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TROOPS MOVED FROM THE ANZAC COVE AND SUVLA BAY REGIONS

Imperial, Australian and New Zealand Forces Transferred to "Another Sphere of Operations"; Official Statement Makes No Mention of Seddul Bahr Position, at Tip of Gallipoli Peninsula

London, Dec. 20.—The withdrawal of the British troops from the Anzac Cove and Suvla Bay regions of the Gallipoli Peninsula is announced in a brief official communication given out here this afternoon. Beyond the statement that the movement was effected successfully with small loss, few details are given and no allusion is made to the allied forces on the Seddul Bahr front, at the tip of the peninsula.

Following is the official announcement: "All the troops at Suvla Bay and Anzac, together with their guns and stores, have been successfully transferred with insignificant casualties to another sphere of operations."

"Thank God they are safely out of there without serious loss," is an expression frequently heard to-day in connection with the transfer of the troops to "another sphere of operations," although this is invariably coupled with remarks that it should have been regarded as necessary to evacuate the hard-won footholds on the peninsula obtained at such a heavy cost in casualties.

Over 100,000. The war office statement leaves the public to draw its own conclusions as to the destination of the Australian, New Zealand, and Imperial forces, which must be well over 100,000 strong. It is widely conjectured, however, that any southward sweep of the Teutonic or Bulgarian armies in the Balkans, whether from the north, west or east, will sooner or later come in contact with them, and that the transfer is considered with a determination on the part of the entente powers not to remain on the defensive in the Near Eastern theatre of war longer than is requisite to assure the success of a forward march.

The Suvla Bay and Anzac Cove positions are on the north coast of the Gallipoli Peninsula. Anzac Cove is about 15 miles from the tip. Suvla Bay is five miles farther on.

Seddul Bahr Not Mentioned. As no mention is made in the announcement of the allied position in the Seddul Bahr region, at the tip of the peninsula, it is not clear whether the withdrawal of troops indicates a decision to abandon the effort to force the Dardanelles or means merely a readjustment of the allied forces.

There have been no previous hints of such a move, although the question had been raised here, whether, in view of the failures of the allies to make appreciable headway at the Dardanelles and the urgent need for additional troops at Salonica, the Dardanelles forces would be withdrawn. Two official Turkish communications received to-day speak of heavy firing from land and sea by the allies, but mentioned no movements out of the ordinary, although this bombardment may have been conducted to cover the withdrawal.

LOSS 20,000,000 IN TWO YEARS OF WAR

Prof. Louis C. Parkes, London, Estimates Total Destruction of Life

London, Dec. 20.—"The total destruction of life during two years of war will reach 20,000,000 persons," declared Professor Louis C. Parkes, of the government health service, at the annual meeting of the Royal Institute of Sanitarians.

The speaker expressed the hope, however, that this loss of life might somehow prove a blessing in disguise, resulting eventually in a distinct improvement in European civilization. "In the past ages," said Prof. Parkes, "evolution of higher types in animal and vegetable life generally has resulted from cataclysmic changes, and great destruction by plague, pestilence and famine has led to an advance in civilization. So it is possible that this Armageddon may be of ultimate benefit to humanity."

Touching on the lowering birthrate in Great Britain, the speaker declared that every country in Europe has shown a decreasing birthrate during the past decade, with the exception of Bulgaria, Roumania and Ireland.

GREEKS EXPECTING ENEMY TO CROSS

Highest Officers Believe Austro-Germans Will Move Into Greece

GERMANS HOPE TO BRING BULGARIANS WITH THEM

Greeks Have No Intention of Tolerating Bulgarians on Greek Soil

Salonica, Dec. 20.—The highest Greek military officials declare it to be their belief that an Austro-German attack on Salonica is inevitable.

The Greek general staff will quit Salonica to-morrow. The last remaining Greek troops, save one infantry regiment, have been transferred to Kozani.

The entente commanders have ordered the evacuation of several villages around Salonica by the civilians for military reasons.

The Austro-German forces are estimated at about 120,000, with heavy artillery. It is said they will be entirely ready next Thursday.

None South of Uskub. London, Dec. 20.—"Unless Bulgarian or Turkish troops are employed, which is considered unlikely, there can be no enemy advance on the entente line in Greece," says the Athens correspondent of the Morning Post.

Reconnaissance by airmen of the allies have discovered no German forces south of Uskub, where five German regiments are located, and only German engineers are busily engaged in repairing railway bridges destroyed by the allies. It may be assumed, therefore, that the allies have plenty of time to prepare the defences at Salonica.

Confidence is expressed in official circles here that as a result of the negotiations with the Greek ministers in the European capitals, the integrity of Greek territory already has been guaranteed by both European war groups.

Enemy Planning Attack. Athens, Dec. 20.—An interesting communication has been received from Berlin, via Vienna, to the effect that military necessities demand a speedy attack on the allies, now fortifying themselves in Macedonia. A neutral diplomat says the central powers added that it was essential they should bring their allies with them.

Both the Germans and Bulgarians are ready with guarantees that any occupation would be only of a temporary nature, but on the other hand there is no disposition in any section of the Greek people to look upon the entry of Bulgarians into Greek Macedonia otherwise than in the light of a national calamity. At all events, it can be said that the military dispositions of Greece are such as to enable her to co-operate effectively in the defence of her own territory.

In well informed circles the general view is that Mackensen's army, which already has suffered heavy losses, requires that its lines of communication also should be guarded at certain strategic points in Serbia. The main railway line has been damaged, making it difficult for the Germans at present to transport fresh troops, even if they are available, as well as heavy artillery, toward the Macedonian front. Hence, the co-operation of their Bulgarian ally is of vital importance if Germany is to prosecute the campaign without delay.

Time Chief Consideration. A representative of a neutral power stated to-day that the German view with consternation the elaborate defensive preparations of the allies, which are rapidly converting the new front into an impregnable position. If the allies are to be overthrown the Germans realize it must be by rapid and vigorous action, before the defences are completed and heavy artillery mounted. The central powers contend that there is no vital danger to Greece in the entente combination following the allies across the frontier. In view of this, the Bulgarian minister's announcement to the effect that the Bulgarians have no intention or desire to enter Greece's Macedonia is considerably discounted.

The Greek point of view, however, is unchanged, that a Bulgarian incursion would create a serious situation, which might affect the central powers themselves. Berlin and Vienna also have been made aware of this. Everyone is hoping King Ferdinand will be faithful to his minister's statement and keep his troops where they are. The central powers are counseled to accept the proposition as it stands, and not to precipitate matters by forcing the hand of those who, to-day, are responsible for the well-being of Greece.

POINCARÉ RECEIVES FRENCH.

Paris, Dec. 20.—Field-Marshal Lord French was received by President Poincaré this afternoon.

MAY BE RECALLED: FRED. C. PENFIELD



In the event of the Austro-Hungarian government failing to send a satisfactory reply to the note on the sinking of the Ancona sent to Vienna yesterday by Secretary Lansing, it is expected that the United States government will break off relations with Austria-Hungary. Under such conditions Mr. Penfield, American ambassador at Vienna, would be obliged to return to the United States.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF LIBERAL PARTY

Was Organized at Ottawa Today; It Will Be Permanent Body

WILL STUDY VARIOUS PROBLEMS OF COUNTRY

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—A national Liberal committee which is intended to be of a permanent character was called into being this morning at a meeting of Liberal delegates called to Ottawa, for the purpose. The organization was effected at a meeting held in the office of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in the parliament buildings. The committee will consist of fifty members and will include representatives of the Senate, the House of Commons, federated Liberal club and other recognized Liberal organizations throughout the country.

The meeting was held behind closed doors but it was stated that Sir Wilfrid Laurier in a preliminary address to the delegates explained the steps which had been taken to create a representative organization with advisory powers whose chief duty it would be to study the various problems confronting the country, many of them arising out of new conditions created by the war.

He explained that it was proposed to appoint a committee and to study and report upon all these matters. These committees will deal with such important matters as national finances, immigration, technical education, etc. It was not the purpose of the gathering, Sir Wilfrid said, to formulate a policy in view of existing circumstances this could be left in abeyance for the present, but it was the duty of the Liberals to make themselves fully acquainted with the serious problems which confront the country and which must be dealt with.

The members of the committee will be named at a meeting to be held this afternoon. Delegates present this morning who with some twenty others will constitute the Liberal National committee, which will meet from time to time, were as follows: Severin Letourneau, Senator Marcellin Wilson, and Alphonse Verreuil, M. P., Montreal; Stewart Lyon, Toronto; Alexander Smith, Ottawa; Hon. A. B. Warburton, P. E. I.; John Muir, Brantford; Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux; Hon. Chas. Murphy; C. M. Goddard, Ottawa; Hon. G. J. Turill, M. P.; F. B. Carvell, M. P.; Senator W. C. Edwards; Hon. Walter Scott, Regina; C. M. Bowman, M. L. A.; G. Fred Pearson, Halifax; Geo. H. Watson, K. C. Toronto; J. A. Atkinson, Toronto; Hon. Sydney Fisher; P. C. Larkin, Toronto; A. C. McMaster, Montreal; A. K. Cameron, Montreal; G. D. Conant, Oshawa; S. W. Jacobs, Montreal; Senator Raoul Dandourand, Montreal; Hon. Wm. Pugsley, St. John; Hon. Alexander Taschereau, Quebec; Ernest Lapointe, M. P., Kamouraska; K. F. Keatts, Saskatoon; Thos. McMullen, Searsville; H. B. McGivern, Ottawa; Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, and Hon. W. S. Fielding.

VICTORY DRAWING NEAR, SAYS FRENCH

Triumph of the Forces of Liberty Not Far Distant

GREAT LEADER BIDS FAREWELL TO ARMY

"From My Heart I Thank Them All," He Declares

London, Dec. 20.—Field-Marshal Lord French issued the following statement yesterday before leaving the army on the western front:

"In relinquishing command of the British army in France, I wish to express to the officers, non-commissioned officers and men with whom I have been so closely associated during the last sixteen months, my heartfelt sorrow in parting with them before the campaign in which we have been so long engaged together has been brought to a victorious conclusion.

Not Far Distant. "I have, however, the firmest conviction that such a glorious ending to their splendid and heroic efforts is not far distant, and I shall watch their progress toward this final goal with interest, but with the most confident hope. The success so far attained has been due to the indomitable spirit and dogged tenacity which knows no defeat, and heroic courage so abundantly displayed by the rank and file of our splendid army, which it will ever remain the pride and glory of my life to have commanded during over sixteen months of incessant fighting.

His Thanks. "Regulars and territorials and the new army have ever shown these magnificent qualities in equal degree. From my heart I thank them all. "At this same moment of parting my heart goes out to those who have received lifelong injury from wounds, and I think with sorrow of that great and glorious host of my beloved comrades who have made the greatest sacrifice by laying down their lives for their country.

"In saying good-bye to the British army in France I ask them once again to accept this expression of my deepest gratitude and heartfelt devotion to them and my earnest good wishes for their glorious future, which I feel to be assured."

GREECE UNWILLING TURKS SHOULD ENTER

Would Object to Turks Accompanying Austro-Germans Across Border

Paris, Dec. 20.—A dispatch to the Temps from Athens says: "The central powers, it is said, gave the Greek government assurances that Bulgarian troops would not participate in the event of any action against the entente forces in Greek territory, but there is a question of an attack by Austro-Germans with the aid of Turks. The participation of Turks in any operation on Greek soil would be strongly objected to by the government, notwithstanding an assurance that the territory occupied would be evacuated after the war.

"Galib Bey, the Turkish minister to Greece, conferred at length with Premier Skouliudis yesterday." On Saturday. "It is stated that the German answer to the Greek protest upon the question of the entry of Bulgarians into Greek territory was handed in at noon on Saturday," says the Athens correspondent of the Figaro.

"Germany, it is understood, declared that notwithstanding the military necessity which required the pursuit of the retreating entente forces, the imperial government, taking note of the popular Greek sentiment, had ordered the immediate halt of the Bulgarians.

"The concentration of Austro-German forces for an invasion is said to be under way. When this concentration has been completed a definite decision will be taken. Thus the question has not been settled by the reply, but in official circles optimism reigns."

TURKISH REPORT.

London, Dec. 20.—According to Constantinople dispatches received by way of Amsterdam from Reuters, two British ministers made an unsuccessful attempt to break the Turkish lines besieging Kut-el-Amara, Mesopotamia.

MUST BE JUDGED BY RECORD OF CABINET HE WAS MEMBER OF

Liberal Leader Makes Pungent Comment Upon the Address of New Premier; Mr. Bowser Seeks to Avoid Responsibility for Policy He Claims to Have Had a Part In; Omissions of Manifesto

If anything the confidence felt in Liberal circles in the capital that the new minister of finance can be defeated in the coming election which he must face, whether that be a bye-election or a general appeal to the people, is increased by the announcement of policy made by the new premier yesterday.

Apart from all other reasons astute political managers of the Conservative party are very much of the opinion that it was bad tactics to select the man Mr. Bowser did as the representative of the capital in the cabinet. They believe that it will be almost impossible to elect him, even with the machine, and some suggest that he ought to be run in some country constituency, if a safe one can be found. The Liberal party, on the other hand, is quite ready for a fight, and is prepared to give Mr. Bowser and his colleague a spirited contest here. Just as the Liberal electors of the two other constituencies where bye-elections are necessary are equally prepared and confident. So far have the preparations in this city gone that a campaign manager is already at work, and scores of volunteer workers are offering their services in behalf of whoever the nominee of the party may be.

A nominating convention will be called at an early date to choose a candidate for the bye-election, assuming that one will be brought on here. The talk among Liberals is that there is only one choice, and that is the popular and estimable leader of the party, H. C. Brewster, who has been promised the support of many members of the government party, should he come out. In the case of a general election, of course, the candidates are already chosen and in the field.

Prepared For Tory Tactics. Given anything like a fair election there cannot be any question of a victory for the opposition. For many months past the organization of the Liberal forces has been going on quietly and steadily, here as elsewhere, and they can fairly well take care of the Conservatives, which have helped the late Mr. Bowser government to win the last two elections. Plans have been perfected which ensure that no such wholesale peroration and plugging can take place as have disgraced the conduct of elections in this province since the Bowser machine has been in existence.

The methods which were adopted by the Manitoba Liberals for the detection and prevention of peroration have been made use of, and the new methods of photography and other steps which have been and are being taken will make it much more difficult and decidedly unhealthy for people to undertake too much of this form of election illegality. In all the city constituencies special attention is being paid to this feature of Conservative trickiness, and the efficiency of the plans will be tried out in the bye-elections or general election.

Should there be bye-elections, it is evident that they are not to be expected for a while, and certainly not until after the holidays. The sessions of the legislature have been called usually about the middle of January, but a month later would not make any difference, and if there are to be bye-elections there would be plenty of time to hold them after the New Year.

Premier Bowser's address to the electorate is the subject of a good deal of comment to-day. An amusing incident in this regard is that the Daily News-Advertiser, of Vancouver, prefaces the address by saying that it is a statement covering the supposed policies of his administration. There was more than one Conservative to-day who, on hearing of this, remarked that the paper had struck it right, and that for the most part they were only "supposed" to be put into effect.

Liberal Leader's Comment. "Striking indeed, is the grim humor of Mr. Bowser's statement to the public, as it was published in the Vancouver organ," said Mr. Brewster to a representative of the Times to-day Premier Bowser's manifesto.

"From the introduction of what the Junior Colonel adroitly calls a statement of the 'supposed' policy of the new administration, up to the last paragraph in which Mr. Bowser hopes to be able to visit various parts of the province' the new premier has excelled himself in this humorous production. "I notice that Mr. Bowser, in addressing the people of the province, proceeds to thank them for 'the great honor which has been done me by placing in my hands the leadership of the government.' As well might the gentleman of the road standing over the prostrate form of his victim, who

is slowly recovering from the jar of the blackjack, say 'Your generosity in presenting me with such a well-filled purse overweighs me; I trust I shall be able to live up to the responsibilities thus thrust upon me, though they entail much serious consideration and the exercise of sound business judgment.'"

Modesty of Premier. "With that modesty which characterized Mr. Bowser's career as attorney-general, he admits that he has had some small part in framing the policy of the government in the past 'twelve years,' and then proceeds to lay aside all responsibility for the conditions those twelve years of maladministration have brought upon the country. He lays the whole blame upon the people, by pointing out that those policies were endorsed by the electors on four successive occasions at the polls, conveniently forgetting the part played in those elections by the machine which he had at work in every town and village in the province.

"This is modesty indeed. The machine, oiled by the funds of the treasury, was Mr. Bowser's pet creation and proved a great success in the work of bribing the people with their own money. But perhaps Mr. Bowser has some motive for wishing to speak lightly of his own part in shaping the government's policy in the past. By the record of that past must he be judged.

"There is one item of real news in the premier's manifesto. It is that 'the comprehensive programme of railway construction is about completed.' Part of that programme is a line into the city of Victoria and up-to-date ferry connection between the island and the mainland. The ferries are not to be seen here for a year or more, according to officials of the company, and all the steel laid is about a mile or so, ending nowhere. It would, indeed, be a great delight to the people of Victoria to waken up in the morning and see the magnificent terminals and the palatial ferry transfers built overnight.

Money For Railways. "The real point of the premier's reference to the railways is, however, to break the news gently that more money is required to complete the Pacific Great Eastern and the Vancouver Island lines. Although Mr. Bowser is well understood to have used the Pacific Great Eastern deadlock as a means of driving Sir Richard McBride out of the premiership, and has blandly announced that he proposes to put the province in a sort of 'convallescent home' for a term of years to recuperate from an era of speculative expansion, he boldly announces that he intends to have an investigation to consider ways and means of carrying these uncompleted roads to completion with dispatch. A better way would have been to have ordered an investigation to find out what the railway promoters have done with the millions they have already squandered in excess of the estimates originally given of what the roads were to cost finished.

"Sections of the acts in regard to these railroads distinctly specify that the proceeds of the government guaranteed bonds should be placed in the bank and only paid out to the company upon the presentation of progress estimates, properly certified to. Apparently these moneys have been paid out already, and now that the money is in the hands of the exploiter Mr. Bowser announces that he will lock the stable door behind the stolen horse, and have an investigation to decide upon how to raise more money.

Small Consolation for Farmers. "The vague suggestion of aid for farmers means nothing. Under pressure from the Liberals, and had agitated the question, just as they have the matter of workmen's compensation. Mr. Bowser's government last year passed an Agricultural Credits act, but it has been held up owing to the government being unable to borrow money. Mr. Bowser's promise of aid for the farmer is contingent on being able to borrow money from abroad. His over-lookers that if his friends the speculators were to pay up the fifteen millions they now owe the treasury, and which he is making no effort to collect, it would obviate the necessity of waiting indefinitely until the foreign money markets are willing to loan to B. C. at a cheap rate.

"It is interesting to note that while the scientific and practical methods calculated to develop the mining industry come in for attention by the premier, not one word of comment is

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HAVE LOST BREMEN AND TORPEDO BOAT

Germans Admit Cruiser and Other Craft Were Sunk in Baltic

Amsterdam, Dec. 20.—It has been announced officially in Berlin that the small German cruiser Bremen and a torpedo boat accompanying her were sunk by a submarine in the eastern Baltic Sea. The announcement stated that a considerable portion of the crews of the vessels were saved.

The Bremen, completed in 1904, had a displacement of 3,250 tons. She was 341 feet in length, with a beam of 43½ feet and a maximum draft of 17½ feet. She was armed with ten 4.1-inch guns and ten 1-pounders, and was fitted with two submerged torpedo tubes. Her designed speed was 23 knots, but her speed had fallen off in late years to about 22 knots. Her complement in times of peace was 285 men.

The other cruisers of her class are the Hamburg, Berlin, Loebeck and Muenchen.

The first intimation of the sinking of the Bremen came in an exchange telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen on Saturday last, which reported that a German warship which was guarding the southern entrance of "The Belt," in the Baltic, had been sunk on Thursday, either by a mine or a torpedo. It was stated in that dispatch that the entire crew had been lost.

30,000 PRISONERS ON THE ISLE OF MAN

All Interned Enemy Aliens in British Isles May Be Sent There

Douglas, Isle of Man, Dec. 20.—There are almost 30,000 aliens of military age interned on this island, all men, and they are being supported by the government at an approximate cost of ten shillings per capita weekly. Elaborate camps, with modern sewage systems, have been constructed, and a beginning has been made in establishing work-shops where idleness can be turned into industry. In time all the interned aliens may be brought here. There are almost 4,000 at Alexandra Palace in London still. There are no longer any interned at Primley, near Aldershot.

There are still many thousands of Germans and Austrians who have not been interned, and all have a chance of appearing before tribunals established for the purpose of deciding whether internment is desirable. When interned they can communicate with their home governments through the American embassy, which still maintains two men at the former home of Prince Liebnowsky in Carlton Terrace. For many months these two men have been Edward G. Lowry, of New York, and Leland H. Littlefield, of Providence.

The agitation calling for the wholesale internment of enemy aliens, which a part of the London press carried on most vigorously last year, has now died down, and there appears to be no general criticism that the home office is not handling this difficult problem fairly and successfully.

