. 2-year, 1919	97 1/2	98
French five, 1921	94	95
French six, 1922	94 1/2	95
Anglo-French five, 1921	89 1/2	90
Canadian five, 1919	93 1/2	94
Canadian five, 1921	90 1/2	91
Canadian five, 1922	89 1/2	90
Canada five, 1923	89 1/2	90
Paris six, 1921	81 1/2	82

### NEW YORK COTTON

(By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.)

	Open	High	Low	Last
Dec.	28.30	28.30	28.28	28.29
Jan.	28.75	28.75	28.68	28.68
March	29.25	29.25	29.18	29.18
May	28.87	28.88	28.81	28.81
July	28.55	28.55	28.54	28.55

### A. P. MACFARLANE, SALVAGE EXPERT, IS BACK FROM ORIENT

A. P. Macfarlane, salvage expert for the London Salvage Association, who was associated with the salvage of the G. T. P. steamship Prince Rupert, from the rocks at Gona Island in March of this year, arrived in the city yesterday from the Orient where for the past few months he has been engaged on various salvage undertakings.

### UKRAINE LEADERS ARE FREED BY BOLSHEVIKI

London, Dec. 23.—A Reuter dispatch from Petrograd says that the members of the Ukrainian revolutionary staff have been liberated in accordance with the demand of the Ukrainian Government.

### REPORT BOLSHEVIKI DELEGATES RETURNING

London, Dec. 24.—The Bolshevik peace delegates were returning to Petrograd, according to reports at the Smolny Institute, said a dispatch from The Associated Press correspondent in the Russian capital dated Friday, and received here yesterday. The message suggested no reason for their return, and said nothing about the Russian terms. It added, however, that no definite news regarding the negotiations has been given out at the Smolny Institute, headquarters of the Bolsheviks.  
The story of the recall of the delegates and the rejection of the Russian terms have not attracted much attention here, apparently from the fact that the heads of some of the enemy delegations had not arrived at Brest-Litovsk when the report came through.

### AT HALIFAX 1158 BODIES RECOVERED

Halifax, Dec. 24.—All bodies which were at the Chebucto mortuary were buried to-day. Twenty-one were identified and there were the charred remains of 39 others. The total identified dead now number 854 and unidentified 894, making a total of 1,158 bodies recovered.

### WOUNDED IN ACTION.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Word has been received here that William J. Cowan, born in New York, and a graduate of New York University, a former athlete in Montreal, and an all-round traveler, who has been serving with a famous Western Canadian cavalry unit, has been wounded for the third time. Besides his numerous wounds, he was 95 a hospital ship that was torpedoed by the Germans.

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### FINANCIAL NEWS

**A GOOD TONE IN NEW YORK STOCKS**  
Steel and Copper Stocks Showed Marked Improvement at Day's Session  
(By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.)  
New York, Dec. 24.—Steel equipments, motors and copper ruled on the stock market here during the afternoon around the high prices of the day. The rails were most active and made smaller gains. The final prices were not much below the highest. Adoption of a vote of confidence in its Government by the Italian Parliament seemed to indicate stable political conditions there, a good deal of sympathy was felt in the Christmas message from Great Britain to the United States which London dispatches said would be of a unique and historical character. Aside from and expectations of an early end of the war; which has no palpable basis as yet, the market is clearly reflecting a slow improvement in the financial situation.  
Total sales, 42,900 shares.

