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DELAYS ACTION ON PEACE RESOLUTION

United States Senate Discusses President Wilson's Note

SENATOR HITCHCOCK QUOTES PRECEDENT

Senator Lodge Makes Spirited Attack on the German Ambassador

Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—Action on Senator Hitchcock's resolution to have the Senate endorse President Wilson's peace note was again deferred to-day after a long debate.

The resolution went over for discussion again to-morrow at the request of Senator Hitchcock. Senators Lodge and Borah opposed action at this time. The debate was marked by an attack by Senator Lodge upon Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, because of the latter's action in issuing a newspaper statement approving the note. That action, Senator Lodge said, added to the misunderstandings about its purposes and added to the opinion that it was timed and intended to aid Germany in making the peace terms she seeks.

Senator Lodge expressly said, however, that he accepted in full faith the declaration of the president in the note that it was in no way associated with the peace proposals of the central powers.

In urging its adoption Senator Hitchcock said: "In framing the resolution I have carefully avoided reference to those portions of the president's note which might provoke controversy.

"I realize there may be two opinions as to some of the president's suggestions, but I do not see how there can be two opinions on a simple proposition that is in the interest of humanity and civilization. This country has appealed to nations at war to state terms upon which peace might be made."

Senator Hitchcock said there was recent precedent for the president's action and referred to former President Roosevelt's peace overtures to end the Russo-Japanese war.

"If it was important for humanity and civilization that Russia and Japan state their terms," said Senator Hitchcock, "how much more important for humanity and civilization to seek the end of the present war. How much greater at the present time, when all civilization is in danger and when the existence of neutral nations is becoming difficult and almost impossible.

"The Senate is charged with great responsibility. It is the one great legislative body in the world charged with the right to speak on international affairs with the president. I sincerely hope the resolution will have the support of this body."

Senator Hoke Smith, Democrat, urged immediate consideration of the resolution. "It only approves and strongly endorses the president's action in sending the note asking terms to be stated by the belligerents," said he. "There can be no step toward peace without such a statement from either side. The door seemed a little ajar looking toward peace and the president sought to prevent that door from swinging hard and fast. Neutral nations have the right to express themselves.

"Our rights have been disregarded. We have protested, but we have not contemplated becoming a party to the war. I feel sure."

Senator Lodge, Republican, interrupted to say that Germany had replied to the president's note, and the allies' reply is probably on the way.

"What possible good can be accomplished by the senate's resolution," he asked. "It would not accelerate a reply and neither would it change it."

"It would be an expression by the Senate of the United States of an earnest desire that negotiations for peace continue and that peace be brought about," replied Senator Smith. "Failure to pass the resolution would seem to me to indicate a lack of interest."

Not Peace Proposal.

"The president's note," Senator Borah rejoined, "distinctly states that it is not a proposal of peace or an offer of mediation, but simply a request for terms. Answers are on the way. An answer already has been made by Germany, and everyone has his own idea about what that means. The allies' replies are on the way, and what can the senate do to accelerate the matter by passing this resolution."

Senator Hitchcock said that Russia's first response to President Wilson's overtures were adverse, and the president then made a personal appeal to the czar.

"We cannot expect the warring nations to rush into this opening," Senator Hitchcock declared. "We have got to expect a slow start toward peace."

"These answers have not all been completed," resumed Senator Smith. "None of these are final. The whole

GREAT BRITAIN HEADS LIST OF PURCHASERS

Report on Trade Issued by Bureau of Commerce at Washington

NEARLY TWO BILLIONS SPENT IN UNITED STATES

Canada Takes Third Place Among Customers With \$600,000,000

Washington, Jan. 3.—Purchases of nearly two billion dollars made the United Kingdom by far the best customer of the United States in 1916. An analysis published to-day by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce shows that no other nation bought so much by half.

France, during the year, more than doubled her purchases here, but still fell a bit short of the billion dollar mark. Canada was third with \$600,000,000. Besides the central powers, the three neutrals of northern Europe alone of all the world failed to receive more American goods than in 1915.

American exports to Germany during the year were more than \$1,000,000. Austria-Hungary took less than \$100,000. Japan in 1916 took \$24,000,000 of American goods against \$40,000,000 the year before; Cuba 145,000,000, against \$52,000,000; China \$28,000,000, against \$19,000,000; Russia, 145,000,000, against \$37,000,000; South America, \$197,000,000, against \$129,000,000.

Imports from South American during the year increased 50 per cent. Asia sold nearly twice as much to the United States as in 1915. Europe showed some increase.

GOVERNMENT IS ACCUSED OF TREACHERY

Western Labor Representative Outspoken Regarding Ministers' Speeches

Winnipeg, Jan. 3.—At a meeting last night of the Winnipeg trades and labor council the council went on record as being of the opinion that the best method to oppose registration is not to sign the registration cards. There were several dissenting voices.

R. A. Rigg, M. P. P., who was the western labor representative at the Ottawa conference, addressing the meeting, said that in view of reported speeches by Sir Robert Borden and Hon. Robert Rogers on New Year's Day he "could only come to the conclusion that the congress executive had been tricked by the government."

The council passed a resolution expressing its confidence in Mr. Rigg and its belief that "in its action on registration the Dominion trades congress executive erred in its judgment and that its action is repudiated." One man objected to this motion.

SUPPLY OF STEEL RAILS FOR FRANCE

Scarcity of Tonnage May Delay Shipping of Material From Canada

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—Scarcity of ocean tonnage may interfere with the sending overseas of the fifteen hundred miles of steel rails which the government has undertaken to supply to France. If the bottoms can be secured the arrangement will be carried out, but if no more tonnage is available than at present the transportation of the whole quantity can hardly be made with the necessary expedition. From Canadian government railways three hundred miles of tonnage are going over at once. The balance, it is supposed, will be supplied from the steel mills of Great Britain, if transport facilities are not available in time.

FIVE MORE VESSELS HAVE BEEN SUNK

London, Jan. 3.—Lloyds announces that the British steamship Hollybranch, of 3,568 tons gross; the Norwegian steamship Eric, the French sailing ship Aconegua, 1,313 tons, and the Swedish steamer Goosebridge, 1,354 tons, have been sunk.

Brest, Jan. 3.—The French steamer Leon has been sunk by a submarine. The crew was saved. The Leon measured 2,491 tons gross.

PROHIBITS EXPORT OF COAL TO NORWAY

London, Jan. 3.—Norwegian newspapers, as quoted in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen, say the British government has prohibited the exportation of coal to Norway because of the unsatisfactory manner in which certain obligations were fulfilled by Norway.

SWORD IS ONLY ANSWER TO ALLIES

Berlin Newspapers Are Incensed Over Reply to German Proposal

DECLARE DOCUMENT IS INSULTING IN TONE

Berlin, Jan. 3.—The reply of the entente to the peace proposals of the central powers is discussed at great length this morning by the newspapers, which base their remarks on the unofficial press version of the note as received here from French sources. The newspapers are unanimous in saying the answer of the entente is only what was to be expected, in view of the utterances of statesmen of the hostile nations.

The opinion is expressed that the note was addressed less to the central powers than to the people of the entente countries and to neutrals; hence the strong declamatory language calculated, according to the German opinion, further to inflame passions against the Teutonic allies. In particular, it is declared, the section devoted to Belgium is intended expressly for the American people.

In general, the answer is regarded as the stiffest and most brusque possible, and to be couched in insulting and calumniating terms never before seen in an international document. All the newspapers agree that the only answer the central powers can give is with the sword; that the war must be continued until the allies themselves sue for peace.

Only a few newspapers see even a faint hope that peace still may be attainable within a reasonable time.

Interviews Chancellor.

United States Ambassador Gerard took advantage of a new year's call yesterday to discuss the entente answer to Germany's peace proposal with Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg. The ambassador is believed to have learned what possibility there is of Germany acting favorably on a renewed request for conditions of peace should the United States make such a move.

CHANGES IN THE DOMINION CABINET

Hon. P. E. Blondin, Secretary of State, May Become Postmaster General

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—The Morning Journal-Press says: "The latest suggestion regarding the vacancy in the cabinet caused by the death of Hon. T. Chase Casgrain is that Senator Beaulieu be appointed secretary of state, and Hon. P. E. Blondin, the present secretary of state, be made postmaster-general. This would render unnecessary a by-election and would be following the precedent set by the Laurier government. For many years Senator Sir Richard Scott was secretary of state."

La Patrie, of Montreal, states that Hon. P. E. Blondin may become the postmaster-general, Hon. E. L. Patenaude succeeding him as secretary of state and that a new minister of inland revenue could be named.

EMPEROR WILLIAM'S MESSAGE.

Amsterdam, Jan. 3.—Emperor William in replying to the New Year's greetings of Cardinal von Hartmann, archbishop of Cologne, according to Berlin newspapers, said: "May God's grace and goodness be granted to our dear fatherland in the future and give us strength at this grave time to overcome victoriously our heavy affliction."

GIVEN NEW POST.

London, Jan. 3.—Col. H. Kemmis Betty, officer in charge of Canadian records, is gazetted director of personal services.

LIEUT.-COL. PYM DEAD.

London, Jan. 3.—Lieut.-Colonel J. E. Pym, Royal Marines, formerly inspector of small arms in Canada, is dead.

ENLISTMENT FIGURES FOR THE DOMINION

Returns Show 178,537 Men Joined the Colors During Past Year

NEARLY 400,000 SINCE BEGINNING OF WAR

British Columbia Has Raised 37,757; Returns From Various Districts

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—During the year just past there were recruited in Canada 178,537 men for overseas service. Despite the very considerable falling off in recruiting during the past six months, the year 1916 provided almost half of the total of 383,955 recruited since the war commenced. There was a normal falling off during the month of December, when the total number of recruits was only 5,791, as against 6,548 for the previous month.

Militia officials here point out that the last fortnight of December is always a slack period for recruits, and the fact that only 2,317 men were recruited during that fortnight did not create any surprise. As an indication of the decline in recruiting during the latter half of the year the figures for the various months are interesting. They are as follows: January, 23,212; February, 25,458; March, 22,819; April, 22,299; May, 15,990; June, 10,796; July, 8,625; August, 7,297; September, 6,377; October, 6,053; November, 6,548; December, 5,791.

Since the commencement of the war recruiting by district, or order of numbers listed, has been as follows: Toronto, 85,284; Manitoba and Saskatchewan, 77,254; Kingston, 41,204; British Columbia, 37,757; maritime provinces, 34,892; Alberta, 34,517; Montreal, 33,990; London, 31,235; Quebec, 7,729.

During the past fortnight the recruiting by military districts has been: Toronto, 467; Kingston, 267; Montreal, 312; Manitoba, 234; British Columbia, 260; maritime provinces, 234; Saskatchewan, 297; Alberta, 166; London, 162; Quebec, 38.

It is only since the beginning of November that Saskatchewan has been classified separately as a military district. Since then there have been recruited 764 men in that province.

GERMANY HAS MADE ANOTHER MISTAKE

Dutch Paper Says Manoeuvre to Divide Entente Allies Has Failed

London, Jan. 2.—Commenting on the entente's reply to the German peace proposal, the Telegraaf, according to a Reuters' Amsterdam dispatch, says: "Germany's manoeuvres to divide her enemies have completely failed. The entente's note bears witness to unanimity and solidarity only possible on the basis of the holiest belief in the justice of their cause. The entire neutral world, with President Wilson at its head, must now admit that it is impossible for the entente to enter into negotiations with Germany while she refuses to unconditionally repair the injustice of her invasion of Belgium."

The Tjid says: "German calculation that public opinion in the neutral states would turn in favor of the central powers as a result of the German overtures appears likely to prove false, owing to the clever tactics of the allies. The contention of the German press, however, that the entente does not want peace, is incorrect. It is impossible to express an opinion of German peace conditions which nobody knows. The burden of responsibility has shifted. It is now Germany's duty to disclose her conditions."

FORTY-FIVE OFFICERS AMONG CASUALTIES

London, Jan. 3.—To-day's casualty list contains the names of 46 army officers, 15 dead, but no names of members of the rank and file. Naval casualties include 45 petty officers and men, of whom 41 are dead.

Captain John William Nason, Royal Flying Corps, killed in action, was an all-round athlete and played cricket for Gloucestershire and Sussex and was a Cambridge "blue."

MEMBERS GRANTED LEAVE.

London, Jan. 3.—Canadian members of parliament serving in France and England have been granted special leave to attend a "very important session, opening January 14."

FRENCH REPORT ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Paris, Jan. 3.—"The artillery was rather active north and south of the Somme in the regions of Roustroy and Verdun, around Deadman Hill and Bezon Vaux, and also in the Champagne," says to-day's communication from the war office. "Our patrols were very active and brought in prisoners."

LOOKING TO ALLIES FOR ASSISTANCE

Greek Government Considering Latest Note From Entente Powers

DESIRES TO GIVE ANOTHER PROOF OF SINCERITY

London, Jan. 3.—Reuters' Athens correspondent cables the following semi-official note referring to the recent demands of the entente allies on the Greek government for reparation for the losses suffered as a result of the recent clash between Greeks and entente troops at Athens.

"The government is considering the latest note presented by the allied powers. Despite its desire to give another proof of its sincerity towards the entente, certain currents of public opinion makes its task difficult. The government appears to wish to proceed rapidly with its decisions regarding the note and to endeavor to combine the safeguarding of the vital interests of the country with maintenance of the traditional friendship between Greece and the entente and hopes the latter will assist its efforts."

MENTIONED FOR GALLANT SERVICE

Names of Canadians Who Have Distinguished Themselves on the Somme

London, Jan. 3.—The following Canadians serving in the Imperial forces are mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's dispatches for distinguished and gallant service since the big offensive opened on the Somme:

Capt. E. C. Baker, Royal Engineers, killed in September, an adopted son of E. Adams, Ottawa.

Lieut.-Col. E. S. Cartwright, Engineers, son of Rev. Conway Cartwright, formerly of Kingston and now of Vancouver.

Major K. W. Clinch, formerly of the Canadian militia.

Major H. Courtney, Garrison Artillery, formerly of the Canadian militia.

Major A. G. H. Dean, Garrison Artillery, killed in November, previously of the Canadian militia (also mentioned last year).

Lieut. H. C. Evans, D. S. O., Flying Corps, formerly of the Alberta Dragoons.

Brevet Lieut.-Col. G. P. Frith, D. S. O., Engineers, formerly of the militia (also mentioned in June).

Lieut.-Col. R. J. Nayton, D. S. O., Cheshire, formerly of the Canadian local forces.

Lieut. Hugh Ince, Field Artillery, killed in November, formerly of the Royal Military College at Kingston.

Major N. B. Johnson, Artillery, killed in September. He was an aide at the Quebec tercentenary celebration.

Lieut.-Col. A. Joli de Lotbiniere, Engineers, of a well known Canadian military family.

Capt. Andrew Jukes, D. S. O., Indian army, formerly of Vancouver.

Temporary Major-Gen. H. P. Leader, C. B., of the Indian army, formerly of the Canadian militia (also mentioned last year).

Lieut.-Col. W. B. Leslie, Engineers, belonging to Kingston.

Capt. W. B. Mackie, Artillery, formerly of the militia.

PRES. WILSON, REALIZING HE HAS BLUNDERED, LOOKS TO SENATE TO ENDORSE PEACE NOTE TO POWERS

Move is Regarded as Attempt to Show Belligerents and Neutrals That He is Backed by Country; Minority Leader in House Does Not Represent Views of Republican Party

Washington, Jan. 3.—President Wilson has demanded that the Senate pass a resolution endorsing his peace note. The Democratic majority has decided to bow to his will; and the Hitchcock resolution expressing broad approval of the terms of the note and time of its dispatch, will be forced through the Senate, possibly to-day, certainly within a day or two.

The action of the Senate, however, will not be unanimous, and the blanket endorsement of the president's timely reinforcement of the German peace drive will meet the kind of opposition which at least will go far toward injecting a little sanity into a state of affairs here described as "sentimental and whimpering."

The discussion of the Hitchcock resolution in the Senate yesterday was only a skirmish to the main battle which will be started soon after noon to-day. Although the subject is not being treated from the partisan standpoint, the attack will come entirely from the Republican senators.

The heavy guns will be fired by Lodge and Borah. Senator Smoot purposes to offer an amendment as a substitute which would express the earnest wish of the Senate for a righteous peace, but which would not endorse the Wilson policy.

Party Support.

President Wilson will get the endorsement he demands, by practically a party vote, although not all of the Republicans will go to the length of seeming to take a position opposing peace. Therein lies the sophistry of the state of affairs which suddenly has arisen in the Senate.

In opposing the president's note it is difficult to make clear one is not opposing peace. Nobody asked Mr. Hitchcock, of Nebraska—who is the only strong pro-German in the Senate, and not especially friendly to Wilson—to introduce his resolution. When the New York Tribune reporter talked to him on Monday night he had no idea that his resolution would be passed. It would present an opportunity for him and others to talk. He was as much surprised as anyone to find himself backed up by the chairman of the foreign relations committee with the head of the Wilson machine in the Senate.

The change in plans followed President Wilson's visit to Senator Stone on New Year's afternoon. An interesting story lies back of the president's sudden demand to have the Senate take official action endorsing his peace note. But Washington has not yet completely fathomed his reasons. His friends say that he wants to show the belligerent and neutral world, as represented in the embassies and legations here, that he has the country behind him in the Senate.

The debate in the Senate to-day is sure to do something toward clarifying a situation which has become exasperating to the representatives of the allies here. The result easily may be the starting of an argument which may run over several days and, before it gets far, may involve rumors of ugly charges abroad, here and in New York that close friends and associates of Mr. Wilson benefited by going short of the market before the sending of the American note was publicly announced.

It is hoped that before the Senate takes action approving the president's reinforcement of Germany's peace note, the reply of the allies to Mr. Wilson will have been received.

FREIGHT CONGESTION ON CANADIAN ROADS

Lack of Motive Power Results in Curtailment of Passenger Service

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—Railway representatives are in conference to-day with Sir Henry Drayton, chairman of the railway commission, regarding the new orders relative to the curtailment of passenger services in favor of freight traffic on various roads.

It is stated here that at a meeting in Montreal yesterday the railway companies agreed to the proposal. To-day railway passenger agents are meeting in Montreal to arrange for new passenger schedules on the roads which will be affected.

At the meeting here the general question of handling freight was the matter under consideration. The commission has insisted that munitions and supplies must practically have right of way, even if passenger traffic suffers in consequence.

The congestion, which is fairly widespread throughout the country, is not confined to munitions and supplies, but obtains in connection with all kinds of freights, which is being held up for lack of motive power. In order that this congestion may be relieved both through and local passenger services will have to be considerably curtailed.

INVALIDED SOLDIERS.

Quebec, Jan. 2.—A group of some 150 invalided soldiers from the other side is expected here late this afternoon. Preparations are being made at the Quebec discharge depot to clear them and dispatch them to their homes as soon as possible.

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MANY PRISONERS IN HANDS OF ALLIES

More Than 581,000 Have Been Taken During the Past Year

On the French Front in France, Jan. 3.—During the last year, according to authoritative figures, 78,500 Germans were captured on the French front by the French and 40,000 by the British, while in Serbia and Macedonia the Entente Allied armies took 11,173 Bulgarian and Turkish prisoners. During the same period the Italians made prisoners of 52,250 Austrians, while the Russians captured more than 400,000 Germans and Austrians.

Italian Statement.
Rome, Jan. 3.—From thirty to forty-three Austrian divisions are kept engaged along the Italian front, says an official communication issued yesterday. The statement adds that since Italy entered the war she has considerably shortened her war front from 500 to 375 miles, with an aggregate of 1,875 miles of entrenched lines.

War material is being manufactured in 2,175 Italian factories, employing 465,000 workers, including 73,000 women.

The Austrian prisoners now number 55,000, the statement asserts.

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HOW FRANCE IS ASSISTING ALLIES

Hands Over Nearly Quarter of Her Output of Arms and Munitions

PRODUCTION MAINTAINED ON LARGE SCALE

Paris, Jan. 3.—France was deprived of 50 per cent of her resources in coal, 50 per cent of her iron ore and 80 per cent of her iron and steel manufacturing establishments by the German invasion. At the same time, the developments of the war multiplied her needs of precisely the things which those resources supplied. Official figures just furnished the Associated Press show how, crippled as she was, France metamorphosed her remaining resources and improvised new ones so as to utilize to the maximum her remaining resources, not only supplying her own army, but handing over nearly a quarter of her output in arms and munitions to her allies. France has supplied to the Belgians, Russians, Italians, Serbians and Roumanians great quantities of such arms and munitions as she has manufactured herself, and has abandoned to her allies a considerable portion of what she bought abroad.

Aiding Allies.
"The cessation of war supplies France has made to her allies are not regarded as sacrifices," an officer on the general staff said. "We simply delegate thus a part of our energies to those who are in a situation to employ them to the best advantage."

Of its total production since the beginning of the war, France has turned over to its allies quantities that reach the following proportions:
Rifles, 30 per cent; cartridges, 22 per cent; field gun shells, 20 per cent; heavy artillery ammunition, 20 per cent; trench mortars, 12 per cent; hand grenades, 27 1/2 per cent; protecting masks against suffocating gas, 10 per cent; powder, 8 per cent; other explosives, 5 per cent.

A French officer said that up to October 16, France had supplied Russia with more than 600,000 rifles and more than 200,000,000 cartridges; had sent her several hundred pieces of heavy artillery, millions of projectiles for field guns, millions of hand grenades and thousands of aeroplane motors.

"French technical experts and specialists were also sent to Russia to intensify the home production," he said. "There are now 22 officers and 236 subaltern officers and soldiers of the French army occupying important posts in Russian munitions factories."

The most important French mission sent to Russia, was that headed by Col. Poyot, who transformed into munition factories a great many establishments that had not been previously worked for national defence.

Raw materials and coal have been sent in large quantities from France to Italy, together with a number of batteries of heavy artillery, with a supply of shells to go with them. Besides keeping up the provision of shells for these heavy guns, France furnished Italy with a considerable number of charged three-inch shells, and engaged to supply regularly several thousand empty shells a day. Five hundred thousand helmets, 40,000 trench shields, more than 100 trench mortars, hundreds of tons of aluminium and chemical products, were among the things furnished to Italy, while a French flying corps constitutes the defence of Venice against Austrian air attacks.