DAYLIGHT THROUGH ROGERS PASS TUNNEL

Centre Heading of Five-Mile C. P. R. Tunnel Blown Through Yesterday

Rogers Pass, Dec. 20.—With no ceremony whatever except the ceremony of touching off the fuse that fired the last blast, the centre heading of the big five-mile tunnel of the Canadian Pacific Railway company under Mount Donald, at the highest point in the Selkirk Range of the Rocky Mountains, was blown through yesterday morning. It was a typical Rocky Mountain morning, the total snow fall at this point for the month of December being already about 14 feet actual measurement, but only three and one-half feet settled down. This is the most rugged point of the whole Canadian Rockies, and it is here that the C. P. R. has always had the problem of the snow to baffle its best endeavors at successful operation. It was in 1912 that the company began making estimates on a tunnel that not only would eliminate many miles of snow sheds, but would lower the summit that had to be climbed to get over Rogers Pass from both east and west. In July of the following year the contract was let to Foley Brothers, Welch & Stewart, for driving the entire tunnel at a cost approximating \$6,000,000.

Shortens Distance. The building of the tunnel shortens the distance by four and one-third miles; lowers the grade nearly 600 feet and cuts out five miles of snowsheds in a distance of 13 miles, so that the cost of construction soon will be offset by the lessened cost of operation and by the elimination of the cost of maintenance of snowsheds. There is actually being built twelve miles of new line, of which the five-mile tunnel is a part. It will be the longest tunnel in North America until the Moffatt tunnel, 50 miles west of Denver, now under construction, is built. The Moffatt tunnel will be about one mile longer.

Eliminates Loops. The new tunnel also eliminates the loops just below Glacier station, which have been a source of worry to the operating officials.

Like all the big works of the Canadian Pacific railway, this \$6,000,000 proposition has gone ahead without much heralding and the blowing through of the heading yesterday was in conformity with past traditions. In years past a city in the west was having a ceremony to commemorate the turning of the first sod of a new railway. Sir Thomas Shaughnessy happened to arrive in the city the same day on his annual inspection trip. He was invited by the mayor to stay for the ceremony. His reply was typical of the man.

"Mr. Mayor, we are so accustomed to turning first sods it has become a custom with us, not a ceremony," he said.

At 8 o'clock yesterday morning the procession to the heading began. It was headed by John G. Sullivan, chief engineer of the railway, and J. W. Stewart, of Foley Brothers, Welch & Stewart. There were several other officials in the party, including F. W. Peters, general superintendent; A. C. Dennis, engineer in charge of construction; F. F. Busted, engineer in charge of the double-tracking of the lines in the mountains, and a few guests from both east and west. At exactly 9 o'clock the final shot was made and the hole through Mount Donald was complete. Asked before the party started if he was sure the two holes would meet exactly, Mr. Sullivan said: "The sides will be within one-half inch of each other." They were, and that is close enough.

The first person actually through the hole made by the final blast was Mrs. A. C. Dennis, wife of the engineer in charge of construction for Foley Brothers, Welch & Stewart.

Completed Next July. The ceremony yesterday did not mark the completion of the tunnel. It was the blowing through of the initial bore, ten feet by twelve, which let daylight through. When completed the tunnel will be twenty-three feet high by twenty-nine feet in width, carrying a double track railway, and it is expected it will be complete in July of 1916. If work progresses in the coming months as rapidly as it has this year, it will mark the fastest tunnel-driving ever accomplished on any transcontinental line, as there has been three and one-half miles of the heading completed this year.

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The following casualty list was issued on Saturday night: First Battalion—Suffering from shock: Pte. C. C. Barker (formerly 17th), England.

Second Battalion—Wounded: allowed to return to duty December 5: Pte. T. Tapp (formerly 38th), Fox River, Que. Wounded: Pte. Jas. Pirrit (formerly 38th), Osprey Station, Ont.; Pte. Wm. Cushman (formerly 39th), Kingston, Ont.

Ninth Battalion—Died of pleurisy: Pte. S. J. White (formerly 16th), Oil Springs, Ont.

Tenth Battalion—Dangerously ill: Pte. Howard T. Weller (formerly 46th), Regina.

Sixteenth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Robert Sanford Graham (formerly 6th), Beachburg, Ont.

Eighteenth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Edward Lucas, Kingsville, Ont.

Nineteenth Battalion—Died of wounds, December 6: Pte. Vernon Smith, Hamilton, Ont.

Twenty-eighth Battalion—Previously reported missing; now reported killed in action October 5: Pte. Thomas Wm. Brown, England.

Thirty-first Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Fred Toyn, England.

Thirty-sixth Battalion—Seriously ill: Pte. Thos. Wm. Byatt, Wilmot, Ont.

Forty-eighth Battalion—Seriously ill: Pte. Kingsley Alan Evans (formerly 68th), Beulah, Man.

Fifty-fifth Battalion—Seriously ill: Pte. F. Patrick Murphy, St. John, N. B.

Princess Patricia's—Died December 11: Cpl. Wm. Watson Nelson, Vancouver.

First Canadian Mounted Rifles—Wounded: Pte. Wm. Thomas Ort, Pathilda, Sask.

Third Canadian Mounted Rifles—Severely wounded: Pte. Wm. McLaren, Redcliff, Alta.

Wounded: Pte. John Joseph Hall, Witle, Sask.

Suffering from shock: Pte. Frank Newham Chapman, Blackpool, Eng.

Railway Construction Corps—Seriously ill: Sapper Elzear Labelle, Montreal.

GREAT DEMAND FOR LABOR IN BRITAIN

London, Dec. 20.—Owing to active recruiting, the shortage of men in the labor market has become more acute and has greatly increased the demand for women and young girls as substitutes. Practically everyone capable of working, says the Board of Trade Labor Gazette, has an opportunity of being employed, and it is evident that still larger numbers of women and girls not previously employed in trade and industry are required in many occupations.

Compared with the fall of 1914, there has been a general improvement, especially marked in industries engaged in supplying the requirements of the forces.

War bonuses and increases in wages taking effect in October affecting 180,000 work people, amounted to about \$115,000 a week.

There is a general scarcity of colliers, workers, farm hands and navvies, and the demand for work people is still greatly in excess of the supply in engineering and shipbuilding trades. Shortages are reported in the glass, chemical, building and metal trades, and with regard to women, the demand for textile workers is still unsatisfied.

ITALIAN RED CROSS IS ISSUING STAMPS


Rome, Dec. 20.—The Italian Red Cross society, having obtained the permission of the government, is issuing two postage stamps of its own, which circulate only in Italy. One costs two cents, and is used instead of the usual one-cent government stamp, one cent going to the state and the other to the Red Cross. The other stamp costs four cents and can replace the ordinary three-cent one, the extra cent going to the Red Cross. Of course the use of these stamps is voluntary.

JAPANESE TOYS FOR CHILDREN OF BRITAIN

London, Dec. 20.—Japan has helped out the British Christmas shopping season by providing the bazaars with enough toys to supply the war deficit. Before the war Germany controlled almost the entire British toy trade. British toy industries have since started up, but could not fill all of the orders from the shops. Then an importing firm sent samples of German toys to Japan. In some ways the Japanese output has exceeded expectations. The new Japanese toys include clockwork animals, such as jumping dogs and horses, cheap speaking dolls, and imitation skin animals. While not a musical people in the European sense, the Japanese also manufacture toy musical instruments.

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SOLDIERS SEEN AT ALTARS IN ITALY

Many Priests in Army, Some as Fighters, Some as Chaplains

Rome, Dec. 20.—One of the most characteristic sights in Italy is the officiating of soldiers at the altar in the small churches. At first the people were inclined to resent this innovation but when they understood that these soldiers are really priests, some called under arms as soldiers, some as military chaplains, they welcomed them and now prefer them to the regular clergy.

The effect of the soldier-priest's dress is exceedingly bizarre, with a heavily embroidered cape over the shoulders and the snowy camelia reaching below the knee, completed by the garters of the soldier, with spurs and heavy boots. The effect is further heightened, in most cases, by a luxurious crop of hair where the tonsure should be and a moustache or even a beard. A special dispensation has been issued by the Vatican to allow the priests under arms to grow hair on head and face to make them like their comrades in arms.

NOBEL PRIZE MAN FIGHTS WITH BRITISH

Lieut. Bragg Had Part In Experiments With Crystals and X-Rays

London, Dec. 20.—Lieut. W. L. Bragg, who jointly with his father, Prof. W. H. Bragg, F. R. S., has received the Nobel prize for physics, is serving with the British forces in Flanders as an artillery expert. The third scientist who was associated with the two in their researches into crystals and X-rays, Henry J. M. Moseley, was killed by a sniper's bullet on Gallipoli peninsula.

Prof. Bragg and his son won their medals by following up certain discoveries in the formation of crystals made by Prof. Lave, a German scientist, who himself won the Nobel physics prize in 1914. He developed the theory that an X-ray is a phenomenon similar to the ray of light, but produced by wave lengths many thousand times smaller than the inconceivably small waves associated with light.

Prof. Bragg and his son hit upon a method of investigation by which they obtained the knowledge as to how atoms in crystals are arranged.

"To our astonishment," he said, "it upset all the old set theories of crystallography and many other ideas as well."

In this work the pair were assisted by young Moseley, who was the son of the late Prof. A. N. M. Moseley, of Oxford. Starting from a certain point of Lave's researches into the diffraction of X-rays in their passage through crystals, the three, in the words of Prof. Bragg, "opened up vistas the significance of which is incalculable."

Prof. Lave, like Lieut. Bragg and the unfortunate Moseley, is a soldier in the German army.

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MALVY'S DECISION HAS BEEN JUSTIFIED

Only One Case of Interference With Concentration of Troops in France

Paris, Dec. 20.—Since France went to war it is declared that there has been only one case of an attempt made by violence to interfere with the concentration of the army and the prosecution of the war. This fact is being pointed out in justification of the action which Minister of the Interior Malvy took in resisting suggestions that all revolutionary leaders, anarchists and persons suspected of disloyalty to the republic be arrested on the eve of the issuing of the general mobilization order.

Before the war the names of five thousand of these suspects were inscribed in what was known as "Note Book B." It had been the government's plan, in case of mobilization, to have all these people confined, at least while the mobilization was going on, but Minister Malvy, on whom the responsibility devolved, found himself between two fires. The Socialist leaders implored him not to take action, declaring it would only inflame the turbulent elements. On the other hand, the police and cautious members of the cabinet endeavored to impress upon him the gravity of the responsibility he would assume in leaving at liberty persons who had boasted that in case of war they would prevent the mobilization of the army by violence.

Jean Jaures, the leader of the Socialist party, who was to fall under an assassin's hand the very night the mobilization order was issued, and Gustav Herve, who had been one of the most violent anti-militant leaders, assured M. Malvy that the Socialists and the members of the Labor Federation would show themselves as loyal as any other category of French citizens and that it would be a crime to issue orders for the arrest of the men whose names were inscribed in "Note Book B."

Upon their advice Minister Malvy decided to take the chances, and it is now pointed out that the results have been proof enough that all fears were groundless. In the one case in which an attempt was made to interfere with the concentration of troops, details of which are lacking, it is pointed out that members of the Socialist party themselves detected the attempt and punished it so effectively that it was not repeated.

SEATTLE MAN CAPTURED BANDITS, WOUNDING ONE

Seattle, Dec. 20.—Two bandits, one of whom is at the city hospital probably dying from bullet wounds, were captured single-handedly by F. C. West, a driver for the West Seattle laundry, following at attempt of the men to hold

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Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—Three harvesters, Adam Holmes, of Seaforth, Ont., and George Leach and W. Leach, of Bayfield, Ont., were killed on Saturday night when the first section of C. P. R. train No. 2 struck a switch engine which was on the main track half a mile west of Fort William. The men who were killed apparently were stealing a ride on the platform of the mail car of the eastbound train. The switch engine was on the track in violation of rules. Engineer Ecken, of the switch engine, was seriously hurt. Three passengers on No. 2, the engineer and two firemen were slightly hurt. Traffic was delayed for three hours. The damage to rolling stock was not serious.

THE LOKAL ANZEIGER HAS BEEN SUPPRESSED

London, Dec. 20.—An Amsterdam dispatch to Reuters' Telegram company says: "The Lokal Anzeiger, of Berlin, which hitherto has been regarded as a semi-official organ, published on Saturday, instead of the regular morning edition, a single sheet announcing that the publication of the newspaper had been prohibited."

TWO SONS KILLED

London, Dec. 20.—Lord Ribblesdale, whose attack on the British army staff in France in the house of lords

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caused him to be called the next thing to a traitor by Lord Derby, has given two sons and a son-in-law to his country, besides being a brother-in-law of the prime minister and head of one of the old county families of Yorkshire. One son was killed in Somaliland ten years ago, and the other sons and the son-in-law met their deaths fighting in France during the past year.



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MR. BOWSER'S PROGRAMME.

In drafting his administrative programme Mr. Bowser was confronted with the expediency of promising something that had not been promised before. He naturally desired to impress the public with the belief that a change of Premiership meant a change of policy. His task was extraordinarily difficult. Sir Richard had held office for twelve years and as a dispenser of felicitous election pledges his talent and versatility were unsurpassable. He could promise more and do less than any political tactician in the country. Examining all his predecessor's assurances from his accession to power to his resignation, Mr. Bowser was unable to fix upon a solitary constructive plank that had not figured in one or more of them. He was handicapped, too, by the knowledge that the public was suffering from acute dyspepsia following over-indulgence in a diet of government promises and the fact that it realized that, with the exception of one minister, the change in the character of the new ministry was more apparent than real. Mr. Bowser for years had been a prominent member of Sir Richard's cabinet. Messrs. Taylor and Ross also were "boys of the old brigade." Mr. Tisdall, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Manson had sat in the legislature mutely endorsing everything that was said or done by their chief. The public knows, therefore, that it is the same old leopard, albeit with two spots painted out and one painted in. The system of political philosophy remains the same. Hence Mr. Bowser's difficulty.

Mr. Bowser says he recognizes the vital need of a "sound business policy coupled with reasonable retrenchment." Sir Richard has said the same many times. So has Mr. Bowser. They always told us that they were giving us a sound business administration. They even went farther and assured us that we had the best government in Canada, and maintained that our money was wisely expended by them. Mr. Bowser is right enough in his delayed admission that this province has not had a business administration, but as he was largely responsible for the fact it would be a decided strain on the public to accept his present assurances at their face value. The record of the Kitsilano reserve transaction, for one, rises in judgment against him. We have an uneasy feeling that Mr. Bowser from force of habit might try to buy more reserves and other things on similar terms. The Premier ought to recognize, too, that as one who must share the responsibility for the failure of the late government to call the public accounts committee of the legislature together, he is addressing a prejudiced audience. Such a lapse of duty would be unheard of in any other parliament in the British empire; a private business similarly run would be bankrupt in a year. Yet addressing a public meeting here three years ago, Mr. Bowser exulted in the fact that the expenditures of the province had not been scrutinized by a public accounts committee of the legislature, and excused it on the ground that British Columbia had such a wise, business-like administration that no scrutiny of check was required. Nor has Mr. Tisdall, Mr. Campbell or Mr. Manson ever publicly recommended that this most important duty of the legislature be performed.

We observe that Mr. Bowser will not grant aid to any "new" railway enterprises. We should hope not. Nor will the people of British Columbia permit the extension of further aid to any railway enterprises. They are now hearing a contingent liability of more than \$50,000,000 in principal, with annual interest charges of \$3,500,000—a liability, by the way, which Mr. Bowser, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Tisdall and Mr. Manson helped to foist upon them. Nor is it surprising that reference to the railway question should be followed in Mr. Bowser's pronouncement by allusion to the necessity of conserving the credit of the province. We quite agree that there is nothing a government should protect more vigilantly than the public credit abroad. But it is a thousand pities that Mr. Bowser did not think about this when he was a powerful minister in Sir Richard's cabinet; when he could have nipped in the bud the various policies which menaced our credit. Nothing has injured this province abroad more than the Dominion Trust collapse. Was Mr. Bowser thinking of the provincial credit when he assisted the passage of unconstitutional legislation which helped that company to trim investors in the United Kingdom? It is clear also that the present Premier gave little attention to British Columbia credit when he permitted the wholesale exploitation of this province by corporations whose favorite form of activity was the unloading abroad of millions upon millions of dollars worth of watered stock. Mr. Flumerfelt, the new finance minister, no doubt will appreciate the pertinency of these reflections.

The Premier promises the enforcement of the Agricultural Credits Act when the money market is favorable to the negotiation of a loan for the purpose. A year ago we were told that this act, which reposes peacefully on the statute books, would be brought into operation last summer. It will remain undisturbed as long as Mr. Bowser is in office, for the simple reason that its application would end the activities of land speculators, concerning whom, by the way, the Premier's programme is significantly silent. Another measure with a string on it adopted last year was the Workman's Compensation Act, which we are now told is a modern and up-to-date piece of legislation fashioned after the laws of other countries. Mr. Bowser says it is to be enforced next session. Why not now? Three months ago, however, the government appointed a commission to travel over the continent and see if the Workman's Compensation Act was really up-to-date. Just what that commission cost the country we shall not know for some time. The first one, however, cost more than \$40,000. The second one seems to have been appointed to check the original commission's report.

With genuine efforts to find markets for our products and to aid shipping the public, of course, will readily sympathize. But Mr. Bowser should be warned that the electors will not tolerate any more legislation with strings on it, devised solely to gain political capital. Vancouver Island will want to hear more than a passing reference to the question of utilizing the coast ports in connection with the shipment of grain. A Canadian government elevator is being erected in Vancouver. What pressure will Mr. Bowser bring to bear upon the federal authorities for the construction of a similar establishment on this island? He has not been noted for the impartial division of his interests and activities between the island and mainland. We seem to remember something about a university award in this connection. Will there be a change for the better as far as Victoria is concerned?

NOT SURE OF HIM.

Our morning contemporary is uncertain about Mr. Bowser. It does not know exactly how to take him. It has an uneasy feeling that the key which opened the door to Sir Richard's good graces will not fit the Bowser padlock. Soft soap might be dangerous. Besides, Mr. Bowser's pronouncement yesterday was vaguely disquieting in style. It seemed to imply lack of recognition of the achievements of Sir Richard which our contemporary, no doubt, regarded as a slight upon itself. The Colonist felt that Mr. Bowser really ought to be told diplomatically that he was not the only pet on the beach; that he was not the originator of all the bright things in his pronouncements, and that when he lit his lamp other illuminants did not go out. Hence he is reminded that the fact "that the time was at hand for the adoption of new and definite plans of action in provincial affairs has been apparent for some time," and further that "the Colonist has endeavored to the best of its ability to make this clear and we violate no confidence when we say that Sir Richard appreciated the necessity as fully as anyone."

We do hope the late Premier gave our contemporary permission to divulge that state secret, which we will admit Sir Richard kept uncommonly well. But lest Mr. Bowser fail to take the hint and recognize the real source of inspiration our contemporary further observes in reference to the Premier's policy regarding our ports as outlets for the products of the hinterland, and Peace River development: "We trust we do not misinterpret his observations when we suggest that

they imply action along lines for which The Colonist has steadfastly contended for several years, a policy of which the foundation stones were laid when the construction of the Canadian Northern Pacific and the Pacific Great Eastern was arranged for."

Our contemporary has done well to show Mr. Bowser where his real interests lie, but it knows how ungrateful public men can be. The Premier is so set in his ways that he may not allow himself to be saved in spite of himself. He may not learn to be guided by Sir Richard's "pillar of cloud by day and pillar of fire by night."

T. J. BURNES.

For many years the figure of Thomas Burnes was one of the most conspicuous and most welcome on the streets of Victoria. He, also, has heard the last roll call and has gone to join the growing company of old pioneers on the further side of the Great Divide. Mr. Burnes was a typical Irishman, genial, impulsive, whole-souled, large-hearted and broad-minded. He made many friends; and it was impossible to conceive of his having any enemies. In the earlier, and for him better, days he took a prominent part in every movement for improvement of the status and advancement of the interests of this city. The vicissitudes of life did not affect in the slightest degree his naturally buoyant and cheerful disposition. The vagaries of the Jade Fortune were accepted with cheerful optimism and never-failing good humor. News of his death will be received with genuine sorrow by his many friends in Victoria and throughout the province, and sincere sympathy will be extended to his family in their bereavement.

Germany, for a reason which probably will develop later on, is beginning to display a more conciliatory attitude towards the United States. It may be that the Kaiser believes the internal warfare being waged against Uncle Sam, like his campaign of "rightfulness" against Great Britain, has failed, or it is possible he contemplates using President Wilson as an instrument for negotiation of peace terms. But as M. Clemenceau has said, speaking for the French nation, and as all the allies are agreed, peace will not be negotiated through the United States or any neutral agency, but will be dictated by the entente powers.

Germany's repudiation of these amiable agents of kultur who have been blowing holes in the laws of the United States is easily penetrated. In the first place the conspirators are making the country so hot for people of German origin that it will take years to cool off. Secondly, and more important, Germany, realizing that the time is drawing near when only peace can save her from disastrous defeat, intends to make a desperate bid for American mediation and will try to cultivate the good graces of Washington. At best it is the most forlorn of forlorn hopes, but it will be Germany's only card.

The News-Advertiser candidly admits that there were dissensions in the cabinet and that the party in the legislature was divided against itself. Consequently Sir Richard was forced out to gratify the ambition of the present Premier and was "proffered" a position which is not vacant according to the statements of its present occupant as an emolument to his lacerated feelings.

A Berlin newspaper has made an important discovery. It is that Germany has one enemy and one alone. Strange to say, this enemy is not England. It is the food usurer, "Gott strafe him!" Meanwhile the chancellor has arranged for a census of all the tame rabbits in the country.