High Low Last

Alaska Gold	2 1/2	3	2 1/2
Alia-Chalmers	161	162	161
Am. Beet Sugar	82	86	86
Am. Can. Co. com.	35	34	34 1/2
Am. Can. Foundry	611	624	611
Am. Locomotive	500	49	500
Am. Smelt. & Ref.	711	704	711
Am. T. & Tel.	101	99	101 1/2
Am. Wool. com.	41	40	41
Am. Steel Foundry	554	55	554
Anasconda Mining	554	554	554
Atchafalpa	801	79	78 1/2
Atlantic Gulf	973	97	97 1/2
Baldwin Loco.	573	54	565
Ballou & Ohio	491	49	492
Bethlehem Steel	711	704	711
Butte Sup. Mining	15	14	15
Brooklyn Transit	38	37	37 1/2
Canadian Pacific	121	121	121 1/2
Central Leather	596	58	591
Crucible Steel	501	49	501
Chesapeake & Ohio	41	41	41 1/2
Chic. Mil. & St. P.	29	27 1/2	27 1/2
Chic. R. I. & Pac.	17	16 1/2	17
Cons. Fuel & Iron	34	33	34
Cons. Gas	234	23	234
Cuba Copper	294	28	294
Cal. Petroleum	12	12	12
Chile Copper	142	14	142
Consolidated	801	79	78 1/2
COPR Prod. & Ref.	501	49	501
Distillers Sec.	232	23	232
Erie	14	14	14 1/2
Gen. Nat. Prod.	201	20	20
Gen. Electric	1212	122	1212
Goodrich (R. F.)	491	49	491
Gr. Nor. Ore	242	24	242
Granby	70	70	70
Int'l. Nickel	511	511	511
Int'l. Mer. Marine	21	20	21
Dbs. pref.	801	78	801
Illinois Central	801	79	801
Kennecott Copper	57	56	56 1/2
Lehigh Valley	54	53	54
Lack. Steel	1081	108	1082
Louisville & N.	1081	108	1082
Maxwell Motors	221	21	221
Midvale Steel	421	41	42
Mex. Petroleum	741	74	74
Miami Copper	261	26	261
Missouri Pacific	201	20	201
National Lead	801	79	801
N. Y. N. H. & Hart.	28	28	28
New York Central	641	63	641
Norfolk & Western	97	97	97
Northern Pacific	191	19	191
N. Y. Ont. & Western	191	19	191
Pennsylvania R. R.	43	42	42 1/2
People's Gas	37	37	37
Pressed Steel Car	24	24	24
Reading	221	21	221
St. Steel Spring	42	41	42
Ill. Cons. Mining	21	20	20 1/2
Republic Steel	154	14	154
Southern Pacific	791	78	791
Southern Ry.	252	25	252
Strawbridge Corp.	61	61	61
The Texas Company	129	127	129
Union Pacific	1061	106	1062
Utah Copper	75	74	75
U. S. Ind. Alcohol	112	111	112
U. S. Steel com.	801	80	801
Dbs. pref.	1041	104	1041
Western Union	801	79	801
Walsh R. R. Co.	27	27	27
Walsh R. R. "A"	27	27	27
Willy's Overland	181	18	182
Westinghouse Elec.	374	36	37
Ann. Tobacco	1241	124	1241
Anglo-Fr. Loan	80	80	80
Gen. Motors	36	36	36
Tobacco Prods.	474	47	474

WEEKLY REPORT ON MARKET CONDITIONS

Large Quantities of Onions on Hand Held for Speculation

The following is the weekly report of R. C. Abbott, Provincial Markets Commissioner with headquarters at Vancouver:

Onions—The onion situation in the city appears to be a serious one. Last week's survey shows approximately 700 tons on hand. The total amount received at Vancouver in 1917 was 1,664 tons; 1,182 tons, and 1,816, 1,442 tons. These amounts cover the city consumption and shipments sent out. Figuring on a consumption basis of one pound per capita per month this city would consume approximately 234 tons per year. From inspection reports not over 30 per cent of the stocks on hand are suitable for export. The other 70 per cent are only fit for immediate consumption. Water Street wholesalers are supplied with enough to last as long as the onions will hold up. Four hundred and sixteen tons of the above are held by one firm for speculation, bought from the grower on a "shoe string" contract. It is said that onions doubled in price, due to the above deal. Where does the consumer get off at? The grower? The contractor say, "40 per ton or increased price," L. B. Kelowna, B. C. A car

of good onions arrived in the city from Kelowna last Saturday at \$35 per ton. Kelowna. What will become of the onions held here in storage?

Onion Prices—(Wholesale) Montreal (Reds), \$2.75 to \$3.00 per cwt.; Winnipeg, Man., \$2.75 to \$3.00 per cwt.; Seattle, Wash., \$2.50 per cwt.; Vancouver, B. C., \$4.50. Prices in the leading American centres run from \$2.50 to \$2.75 per cwt. The demand is reported as being only moderate, with a very heavy surplus of stocks in all districts.

Other Vegetables—A large amount of local celery is arriving on the market and selling wholesale at 50c to \$1.25 per dozen bunches. Beets, red carrots, parsnips and cooking turnips are in good demand and prices remain firm. Local Brussels sprouts, California sprouts and green beans are now on the market.