Arms For Serbians.
From the end of 1914 until the evacuation of Serbia, France supplied the Serbian artillery with 2,000 three-inch shells a day. After the retreat it was France that undertook the transportation and the reconstruction of the Serbian army at Corfu. The armament and ammunition were furnished exclusively by France, and were identical with those of the French equipments. The rest of the material and supplies were furnished in common by France and Great Britain. One hundred and fifty vessels were required for the transportation, constituting another great privation to France, in such dire need of better ocean transportation facilities. Seventy-six voyages were required for the entire operation, and it was accomplished without a single accident.

Supplies For Roumania.
France also supplied entirely the Roumanian army with war material and munitions from the day of its entry into the war. France's donation to Roumania includes more than 100,000 rifles, with 50,000,000 cartridges and the additional supplies of 10,000 rifles a month, more than 1,000 machine guns, with the necessary munition supplies, and more than a million hand grenades. She furnished her with field guns, heavy artillery, trench mortars and anti-aircraft, trench mortars and anti-aircraft guns, with an initial supply of munitions for each and with the undertaking to keep that supply up to the requirements.

France gave the Roumanian army all its engineering material, including telephone and telegraph lines, and all its wireless outfit, with a certain number of automobile searchlights and more than 400 searchlights of different calibres, with 4,500 tons of barbed wire. All the aviation material used by Roumania is of French manufacture. The French flying corps ceded to them 200 machines, while 100 other machines

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RAIDS BY GERMAN TROOPS REPULSED

British Artillery Bombards Enemy Position; Activity on Belgian Front

London, Jan. 3.—The official communication issued last night reads: "Early this morning a strong hostile patrol reached our trenches east of Ypres. It was repulsed with the loss of half its number."

"Under cover of a heavy bombardment a strong enemy patrol of about 40 men endeavored to approach our lines last night north of Ypres. The few men who succeeded in reaching our trenches were immediately ejected. The enemy's losses were heavy."

"There was considerable artillery activity at intervals during the day and last night at different points of the front between the Somme and the Ancre and southeast of Ypres. Effective counter-battery work was carried out at these points, and also bombardments of enemy positions in the neighborhood of Neuve Chapelle and Armentieres."

Artillery Active.
Paris, Jan. 3.—Last night's war office bulletin reads: "The artillery was quite active on the Hardamont-Bezonvaux front. Fire was intermittent on the rest of the front."

The Belgian communication reads: "On the whole Belgian front there was quite heavy artillery activity on both sides. The Belgian batteries successfully shelled positions east of Ramscapelle, Dixmude and Steenstraete."

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LAWSON'S CHARGES MUST BE PROBED

Republicans Determined to Have Allegation of "Leak" Investigated

Washington, Jan. 3.—Charges of a "leak" of advance information on President Wilson's peace note, involving other charges that somebody made profits on it in the stock market, gained further official attention yesterday when Senator Stone, Democrat, spoke on the subject and Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, conferred with Chairman Henry, of the House Rules committee, about a proposed congressional investigation.

Senator Stone said that confidential communications concerning the honor of the nation had fallen into improper hands, but said he had no information as to whether a "leak" occurred as recently reported. If so, he believed it would be traceable to departmental employees. Senator Stone then denounced Thomas W. Lawson for his recent declaration that members of congress would shrink from an investigation into stock market leaks.

"I despise these sensational fakirs who are always talking about public bodies and public men," Senator Stone said. "I am sorry that the newspapers should take up the braying of this ass."

After conferring with Mr. Lawson for two hours, Chairman Henry, of the House rules committee, issued this statement: "Mr. Lawson charged that there was a leak from the state department to Wall street some days ago and that through such an alleged leak certain individuals by speculating in Wall street cleaned up \$50,000,000 or more."

"I have asked him for the name of the individual giving information constituting the leak and the names of those speculators profiting by such alleged leak. He has not furnished the names in either case. And so there is at this time nothing yet furnished me even approaching information that would warrant me in calling together the committee on rules."

Upon leaving Mr. Henry's office, Lawson declared that he had given enough information to warrant any "intelligent man in proceeding with an investigation of entire stock exchange situation."

Rep. Campbell, of Kansas, ranking Republican of the committee, notified Chairman Henry that Republican committee would insist upon an investigation.

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MADRID NEWSPAPER WILL BE PROSECUTED

Action Follows Publication of Statement by Germanophile Journal

Madrid, Jan. 3.—The Germanophile newspaper *Nacion* will be prosecuted for printing a statement from a high diplomatic personage in relation with the central empires, declaring that President Wilson's note was a severe lesson for Spain.

"Warnings have not been lacking," said the statement, "warnings against getting involved in the contraband business, which in the end will turn out to be a bad business. The lesson is all the more significant when it is added to the fact that the premier has placed himself openly on the side of the allies, to whom he is bound by material consideration."

"Spain is the only European neutral country which has allowed the opportunity to pass to intervene as mediator in the great calamity afflicting the continent and has been obliged to make way for the United States of America."

The article, which is held to be insulting and libellous to Premier Romanones, has caused strong indignation in the Liberal and Conservative press. The impartial says that another Germanophile newspaper, the *Tribuna*, will also be prosecuted and that the minister of justice has sent a circular to the district attorneys throughout Spain instructing them to prosecute any newspaper printing anything insulting to foreign countries or their representatives.

GERMAN VIEW OF ENTENTE'S REPLY

Dr. Hammann Says Central Powers Considered Peace Offer Last October

Berlin, Jan. 3.—The German impression of the entente's reply to the peace proposals of the central powers was reflected yesterday in a statement made to the Overseas News Agency by Dr. Hammann, who, until the turn of the year, was director of the intelligence department of the foreign office. This comment was not based on the official text of the entente reply, as thus far only the news press reports from Paris have been received here.

Dr. Hammann said there was consideration by Germany and her allies of a peace offer dated back as far as October. At that time the intention was entertained of making an honest and sincere attempt to prevent further useless bloodshed. Being asked as to the general impression created by the entente reply, he said:

"If I am to express an opinion in a few words, it is this:

"Instead of talking peace around a peace table, the entente deliberations took place on a judge's chair. Apparently the entente forgot nothing that could possibly influence the neutrals against us.

Refers to Belgium.

"The point of the accusation, however, to which the largest space is allotted in the entente note is 'the martyrdom of Belgium.' But if one desires to pass judgment on the martyrdom of Belgium, one must speak beforehand regarding 'neutral and loyal Belgium,' and this Belgium had ceased to exist long before the war. In this connection I wish to single out one point which up to now has not been sufficiently considered—the report made by Baron Greindl, Belgian minister at Berlin, dated December 23, 1911.

"This clear-sighted statesman then explained forcibly that already at that time the entente was inspired by nothing but the one thought of encircling Germany from the north. As proof of this Baron Greindl quoted the outcry started in Paris and London a short time before when the Dutch plan to fortify Flushing had been made known. Baron Greindl then said:

"The reason why they wished that the Scheldt remain without defence was not concealed. In this they admitted their purpose to be able to transport an English garrison to Antwerp without hindrance, thus creating in Belgium a basis for operations in the direction of the Lower Rhine and Westphalia."

Baron Greindl reported that the plan was arranged in such a manner that the British auxiliary army was not to be landed on the Belgian coast, but in the adjoining French ports. This same plan of a British landing in order to threaten Germany was equally hinted at as imminent by Lord Roberts during the last Moroccan crisis. In such circumstances it most certainly would have been an easy thing for Belgium, after the German question in 1914 (whether Belgium would permit the passage of German troops) to take her armies back to Antwerp and then let the Germans under protest march through the country.

"How little such action would have violated the spirit of existing conditions may be understood if one recalls the secret clauses of the treaty of 1815. In them certain agreements from former times were maintained which reserve, as well to Britain as to Germany, the right to occupy a Belgian fortress."

Says Germany Suffered.

"In addition to this the question of principle of nationality plays a large part in the answer of the entente. What importance must be attached to this principle in the present situation?"

In his reply Director Hammann emphasized every word.

"No nation," he said, "is better able to understand this principle than Germany, for no great civilized nation has suffered so much, has been forced to struggle so greatly because of being suppressed and dismembered by neighboring races."

"Germany has been brutally treated for centuries by her neighbors, despite this principle of nationality. Yet in 1866—exactly 50 years ago—that is in the Nimolsburg peace (closing the war between Prussia and Austria) the clause was inserted upon the demand of Napoleon III, which left open for the southern German states the conclusion of a separate confederation."

"The leading, but unavowed, idea was then to found a new Rhinebund."

JAPAN DECIDES TO ARM VESSELS

Seeks Information Regarding Ships Passing Through Panama Canal

Washington, Jan. 2.—Japan, through the embassy here, notified the state department yesterday of her intention to arm her merchant ships defensively, and requested information as to whether any special rules have been made by this government for passage of ships so armed through the Panama canal.

This was the first official information that Japan intended such action, and was interpreted in some quarters as indicative of fear of German submarine operations on a wider scale than so far attempted. Japan has a large tonnage passing through the canal, and has suffered seriously from German undersea activities, particularly in the Mediterranean. While no submarines have appeared in the Pacific so far, British naval experts have said information in the hands of the admiralty and the exploit of the U-33 in its raid off the New England coast indicate it is quite possible that they will operate there later.

There are no canal regulations imposing special restrictions on vessels armed for defensive purposes, as the United States holds such armament does not deprive a ship of her character as a peaceful merchantman. A proclamation to safeguard the neutrality of the canal was issued by President Wilson in 1914. It was designed

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—The following list of casualties has been issued:

Infantry.

Died of wounds—Pte. Stuart McDonald, Woodstock, Ont.; Pte. M. J. James, England; Pte. S. Ramsden, Kerrisdale, B. C.

Died—Pte. Jos. Marotte, Montreal; Pte. W. D. Muloney, Golden, B. C.

Previously reported missing, now believed killed in action—Pte. S. Lyons, Regina.

Dangerously ill—Pte. E. V. Edmunds, Belleville, Ont.; Pte. H. C. Martin, Scotland.

Seriously ill—Corp. Richard Ruscoe, Princeton, Ont.; Pte. E. Fair, Taber, Alta.

Accidentally wounded—Lieut. J. G. Johnson, Calgary.

Wounded—Lieut. John McHardy, Ireland; Major E. H. Arlagh, Toronto; Pte. A. C. Rigby, Toronto; Pte. J. A. Hunter, Meteor, Sask.; Pte. Wm. Speira, Winnipeg; Pte. A. J. Hubert, Whitewood, Sask.

Mounted Rifles.

Previously reported missing, now reported killed in action—Pte. C. R. Hamilton, England; Corp. E. A. Davis, Winnipeg; Pte. C. S. Rowles, Castle Combe, Sask.; Pte. R. Burgoyne, Halifax.

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KING OF THE HEJAZ

London, Jan. 3.—The grand sheriff of Mecca, who in July, 1916, raised the standard of revolt against the authority of the Turkish sultan and drove the Ottoman garrison out of the holy city of Mecca, has adopted the title of "King of the Hejaz." The Hejaz is a region of Arabia winding along the eastern coast of the Red Sea, and has an area of 100,000 square miles. Great Britain, France and Italy have recognized the new kingdom.

INCENDIARISM AT VALDEZ

Seattle, Jan. 3.—Fire that broke out yesterday morning in the business district of Valdez, Alaska, destroyed nearly all the business district of the famous old mining town. It is reported that the fire started simultaneously in half a dozen different buildings, and that incendiarism is alleged. The wharves were not damaged.

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DEMANDS RECALL OF FORCES AT SALONICA

London Daily Mail Declares Allies Are Playing the Enemy's Game

London, Jan. 3.—The Daily Mail, in a long editorial this morning condemning the Salonica expedition, and, in effect, demanding its recall, declares the expedition was notoriously planned by civilians in defiance of military traditions.

"It was too late and too weak to save Serbia," the editorial says.

"It has been unable to assist Roumania, and cannot harm the invaders there, because no modern army can traverse the roadless mountains between Salonica and Roumania."

The Daily Mail contends that if the troops diverted to Salonica had been on the western front in 1916 they might well have turned the scale there and Roumania then never would have been invaded.

"The expedition," continues the newspaper, "is a continual strain on resources—men, shipping and munitions. By keeping the Balkan force too large for defence and too weak for attack we seem to be playing the enemy's game. A much smaller force would suffice to hold Salonica, if that is desirable. German reserves are not infinite, but they are large enough to render it dangerous for us to waste a single man. Throughout 1916 Salonica has been such a burden as Gallipoli in 1915. Our soldiers and the allied soldiers did not commit this folly, and they would be delighted if it were undone, as far as any mistake can be undone."

FRENCH GENERALS RELIEVED

Paris, Jan. 3.—Gen. Lyautey, minister of war, is following vigorously the policy inaugurated with the relieving of Gen. Joffre of the supreme command of armies in France, and is constantly injecting new blood into the high commands. One of his first acts as minister of war was the transfer of eleven generals to the reserve, promoting in their places younger men who had made their marks in the recent fighting along the Somme and at Verdun.

CONSUL-GENERAL ARRESTED

New York, Jan. 3.—Juan T. Burns, Carranza consul-general here, was today arrested charged with being concerned in a conspiracy to ship arms and ammunition to Vera Cruz in violation of President Wilson's embargo proclamation of October, 1915.

GERMANS CAPTURE MANY PRISONERS

Berlin, Jan. 3.—The war office communication issued last night says nothing has been reported from the western or eastern fronts.

The following is the official report of January 1:

"On the western end of the Macedonian front our seaplanes successfully dropped bombs on hostile troops northeast of Florina.

"In Dobruja the offensive against the bridgehead of Matchin is progressing. Our booty has increased to 1,150 men, 6 officers, 4 cannon and 14 machine guns. In eastern Wallachia the offensive continues."

The official Bulgarian report of December 31 is as follows:

"In Dobruja, our artillery sank a docks and ships at Sulina were boarded, and a direct hit on a hostile transport steamer was observed."

"The offensive against the Matchin bridgehead is progressing. After ten hours' fighting, Height 164, east of Matchin, was captured. Prisoners to the number of 200, 4 mountain guns and 5 machine guns were taken."

"In Eastern Wallachia our divisions crossed the Buzeu-Braila railroad, and are at a distance of 18 kilometres from Braila."

REPLY FROM GERMANY

Note to Scandinavian Powers Says Question of Peace Rests With Entente Allies.

London, Jan. 3.—The German government replied on January 1 to the Danish, Swedish and Norwegian notes of Dec. 29, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to Reuters. The reply expressed the fullest appreciation of the motives of the three governments and referred the Scandinavian powers to the German note of Dec. 12, and the reply to President Wilson. It concludes with the remark: "It depends upon the reply of the entente allies whether the attempt to give back to the world the blessings of peace will be crowned with success."

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CENTRAL POWERS WILL CONTINUE FIGHT

Count Tisza Says Allies Must Be Taught Hopelessness of Struggle

London, Jan. 3.—Reuters' Amsterdam correspondent sends the following dispatch from Budapest:

"Count Stephen Tisza, the Hungarian premier, addressing the members of the government party, confessed that a mistake had been made by assuming that Roumania would not attempt to invade Transylvania."

"Alluding to peace, Count Tisza said: 'If our enemies insist on continuing the absolutely purposeless slaughter, we shall continue to fight either until we succeed in convincing them of the uselessness and hopelessness of the war or until the impulse of self-preservation induces the nations which are being sent to the slaughter to turn against their governments and make an end of the war.'

A dispatch to Reuters' from Amsterdam says the Vienna newspaper commends the entente allies' reply to Germany's peace proposal describes it as arrogant, and declares that the presumptuous demands for explanation, reparation and guarantees must be rejected because the central powers have nothing to explain and nothing to guarantee. They add that 'the blood which is still to flow will be on the head of the entente.'


NEW CHAIRMAN OF AIR BOARD

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THE MARVEL OF FRANCE. The Paris statement detailing the measures of aid rendered by France to her allies since the commencement of the war is an amazing revelation of the capacity and energy of the French people.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE SENATE.

If President Wilson's purpose in demanding the formal approval of his peace interpolation by the United States senate is to secure a means of emphasizing further his course and thereby influencing the attitude of the allies he is merely wasting his time.

President Wilson is blundering upon a course which thoughtful Americans must be convinced is pregnant with serious possibilities. He already has aroused deep-seated bitterness in nations which represent more than 700,000,000 of the world's population.

The president of the United States is regarded by the people of the entente countries as the victim of German influence in regard to the peace negotiations. That impression may not be correct, but he is the chief contributor to it.

PROHIBITION IN BRITAIN?

The prohibition movement is gaining ground in the United Kingdom and it is distinctly probable that in some very substantial form, at least, it will accomplish its purpose.

The liquor traffic in Great Britain has other defences no less potent, but sentimental rather than material. These are founded upon the innate conservatism of the country and its distrust of so-called reform experiments and innovations.

Notwithstanding the strength of the liquor interest's trenches in Britain there can be very little doubt that many of them, if not all of them, are going to be penetrated.

one of which would have caused an eruption if it had been adopted in normal times. They have kicked over a lot of hoary old idols in the form of customs and precedents venerated on account of their antiquity.

"QUANSUM ILEP."

A member of the Times staff received a Christmas card from an officer of the 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles with the words "Quansum Ilep" inscribed on the cover. The motto read like a new one and became very mysterious when it failed to respond to first-aid Latin or the glossary of classic phrases in the back of the average dictionary.

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MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN BEGINS TO-NIGHT

First Meeting Will Be Held at Victoria West; Oaklands Meeting Abandoned

The municipal campaign opens this evening in Victoria West school. That section of the city always turns out in force for political and municipal meetings, and a large attendance is expected.

Alderman Porter reports an active canvass. His committee rooms are already busy, and in that respect he has the advantage of Alderman Todd who has been delayed in securing rooms on Broad street and Tron Alley.

With so many meetings in hand this week, and other civic business to transact before the present council goes out of office, it has been decided, by agreement, to abandon the Oaklands meeting set for Saturday.

The WEATHER

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DELAYS ACTION ON PEACE RESOLUTION

(Continued from page 1.) subject is still left open. If it is really desirable and proper for this nation to express a wish for peace it is certainly proper for the Senate to do so.

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Table with columns for Location, Max. Temp., and Min. Temp. Includes entries for Nanaimo, Grand Forks, Portlinton, Cranbrook, Nelson, Prince George, Calgary, Edmonton, Qu'Appelle, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, St. John, and Halifax.

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LECTURING TO-NIGHT

"Canadian Outlook, National and Financial" to be Subject of Address

Under the auspices of the Canadian Club Dr. Adam Shortt, C.M.G., will speak to-night at a public meeting to be held in the auditorium of the Girls' Central school, commencing at 8 o'clock. His subject will be "The Canadian Outlook, National and Financial," a topic which should prove very interesting at the present time, particularly when every serious-minded citizen is looking to the welfare of every part of the empire and the best means to problems which are still unsolved.

The chair will be taken by John Cochrane, vice-president of the Canadian Club. The Women's Canadian Club members and members of the University Women's Club have been especially invited to attend, but the public generally is invited to avail themselves of the opportunity to hear so fine a speaker.

MINISTERS HOLD
FAREWELL LUNCHEON

Address Presented to Rev. Robert Cameron, Retiring Pastor of Tabernacle Church

There was a meeting of the Ministerial Association yesterday at the Y. W. C. A. for the purpose of presenting an address to Rev. Robert Cameron, retiring pastor of Tabernacle church, who is leaving by the 4:30 boat this afternoon for Seattle, to take up his residence there. The gathering took the form of a luncheon, after which the ministers adjourned to the reception room for the speaking part of the proceedings. Rev. R. A. MacConnell was in the chair, and about twenty members of the association were present—Rev. A. deB. Owen, rector of the Reformed Episcopal church, read the address, which was as follows:



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Nothing but co-operation and encouragement have been met with by the carriers in carrying out their work of distribution. People generally have been ready to lend whatever aid was in their power to facilitate the postmen in their rounds. The large business firms and manufacturing houses of the city have also done their part by seeing that all their employees were supplied with cards.

The Boy Scouts of the city are also taking hold of the movement in any cases where they find that they can be of service, and teachers and principals of the local schools are explaining to their students the significance of the "national service movement."

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Rotary Meeting To-morrow.—The one hundred and sixtieth meeting of the Rotary Club of Victoria, will be held at the Empress hotel at 12:30 tomorrow, Thursday. A triple bill is announced and is as follows: "Survey Notes," by Estemman Hutchinson; "Paint and Prospects for 1917," by J. C. Pendray; Rotary Talklet No. 1, styled "The History of Rotary," by the secretary. A large committee has been appointed for the purpose of arranging Victoria Club's share in the proceedings in Vancouver on the 24th prox. The chairman is J. F. Scott, and the members are Messrs. Canavan, Davenport, Deaville, Denham, Fitzpatrick, G. Fraser, G. A. Gardiner, W. H. Gardner, Frank Higgins, Hunter, Kingham, McLean, Martin, Nason, O'Connell, Pendray, Phillips, Schmeckel, Shaw, Sweeney, J. G. Thompson, Warren, W. H. Wilkerson.

Connaught Hall Incident.—The management of the Connaught hall reports that the clothing missing from the cloak room after the dance on New Year's Eve have been returned, having been taken by mistake.

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maker, who was the plague and joy of his life. Dustin Farnum plays a fine Dennis and Winifred Kingston makes a very fascinating Irish beauty, in 'A Son of Erin,' that comes to the Dominion theatre. It is a very picturesque Pallas Paramount photoplay. The supporting cast is Irish and the Irish scenes are very beautiful. Photographed excellently it fully maintains the high artistry of Pallas pictures.

ROYAL VICTORIA.

Emmy Wehlen, the star in 'The Pretenders,' which is the feature attraction at the Royal Victoria for the last time to-night, is famous on two continents for her beauty, her genius and her successes on the legitimate stage. She has the grace of the thirlidown and the appeal of the pretty child. Emmy Wehlen has been described as being divided equally between beauty and talent. In this picture the director, George D. Baker, has presented her as she should be presented. He has given her the advantage of charming situations into which she fits as naturally as an egg in a nest.

As Helen Pettingill, Miss Wehlen plays the daughter of a rich Middle Westerner, who has made his money in oil. In New York they have every thing but social distinction, and the story revolves around a handsome young man, who is induced by the girl's father to pose as a musician in order to please her. The young man subsequently is discovered to be genuinely a man of title and after many exciting incidents, the girl has her wish and weds an earl.

On the same programme is also shown a special picture of the Italian forces on land and sea.

THE VARIETY.

Romance bubbles over in the career of Frank Erlanger, the well known character player in Balboa features. He does anything from a European nobleman to a Mexican peon equally well, and when it comes to make-up, he has no superior.