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upon bachelorhood on the report of Kitchener's engagement was dissolved, as if by magic, by the official denial of the distressing rumor. After all, it was unbelievable that the man who is directing a war against embattled Germany would strike his colors to an undressed kid with a bow and arrow.

Mr. Bowser's programme is silent in respect of a very important need. This is the abolition of the political machine. As long as the system whose methods were recently disclosed before a royal commission is encouraged by the government there can be no honest, business-like administration in British Columbia, and Mr. Bowser knows it.

Washington dispatch says the tone of the next note to Austria on the Ancona will be milder than that of the preceding protest. Of course it will. Austria can be annihilated in a cable controversy without being antagonized to the point of talking back roughly and spilling all prospect of a "diplomatic victory."

The president is engaged in the preparation of another note. Evidently the war of protests is going to continue until the last shot is fired in the great struggle in Europe. Mr. Wilson is a regular Micauber in his method of meeting obligations.

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Henry Croft, M. P. E., returned this afternoon from Cowichan, where he says the water has done a great deal of damage, the press reports not being exaggerated. The logs coming down the rivers have smashed the bridges to pieces.

At the meeting of the single tax club held last evening, it was decided to agitate for the abolition of trade licenses and for a reduction of the tax on improvements. The power of the club will have considerable influence on the elections.

The sewerage commissioners have awarded the contract for the installation of the sewerage system to A. McLean, of San Francisco, at \$249,770. It is \$70,000 less than the next nearest tender. The iron work will be done at the Albion Iron Works. He has just completed a contract at San Francisco for sewers.

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Christmas Glasses—For mother or father. The idea is making a hit. What could be more pleasing. Get a certificate from Mr. Frank Clouston, optician, 454 Yates street (corner Douglas), upstairs.

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St. Barnabas Church—To-morrow at 8 p.m., the last of the series of Advent lectures which have been given in connection with St. Barnabas church, will be delivered by Howard Chapman, who will show over one hundred excellent lantern views including war pictures and scenes depicting various aspects of the mobilization of troops. The entertainment promises to be of exceptional interest. Musical selections will be rendered during the evening.

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Outing for Orphans—On Christmas morning the little folk at the B. C. Protestant Orphan home are to be given an outing. They will be the guests of the Island Automobile club for a motor drive about the city and environs, and the committee which has charge of the arrangements is making ample preparation to give the small residents at the home a memorably good time. In order that they may each and all have a souvenir of the occasion arrangements have been made for a photographer to be at Beacon Hill park to take a picture.

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Tranquille Sanitarium

There were one hundred patients in residence at the Tranquille sanitarium at the close of November. A number of gifts of money and necessities are acknowledged, these coming from many quarters.

Shipbuilding Conference.—The R. C. Manufacturers' association will have a meeting in Vancouver to-morrow evening to discuss the question of shipbuilding preliminary to the conference which is to be held by the boards of trade of the coast cities.

Dear Plentiful.—Reports from the mainland are to the effect that despite the large number of hunters who are after deer on the mainland this year deer are becoming more plentiful instead of diminishing in number. This is in part due to the decrease in cougars and other beasts of prey.

Banquet Committee.—The Welcome Club banquet committee will meet on Tuesday at 3 p.m. in room C. Y. M. C. A. building. All members are requested to attend as final arrangements are to be made for the banquet on December 26.

Blue Cross Raffle.—No. 42 is the winning number for the work screen, raffled on behalf of the Blue Cross. It was drawn by Miss Betty Crawford on Saturday morning in the presence of the Blue Cross committee. The holder of the winning number is asked to present the ticket at the New Method Laundry, 1202 Douglas Street.

Alliance Francaise.—The Alliance Francaise will hold an Anglo-French matinee at the residence of Mrs. Agnew, 1322 Rockland avenue, on the afternoon of Saturday, January 8, at 2 o'clock, in aid of Wounded French Soldiers. There will be a short programme and several other attractions. Tickets may be obtained from members of the Alliance Francaise.

Auto Licenses.—The provincial police department is prepared to make renewals of motor licenses, all the numbers for 1916 having been delivered. Automobile owners can make their renewals at once, but the new numbers cannot be displayed until January 1. The number plates for next year are yellow with black letters. The chauffeurs' badges also are ready for delivery.

Lady Douglas Chapter.—Any member of the Lady Douglas Chapter, I. O. D. E., who has not already been notified is requested to report to-morrow at the tent of the Lady Douglas chapter on the corner of Government and Courtney street for the purpose of assisting in the tag-day campaign. The regular monthly meeting of the chapter will be held on Wednesday, December 23, instead of Wednesday in Christmas week.

Social Club.—The Ivy Leaf Social club held their popular weekly whist drive on Thursday night in the K. of P. hall, when the following were presented by Mrs. Davis with the prizes: First lady, Miss Henley; second, Mrs. McIntosh; third, Mrs. Rice; first gentleman, V. Dunn; second, E. Pollard; third, Mr. Madden. The special prize donated by A. G. Peatt was won by Corpl. J. Innis.

Rowland's Band Concerts.—The usual large crowd was in attendance at Pantages theatre last evening, when Rowland's band gave a popular concert. P. J. Murphy was well received for his solos and a bagpipe solo by little Miss Agnes Wallace was a very welcome number. The ever-tuneful "Gelsina" was the band's best number, and a patriotic selection of "British Favorite Melodies" was probably the favorite with the audience. Next Sunday a special programme of Christmas music will be given.

Opening Homesteaders' Land.—On Wednesday morning there is to be thrown open at the New Westminster Dominion building a small parcel of logged-off land, the south half of section 17, township 1, west of the coast meridian, and with its western boundary half a mile from Ocean Park station, on the Great Northern railway. Homesteaders under the Dominion laws must live on the land for six months each year for three years, clear and cultivate four acres and clear and sow to grass four more.

For Invalid Soldiers.—The following donations for the soldiers in the military convalescent home at Esquimalt are thankfully acknowledged: Mrs. Aeron, dressing gown; Mrs. Gardner, periodicals; Anonymous, Japanese oranges; Mrs. and Miss Anderson, magazines and preserves; Western Supply Co., fruit, cake, tobacco and magazines; Mr. Prins, oranges; Mr. Nunna, figs; Mrs. Foulkes, jam; "Friends of the Babe," cakes; Mrs. and Hunt, flowers and magazines; Miss Russell, fruit; Anonymous, raisins; Mrs. J. Irving, fresh eggs; Mrs. E. D. Todd, magazines and books; Mrs. E. D. Todd, flowers; the Misses Tolmie, ten beautiful chairs; Mrs. Day, oranges; Miss Bowker, oranges; Miss Musie, candy; Mrs. Cameron, tobacco and cigarettes; Mrs. Smith, chicken; Mrs. Beaven, magazines; Mrs. Goulding, Wilson, potted chrysanthemums; Mrs. J. D. Jay, pickles; Anonymous, 500 cigar-rotter and Christmas papers; Mrs. Dee, fruit.

FIRE IN CHINATOWN

Chinaman is Rendered Unconscious by Smoke; Serious Damage Might Have Eventuated.

In the high wind of last evening a fire which might have had serious results broke out in a thickly populated section of Chinatown. About half-past eleven the fire department was called to 533 Flagg street, owned by On Hing, and leased to Man Hing, where flames had broken out upstairs.

The cause of the fire is not clearly understood, but is believed to have been originated by the breaking of a lamp. When the department arrived, men were pouring out down the ladders and staircases into the streets and intersecting alleys. One man, however, named Joe Lai, was not so fortunate, and he was found unconscious in the building. The firemen worked on him with the putmotor for half an hour, and as he was suffering from burns, he was sent on to the Jubilee hospital for treatment.

The fire had got considerable headway, due to the heat breaking the skylights. Thus an avenue of access was afforded to the gusts of wind which fanned the flames. Some damage was done to contents of Man Hing underneath, and the premises of Sing Kee adjoining. Three streams were employed to extinguish the fire.

Under the circumstances the restriction of the loss to about \$500 on building contents was remarkable. An examination into the cause of the fire is to be made.

COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

Prizes Distributed; Twenty-eight Former Pupils Have Gone to the Front.

At a distribution of prizes at the Collegiate school on Friday night the headmaster said he hoped there might be an arrangement made with the university of B. C. for an annual examination similar to the Oxford and Cambridge local examination to the college of acceptors. He referred to the fact that there were twenty-eight former boys of the school serving in the armies of the empire.

Dean Schofield distributed the prizes and congratulated the school on its achievements. There was a short concert in which Mrs. Bridgewater and Miss Forbes accompanied the boys in Mrs. Bridgewater's song, "Canada for Empire."

The prize-list was as follows: Form I: First prize, presented by Mrs. G. Lang, Duke, II.; second, Curtis, I.; third, Hodgins; fourth, Officer; fifth, Curtis, II.

Form II: First, Harris; second, Simmonds; third, Ellis, II.; fourth, Maclean; divinity, Harris, presented by Mrs. Jenkinson.

Form III: Form, Winter; French, Lee; mathematics, Winter; divinity, Winter; English, Fell, I.

Form IV: Form, Bass, presented by Mrs. Bowser; Latin, Macey, presented by Mr. P. E. Curtis; French, Macey, presented by Mrs. Verrinder; mathematics, Bass; divinity, Cunningham.

A special prize for drawing and painting was won by Simmonds, the prize being presented by Mrs. Preston, in drawing, first prize was secured by Roberts and second by Walker.

CLOSING EXERCISES.

Prizes Presented at Esquimalt School; Lieut. Mulcahy, Most Efficient Cadet.

The closing exercises at Esquimalt school were concluded on Friday morning last when the large assembly hall was filled with pupils, parents and residents of the district.

The trustees, Messrs. L. Tait (chairman), Geo. R. Robson, H. Mantrup, W. Wilson and Capt. A. Mulcahy, secretary, were all in attendance.

After the singing of "O Canada," the chairman, L. Tait, summed up the many activities of the school during the past year and, in calling the attention of the audience to the display of trophies won by the cadet corps, emphasized the importance of military training in times like the present.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitzherbert Bullen who have presented the cadet corps with a magnificent shield, were both present, and at the conclusion of a happy address, full of appeal to the nobler qualities of the boys, Fitzherbert Bullen handed the shield to the smartest, keenest and most efficient cadet of the current year, Lieut. Patrick J. Mulcahy. On behalf of the cadets and of the instructors, Principal Stacey thanked Mr. and Mrs. Bullen for their kindly interest in the corps, and pointed out how greatly they were encouraged in their work by public-spirited acts of this nature.

The pleasing task of presenting honor rolls, certificates and prizes to the fortunate winners was then ably performed by Mrs. Mulcahy, the trustees and the Rev. T. Hughes, who addressed the scholars, pointing out the advantages of a sound education, and concluded by wishing them all a Merry Christmas and an enjoyable holiday.

The singing of the Maple Leaf and of God Save the King concluded a very pleasant ceremony.

During the term just ended the pupils of Lamson Street school have contributed the sum of \$165 to the funds of the Red Cross and are sending a generous supply of groceries, clothing, etc., to the Esquimalt Friendly Help society for distribution before Christmas.

38th Band Concert.—The 38th Battalion band last evening gave a very fine concert at the Columbia theatre. The band was in the form, and gave particularly interesting renderings of a selection from Maritana, with a musically performance of "Scenes That Are Brightest," by W. V. North, the well-known cornetist; and the Crack Regiment Patrol. The clarinet and flute duet was pleasingly given, Mr. Easton playing the former instrument and Mr. Hargrove the latter. Miss Didier sang four songs, and was very popular in all, among the favorite numbers which she contributed being "Mother Machree."



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- Almond Paste (ready for cake), lb. 40c
- Cluster Raisins, lb., 15c, 19c and 25c
- Crystallized Ginger, tin, 16c and 32c
- Mixed Nuts, lb., 19c & 23c
- Reception Plum Puddings, each, 50c to \$1.50

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A. D. Cameron, of Erie, N. D., is at the Dominion.

Miss Smale, of Vancouver, is at the Hotel Metropolis.

Ed. Hemmingsen, of Cowichan lake, is at the Dominion.

Mrs. M. B. Bell and son, of Duncan, are at the Dominion.

J. H. Carson, of Montreal, is staying at the Empress hotel.

C. Philpot, of Cameron Lake, is staying at the Hotel Metropolis.

M. K. Moore, of Nanaimo, is registered at the Hotel Metropolis.

V. M. Kollert, of Toronto, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday.

A. Rushton, of Cowichan Lake, is staying at the Hotel Metropolis.

James A. Porter, from Cobble Hill, is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Chester Deering, of Portland, Oregon, is registered at the Empress hotel.

Arthur J. Calderhead, of Vancouver, is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Mrs. Henderson and child, of San Diego, are staying at the Dominion.

Chas. E. Elders and Mrs. Elders, of Salmon Arm, are staying at the Dominion.

W. R. Robertson and Mrs. Robertson, of Calgary, are at the Dominion hotel.

W. J. Howler, of Sydney, Australia, is stopping at the Dominion hotel.

J. F. Corfield is down from Duncan, and is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Mrs. Hanham, of Duncan, is in the city, and is a guest at the Strathcona hotel.

T. M. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, of Armada, Ont., are staying at the Dominion.

E. Kerr is among the new arrivals at the Hotel Metropolis from Cowichan Lake.

W. Cline, of Vancouver, is registered among the guests at the Hotel Metropolis.

A. E. Shaver is over from Port Angeles, and is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

J. R. Richardson and Mrs. Richardson, of Betha, Ont., are registered at the Dominion.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hogan and children, of Pincher Creek, are guests at the Empress hotel.

H. W. Saunders, of Duncan, registered for himself and Mrs. Saunders at the Strathcona hotel.

J. K. Grover is down from Duncan for a few days, and is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Captain and Mrs. Garrard, of London, England, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

J. N. Henderson, from Kinley, Sask., is a visitor in the city, and is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

M. Mok, from Chicago, has arrived in, and will spend some time in the city. He is staying at the Hotel Strathcona.

J. R. Sherman and Mrs. Sherman, and N. E. McDermott, of Ellensburg, Wash., are registered at the Dominion hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Hatfield, from Ladysmith, spent the week-end in the city, and were guests at the Strathcona hotel.

Allan Craig, Mrs. Craig and son, and Miss Craig, of Kildonan, B. C., are visiting Victoria, and are staying at the Dominion.

ATTRACTION TEA AIDS FRENCH RED CROSS

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The opening remarks were made by Dr. H. E. Young, who referred eloquently to the suddenness of the great war which had found both France and Britain unprepared. But both countries had won their civil liberties at great cost, and the danger which threatened these liberties had brought both nations to their feet to sweep aside the dominating autocracy. That which they had won on the battle field in the past they were now defending on the battle field, and the war would be fought out to the end. The gathering which he was then addressing, he said, was evidence of the good will of the citizens to bring about a successful conclusion of the war. The spirit which had formed the many patriotic societies would conquer in the end.

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Duet, selected, violin and flute..... Mlle. Pichon

Solo, selected, "Ca fait peur aux oiseaux"..... Mlle. Holden

Dance, "Polka des Bebes"..... Mlle. Yvonne Marc, Master Pierre Pichon

La Marsellaise..... M. Lombard

Solo, selected..... Mme. Gales

Recitation, "La lattiere et le pot au lait"..... Mlle. Pichon

Solo, selected..... Mme. Rosher

Recitation, "L'Assommoir"..... Mlle. Athalie Gibson

Solo..... Mme. Nancarrow

Piano solo..... Mlle. Pauly

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WEATHER BULLETIN

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.
Victoria, Dec. 20-5 a. m.—A severe storm area, centred off Vancouver Island, has caused southerly gales on the coast. Strata and Sound. These conditions may continue to-day.
Forecasts:
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Tuesday, "Victoria and vicinity—Strong winds or gales, mostly easterly and southerly, unsettled and mild, with rain. Lower Mainland—Easterly and southerly winds, fresh to high on the Gulf, unsettled and mild, with rain."
Reports:
Victoria—Barometer, 29.4; temperature, maximum yesterday, 47; minimum, 42; wind, 26 miles S. E.; rain, .14; weather, rain.
Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.16; tem-

perature, minimum yesterday, 40; wind, 8 miles S. E.; rain, .3; weather, rain. No other reports received. Wires down.
Victoria Daily Weather:
Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Saturday:
Temperature..... 41
Highest..... 41
Lowest..... 40
Average..... 42
Minimum on grass..... 37
Rain, .03 inch.
Bright sunshine, 24 minutes.
General state of weather, cloudy.
Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Sunday:
Temperature..... 46
Highest..... 46
Lowest..... 35
Average..... 42
Minimum on grass..... 34
Rain, .02 inch.
Bright sunshine, 8 minutes.
General state of weather, cloudy.

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AT THE THEATRES

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At the Columbia theatre on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the five-reel Selig Red Seal Play, "The House of a Thousand Candles" will be the feature attraction. This photoplay was adapted from the novel of the same title by Meredith Nicholson and features Harry Mestayer, the well-known Selig star. The supporting roles are taken by Miss Grace Darmond, George Backus, John Charles and a cast composed of well-known players from the speaking stage. The lighting and camera effects which the director has incorporated into this film play make it one of exceptional beauty, while the plot is so arranged that the ending is kept a secret until the last few feet, thus keeping the interest alive throughout.

"PEACE SHIP" PICTURES.

Some very interesting pictures of the Henry Ford "Peace Expedition" taken on board the Oscar II will be shown at the Variety theatre during the first part of the week commencing to-night. The Universal Film Co. has a representative camera man aboard the vessel, and they will have the exclusive motion pictures of all interesting events which transpire during the trip to Europe.

The balance of the programme for the first half of the week at the Variety is exceptionally good, and includes a three-act drama of the present day, "Both Sides of Life" featuring Ella Hall, who will be remembered for her excellent work in the character of "Jewel" in the play of the same name which was shown at the Variety a few weeks ago. The ever popular Warren Kerrigan will appear in the second of "The New Adventures of Terrence O'Rourke," which are proving quite popular. A number of special musical selections appropriate to the pictures will be rendered by the Variety concert orchestra under the capable direction of A. Rumsby.

ROYAL VICTORIA.

A treat is in store for those who pay a visit to the Royal Victoria the first three days of this week. This afternoon for the first time George Randolph Chester's series of stories "The New Adventures of J. Rufus Wallingford" were shown. Each of the series has a complete story of its own, at the end of which another name is crossed off the prospective list of victims. The first of the adventures of Wallingford projects something new in the way of comedy. Of course the directors are largely responsible for the creditable manner in which the series is being presented in pictures, although some of the honors must go to the cast, which is composed of Burr McIntosh in the role of J. Rufus Wallingford, Max Figman as "Blackie Daw" and Lolita Robertson as Violet Warden, upon the swindling of whose father rests the plot of the play. The title of the first picture is "The Bungalow Tangle" and judging from this "The New Adventures of J.

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Another notable feature of the bill will be the first appearance here in vaudeville of Knox Wilson, the musical comedy star, and his little company, in a sketch that is said to be fairly lacerated with laughter. Knox Wilson was the funmaker-in-chief of "The Burgomaster," "Flirting Princess" and other big road shows that have played here in past years. He has a vaudeville sketch that affords him full scope for his talents as a singer, dancer and instrumentalist.

A third feature act will be along terpsichorean lines by Jack Howard and Hannah Leach, billed as "the international dancers." These graceful exponents of the newest dance creations will present among others, three of their own original compositions, the "Three-in-One," the "Twentieth Century Gavotte" and the "Rubin-Seamper Trot."

A clever patterlogue entitled "Flirtology" will be the offering of Jarvis and Harrison. The Alaska Quartette, four men garbed as miners, will contribute some harmonious vocal selections. Al Lutinger and company of three will be seen in a rousing Western melodrama entitled "The Girl of the West." Harry La Toy, a comedy juggler, will be on deck with some of the latest and most amusing stunts in that line, while new motion pictures and orchestral selections will round out the big programme.



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SPORTS NEWS

WESTERN SCOTS WON FROM VISITING SCOTTISH BATTALION; SCORE 5 TO 2

Naval Volunteers Drew With Jacksons and Wests Defeated Garrison; Junior Standard Results

With the exception of the Junior Standard Soccer league games all Saturday's fixtures were exhibition affairs, most of the teams just working out in preparation for the Peden cup ties. The real feature of the games was that between the 72nd battalion of Vancouver, and the local 6th battalion, which resulted in a somewhat easy victory for the local unit. The following are the results of Saturday's games:

6th Battalion, 5; 72nd Battalion, 2.
Victoria West, 2; Garrison, 1.
Naval Volunteers, 2; Jacksons, 2.
Junior Standard.

James Bay, 3; Esquimalt H. S., 1.
Congos, 3; Y. M. C. A., 1.

It took the 6th battalion just one half hour really to get settled down to their true form in their game with the visiting 72nd battalion of Vancouver at the Wilby's Saturday, but when they did get settled they came on in a rush, and walked all over the visitors, scoring five goals, while the Vancouver Highlanders succeeded in scoring but twice.

Throughout the first period the play was somewhat ragged, but very stubbornly fought. George Nichol and Jock Niven, late of the Jacksons, added considerable strength to the locals. Neither team succeeded in breaking into the scoring column in the first period.