Dry Beans—The demand still remains strong and growers are receiving offers for clean No. 1 whites, in car lots, as high as 12c and 12½c per lb.

Eggs and Poultry—The wholesale price of B. C. fresh in Vancouver is 62c to 65c per dozen, with an increased supply coming in. B. C. storage eggs 55c, other storage eggs 45c.

One carload of Manitoba storage eggs arrived during the week, and fifty cases of Japanese eggs. The latter will be put on the market as "Japan fresh," as they were not in storage in B. C. These eggs are large and well graded but the weakness of the contents showed that they were not laid yesterday.

The storage stocks in Vancouver are getting well cleaned up and we look for over-stocks in this city.

A fair supply of poultry is coming in from local points and prices remain strong. One carload of turkeys, geese and fowl arrived here yesterday from Saskatchewan. The brokers report that turkeys are hard to secure in eastern points. So far this is the only one we are able to trace in the city this season, as against six cars last year. It is reported that wholesalers are shy in bringing in stocks of any great quantity, due to the losses suffered last year by the boycott. We are not in a position to say whether or not this is the case, however, boycotts always have their reaction and sooner or later the boycotter suffers.

The retail prices of turkeys are 45c and 50c per pound. Heavy Spring Cockerals, milk fed, 45c per pound. Other fowl 2½c to 35c per pound. Ducks 35c, and geese 35c.

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HOLIDAY MARKET

Few Changes in Price From Saturday's Quotations; Great Run on Best Poultry Grades.

The pressure of purchasers on Saturday for the fine turkeys and geese offered on the city market resulted in orders absorbing all the best birds, at any rate those in the heavy weight classes, and consequently this influence was felt in the market to-day.

There was a good attendance, however, though not as large as on Saturday, due to the market being in addition to Christmas, poultry the fine display of flowers, notably chrysanthemums.

Another line which attracted attention was the Christmas confectionery, which drew many purchasers.

Prices ruled at the following average figures: Fruit—Pears, 8 lbs., 25c; apples, 8 10 and 12 lbs., 25c; apples, per box, from \$1.25.

Dairy Produce—Eggs, per doz., 65c and 70c; butter, per lb., 25c and 30c; cream cheese, per packet, 20c; Gouda cheese, per lb., 40c.

Vegetables—No. 1 potatoes, per sack, 32; tomatoes, per lb., 10c; cabbage and carrots, 10c; cauliflower, each, from 5c; onions, 8 lbs., 25c; celery, from 3 for 10c; lettuce, bunch, 10c; marrows, from 10c; Christmas trees, from 25c; holly, per lb., 40c.

Meats—Young mutton, lb., 25c to 30c; veal, lb., 30c to 35c; beef, lb., 30c to 35c; pork, lb., 25c to 30c; chicken, lb., 25c to 30c; fowl, lb., 25c to 30c; duck, lb., 25c; geese, lb., 25c; turkey, lb., 50c to 60c.

Fish—Cod, lb., 15c; smelts, lb., 15c; soles, lb., 15c; shrimps, lb., 35c; smoked black cod, lb., 20c; smoked belly cod, lb., 7c; kippers, lb., 15c; broilers, lb., 15c.

HOW THEY DID IT.

(Sent by a Soldier in the Trenches.) I am going to tell you the story of a raid we made on the night of the 19th. When we took a hundred prisoners and blew his trench to bits.

Oh, it is really very easy—If you only know the way—Not the slightest bit of danger, And we do it every day.

There were seven in our party. The moon was shining bright. As we crawled out on our stomachs into "No Man's Land" that night.

I could hear the bullets whistle And the big shells bursting near. Then the sergeant, crawling forward, Kicked me right behind the ear.

Next a shell dropped close beside me. "Lucky thing it was a dud," But it left me lying gasping. With my throat choked up with mud.

Then a "star-shell" floated upward, Making it as bright as day. With the whole bunch lying on me, Covered in the mud, I lay.

Now we always have "fixed bayonets" When we go upon a raid. Mine got tangled in my trousers And a nasty gash it made.

Once again we started forward. Crawling on our hands and knees. But they kept the "star shells" going. And we had to lie and freeze.