An Austrian by birth, Frank Erlanger was educated in some of the best schools on the other side. Coming from a professional family, it was natural that Erlanger should adopt the stage. Comedy was his forte as a youth, and he supported some of the best known players of Vienna, Berlin and Hamburg.

Cinematography attracted Frank Erlanger's attention when it first became popular, and he appeared in some of the first screen productions to be made abroad. He worked with Max Linder, Gretchen Fuller and other film favorites of international reputation.

Having saved some money, Erlanger invested it in a gold-seeking expedition. He went to South America and amassed a small fortune. Coming to Southern California in the days when 'Death Valley' Scotty was the popular hero, Erlanger joined hands with him and lost his nest egg. Then he fell back on his first love—acting. After working with a number of different companies, he joined Balboa shortly after its organization. Evenness and balance characterize his work. He is seen in the cast supporting Ruth Roland in 'The Sultana,' a five-reel comedy melodrama in Pathecolor, to be shown at the Variety theatre to-night.

PANTAGES THEATRE.

Winston's Water Lions and Diving Nymphs act, which is a sensation on this week's Pantages bill, demonstrates to some extent the possibilities in respect to the training of water lions. As wonderful as their work is on the stage, they don't display there half of the remarkable feats they are capable of doing. The exceptional intelligence of these animals is a point of immediate note on part of the audience, especially when the common supposition that they simply follow a set routine in the act is exploded by the better in a spectacular way by inviting a child from the audience to come to the stage and give an unexpected command to the lions.

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DOMINION THEATRE TO-DAY DUSTIN FARNUM in 'A SON OF ERIN'

ROYAL VICTORIA TO-DAY EMILY WEHLEN in 'THE PRETENDERS' Matinee, 2 and 3.30. Evening, 6.30, 8, 9.30.

VARIETY THEATRE TO-DAY RUTH ROLAND in 'THE SULTANA'

Columbia Theatre TO-DAY CHARLIE CHAPLIN in 'THE RINK'

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quest is obeyed as if it were given by the trainer. 'Jeff' is the fine big lion of the troupe, and he has taken it upon himself to keep peace among the other members. It appears that the U. S. government lighthouse keepers on Ano Nuevo Island off the California coast have

had a great deal of trouble with water lions which number more than 2,000 on the island. Their bumps of curiosity are greatly developed and it has been found inadvisable to leave supplies or other objects on the shore without a guard lest they be interfered with by the lions. The trouble reached a climax recently when Keeper August Nelson's honeymoon was marred through the loss of a trunk containing the wedding finery. It fell over a ledge and into the sea. The lions were blamed for that, and the lighthouse service was appealed to for relief from the nuisance.

It happened that Herbert Winston was in San Francisco with his act at the time, and he volunteered to turn 'Jeff' over to the government to police the island for the keepers. He demonstrated that the trained animal could easily regulate the movements of the lions on the island if let loose among them. The matter was favorably thought of, but no funds were found available for the purchase of the animal.

Winston's water lions have also been trained in the saving of life in the sea. An idea of the method is hinted at in the regular act at the Pantages, but the management has arranged for a special demonstration of their skill in such work at one of the matinees this week. A special matinee will also be given for the entertainment of the children on Saturday afternoon. Following the performance, the little ones will be invited to the stage to witness the water lions' reception to them. The children will have an opportunity to ask the water lions to repeat the feat that is of most interest to them.

The extra added feature of this week's Pantages bill is the singing of Mme. Jena Jennings's famous La Scala Sextette, composed of international grand opera stars. Le Maire and Dawson are big hit blackface conversationalists. Joe Roberts is a marvelous band player who makes one instrument sound like two playing. Sterling and Marguerite have an 'athletic surprise' and Florence Merritt is a dainty singing comedienne. The seventh chapter of the 'Shielding Shadow' offers much of interest and a spectacular thrill in the air.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.

A. C. Mitchell, of Windsor, is staying at the Empress hotel. R. Warren, of Quatsino, has registered at the Strathcona hotel.

C. F. Caldwell, of Kaslo, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday. Thomas Russell, of Michel, B. C., is a new arrival at the Dominion.

Chas. Fiddick, of Cedar, B. C., is staying at the Dominion hotel. J. Dickinson is down from Duncan and is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

Miles P. Cotton, of Vancouver, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday. S. J. Ravenhall and Mrs. Ravenhall, of Salmon Arm, are guests of the Dominion.

Mrs. F. White and S. J. White, of Cereel, Alta., are guests at the Strathcona hotel. D. MacKenzie is down from Prince Rupert and is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

E. W. Ogle, of Toronto, arrived in the city yesterday and is a guest at the Empress hotel. S. A. Fletcher has arrived from New Westminster and is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

Geo. Hamilton, of Brantford, is visiting the coast and is staying at the Strathcona hotel. A. J. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, visitors from Winnipeg, are staying at the Dominion hotel.

John Milligan and William Milligan are in from Sooke and are stopping at the Dominion hotel. H. Pappenberger and Mrs. Pappenberger, of Beaver Point, Salt Spring Island, are in the city.

Mr. E. Gardner Smith and daughter are in from Duncan and staying at the Strathcona hotel. James Cathcart and A. S. McKinnon are down from Chemainus and are guests of the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. C. H. Hinton and son have arrived from San Diego, Cal., and are guests at the Strathcona hotel. Lt. Col. F. H. Cunningham, of New Westminster, was in the city yesterday, registered at the Empress hotel.

C. Adkins, H. V. Claridge, C. W. Duncan and L. W. Frayer, of Vancouver, are staying at the Dominion hotel. Victorians recently registered at the government office in London are: Mrs. E. Harrington, Mrs. C. J. MacKenzie, Captain A. H. Barker, Mr. R. W. Clark, Mr. Norman A. Foster, Mrs. M. E. Pethick, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Sutherland, Lieut. G. Forbes.

FAMOUS ACTRESS DEAD

Miss Janet Achurch, Exponent of Ibsen's Plays, Was Well-Known on Stage. Miss Janet Achurch, not many years ago one of the leading English actresses, has just passed away in England. A quarter of a century ago, when the name of Ibsen was one to conjure with, Miss Achurch achieved a high position as an exponent of his work. It was due to her enterprise that

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at the old Novelty theatre, in 1893. 'A Doll's House' was originally produced in it, as the wayward heroine, Nora Helmer, Miss Achurch made one of the chief successes of her life by a notable performance still vividly remembered to-day. She was born in 1864, and came of good historic stock. Her great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Achurch, at one time had the Theatre Royal, at Manchester, under their control. Miss Achurch made her first stage appearance at the Olympic in 1883 in the farce of 'Betsy Baker.' This humble beginning led to some touring in the provinces, and ultimately to her joining Sir, then Mr. Frank Benson's company, in which opportunity was given her of appearing in such ambitious roles as Desdemona, Lady Macbeth and Pauline Deschanelles in 'The Lady of Lyons.' A rather remarkable bit of acting in a play called 'Devil Carefoot,' of which Haddon Chambers was part author, brought Miss Achurch to the front in 1887. Various interesting engagements followed, until, as already stated, the production under her own management of 'A Doll's House' served to establish her in the ranks of leading ladies. Among later essays that brought her into favorable notice were her appearance in 1898 as Rita Allmers in Ibsen's 'Little Eyolf,' her performance as Candida in Bernard Shaw's play of that name, and as Lady Cicely Waynflete in the same author's 'Captain Brassbound's Conversion.' In 1911 she was seen at the Kingsway (as the Novelty theatre had meanwhile been rechristened), in 'A Doll's House,' but as Mrs. Linden, and not, as formerly, as Nora Helmer. During the last few years she seems practically to have lost touch with the stage, largely, no doubt, owing to ill health. Miss Achurch was the wife of Charles Harrington, an actor of some consideration, whose best work was accomplished in the '90's. Miss Achurch was Richard Mansfield's leading woman on an American tour in 1895. Demand Phoenix Beer. Home produced.

THIRTEEN MEN FOR WATER TRANSPORT

Draft Left Last Night for Service on Inland Waters

Sergeant Fry, who has worked energetically in the securing of men to go overseas for service in the Inland Water Transport Unit (Royal Engineers) has met with unqualified success and the departure last evening of a draft of thirteen more British Columbians was the occasion of a large gathering outside the recruiting office at 1206 Broad street.

leading roles in the original Italian version of this opera. Capt. Turner was formerly a surgeon in the navy, retiring from the service some years ago and entering private practice. Immediately on the outbreak of the war he volunteered for service at the front, and has been with the Army Medical Corps almost from the beginning.

ROYAL RED CROSS FOR MISS F. WILSON

Matron of No. 5 General Hospital Receives Military Honor

In the New York's honors list of overseas nurses appears the name of Matron F. Wilson as receiving the Royal Red Cross of First Class, the highest military honor in the gift of the empire for women. The recipient of the honor is Matron Frederica Wilson, of Vancouver, who went overseas with the British Columbia hospital unit and now is matron of No. 5 General Hospital at Salonica.

IS FINE SOLDIER Former Victoria Resident Now in London Hears Praise for Local Boy.

A letter has been received by Mrs. Jenkins from Mrs. Donald, wife of Dr. Donald, formerly of Victoria, now president of the medical board for the war office in London, England. "Will you tell Mrs. Hanington if you chance to see her that quite recently her son's captain was in the office and was telling of some brave deeds of how the two formed a take and got some valuable information," says the writer.

MILITARY CROSS FOR MAJ. J. F. CAMPBELL

Son of Dr. Campbell, of This City, Decorated for Gallant Conduct

Placed in charge of 300 men with specific instructions to establish a position wherefrom the British might direct their fire upon the enemy, Major J. F. Campbell constructed a road to the desired objective under withering fire, with the result that heavy British guns were successfully brought to bear upon an important point of the German front, subsequently compelling a retirement of the enemy.

BOY SCOUTS ARE ACTIVELY ENGAGED

Duke of Connaught Replies to Christmas Message; Badges Awarded

Sir Percy Sherwood, as chief Dominion commissioner of the Boy Scouts' Association, called the following Christmas message to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, former chief scout and president of the Boy Scouts' Association in Great Britain and Ireland: "On behalf of the Boy Scouts of Canada I desire to convey to you their loving remembrances at Christmas time and grateful appreciation of all you have done in their behalf."

WINS MILITARY CROSS

Captain Turner, Husband of Victoria Lady, Shows Gallantry in Action.

The name of Capt. Turner, of the Army Medical Corps, is among the list of those who recently received the Military Cross for gallantry in action. Capt. Turner, married Miss Vivian Schofield, a sister of E. O. S. Schofield, provincial librarian. As Miss Schofield she was well known in Victoria, where she was born and brought up. While her husband is on service at the front Mrs. Turner is singing at the Aldwych theatre, London, Eng., with the Beecham Opera Company.

Military Items

Capt. Harry Price, of Kamloops, who left Canada with the first contingent, attached to the 30th Battalion under the command of Col. Hall, left again for England on Sunday morning last, after three months' leave.

Lieut. N. S. Harper, of the 21st Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, is in the city for the purpose of attending the school of instruction at the Willows for a course in scouting. He is accompanied by three non-commissioned officers. Lieut. Buchanan, of the same battalion, is expected to-day with several non-coms. for attendance at the school for the study of bayonet fighting.

AMERICAN ALPINISTS WANT ALLIES TO WIN

Resolution Adopted at Annual Dinner in New York Sympathetic

A telegram in which is expressed sympathy and agreement with the allies in the great war in which they are engaged has been received by L. H. Mitchell, of Sidney, B. C., secretary-treasurer of the Alpine Club of Canada, from the American Alpine Club, with headquarters at New York. The telegram, as will be seen from the appended copy, embodies a resolution adopted by standing vote at the annual dinner of the American Alpine Club, and is signed by Charles E. Fay, the president, and R. H. Chapman, secretary, both of whom are well known to many members of the Alpine Club of Canada who have attended the summer camps in the Canadian Rockies.

To the Electors of the City of Victoria LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

As I am a candidate for the office of Chief Magistrate of this City, I beg to place before you my views on some important questions that may come before the Municipal Council in the ensuing year. There are many matters of pressing moment to the citizens, all involving financial considerations, with which I shall fully deal, but the environment of the people, and the education of our children should receive first consideration.

HEALTH

"We must have a clean City. With that end in view I favor the extension of the sewer system wherever necessary, the maintenance of our parks, boulevards, and the strict surveillance of our streets and civic sections of the city that are liable to become a menace to the health of our citizens. I favor the appointment of a Health Officer on full time so that not only the high standard of efficiency in this department may be maintained, but that officers and institutions for the care of the sick and needy may be carefully and fully supervised."

PUBLIC MORALS

"I am heartily in accord with the strong sentiment favoring a clean moral city. The proper development of our children and the conservation of the best interests of our people demand the strict enforcement of law without discrimination. I shall, if elected, fearlessly and honestly observe my oath of office, enforce the laws enacted for the government of the city, and hold the officers of the law to a strict account for the full performance of their duty. With a view to giving the people more control over the Police Commissioners who are entrusted with law enforcement, I shall do my best to secure the power to elect them to their positions."

EDUCATION

"The education of our children should be to my hearty support. To maintain our schools to the proper standard of efficiency we must provide the needed equipment and the best possible teachers. The orphan and homeless children must have the same care and training as those in more favored circumstances."

FINANCES

"The administration of the civic finances will have my most careful consideration and attention. To maintain public confidence I shall make searching enquiry into every department of finance. If elected I shall immediately request the Council to give facilities for an independent audit of all our books and accounts. I favor a yearly audit of our affairs. The large undertakings and abnormal expenditures of the past few years have increased the charges against our income to an alarming extent. Some of the rates are so high that it is impossible to meet the taxes, particularly the frontage tax against their property. I assure the electorate that I shall, with the assistance of the other members of the Council and citizens, endeavor to find some way out of our taxation difficulties that shall be just to the taxpayers as a whole. Failing to find some scheme that shall equitably meet the difficulty I shall favor requesting the Provincial Government to appoint a commission of experts that shall make recommendations to our City Municipalities. Some of the rates are so high and inequitable. I favor a change in the system of arriving at comparative values of properties."

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

"The growth of our City depends not only upon its favored location and natural attractiveness, but also upon the aggressive development of the resources of Vancouver Island, the linking up of our system of railways within the City and with the Mainland, particularly by way of Seymour Narrows, and the establishing of industries within or near our own limits. To that end I favor assisting the government in the early construction of the Johnson Street Bridge. Our contribution to the original cost and maintenance, together with style and plans of the bridge, must be made acceptable to our citizens. All parties to the undertaking failing to agree I favor referring the whole question to the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada for their determination. The Rock Bay Bridge is before the electors for their judgment and mandate. I favor the original site opposite the Rock Bay Hotel. The bridge on this site will not only cost less, but it will be less expensive to maintain."

FIRE INSURANCE

"The high state of efficiency of our Fire Department, together with our excellent water works system should ensure us lower rates of Fire Insurance. I shall do my best with the local agents and their Insurance Companies to secure more favorable rates for our citizens."

PUBLIC WORKS

"On all public works that shall be undertaken this year, I favor day labor, giving our own citizens the full benefit of such work. I firmly believe in paying good wages and salaries but must have adequate returns for the expenditures made. Efficiency should always be properly rewarded. With a view to securing more efficient service in the various departments, I favor continuing the reorganization of the civic service."

WATER WORKS

"We have a very valuable asset in our Water Works System. I favor giving consumers the very lowest rates possible to assist them in beautifying their grounds and in developing our local industries. I shall do my best to secure more customers and thus increase our revenue."

MY RECORD

"I point with a certain degree of pride to my five years of continuous service to the City. I assisted in many of our largest undertakings. The Sooke Lake Water Works and the Sewerage System, both projects before my incumbency, I helped in being to a successful conclusion. I have endeavored to deal honestly and fairly with all citizens and undertakings. It became necessary to reduce expenditures, but economy with a due regard to efficiency was always my guide. As during the past five years, the whole of my time and thoughts are at your disposal. Should you favor me with your votes and elect me as your mayor, I shall as in the past, conduct myself as a true citizen and with due regard to my office."

Anticipating your vote and influence, I am, Ladies and Gentlemen, Yours truly,

ROBERT J. PORTER

Two Vancouver Constables, Sergt. Major J. Parsons and Sergt. D. McKay have been recommended for the Military Cross. Although both men are in hospital suffering from wounds of a serious nature, received by both on the same night, it is not thought that they will prove fatal in either case. The details of the particular incident which led to the recommendation for the coveted distinction are not mentioned in a communication to their chief in Vancouver, but it is understood that the wounds were received under conditions that called for the exercise of exceptional bravery.

Capt. Williams, officer commanding the newly authorized company of the 50th Gordon Highlanders, speaks of a number of possible recruits coming in after the festive season is well over. The general desire obtaining during the recruiting trips immediately prior to the Christmas holidays, particularly among the married men, was to spend the holidays with their families and afterwards to commence the early days of the new year in uniform.

Unless the regular custom is departed from in this instance, there is every likelihood that the next draft of the 5th Artillery will soon get overseas marching orders. The draft is not yet up to strength, but recruiting results so far are sufficiently encouraging to foreshadow fairly early departure.

A letter received from Pte. Charley Clark by friends in Victoria indicates that he has recovered from his wounds, which were only slight, and is again on duty. He expresses appreciation of the hospitality of the St. Andrews Young People's Society, where he says he spent many pleasant evenings. Pte. Clark left here with the 6th and was wounded while doing pioneer work in France.

The Rev. G. H. Andrews, formerly popular rector of St. Mary's church, Oak Bay, who left here with the 88th Battalion, is now with No. 4 Canadian hospital, Salonica. This hospital is located close to No. 5 B. C. General hospital. Padre Andrews is renewing acquaintances among the Victorians in the latter unit.

It is understood that orders have been received in Vancouver for the formation of a railroad battalion, quite distinct from that already organized, which was solely for the purpose of railway construction. The new unit will be open for men skilled in all branches of rail-road operating.



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SPORTING NEWS

FIVE SOCCER GAMES FOR THIS SATURDAY

No Meeting of the Victoria and District Football Association To-night

Owing to the fact that there were no soccer games of either the senior or intermediate leagues on Saturday last, there will be no meeting of the Victoria and District Football Association this evening.

The matches that are scheduled to be played on Saturday of this week are as follows:

- Victoria West vs. B. C. Bantama, at Beacon Hill, referee, H. B. Robinson. Willows Camp vs. V. I. A. A., at Willows parade grounds, referee, P. C. Payne. Garrison vs. Navy, at Work Point, referee, A. Lockley. Intermediate League. Centrals vs. James Bays, at Central park, referee, Sergt. Teifer. Congos vs. Retainers, Beacon Hill upper ground, referee, P. Pike.

WOULD RESTORE THE BALANCE IN GAME

Boston, Jan. 3.—Suggestions for restoring the balance in baseball which he contends has become lost through the advantages enjoyed by the defensive side of the game, were advanced yesterday by President Percy D. Houghton, of the Boston National League club. Houghton brought up the subject at the recent meeting of the National League, which voted to have a rules committee meet with a similar body from the American League to consider revision. "Here are six ideas I have heard advanced, each of which have merit," he said yesterday. "Eliminate the spitball delivery. Let the batter walk on three balls. Have only one foul strike. Have much more drastic balk interpretation. Reduce the width of the plate by a few inches."

AMERICANS PLAYED GOLF IN YEAR 1811

"There are two chief periods in the history of golf in America; first, the so-called mythical period, or the years before 1880; and second, the period beginning with the opening of golf clubs at St. Andrew's and Shinnecock," writes Harden. "In 1811 there were only two newspapers published in Savannah. One was called the Columbia Museum and Savannah Advertiser and the other the Republican and Savannah Evening Ledger. With the purpose of finding out whether any printed mention of the club was made by the press of the town, a very careful inspection of the files of these papers was made. The Columbia Museum revealed the following notice dated Monday, November 25, 1811: "The members of the Golf Club are requested to meet at the exchange this evening at 7 o'clock."

LATEST SCOTTISH FOOTBALL RESULTS

Glasgow, Jan. 4.—The following are the results of scheduled Scottish League football games: Celtic 0, Clyde 0. Partick Thistle 0, Rangers 1. Third Lanark 1, Dumbarton 1. Morton 2, Kilmarnock 1. Hearts of Midlothian 3, Hamilton Academicals 1. Dundee 3, Hibernians 1. Motherwell 1, Airdrieonians 0. Ayr United 2, Falkirk 2. Raith Rovers 2, Aberdeen 0.

PORTLAND HOCKEY CLUB WINS GAME

Seattle Defeated on Home Ice; "Moose" Johnson Plays Brilliant Game

Seattle, Jan. 3.—"Moose" Johnson, the able assistant of Tommy Murray and five other members of the Portland hockey team, took a fast 7 to 4 game from the Seattle Mete, in the Arena here last night. Although the victory had no effect upon the relative standing of the teams in the league, it pulled Seattle back into the pack, and made the Mete's easier to catch by any of the rival squads.

As indicated in the opening paragraph, it was "Moose" Johnson who beat Seattle. The big Scandinavian whistler spoiled everything Seattle tried, and it was his smashing work at smearing the Mete's best plays that took the heart out of Muddo's men and finally put them on the short end of the score.

Summary. First period—1, Loughlin, 10.20; 2, Irvin, from Johnson, 2.18; 3, Harris, from Irvin, 5.16. Second period—4, Rome, 3.35; 5, Foyston, 1.00; 6, Johnson, 2.25; 7, Irvin, from Harris, 6.32; 8, Morris, from Foyston, 14 sec.; Foyston, from Walker, 57. Third period—10, Tobin, 10.05; 11, Irvin, 7.05. Penalties—Irvin, Dunderdale, Johnson, Foyston, Loughlin. Substitutions—Rowe for Riley; Dunderdale for Marples.

BOWLING NEWS.

The Outlaws won from the B. C. Electric in the senior league bowling match at the Arcade alleys last evening. The scores follow:

Table with columns: Name, Score, Opponent. Includes Leach, Pugsley, A. Patterson, Vieglius, Frank King, B. C. Electric, McKeanie, Aberdeen, Lemmeaux, Antreacher, Romans, Total.

TORONTO TEAMS SET FAST PACE IN N. H. A.

Two Toronto teams, the 228th Battalion and the Toronto, are setting a fast pace in the National Hockey Association. They have won in both starts and are tied for the league leadership. Saturday the soldiers defeated Wanderers, 6-4; Toronto won from the Quebec team, 8-4, while Ottawa downed the champion Canadiens, 7-1. It was the second straight defeat for the flying Frenchmen.

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, P, A, Pct. Includes 228th Battalion, Toronto, Quebec, Ottawa, Wanderers, Canadiens.