Play in the second half was entirely reversed. Both teams displayed better form, and the play improved as the game progressed. The local battalion forwards were pressing in, but could not bulge the net. Nichol sent in some hard shots, but they were well saved by Dunn in the visitor's net. About ten minutes had elapsed when the locals were awarded a penalty. Ord took the kick and scored easily. Shortly afterwards Allen swelled the local scoring column by a hard shot from about twenty-five yards out. After the kick off the visitors worked hard to avoid a shut-out. They made a combined rush on the local goal, and a hard shot was aimed at Holmes, which he fumbled while attempting to clear, and the visiting forwards rushed him over the goal time for their initial goal. Plump added another for the Western Scots a few moments later, taking a nice pass from Nichol. The visitors were now working hard, they opened a combined attack, and scored their second goal. Before the local attack the 72nd defence was helpless. Most of the advances were combined. Nichol scored the locals' fourth goal, while Allen tallied the fifth. The visitors were pressing when the whistle sounded for time. During the intermission the Western Scots band provided all the latest airs. The teams lined up as follows:

Western Scots—Holmes; Ord and Christian; Nives, McDiarmid and Okeil; Plump; Nichol; Dakers, Allen and Patterson.

72nd Battalion Seaforth Highlanders—Dunn; Hogg and Hyland, Holt, Dickie and Robertson; Finlayson, Runcie, Pollock, Hodgkinson and Jackson. Walter Lorimer officiated as referee.

Wests Defeat Garrison.
Victoria West won a stubbornly fought game from the Garrison on Saturday afternoon at Work Point, the final score being 2 to 1. In the opening session the soldiers had a slight advantage, and when the whistle blew for the interval they led 1-0. They had somewhat tired themselves out in this period, and in the latter half of the game the Wests had the advantage. It was only the brilliant work of Jock Robertson in the West nets that saved them from defeat. In the opening half the Garrison peppered the West goal at times, but only once succeeded in bulging the net. Not only did the Garrison possess a strong forward division, but their defence also was strong. Play after the interval greatly favored the green shirts. Immediately after the kickoff the Wests attacked, and in a mix-up in the Garrison goal-mouth, a penalty was awarded the Wests. Plump took the kick but failed to score. A few moments later, however, the same player scored a brilliant goal, equalizing the score. The Garrison appeared to be tiring and the Wests were coming stronger every minute. About half way through the final period Jimmy Petticrew scored the deciding goal with a hard shot which the Garrison net-tender had no possible chance to save. For the winners Robertson, Petticrew and Whyte starred, while Grimes and Kelly did splendid work for the Garrison.

Play Drawn Game.
Sir John Jackson's football representatives, who won the Senior City league soccer championship, were handed a surprise package by the Volunteer Naval Reserve soccer eleven Saturday at the Canton grounds when the sailors played the champions to a 3-all draw. Play in the opening period favored the Jacksons. The continuation was good, while their shooting was accurate, and only the excellent work of Cronin in the nets staved off defeat. The first half finished with the Jacksons leading 1 goal to 0.

Team work on the part of the navy seemed to be lacking. Many of their passes were wild, and it was not

until well on in the second half that they succeeded in bettering their combination. Shortly after the interval the champions netted another goal, and it looked like certain victory for them. From this stage until the end of the game the sailors settled down, and had the better of the play, succeeding in scoring two goals and equalizing the score. When the whistle blew for time the navy were on the offensive.

It is very probable that the Naval Volunteers will be represented in the Peden cup ties, and judging from their showing against the champion Jacksons they should make a strong bid for the championship.

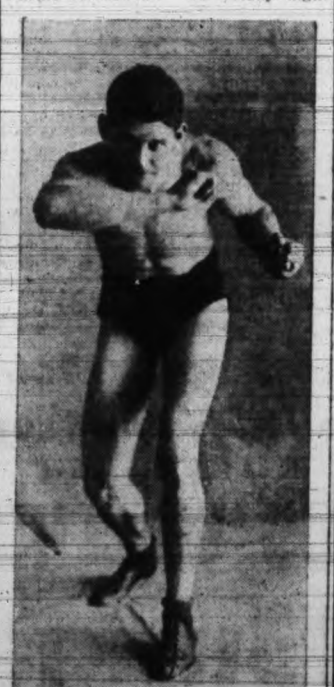
James Bay went to the top of the Junior Standard Soccer league on Saturday afternoon by virtue of their defeat of the Esquimalt High school by the score of 3 goals to 1. In the opening half the losers obtained a one-goal margin, Mulcahy scoring. This advantage they maintained until the latter part of the last half, when the Bays came up with a rush, and scored three sharp goals in lightning rapidity. While play in the first half was fairly even, the Bays had much the better of the play in the last half, and only the excellent work of Cumie between the uprights for Esquimalt prevented his team from going down to an even more decisive defeat. Dickie Chugranes scored twice for the Bays, and Shandley once. These players were the pick of the winning team, while Cumie and Mulcahy starred for the losers. The game was played at Macaulay Point, and was refereed by William Briskson.

The other Standard league fixture played between the Congos and Y. M. C. A., played at Central park, resulted in a win for the former by the score of 3 to 1. The losers were minus the services of two of their best players, Dick Graft and Billy Baker, who have joined the 103rd battalion, and were out on parade. They took the field with but nine men, and while they put up a plucky fight, the advantage of the Congos was too great, and they were forced to acknowledge defeat by a two-goal margin. Woods scored twice, and Downs once for the winners, while Arthur Dowell scored Y. M. C. A.'s only tally. W. Telfer officiated as referee.

O'LEARY ENLISTS IN CANADIAN BATTALION

Seattle Lightweight and His Manager Join 65th Battalion for Active Service

Word comes from Saskatoon that Johnny O'Leary, claimant to the Canadian lightweight championship, enlisted for active service with the 65th Battalion, C. E. F., on Saturday afternoon. William Madden, his manager, also enlisted. O'Leary is a Seattle boy, born of Irish parents, and it was in his home town that he got his start in the ring. For a number of years Johnny was boxing in the featherweight division around the Sound and cleaned up everything in that class. He journeyed to California a few years ago and graduated into the lightweight ranks. He is considered one of the cleverest boxers ever developed in the Pacific Northwest. On Friday night



O'Leary made his initial appearance in Saskatoon, where he stopped Billy McKenzie, of Nova Scotia, in 12 rounds. Word that he had joined the colors was a complete surprise to his many local friends.

Madden, who handled the affairs of O'Leary, was for a number of years a famous jockey, and has piloted winners against such experts as Danny Maher, Ted Sloan and a host of other world's famous riders. He is the son of the vice-president of the Wabash railway. Both O'Leary and Madden have been given the rank of sergeant. O'Leary will meet Kid Scaler in Edmonton on New Year's Day.

MRS. BUNDY MAY AGAIN RETIRE FROM TENNIS

Los Angeles, Dec. 20.—The tennis future of Mrs. May Sutton Bundy, now that she has conquered Molla Bjurstedt, seems to be in a very uncertain condition. It seems at present to depend entirely on the tennis ambitions of her husband.

If Tom Bundy decides to go east with Maurice McLoughlin and endeavor to regain the doubles championship, Mrs. Bundy will trot right along, too, and make a regular invasion. She will play in all of the large invitational tournaments and in the national championships. That means she will meet the Norwegian girl again, in New York or Philadelphia.

But if Bundy decides to retire from active tennis competition and just play an occasional game for amusement's sake, why, Mrs. Bundy, the world's greatest woman player, will do likewise.

It may be that she will even let her husband enter active competition again without taking up strenuous play herself. Nobody is as uncertain about the tennis future of Mrs. Bundy as is Mrs. Bundy herself. But, for the present, she is through.

The strain has been very severe on her. In conditioning herself for the tournament in which she pitted her skill against Miss Bjurstedt's strength she did not spare herself. She trained almost as strenuously as a college football player.

AD WOLGAST MAY BE SUSPENDED BY COMMISSION

New York, Dec. 20.—Charges of breach of contract and obtaining money under false pretences will be preferred against Ad Wolgast, former lightweight champion, at a meeting to-morrow of the New York state athletic commission. Chairman Fred Wenck announced to-night that he would recommend suspension of the pugilist for six months.

Wolgast will be charged with violating his contract with the Harlem Sporting club, when he boxed on the night of December 14, at Atlanta, as he had agreed not to engage in any bout previous to his appearance here last Friday night. He will also be accused of going on here when he knew he was not in fit physical condition.

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HOCKEY TEAMS ARE IDLE UNTIL DEC. 28

Locals Have Chance to Tie Up for League Leadership

P. C. H. A. teams will have a long lay-off, as they do not again take the ice in a league game until December 28, when Victoria will be opposed to Portland on the latter's ice and Vancouver will visit Seattle. Victoria will have a grand chance of pulling even with Portland and Seattle for the league leadership, should they defeat the Rosebuds, and Vancouver gain a victory over the Metropolitans, a three-cornered tie would result. The terrific pace the locals have been setting in their last two games with the cham-

pions has displaced both American teams as favorites for the championship, the league is only young yet, but none of the clubs should improve to such an extent as the Aristocrats. They are a young aggregation and to date they have shown remarkable improvement. When the league series started even the staunchest local admirers hardly considered Victoria dangerous contenders for the league championship, but their recent successes have made them great favorites. The Aristocrats are strong favorites with the local public to defeat the Rosebuds.

Vancouver is just about due to return to their old time form. They have now suffered four consecutive defeats, and it would be no great surprise to see them return to their old time form. One of the surprises was the return to form of Barney Stanley. Up to Friday night Barney had displayed none of his last season's form, but against Victoria he uncovered a lot of his "old stuff" and if Cyclone Taylor and Griffiths can round into form with a week's hard practice Seattle may meet with a reverse.

All this week the Victoria team will work out. It is probable that a couple of games will be played with the V. A. H. C. quintette during the lay-off.

DILLON TO MEET COWLER.

New York, Dec. 20.—Tom Cowler, the English heavyweight, and Jack Dillon, claimant to the world's light-heavyweight championship, will box ten rounds to-morrow night at the Broadway Sporting club. These boxers were to have met on December 14 but Dillon was suffering from a badly damaged ear, and asked for a postponement.

V. I. A. A. MEETING.

A meeting of the V. I. A. A. will be held this evening at 8 o'clock in the club rooms, Victoria West. All members are urgently requested to be present. The association is out with a deft to meet any basketball team in the city. Any team accepting this challenge will please communicate with W. H. Davies, at the Empire Realty company, Fort street.

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SPORTING NEWS (CONTINUED)

ENGLISH BILLIARDS POPULAR IN STATES

Many American Cueists Have Taken Up the Game of Late

One of the surprises of the early billiard season is the fondness for English billiards which has developed in the United States.

Imman's manipulation of the balls, with his skill at losing hazards, rather appealed to them, particularly as Hoppe also showed considerable skill at it and privately endorsed it as a game that was full of possibilities to satisfy the desire of players looking for something novel.

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or white" rather caught the fancy of the novices. Withal, there was a chance for constant scoring in twos and threes at a time, and so a resultant string of bullfights that looked good to the player.

The result has been a revival of the game, both in the public room and in the clubs, until now it is quite the thing in the States an hour or two after dinner.

As one result of this increased playing of the English game more interest is felt in the contest for the Dewar trophy, which is competed for each winter by bona fide amateurs, a trophy presented to America a couple of years ago by Sir Joseph Dewar, of England.

Philadelphia, Dec. 20.—It is very doubtful if Pennsylvania and Cornell will send crews to the races at Poughkeepsie this year on account of the regatta committee failing to select a suitable date.

Mr. Eitzenrey, chairman of the rowing committee at Pennsylvania, stated that it looks as though there will be no races at Poughkeepsie next year.

LIGHTWEIGHTS MATCHED. Milwaukee, Dec. 21.—Ritchie Mitchell, the local lightweight, and Joe Mandot, who suffered a knockout at the hands of Benny Leonard on Friday night, will box ten rounds here tomorrow night.

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RUMOR THAT PEACE PACT HAS BEEN SIGNED

Nothing Definite Has Been Given Out by Officials

Chicago, Dec. 20.—That a baseball peace pact was actually signed and sealed last week and that only the details remain to be worked out at the meeting between the National commission and representatives of the Federal league, in Cincinnati Tuesday, was the statement made here today by a man who is financially interested in the peace terms.

According to this statement it was agreed at the New York meeting that the Federal league would retain all its players, reimburse its backers from their sale to clubs in organized ball, and that the American and National leagues would reimburse the Wards of Brooklyn for their outlay, the Federal on their part agreeing to withdraw from the field.

Members of the party who returned to New York from Cincinnati were silent on the subject of the meeting, though President Johnson again said peace was sure to come. He and President Chivington, of the American association, will go to Cincinnati tomorrow to take part in the final deliberations.

Some of the Federal league owners, it is understood, were inclined to balk after the agreement was signed, but organized baseball men here declared there was no chance of their starting again. Situation of the Baltimore problem may remain what little opportunity remains.

St. Louis, Dec. 20.—President Rickart, of the St. Louis Federal league club, said in his resignation: "Under the existing circumstances and in order to clarify the atmosphere, I have today resigned my position as president of the St. Louis Federal league baseball club."

FINE PRICE OFFERED FOR SEATTLE MARE. Seattle, Dec. 20.—P. J. McCormack, of the firm of Cuddehe & McCormack, has under consideration an offer of \$4,000 for that queen of the northwest trotting turf of 1914, Flora Dora L., by Lombro dam Dora, by Altigo by Altamont. Flora Dora L. was a winner of nine out of eleven starts this year and made a record of 1:14, winning about \$6,000 in purses. Her best half was done in 1:24 in a race. Good judges predict a record of 2:35 for this fast mare next year.

Charles Gulon, that master driver, better known as the trotting turf as "Missouri," held the ribbons on Flora Dora L. in all of her races this year. The mare was bred in Oregon by a Mr. Wolf, and a very pretty story is connected with her naming. Mr. Wolf has two daughters, one Flora, and the other Dora, and after much discussion the mare was named as both daughters, Flora Dora, and the L. for Lombro. Mr. McCormack has often been told that the mare's name was spelled wrong; the impression being that she was named for one of the Floradora sextette.

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

London, Eng., Dec. 20.—The following are the results of the Old Country football games played Saturday on the grounds of the first mentioned teams: Lanashire Section: Blackpool, 1; Everton, 4. Bury, 0; Manchester City, 2. Liverpool, 2; Stoke, 0. Manchester United, 1; Bolton Wanderers, 0. Rochdale, 2; Preston North End, 4. Stockport County, 0; Burnley, 2. Southport Central, 2; Oldham Athletic, 1.

Midland Section: Barnsley, 1; Notts County, 0. Bradford City, 3; Lincoln, 0. Hull City, 1; Sheffield Wednesday, 1. Leeds City, 1; Bradford, 1. Leicester Fosse, 2; Grimsby Town, 0. Notts Forest, 5; Derby County, 1. Sheffield United, 3; Huddersfield Town, 1. London Combination: Bregford, 1; Clapton Orient, 0. West Ham United, 2; Fulham, 1. Tottenham Hotspur, 2; Queen's Park Rangers, 1. Chelsea, 0; Crystal Palace, 1. Woolwich Arsenal, 3; Watford, 1. Craydon Common, 1; Millwall Athletic, 0. Scottish League: Falkirk, 0; Aberdeen, 3. Airdrieonians, 1; Hibernians, 0. St. Mirren, 1; Ayr United, 0. Partick Thistle, 0; Celtic, 4. Clyde, 0; Rangers, 2. Hamilton Academicals, 1; Dumbarton, 1. Dundee, 3; Raith Rovers, 0. Hearts, 0; Motherwell, 4; Motherwell, 0. Kilmarnock, 1; Third Lanark, 1. Queen's Park, 4; Morton, 4.

LETTER BOX

Letters addressed to the Editor and intended for publication must be short and legibly written. The longer an article the shorter its chance of insertion.

"COURAGE, CAUTION," ETC. To the Editor.—I suggest that there is an important omission from the words of the Conservative party as the same is reported in Sunday's Colonist. Should it not have read: "Courage, caution and a garbage can?" Perhaps the machine's censor is to blame for the mutilated version made public.

THE AGENT-GENERAL. To the Editor.—In order to settle all doubts as to the resignation of Mr. Turner, and also the question as to whether this resignation was a voluntary one or was forced upon our late agent-general, would it not be a straightforward manner of putting the whole thing before the public were the attorney-general to publish Mr. Turner's letter in full, through the medium of the press? CIVITAS.

A NURSE'S GRIEVANCE. To the Editor.—I am a trained nurse and for many years a taxpayer in this city. Some months ago I went to the health officer and asked for work. I was told there was "nothing doing," yet he employed a stenographer. The taxes for board of health purposes I own here (for I sold my home in England to buy this which I have), are considerably over \$30. My taxes this year are a little less than last, thanks to the Civic Retrenchment association, though still far more than they should be. I have had a child to bring up and board-out for years, my husband passing away before the child was two years old. I never troubled the city or the Friendly Help, and nurses are not always employed by any means. Why should I be called upon to make up for the big salaries for city officials? It seems a shame that working people who try to own their homes should be robbed to provide alms for city officials and all the frills and waste in the schools. If the school trustees had to pay for it out of their own pockets there would be less waste and extravagance. It seems an impossibility for an honest man or woman to keep a home after the struggle to get it. The big fish tries to devour the little fish. Notice the enormous sums paid to tourist associations. The tourists do not keep up the city, but the overburdened taxpayers. I am sincerely hoping they will support the Civic Retrenchment association, who are deserving the thanks of every taxpayer. I wonder if the governing bodies ever realize that very often the municipal authorities make papers and have to keep them. This is said to be a free country, but to me it is anything but free. In these terrible times of stress I cannot see why I should have to pay out what little I have toward paying big salaries for city officials. I find that in every department the salaries of head officials are far higher than they should be. Look at the empty houses and business and industry in the isolation hospital, only a few patients there. I wonder how many nurses in Victoria get \$5 a month, that is, regularly. Very few, I think. Then why should the many be robbed to enrich the few? If it is high time this injustice was remedied. MRS. J. D. SINCLAIR, 81 McClure St., Dec. 20.

ZEAL WITH DISCRETION IN RECRUITING. Critics of the voluntary system usually assume that the withdrawal from industry or diversion to military services of the whole male population of military age will produce no serious effect on the industrial situation. It is a manifest error which all experienced disorganizers have necessarily first claimed in a situation like the present, but a wise military policy will certainly not ignore the financial and commercial problems, which are essentially as vital in the proposition in which England is, as the military problem itself and which are equally urgent. Unless discretion as well as zeal are brought to bear in formulating the recruiting policy of the future, its success may be more fatal ultimately to the essential interests of all the allies than any conceivable defeat in the field. LONDON NEWS.

ANSWERING THE FROG. There happened to be a thunderclap just when the frog had come to the top of his pond and some his morning croak, answering me, he said, and croaked again to bursting point. "He's answering us," said the professional whippersnappers this morning in dealing with the prime minister's speech, and proceed to fresh exercise in self-inflation and boasting of their own wit and wit, let alone a sense of propriety, should dissolve the whole whimpering business in ridicule. Westminster Gazette.

A LITTLE HINT. We all have friends in plenty. The poorest may count twenty. Who team with kind suggestions Of what one ought to do. They have views on every matter, Which they'll generously scatter. To decide those vexing questions That sorely puzzle you. But doesn't it seem funny That they rarely mention money? Though they must know it would be a certain cure for many ills? They scold us against forgetting. They advise a blithe forgetting. But ignore that panacea— The cash to pay your bills. GERMANY WEARING DOWN. All the Germans are thinking of now in Russia is to dig themselves in for the winter. No longer have they the faintest hope of taking Dvinsk or Riga. In the southern part of the line, near the Gallician border, they are impressing the civil population into the work of constructing their winter entrenchments. No wonder the German people at home are becoming sick of the war, and begging, even plotting for the beginning of peace negotiations. Before the world was God.

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The 5th Regt. will provide sentries at each headquarters and sentries will be relieved every two hours. Guardroom will be the United Service Club, 742 Fort Street.

New Drill Hall, Victoria, B. C., December 18, 1915. From O. C. 103rd Battalion, C. E. F., Victoria, B. C. To A. C. Burdick, Esq., chairman, campaign committee, Victoria Patriotic Aid Society, Victoria.

been done for their wives and dependents by the Patriotic Aid Society. The assurance that, should anything happen to them, those depending upon them will be looked after, gives them that confidence and courage which is so necessary to face the dangers and difficulties of trench warfare.

In these days, when so much is expected and so much more is taken for granted, it may be well that suitable recognition is either delayed to the end of the war or overlooked. I shall be much obliged, therefore, if you personally would be kind enough to express to the various committees the entire appreciation of all ranks of the Victoria Fusiliers.

ESTEEMED RESIDENT PASSES TO HIS REST

Thomas J. Burnes, Pioneer Victorian, Dies Suddenly at Advanced Age

It is no exaggeration to say that one of the most popular and beloved characters of the city has passed away in the death last night of Thomas J. Burnes. He was a familiar and picturesque figure, and many who did not actually enjoy his friendship will miss the genial face and energetic figure of the old gentleman who has now gone to his last rest.