Then I thought I saw a German And was just about to fire. When I found it was the sergeant Tangled up in Fritz's wire.

Out and in we crawled and wriggled. Crossing trenches, holes and wires. But they must have heard us coming. For their guns began to fire.

They lay and calmly waited Till they emptied all their guns. Then went back and took them with us—That's the way we capture Hun.

Victoria Officer Owns War Trophies

MAJ. A. C. FUTCHER'S SOUVENIRS.

One of the finest collections of war trophies, individually collected "on the spot" from previous German owners, that is probably to be found anywhere in Canada, now reposes in the home of Major A. C. Fitcher, right here in Victoria. Major Fitcher left his position as manager of the Victoria West branch of the Royal Bank of Canada to go to the war as a lieutenant with the 30th Battalion, and was afterwards transferred with reinforcements to the 48th Battalion, later becoming bombing officer in the 5th.

Major Fitcher is one of Canada's "hard-luck" officers, by which is meant that, after strenuous service at the front he happened to be home on leave last July, when the order was sent out prohibiting the return to Europe of Canadian officers then in the Dominion. During the last three weeks he has been acting as military representative at the Appeal Tribunal presided over by Mr. Justice Gregory. A very keen soldier, he would rather a thousand times have been back again with the boys at the front.

Among the huge collection of interesting and valuable relics he brought back from the western battlefields he is chiefly interested in two Leuger automatic revolvers, beautifully made and exquisitely balanced, one of which he secured down the Somme, and the other at Vimy Ridge last April. Perhaps anyone who did not have the same personal interest in the circumstances of their acquisition might consider another souvenir more interesting. This other souvenir is a large German colored war map, and it is a prize.

German War Map.

This map was found in a blown up German dug-out after the Canadians swept over Vimy Ridge, and it shows how minutely the German commands go into every bit of the smallest detail. It is a very large map, a map which almost covers a large dining-room table, and the "home" of the Canadian troops at the time Vimy was about to be gained, forms the centre of the map, towards the west, while the German lines occupy an equal amount of space towards the east. Every detail of the British trench system, and every detail of "No Man's Land" is shown equally prominent with the trench systems of the Germans themselves.

All the German guns, each numbered on the map in colors, commanding different parts of British trenches—are clearly indicated, suggesting that the German divisional commander, seated at la Hindenburg, with pots of beer before him—at a table far away from the marching line—could only have to push a button and the particular gun required would start getting busy on the particular bit of trench selected for its operations. No doubt the British commanders have similar minute maps. It is allowable to say definitely that they certainly have even fuller ones, because they have more "eyes," that is, more aeroplanes to photograph and bring in exact details. Every bit of wire, every foot of "No Man's Land" (which always is "ours") is marked off to a tick. The German map is a fine souvenir, and very nearly an unique one too.

Historic Sword.

Then there is a French cavalry sword, with the name of the late owner and the date as far back as 1874, inscribed upon it. It was captured by the Germans, and secured from them by the Canadians after a hurried German retreat from one of the Somme trenches. Another cavalry sword reposes beside it, this one having no claim to the long service of its French companion, for it is only a recently-made cavalry sword which Major Fitcher found at Willervale, Vimy Ridge, under a dead horse. Another bright bit of steel is a hefty little German dagger, with blood still on it, as well as a flimsy tasselled length of ornamental embroidery, evidently carried for "swank."

There are three German bayonets, each with different colored tassels to denote the different rank of the owners, such as yellow and white, and yellow and blue, the tassels being in the shape of the cornflowers ("Kornblumen") which, being the chief Hun's favorite flower, is thus brought to the constant attention of his army. But the fact remains that all these bayonets show no signs of having been used for real bayonet work, work for which every Canadian can testify the Germans have no stomach.

Deadly Hand-Grenades.

Major Fitcher has German hand-grenades in abundance, wonderfully well made. If you take one and unscrew the rear you will find in the barrel a glass marble attached to a piece of string that runs to the other end. This is the string friction lighter which sets the fuse off, and it takes just 5½ seconds from the time the string is pulled to the time the grenade explodes. Both the Imperial and the French troops have grenades (especially the "Mills No. 5," which have the advantage of being "standard"), and have the German grenades beaten a mile for usefulness.