AUSTRALIAN SYSTEM PRODUCES SCRAPPERS

Les Darcy Is Direct Product of Antipodes' Method of Training Men

Les Darcy, Australia's great scrapper, is a direct product of the system they have in that country for developing boxers. Barney Lichtenstein, a well-known manager, who toured Australia with Joe Welling and Jimmy Clabby some years ago, tells briefly of the way they go about such matters in the great Commonwealth.

"They have boxing classes in all public schools," says Lichtenstein. "The boys are divided out into weights. This whole plan was started by Snowy Baker, the Australian referee and sportsman. After going through the schools such boys as desire to enter the game go into the trouts in which \$25,000 are distributed among the classes as prizes.

"Tournaments are held every two months, lasting three or four nights every week. A great special arena is erected for this event. A man has to graduate from these tournaments to become a recognized scrapper. Boys from the United States, I refer to the bantams and feathers, rarely win in Australia. The reason for this is the classes are heavier over there, and our lads are outclassed in weight at the start.

"Purses are paid by the bankers, not by promoters as they do in this country. This means there is no cheating or short-changing. A boxer over there is treated as he acts. Snowy Baker's brother, Harold, often acts as referee in bouts in Australia. He has a peculiar way of keeping track of the points made by the boxers. He wears two white cuffs. One of these is for one boxer, and the other for the second boxer. He marks a point, whenever scored, on one or the other cuff. He did this when Jimmy Clabby fought Jeff Smith in Australia. It looked as if Clabby was winning and when Baker lifted Smith's arm in token of victory, Lichtenstein ran into the ring and asked how he made such a decision. Baker immediately pulled off his cuffs. "See there," he said, pointing to one of them. It had about 600 pencil marks on it. "That's Jeff Smith's cuff. Here is Clabby's," and he showed the other, which had about 300 marks.

It might be stated that points in Australia are scored differently to the way they are here. A knock-down there only counts one point. If you evade being struck, this is credited to you. This means the clever fellow often gets the decision rather than the aggressive man. In America the fans wouldn't stand for a man dodging from his rival for 20 rounds and getting a decision from the fellow who chased him around the arena. But it goes in Australia. An Australian boxer named Kay holds a decision over Jimmy Clabby which would have been different here. Kay kept evading the aggressive Jimmy. Australia's two best scrappers are Les Darcy and Tommy Uren, the last a welterweight. Uren has beaten Harry Stone three out of four bouts, one being a draw. He is about as good a fighter as Tod Lewis. A present Barney is managing Ad Wolgast, former lightweight champion of the world. Barney does not claim the title for Ad now, but he does claim that he is the world's champion crowd-pleaser.

"Wolgast is to-day the best money-maker among the lightweights," said Lichtenstein. "He always gives the crowd a run for his money, and he is popular wherever he scrapes. He fought a larger number of bouts this last year and has cleaned up a neat bundle." Barney believes that the championship may some day be fought out between Wolgast and his former boy, Joe Welling. "That would be a tough affair all right," he says. "As has a little trick of getting his rival's goat that often works." At the end of a round he runs to the other fellow's corner and sits in his chair. It often makes the boy sore, and he is liable to lose his head in the next round.

MANY SPORTSMEN ARE GIVING THEIR LIVES

Toll of Those Paying the Supreme Sacrifice Continues Unchecked

London, Jan. 3.—Casualties among the leading sportsmen of England continue to grow. Last week's lists contained the names of a number of stars in every branch of sport. Col. M. F. McTaggart, D.S.O., wounded, played polo for the Lancers in the inter-regimental, and was in the team which ran up for the Subalterns' Cup at Ranelagh in 1904. He rode for many years at the regimental meets and owned some useful chasers. He was with Sir George White during the siege of Ladysmith and fought at Elandslaagte, Rietfontein and Lombard's Kop. The famous steeplechase jockey, Percy Woodland, who won the Grand National in 1903 on Drumcree and in 1913 on Coventcot, and who was previously reported 'missing, believed killed,' is now officially announced to be a prisoner of war in the hands of the Turks.

Captain C. H. Dwyer, killed by a sniper while on reconnaissance duty, was educated at Lees, Holyland and Shrewsbury, where he was captain of the system for four years, represented the school at Aldershot, and also got his colors for football. He had been mentioned in dispatches. Capt. T. I. Wilson, killed in action, rowed in the Cambridge University trial eights in 1903. Maj. A. A. Torera has also made the "big sacrifice." He played on the Harrow eleven against Eton at Lords in 1892 and was well known in cricketing circles, particularly in Kent. He toured New Zealand with the Marylebone cricket team in 1906-7. A golfers will regret to hear that Walter Makeo, younger brother of the famous C. H. Mayo, of the Burhill Club; A. E. Firstbrook, who was prominent in the west of England tournaments; Young Thorne, formerly assistant to "Tom" Williamson; and Arthur Gray, brother of Ernest Gray, who holds the record for the Prestwich course, have all been killed on the battlefield.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS IN AMERICAN TENNIS

On Turf Courts. Men's singles—Richard N. Williams, 2d, Philadelphia. Men's doubles—W. M. Johnston and C. J. Gray, San Francisco. Women's singles—Miss Molla Bjurstedt, New York. Women's doubles—Miss Molla Bjurstedt, New York, and Miss Eleonora Sears, Boston. Mixed doubles—Miss Florence A. Ballin, New York, and W. T. Tilden, Jr., Philadelphia. Junior—Harold Throckmorton, Elizabeth, N. J. Boys—Ben Letson, New York.

On Clay Courts. Men's singles—Willie E. Davis, San Francisco. Men's doubles—George M. Church and Dean Mather, New York. Women's singles—Miss Molla Bjurstedt, New York. Women's doubles—Miss Molla Bjurstedt, New York, and George M. Church, New York. Intercollegiate. Singles—G. C. Caner, Harvard University. Doubles—G. C. Caner and Richard Harte, Harvard University. Indoor. Men's singles—R. Lindley Murray, Niagara Falls, N. Y. Men's doubles—Dr. William Rosenbaum and Arthur Lyndbond, New York. Women's singles—Miss Molla Bjurstedt, New York. Women's doubles—Miss Molla Bjurstedt and Miss Marie Wagner, New York. Junior singles—Elliott H. Binzen, New York. Public Courts. Team matches, inter-city competition, for players using public courts—National championship won St. Louis, represented by Theodore Drewes, Fred Justis and Taylor Ward.

REFERENDUM

Notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of Saanich that a vote will be taken on Saturday, January 13th, 1917, on the question: "ON WHICH DAY ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF A HALF HOLIDAY." The poll will be open from 9 a. m. to 7 p. m. on the 13th day of January, at the following places: For the First Ward, at Cedar Hill School House, Cedar Hill Cross Road; for the Second Ward, at Tolmie School House, Boleksine Road; for the Third Ward, at the Hall, Tyndall Avenue, Gordon Head; for the Fourth Ward, at McKenzie Avenue School, corner McKenzie Avenue, Carey Road and Raymond Street; for the Fifth Ward, at Royal Oak School, near the junction of the East and West Saanich Roads; for the Sixth Ward, at the Temperance Hall, East Saanich Road; for the Seventh Ward, at the Store, corner of Tillicum Road and Obel Avenue; and such polling places will be open from 9 o'clock a. m. to 7 p. m., of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

MAX CAREY HAS MADE FINE RECORD

Max Carey, Pittsburg outfielder, now can be called the Tris Speaker of the National League, for last season he performed a stunt that previously no one else than the great Texan had been able to do. By absorbing 419 flies, the Pittsburger set a new record for the suburbanites of the older organization and came within six of the number gathered in by Speaker in 1914. Tris was the first American League outfielder to pass the 400 mark in "put outs" and Max is the first National outfielder to do so, unless some one turned such a feat previous to 1901. Carey, by absorbing 419 "put outs," virtually equalled Speaker's record of two years ago, for then Trisram E. played in 157 combats while this past season Max engaged in but 154. And Carey was only very briefly in one of these contests.

Ballot form with checkboxes for Half Holiday and Mark X opposite the day you are in favor of. Includes dates Wednesday and Saturday.

Given under my hand at Royal Oak, B. C., this 31st day of December, 1916. R. R. F. SEWELL, Returning Officer.

AVIATOR IS KILLED WHILE IN ACTION

Information has reached Ottawa of the death in England of Flight Lieut. Don Brophy. The aviator was killed by accident while doing home defence duty on Christmas day. The late Lieut. Brophy was a prominent player for the Ottawa team in the Interprovincial Union and had appeared in Toronto on a number of occasions. He qualified as an aviator there in October, 1915, and had seen service at the front, where he had been with the Royal Flying Corps since March, 1916. Two months ago he was recalled to England for duty on the coast.

Flight Lieut. Walter Kellogg, of this city, called his parents yesterday that he had been wounded in an engagement at the front. He was flying in the Somme region and had participated in numerous bombing expeditions. He will be remembered as a member of the Technical School gridiron team in the High School League.

LACROSSE PLAYER DIES

Cornwall, Ont., Jan. 3.—Joseph Constant, former well-known lacrosse player of Montreal and Cornwall, died suddenly at his home here New Year's Day after a short illness with pneumonia. He was 35 years of age.

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF OAK BAY MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Electors of the Municipality of the District of Oak Bay that I require the presence of the said Electors at the Municipal Hall, Oak Bay, on the 13th day of January, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Reeve and Councillors.

THE MODE OF NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS: The Candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time preceding the date of nomination, and in the event of a Poll being necessary, such Poll will be opened on the 18th day of January, 1917, at 10 o'clock a. m., of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

THE QUALIFICATION FOR REEVE shall be his being a male British subject and having been for the three months next preceding the day of his nomination the registered owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property of the assessed value, on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, of five hundred dollars or more, over and above any registered judgment or charge, and being otherwise duly qualified as a voter.

THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR A COUNCILLOR shall be his being a male British subject and having been for the three months next preceding the day of his nomination the registered owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property of the assessed value, on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, of two hundred and fifty dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge, or being a pre-emptor, who has resided within the Municipality for the space of one year or more immediately preceding the date of his nomination, and who, during the remainder of said year has been the owner of land of which he formerly was a homesteader, lessee from the Crown or pre-emptor, and is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, over and above any registered judgment or charge, and being otherwise qualified as a voter.

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF OAK BAY ELECTION OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Electors of the Municipality of the District of Oak Bay, that I require the presence of the said Electors at the Municipal Hall, Oak Bay, on Monday, the 8th day of January, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing two persons as members of the Board of School Trustees.

THE MODE OF NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS: The Candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time preceding the date of nomination, and in the event of a Poll being necessary, such Poll will be opened on the 13th day of January, 1917, at 10 o'clock a. m., of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

THE QUALIFICATION FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE shall be any person being a British subject of the full age of twenty-one years, actually residing within the district, and having been for the three months next preceding the day of his nomination the registered owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property of the assessed value, on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, of two hundred and fifty dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge, or being a pre-emptor, who has resided within the Municipality for the space of one year or more immediately preceding the day of nomination, and who, during the remainder of said year has been the owner of land of which he formerly was a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor, and is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, over and above any registered judgment or charge, and being otherwise duly qualified as a voter.

Given under my hand at Oak Bay, B. C., the 30th day of December, 1916. JAMES FAIRWEATHER, Returning Officer.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Electors of the Municipality of the Township of Esquimalt, that I require the presence of the said Electors at the Municipal Hall, Esquimalt, on the 8th day of January, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Reeve and Councillors.

THE MODE OF NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS: The Candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time preceding the date of nomination, and in the event of a Poll being necessary, such Poll will be opened on the 13th day of January, 1917, at 10 o'clock a. m., of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

THE QUALIFICATION FOR REEVE shall be his being a male British subject and having been for the three months next preceding the day of his nomination the registered owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property of the assessed value, on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, of five hundred dollars or more, over and above any registered judgment or charge, and being otherwise duly qualified as a voter.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT ELECTION OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Electors of the Municipality of the Township of Esquimalt, that I require the presence of the said Electors at the Municipal Hall, Esquimalt, on the 8th day of January, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing two persons as members of the Board of School Trustees.

THE MODE OF NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS: The Candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time preceding the date of nomination, and in the event of a Poll being necessary, such Poll will be opened on the 13th day of January, 1917, at 10 o'clock a. m., of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

THE QUALIFICATION FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE shall be any person being a British subject of the full age of twenty-one years, actually residing within the district, and having been for the three months next preceding the day of his nomination the registered owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property of the assessed value, on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, of five hundred dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge, or being a pre-emptor, who has resided within the Municipality for the space of one year or more immediately preceding the day of nomination, and who, during the remainder of said year has been the owner of land of which he formerly was a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor, and is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, over and above any registered judgment or charge, and being otherwise duly qualified as a voter.

Given under my hand at Esquimalt, B. C., the 30th day of December, 1916. G. H. PULLEN, Returning Officer.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PRIVATE BILLS

NOTICE is hereby given that the time limited by the Rules of the House for receiving petitions for Private Bills will expire on Saturday, the 4th day of March, 1917. Private Bills must be presented on or before Thursday, the 15th day of March, 1917. Reports from Standing Committees dealing with Private Bills will not be received after Thursday, the 22nd day of March, 1917. THORNTON FELL, Clerk, Legislative Assembly. Phone 397. Est. 1866. P.O. Box 238.

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CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH ELECTION OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of District of Saanich, that I require the presence of said electors at the Council Chamber, Municipal Hall, Royal Oak, B. C., on Monday, the 8th day of January, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing two (2) persons as members of the Board of School Trustees.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows: The candidates shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p. m. of the day of the nomination, and in the event of a poll being necessary, such poll will be opened on the 13th day of January, 1917, at the following places: For the First Ward, at Cedar Hill School House, Cedar Hill Cross Road; for the Second Ward, at Tolmie School House, Boleksine Road; for the Third Ward, at the Hall, Tyndall Avenue, Gordon Head; for the Fourth Ward, at McKenzie Avenue School, corner McKenzie Avenue, Carey Road and Raymond Street; for the Fifth Ward, at Royal Oak School, near the junction of the East and West Saanich Roads; for the Sixth Ward, at the Temperance Hall, East Saanich Road; for the Seventh Ward, at the Store, corner of Tillicum Road and Obel Avenue; and such polling places will be open from 9 o'clock a. m. to 7 p. m., of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The qualifications for a School Trustee shall be any person being a British subject of the full age of twenty-one years, actually residing within the district, and having been for the three months next preceding the day of his or her nomination the registered owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property of the assessed value, on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, of two hundred and fifty dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge, or being a pre-emptor, who has resided within the Municipality for the space of one year or more immediately preceding the day of nomination, and who, during the remainder of said year has been the owner of land of which he formerly was a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor, and is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, over and above any registered judgment or charge, and being otherwise qualified by this Act to vote at an election of school trustees in the said school district, and who is a resident in such district municipality school district.

Given under my hand at Royal Oak, British Columbia, this 31st day of December, 1916. R. R. F. SEWELL, Returning Officer.

SAANICH MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of Saanich, that I require the presence of said electors at the Council Chamber, Municipal Hall, Royal Oak, B. C., on Monday, the 8th day of January, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Reeve and Councillors.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows: The candidates shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p. m. of the day of the nomination, and shall state the names, residence and occupation of each of such persons proposed, in such manner as sufficiently to identify such candidate, and in the event of a poll being necessary, such poll will be opened on the 13th day of January, 1917, at the following places: For the First Ward, at Cedar Hill School House, Cedar Hill Cross Road; for the Second Ward, at Tolmie School House, Boleksine Road; for the Third Ward, at the Hall, Tyndall Avenue, Gordon Head; for the Fourth Ward, at McKenzie Avenue School, corner McKenzie Avenue, Carey Road and Raymond Street; for the Fifth Ward, at Royal Oak School, near the junction of the East and West Saanich Roads; for the Sixth Ward, at the Temperance Hall, East Saanich Road; for the Seventh Ward, at the Store, corner of Tillicum Road and Obel Avenue; and such polling places will be open from 9 o'clock a. m. to 7 p. m., of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The qualifications for a Councilor shall be his being a male British subject and having been for the three months next preceding the day of his nomination the registered owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property of the assessed value, on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, of five hundred dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge, or being a pre-emptor, who has resided within the Municipality for the space of one year or more immediately preceding the day of nomination, and who, during the remainder of said year has been the owner of land of which he formerly was a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor, and is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, over and above any registered judgment or charge, and being otherwise duly qualified as a voter.

Given under my hand at Royal Oak, British Columbia, this 21st day of December, 1916. R. R. F. SEWELL, Returning Officer.

**FORM AUXILIARY TO
HELP COMMISSION**

Victoria Ladies Will Assist In
Furnishing Military Con-
valescent Hospitals

After some preliminary meetings a woman's auxiliary to assist in the furnishing and equipment of the military convalescent hospitals has been formed. It having been ascertained that another avenue for women's practical assistance and helpfulness had been opened with the establishment of the military convalescent hospitals for our returned wounded soldiers, and with the news that the severer cases are now to be returned to their own colonies and provinces, making a much more urgent call for supplies and accommodation, Mrs. Barnard called the presidents of the various women's societies in Victoria to a meeting at Government house to confer upon the best methods to adopt in this regard. This meeting was presided over by the example set by the women of other provinces.

The gathering was a representative one. After full discussion of the subject it was resolved to form a woman's auxiliary society upon the committee of which would be a representative from every society feeling able and willing to give the movement its support. The following ladies were named on this committee, which was to meet at an early date, elect its officers and formulate a plan of service: Mrs. Henry Croft (provincial president, I. O. D. E.), Mrs. Schofield, Mrs. A. C. Burdick (Women's Canadian club), Mrs. Curtis Sampson (Voluntary Aid), Mrs. A. E. McPhillips (Local Council of Women), Mrs. A. F. Griffiths (I. O. D. E. in Victoria), Mrs. Andrew Wright (W. A. of Jubilee hospital), Miss Elizabeth Taylor (Daughters of Pity, P. R. J. H.), Miss Leitch (King's Daughters), Mrs. C. E. Wilson, Mrs. Love (Anti-Tuberculosis society), Mrs. Hasell (Red Cross society), Mrs. Bowser, Mrs. Nation. The following names were subsequently added: Lady Louheed, Mrs. J. H. S. Matson, Mrs. Dunsmuir, Mrs. G. H. Barnard, Mrs. Butchart, Mrs. H. J. E. Hesterman, Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. J. Haymond, Mrs. Hugo Beaven, Mrs. Charles Williams, Miss Mara, Miss Armine Pemberton, Miss Mariatt.

At a later meeting this committee elected its officers as follows:

Hon. chairman, Mrs. F. S. Barnard; chairman, Mrs. Henry Croft; first vice-chairman, Mrs. A. C. Burdick; second vice-chairman, Mrs. Curtis Sampson; third vice-chairman, Mrs. A. E. McPhillips; secretary, Mrs. Hasell; treasurer, Mrs. Bowser; librarian, Mrs. Nation; assistant librarian, Miss A. Pemberton.

Mrs. Nation reported that she had already collected over 200 volumes to form the nucleus of a library, and would continue to take charge of this and the necessary equipment.

It was resolved that a visit be paid to "Resthaven," the first of these hospitals in close proximity to the city claiming immediate attention. The premises will be inspected and the needs noted. It was also decided that the Red Cross society be approached and that permission be asked to initiate the work under its auspices and with its co-operation and assistance. Further, it was resolved that the committee pledge themselves to collect a sum of money for necessities so that the building might be brought into some degree of comfort by the time of its opening at the beginning of the new year.

A very satisfactory interview was held with the officers of the Red Cross society, who accepted the proposition made, and promised every support and assistance, while not interfering with the details of work undertaken, and conserving the credit of moneys collected and work achieved to the ladies' committee, hereafter to be known as "The Woman's Auxiliary society to the Military Convalescent Hospitals, associated as a committee of the Red Cross."

The sum of \$500 having been collected a buying committee was appointed, composed of Mrs. Croft, Mrs. Curtis Sampson, Mrs. Butchart, Mrs. Charles Williams and Miss Mara. The necessary and immediate purchases have been made.

By the kindness of Mrs. Barnard it has been arranged to hold a linen shower at Government house on Saturday afternoon next, from 3 to 6 o'clock. The following gifts will be very welcome: Sheets (single), length 2 1/2 yards; pillowcases, bedspreads, sheet-roller-towelings (by the piece), bath towels, tray cloths, handkerchiefs (for men). It has also been suggested that gifts of jams, pickles and preserves would be acceptable at the "shower," these not being in the regular allowance at the hospital.

The formation of such an organization as the Woman's Auxiliary society to the military convalescent hospitals is not entirely new. In Manitoba one military convalescent home has been entirely provided and another furnished by the women. In Toronto the several wings of the large building set aside for the purpose are furnished by different women's societies, while similar assistance is being accorded readily both in Alberta and Saskatchewan. Vancouver has already taken steps to meet the request, both of its own city and also at Kamloops, where the men needing special treatment are at present cared for.

"And how's yer husband this mornin', Mrs. Casey?" asked the solicitous neighbor. "Well, and thankin' yer kindly, it's a little better 'e is this mornin'; and I think that 'e'll be good for a year yet." "Good for a year? Why, I thought that yesterday the end was near." "Arrah, yes; but we've 'ad some fresh doctors in—four of 'em—and they each gave 'im three months to live. So 'e's good for an other year, thanks be!"



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And to every man or woman in Victoria this is a chance extraordinary to practice economy. Ours is a stock second to none in style and quality. Most of it has been bought (or contracted for) many months ago and is therefore not affected by the recent advances in the price of better-grade footwear. At this CLOSING-OUT SALE it will pay you to buy for your present and future needs. Prices such as these can only be duplicated in the future at a heavy loss to the merchant.