THE LATE THOMAS J. BURNES.

ated with the Irish temperament in any analysis of that race. Despite his advanced age—and he was within a day of celebrating his eighty-third birthday—he died literally in office. He had been indisposed for only two days, and even he himself regarded the illness as only a very temporary interruption to

his usual duties at the customs office. His end came swiftly, peacefully and painlessly, so quietly that the son who was with him at the time did not arouse Mrs. Burnes, who was sleeping. Universally Known. There are few people in Victoria, young or old, who did not know the late Mr. Burnes. He came to Victoria in 1855, fifty-seven years ago. And in one capacity and another he came into direct contact with most of the old-timers of those early days. Quite apart from his business connections, however, he had a genius for making friends, a ready memory for faces, and a sympathetic interest in the citizens generally in the community in which he lived.

hotel business, and opened up "The American" on Yates street, a little below the corner of Langley street. It was a three-storey, wooden structure, which before long, in those booming times of transient population, became one of the landmarks of the city, and in fact of the whole coast. In 1887 he decided to enlarge his business. A big four-storey building was put up in Bastion Square. At the time it was one of the finest structures in the city, and still bears the sign "Burnes House," despite the fact that it has passed into other hands. Assistant Fire Chief. He was assistant fire chief in Victoria in 1865. Contemporary members of the volunteer service were W. H. Huxtable, Mr. Wrigglesworth, William Wilson and others well known in the history of the city. He was associated with the fire fighters in 1863, when the first steam fire engine arrived in Victoria. He told on one occasion in recent years how anxiously the volunteer fire brigade looked forward to the first conflagration after this new appliance had come to hand, as they were all so keen to test its powers.

which organizations he was a member until the last. He was also for many years sexton of St. Andrew's cathedral, of which he had been a constant attendant. Early in the Crown Colony days, before he engaged in the hotel business Mr. Burnes was a member of the customs staff. When he relinquished his business about eight years ago, he re-entered the service, and was in their offices until the time of his death. Three years ago he and Mrs. Burnes celebrated their golden wedding at the time receiving hearty congratulations from a host of friends in the city and elsewhere. There are surviving from a family of six sons and two daughters the following: W. J. R. E. and G. A. Burnes, all living in Victoria; and T. S. living in San Francisco; besides the widow. The funeral will take place on Wednesday morning, from the B. C. Funeral chapel, and later, from St. Andrew's cathedral, and will be strictly private. Friends are requested not to send flowers.

LOCAL NEWS Gold Lettering on Purses, Wallets, Grips and all leather goods, at short notice. Swensen-McConnell, Limited, 1010-12 Langley. CUSTOMERS' DAY THURSDAY, DEC. 23rd. VICTORIA PRINTING & PUB. CO. Glasses as a Present—Buy scrip off me good for a careful test of the eyes and suitable glasses for father or mother. Frank Clugston, Optician, 654 Yates street, corner Douglas; upstairs, Phone 5353. Mining Man on Visit—James Cronin, of Spokane, the well-known mining man, is in the city on business today.

subject being "The Face of Jesus; and his evening one, "A Perfect Saviour for a Lost World." Special music was rendered by the choir. Lecture on the Moon.—Continuing the series of astronomical lectures under the auspices of the Victoria branch of the Royal Astronomical Society, F. Napier-Denison to-morrow night will give an interesting address on "The Moon," commencing at 8 o'clock at the Girls' Central auditorium. Besides the members of the society an invitation has been extended to the teachers in the city schools and to the teacher students attending the Normal school. The lecture will be illustrated with lantern slides obtained from Greenwich, Paris and Yerkes observatories, and amongst the special features to be dwelt on will be the influence of the moon on the Pacific Coast tides.

SAILOR IS JAILED Fireman Given One Month at Hard Labor for Assaulting a Petty Officer of Navy. George Burgess and Richard Fitzgerald, firemen on board the steamer Karuna, which has left port for Seattle, were to-day brought up on remand in the Esquimalt police court on charges of assaulting Petty Officer John W. Larkin, of H. M. C. S. Rainbow. The prosecution was conducted for the municipality by Gwynne H. Meredith, and resulted in the conviction of Burgess, and his being sent to jail for one month at hard labor. The other man was dismissed. Petty Officer Larkin said he was one of a group of sailors in Esquimalt on Friday when Burgess asked if he belonged to the naval police. He explained that he and others had slipped away from their ship, and the "old man" was after them. Fitzgerald was not in condition to look after himself, and the witness took charge of him to bring him into his ship. Burgess remarked that he could see new witnesses was of the naval police, and led an attack upon him in which two others joined. He had to lay Fitzgerald down to protect himself. Lieut. Kenneth Harper, of the R. C. V. N. R., went to the dry-dock upon hearing a rumor that a Rainbow man had been killed. The accused and others had apparently been fighting with Larkin, who told him that he had been carrying Fitzgerald to the Karuna when he was set upon and assaulted. The fighting stopped when witness appeared, but one of Burgess' companions became abusive, and had to be threatened with arrest. E. W. Amphlett, A. B. H. M. C. S. Rainbow, corroborated Larkin as to the earlier happenings of the day. Burgess admitted having asked the men if they were naval police, but denied everything else. He had been on watch on board his ship, and slipped out to have a drink, and thought perhaps the captain had sent after him. His "slipping off" appears to have lasted better part of the day on Friday. "It is so seldom we meet people from home it takes us a long time to tell a tale, he told the court in extenuation of his absence from his ship. There was no doubt left that Burgess was guilty, nor was there any that Fitzgerald did not know anything that had happened, even to the decent act on the part of Larkin in taking an incapacitated stranger back to his ship. "I purchased a lovely round oak dining table this morning," said Mrs. Hasher. "That being the case," rejoined the star boarder, "I suppose we need exact no more square meals."

OFFICERS RESIGN. The resignation has taken place from the 67th Western Scots of Lieut. H. C. Badger, No. 1 Company; Lieut. H. M. Grahame, No. 2 Company; Lieut. J. Hinton, No. 1 Company, and Lieut. G. White-Fraser, supernumerary. Lieut. Duncan has been made second in command of No. 3 Company; and Lieut. G. H. D. Wooler is placed in command of No. 4 Platoon, No. 2 Company.

BOYD ESTATE. Chief Justice Decided for Crown in Succession Duty Case; Tax Will Be \$30,000. An application was made in the estate of M. M. Boyd deceased in supreme court chambers this morning by A. P. Luxton, K. C., for an exemption in payment of succession duty on that portion of the estate in British Columbia. The will was proved in Ontario, where Mr. Boyd died, and succession duty was charged there on the British Columbia estate, but was protested. The British Columbia portion of the estate consists of crown land grants, and the succession duty, it was stated by counsel in chambers this morning, will be \$30,000. Mr. Luxton's contention on behalf of the executors of the will was that there was a partnership in the lands and that under the inheritance only a partnership is transferred, and not the property. The chief justice decided for the crown, represented by H. A. Maclean, K. C.

KEEP BANTAMS HERE Development Association Passes Resolution Asking Militia Department Not to Remove Battalion. The Victoria and Island Development association has passed a resolution to the effect that the Bantam Battalion to be raised in British Columbia should be quartered here prior to being transferred to the scene of action in Europe. The resolution is along the lines that the battalion originated here, and Victoria therefore should not lose what significance there is attaching to it. The association resolved that the resolution shall be forwarded to the minister of militia, Sir Samuel Hughes, and it has been telegraphed to Ottawa. The association has also written on the subject to G. H. Barnard, M. P., setting out what has been done and requesting his services in furthering the request made to the minister of militia.

OF Miss Megan Lloyd George many amusing anecdotes are told. One of the best is the following: When she was quite a little girl her father said to her one Sunday as he was going to chapel: "Here is a shilling and a penny. You may put whichever you please into the collection plate." After the service, when Miss Megan returned, Mr. Lloyd George asked her: "Which coin did you give?" "Well," replied the little girl naively, "the minister said that Heaven loves a cheerful giver, and I knew I could give a penny much more cheerfully than I could a shilling, so I put the penny in."

Christmas Services.—Yesterday being the last Sunday before Christmas, the First Congregational church held special services. The church was tastefully decorated with evergreens and crimson flowers. Rev. Charles A. Sykes, B. D. pastor, preached both morning and evening, his morning

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Gloves, 85c and \$1.00	Comfortable Overcoats, \$6.00 to \$12.00
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Military Brushes \$3.00 to \$5.00
Gents' Umbrellas \$1.00 to \$10.00
Traveling Rugs \$6.50 to \$25.00
Hats in the newest shades and styles \$2.50 to \$5.00
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Ladies' and Gents' Gloves, Dent's \$1.00 to \$2.50

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MEN'S SWEATERS Men's Pure Wool Sweaters, in grey, brown, tan, navy, khaki and black, Each \$4.00 Men's Jaeger Pure Wool Sweaters, in white, grey, brown, navy, dark green, Lovat, black and khaki, \$5.50 to \$7.00 Men's Pure Wool Sweaters, with shawl collar, White, grey, brown, slate, red, navy and khaki, \$5.00 to \$7.50 Men's Pull-Over Sweaters, with roll collars, in white, grey, brown and navy; \$3.00 to \$6.00 Jaeger Throat and Chest Protector, combined, in white, grey, navy and Lovat \$5.	GENTS' Wool Lined Kid Gloves—In mocha, from \$2.25 Dogskin, from \$1.50 Fur Lined Kid Gloves—Mocha kid, at \$5.00 and \$4.00 Silk Lined Kid Gloves—In mocha and dogskin, from \$1.50 Dogskin Kid Gloves, from \$1.00 Mocha Kid Gloves, from \$1.50 Gauntlets, lined and unlined, from \$1.50 Gauntlets, fur lined, per pair \$15.00 Woolen Gloves, from 2c

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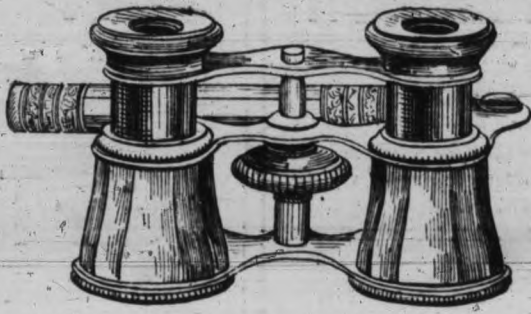
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CIVIC ESTIMATES TO BE AGAIN CONSIDERED

Another Meeting Set for Tonight; Hospital Contribution Before Finance Committee

The third session of the civic estimates committee is set for this evening, after the meeting of the city council. The principal matters not yet taken up affect the works department. Estimates for this whole branch were laid over last Monday in order that a conference could be held, prior to the aldermen taking up various items. As up to the present about \$30,000 has been removed by the pruning process from the preliminary budget figures, the aldermen are looking for a substantial cut in this direction, which will supplement the total to be eliminated.

Reduction in the assessment is anticipated when the return for 1915 is made three weeks hence, and the estimates must be pruned to conform with this object.

The engineering department cut ought to make the substantial reduction promised into an actual recommendation for the new council. By the time that consideration of the estimates has been completed, the election will be in full swing, and there will not be much for the economists to promise beyond an undertaking to translate the tentative budget into operation by by-law.

The health department salary votes were adjourned for the further consideration of the aldermen this evening, on account of criticism of some of the items. It is understood they will be taken up at the meeting, and settled. The votes for the isolation hospital and other matters already have been agreed upon, while the arrangement with the Jubilee hospital was left over for a report from the directors after the monthly meeting of the board.

As is customary at this time of year, the city's arrangement with the directors of the Jubilee hospital comes up for review to-day in the finance committee. The health department estimates are framed on the basis, adopted a year ago, of a straight contribution of \$1,000 a month, or at the rate of \$120 a day for indigent patients. Events this year have shown an average over the year of about \$1,000 a month actual cost, but this figure only has been reached by a rigorous exclusion of cases of small property-owners who have been unable to pay their way at the hospital, but to whom the indigent classification has been refused. The hospital directors' committee is also seeking some assurance with regard to the maternity cases, having recently reached a basis of agreement with the

government covering cases sent in from the unorganized districts.

A few years ago the city placed a sum in the estimates to pay off the accumulated liability of the institution on maintenance, and while there is again a deficit because the revenue is insufficient to meet expenditure, the amount is not large, and can be offset to a considerable extent by debts owing to the hospital which will be collectable. Every institution of this character accumulates bad debts, in spite of exercising pressure on former patients through collecting agencies.

The institution carries out for the city another duty which it certainly is not within the province of the hospital to do, and that is to care for incurable patients who really ought to be in a separate institution.

THE BANTAM

When the first contingent went, I saw him watching them intent, And I knew that he'd be going. When another bunch was sent, 'Cause his face it wore a glow, And he had that look, you know. When a fellow says, "I'm in it, If there's any blooming show."

He stood just an even five, And he was every inch alive, Still he lacked in height what's needed To join the British "drive"; But he said, "I'll wait my turn, Pretty soon they're going to learn, That size don't make the fighter, Though he may have bulk to burn."

When the Bantams loomed in sight, He lined up with all his might, He said: "That's what I told you, You'd need us in this fight; You'll find we'll do our share, When it comes to 'dig' and 'dare, Some may think we're shy in figure, But from 'neck-up' we're all there."

J. A. SHANKS.

Facts for Health Seekers To Ponder Over

Nearly every disease can be traced to clogged or inactive stomachs, livers or intestines. Indigestion, biliousness, headaches, and insomnia all emanate from this cause. Keep these organs in working order, and you'll have continuous good health. No case was ever treated with Dr. Hamilton's Pills—and not cured; their record is one of marvelous success. Dr. Hamilton's Pills are very mild, yet they cleanse the bowels promptly and establish healthy regularity. You'll eat plenty, digest well, sleep soundly, feel like new after using Dr. Hamilton's Pills—one a dose—25c. a box everywhere. Be sure you get the genuine Dr. Hamilton's Pills, in a yellow box always.

AIMS AND OBJECTS OF VETERANS' CLUB

Quarters Will Be Prepared for the Entertainment of Soldiers and Sailors

The institution to be known as the Veterans' club has been inaugurated at the headquarters of the Legion of Frontiersmen. Many of the wounded soldiers who have returned from the front joined the club at its first meeting. The officers which many of them told of the unfortunate mismanagement, which has left them stranded and without money on their return to Canada after fighting the Empire's battles, has convinced the promoters of the club, which is to be affiliated with the Veterans' club already doing so much good in England, that the institution has not been founded a day too soon, and further that it is one fully as worthy of support as the Red Cross society, or any other institution for the support or relief of those who have fought and bled in the sacred name of freedom.

While it is proposed in time to erect a building for the Veterans' club, which will serve as a public memorial of British Columbia to those of her brave men who have laid down their lives in defence of the Empire, it will commence its sphere of usefulness on modest lines.

The Legion of Frontiersmen headquarters building on Langley street, opposite the court house, and known as the Camosun building contains four spacious rooms, which will for the present be placed at the disposal of club members, who may either be men serving or who have served in the royal navy or any branch of his majesty's forces. Here it is intended to provide them with good meals at as little expense as possible, all those joining the organization being invited to become honorary members for one month, without entrance fee or payment of any subscription. Later, an entrance fee of five dollars and a monthly subscription of one dollar is proposed for members, and as these small sums will be inadequate to pay working expenses, public aid is invited.

The rooms in the Camosun building are at present unfurnished, except for some few useful articles presented by those connected with the executive. Other articles, however, already been very kindly promised by patriotic citizens having at heart the welfare of our wounded already here, and those others who will soon arrive in large numbers from the scene of the great world-war.

There is an intention when the Veterans' club of British Columbia is established on a basis equal to its

needs, to have as many bedrooms on the premises as possible, of which members will be allowed to make use for a certain time.

In the Veterans' club in London, an institution to which many thousands belong, of course, have been found a necessity from the first, these having been provided to a large extent by the generosity of those who have strenuously backed up Major Arthur Haggard ever since his formation of that establishment, some six years ago. Among these are the Duke of Bedford, K. G., Major-General Sir Elliott Wood, K. C. B., Lieut.-General, The Earl of Dundonald, K. C. B., Major Elmhirst Rhodes, D. S. O. (a brother of the late Cecil Rhodes), Admiral Lord Charles Bessborough, G. C. B., and Admiral the Hon. Sir Edmund Fremont, G. C. B. All of these and others with equally well known names, are vice-patrons or honorary presidents of the institution with which the Veterans' club of British Columbia will be affiliated. Members of the British-Columbian Veterans' club will be able to make use of the London establishment if in England, while British members will be welcomed here.

In the rooms which the Legion of Frontiersmen have offered for the temporary use of the Veterans' club, it is considered that it will be possible to install only four beds, partitions being erected in one large apartment to make four separate bedrooms. For these one Victorian lady has already kindly offered one bedstead and mattress to the executive, which consist at present of Lieut. Colonel Andrew Haggard, D. S. O., late of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, and now a Frontiersman, and Major Seymour Rowlinson, commandant of the Victoria command of the Legion of Frontiersmen. All money donations to aid in support of the club can be made payable to "The Executive, Veterans' club," and paid into the Bank of British North America, Victoria. At this institution the manager has kindly offered to accept all such contributions, and also to place subscription lists on the bank counters for small donations to be given by clients who do not wish the trouble of making out a cheque.

It is requested that any one wishing to donate any kind of furniture will kindly communicate with the executive, at the Camosun building. If they also will kindly ring up phone No. 63, articles for the club will be fetched free of expense to the donor.

A list of all contributions, with the donor's names, will be published in the press from time to time.

A Lancashire weaver recently joined the army, and after being at Plymouth three months, was allowed home on a week's furlough. Visiting his old factory, he was encountered by the genial head of the firm with a smile, and—"I hope they have made a new man of you?" The soldier replied—"Aw'll tell yo' what they've done, Sir. They've ta'en th' hump off m' back an' put it on m' chest, and it's a lot easier to carry now."

WESTERN SCOTS SEND COMPANY TO SIDNEY

Troops Left Willows Early This Morning; Spent Morning at Saanichton

Stirring march music by a military band early this morning brought residents between the Willows and the V. & S. railway station to their windows to see the march past of No. 2 company, Western Scots, which, headed by their 32-piece military band, left camp at 7.15 and entrained by special cars for Sidney at 8.15. With them was the machine gun section of the battalion, and the brass band under Sergeant Galger.

The troops were preceded by the Army Service Corps, who made provision for their supplies and quartering in Saanichton and Sidney. The weather conditions were not ideal, but the original intention to detain at Saanichton was carried out, and residents in the district had the excitement of watching the men march from the station to the agricultural grounds, where drilling and field exercises filled in the morning. The agricultural hall made an excellent dining-room, and there the men enjoyed their lunches, the band afterwards giving a concert for the benefit of the citizens. At about 2 o'clock the troops started to march to Sidney, where residents have kindly furnished the necessary billets for the troops' two-days' stay, the V. & S. pavilion, Berquist's hall, and the Red Cross rooms having been handed over for their use.

Tomorrow's programme has been arranged. The day will be spent at Sidney, digging trenches. One platoon, however, will be given instruction in making and throwing bombs. In the evening a military concert will be given by the band in Berquist's hall, commencing at 8.15. An admission fee of 25 cents is being charged, the proceeds to be given to the Sidney branch of the Red Cross society.

The camp will be broken at daybreak on Wednesday morning, and the column will march back to the Willows by road. Service conditions will be observed throughout the route march, in order that the men may benefit as much as possible by the experience.

"Well, Dinah, I hear you are married. 'Yassum," said the former cook, "The done got me a man now." Is he a good provider?" "Yassum. He's a mighty good provider, but I've powerful skeered he's gwine ter git kitched at it."

ATHLETICS AND LEARNING.


Whether old fogies relish it or not, the fact remains that the average college graduate's greatest interest in his alma mater is measured by results in athletic contests. For proof, witness the jubilation of Yale men and the fame that has come to Shevlin. Graduate bodies of all colleges are more or less openly concerned that good athletic material in schools shall be persuaded to head toward the old campus. That this persuasion takes forbidden forms need not be affirmed. The alumnus as a rule is best satisfied with his college when its undergraduates triumph in baseball and football. Here is a condition with lots of human nature in it, and not a theory. The side shows are holding the place, which Woodrow Wilson was disposed to deplore when president of Princeton, despite all the critics of the modern tendency may say or do.—Springfield Republican.

She: "What, Fanny Jones engaged?" Well, I've always said that no matter how homely a girl may be, there's always some fool ready to marry her. Who's the poor man? He "I am."

BRITISH HOLD GROUND GAINED.

German attempts to recover the ground lost in the fighting at the end of last month in Artois and Champagne have only served to confirm and aggravate their double defeat. Against trifling gains secured at one or two points, they have had to take account of considerable advances made by the allied troops in retaliation for counter-attacks that have cost heavy losses. Sir John French has spoken of the series of assaults the Germans have delivered against the captured positions to the east, northeast and north of Loos, as taking the form of successive waves of infantry that broke in vain against the British trenches. Similar experiences have been encountered by the French troops defending the lines extending from the vicinity of Lens to opposite Arras, or occupying the much larger front in Champagne, where the enemy's first and second lines have been broken through, and the counter-attacks, as been responded to by pushing the advance a little further forward.—Edinburgh Scotsman.

Irate father: "If I catch that young idler around here again I'll break his head!" Sweet daughter: "But he's not an idler, father: he's a prize fighter." Irate father: "Oh, well, then, of course I will have to treat him as a friend of yours."



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REBUILD WHILE WAR STILL IN PROGRESS

The Spirit of the French People; a Sign of Final Victory

New York, Dec. 20.—Richard Harding Davis sends the following from Salonica:

There promised to be a story for some one to write a year after the war. It would tell how quickly France had recovered from the invasion of the Germans. But one need not wait until after the war. The story can be written now. We know that the enemy was thrown back across the Aisne. It is one of the most splendid pages in the history of France.

We know that the German drove the French and British before him until at the Forest of Montmorency and at Claye he was within ten and fifteen miles of Paris. But to-day, by any outward evidence, he would have a hard time to prove it.