A number of "cricket-ball" bombs and "egg" bombs adorn Major Fitcher's collection, all gathered in—and a risky job, too—down the Somme. They also go off in five seconds. Recently the egg bombs superseded the others, being lighter to throw. A "Tom Karp, D.R.P." electric torch, with the front "bullet" idea which Germany was first to improve, has several other German trophies for companions in the collection. Major Fitcher also has a German rifle grenade, which was good for a 200 yards flight on an errand of death as soon as the detonator at the business end struck.

Automatic Revolver.

Aluminum shell "noses" he has galore, gathered between Ypres and the Somme, and also a German machine gun belt, more than half filled with cartridges, and the two German Leuger automatic revolvers before referred to,

each of which held twelve shots, in addition to a further reserve supply of another dozen packed in the revolver holster, in which, also is a handy clip for repairs. The bullets are those of the blunt nose, steel jacket variety.

Other souvenirs consist of German water-bottles, a German private's cap, with "good-conduct" badge over the regimental button, part of a German aeroplane bomb taken from an airplane brought to the ground by Robert Lorraine, the well-known actor, a German trench mortar shell, known as the "pineapple," from its pineapple con-convolutions, a German belt with the words "Got Mit Uns," stamped upon it in letters on the brass scroll, and a ponderous German watch and chain.

There is not a thing that has been taken off dead Germans—No Canadian ever touched anything belonging to a dead man," said Maj. Fitcher. While at La Touquet Hospital (Duchess of Westminster's), Maj. Fitcher, who was then suffering with trench fever, met Major-General Leckie, who was within an ace of death from being "sniped" through both legs. "The General," said Maj. Fitcher, "was so popular that it was with very great regret that the other fellows heard that he was going to England."

HOW "THE TIGER" IS DOING IN OFFICE

Some of the Pressing Problems Before the French Premier

M. CLEMENCEAU A VERY VIGOROUS SEVENTY-SIX

Considering the complexity of the internal situation and the signs that already exist of a consolidation of the Left and Extreme Left against him, M. Georges Clemenceau has shown remarkable celerity, in forming a Cabinet, writes a London correspondent from Paris. That it does not possess an appearance of strength or contain names of outstanding significance in French politics is beside the mark. The personality of the Premier is sufficient to make his advent to power at this moment one of extreme interest. His character is a curious blend of French quickness and intellectual resource, with an activity and an intrepidity of word and act which sometimes pass into violence.

He is the most picturesque man in French politics to-day. After a long career given to ministerial destruction, he became, at a mature age, a constructor of policy, and led a Ministry in particularly troublous times. The mining district of the north was convulsed with a strike, and a group of departments in the south threatened to form an autonomous state to express its dissatisfaction with the Chamber in failing to find remedies for wine growers' grievances. In these grave circumstances, M. Clemenceau maintained a smiling non-chalance until the moment when he asserted himself and restored order in ways which were quite original. The strike, after pourparlers with the men had failed, and M. Clemenceau, in a bowler hat and tweed suit, had entered their cottages and spoken individually to ringleaders, was conjured by a show of force, and a use of diplomacy. The effectiveness in the south was checked by M. Clemenceau's dramatic interview with the leader, who walked into his office at the Place Beauvais and in a foolish moment allowed himself to receive 100 francs from the Premier to return home. From that moment the power of this champion of the wine growers was broken and one heard of him no more.

A Vigorous Seventy-Six. M. Clemenceau comes into office at a time of stress enough to try the endurance of the youngest man. But his vigor at 76 is as remarkable as his courage and the energy with which he attacks all abuse. His exposure of Bolshewism and his insistence upon the vigorous conduct of the war as well as the employment of the highest capacity in the field, mark his latest activities.

As a speaker he is remarkable. His voice is sonorous, and his words when he is engaged, as is often the case, in a sharp polemic, fall like shrapnel upon the heads of his opponents. He is one of the most formidable debaters in the Senate, as well as the most trenchant journalists in the columns of the "L'Homme" which, being the "L'Homme Euehaine" ("the man in chains"). He bestowed this title upon his own journalistic creation because "L'Homme Libre" ("the Free Man"), the original name of the newspaper, was being constantly suppressed by the censor in the earlier days of the war. It now remains to be seen whether M. Clemenceau in office will accord greater liberty to his brother journalists than his predecessors to discuss events and competences, and to draw pointed conclusions.