MEN! LOOK AT THESE PRICES

28 Pairs Men's Boots
Fine quality Box Calf Bluchers, with heavy single sole and medium toe. Regular \$5.00. **Closing-Out Sale \$3.75**

25 Pairs Men's Boots
Medium heavy, leather lined Box-Calf Bluchers, double waterproof sole. Reg. at \$7.00. **Closing-Out Sale \$5.25**

36 Pairs Men's Boots
Dr. Brandon's famous Cushion Sole Shoe. Made in Blucher style, of extra fine vici kid. Regular at \$8.50. **Closing-Out Sale \$6.50**

Walk-Over Shoes for Men

Our entire stock of Walk-Over Shoes is included in this sacrifice. The new prices are:

Regular at \$9.50. **Now \$8.00**
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34 Pairs Men's Boots
Extra quality tan Calfskin Oxfords, Blucher or button style. Regular \$6.00. **Closing-Out Sale \$3.75**

48 Pairs Men's Boots
Nice quality velour calfskin, in either straight or swing last; slip sole. Reg. at \$7.50. **Closing-Out Sale \$6.00**

25 Pairs Men's Boots
Velour Calfskin Boots, in smart, dressy last, single sole, button style. Reg. at \$7.50. **Closing-Out Sale \$5.75**

23 Pairs Men's Boots
Patent Blucher Oxfords, in all sizes and widths. Reg. at \$6. **Closing-Out Sale \$3.75**

Ladies! This Is Your Chance to Save

150 Pairs Ladies' Boots
Assorted styles and all high-grade qualities. Regular values \$5.00 and \$6.00. **Closing-Out Sale \$4.00**

30 Pairs Ladies' Boots
Nice Velour Calf Lacing Boots, with black Cravenette 9-inch tops; heavy single sole and medium heel. Regular \$5.50. **Closing-Out Sale \$4.00**

115 Pairs Ladies' Boots
The famous Walk-Over make. Fine quality kid, in assorted styles; 7 or 8-inch tops. Regular at \$7.00 and \$8.00. **Closing-Out Sale \$6.00**

133 Pairs Ladies' Boots
Patent Colt Boots, with colored cloth tops, lace or button styles. Regular at \$6.00. **Closing-Out Sale \$4.00**

185 Pairs Ladies' Pumps
A wide assortment of styles in patent leather, gun metal calfskin or kid. Various ornaments, heels, etc. Regular at \$4.50 to \$5.50. **Closing-Out Sale \$3.50**

Ladies' Novelty Footwear

16 Pairs, Extra Fine Brown Kid Lacing Boots, vamps of brown ooze calf; satin lined, full Louis heels; 8 1/2-inch top. Regular at \$14.00. **Closing-Out Sale \$10.00**

16 Pairs, Walk-Over Duo-Tone Lacing Boots, washable grey kid; 9-inch tops; covered Louis heels. Regular at \$12.50. **Closing-Out Sale \$8.75**

38 Pairs, Walk-Over Patent Bals, washable, 8 1/2-inch white kid tops; leather Louis heels. Goodyear welted. Regular \$10.00. **Closing-Out Sale \$7.75**

28 Pairs, Walk-Over Boots, extra fine Russet calf (tan); lacing style, with 8-inch white or champagne kid washable tops. Regular at \$10.00. **Closing-Out Sale \$7.75**

23 Pairs Ladies' Boots
Dull Kid Boots, with 8-inch tops; novelty pattern, finished with smart buttons. Regular at \$6.50. **Closing-Out Sale \$5.00**

25 Pairs Ladies' Boots
Patent Boots, with white nubuck top in novelty effect; leather Louis heel. Regular at \$7.00. **Closing-Out Sale \$5.00**

75 Pairs Ladies' Pumps
An assortment of fresh new styles in patent leather or gun-metal calfskin. Goodyear welted soles. Regular at \$6.00. **Closing-Out Sale \$4.00**

45 Pairs Ladies' Boots
Smart Glazed Kid Boots, with 8-inch tops, leather Louis heels and medium sole. Regular at \$6.50. **Closing-Out Sale \$4.75**

155 Pairs Ladies' Evening Slippers
A beautiful assortment of patent or dull kid styles; all sizes and widths. Regular at \$6.00. **Closing-Out Sale \$4.50**

75 Pairs Ladies' Pumps
Fetching styles in all nubuck or nubuck with patent vamp; instep strap. Regular at \$6.00. **Closing-Out Sale \$3.50**

BRING THE CHILDREN WITH YOU

45 Pairs Boys' Boots
Beautiful quality Box Calf Boots, with heavy single sole. Ideal for dress or school wear. Sizes 11 to 13 1/2. Regular \$4.00. Now **\$3.00**
Sizes 1 to 5. Regular \$4.50. Now **\$3.25**

23 Pairs Girls' Boots
Exceptional quality calfskin, button style. Sizes 11 to 2. Regular at \$4.00. **Closing-Out Sale \$3.00**

20 Pairs Boys' Boots
Fine mahogany calfskin, slip sole Bluchers. Sizes 11 to 13 1/2. Regular \$4.00. Now **\$3.00**
Sizes 1 to 5. Regular \$4.50. Now **\$3.50**

55 Pairs Girls' Boots
This is an assorted offering, which includes several of our best lines in patent leather and fine calf. Regular \$3.75 and \$4.50. **Closing-Out Sale \$3.00**

16 Pairs Boys' Boots
Heavy Box Calf Bluchers, A1 quality, all leather. Sizes 11 to 13 1/2. Regular \$3.50. Now **\$2.50**
Sizes 1 to 5. Regular \$4.00. Now **\$2.75**

65 Pairs Growing Girls' Boots
Button and lace styles, in fashionable lasts. Low heels and heavy single soles. Regular at \$5.00. **Closing-Out Sale \$3.75**

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BIG TANKER DAMAGED

San Fratero Was in Collision With Barge Off Texan Coast. Post-Arthur, Texas, Jan. 3.—The British admiralty tank steamer San Fratero, with a cargo of 107,000 barrels of fuel oil, was in collision Monday night with the Gulf Refining Company's barge Mingo, off Sabine bar, according to wireless advices to the British vice-consul here.

TIMES SHIPPING CHART

Table with columns: DEEP SEA ARRIVALS, DEEP SEA DEPARTURES, COASTWISE SERVICES. Lists ship names, agents, and destinations.

RESUME AGITATION FOR BIG DRYDOCK

Urgent Necessity of Better Facilities; Board of Trade Making Representations

A strong agitation for an immediate start on the construction of the proposed government drydock at Esquimalt is to be resumed by the local board of trade.

Representations were made by the local board of trade to the head of the government on the drydock situation during Sir Robert Borden's recent visit to this city.

It is held by the board of trade that the adequate drydocking facilities at Esquimalt are an absolute necessity, more particularly now that the British empire is in the throes of the greatest war of all time.

Hudson's Bay "Imperial" Lager Beer, pints, 3 for 25c.

ALICE NOW PLYING ON TRIANGULAR RUN

Will Alternate Periodically With Adelaide; More Time Required for Overhaul

With a view to providing more time for the boats to undergo overhaul, the C. P. R. has instituted a change in the operation of its gulf service, whereby the steamers Princess Alice and Princess Adelaide will hereafter ply at alternate periods on the afternoon run between Victoria, Seattle and Vancouver.

The Adelaide is due for inspection on January 17, and after that date it is likely that she will return to the triangular run, the Alice going back to the Vancouver route.

MANILA MARU DUE

Inbound O. S. K. Liner May Not Reach Station Before Sundown. The O. S. K. liner Manila Maru is expected to reach William Head sometime this afternoon from the Far East.

WIRELESS REPORTS

January 3, 8 a.m. Point Grey—Rain; S. E. light; 29.50; 35; thick. Cape Lazo—Cloudy; S. E.; 29.65; 40; sea moderate. Spoke str Princess Beatrice, 7.35 p.m., off Cape Mudge, southbound; spoke str Camosun, 8 a.m., off Campbell River, northbound.

Point Grey—Misty; S. E. light; 29.76; 35; hazy. Cape Lazo—Cloudy; S. E.; 29.65; 42; sea rough.

KLAMATH REACHES ASTORIA IN TOW

Smart Work of Steamer Cello Brought About Rescue of All on Board

San Francisco, Jan. 3.—The steamer Klamath, which lost her propeller in heavy seas off Cape Arago Monday night, arrived at Astoria, Ore., today in tow of the steamer Cello, with her twelve passengers and a crew of thirty-three all well, according to a wireless report to the C. R. McCormick Lumber Company, owners of the vessel here.

The steamer was bound from San Francisco for Portland and when she was first reported in distress she was being driven northwest by a heavy off-shore gale. The first wireless report from the disabled vessel was received at Marshfield and Cape Blanco wireless station. The steamer Kilburn put out to sea from Marshfield and took the Klamath in tow.

For a time the Klamath's position was considered very precarious in view of the possibility of the wind veering to the coast, in which case she would have been in danger of being driven upon the rocks.

DEWEY'S COLLIER TO SAIL AS SCHOONER

Zafiro to Be Reconstructed and Fitted With Powerful Auxiliary. Vancouver, Jan. 3.—Charles Godson, of Vancouver, is the man who is reconstructing the steamer Zafiro and the sum of \$90,000 is being spent in fitting the vessel for another spell of seafaring after some years of idleness.

The reconstruction of the Zafiro comes as the result of the tremendous shortage of tonnage caused by the war and the corresponding jump in freight rates. The Zafiro was formerly a British steamer and at the battle of Manila Bay, when Dewey ran short of coal, he bought ship and cargo. Some years ago the Zafiro, which is a steel vessel, brought up in Seattle and was bought by a Vancouver man, who practically stripped her. Since then she has been moored at North Vancouver and now she is undergoing alterations which will send her to sea again, but this time she will use sails and auxiliary power.

The job is under the supervision of Captain S. F. Mackenzie and the steel hull will be sheathed with three and a half inches of planking. The vessel will step three masts, carrying the fore-and-aft rig of a schooner and the big auxiliary engine will be shipped well aft.

As a motor ship she will carry 1,800 tons dead weight and 2,200 tons measurement. Mr. Godson declares that she will be a most economical vessel to run and will be in commission early this year, May at the latest. The reconstruction of this vessel at North Vancouver is attracting considerable interest among shipping men.

BRITISH SCHOONER LOST

Lena Oxner Went Down Fifty Miles Off Shelburne, N. S.; Crew Landed. Boston, Mass., Jan. 3.—The loss of the British schooner Lena Oxner, fifty miles off Shelburne, N. S., on December 29, became known here when the members of her crew were landed yesterday. The Oxner was bound from New York to Halifax with coal. The men were without food or water for three days, and suffered severe hardships.

RAVALLI SNOWBOUND.

The steamer Ravalli, plying in the Seattle-Alaska service, suffered delay in heavy snowstorms in the north. Wireless reports state that she was anchored off Prince Rupert at 8 o'clock last night, seeking shelter from the weather.

COLUSA AT CALLAO.

The W. R. Grace liner Colusa, Capt. Curtis, which was here early last month discharging a cargo of nitrates, is reported to have arrived at Callao on Dec. 26.

START ON GRAVING DOCK IS URGED

Esquimalt Graving Dock Committee Draws Up Memorial to Minister of Public Works

CLAIMS ARE BASED ON TERMS OF UNION

The Esquimalt Graving Dock Committee, an organization composed of some of the most prominent and influential men of Esquimalt and district, is actively interested in bringing the proposed government drydock scheme to a head, and with this end in view has taken immediate action by drawing up representations in the shape of a memorial which will be immediately forwarded to Hon. Robert Rogers, minister of public works, urging that the construction of the proposed graving basin be proceeded with without further delay.

Meetings of the Esquimalt Graving Dock Committee have been held from time to time, and on December 25 last the final draft of the memorial, which will be forwarded to Ottawa, was submitted to the meeting by Secretary J. W. Phillips, approved and ordered printed and circulated.

The committee bases its claims primarily on the terms of Union, entered into at the time of the confederation of the Canadian provinces, emphasis being placed on sections 9 and 12, which provided that the "influence of the Dominion government be used to secure the continued maintenance of the naval station at Esquimalt," and the Dominion government "shall guarantee interest for 10 years from date of completion of the works, at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, on such sum not exceeding £100,000, as may be required for the construction of a first-class dock."

The last mentioned section is interpreted that it was intended that the drydock should always be a first class one, which the present graving basin has no pretensions of being, it having become antiquated years ago. It is realized that a naval and commercial dock is essential at this port, this having been forcibly illustrated during the period of the war when numerous repair contracts were lost to Victoria by reason of the totally inadequate docking facilities here.

Every effort is being made by the Esquimalt committee to urge the government to proceed with the scheme at once, particularly in view that this is believed to be an opportune time, because of the fact that the great British contracting firm of Sir John Jackson, Ltd., which concern has just completed the Ogden Point breakwater, is fully equipped and has all the necessary machinery on the spot to undertake the construction of a graving dock upon the most favorable terms.

The memorial is being circulated with a view to obtaining the signatures of the members of the Provincial Cabinet, Provincial House of Assembly, Dominion House, local board of trade, city council, municipal councils and all public bodies.

The memorial follows: To the Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works, Dominion of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario. The petition of the undersigned electors of the province of British Columbia, humbly sheweth:

Whereas: 1. On the 16th day of May, 1871, at the Court at Windsor Her Most Excellent Majesty Queen Victoria thought fit to approve of certain terms and conditions for the admission of the province of British Columbia into the Dominion of Canada, one of the terms of union being:

"2. The influence of the Dominion Government will be used to secure the continued maintenance of the Naval Station at Esquimalt." And another being:

"3. The Dominion Government shall guarantee the interest for ten years from the date of the completion of the works, at the rate of five per cent. per annum, on such sum, not exceeding £100,000 sterling, as may be required for the construction of a first class Graving Dock at Esquimalt."

2. A graving dock was duly built and completed on or about the year 1881 capable of docking such ships as were at that time sailing the Pacific Ocean, and

3. Since that time ships have increased in magnitude, so that the graving dock completed in 1881 is no longer capable of docking the larger ships of today, and

4. During the last ten years a large number of ships which would have been repaired at Esquimalt had not our old graving dock been too small and antiquated, were obliged to go to ports in the United States for repairs, costing in some individual instances as much as \$200,000, to the loss of the port of Esquimalt, and of the people of British Columbia, and

Canadian Pacific Railway Company

STEAMSHIP LINES. Skagway and way ports from Victoria, Jan. 12 and 26. Hoiberg and way ports, from Victoria, Jan. 20. Prince Rupert and Anyox (Granby Bay), from Vancouver, every Wednesday at 11 p.m. Ocean Falls and Swanson Bay, from Vancouver, every Thursday at 11 p.m.

Canadian Northern Railway

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Lv. Victoria (C.P.S.S.) 4:30 p.m. 1st day. Lv. Seattle (O-W.R.R. GN.) 11:15 p.m. 1st. Ar. Portland 6:45 a.m. 2d. Lv. Portland (S.P.Co.) 8:20 a.m. 2d. Ar. San Francisco 5:30 p.m. 3d. Ar. Los Angeles 1:40 p.m. 4th.

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PLANTING MINES

Passengers Arriving at New York. Declares Efforts Are Being Made to Stock British Ports. New York, Jan. 3.—Passengers arriving here on the Holland-American line steamship Nieuw Amsterdam say that German mines, containing exceptionally high explosives, have been planted close to all the large harbors in England, Scotland and Wales. They point to the experience of the Nieuw Amsterdam and their own narrow escape as confirmation.

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TANKER MAKES REPORT.

The tank steamer Imperoyal, of the Standard Oil fleet, which last week discharged part cargo at Toaco from Peru, reached Prince Rupert last night with distillate and gasoline.

WOULD EXTEND THE MOTORIZING PLAN

Chief Davis Suggests That Whole Department Could Be Motorized to Advantage

Chief Davis suggests in his annual report that it is the intention to motorize Nos. 4 and 7 stations, thus reducing the number of horses retained in the department.

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ing to the increased high cost of horse feed that No. 1 aerial truck be motorized by placing a front drive motor tractor under same, also that No. 3 and 6 horse drawn hose wagons be replaced with motors similar to that which is in service in No. 7 station, the amount realized on the sale of the fine horses and their maintenance could be placed to the credit of purchasing the above apparatus, which would then cost approximately \$4,625. If this recommendation is carried out, our whole department will be completely motorized, which will mean increased efficiency.

The cause of alarms during 1916 were as follows:—Back fire from motor, 2; boiler explosion, 1; boys and matches, 7; children and matches, 5; chimney on fire, 17; cigarette stubs, 4; cigar stubs, 2; coal oil stove exploding, 2; coals falling out of stove, 1; defective chimney, 1; defective fireplace, 5; electric wires, 3; electric iron, 1; ends of wooden joists in smoke flue, 1; false alarm rung in by unknown person, 10; false alarm over May-Oway system, 1; gasoline torch, 1; gasoline on fire, 1; grass fires, 64; hot ashes, 3; incendiary (suspected), 4; oil stove upsetting, 1; overheated stove, 2; overheated furnace pipe, 2; overheated fireplace, 2; overheated stovepipe, 5; overheated journal in shafting, 1; over-boiling of varnish pot, 1; over-boiling of sulphuric acid, 1; oily waste, 1; outside city limits, 20; phosphorus, 1; petroleum, 1; rags burning in garbage can, 1; rubbish burning, 2; spark from chimney, 38; spark from grate fire, 2; spark from burner, 1; spark from locomotive, 7; spark from smouldering fire, 1; spark from stove, 1; spontaneous combustion, 4; smoke scare, 6; smoking, 2; stovepipes on fire, 1; thawing out frozen water pipes, 1; unknown cause, 1—total alarms, 237.

During the year the department responded to 237 alarms, four less than that of 1915, of which 67 were box alarms and 164 were telephone alarms and 6 messenger. The total loss by fire to buildings and contents for the year 1916 amounted to \$29,980.68, being \$301 of an increase over that of 1915. Loss by fire on buildings with insurance paid, \$9,007.35; loss by fire on contents with insurance paid, \$11,616.32; loss by fire on buildings with no insurance, \$2,978; loss by fire on contents with no insurance, \$6,479; total, \$29,980.68.

RED CROSS REPORT FOR DECEMBER GOOD

Contributions of Cash and Kind for Last Month Excellent

Table listing contributions of cash and kind for the Red Cross Society for December 1916. Includes names like Mrs. Minnie's Red Cross class, Mrs. Parker Hilbert, Miss D. Miller, etc., and amounts.

at present being turned out in such large and necessary quantities for the ever increasing hospital requirements. Coupled with the heartiest of thanks for the splendid help rendered in every branch of the Red Cross activities is the earnest hope that the hands of the workers may be continuously strengthened by the faithfully renewed efforts and increased numbers both in committee and in voluntary aid.

The Hotel Metropolis. This new fireproof hotel, one of the best equipped and most beautifully appointed hotels in the city. Special Rates During the Winter Months. Hotel Metropolis, 712 Yates St., Phone 3506.

For Run-Down People Vinol Creates Strength. Weak, run-down, nervous men and women need Vinol because it contains the most famous reconstructive tonics in an agreeable and easily digested form:—Beef and Cod Liver Peptones, Iron and Manganese Peptonates, Glycerophosphates, etc. Full Formula on Every Bottle. D. E. CAMPBELL, DRUGGIST, VICTORIA, B.C.

Special Notice to Subscribers of the Times. As we, along with our contemporaries in the newspaper business all over the world, have had to contend with greatly increased costs, we are therefore reluctantly compelled to increase our rates for subscriptions from all out-of-town points. On and After Feb. 1, 1917 the rate for the Daily Times by mail to subscribers in Canada, Great Britain and possessions, will be \$4 Per Year. The Victoria Daily Times, Victoria, B.C.

Yes, Five Roses makes dainty, digestible doughnuts. Crisp and tender, light and free from grease—the kind the children look back upon and look forward to so longingly. Five Roses accustom your folks to quality in fried cakes. No common flour has that exclusive knack of producing just the right kind of dough that tastes like nuts, that bobs deliciously in the deep sizzling fat. Five Roses Flour for Breads-Cakes Puddings-Pastries. MAKE BETTER FRIED CAKES. Send for the FIVE ROSES Cook book.

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PROFESSIONAL CARDS

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AUTOMOBILES FOR HIRE

M.L.E. BARBARA FAY, pupil of Madam Phillip, receives pupils for Russian and Italian ballet, toe and classical dancing. Children carefully trained. For terms apply, 2-4 p. m., Room 34, St. Helena, Courtney street.

DANCING

DANCING CLASS for adults every Thursday evening 8 to 9:30; social dancing, 10 to 11:30, at Connaught Hall, Mrs. B.A. teacher. Phone 2281.

LABOR ON RESERVE

To the Editor:—Permit me to draw attention to your columns to the following:—The Editor and I have been approached by several old residents who are anxious to obtain work but are unable to do so.

RETIREMENT

Mr. Henry C. Helgesen was elected chairman and Mr. A. A. Coley as secretary-treasurer. The opportunity presented by this gathering was taken advantage of by officers of the 230th Forestry Battalion.

METCHOSIN FARMERS HOLD LARGE MEETING

Organization Formed With Henry C. Helgesen as President. On 29th ult. a meeting was called under the auspices of the Farmers' Institute at the Methosin hall to hear addresses on the need for the better organization of farmers.

CHIROPYDISTS: RADIANT HEAT BATHS, massage and chiropody. Mr. R. H. Barker, from the National Hospital, London, 211 Jones Building, Phone 3448. DENTISTS: DR. LEWIS HALL, Dental Surgeon, Jewel Block, cor. Yates and Douglas streets, Victoria, B. C. Telephone: Office, 557; Residence, 122.

SHOE REPAIRING: FOR SATISFACTION in shoe repairing try Arthur Hibbs, 418 Trousse Avenue, opposite Colophon Building, Phone 4162. SHOE REPAIRING promptly and neatly done, reasonably priced. H. White, 1817 Blanshard St., two doors from telephone office.

FOR SALE—ARTICLES: SOUTHALL, for stoves and ranges, cor. Yates and Quadra. Coils made and connected, exchanges made. Phone 4291-2. ALL BLACK SOIL and manure delivered. Phone 163.

EXCHANGE: LIST YOUR PROPERTY with me for exchange. Chas. T. Inglis, 57 Bayward Block, Phone 518. VICTORIA residential property, improved and vacant, to exchange for prairie land, Saskatchewan preferred. Phone 2281.

FOR SALE—LIVESTOCK: GOOD delivery horse for sale or hire, for harness or call at Dunsmuir Rooms, Fort St. HELP WANTED—FEMALE: WOMAN OR GIRL to pose to artist for portrait. Phone 138, Times.

ELIGIBLES: To the Editor, I have read with interest the effusion from the pen of "Returned," who evidently hopes to find that "the pen is mightier than the sword."

CLARION CALL OF SERVICE NO. 5: To the Editor, The enclosed letter from the pen of Mrs. G. S. Smith, published in one of the city papers, states a problem of no mean importance.

ENGRAVERS: HALF-TONE AND LINE ENGRAVING—Commercial work a specialty. Designs for advertising and business stationery. E. C. Engraving Co., Times Building. Orders received at Times Business Office. GENERAL ENGRAVER, stencil cutter, etc. W. H. G. Street, 1101-1103, 211 Wharf Street, behind Police Office.