And that is not because when he advanced he was careful not to tramp on the grass or pick the flowers. He did not obey even the warnings in the villages to automobilists: "Attention les enfants!" On the contrary, as he came he threw before him thousands of tons of steel and iron. Like a cyclone he uprooted trees, unroofed houses; like a tidal wave he excavated roads that had been built by the Romans, swept away walls, and broke the backs of stone bridges that for hundreds of years had held their own against swollen rivers.

A year ago I followed the German in his retreat from Claye through Meaux, Chateau Thierry to Soissons, where, on the east bank of the Aisne, I watched the French artillery shell his guns on the hill opposite. The French then were hot upon his heels. In one place they had not had time to remove even their own dead; and to avoid the mines in the open road, the car had to wobble and turn.

A Great Change.

Yesterday, coming back to Paris from the trenches that guard Rheims, I covered the same road. But it was not the same. It seemed that I must surely have lost the way. Only the iron signs at the cross roads and the map used the year before and scarred with pencil marks were evidences that again I was following mile by mile and foot by foot the route of that swift advance and riotous retreat.

A year before the signs of the retreat were the road itself, the houses facing yesterday like a mantle of moss the lawn swept to the road, the long windows had been replaced and hung with yellow silk, and on the terrace, where

be effected, for they were polluting the air.

But while you knew these signs of the German raid would be removed, other signs were scars that you thought would be long in healing. These were the stone arches and buttresses of the bridges, dynamited and dumped into the mud of the Marne and Ourcq, chateaux and villas with the roofs torn away as drolly as with one hand you could rip off the lid of a cigar box, or with a wall blown in, or out, in either case exposing the owner's bed room, his wife's boudoir, the children's nursery.

Other signs of the German were villages with houses wrecked, the humble shops sacked, garden walls leveled, fields of beets and turnips uprooted by his shells, or where he had snatched sleep in the trampled mud, strewn with demolished hay stacks, vast trees split clean in half as though by lightning, or with nothing remaining but the splintered stump. That was the picture of the roads and countryside in the triangle of Soissons, Rheims and Meaux, as it was a year ago.

And I expected to see the wake of that great retreat still marked by ruins and devastation.

Spirit of the French.

But I had not sufficiently trusted to the indomitable spirit of the French, in their intolerance of waste, their fierce, yet ordered energy. To-day the fields are cultivated up to the very butts of the French batteries. They are being put to bed and tucked in for the long winter sleep.

For miles the furrows stretch over the fields in unbroken lines. Ploughs, not shells have drawn them. They are gray with fertilizers; the swiftly dug trenches of a year ago have given way to the peaked mounds in which turnips wait transplanting. Where there were vast stretches of mud, scarred with intrusions, with the wheel tracks of guns and ammunition carts, with stale, ill-smelling straw is now a landscape smiling with peace and plenty.

Traces Wiped Out.

The French spirit and nature, working together, have wiped out the signs of the German raid. It is as if it had never been. You begin to believe it was only a bad dream, an old wife's tale to frighten children. The car moved slowly, but, look no matter how carefully, it was most difficult to find the landmarks I remembered.

Near Peret Milton there was a chateau with a lawn that ran to meet the Paris road. It had been used as a German emergency hospital, and previously by them as an outpost. The long windows to the terrace had been wrecked, the terrace was piled high with uniforms, hundreds of boots had been tossed from an upper story that had been used as an operating room, and mixed with these evidences of disaster were monuments of empty champagne bottles.

That was the picture I remembered. Yesterday like a mantle of moss the lawn swept to the road, the long windows had been replaced and hung with yellow silk, and on the terrace, where

I had seen the uniforms of war veterans, a small boy, maybe the son and heir of the chateau, with hair flying, was joyfully riding a tricycle.

Neufchelles I remembered as a village completely wrecked and inhabited only by a very old, old man and a cat. That, as I for company, stalked behind him. I especially recalled it because, not content with wrecking the few stores and their poor array of goods, the Germans had driven their bayonets through the ceilings. It had impressed me as the last word in childish spite and wasted energy.

Thrives Again.

To-day Neufchelles is a thriving, contented, commonplace town. Splashes of cement, less weather stained than that surrounding them, are the only signs remaining of the explosive shells. The stone mason and the plasterer, the tiny shops have been refilled, the tide of life has flowed back, and in the streets the bareheaded women, their shoulders wrapped in black woolen shawls, gather to gossip, or, with knitting in hand, call to each other from the doorways.

There was the stable of a large villa in which I had seen five fine riding horses lying dead on the stones. In the retreat they had been killed to prevent the French using them as remounts. This time, as we passed the same stable yard, fresh horses looked over the half doors; the stalls were stuffed with hay, in the corner, against the coming of winter, were piled many cords of wood, and rival chateaux were staking proudly around the stable yard, pecking at the scattered grain. It was a picture of comfort and content and it was like that all the way.

Even the scars of the giant poplars that line the road for four miles out of Meaux to the west and that had been split and shattered, are overgrown and have been carpeted and have healed.

Even the stone bridges that at Meaux and beyond, at Chateau Thierry, sprawled in the river, again have been rendered in air. People have already forgotten that a year ago, to reach Soissons from Meaux, the broken bridges forced them to make a detour of fifty miles.

A Sign of Victory.

The lesson of it is that the French people have no time to waste upon post-mortems. With us, fifty years after the event, there are those who still talk of Sherman's raid through Columbia, who are so old that they hum hymns of hate about it. How much wiser, how much more proud, is the village of Neufchelles.

Not fifty, but only one year has passed since the Germans wrecked Neufchelles, and already it has been disinfected, of their presence, rebuilt and repopulated—not after the war has for half a century been at an end, but while war still endures, while it is but twenty miles away. What better could illustrate the spirit of the French, what better foretell their final victory?

PALMER'S TRIBUTE TO BRITISH NAVY

Points to Its Wonderful Success in Urging Americans to Prepare

New York, Dec. 20.—In an effort to impress upon the American people the need of naval preparedness, Frederick Palmer, the well-known American war correspondent, who was one of the party of journalists who visited the Grand Fleet at the invitation of the British admiralty, writes:

"We need not theorize. The open book of experience of the greatest war in all history is before us to profit by. Every arm by land and sea has been tried out by the foremost military nations of the world. The lessons I bring are those of practice in Europe as applied to our country."

First, the navy, which is our prime defence, because we shall never be attacked by Canada or Mexico, and therefore never attacked by land until our navy loses command of the sea. Every navy recruiting poster that is put up, whether in Kansas or Maine, every beat of a riveter on the plates of a battleship, every gun drill, has only one object—the test of a decisive battle which may last only half an hour. To win we must have everything a modern navy requires, for we face navies which are prepared in every detail.

Gun Power, Range and Speed.—In gun power, speed and range have won every naval action fought so far. They have kept the command of the seas for Britain.

Gun power means the destruction of your enemy when you have him within reach of your guns. Speed means that you can overtake him if you are stronger than he and escape from him if he is stronger than you. Range means the same thing as reach to a boxer—that you can land a blow when the enemy's falls short. If your shells carry 30,000 yards and his only 18,000, and you have the speed of him, you can stand off out of danger and batter his ships into the sea.

When this war began, two European forces, the British navy and the German army, were certainly prepared. Mark the result: British soil and German soil are free from the invader's heel.

The British navy has stuck to three essentials—speed, gun power and range. We have not. The British admiralty indulged in no illusions and no extravagances of construction. It did not simply build a navy; it made sure of its superiority in speed, gun power and range. Such is the tradition of the

British navy, and such was ours until recently. In the war of 1812 we aimed to outslur our enemy and at the same time to hit harder than he could.

If for the last ten years, the British navy had followed the naval policy of the United States in its building and organization, despite Britain's superior tonnage, Germany, not Britain, would command the sea to-day. The European war would be over—Germany the victor. Britain has built according to the plans of her experts, whose plans in peace worked out in war practically as they had foreseen.

Britain Leads.

Britain's naval policy can be expressed in a determination, not only to have more force than the other fellow, but to have it ready. And we are not ready. She has kept ahead of the Germans in guns, speed and range. She has led and the other nations have followed.

What better lessons in naval preparedness than the three important actions which she has fought at sea in the present war? The first she lost for want of the three great essentials; the other two she won because she had them. The greatest of the three has been the speed of the battle cruiser, which has almost the gun power and the same range as the dreadnought.

Battle Cruiser Big Factor.

The battle cruiser, not the submarine, not the sea-plane, has been the big naval factor in this war so far.

Off the coast of China, Admiral Cradock with the Good Hope, 12 years old, 14,000 tons, speed of 23 knots, and two 9.2-inch and sixteen 6-inch guns; the Menmouth, with fourteen 6-inch guns and the same speed; the little cruiser Glasgow, and the armed liner Otranto faced Admiral von Spee, who had the modern armored cruisers the Gneisenau and the Scharnhorst, and the light cruisers the Dresden, the Leipzig and the Nürnberg. The Scharnhorst and the Gneisenau had, together, sixteen modern 8.2-inch guns. Only two antiquated 8.2-inch guns of the Good Hope could reach the Germans; her sixes could not. The German's eighties had the range and the power. It did not matter that Admiral Cradock was brave; the other fellow had the reach.

All the dreadnoughts in the United States navy and all our old line battleships now moulted at our navy yards could not have caught von Spee's squadron except by forming a cordon around it and starving it out of coal. For once von Spee saw the American navy approaching him, his speed, superior to anything we have of equal gun power, would have made his flight secure. He could have run away and continued his raiding.

Were Ready.

But the British had what the United States lacks—battle cruisers with more gun power and more speed than the Gneisenau and the Scharnhorst. As von Spee's were only armed cruisers, the admiralty did not have to send its best battle cruisers. It sent those of the second class, which were the invincible and indomitable. These were old relatively, laid down in 1909,

10, five years old, the first British battle cruisers; and we have not laid down any yet. They had 26 knots against the German's 23, and 12-inch guns against von Spee's eights.

When the British came in sight of von Spee, he could not get away with his inferior speed, and he had to fight. Sturdee's superior speed and superior range meant that, whenever the Germans came within reach of him, he stood off a little farther while he kept up his blast of 12-inch shells, and the German's 8-inch fell short.

Practically, the Germans might as well have aimed their guns in the opposite direction. Their desperate courage and persistence in going down with colors flying was in keeping with that of Cradock, but it served no end. Ghastly carnage and destruction reigned in the Gneisenau and Scharnhorst, while the Invincible and Inflexible, whose steamers along almost as comfortably as at battle practice. For a shell that falls a hundred yards short is as futile as one that falls five thousand, and three knots are enough to enable you to hang on to your enemy until you have finished him. As fit for action when the battle was over as when it began, the Invincible and Inflexible steamed back home across the Atlantic that was freed from the threat to shipping, which had laid a pall of apprehension over every skipper following the seas, from Labrador to the Straits of Magellan—all because they had speed and gun power and range.

Kept Best at Home.

But behind the guns at Helgoland, in the lair of the German navy, were the battle cruisers Seydlitz, Moltke, von der Tann and Derfflinger; they had at least 28 knots speed to Sturdee's 26 knots, and they could have forced battle against Sturdee on the high seas in the same way that Sturdee forced it upon von Spee. These were the latest types of German battle cruisers, and set against them were the latest types of British battle cruisers, the Lion, Tiger and Queen Mary. Sir John Jellicoe was not going to spare these to go after von Spee. He needed them in the North Sea to watch the Moltke herd. And if he had not had the Invincible and Inflexible class he would either have had to let von Spee go on raiding British commerce or left the coasts of the British Isles open to raids by the Moltkes.

For, on the morning of November 4, 1914, some ships of the German first battle cruiser squadron appeared in the thick fog off the east coast of England between East and West Hartlepool, Scarborough and Whitby. Without any warning, they sent out broadside after broadside into these towns. They had come far from their base over night, relying on their gun power, speed and the fog to escape any scouts or light cruisers that might see them, knowing that no dreadnoughts could overtake them, and that the only force that could trip them was the British battle cruisers of their own class.

If the United States navy, which has no battle cruisers, had been defending English seaports, the Germans might have played this trick up and down the coast at will, as they could to-day

up and down the Atlantic coast if we were at war with Germany.

Did Not Tarry.

But the German battle cruiser squadron did not tarry long on the English coast. They knew that the instant their presence was known the British gun power and slightly better speed would be running between them and their home base. They could not get away from the British and they would have to fight against odds, as von Spee did at Falklands. The art of any kind of warfare is getting there first with the strongest force and holding the other fellow under your blows until you have beaten him.

After having killed and wounded more than 200 women and children and destroyed a great deal of property, the Germans managed to slip past the British battle cruiser squadron through the fog bank to Kiel.

A Different Story.

On the morning of the 24th of January, the German battle cruiser squadron, under Hipper, came out again. Hipper had with him, of course, some light cruisers, which we lack, and a flotilla of destroyers, in which we are woefully deficient. They guarded his flanks, they protected the superior gun fire and the range of his battle cruisers from surprise.

But the British battle cruiser squadron, under Vice-Admiral Sir David Beatty, also put to sea about the same time. It had news of the German's coming, perhaps secret service news from Kiel. Not the least important part of preparedness is intelligence of your enemy's movements. If the news did not come from Kiel, Beatty got it from the light cruisers and destroyers scouting in the North sea, which flashed their wireless messages back to Sir John Jellicoe.

Blucher Sunk.

When Beatty went out, it was with force enough to beat Hipper if he met him. Not only must you have battle cruisers, but better ones than the enemy. The British had taken care of this. Year by year they have kept ahead of the Germans, both in speed and gun power. They have led in type and rapidity of building. Always they have had a knot or two more speed, type against type; always two or three months' edge in the time required for construction.

The British set the style. They lead; others follow. We, who by our nature ought to be most up to date, are most backward. We are only ten years behind the others. Add two years for construction of a battle cruiser, if we lay one down, and we are twelve.

"Now," said a teacher to his class during a lesson in English, "can anyone give me a word ending with 'ous,' meaning full of, as 'dangerous,' full of danger, and 'hazardous,' full of hazard?" There was silence in the class for a moment. Then a boy sitting in the front row put up his hand. "Well," said the teacher, "what is your word?" "Please sir," came the reply, "plious, full of pi!"

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CANAL RE-OPENED
Panama, Dec. 18.—The Panama canal, which has been closed since September 15 last by the worst slide in its history, was opened again for the passage of vessels drawing less than twenty feet yesterday.

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Seattle, Wash., Dec. 20.—In the next few months Frank Waterhouse & Co. will move approximately 170,000 tons of cargo from Seattle to Vladivostok, Siberia.

NORWEGIAN TONNAGE ON COAST FELL OFF EARLY IN JANUARY
Number of Viking Steamships Which Visited Coast This Year, Depleted

Portland, Ore., Dec. 20.—In the annual report compiled by Endre M. Cedergren, Norwegian consul, for forwarding to his home government, it is shown that the Norwegian tonnage loading at Portland this year is about 150,000 tons less than in 1914.

WERE STEALING A STOVE
Two Chinese Found in Quadra Street House in Act of Carrying it off.

BOARD WILL MEET EARLY IN JANUARY
Last Session of School Board Will Probably Precede Nomination Date

On account of the regular meeting of the school board in January falling on the eve of election day, it was indicated at the school board office today that the trustees will probably hold a special meeting before that date to wind up the year's work.

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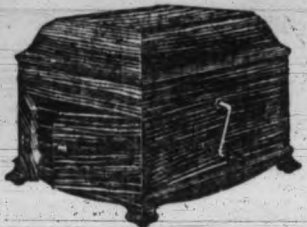
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AN AMERICAN IMPRESSION OF BRITISH RESOURCES



By Isaac F. Marcoussin in the London Chronicle.

"Stupendous as the financial burdens of the war may be, the resources of Great Britain will meet the demands made upon them."

The man who spoke was Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer. He leaned forward eagerly, his long, student face flushed with fervor; his eyes flashed conviction. We sat in the grim grey treasury that had echoed the words of Disraeli and Gladstone, and where the real battle of the war is being fought—the money struggle. From the street came the shrill shriek of the bagpipes as they played the troops on their way to the front.

I had asked the man who holds the British purse strings how long the money would last. It is the momentous question that agitates all Europe, and reaches out across the seas, affects and concerns the whole United States. Human ravage can be repaired; shells are merely a matter of machines, but economic waste is what counts permanently, and becomes the final arbiter of defeat or victory. Today, after more than a year of bitter warfare, it is evident that industrial exhaustion will be the principal determining factor. The last silver bullet will win. To paraphrase Napoleon, "God will be on the side of the biggest purse."

On the silent battle ground of finance is being waged that unending fight to find the funds to feed the guns and gunners. Nowhere is this task so fraught with

such far-flung significance as in Great Britain.

Why should Britain's purse be such a pivotal factor in the outcome of the war? Because her own larger fate and the destiny of the allies are bound up in it. As Britain goes, so goes her cause. She is its fiscal agent; the financial rock upon which the whole structure of the entente is reared. As "paymaster of Europe" her money-bags must stem or lose the tide of battle. Will they hold out? Her chancellor has told me that they will, and he sums up the situation as I find it. Let us now look at the concrete facts upon which it is based.

For nearly two months I have been in Britain trying to appraise her resources. I have ranged from the Tyne to the Thames; talked with many princes of the city, with the industrial captains of the empire; with humble tradesmen and Britons generally who are "doing their bit," whether with arms or cash. What follows, therefore, is the narrative of actual fact, gained at first hand in the crucial hour of the most tremendous economic strain ever put upon civilization.

Terrific as is this strain, you find no external evidence of it in London or throughout Britain save in the cotton-spinning districts.

Britain's Titan Task

Outwardly Britain is serene. Money is abundant and cheap; labor is scarce and high.

The boys of Britain have suddenly become men; doing men's work and getting men's pay. This swift productive maturity will be a big factor in the readjustment after peace.

Women are taking men's places. Everywhere women are harnessed up to the wage-earning machine, and it will advance their cause better and quicker than a century of wild suffrage agitation.

In a word, instead of depression there is the greatest era of prosperity, that the British working class have ever

known. They are rolling in an expenditure that they never dreamed would be theirs. The average increase of 20 to 30 per cent. in the cost of living is more than offset by the extraordinary advance in wages. The Welsh miner is smoking a threepenny cigar where formerly he was content with a farthing stogie; the munition worker is eating meat three times a day, and his wife is buying a phonograph or a piano. The tragedy of all this prosperity is that so far it has not been attended by any great sense of thrift, by any thought of to-morrow.

Do not be deceived, however, by the external (and in some instances purely superficial) evidences of Britain's prosperity. Probe beneath the surface and you find that hearts are strained, even as purses may be pinched, to meet the inevitable demand of to-morrow. What are the vital resources with which to answer the call of that last great hour to raise "the final hundred million" which, in the words of Lloyd George, may decide the fight?

Most Americans believe that Britain is putting her shoulder to the allied wheel on a purely pro rata basis. But this is wrong. Save in the actual number of troops engaged, she is really bearing the biggest burden of the lot. It extends in half a dozen different directions, and each one has a big sign-board with a heavy cost mark on it.

Here is what Britain is doing: First of all she is the financial "angel" of the allies. Her loans to them and her own colonies already aggregate £60,000,000, and with this in aid of joint operations proceeding in the Balkans, it will doubtless be much more.

Second: She has cleared the seas of enemy craft, and the price of this freedom (itself an inestimable service to her whole cause) is enormous.

Third: She has organized and equipped an army of three million men, the greatest in all British history.

Fourth: She is furnishing ammunition, guns, clothing and other war supplies to nearly all of her allies. All this puts a multiple pressure on

British resources that will strain them to the utmost.

Taxation or Loans

That the people of Britain were ripe for taxation is evidenced by a remark made to me by the chancellor of the exchequer when he said:

"For one letter that I have received protesting against further tax I receive ten asking for taxation."

"Why do you prefer taxation to further loans?" I asked an Englishman in public life.

"Because," he replied, "borrowing does not pay for the war now. It provides for future payment with usury. The more that is borrowed the longer the borrowing lasts and the heavier becomes the mortgage on the future."

Why is Britain sound economically? She is the richest of the belligerent nations, and much of her wealth—notably her foreign investments—is convertible into cash.

She is, in the main, free from disturbance of trade, while industrial Germany is bleeding to death internally.

More than any other country at war she has kept the machinery of foreign trade moving. She remains a "going concern." Her holds carry British goods wherever the trade winds blow. On the other hand, Germany has made a bonfire of her foreign trade and her merchant marine is useless.

While Germany is utilizing all her means, England has only touched the fringe of her resources in men, money, material, and food.

Save for sporadic Zeppelin raids, she has suffered no devastation, and is practically free from invasion.

There has been no hoarding of gold—no inflation. Unlike German gold, which is impotent, British gold is a live, liquid, and working agent.

A very significant evidence of Britain's soundness is in the item of currency. Where Germany's huge issue of paper money is almost without real gold reserve, nearly all of Britain's 168,000,000 is "covered" by gold. The British pound notes of older issue are

still convertible into gold, a condition not obtaining for similar currency in any country at war.

Despite the temporary collapse of American exchange, Britain's international financial supremacy remains unimpaired. Wherever men trade, from Bombay to Brazil, the pound sterling is the medium of exchange—still the world's financial sign-post, and will remain so.