He has earned the name of the "Tiger" because of his implacability, and he suffers, no doubt, from a plethora of enemies, who appear even now to be assembling to assail him. Recently it was rumored that M. Clemenceau had become reconciled with the Socialists, and had received congratulations of perfect form from their brilliant Parliamentary leader, M. Albert Thomas, the ex-Minister of Munitions. But it by no means follows that this passing benediction will have a permanent effect upon his political fortunes. No politician in France to-day can afford to neglect this formidable party, which holds the key of the fortress M. Painleve faltered this reason; M. Clemenceau is too consummate a Parliamentarian to have any illusions on the subject. If, therefore, he has taken office, it is doubtless on the strength of certain assurances,

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though they are not apparent in the composition of his Ministry. His appearance in office will mean, certainly, no weakening in the war, for he is renowned for having stood up to Germany when in office over the incident of Casablanca, in which a desertion agency lured men from the Foreign Legion. He declined to offer an apology to the Kaiser's Government as well as to the Kaiser's Government was polite enough to desert his firm front.

A revival of interest in the diamond fields of Brazil has been shown by American buyers since the beginning of the war. The business is done entirely by purchase from the native diamond miner or from native brokers of the interior, who are numerous. A packet of stones often passes through many hands before reaching the actual exporter. One of the curious features of the trade is the confidence shown by the native miner in certain business men, to whom he will sometimes entrust numerous packets of uncut stones for delivery to some distant point without exacting a receipt and without fear of substitution or loss. As a result, many Brazilian diamonds reach the sea coast in small paper packets carried in the pockets of chance messengers.



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"That this Council asks the Provincial Government to pass an Order-in-Council empowering the municipalities to demand that owners of vacant lands should cultivate the same, and failing to do that, that the municipality shall have power to grant the use of the land to any person or persons desiring to cultivate same at a nominal rental."

This resolution embodying the principle of conscription of land for increased production, was passed on Councilor Jones's initiative at the Saanich Council meeting on Saturday afternoon.

Pasture Lands. Councilor Somers pointed out they should exempt the land in pasture, if stock was in possession and Councilor Carey considered the motion was aimed to reach the large amount of unused land near the city, a few lots together as a rule being improved property.

The Assessor said there were few, if any, large areas in the municipality neglected. It was in the sub-division areas that the difficulty lay.

Councilor Henderson said he would prefer to see a committee take the matter up early next year, and schedule suitable lands for examination.

The other councillors all agreed that something should be done to stimulate production, and agreed to the passage of the resolution. Councilor Diggon saying it might at least draw some declaration of policy from the Executive Council.

Hog Raising. Councilor Carey commended the letter from W. E. Scott, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, with regard to hog raising. He said he was practising as well as preaching, having killed a pig that morning.

Reeve Borden favored a withdrawal of the restrictions under the Health By-law.

Councilor Jones: "Controller Hanna had better get busy and reduce the price of feed."

Councilor Henderson: "In order to have production stimulated, you must have a maximum price of feed fixed, and a minimum price for pork."

The Reeve pointed out that the result of failing to fix the price of oats had been that the American speculators had come in and taken advantage of the situation.

Councilor Pim referred to the price of middings and shorts, and doubted if there was much profit, if everything had to be bought for the pig.

Was Profitable. Councilor Carey said he was personally satisfied he had made a profit on his pigs this year, having kept careful count of expenses and receipts.

If action is taken on the Deputy Minister's letter, it will be necessary to amend the Health By-law, which requires piggeries to be 300 feet from a house and prohibits the slaughtering of pigs in the municipality.

# REAL ARTIST-HUMORIST

## Garden City Draftsman Hides Light Under Bushel: Discovers at Last.

"Wishing the Saanich Council a Merry Christmas and a Stagnant New Year" formed the greeting from an unknown, but really clever artist who has hitherto hidden his light under a bushel. His efforts in the artistic line reached the Saanich Council on Saturday, and in spite of the sting contained therein, the Councilors warmly admired the pictorial record of their shortcomings.

On the card with the above greeting, accompanying a drawing of a woman walking knee deep in water, was the sign, "Hyacinth Ave.," and on the signboard perched a bird chirping, "Where are you going to, my pretty maid?" and her reply, "To Saanich election, kind bird, she said." In a boat was shown a party en route home.