TYPWRITERS: TYPEWRITERS—New and second-hand, repairs, rentals; ribbons for all machines. United Typewriter Co., Ltd., 722 Fort Street, Victoria, Phone 4794. VACUUM CLEANERS: HAVE THE AUTO VACUUM for your carpets. Satisfaction assured. Phone 4614.

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PERSONAL: There was a young lady of Keating, Who got ready at New Year for greeting; It was left at the door, And at midnight they found her still waiting.

WANTED—ACREAGE: WANTED—A ranch of 200 or more acres, cleared, with stock and machinery, everything to go, on an acre or cash rent. Call at 54 Bayward Bldg., city. 11.

NOTICE: Estate of Alexander Esson Evans, Late of Victoria, Deceased. All persons having claims against the estate of Alexander Esson Evans, late of Victoria, British Columbia, who were killed at the front on or before the 15th day of February, 1917, or before the 15th day of February, 1917, and whose claims were not presented to the Executor of the Estate of Alexander Esson Evans, are required to send particulars of their claims, duly verified, to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of February, 1917, after which date the executor will distribute the assets, having regard only to the claims of which notice has been given.

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FOR SALE—Target revolver, 22 cal., \$7.50; Winchester, 12 gauge, 12 shot, mandolin case, \$10; large, strong trunk \$20; set of harness, \$6; double wool blankets, \$2.50; Ford outfit, \$20; Newell's 20; Zamora field glass, \$20; leather top boots, \$10; \$1.50; Walshaw watches, \$6; carpet squares, \$2.50; iron beds, complete, \$1.50; pillows, 20 cents; bicycles, with new tires and mud guards, \$12.50; carbide, 15 cents per tin; pumpkins, 25 cents; oil lamps, 8 cents; English pump connections, 15 cents; tires, outer, any make, \$2.50; inner tubes, \$1.50; bicycle electric lamps, \$2.75; carbide lamps, \$2.25; Gillette safety razors, \$2.75; playing cards, 10 cents. All goods in this supply in stock. Expert bicycle repairing. Jacob Aaronson's new and second-hand store, 252 Johnson Street, Victoria, B. C. Phone 217. All work guaranteed. 1121 Government. 38

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Answers to Times Want Ads.

The following replies are waiting to be called for:

300, 410, 625, 651, 682, 686, 693, 778, 872, 850, 863, 967, 976, 986, 1080, 1104, 1212, 1411, 1529, 1534, 1545, 1655, 1655.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

DIGGONISMS—"Do not get into the habit of going round with your bristles up." Diagon Printing Co., 701 Yates street. Our show card writing department is now in charge of Mr. Trace, who guarantees you high-class work and quick service.

LETTERS and Canadian office and pocket diaries. T. N. Hibben & Co.

FULL LINE of Phillips' chocolates in boxes from 5c. up at Phillips', 1425 Government street.

THE UMBRELLA SHOP has removed to Mill Douglas. Covering and repairs. Waites & Knappton. Phone 2438.

BLANK BOOKS and office supplies. T. N. Hibben & Co.

WAY GO HOME TO EAT when you can get a nice, tasty lunch of four courses at the Vernon Cafe for 5c. Try it once and you will keep on trying it. Tables outside.

AGENTS for Admiralty charts. T. N. Hibben & Co.

FOR SALE—Good dry cordwood, 13 and 18 ft. blocks delivered, \$3.50. D. Lewis, 1687.

1817 PINE TABLES. T. N. Hibben & Co.

FOR RENT—Good, modern, cost \$250, 1000 sq. ft., all half-price. 1019 Douglas.

WHY IS IT so many people ask for Phillips' chocolates and candies? Because they are our own make and made fresh daily. Try them at Phillips', 1425 Government street.

WANTED—Lady bookkeeper and stenographer. Apply Fit Rita Clothing Store, corner Government and Yates streets.

WANTED—Five acres of good land within 5 miles of Victoria. State location and price when replying. Box 1203, Times.

EIGHT-ROOM, MODERN HOUSE, including curtains, blinds, linoleum, 115 months. 1523 Acton street.

LOST—Gold brooch, set with one pearl, Saturday evening, at Dominion Theatre or Blanshard street between Yates and Fern. Return to 1523 Acton street.

WANTED—Girl, as mother's help, sleep at home. Mrs. Barnard. Phone 6043.

OIL-PAINTING-PICTURES, musical instruments and furniture carefully cleaned and polished. Particulars, Box 139, Times.

WANTED—Girl, for house work. Phone 304X.

FIVE ROOMED APARTMENT, well furnished, modern conveniences; rent \$14 to careful tenant. Apply Lewis's Meat Market, or phone 2015, Fernwood road.

WANTED—Girl, for house work. Apply 425 Pary.

SEWING MACHINES—Fine stock of used machines to choose from, all guaranteed. 718 Yates.

GENT'S 24-INCH ENGLISH BICYCLE, lamp, bell, pump, tire carrier, etc., excellent condition; sacrifice \$15. Phone 2822, Suite 4.

FAIRALL'S BREWED GINGER BEER (non-alcoholic) is made from a rare old English recipe and is clean, beautiful and refreshing beverage; 50 cents per dozen pints. Phone 212.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in the social outlook of the world, read "The Unalterable Doom of Turkey" and "A New View of the Millennium," Old Victoria Theatre, January 11 and 12, 8 p.m. Admission free. Collection in aid of Sailors' Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

GRAPHOPHONES sold on easy payments. 718 Yates.

WANTED—Light roadboat, about 12 feet long, in good condition, cheap. Phone 6225, Times.

PLUMBING REPAIRS, sixty cents an hour. Standard Plumbing Co., Pandora, opposite City Hall. Phone 1915, 4525.

WANTED—At once, 1 or 2-room house in Oak Bay, Fairford or Fernwood, near the sea; price and terms must be right. Apply Box 624, Times.

FOR RENT—Furnished, seven roomed house, piano, furnace, Fairfield district, 5 minutes' car. Phone 3907, or call 308 Campbell Building.

NEW ENGLISH BABY HUGGY for sale, half-price. Ferris, 1419 Douglas.

SINGER MACHINES—A few used drop-heads at reduced prices. 718 Yates.

ADVERTISER, moving to town, will sell fine, beautifully situated and productive fruit ranch near city at price of unimproved land adjoining. Box 1271, Times.

A DANCE will be held in West Saanich Hall Saturday evening, January 6, under the auspices of West Saanich Women's Institute. Funds to be devoted to Red Cross and other patriotic purposes. Gentlemen, 50c.; ladies, 25c. Refreshments served.

FOR RENT—1626 Hollywood Crescent, 6 rooms, furnace, chicken run; monthly rental \$12.50. Apply Gillespie, Hart & Todd, 211 Fort street.

LUMBER, WINDOWS, FRAMES—Mill work done promptly. Lowest cash prices. We deliver. Green Lumber Co. Phone 451.

SINGER MACHINES for rent. 718 Yates. Phone 422.

BUILDING or repair work, carpenter, brick, concrete; reasonable charges or contract. R. A. Green, Phone 3591, 511.

LOST—Turquoise matrix ring. Reward. Phone 828.

CHILDREN'S DANCING CLASS re-opens Jan. 8 to 12, Saturday afternoon, Connaught Hall. Mrs. Boyd, teacher. Phone 2284.

WANTED—To rent or lease, with option to purchase, fruit and poultry ranch, or small dairy farm with stock, about 25 acres, with furnished house, near Victoria. Full particulars to Box 1207, Times.

THREE ROOMED HOUSE, partly furnished, Victoria West. Phone 3882.

LOST—White fox terrier, black spot on tail, named Colonel. Reward. Any harboring same will be prosecuted. Phone 1878R.

BORN.

BRIDGE—To Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Bridge, 249 Scott street on Dec. 31, a son.

DIED.

CROSSMAN—On the 3rd inst., at her home, 69 Edward street, Mrs. Alice Elizabeth Crossman, beloved wife of William Crossman. She deceased was 56 years of age and born in Lincolnshire, England, and for many years a resident in Langley Park, Durham, England, and a resident of this city for the past five years and six months. She leaves to mourn her loss, besides her husband, five sons and one daughter in this city, and two sons, a mother, three sisters and two brothers in England.

The funeral will take place on Saturday, the 6th inst., at 2 o'clock, from the above residence. Rev. Robert Connell will officiate. Interment Ross Bay cemetery.

IRWIN—On January 2, at the Jubilee Hospital, Mrs. W. Russell Irwin, eldest daughter of Mrs. Owens, 1024 McClure.

Funeral notice later.

POULTRY SHOW PROVES GREAT ATTRACTION

Nearly 800 Birds Are Being Shown at Market Building; Returned Soldiers' Exhibit

The poultry show of the Southern District Poultry Association, which is open to the public at the market building, is proving to be a huge success. The number of birds on exhibit is now close to the 800 mark, and the judges, consisting of H. D. Reid, J. P. Terry and H. Upton, who commenced their heavy task this morning, will undoubtedly be impressed, not only with the number of the exhibits, but also with the quality. Rhode Island Reds and Buff Orpingtons are taking a very conspicuous place among the heavy birds. Besides these there are a great number of Buttercup being shown, a breed which is beginning to rival the famous Leghorn for laying.

The show is a very representative one, as the small islands and the mainland are well represented, along with the local birds and those of Vancouver Island. The exhibit, including many homers, as well as several fancy breeds. The winner in the male and female exhibits of R. I. Reds, both old and young, is W. H. Williams, who made a clean sweep.

In the female entries of the Single Comb Reds, D. Nichol took the 1st and 3rd prizes, while W. Matthews, of this city, took 2nd prize. In the eckerles Mr. Matthews took 1st and 2nd and Mr. Nichol 3rd. In the cock birds, Mr. Nichol took 1st, Mr. Calvert 2nd and Mr. Matthews 3rd.

The show has the feature of having on exhibit one of the first Canadian bred fowls known as the New Ontario. This bird, a pea-combed White Rock, was bred from a light Brahma male crossed with a light Sussex white. The progeny were crossed with laced Red Cornish.

OBITUARY RECORD

The death occurred suddenly at Fort Langton, Wash., December 26, of Savannah, beloved wife of J. A. Fisher. Besides her husband, of Fort Langton, Wash., she leaves one son, Fred Thersault, of Victoria, to mourn her loss. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Sidney Thos. James, pastor, at the parlors of the Episcopal church, at the parlors of the crematory, Mt. Pleasant cemetery, Seattle, Wash., December 28. The hymns "Lead Kindly Light" and "Nearer My God to Thee" were sung by Miss H. P. Libbey. The deceased lady had many friends in Victoria who will be sorry to hear of her sudden death.

The death occurred at noon to-day of George Alexander, the seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wise, of 484 Head street, Esquimalt. The funeral will take place on Friday next from Sand's funeral chapel, the Rev. A. A. Maclean officiating. Ross Bay will be the place of interment.

The funeral of the late Richard Drake, whose death occurred last Friday, took place yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the late residence, 847 Broughton street, a quarter of an hour later services being held at Christ Church-Cathedral. The following were the pallbearers: Messrs. W. Duck, J. Meeson, W. W. Lang, W. Chambers, C. Duvalle and C. S. F. Deacon.

The funeral of Herbert Barrington Elworthy, five-days' old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Elworthy, of 2920 Prior street, took place this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Company, Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick officiating.

The death occurred this morning at the Jubilee Hospital of Mrs. Russell Irwin, daughter of Mrs. Owen, of 1024 McClure street. The funeral arrangements are in the hands of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Company.

PERSONAL.

Hon. William Sloan, minister of mines, returned to the city this afternoon from a trip on official business.

Parker Williams, M. P. P. for New-Castle, and Mrs. Williams are down from Ladysmith and are now at the Dominion hotel.

J. E. W. Thompson, M. P. P. for Grand-Fork, is in the city to-day and is registered at the Empress. He made a call on the premier and some of the other ministers this afternoon.

A marriage has been arranged and will shortly take place between Anita, eldest daughter of J. A. de Macedo (late consul for Portugal in Leeds, England), of Victoria, and Mr. George Chapman, of Ansox, B. C.

TEST OF STRENGTH IN SAANICH CONTEST

Certainty Now of Fight for Reeveship; Saanichton Meeting Will Be Interesting

The Saanich municipal election contest promises to be one of the most interesting in this district. While it will not rival the celebrated contest of 1914, when two straight tickets were placed in nomination, it will be a struggle affording considerable attraction. At a public meeting held in Ward V. last evening ex-Reeve Nicholson announced his candidacy for the chair again. He was six years on the council, four as reeve. The announcement, although not unexpected, took some members of the council by surprise.

Reeve McGregor had spoken first, and outlined the work of the past year, indicating that in spite of the general financial situation, the municipality was in good condition. The reeve stated that there was about \$100,000 of delinquent taxes due to the municipality, and that \$20,000 was pledged to pay off an overdraft due to shortage on the water frontage levy.

Councillor Borden, the other candidate for reeve, gave a brief outline of his policy, and Councillor Grant, the retiring representative, made a report on the year's work.

Mr. Nicholson criticized the expenditures made by the council in the past three years, and the methods adopted, comparing the conditions to-day with what they were three years ago when he left office.

At a meeting prior to this gathering Mr. Nicholson's candidacy had been endorsed, and that of James Fin, former road superintendent of the municipality, for councillor for the ward. The proceedings to-morrow at Saanichton, when the candidates will be speaking in Ward VI, are likely to be very interesting. Reeve McGregor thinks the remarks of Mr. Nicholson comments on his administration, and will make a reply.

Councillor Tanner may be expected to be nominated at the meeting. He is a leading fruit-grower of the district, has been in the legislature, and is regarded by his neighbors as a model public representative owing to his impartiality and fair-mindedness.

In Ward I there is a meeting this evening, at which the name of Councillor Borden will be submitted for endorsement. The attitude of the Saanich Central Ratepayers' Association to the contest is the most important feature of the election. Created by those who opposed the Nicholson administration, it was formerly the most powerful municipal organization in the district. There have, however, been many changes in its personnel, but on the whole, while critical of details, the association has generally supported the policy of the McGregor administration, at any rate where its executive thought it was acting in the public interest, particularly in the construction of the waterworks.

As is the custom, it is intended to hold a meeting of the association on the evening of nomination day, when a ticket for the council and school board will be endorsed from the electors nominated to office. Meanwhile members of the executive of the association have not been idle.

FOUR SOLDIERS ON VANCOUVER BOAT

Returned Men Have Been Enjoying Furlough on Mainland

There were four returned soldiers on the afternoon boat from Vancouver to-day, all of whom came through from the east about a week ago, but were granted a short furlough before crossing over to Victoria to report at the Convalescent hospital, in order that they might visit friends and relatives on the mainland. The men are: Pte. J. A. Giv, who went away with the 6th Battalion, saw four months' service in Flanders, and was returned to this country because of over age.

PROVINCE FACES THIRD PAYMENT OF INTEREST

Pacific Great Eastern Defaults Once More in Meeting Its Charges

When the general election campaign was on the late minister of finance, Mayor Stewart, was asked if the government had paid any interest on the Pacific Great Eastern railway bonds in July last. Whatever the reason may have been, the fact is that he did not give any reply to the questions put to him at meetings and in the press.

As a matter of fact the province did pay \$316,016.90 on account of the interest due on July 15, payment of which was guaranteed by the province, which guarantee had to be made good upon the company defaulting in payment.

This was the second time default was made. The amount, due for interest on January 15 of last year, was not met by the company and the last government had to make it good out of the provincial revenues. No intimation of what had happened was given to parliament, and the fact would probably never have been known until the new government got in if it were not for the question asked by Mr. Macdonald on March 24 in the legislature.

It then became known for the first time that the provincial exchequer had been called upon to the tune of \$316,016.90. There is a third instalment of interest due on Monday, January 15, which will approximate \$320,000. The company has notified the provincial government that for the third time it will have to make default. This sum will have to be provided for by the government out of a practically empty treasury.

LEONOR AND OREGON ADMIRALTY CASES

Order of Mr. Justice Cassels, of Ottawa, Returned to Him

The case of the Leonor and Oregon came up again this morning in the Exchequer Court of Canada in prize before the Honorable Mr. Justice Martin, local judge in admiralty. Mr. A. Luxton, K. C., counsel for the proper officer of the crown, and Mr. W. H. Bullock-Webster, counsel for claimants.

Mr. Webster presented an application in respect of the Leonor for the crown to deliver particulars of the grounds for claiming condemnation of the ship and goods laden therein. Mr. Luxton, on behalf of the crown, read the order of Mr. Justice Cassels, of Ottawa, transferring the proceedings to a court in England, and claimed that this court had no jurisdiction in the matter. Mr. Justice Martin, however, would not give notice of the ruling retaining the opinion that this court had full jurisdiction. His lordship, therefore, ordered the registrar to return the order referred to by Mr. Luxton to Ottawa.

A second application presented by Mr. Bullock-Webster was for the release and restoration to the claimant of goods laden in the ship, or as an alternative the fixing of a date for the trial on the probability of the crown, as indicated by Mr. Luxton, releasing the goods if time for instructions to be received was given. Mr. Luxton was consequently given until the 13th to state what the crown was prepared to do.

The third application was that claimants have an inspection of the contents of the ship papers filed with the registrar. By consent an order was given that the said packages be opened in the presence of the solicitors of the different parties.

The application in respect of the Oregon dealt with the release and restoration of the ship to the owners and the release of the claimants of the proceeds of the sale of the goods disposed of by the marshal. An order was made for particulars of the crown's grounds for condemnation of the ship and cargo to be delivered to the claimants not later than 22nd inst. His lordship made the order that the crown deliver particulars asked for by Mr. Webster on or before February 3, next.

PREMIER WILL GO ON TO OTTAWA TO-MORROW

Attends a Conference in Regard to Provision for Returned Soldiers

Hon. H. C. Brewster, premier of the province, will leave to-morrow to attend the conference of provincial representatives in Ottawa in reference to the treatment of returned soldiers.

This is a matter in which the premier has taken a keen interest as a citizen, apart from his position as first minister of the province, and he will be a force for good in the coming conference.

The conference will be held in the national capital on Wednesday next, January 10, and it will be attended by representatives of all the provinces, all of which are equally interested in the provisions which are being made for the returning soldiers.

FINANCIAL WORRIES OVER UNTIL MARCH

Finance Minister Makes Excellent Arrangements for Remainder of Year

The provincial government, it is learned, has made very satisfactory arrangements through the minister of finance with its bankers, the Canadian Bank of Commerce, for advances which will enable the affairs of the province to be carried on until the end of the fiscal year on March 31.

It was not desired by the government to negotiate a loan at this time, and the arrangements which Hon. Ralph Smith has been able to make justify this course, even if there were no other reasons rendering a loan inadvisable just now.

The terms under which the minister has arranged for advances are such that the province gets the convenience at a cost of something under two per cent. When it is remembered that in the past former governments have had to pay five per cent. for these temporary loans it will be seen what an excellent arrangement Hon. Mr. Smith has made.

Coming into office to find a treasury whose emptiness was only emphasized by the paucity sum left in it, not the least of the new government's worries was the financing of the province for the remainder of the fiscal year. This having now been provided for in so satisfactory a manner, the executive is left free of one trouble to face the many problems with which it has to deal.

EXTRAVAGANCE MUST BE FULLY EXPLAINED

Agent General's Office Has to Tell What It is Doing for the Money Spent

It is understood that the government is not satisfied with the financial calls that come in from the office of the agent-general in London.

The minister of finance, Hon. Ralph Smith, when the first vouchers came before him for payment of the accounts for that office, raised the question of the bona fides of the accounts which were being sent in.

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ADVERTISEMENT. A public meeting under the auspices of the Civic Retrenchment Association will be held in the old Victoria Theatre on Thursday, Jan. 4. The chair will be taken by the President of the Association, Mr. F. J. O'Reilly, at 8 o'clock sharp, when Messrs. Porter and Todd, the Mayorality candidates, who have signified their intentions to be present, will be requested to give their views upon the following questions: 1. In view of the fact that according to the Comptroller's statement, the Civic Taxes are some \$2,865,000 in arrears, by what means do you propose to overcome this deficiency? 2. Will you advocate having a new assessment of the City made on a basis of population; many of the important cities of the continent are so assessed, and it would appear to be a reasonable way, if not, what other basis would you suggest? 3. Would you advocate a City census being taken, so that an assessment upon the basis of population could be arrived at? 4. Will you advocate having balance sheets of the City's finances, for the years 1913-14-15-16 prepared by the Auditor and Comptroller, and published in the local press and submitted to some recognized authorities on civic finances, in order to arrive at a solution of the difficult position of the taxpayers? 5. What method do you propose to advocate in dealing with delinquent taxes? 6. Will you advocate the question of revising the Municipal Act so as to rehabilitate the status of property owners in the protection they are entitled to? 7. What expenses were incurred by the city this year in connection with the Union of Municipalities? 8. If elected will you advocate that no amendment affecting the City of Victoria be proposed to the Legislative Assembly by the Union of Municipalities, without the knowledge of the ratepayers? 9. If elected as Mayor will you pledge yourself to the strictest economy in municipal affairs, such as you would use in your own business? All ratepayers and members of this association are invited to be present.

NEW BATTALIONS FORMED IN ENGLAND. London, Jan. 3.—New battalions are being formed in England on the territorial basis. Men from the same Canadian districts are being collected from various camps for the purpose. Officers at the front have long urged this, asserting that the men work and fight better when associated together with men of the same locality. HAWAII LURES SWIMMER. Lady Langer, of the Los Angeles A. C., holder of several world's swimming records, has settled down in Honolulu, where his parents have now joined him. He will hereafter wear the colors of the Hui Nalu, the club represented by Kahanamoku, Krueger, Cunha and most of the other leading Hawaiian watermen. DAVID THE REVOLTER. As a boy he led a revolt against the catechism, and as a man he became prime minister of the United Kingdom. Between the revolt in the Welsh school house and the revolt of the war office, in Whitehall, lies the career of the new prime minister. It is a story which might be summed up by adapting the great saying of Dante, himself one of the greatest of fighters, "Battle, and then battle, and always battle." The boy who revolted against the catechism grew into the man who rebelled against what he considered a lack of energy in the prosecution of the great war. Of course there were innumerable battles between the two incidents, battles which brought him into conflict with the church in Wales, battles which brought him into conflict with the land owners of England, battles which earned for him the sobriquet of "Lime-house," battles which ended in that tremendous wrestle, which finally overthrew the unlimited veto of the House of Lords. Of course, if you attempt to estimate the career of a man like Mr. Lloyd George, you will come in contact with estimates so discordant that you will be left wondering how the human mind can see the same things so discordantly, but of all the discord in his extraordinary career the most wonderful, perhaps, of all is the first cabinet he has formed.—Christian Science Monitor.