To sum up British soundness, let me quote a famous British financial authority with whom I talked at the beginning of August. He said:

"All the available evidence shows that Great Britain, after a full twelve months war, is just as wealthy and just as well off as she was before the war began, and that she has met the full cost of the war mainly out of the money she would otherwise have saved out of extra savings, and out of an increased income."

Not must the fact be overlooked that fighting shoulder to shoulder with the mother country is her whole empire. The dominions over the seas are shedding their blood freely; they stand ready to pour out their treasure, too.

I have kept for the last the one which is the determining factor in any nation's economic destiny. I mean her power to save in case of need.

The Need of Thrift

Slowly but surely this thrift conviction is soaking into the British consciousness. The last thing that any country wants to do, as we all know, is to save. But rigorous saving has already begun at the top of the social ladder, and it will reach the bottom, although a little more adversity will be needed to give it momentum.

Britain has shown that she can save £400,000,000 a year. Twelve months of war have not impaired this ability. The proceeds, to be sure, have been employed for war; but this has not made the country any poorer. If Britain can save 15 per cent. of her income in peace with no great emotional incentive, then she can do better when

the future of the empire is menaced. The British financial strength is unquestioned. The new debt so far incurred, including the great loan, is considerably less than one year's income.

No matter how long the war lasts, the income of Britain keeps on apace. If with smaller income she unflinchingly met the debts of the Napoleonic wars (a more drastic drain than the present conflict), how much lighter will be the task now and to-morrow, with the productive power of the people quadrupled through more abundant and efficient tools of production?

The important fact at this moment is the state of British finance and its ability to stand the strain. To analyse it is to find something besides debits and credits and balances.

It is a great moral force that does not reckon in terms of pounds or pence. A vast wrong is being righted regardless of cost. There is no thought of indemnity to soothe the scars of waste; no dream of conquest to atone for a friendly land despoiled. Money grubbing had gone, if only for the moment, along with the other baser things that have evaporated in the giant crucible of the war.

In Britain to-day there are only two things, Work and Fight. They are giving the nation an economic rebirth; a new ideal of the dignity of toil; a fresh gospel of human service. They have begot a spirit of sacrifice that is rearing an impregnable rampart of resource.

In the last analysis this is a war of attrition. Economic endurance is pitted against financial strength, and financial strength will prevail. The 42-centimetre German guns that smashed their triumphant way through Belgium and Russia must halt, in the end, before the British purse.

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WOOD AT OUR PRICES is cheaper than coal. Dry fir cordwood (foot benches), 12-inch blocks, \$3.35 delivered in city limits; carrying in, 35 cents. Lloyd-Young & Russell, 1613 Broad street. Phone 432.

LOST—On Sunday evening, lady's silver mesh bag, between John street and Blanshard avenue via Hillside. Suitably rewarded. Apply Times.—422

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LOST—Lady's black leather purse, in leaving Equinot car at Fraser street, about 6 o'clock Saturday evening. Five dollars reward for return to C. Hoard, 866 Armit road.—422

SEVERAL LUCKY BOYS are getting our bicycles. Will yours be one? See Tuttle, 708 Yates street.—422

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN—Mr. Hinkens has not owned the launch V & J for the past three months nor has he lived on it during that time, as stated. Jas. Davey.—429

LOST—Black spaniel pup, white feet and front, 1114 Fisgard street. Phone 4333.—422

LOST—Saturday, between Burdett avenue, Causeway, Government and Fort, a gold bar brooch with three pearls in raised setting. Please return to Times Office. Reward.—422

WANTED—Reliable party, experienced hotel work, manage small country hotel. State experience, references, family. Address Box 307, Times.—422

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LOST—Wire-haired fox terrier bitch, name "Gally" engraved on collar. Phone 222R.—422

CHRISTMAS GLASSES FOR MOTHER or father. Get scrip from me good for a pair of glasses and careful test of the eyes. Frank Clugston, optician, 654 Yates street, corner Douglas, upstairs. Phone 431.—429

DIED.
 BURNES—On December 20, 1915, at the residence, 1949 Pandora avenue, Thomas John Burnes, a native of Dublin, Ireland, aged 52 years, and a resident of Victoria for the past 53 years.
 The remains are reposing at the B. C. Funeral Chapel, 704 Broughton street, from where the funeral will take place on Wednesday morning at 8:45 to the Roman Catholic Cathedral, where service will be held at 9 o'clock. Interment Ross Bay cemetery.
 Funeral strictly private.
 No flowers, by request.

GALE AGAIN SWEEPS VICTORIA AND COAST

Tornado Breaks Over City From Southwest; Much Minor Damage Done

Victoria again was swept by a gale last night, and loose boardings, awnings, and chicken-houses not blown away in some of the previous storms of the past few weeks were put to a final test. Considerable minor damage was done in this way locally, and the safety of telegraph poles was endangered to a more serious extent in a few instances. The gale started in about noon yesterday, and reached an average velocity of fifty miles an hour from the southeast before ten o'clock. At that time it shifted to the southwest and gained velocity until between one and two o'clock this morning it was blowing at fifty-four miles. Coming with terrific gusts, followed by short lulls, it seemed even more of a

tornado than if it had blown continuously, and people who were out late in the storm were hard put to it to keep their feet when the sudden blasts blustered upon them unprepared for the impact.

This morning the storm died down, and only a moderate wind was blowing during the forenoon. The gale was general along the coast the whole way from the mouth of the Columbia river to Alaska. In some places on the west coast of the island and further north it reached hurricane force, according to reports to hand from some of the points. Considerable damage was done to the telegraph wires in some places, the C. P. R. wires, among others, being down.

Again rain followed the wind. In the earlier hours of the storm there was little or no precipitation, but when the storm shifted to the southwest last night it was followed by a downpour which seemed heavier than it actually was on account of the force with which it was driven earthwards. Even up to noon to-day the entire precipitation for December was only 2.05. As the average rainfall for the entire month is 4.20, there is still 2.15 to be made up before this is attained. The prospect is that Victoria will establish for herself something by way of a record in her small precipitation for the entire year, as up to date there has been but 19 inches of rain against an average

annual total of 27.61 inches. The forecast is for unsettled weather and more rain, but it is impossible under the circumstances to predict the weather that will be experienced over the Christmas week-end.

WILL CONFER AGAIN

Matters of Civic Legislation at Next Session Are in Hand.

One meeting already has been held with the premier, as attorney-general, concerning the ratification of the agreement between the city and the B. C. Telephone company, which has to secure legislative sanction, and also with reference to the extension of term for Denman street expropriation by-law. Another meeting is to be held after the inspector of municipalities returns from the mainland.

The meeting in Victoria, prior to the presentation of the case for amendments of the municipal act on behalf of the Union of B. C. Municipalities, of which Mayor Stewart is president, will not take place till the New Year. It was stated today. It will take some little time to secure the opinion of the subscribing municipal councils to the proposals, and particularly that with regard to the individual councils.

H. B. "Imperial" Lager Beer, pints, \$1.00 per dozen.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

When we inaugurated our Grand Removal Sale we confidently expected to be out of our present location and established in our new premises before Christmas.

This we find will be impossible, as our new store will not be ready for occupation until after Christmas.

And now there has arrived the huge new stock of Christmas goods which we had bought specially for the opening.

This comprises a splendid assortment of:

Diamond and Gem Set Rings, Necklets, La Valliers, Tie Pins, Platinum, Enamel, Gold, Gold-Filled and Silver Bracelet Watches, Radium Dial Wrist Watches, Plain and Stone-Set Gold and Platinum Bracelets, Locketts, Links, Earrings, Signet and Lodge Emblem Rings, Gold and Mother-of-Pearl Links, Stud and Vest Sets, Indestructible Pearl Bead Necklets, Solid Silver and Plated Tea Sets, Service Trays and Baskets, Toilet and Manicure Articles, Solid Silver Desk Clocks and Novelties, Cigarette, Match Safe, Card, Coin and Vanity Cases, English Oak and Silver Salad Bowls, Biscuit, Jam and Butter Dishes, Etc., Silver-Plated Casseroles, Entree Dishes, Muffin Dishes and English Cutlery, Mantel, Office and Desk Clocks, Ladies' and Gents' Leather Overnight Traveling Sets and Handbags, Brass Smoking Sets, Cut Glass, China, Sterling Silver Novelties, Silver Flatware, Roger Bros. Plated Flatware, Silver Deposit on White China, Brown Betty Tea Sets, Ebony and Ivory Goods, Walking Sticks, Umbrellas, Etc.

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 Clark's Christmas Plum Puddings, each 25¢

C. & B. Marmalade, is, each 15¢
 Nippon Cocoa Sets, only a limited number; to-day, a set \$1.25
 Meats of all kinds in glass

New Spanish Seeded Raisins, 1-lb. packets 25¢
 Christmas Bon Bons, a box \$2.50 to 10¢
 Hand Rolled Chocolates, a pound 25¢
 Red Letter Sliced Peaches, extra value, a can 25¢

Cocoanut Cream and Nut Top Bon Bons, a royal confectionery, a pound 25¢
 Non-Alcoholic Wines—Ginger, raspberry, Black-currant; a bottle 35¢
 Libbey's Pineapple, large cans, each 25¢
 New Mixed Nuts, a pound 25¢

Christmas Stockings, each \$2.00 to 5¢
 Our Christmas Currants, Raisins, Peel, etc., is all new this season; and prices are the lowest.
 Jap Oranges, large boxes 55¢
 Large Navel Oranges, a doz. 35¢
 Mint Mileage—A dainty mint confectionery; large \$1.00 boxes; to-day 50¢
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CORNER GOVERNMENT AND BROUGHTON STREETS

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS
 Women's Canadian Club and Rotary Club Enterprises Independent. Friendly Help Needs.
 In order that people who are helping either of the undertakings the committees of the Women's Canadian club and the Rotary club have called attention to the special enterprise which each organization has in hand for the Christmas season. The Women's Canadian club is giving a Christmas tree on Wednesday, at the Victoria High school, to 1,234 children of soldiers who are now serving with the colors; the Rotary club is providing a Christmas tree to upwards of 300 children of families that are being assisted through the Friendly Help society to have a happy Christmas. The two enterprises are quite independent and separate, each in its special way caring for the little ones whose Christmas might not otherwise be as rosy as every child's Christmas should be.
 It is hoped that the assistance given the Friendly Help society will in no way be lessened by the public. This organization is fitting up Christmas hampers for 150 families in the city, and a further urgent appeal is being made by the secretary, Miss Lawson, for stores that will be suitable to include with the boxes that are going out to make up the Christmas dinner: sugar, butter, rolled oats, flour, canned goods of any kind. Abundance of plum puddings were furnished through the school children of Victoria, so that no appeal is being made for this part of the dinner. But as each hamper is being supplied with meat, cash donations of any size will be very welcome. This morning members of the committee at the new Friendly Help headquarters, at the left side of the entrance to the Market Place, were busy as bees sorting and packing the hampers. But more supplies, as above noted, will be welcome, and may be left at the rooms between 9:30 and 4:30 any day up to Friday. The hampers will be sent out on Friday morning, so it is hoped that all donations will be in hand by that time.
 Silver Spring Beer, 2 qts. for 25c.

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ROTARY IS ALL READY FOR CHRISTMAS TREE

Automobiles Being Provided to Take Children Home After Festive Theatre Party

Arrangements are nearly completed by the Island Automobile association in regard to taking care of the children who have been invited by the Rotary club to attend the Christmas tree at the Royal Victoria theatre on Thursday afternoon. On Saturday fourteen automobiles had been promised in which to take the children to their homes after the Christmas tree. This morning the secretary, C. L. Harris, arranged to get as many more cars, and received a donation of money from a person interested with which to hire a jitney to assist in the work. There will, Mr. Harris says, be plenty of cars for the purpose, all those donating the use of them being members of the Rotary club or the Island Automobile association.

The Rotary club has finished the allotment of gifts for the children and to-day is decorating the great Christmas tree on the stage of the Royal Victoria theatre where the event will take place. The presents consist of boots, sweaters, mittens, stockings and other kinds of clothing, all warm and serviceable for the children who need them. With each parcel is a toy and some candy. The tree is to be illuminated with hundreds of small electric lights and will be a very brilliant affair. The illumination is in the hands of Rotarian C. H. F. Carter.

The children, accompanied by their guardians, are to be at the theatre at 2 o'clock, at which time the picture show will begin. Following this the curtain will be drawn up, and the tree displayed. At the same moment Santa Claus in his sleigh will drive on to the stage and with a short Christmas speech, will begin the distribution of presents. The children are to be called in alphabetical order in groups of ten, and will go on the stage by a runway from the floor. There they will each receive their present, and return to the auditorium.

TENTS FOR I. O. D. E.

"Tag Day" to Be Observed Tomorrow for Patriotic Aid Funds.

At eight different points of the principal downtown streets of the city there sprang into existence this afternoon tents which have attracted a considerable amount of attention among pedestrians. These tents are one of the first signs of the approaching "tag day" which is to be held tomorrow under the auspices of the Patriotic Aid Society, and in aid of the funds of that organization. The tents are each to be under the control of one of the eight chapters of the I. O. D. E. in the city, and in front of each will be a sentry, to be furnished by the 5th Regiment, C. G. A., and relieved each hour during the day. Here also will be some members of the various chapters, prepared to take donations in aid of the Patriotic Fund, and to solicit the same from passers-by, who will be furnished in the usual manner, with a tag when they have dropped something into the box.

the military units in the district, with the exception of the 5th C. G. A., will parade through the city streets to the Parliament Buildings. There they will be inspected and dismissed, in order to give as much impetus as they can by adding a military flavor to the proceedings, and will scatter about the city.

GREEKS CLASH WITH BULGARIAN TROOPS

Several Greeks Killed at Border; Greek Government Sending Reinforcements

Paris, Dec. 20.—Fighting between small detachments of Greek and Bulgarian troops is reported in a dispatch from Brindisi, Italy, to the Havas Agency. It is said several Greek officers and soldiers were killed or wounded, and that the Greek government is hastily forwarding reinforcements to the scene of the fighting.

The dispatch says that the disturbance occurred in the province of Epirus, at the western end of the Serbo-Greek border.

A Bulgarian advance guard is said to have penetrated Greek territory after an encounter with Greek outposts, lively fighting resulting.

The Greek press maintains silence in regard to the incidents, the dispatch continues, but the government is disturbed. Greek detachments have been sent hastily to Koritza and Cogradepol to reinforce the garrisons there.

STEAMSHIP CAMBRIA HAS BEEN SENT DOWN

Message From Toronto Lieutenant Indicates She Was Sunk in Channel

Toronto, Dec. 20.—The steamship Cambria, formerly owned by the London and Northern railway, but recently in the service of the British admiralty, has been sunk in the English channel, according to a cablegram appearing in the Toronto Star.

The cablegram came from Lieut. Chas. E. Harmer, a Toronto man who was on board the vessel. Cabling his father, Robert Harmer, he said: "Ship lost. Am safe. Don't worry. Best wishes."

The Cambria is believed to have been in the hospital service at the time of the disaster. She had a gross tonnage of 1,842, and was 323 feet long.

STATES PROTESTS.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The United States has protested to Great Britain against interference with parcel post shipments between this country and Sweden. Secretary Lansing announced to-day.

"I wouldn't drink out of that cup," said little Johnnie to the immaculate young visitor. "That's Bessie's cup, and she's very particular who drinks out of it." "Ah," said the young man gallantly, "as he drank the cup dry, I feel honored to drink out of Bessie's cup!" Bessie is your older sister, isn't she? "Oh, no," replied the small boy, "Bessie is my dog, and she's very particular who uses that cup."

GERMANS' IDEA OF FREEDOM OF SEAS

All Swedish Vessels Leaving Baltic Stopped at The Sound

SWEDEN INFORMS BERLIN OF ALL THE SAILINGS

London, Dec. 20.—The foreign office has issued for publication the following extract from a letter addressed to the admiralty by a well-known firm of solicitors:

"We are to-day in conversation with the master of a Swedish steamship. Amongst the papers which he laid before us for our professional advice was a clearance paper printed in German and Swedish, signed by the customs at the Baltic port of Lulea (North Sweden), certifying that the ship was carrying no contraband.

"We expressed surprise on seeing this official Swedish paper printed in German as well as Swedish, and were told by the captain that in all cases prior to sailings the Swedish customs house telegraphs to Berlin informing them of the sailings of the vessels, and that they are not carrying contraband.

All Are Stopped.

"Furthermore, the captain explained to us that all Swedish vessels leaving the Baltic are stopped at the south entrance of The Sound by German patrol boats, who examine the vessels very carefully. He stated that on his last voyage he was signalled by the patrol boat to stop, and he patiently waited four hours until the patrol boat could find time to attend to him."

The above appears to the government to merit being brought to the notice of the public as showing how the German government, in those waters where it has any opportunity of displaying naval activity, practices the principle of the freedom of the seas for neutral commerce, which it has so loudly accused the British government of violating.

AMERICAN GOVT. HAS SAID ITS LAST WORD

Note on Ancona Sent to Vienna Yesterday; Reply Awaited

Washington, Dec. 20.—Secretary Lansing announced to-day that the second American note to Austria-Hungary on the sinking of the liner Ancona had gone forward yesterday and should reach Vienna to-morrow night. While Mr. Lansing gave no intimation of its contents, the note is understood to be a virtual copy of the original, with the implication that it is the United States' last word on the subject.

BRITISH SUBMARINES SANK GERMAN WARSHIPS

London, Dec. 20.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Copenhagen says he learns that the torpedoing of the German cruiser Bremen and a German torpedo boat occurred on Friday night close to Libau, while the Bremen was returning, with lights out, from an inspection of the entrance to the Gulf of Finland. The correspondent adds that the successful attack was made by two British submarines.

INQUEST ON BODY OF SERGT. OZANNE

London, Dec. 20.—The inquest on the body of Sergeant Ozanne, alleged to have been murdered by a Japanese soldier acting as adjutant of the 5th Battalion (Montreal), was resumed to-day. Lance-Corporal Keller, servant to several officers occupying Arundel House, where the body was found and where the accused house with some soldiers. They had gone out and later the accused had returned and asked for some spirit, saying to the witness: "Don't talk; I have just killed a man."

The hearing is proceeding.

JAPANESE BATTALION MAY BE ORGANIZED

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Major-General Sir Sam Hughes is disposed to give his support to the movement in British Columbia to raise a battalion of Japanese to serve at the front in a Canadian contingent. When told this morning that an organization had been created for this purpose in Vancouver, the minister showed considerable interest, but stated that it was the first he had heard of.

"On first blush," said Sir Sam, "I would be disposed to approve of the proposal provided enough men could be secured to form a battalion and keep up its strength. The matter has not come before me in an official manner, however. I believe that every lover of liberty who wants to fight should be given an opportunity to do so."

TAKEN FROM VESSEL

New York, Dec. 20.—Wilhelm Garde, of Brooklyn, purser of the American steamship Borinquen, was removed from the vessel off the harbor of San Juan, P. R., by officers of the French cruiser Descaartes, according to the Borinquen's skipper. The ship arrived here to-day.

BRITISH MONITORS SHELLED WESTENDE

Berlin, Dec. 20.—British monitors shelled the German positions at Westende, on the Belgian coast, yesterday, but were finally driven away by land batteries, says the official statement issued to-day by army headquarters.

The statement adds that German aviators attacked the town of Eperinghe, near Ypres, numerous hostile troops being concentrated there.

BRITISH FISHERMEN ARE HELPING TO WIN

Government Pays Tribute to Their Patriotism, Courage and Energy

London, Dec. 20.—A tribute to the patriotism, courage and energy of the British fishermen is contained in the government's annual report on sea fisheries for 1914, just issued.

"No industry," says the report, "has been affected to greatly by the war as sea fishing, and when the history of the war is written, the country will realize, as it never has before, the supreme value to an island maritime power of an organized fishing industry and a daring fishing population."

Notwithstanding the limitation of fishing waters by naval regulations, mine fields and German submarines, there were landed in England and Wales in 1914, some 10,125,000 cwt. of fish, exclusive of shellfish, of the value of \$83,235,000, as against 16,152,000 cwt. in 1913, valued at \$50,045,000. The shell fish catch dropped from the value of \$1,649,000 in 1913 to 1,445,000 in 1914.

MUST BE JUDGED BY RECORD OF CABINET HE WAS MEMBER OF

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made in regard to the protection of the lives of miners working underground, nor of the labor problems in connection with mining. It is a matter of comment on Vancouver island that Asiatics are permitted to work underground while the government is supporting from the provincial treasury the families of British and Canadian miners who are unable to obtain employment. At the recent trades and labor congress which met in Vancouver affidavits were produced showing that a large percentage of the men employed at the Cumberland collieries—which are under the control of Mackenzie and Mann—are Asiatics."

Lacking in Definiteness.

Mr. Brewster, who has spent many years of his life in close touch with the shipping business, said he had been disappointed at the general terms used, and the lack of definiteness with which the premier had discussed the problem of supplying tonnage for the lumber industry.

"I have lately spent a great deal of time in going into the details of the question," stated Mr. Brewster, "and consider it a matter that should be handled by those having special training along that line. My chief fear is that the government, which has so grossly mismanaged affairs in regard to supplying railroad transportation, may make an equally disastrous blunder in its attempt to assist ocean-borne traffic. The public will await with interest the government's plan. This subject is one which has frequently been discussed from Liberal platforms in this city and elsewhere.

Co-operation Promised.

"In one matter Mr. Bowser will have the hearty co-operation of the Liberal party, his desire to look after the comfort of returned soldiers and the care of the wives and families of those who are at the front. This is a subject beyond the realms of party controversy, and Mr. Bowser will find the Liberal party strong in its support of any measures that will tend towards this end."