A second picture showed the wagonload of wood, with wheels sunk in mud, and a sharp stick, nothing being visible but the bit of the driver.

"Keep the Home Fires Burning" was the motto borne on this card.

Of two other cards, the better was that of a party walking a tight rope, a la Blondin, the rope representing a Garden City sidewalk.

# A. R. BERRY NAMED

## Will Be Recommended to the Provincial Government as a Successor to Douglas Campbell.

Following the resignation of Douglas Campbell from the secretaryship of the Returned Soldiers' Employment Committee, the name of A. R. Berry was selected for recommendation to the Provincial Government, as a specially convened meeting of the Great War Veterans' Association held on Saturday night last. Mr. Berry has been engaged for some months past at the shipyards of the Foundation Company; he is well-known among and popular with the members of the organization.

# HIGH SCHOOL HAS SENT MANY TO WAR

## List of 429 Gone Overseas, 34 Killed; Complete List Wanted

The Victoria High School is having prepared a complete honor-roll of all former pupils and teachers who have gone overseas on military service, and in order to make the list complete asks that anyone who may be able to supplement the list do so before it is completed. Already 429 have gone, and of that number no less than 34 have been killed in action. A surprisingly large number have been given commissions and a few are serving with the Imperial forces. Anyone who can give information in regard to further names is asked to telephone Principal Alex. Smith either at the school, phone 1585, or at his home, 2859 L. The list to date is as follows, the stars indicating those who have made the supreme sacrifice:

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Nurses—Nurse Anderson, Nurse Beaton, Nurse Denovan.

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# LODGES OBJECTION TO BEACHCOMBER'S CRAFT

## Saanich Council is Asked to Introduce License System

The problem of the beachcomber was drawn to the attention of the Saanich Council on Saturday in a letter from Thornton Fell, K.C. in congratulating the Council on taking up, in conjunction with the City authorities, the care of its beaches. Mr. Fell wished the Council could take steps to prevent the wholesale removal of driftwood from the beaches. He pointed out that in past years the drifts during winter provided enough for the demands of the summer campers, but owing to the practice of removing logs, now very prevalent, the summer residents would soon be deprived of the natural supply of fuel, with resultant trespass, and destruction of fences and property for fuel. He recommended the establishment of a license system by the municipalities, under which no person unlicensed would be permitted to remove wood.

Councilor Tanner foresaw that difficulties in jurisdiction would arise, while Councilor Carey (who is in the Forestry Department) pointed out that people were subject to a provincial license fee of \$5 a thousand feet on logs and \$25 a thousand on cordwood.

Reeve Borden believed that the beachcomber was subject to penalties, when the logs were removed which formed a protection to the beach from erosion.

Councilor Diggon said there were two points of view some visitors appeared to think that the beaches would be better with the logs removed and the areas cleared up.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Victoria-Saanich Beaches and Parks Committee for attention.

# GOOD FINANCING

## How Saanich Council Has Reduced Debenture Liabilities.

Councilor Jones, commenting on the report of the Reeve, at the Saanich Council meeting on Saturday afternoon, pointed out that the policy of retiring debentures had proved most satisfactory, and the liability would be extinguished at a considerable period prior to the maturity of the bonds.

In this connection the report said: "All instalments on sinking funds have been met when due, and the policy of buying in our own debentures has been further carried out, the following having been acquired and cancelled during the year: \$25,000 Road Improvement By-law, 1914 debentures; \$5,500 School Loan By-law debentures; \$1,000 Waterworks By-law, 1914 debentures; \$3,700 Waterworks By-law, 1914 debentures; together with previous retirements, make a total redemption in our bonded indebtedness of \$109,000 made up as follows: \$75,000 Road Improvement, \$25,500 Waterworks additional debentures By-law, 1916, debentures; \$1,000 Waterworks debentures; and \$3,500 School debentures.

"Application has also been made for \$54,000 of Canada Victory Loan bonds, for which \$50,700 of the former Canadian War Loan bonds have been surrendered in part payment. This exchange places the investment upon a 5 1/2 per cent. instead of 5 per cent. as before."

The Reeve's report dealt with the work of the Council during the year, particularly fire protection, Lake Road construction, the arrangement with Victoria for park improvements, and the financial situation.

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