Quebec, Jan. 3.—That some of the nickel and copper stolen from the Quebec arsenal was sold in Toronto was made known to-day at the inquiry of the court of special session when it was stated by Jack Filch, manager of the Quebec Scrap Metal, that he had sold to J. P. Scott of Toronto, 20,496 pounds of scrap metal from the arsenal which he said he received from the group of men actually under trial here for the nickel thefts. Filch said he was paying 12 1/2 and 13 cents per pound for the scrap, selling it on the Montreal market for 14 cents a pound, and that Scott came to Montreal one morning offering 20 cents per pound. "I certainly grabbed the offer," said Filch in the witness box. Detectives have traced nickel and copper stolen from the arsenal to Montreal and Toronto, but so far it seems the authorities have been unable to establish whether or not some of the scrap found its way to the American market and thence presumably to the holds of some German submarine leaving the American coast for Bremen. FRENCH RIDER KILLED. Paris, Jan. 3.—Emil Etjol, the French cyclist, who twice won the world's short-distance championship, and was three times sprint cycling champion of France, has been killed in action on the Somme. He had done good service as a dispatch rider on his motor cycle.

LOCAL NEWS

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Red Cross Tea.—The Red Cross committee of arden City Women's Institute held a Red Cross tea and comfort shower at the home of Mrs. Birkett, Jasmine avenue, December 27. A dressed doll with wardrobe complete, which was generously given by Mrs. Foster, was raffled, the winning ticket being No. 1. An impromptu but enjoyable programme of music was kindly furnished by Messdames Harrison and Thompson and Miss Rowland. Home-made candy was sold and refreshments served. Despite rather unfavorable weather conditions the afternoon was a great success, both socially and financially, resulting in four comfort-bags and \$27.75 in cash.

PALL MALL GAZETTE IS PREMIER'S ORGAN

Sir Henry Dalziel Buys Journal Which Will Be Government's Mouthpiece

London, Jan. 2.—(By Arthur S. Draper)—A sensation has been created in inner newspaper circles by the purchase of the Pall Mall Gazette, one of the highest class evening journals in London, by Sir Henry Dalziel, proprietor of Reynolds's Newspaper and leader of the ginger group, whose influence was so powerful in bringing about the retirement of Premier Asquith and the succession of Lloyd George.

The step definitely marks the acquisition of a powerful newspaper organ by the new premier. Henceforth, it is expected, the Pall Mall Gazette will serve as the mouthpiece for Lloyd George as, in past years, the Westminster Gazette has been the known purveyor of the opinions of Mr. Asquith. The Gazette, in short, will be the voice of the new administration.

The Gazette has had a long line of distinguished editors. It was perhaps the most familiar to America of these eminent journalists. Lord Morley, Lord Milner and J. E. Garvin, now the brilliant editor of the Sunday Observer, have also directed the policies of the paper.

Sir Henry Dalziel, who, it is expected, will assume active control of the Gazette, is widely known for his newspaper connections. He has divided honors with Lord Northcliffe in the recent momentous changes in the British government.

QUEBEC JUDGES SIGN REGISTRATION CARDS

Montreal, Jan. 2.—Distribution of national service cards commenced here this week. Among the first to sign them were two prominent French-Canadians, Jacques Fortin and Lamotte, who filled out the cards immediately they were received at their chambers. Bouches has already announced his intention to sign the card on presentation.

"I will sign myself the national service card. I hope all my priests will sign as well, and I hope this same act of patriotism will be performed by our citizens generally," was the declaration made by Archbishop Bruchet, while addressing the members of the regular and secular clergy on New Year's Eve.

Monseigneur Bruchet assured his clergy that it was the duty of the faithful to obey authority; he authorized civil or religious, and in this connection he had strongly urged them to sign the cards which will be sent them shortly. This act of patriotism had nothing to do, he said, with conscription, but was simply an effort of the authorities to obtain the resources of the nation. Should conscription become an absolute necessity in this time of stress throughout the land it would be discussed and judged on its merits alone.

STEAMER NESTORIAN WRECKED

London, Jan. 2.—The British steamer Nestorian is a total loss. All the members of the crew were saved.

The Nestorian left Galveston for Liverpool on Dec. 13. She is a freight vessel, owned by F. Leyland & Co., based from Liverpool and is of 6,395 gross tons.

The omission from the foregoing dispatch of the locality where she was wrecked probably is due to the British government's ban on shipping reports.

MONTREAL PAPERS SUSPEND PUBLICATION

Action of Shareholder Causes Trouble; Officials Issue Statement

Montreal, Jan. 3.—Somewhat of a sensation was caused in newspaper circles this morning when the following announcement appeared in the Montreal Daily Mail at the top of the editorial column:

"This will be the last issue of the Daily Mail under its present control and the undersigned disclaim responsibility for the further publication of the paper and for anything appearing in it.

The Evening News will not be issued again under its present ownership and editorship. The difficulties which render this course necessary had their inception in the unexpected and as yet unexplained action of one of the shareholders, who, up to the time of his withdrawal, professed complete satisfaction with their policies of civic reform and independent views on public affairs. The situation culminated a few days ago in a request made for the power of sale of the property to parties whose names were not disclosed.

The announcement goes on to state that the shareholders of the paper had refused to consider a sale until the tramways franchise matter was settled. Then after citing the difficulties of conducting newspapers under war conditions it says: "But the continuation involved a capital outlay which the company, under the circumstances already alluded to, was unable to furnish."

The announcement is signed by H. A. Dorsey, a director; M. E. Nichols, president and managing director, and B. A. McNab, vice-president and editor. The editorial staffs of the Daily Mail and Evening News received the following notification this morning, signed by A. M. Dewar, news editor:

"In accordance with the editorial in the Daily Mail of this morning, the staffs are discharged from yesterday's date.

Each member of the staffs received personal assurance that they would be paid in full as soon as office arrangements can be completed, which will be in the shortest possible space of time.

President Nichols is to meet the Linotype operators and other employees to-night and it is stated an attempt will be made to reorganize the company. There is a well-defined rumor that the cause of the suspension of the papers resulted from W. D. Reid, of Newfoundland, one of the heaviest shareholders, desiring to sell out and refusing to advance any more money. No further statements, however, are forthcoming from the officials of the company. Messrs. Dorsey, Nichols and McNab are said to hold the majority of the stock of the company. The Evening News was not published to-day, and it was stated at the company's office that the Daily Mail had suspended publication.

MILLIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE

London, Jan. 3.—Estimates of the number of men who will be made available for military service when the system of substitution for munitions work and essential industries is in force vary from 2,500,000 to 4,000,000. At the same time the output of military necessities will be increased far out of proportion to any anticipated demands.

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MILLIONS NOW ARE FACING STARVATION

Central Powers Have Difficult Task in Feeding Their Armies

RULER OF HUNGARY WILL PRESS FOR PEACE

London, Jan. 3.—The Morning Post publishes the following, dated December 26, from its Budapest correspondent: "Taking for granted that the peace offer of the central powers and the efforts of neutrals will fail to bring about a speedy end of the war, the question arises how long the central powers will be able to hold out. Settling aside military considerations, it is evident we are within measurable distance of the limit of endurance of the much-suffering peoples.

"But supposing, by imposing severe restrictions on the people, the central powers should succeed in quieting them until the end of June, how is the population increased. It must be borne in mind, by some 25,000,000 mouths in the occupied regions to be fed during the months of July and August? For by that time, according to statisticians, not a grain of wheat or maize will be left. Even if the spoils of Roumania should afford some relief, which is a most questionable supposition, there will thus be two months to be bridged over before the earliest crops can be harvested, and in that period starvation on a scale hitherto unknown in the world, save perhaps in India, will present itself.

"When it comes to that, of course, peace will have to be made on terms. The feeding of the army is the main concern of the central powers, not that of the population, as may be imagined; yet even this can not be continued for more than another six months, even allowing for the fact that the Austro-Hungarian forces behind the front are on half-rations, and that very soon, in all probability, all the men on the western front will fare no better. The fact is the time has come when the question of feeding the army even gives rise to the gravest apprehension. Although the peasantry and landowners have been stripped of everything in the way of cereals, the army has not enough food to carry it through the winter. Local authorities in different districts have petitioned the government to supply food for distribution among the poor, but the government can do nothing, for the military authorities are supreme.

"Even if a peace conference were called together to-morrow, peace would probably still be some months off, and it is not at all probable that the blockade would be raised in the meantime. That is to say, while negotiations were in progress.

"Under these circumstances, the central powers have but a very limited time in which to bring about an understanding as regards the conference itself. The people are already desperate. It is rumored that after his coronation as king of Hungary the new emperor-king will take the question of peace in hand and go to Berlin to discuss the position with the kaiser.

"The newspapers express great hopes of his energetic will to attain this end, and if these hopes are well founded, as it is generally believed here, some most unexpected events may be in store for the peoples of the central powers."

TWO TOWNS ARE TAKEN BY GERMANS

Matchin and Jinilai, in Northern Dobruzja, in Hands of Invaders

Berlin, Jan. 3.—The towns of Matchin and Jinilai, in northern Dobruzja, have been captured, it is announced officially.

On the Moldavian front yesterday strong attacks were made by Russo-Roumanian forces. To-day's official announcement says the assaults failed with heavy losses to the attackers. The towns of Darsescl and Topescl, as well as several hill positions, were captured by the Teutonic forces.

In the interior of Roumania the Russians and Roumanians have been driven back west and south of Fokkany, and the invaders are now in front of the fortified Russian position. In Dobruzja the Russians are resisting vigorously, but have been driven back further.

PRINCE KILLED IN BATTLE

Amsterdam, Jan. 3.—Berlin newspapers to-day announce the death of Prince Friedrich zu Fuerstenberg, who was killed on the battlefield in Roumania.

Prince Friedrich was born at Donaueschingen, in Baden, April 27, 1858. He was the third son of Prince Maximilian Eugen zu Fuerstenberg, the head of the Fuerstenberg house, which is one of the most prominent in Germany.

SALVATION ARMY'S EMIGRATION PLANS

Official Preparing to Send Large Number of Women to Canada

London, Jan. 3.—The Salvation Army is quietly developing its plans for the emigration of women to Canada this summer, though Commissioner Lamb indicates the assertion of a western newspaper that \$1,000,000 be spent on 1,500,000 women. This, he says, would make the ridiculous average of 75 cents per head, in these times of high war freight, too.

Commissioner Lamb says the army has no immediate intentions of wholesale emigration and will proceed only as the need arises. Colonel Jacobs, newly-appointed Salvation Army secretary in Canada, with headquarters in Montreal, will centralize these and other army activities in the British dominions and the provincial governments are being strongly urged by the army to centralize the various plans for ex-soldiers land settlements as the only means of attaining the fullest efficiency with economy.

ALLIES REPLY TO PRESIDENT WILSON

Note Will Deal at Length With Principles of Nationalities

London, Jan. 3.—The Daily Telegraph's diplomatic correspondent writes: "In some press comment cabled from abroad stress is laid on the point that in the document just forwarded to Washington the allies enlarge on many reasons which oblige them to meet, by a stern refusal, the German peace proposal, but fail to give a comprehensive idea of what their own proposals would be. The approach is not entirely well founded, as in the note issued on Saturday night it is found a very clear assertion of the principles of nationalities.

"Moreover, I have reason to believe that when the reply of the allies to President Wilson is made known, nothing at all will be left of the above criticism. It is understood that the allies will prove themselves as candid and sincere on the positive as on the negative side of their policy, and that the practical meaning of the principles of nationalities will be explained by them in all its consequences.

"Italy, Roumania and Serbia, all countries having large national territories to redeem, have already been informed what are the aims of the allied governments, but instead of the small change we shall have the full coin under the form of a very full manifesto."

SPENT THREE MONTHS WITH FRENCH FORCES

Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett Says Armies Well Supplied With Munitions

New York, Jan. 3.—Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett, the English war correspondent, has arrived here after spending three months with the French forces on the Somme and at Verdun. He said that the French troops had any amount of ammunition and supplies when he left the front three weeks ago, and the men were in excellent condition and spirits.

"I stick to my original opinion, printed over a year ago," Mr. Ashmead-Bartlett said, "that there will be no cessation of hostilities before October, 1917, if then. Some of the pessimists in high places in England say the war will last another five years, but I cannot conceive that could be possible."

CLAIM BATTLESHIP WAS TORPEDOED

Berlin, Jan. 3.—A dispatch to the Zurich Post from Milan reports that the French battleship Verite has been torpedoed by a German submarine near Malta, says an Overseas News agency announcement to-day. The Verite, badly damaged, is lying near the port of Malta, the dispatch adds.

FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE

Paris, Jan. 3.—Following similar action on the part of Great Britain, the French government has appointed Robert de Billy, formerly counselor of the French embassy at Rome, as French diplomatic agent to the government set up by Premier Venizelos, of Greece.

GERMANY MUST MAKE PEACE SOON

Berlin Paper Pictures Internal Position and Attacks Gospel of Force

London, Jan. 3.—A dispatch to the Daily News from Rotterdam says:

"The most significant of all the new year articles in the German press is that of Vorwaerts, entitled, 'Peace Year—1917.' It gives an amazingly frank picture of Germany's internal position, attacks the Prussian gospel of force, and declares the task for the future is to find the road from war socialism to peace socialism. Admitting that it requires courage to describe 1917 as the peace year, the paper says:

"Already mortally wounded, the beast of war roars aloud once more. His death agony will perhaps last for months, and we shall have to carry on the struggle, but it must be in a double sense a struggle in defence against the enemy and a struggle for peace.

"The year 1917 will be the greatest in the world's history, for it will again bring us peace."

"It is quite clear Vorwaerts is really saying that Germany will have to make peace soon. It defies the annexationists and militarists in this declaration: 'Peace must be grounded on recognition that treaty rights are more important than rights of possession. We will want a Germany—not a Germany which, by a clumsy-militarist policy, creates for itself lasting enemies at home and on all sides—but a Germany of peace and friendship. Politicians have neither inwardly nor outwardly the strength to put through their objects. Had they, would it be their pride to bring about the ruin of the empire?'"

"We have learned by suffering and we do not wish again to call forth this fate which this time was fended off with stupendous sacrifices. After the revolutions in foreign policy have quieted down, then revolutions in economic and home politics will become the centre point of our state consciousness."

"This is how Vorwaerts pictures the Germany of to-day: 'We are an isolated state, whose male population is for the greater part, in the economic sense, having a holiday. Gold is shut in the imperial bank, a stupendous mass of paper money is in circulation, the public debt has attained a height which the most fantastic romancer before the war would have shrunk from, our fields have gone dry, building activity is stopped.'"

GERMANY RECEIVES REPLY

Amsterdam, Jan. 3.—According to the German newspapers, the reply of the central allies to the peace proposals of the central powers and their allies was presented to the foreign office in Berlin on Monday by the Swiss minister to Germany.

STRONG UNDERTONE IN WHEAT MARKET

Chicago, Jan. 3.—The wheat market again was decidedly strong with a strong undertone. The strength of this market today could be attributed to commission houses again being in the market, and also Broomhall International Review being bullish and shorts having to cover, causing May wheat to close six points higher than yesterday's close, closing half a point from its high point of the day. Corn also was very strong, May corn selling within a quarter of the dollar at the close. Oats advanced three and a quarter points. Total visible wheat, 59,254,000; last year, 67,311,000; corn, 5,338,000; against 8,919,000; oats, 4,819,000, against 2,985,000.

NEW YORK CURB PRICES

Ariz. Copperfields	95 1/2	Askec
Can. Copper	10	12
Crown Reserve	40	40
Em. Phos.	40	40
Goldfield	70	75
Hedley Gold	20	24
Hollinger	40	40
Howe Sound	75	80
Submarine	28	28
Succinea	45	50
Tonapah	40	40
Yukon	20	24
United Verde Ext.	35	38
Tonapah Ext.	40	44
Mason Valley	50	56

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Jan.	17.21	17.21	17.22	17.22-23
March	17.65	17.66	17.41	17.35-54
May	17.92	17.92	17.68	17.76-78
Jul.	17.92	17.96	17.75	17.81-83
Oct.	16.29	16.62	16.47	16.59-59

NEW YORK SUGAR

Jan.	17.21	17.21	17.22	17.22-23
March	17.65	17.66	17.41	17.35-54
May	17.92	17.92	17.68	17.76-78
Jul.	17.92	17.96	17.75	17.81-83
Oct.	16.29	16.62	16.47	16.59-59

METAL MARKET

New York, Jan. 3.—Lead, \$1.067 1/2; spot, quiet; East St. Louis delivery, 9 1/2. At London: Lead, £20 10s; 5 spliter, £20 10s. Copper dull; electrolytic, first, second and third quarters, \$29.82 1/2; nominal; iron steady; tin, 50¢; changed. Tin steady; spot, \$12.50; 100 lb. London; spot copper, \$13 1/8; futures, \$13 1/8; electrolytic, \$13 1/8; spot tin, \$31 1/2; futures, \$31 1/2.

NEW YORK SUGAR

New York, Jan. 3.—Raw sugar steady; centrifugal, \$2.75; molasses, \$4.40; refined steady; fine granulated, \$6.75.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

MONTREAL STOCKS INDUSTRIAL SHARES
SHOW ADVANCES

United States Steel Leads Market; Bullish Sentiment in New York

(By Burdick Brothers, Limited.)
Montreal, Jan. 3.—The local market gained strength throughout the day and there was every appearance of steady buying. The steel shares and Canada Car issues showed the most strength, but the gains were well distributed throughout the list. It is planned to delay the publication of the Canada Car statement until after the completion of the Russian order, when a favorable showing is anticipated. As in New York the close in the local market was practically at the best of the day.

High	Low	Close
Ames Holden	22 1/2	23 1/2
Bell Telephone	47 1/2	47 1/2
Brazilian Traction	47 1/2	47 1/2
B. C. Fish	60	60
C. P. R.	104 1/2	104 1/2
Can. Cement	60	60
Can. Pac. Ry.	60	60
Can. Car Fdy.	44 1/2	44 1/2
Do., pref.	60	60
Can. S. S. Co.	27 1/2	27 1/2
Do., pref.	34	34 1/2
Can. Locomotive	24 1/2	24 1/2
Can. Gen. Elec.	12 1/2	12 1/2
Civic Inv. & Ind.	81 1/2	81 1/2
Cons. M. & S.	24 1/2	24 1/2
Detroit United	127 1/2	127 1/2
Dom. Bridge	168	168
Dom. L. & S.	70	70 1/2
Dom. Textile	81 1/2	81 1/2
Lake of Woods Milling	119	119
Laurentide Co.	191	191
Laurentide Power	60	60
Local Constn Co.	60 1/2	60 1/2
Maple Leaf Milling	103 1/2	103 1/2
Montreal Tram	41	41
MacDonald Co.	15	15
N. S. Steel	123	123
Ogilvie Milling Co.	149 1/2	149 1/2
Ontario Power	56	56
Quebec Railway	34 1/2	34 1/2
Riordan Paper	127	127
Shawinigan	121	120
Spanish River Pulp	18	18
Do., pref.	20	20
Stock of Can.	60 1/2	60 1/2
Do., pref.	100	100
Toronto Railway	40	41
Town City Elec.	90	90
Wayside Elec.	90	90
Wayside Pulp	90	90
Dom. War Loan	90	90
Dom. War Loan (new)	90	90
Brompton	51	51
Forge	20	20

TO-DAY'S TRADING IN THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, Jan. 3.—Wheat closed 32¢ higher for May and 4¢ higher for July. Oats closed 2¢, barley was up 4¢, and flax closed 1¢ lower.

The local close was very strong with our prices near the high points of the day. Wheat up ten cents in two days calls for strong markets. The second day's session of 1917 displayed an exceptionally firm undertone. Strong buying for the best account in the morning saw the waverling floor to the bull side, and wheat went steadily higher. Commission firms and government interests were the principal buyers. There is a renewed outside interest appearing. The general tendency of the country buying after the holidays is being fulfilled this year as usual. In the cash market a better tone prevailed, though tin trade was limited. Eastern buyers took some top grade wheat which showed a better premium. Low grades were unchanged. Oats was also in good demand. Barley and flax were very dull. Offerings were light in all grains.

Wheat—Open, Close, 194-195 190 1/2
July markets 182 183 180 1/2
Oats—182 183 180 1/2
Barley—60 61 60 1/2
May 100 100 1/2
Flax—270 270
S. P. 270 270
Cash prices: Wheat—1 No., 182; 2 No., 182; No. 3, 182; No. 4, 163; No. 5, 142; No. 6, 112; feed, 84.
Oats—2 C. W., 52; 3 C. W., 52; extra 1 feed, 52; 1 feed, 52; 2 feed, 52.
Barley—No. 3, 93; No. 4, 93; rejected, 62; feed, 72.
Flax—1 N. W. C., 294; 2 C. W., 250.

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Sugar—New York, Jan. 3.—Raw sugar steady; centrifugal, \$2.75; molasses, \$4.40; refined steady; fine granulated, \$6.75.

Stocks—New York, Jan. 3.—With U. S. Steel leading to-day's market industrial shares gained from one to four points. Rails were neglected. Coppers showed strength and scored a slight advance. Dow Jones reports Midvale on a 6 per cent. basis, with earnings for the fiscal year \$1,513,000, with a surplus of over thirty-two million dollars. There are persistent rumors that at the next meeting of U. S. Steel directors, 4 per cent. extra will be declared. Bullish sentiment seems to be inspired by the rumors that the allies have been buying wheat and look forward to a continuation of the war. Call loans, 2 1/2 per cent.

High, Low, Bid, Ask
Allis-Chalmers 284 278 28
Ann. Beet Sugar 98 94 97 1/2
Ann. Can 504 47 504
Ann. Car & Foundry 609 673 604
Ann. Ice Securities 274 214 214
Ann. Locomotive 274 284 274
Ann. Smelting 1064 1054 1071
Ann. Steel Foundry 67 621 621
Ann. Sugar 112 113 112
Ann. Woolen 462 451 464
Ann. Tel. & Tel. 1254 1254 1254
Ann. Zinc 274 284 274
Anaconda 812 804 814
Atlantic 104 104 104
Atlantic Gulf 118 118 119
B. & O. 812 814 814
Baldwin Loco. 62 60 61 1/2
Bethlehem Steel 519 504 505
Butte Sup. 482 484 484
C. P. R. 104 103 103
Cal. Petroleum 266 265 265
Central Leather 361 384 361
C. & G. W. 561 551 554
C. & G. W. 319 319 319
Do., pref. 80 40 40
C. M. & St. P. 91 91 91
Colo. Fuel & Iron 47 46 47
Con. Gas 122 121 122
Crucible Steel 66 62 63
Dartmouth 274 274 274
Erie 24 24 24
Do., 1st pref. 42 42 42
Do., 2nd pref. 29 29 29
Gen. Motors (new) 143 133 143
Goodrich 61 59 60 1/2
G. N. 117 117 117
Granby 30 29 30
G. N. Ore cts. 27 26 27
Illinois Cent. 106 106 105 1/2
Ind. Alcohol 121 116 120 1/2
Inspiration 504 504 504
Int. Nickel 42 42 42
Lackawanna 274 274 274
Kennecott 484 484 484
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ASSISTANCE IS ASKED BY SOUTH VANCOUVER

Municipality Has Got to Point Where It Cannot Pay Its Way

W. J. Bowser, by reason of his misguided notions of administration, has left several problems for the new government to handle and solve. One of these arises out of his flying in the face of popular local sentiment in 1912 and refusing to allow the amalgamation of South Vancouver with the city of Vancouver...

South Vancouver is entirely a residential district, a district of working-men's homes, and at that time it was largely populated by the families of men who worked in Vancouver and found comfortable homes removed from the smoke of the city in this suburban municipality...

From the representations made to the government by a deputation which waited upon it yesterday afternoon, one might get the idea that unless the province takes the municipality over in some way it will become bankrupt. Some members of the deputation, however, believe that the expenditure of the corporation can be cut down to a point where the amount of taxes collectible will meet the demands...

In the deputation were Reeve Winram, Councilors Grimmert and Mengel, Municipal Clerk J. B. Springford, Municipal Solicitor Dugald Donaghy, and a businessmen's committee consisting of Robert McBride, who was the independent Conservative candidate in Richmond at the general election; ex-Councilor Allen, J. A. Russell and Mr. Burke, representing Wood, Gundy & Co., bond brokers...

Reeve Winram said the deputation was not there to criticize the past, but to state the actual position of an over-taxed, over-assessed people. They had arrears of taxes amounting to \$385,000, and they owed the Bank of Commerce \$249,900 advanced as a temporary loan. In April there would be \$117,000 interest due. There were practically no industries in the place from which taxes could be collected...

The budget for next year had been cut down by \$5,700 to \$677,000, and could be cut to \$600,000 by knifing everything, but the town could not col-

TAX DELINQUENCY COMMITTEE MEETING

Second Session Being Held This Afternoon; Further Returns Presented

The second meeting of the civic tax delinquency committee is in progress this afternoon. To the supplementary question on various points addressed to the city controller, and published in this paper in the issue of December 12, the controller to-day submitted the following, most of which are self-explanatory, and from which it may be seen that the net debt, less authorized debentures for \$2,081,357 still un-

Question 1—Of the 29 street expropriations, 1910 to 1916 inclusive, how many were upon petition of the ratepayers, and how many upon initiative of the council? Answer: Petition 14, initiative 15. Although 14 were petitioned for, only one—Port Street from Douglas to Cook—was proceeded with under the petition plan. It was found that the procedure under the petition plan was so cumbersome that other petitions for work were presented to the council they were rejected and the work proceeded with under the initiative plan, even though the petitions were signed sufficiently both in numbers and value to have caused the work to have been done on with...

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Question 3—What is the aggregate total cost of those done upon initiative of council and closed; what is the aggregate expenditure to date on unclosed; aggregate to date of closed and unclosed? Answer: Closed 4, \$865,223.12; unclosed 6, \$269,223.87; repaid 3, \$429,223.87.

Question 4—On December 12, 1916, answers given to questions Q and R "Yes" or "No", therefore, after consulting, if necessary, with other officials, answer these questions in affirmative or negative. If any qualification is thought required of direct "Yes" or "No", give explicit information as to reasons for such qualifications. Answer: No, in both cases.

Question 5—Give total debt of the city, December 31, 1916, divided into following items: Waterworks (other than Sooke Lake), Sooke Lake, local expropriations, all other items. (Note: totals only required, not details.) Answer: Waterworks, \$1,827,000; Sooke Lake, \$2,929,432.37; local improvement expropriations, \$1,583,790.56; local improvement, other, \$6,115,779.49; all other, \$6,424,995.33. Total, \$18,380,098.75. Included in above is an amount of \$2,081,357.55 still uncollected, made up as follows: Local improvement expropriations, \$1,029,573.65; Sooke Lake, \$776,000; schools, \$66,000; Jubilee Hospital, \$225,600. Total, \$2,081,357.55.

The meeting to-day was on a different basis to that of December 12. Then the aldermen, sitting as a committee of the whole, formed the body to whom the views of outside organizations might be presented. On this occasion the resolution, adopted on December 26, provides for the creation of an advisory committee, eleven in number, from the citizens, to act with the aldermanic committee, such members to be chosen from the various bodies interested in city affairs, and particularly in the present situation.

There is quite an influential section of the aldermen who favor borrowing on the delinquent taxes, under the initiative of the municipalities obtained at the last session of the legislature, and not facing the larger question which must be eventually settled. The original proposal of Alderman Todd was not discussed at the former meeting, so that hitherto little more than preliminary suggestions have been canvassed. Some have appeared in the press, and others have yet to be unfolded, but whatever is done, it will have to approach closely to a compromise. It will have to face the opinion of the approval of the inspector of municipalities of the legislature, and not the least of a critical body of ratepayers who may not see the wisdom of assuming the burden of taxpayers who speculated, and are now burdened with large properties out of which they have no prospect of realizing.

Mr. McBride admitted frankly that the mistakes of the late government had misled the municipality in its present awkward position and left a legacy for the new government. There had been a mass of floating voters who had swamped the residents, leading to mismanagement and loss. An electorate of 2,000 in an area of 6,000 acres was absurd, he said. He opposed the government giving the town any money which would be only throwing good money after bad. What he had to suggest was that the government take over the schools and trunk roads, and place the administration of the affairs of the town in the hands of two out of its three very capable officials until Vancouver would agree to annexation.

Mr. Springford told the government frankly that the town had suffered from its rulers and the people wanted a change in the form of government. The banks had lost confidence in the town, and immediate relief was necessary, to meet obligations and restore confidence. He was satisfied that the budget could be cut down to \$575,000, which sum could be collected.

Mr. Russell spoke of the serious results of default in meeting interest by even a small municipality, as it reflected upon other municipalities and upon provincial and national credit. Mr. McGeer and Mr. Weart paid tribute to the capacity of Mr. Springford and the assessor and collector. They both were hopeful of annexation taking place sooner or later, and suggested that if it does not take place by the time the House meets, a commissioner might be appointed to administer its affairs.

The premier remarked that since it had been announced in the press that South Vancouver was going to request the government to take over the municipality the government had been in receipt of many resolutions and letters from other municipalities, protesting against any such action. He also mentioned that South Vancouver afforded an object lesson in municipal government, seeing that it was before the legislature last session for legislation which was to settle everything and now it was back to the government again as a badly-off as ever. The government realized the serious position of the municipality, and that there existed a situation which must be dealt with firmly and finally. In the course of a moderate length of time it would forward an answer to the municipality.

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Several Cases Dismissed by Magistrate Jay; Others Remanded. At the city police court this morning there was an array of cases under the Half-Holiday Act. Several of the offenders pleaded guilty and cheerfully paid the fine of \$10 imposed by Magistrate Jay. In the case of Henry Roberts, the owner of a store at Rock Bay avenue, the accused came laden with a considerable amount of data, prepared to prove that his case should not come under the act in view of the fact that his business showed a preponderance of goods coming under the exempted list. Invoiced for the previous six months trading were produced in court, but a summary of his business purchases for the period named, tipped the balance in favor of exempted articles by between two and three hundred dollars only. The magistrate, pending reference to a recent decision in Vancouver, adjourned the case for one week. In the case of Allan Burrows the circumstances were similar, except that on the production of a month's returns of his business there was sufficient evidence to show that non-exempted lines were a very negligible quantity. The cases against John Hoyle and S. Chinese merchant for the same offence were also dismissed.

C. H. Beaver Potts Has Been Appointed at Nanaimo. C. H. Beaver Potts, of Nanaimo, has been appointed police magistrate for that city on the recommendation of the Nanaimo city council. He takes up his new duties at once. Mr. Potts is well known everywhere on Vancouver Island. He has practised law both at Nanaimo and Cumberland and has spent most of his time at the former city. He accompanied the members of the Victoria board of trade excursion to Alberni and Courtenay a couple of months ago as a guest of the local board.

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Miss Durant of Victoria, is visiting Miss Jean Fraser for a few days. Miss Phyllis Macdonell is spending a few days in Victoria, the guest of Miss White. Lieut. and Mrs. Max Reid, of Victoria are spending a few days in Vancouver. Lieut. N. Westwood, of this city, has been spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. B. Westwood, of Nanaimo. Col. and Mrs. Duff-Stuart were at home in Vancouver on New Year's day to officers of Vancouver battalions and their wives.

Mrs. Rounsfell entertained at a dance on Saturday night in honor of her son Eric, who has just returned from Kingston. Miss Martha and Miss Minnie Schmeltz returned to Seattle on New Year's Day after visiting about ten days in Victoria with relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. M. Gillespie, of Oak Bay, who have been spending their

Christmas holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Evan Corneille, of Vancouver, have returned home. Fred T. Congdon, ex-commissioner of Yukon, now one of the leading lawyers of that territory, passed through from Dawson on his way to spend the winter with his family in Eastern Canada. Mrs. Congdon and their daughter went out last fall before the close of navigation. Mr. Congdon will attend the supreme court in Ottawa this winter and return to Dawson in March.

A farewell reception to Mrs. Cameron, wife of Rev. Dr. Cameron, retiring pastor of Tabernacle Baptist church, who is leaving this afternoon to take up residence in Seattle, was held yesterday at the home of Mrs. Lambert, 40 Government street, nearly all the ladies of the church being present. A handsome purse of money was presented Mrs. Cameron, together with an address in which were expressed appreciation of her work in the church and among the members of the congregation during Dr. Cameron's incumbency, and good wishes for the future.

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TWO BOARDS HOLD CONFERENCE TO-DAY

Interesting Subject is Raised in Meeting Between City and Saanich School Trustees

Very little has hitherto been done in British Columbia with regard to education in rural science, except the newly-established branch of the department controlling elementary agricultural education, and such instruction as has been given in the summer schools. However, in other parts of Canada considerable progress has been made.

The deputation which the Victoria school board is receiving from the Saanich school board this afternoon, therefore raises an interesting issue. They are consulting with the city board as to the introduction of a department for instruction in elementary agriculture in connection with the High school.

"The thing that has been felt" that when Saanich establishes a High school, it should take the nature of an Agricultural High school, with the hope of checking the exodus from the country to the cities, Trustee Mrs. Hutchinson, the secretary, having strongly urged this course in her platform speeches.

Naturally for this subject to be successfully taught, the work has to be started in the school garden when the child is young, and for that reason Director Gibson has strongly recommended this auxiliary in the school playground, ever since the department of education established this branch. As they get older, a more scientific interest is shown by the pupils, and in the High schools an opportunity of development follows. As Mr. Gibson himself says: "It is not a question of teaching boys and girls how to farm; but rather to lead them to a clearer understanding of natural laws, and the operation of natural forces around them. They will learn to control and utilize these natural forces, and will thus become more intelligently interested in rural life and affairs."

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A. E. TODD for Mayor

TO THE ELECTORS OF VICTORIA. Being a candidate for Mayor, I wish to state some of the principal policies that, if elected, I intend to support during 1917:

(1) Johnson street bridge, and, owing to railway's refusal to enter into agreement with city, elimination of E. & N. Ry. therefrom. All subject approval of citizens by referendum or by-law.

(2) Assist Provincial and Dominion governments in development. Suggest reserve, ocean docks, add proper terminal facilities for rail and shipping.

(3) Strict economy in civic expenditure, though, owing to great increase in cost of living, some increase in pay must be given to some of civic employees.

(4) I favor a clean city, both morally and physically, with good schools and parks, clean streets, and strict enforcement of reasonable building and sanitary regulations.

(5) Election of police commissioners and license commissioners, and the combining of these two boards into one, to be known as "Board of Police Commissioners."

(6) On municipal works I favor day labor, wherever possible; and preference to our own citizens, and particularly to those who have been continuously engaged, as nearly as possible, the same number of workmen.

(7) Relief from excessive taxation, both general and local improvement, if an equitable and financially sound plan can be devised. Subject approval of ratepayers by referendum or by-law.

(8) Advocate friendly relations and active co-operation with neighboring municipalities and entities, in advancing agricultural, manufacturing and other mutual interests, such as Esquimalt drydock, railway ferry connection via Frederick Arm, parks, protection of beaches, etc.

(9) Taking of serious steps to attract new lines of manufacturers, and to develop existing industries.

(10) In connection with development of Songhees reserve, adequate park facilities for Victoria West.

I am a firm believer in the future of Victoria, and that prudence, courage and common sense now will pull through the present extremely difficult situation in a period shorter than now seems possible. In deciding municipal problems I believe frequent use should be made of the "Referendum."

I am strictly an independent candidate, in no way connected with any political party, clique or interest, and, if elected, will do my best to serve the ratepayers well in all things.

Yours respectfully, A. E. TODD

Committee Room, corner Broad Street and Trunoe Alley. Phone No. 142.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA

Having served you as an Alderman for 1916, I have the ambition to aspire for the same honor in 1917. Your vote and influence solicited towards my return.

WALTER WALKER

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH. Ward Meetings Will Be Held as Under: Ward 1—Cedar Hill School, Friday, January 12. Ward 2—Boleskine Road, Tuesday, January 9. Ward 3—Gordon Head Hall, Monday, January 8. Ward 4—Colquitz Hall, Thursday, January 11. Ward 5—Royal Oak Hall, Tuesday, January 2. Ward 6—Temperance Hall, Thursday, January 4. Ward 7—Presbyterian Church, Wednesday, January 10.

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Decision to Present Referendum on Publicity Vote is Reversed

It was to be expected that there would be strong opposition to the effort to reconsider the submission of a referendum on publicity purposes, and that developed when the subject was raised in city council last evening. The mayor had returned the motion on the subject.

The mayor explained that he had been requested to take that action by members of the executive of the publicity association.

Diverse Opinions.

Alderman Porter observed, as president of the Victoria and Island Development association that there had been some misunderstanding. At a meeting when the subject was discussed members of the executive had doubted whether the referendum could pass at this stage, and had deprecated submission now. He alluded to the situation with regard to the proposed new Pacific Coast association. If an amount was retained in the estimates he felt they would be breaking faith with the petitioners for the referendum, therefore the best course would be to drop it from the estimates altogether.

Alderman Todd, as president of the new association, explained the objects of the new body, which would require \$125,000 for a two years' campaign.

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Thirty-one head of choice Dairy Cattle and Milk Business, including Jerseys, Grade Jerseys, Grade Ayrshires, Grade Shorthorns, Holsteins, etc.; also two-year-old Holstein Bull.

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URNS OVER QUESTION TO ITS COMMITTEE

City Council Deals Delicately With Health Department Investigation

Most important of the matters before the city council last evening was that with regard to the health department, following the investigation into its operation in the years 1912 to 1916. As a matter of fact the inquiry had been restricted to the examination of certain charges preferred by the medical health officer against the chief inspector, and his replies thereto.

The subject was raised both by the report of the committee of inquiry, and the motion of Alderman Bell for the council to consider the advisability of reorganizing the department, as well as by a letter from Dr. G. A. B. Hall, medical health officer, on the recent inquiry.

Is Vindicated.

The report of the select committee simply found that the serious charges made against the inspector had not been substantiated.

Eventually the whole question was sent to the health committee for a report on Monday. Alderman Walker being appointed the third member to fill a vacancy in its personnel.

Dr. Hall wrote: "Inasmuch as three of the members of the council were not members of the committee of inquiry, I feel that I am justified in sending you this communication.

"I feel that I have been placed in a very false light before the public. It will be remembered that my contention was that certain articles or goods had been requisitioned, purchased and paid for by the city, and appeared to be some articles were purchased in excess of what they should have been, while for others purchased I could see no use to which they could be put in the branch of the department for which they were ordered. These articles were all requisitioned for by Mr. Lancaster, chief sanitary inspector, and I naturally looked to him to give some reasonable explanation as to where these goods had gone. The resolution of the council was to the effect that the inquiry was to be general, inquiring into the whole workings of the health department. In place of this, at the last moment, certain specific charges were preferred in a letter from the city solicitor, which was not at my request, and not in accordance with the spirit of the resolution of the council. This changed the whole complexion of the inquiry from that of a general one to one against one officer of the department, and so limited the inquiry that a proper appreciation of the conditions as they existed could not be ascertained.

"The committee will remember that I produced the attached lists, and said that I was prepared to produce requisitions and vouchers for the articles therein mentioned, also to produce the books which have been audited and found correct, to prove the figures of the latter statement, which gives the incidental expenses for two branches of the department for 1914, 1915 and 1916. Only a few articles on these lists were considered, the totals were not, and it enabled Mr. Lancaster's solicitor to draw a red herring across the track in the shape of a piece of cheese cloth, in order to make the thing look trivial and ridiculous. The result has been that a great deal of time was taken up in the consideration of certain details and there was no substantial investigation into the department as a whole. It was this that I desired, not as a means of attacking any individual, but for the purpose of securing an efficient and economical system.

"On the notice board is posted a notice of motion by Alderman Bell, recommending a reorganization of the department, and I understand that a medical health officer is to be asked to devote his whole time to city duties. I wish to point out that this is very unfair to me. I am serving the colors, and therefore under military regulations and discipline, which would prevent my putting in an application for the position, no matter how much I might desire to do so. The council are on record as holding positions open for civil servants who are serving their country. I respectfully request that this matter be taken into consideration."

Alderman Bell, chairman of the committee, simply moved the adoption of the select committee's report, saying it was better not to comment since all had heard the evidence.

Alderman Todd seconded, and the motion was adopted.

Referring to the letter, Alderman Porter alluded to the observation of Dr. Hall that he would be penalized owing to his military duties if it had to be a whole time appointment. He thought the doctor was justified in objecting to action being taken now, which would deprive him of his opportunity for service. The doctor had been a valuable officer.

"I think the alderman's remarks have nothing to do with what we are discussing," said Alderman Todd, who pointed out that the matter should be dealt with by the incoming council, as recommended by the estimates committee.

Necessity for Change.

Alderman Bell, in moving for the reorganization of the health department, said it was inevitable that the aldermen should feel that there were ample grounds for an examination of the whole department. It had been pointed out that the by-law covering the department did not coincide with the provincial law, in that the whole department was placed absolutely in the control of the medical health officer. Yet although the doctor was absolutely responsible, the power of dismissal lay with the council. He believed therefore attention should be given by the council to the matter. He was not prepared to say exactly what would be best at

this stage, but perhaps it was best to refer the matter to the health committee and city solicitor.

Alderman Todd supported reorganization, and thought that it should be effected by the council before going out of office.

Alderman Feden said the issue was not with regard to the capabilities of the officers, which was not in question, but the necessity of action. The council might not wish to call for the resignations of the two officers, and might choose some other course. "There is one thing certain," he said, "and that is that something must be done."

At a late hour the council decided to leave the question, including the doctor's letter, to the health committee.

WILL NOT FORCE REQUISITE NOTICE

Differences Between City and Saanich Councils Are Aired Again Thoroughly

The question of whether the city should force Saanich to give the six months' notice required under the agreement for fire protection purposes was raised again in city council last evening when Mayor Stewart returned for reconsideration the motion of a week previously waiving the notice.

This question arose from the disagreement with regard to the assessment and taxation of Mt. Douglas park by Saanich.

The old question with regard to the northeast and northwest trunk sewers was re-argued, and except Alderman Fullerton none of the members of the council showed any knowledge of the actual facts. Even he did not appear to be aware that it is the related demand of Oak Bay for a contribution which has prevented Saanich coming to terms with the city. The money has not been paid, since the necessary by-law has not been submitted to Saanich residents.

The mayor's proposal for reconsideration of the vote was defeated by six votes to three. Aldermen Porter and Walker supporting the mayor. It was shown by two members of the fire wardens' committee, Aldermen Fullerton and Todd, that the agreement is not beneficial to the city, and that the city would be very wise not to enforce the necessary notice, because it is taking a risk which would be unwise.

Most of the aldermen, particularly Alderman Johns, wanted the "baiting" policy to cease, the last named putting the pointed question that many of the ratepayers of Saanich were also ratepayers of the city, and this friction was futile.

The mayor declared the Saanich council refused the "olive branch," while Alderman Dilworth, not to be outdone in scriptural quotation, referred to the touching picture of the lion who shall lie down with the lamb.

The mayor attacked the Saanich administration, rehearsing the differences which had arisen in the past three years. He alluded to the frequent efforts that he had taken to bring the parties together in the inter-municipal committee, but from the start, Saanich had declined to assist, as for instance in refusing reciprocal recognition of trade licenses. "I have no hesitation in saying that Victoria has acted generously, too generously, altogether with Saanich. It wants everything, and gives nothing to us. It is allatorial to one-sided."

The mayor then went over the various matters in dispute between the city and Saanich. The gravel had been secured by Saanich for road purposes, should be paid, now they come back with a demand for taxes. Taxes had been imposed on the Gorge park, which was used more by Saanich than city people. His worship next alluded to the protracted negotiations for the northeast and northwest sewers, and claimed that the district council owed \$50,000 for enlarging the sewers to take care of Saanich sewerage. He compared that conduct with the way in which Esquimalt council had treated the city.

Then he went on to deal with the question of the use of the Carnegie library. A large sum had been spent by the citizens in maintenance of the institution. In spite of appeals to the municipalities, none of them had contributed to the cost of maintenance of the library, although residents of the districts used the privilege. The cost of the library annually had been some \$20,000, and though now down to \$12,000 to \$14,000, still city taxpayers had to find all the money. He defended the water negotiations, showing that Saanich had nothing to complain about on the score of the water purchase agreement. The mayor also attacked the use by Saanich of the city jail for prisoners waiting trial before the stipendiary magistrate, and the Shelburne street matter. He also incidentally referred to the High school question, saying in the latter connection that the Saanich people appeared to want their children educated at the city's expense.

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Instead of investing \$250,000 in the second Canadian national loan, the city council last September arranged to apply this amount of sinking funds to repurchase city bonds.

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