"The many friends of Sir Richard McBride will doubtless resent the vein of sarcasm which prompts the new premier in his references to his predecessor in office, whom he obviously attempts to 'damn with faint praise.'"

Omissions of Address.

"The manifesto is more notable for its omissions than for what it contains," Mr. Brewster said in conclusion. "The subjects upon which the premier maintains an eloquent silence include the questions of a definite land policy and pressing problem of unemployment. Not a line is contained in it which deals with a suggestion for collecting the arrears of principal, interest and taxes due from speculators to the province. There is an entire absence of any frank statement in regard to the financial position of the province. There is not a word of hope for the amelioration of unjust laws in regard to women, or one to suggest that the new government intends to smash the machine which has its grip upon the vitals of the province.

"I think the public at large will be surprised and disappointed that Mr. Bowser has made no reference to the liquor question, and has failed to give any indication of the attitude of his government on this important matter. In view of the widespread public interest manifested in prohibition, and the activities of the liquor interests as well as the temperance people, it is somewhat of a sign of weakness in one of Mr. Bowser's boasted outspokenness to find him unable or afraid to come any nearer to this problem than a casual reference to 'irrigation difficulties in the interior.'"

GERMANS IN STATES

"Once a German, always a German," is one of the proverbs thrown up by the war. It has, maybe, a good deal of truth in it, but no doubt a patriotic German would be very glad to believe that it was the whole truth about his race. But the facts are largely against it, at least as regards the second generation in the United States; and the sober and realistic Vossische Zeitung has to admit sadly that this is so. Some Germans in the United States, it says, are Germany's worst enemies. The leading organs of what it calls "the New York hate press"—i. e., the anti-German press—are "published or edited by persons of German extraction." It goes through the list of the great New York papers that are bitterly hostile to Germany—one need not mention the names of these newspapers, which have a world reputation and can easily be guessed—and in almost every case the editor or the proprietor or someone in direct control of it, is the son or grandson of a German immigrant, with German blood in his veins and a pure German name. So with the most famous comic weekly—one that is to be seen on almost any British bookstall.

"From the beginning of the war it has distinguished itself by its attacks on Germany; yet it was founded by a German named Kupper in the sixties, and for a long time appeared in the German language."

To this day it belongs to a family of German name and origin. Regrettably the Vossische Zeitung seems to attribute this unnatural and unflattering behavior to a mean desire to become more American than the Americans themselves.

VON BISSING WILL RETIRE ON JANUARY 1

Rome, Dec. 20.—General von Bissing, German governor-general of the occupied portion of Belgium, is to retire from the governorship on January 1 on account of ill-health, according to a dispatch from Antwerp to the Correspondence.

Amsterdam newspapers several weeks ago printed dispatches saying it was reported in Brussels that General von Bissing would retire. The messages intimated that the general was on the verge of a complete collapse owing to ill-health and overwork.

NO FORD MEETINGS IN DANISH CAPITAL

Christians, Dec. 20.—Henry Ford has received information that he will be prosecuted from holding meetings in Copenhagen. It was learned to-day. He will go there, however, to select the delegates to accompany his peace party to The Hague.

AN ENEMY WITHIN THEIR OWN BORDERS

Profiteers Stabbing German People in Back, Says Conservative German Paper

UNABLE TO SUPPRESS USURY, IT HAS TO ADMIT

Amsterdam, Dec. 20.—From the Baltic to the Iron Gates there is blazing anger against the middlemen and profiteers—the "usurers" is the German nickname—and equally against the authorities in Berlin and Vienna who allow this scandal of private exploiting of the nation's misery. The Turner of Guardian, is a well-known German Nationalist weekly and in ordinary times as conservative in its views as it can be. But even this ultra-respectable and reactionary organ has been moved to fury, and its language is far more violent than that even of the Socialist papers at their worst.

"Nausea rises into one's throat," it exclaims, "when, in connection with the wonderful heroism and sublime magnificence of the People, with its shining shield held in front of us, one even mentions by name that filthy, stinking terror, that from its ambush in the rear it is stabbing that People in the back. It is that unspeakable, low vampire, swollen with the profits of death—Usury, against which apparently in our own house and with all the means at our disposal of state and military law we are utterly helpless, while our sons and brothers already at battle with half the world, realize that they have, after all, still another enemy to contend with."

Selling Their Fatherland.

And another passage is even more heated.

"Is it not a crying mockery that no human life among our noblest and worthiest is too dear a sacrifice for the Fatherland, and yet we keep the gloves on in dealing with the blackguards who are betraying the Fatherland by undermining its inner unity and—speaking of usury—its moral and military law? We are utterly helpless, while our sons and brothers already at battle with half the world, realize that they have, after all, still another enemy to contend with."

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TERM IS EXTENDED FOR EIGHT MONTHS

Decision of Imperial House of Commons; No Report Yet on Recruiting

London, Dec. 20.—The House of Commons decided to-day by a vote of 158 to 23 to accept a suggestion made by Mr. Asquith that as a compromise the term of the present parliament be extended eight months, instead of a year as previously proposed.

Mr. Asquith announced that because of the difficulty of compiling the figures, the results of the Earl of Derby's recruiting scheme would not be available to-morrow.

The earl, he said, expected to send a general report to-night, but owing to the circumstances, no considered statement would be issued on Tuesday, though he hoped to make it before adjournment.

Mr. Asquith declined to be drawn into any discussion of the subject of peace.

Sir William Pollard Hyles, member for North Salford, suggested that recent debates in the Reichstag indicated a disposition to transfer the issues of the war from the battlefield to the council chamber. He was anxious to know whether the government could see its way to suggest any form of response to that disposition.

Mr. Asquith intimated that the government's position was unchanged on the matter of peace.

NARROW TENDENCY ON VICTORIA EXCHANGE

Breaking Off of Wire Service With Outside Points Induced Torpor

Price fluctuations were within narrow limits at the Victoria stock-exchange session more because of a disconnected wire service—with outside points than anything else. Where strong elements obtained an immediate local inquiry was noted, as for instance in the case of Standard Lead, which rose fractionally. Stockholders of this company received the extra December disbursement to-day. Some trading capability attached to Parliament Canal. An issue that would well afford to move one way or the other considering the prolonged dullness in its market action. There appeared to be some speculative inquiry at the one end level for small lots of one thousand shares or more. Canada Copper was inclined to softness in the matter of offerings, the bid remaining fixed at two dollars.

	Bid	Asked
Blackbird Syndicate	110.00	125.00
Can. Copper Co.	2.00	2.25
Crow's Nest Coal	62.00	..
Can. Cons. S. & R.	125.00	..
Coronation Gold
Granby	79.00	80.00
Int. Coal & Coke Co.	..	104
Lucky Jim Zinc	..	97 1/2
Metallurgical Corp.	..	15
Portland Canal	..	64
Rambler Cariboo	..	31
Red Cliff	..	39
Standard Lead	1.97	2.06
Snowstorm	..	17
Stewart M. D.	..	75
Slocan Star	..	30
Stewart Land	..	7.00
Victoria Phoenix Brew.	..	116.00

A NEW OFFENSIVE AGAINST BUKOWINA

Berliner Tageblatt Says Russian Troops Have Moved From Roumanian Border

London, Dec. 20.—There has been considerable speculation in London for some time as to what has become of the Russian troops which were concentrated on the Roumanian border several weeks ago, with the apparent intention of entering the Balkan conflict. At the time when Russian co-operation in the allies' campaign would have been most important, they were described in all reports as poised on the Roumanian frontier, ready for an immediate campaign in Bulgaria, but after weeks of suspense, during which repeated rumors converted the long-heralded move into an accomplished fact, it was learned that the Russian incursion never had advanced beyond the preparatory stage.

Recently, an absolute lack of new developments regarding the Russian plan in this quarter led most observers to decide that hopes for a Russian interference were either premature or based on circumstances since altered. It is reported now that the Russians are being withdrawn from the Roumanian border. Dispatches to the Telegraph from Rotterdam quote the Berliner Tageblatt to the effect that the greater part of the Russian army concentrated in this section already has been moved from Reni northward to Bukovina, and that all plans for attacking the Bulgarians were abandoned in favor of a new offensive against Bukovina.

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—A strong bull market, with a wide trade in December and May, closed with an advance of 2 1/2 to 3c. July, quoted for the first time, closed at 117. Exporters were buyers all morning. In fact, they were almost the only buyers, as beyond a little spurt at the opening, the public stayed out. Export sales for the day at the seaboard were reported at 1,250,000 bushels of wheat alone. Cash wheat was dull and No. 1 without premium.

Wheat—Open Close
Dec. 111 1/2 114
May 115 1/2 118
July 117 1/2 117

Oats—
Dec. 37 40 1/2
May 42 45 1/2
Flax—
Dec. 180 187
May 182 185

Cash prices: Wheat—1 Nov. 112; 2 Nov. 109; 3 Nov. 104.
Oats—2 C. W. 49; 3 C. W. 37; extra 1 feed, 37.
Barley—No. 2, 65.
Flax—1 N. W. C. 187; 2 C. W. 184.

TURKS FORCED TO PAY MORE FOR FOOD

Paris, Dec. 20.—The opening of rail communication between Turkey and Austria-Hungary and Germany has resulted in a considerable increase in the prices of necessities in Turkey, says a Havas dispatch from Athens. Turkish women organized meetings of protest in Constantinople, which the dispatch adds, were dispersed by troops.

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 - Traveler's Companion, with alcohol lamp, at \$4.05
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Another Neat Style has a top, which makes a convenient card table, and the cupboard is well fitted up. Cash price \$14.85.

A Small Cabinet in dull mahogany finished is a remarkable value at cash price of \$5.40.

Folding Card Tables—These inexpensive tables will be just the thing when a few friends drop in for a quiet game of cards. They can be used for many purposes, and are light, strong, compact. Can be folded into very small space when not in use. Cash price \$3.60 to \$5.85.

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 - 3-Piece Carving Sets, white handles, in case, \$5.85 and \$6.30
 - 2-Piece Carving Sets, horn handles, \$1.58 and \$3.15

Christmas Specials For the Children

We have just opened up a very desirable shipment of Doll Carriages that will be the pride and delight of all the little mothers. They are exact models of real baby buggies in dark blue and black leather, with leather cloth hood and ten-inch rubber tired wheels. These are easily worth from \$11.00 to \$15.00, but we have priced them specially for quick selling during Christmas week at cash prices of \$3.15, \$4.95, \$6.75 and \$9.00.

"Winton" Autos, at cash price of \$5.85.

Child's Wagons at cash price of \$3.50.

4-Piece Kindergarten Sets, consisting of table, one arm and two small chairs. "Made in Victoria." Well finished, at cash price of \$2.70.

PREMIER BOWSER HAS ANNOUNCED POLICIES

In Lengthy Address to Electorate He Makes Many Promises of Reform

In an address to the people of British Columbia which seems to foreshadow a general election but does not preclude the holding of bye-elections Premier Bowser states the policy upon which he and his government intend to appeal to the electorate. The address is as follows:

"Gentlemen,—While I acknowledge and fully appreciate the great honor which has been done me by placing in my hands the leadership of the government, I must at once state that I fully recognize the serious responsibilities which that leadership, under present conditions, entails, and which will require of my colleagues and myself much serious consideration and the exercise of sound business judgment if those duties are to be discharged to the satisfaction of the country.

"Although I have taken some small part in the past twelve years in assisting to frame the policy of the government in the province, which policy has been strongly endorsed, still, in my judgment, the time has arrived when the policy which has marked the regime of the late administration should in some respects be modified and in some respects expanded.

"The circumstances which actuated the McBride administration to make generous appropriations to various railway companies, so as to expedite the opening up of the country, no longer exist, mainly for the reason that this country is now almost completely developed, and the cycle of development now brings us face to face with other new and important duties and responsibilities.

No Aid For Railways.
To put it shortly, I conceive the most vital duty resting upon the administration, of which I am leader, is in the first place, to adopt a sound business policy, coupled with reasonable retrenchment, until such time at least as the serious problems now confronting our empire, shall have been surmounted. To put it in other words—British Columbia needs a period for business readjustment free from any venturesome or experimental legislation, in which to recuperate from an era of speculative expansion, which was not peculiar to us but common to the whole Canadian west and perhaps to the greater portion of the American continent.

"It is for this reason that we should definitely state that for the present there shall be no more aid to new railway enterprises. At the same time we must not forget that we have to face the situation boldly and courageously in order to see that those railway enterprises already undertaken, and which promise so much in the way of making accessible to the settler large areas of fertile land, are carried to completion, with due dispatch. To ascertain how best this can be done, I purpose having a thorough investigation and examination made into the business of these companies in order to decide which will be the most businesslike way of securing their early completion.

Borrowing at Excessive Rates.
"It would appear to me that just as soon as peace is declared the world will witness a financial reaction. Should I be correct in this judgment it will be necessary for the private individual, the corporations, the various municipalities of the province, and the province itself, to approach the foreign money markets with the idea of borrowing. To do so successfully we must keep the credit of British Columbia on the highest possible plane and with that aim in view I will direct my every energy; and I have a profound conviction that if the government approaches the discharge of its duties in this attitude, such action will elicit the strong endorsement of the electorate.

"It would be idle were I to appeal to the electorate for approval on the understanding that I shall at once be able to launch large development schemes and immediately usher in a return of what might properly be termed the abnormal prosperity which marked certain phases of the history of the west for the last few years.

"We have no intention of making any such promise to the people of British Columbia, nor have we any delusions as to the business men regarding the situation which faces the province as a result of the involved condition of the money markets of the world. Money, for the present, can only be obtained at excessive rates of interest, and while I yield to none in my firm belief and confidence in the future of the province, in its wonderful resources, and in its recuperative powers, once the normal condition has been restored, still I must, in my judgment, be our immediate task to make our expenditures conform to the peculiar and unusual financial situation, rather than waste our efforts in launching ambitious schemes which would, for the present at least, be doomed to failure. We must, however, carry on such necessary public works as the natural development of the country may demand. Our watchword should be 'Courage and caution.'

Outlook For Farming.
"The late government has already passed legislation granting aid by way of loans to further develop the important industry of agriculture; and our efforts will be to borrow money required as quickly and as cheaply as possible, so that we may give every incentive and encouragement to bona fide farming.

"We have also under consideration a colonization policy, which, if worked out successfully, will encourage the rapid settlement of crown lands by a sturdy, industrious and practical farming population, to the end that the great areas of the province hitherto

untilled may contribute their share to the natural wealth of the community.

"In addition to activities along the line of aid to farmers and of colonization above referred to, we purpose, as soon as the necessary legislation can be secured, to establish a distinct department of the government, under its own minister, to deal exclusively with agricultural matters. It is hoped that in this way our agricultural possibilities will receive the utmost attention and inducements be offered which will result in a distinct and substantial movement towards the occupation and development of our farming and pastoral land.

"The government has also under consideration the question of aiding the establishment of public markets under proper supervision in the larger centres of population of the province, so that the farmer may receive the best returns for his product and that the cost of living may be reduced.

Minerals and Lumber.
"The developments of the last few years have demonstrated the great possibility of our mineral wealth, there secured the importance of the department of mines, and justifying the belief that much can be done to assist the development of the mining industry by active government encouragement. An important part of the new government's policy will be a study of the scientific and practical methods calculated to develop this important industry in all its branches.

"The government purposes leading whatever assistance may be possible in developing the natural manufacturing possibilities of the province, with special attention to the lumbering industry. We have an almost illimitable supply of raw material (at least 400 billion feet of merchantable timber) and much of our future success must depend on its development. The market extension campaign, now being carried on by the government, has already secured most encouraging results and the work is being most vigorously pushed.

Transportation.
"Ocean transportation must be provided for the tide-water capacity of our mills, now about 700,000,000 feet per annum, so that we may secure and enjoy our proper share of the world's trade. As the matter stands to-day, we have surpassing wealth of timber, an immense investment in manufacturing plants and every facility, save one, for large development. We have no shipping and are therefore powerless to reach the overseas markets. We must have vessels operated directly in the interests of our own industries, and also to carry our natural products.

Only thus can the province market its own timber wealth and so dissipate the depression that has hung over the industry so long. Recognizing the vital importance of this matter and the paramount need of a strong commercial policy to end the shipping crisis, the government will submit decisive legislation at the forthcoming session of the legislature. The development of our waterborne lumber trade will benefit our coast manufacturers and should, at the same time, give the mountain mill men larger trade opportunities in the prairie provinces, their natural markets.

"The western grain crop of 1915 has accentuated the necessity of using all Canadian ports to their utmost. The questions of shipping and elevator accommodation involved are primarily the responsibility of the transportation companies and the federal authorities, but this government appreciates the urgency and importance of this matter and proposes to take whatever action may be open to it to secure early attention for these developments so that the 'all-the-year-around' open ports of British Columbia may be made use of to their fullest extent, to export the annual crop of the western prairie provinces as well as the output of the Peace River district, which will have railway connections at an early date.

Irrigation Problems.
"The government appreciates the very serious situation confronting the people of certain parts of the interior, arising out of their irrigation difficulties, and is now addressing itself to the adjustment of the problems involved.

"I particularly had the honor, during the late session of the legislature, of introducing a most modern and up-to-date Workmen's Compensation act, fashioned after the laws of other countries. This act will greatly improve the conditions of those who may suffer and be disabled through industrial accidents; and at the same time will not only do away with the long-drawn-out and expensive litigation, but will obviate all unfriendly contests between employer and employee. We stand pledged to make this act law at our next session.

"The splendid response made by the manhood of the province at the call for men to uphold the banner of human liberty must be recognized. It will be the duty of the government to continue such support as it may be able to give during the present period of stress; and we further stand pledged to do our part together with the federal government and public organizations in seeing that those of our citizens who have suffered personal injury shall receive such permanent care and assistance as is consistent with their heroic

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sacrifices. The government will also recognize and make suitable provision in the way of assisting those of our returned soldiers, who are not incapacitated, to secure suitable occupations in civilian life.

The War.
"I feel that any public statement made at this time would be incomplete if I failed to put on record that I recognize that but one consideration is paramount in the minds of all of us—our every energy must be expended upon the task of assisting in every way possible the prosecution of the war to a triumphant conclusion.

"The people of British Columbia, in common with those in every other part of our Empire, have had many bitter experiences since the 'fatal' August 4, 1914, when Great Britain, the Mother of Liberty, held fast to the path of duty and resolved, regardless of what sacrifices might be entailed, to summon all her strength to uphold the cause of humanity throughout the world.

"Our experiences have been bitter, but they have only served to steel our hearts to meet, unflinching and unafraid, every new danger that may confront us. British Columbians have given ungrudgingly of husbands, sons and brothers, and generously of their means—and this at a time when civil burdens, well-nigh crushing in their weight, have, as a result of the worldwide financial and commercial depression, been imposed upon them.

"Nothing in the history of British Columbia is more significant, nothing, indeed, is more promising, than the measure of courage and fortitude which has been shown by our people in the face of these unexampled difficulties.

"It has been well said that 'the darkest hour is just before the dawn'; and I am profoundly of the opinion that with the achievement of the final triumphant victory which assuredly awaits the arms of the allies, and the conclusion of a permanent peace, the clouds which now lower upon us shall be dispersed and that the dawn of a brighter and fairer day will witness a restoration of progress and prosperity in British Columbia which will amply reward us for the courage and faith we have shown in this hour of bitter trial.

Old Agent-General and the New.
"In conclusion, it is hardly necessary for me to state how incapable I feel in attempting to carry on the leadership in any way comparable with the record of our former popular leader, Sir Richard McBride, but it is not without a measure of confidence that I ask the people of British Columbia to give the new government an opportunity to show that we can succeed and thereby merit public approval. The public will be pleased to know that we are fortunate in not losing entirely the services and ability of our late premier, because as agent-general for British Columbia, to which position he has been appointed, we will have a most worthy representative, than whom there is no one more conversant with the office nor more conversant with our great natural resources.

"It affords me pleasure at this time to again express our deep appreciation for the excellent work which the retiring agent-general, Mr. J. H. Turner, has done while residing in London for the last fourteen years.

"I hope, together with my colleagues, to be able to visit the various portions of our great province before a general election and discuss the public issues in each constituency, while appealing for the first time, as leader of the government, for the endorsement of the electorate, with every confidence that they will give me an opportunity to carry out the policies I have outlined.

The editor in charge of the Personal Inquiry column opened his seventeenth letter with a groan: "I have lost three husbands," a lady reader had written, confidentially, "and now have the offer of a fourth. Shall I accept him?" The editor dipped his pen in the ink. This was the last straw. "If you've lost three husbands," he wrote, "I should say you are much too careless to be trusted with a fourth."

Private Bates's aunt had, amongst other dainties, sent her nephew a bottle of cherries, preserved in brandy. "Very choice," thought the khaki one, and he straightway showed them to his fellow-Hun-hunters. A few days later the old lady received the following letter: "Dear Aunt—Thank you so much for your gift of cherries. My pain and I appreciate them immensely, not so much for themselves as for the spirit in which they were sent."

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British Columbia Indians Are Quarter of Dominion Total; Island Tribes' Position

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 In 1857 the Indian village of Tsahlka, Fort Rupert, alone had as many inhabitants as there are aborigines on the island to-day. Around Fort Victoria at that time it is estimated there were 5,000.
 The Wakashan branch to which the Vancouver Islands Indians belong, is about evenly divided between its two main sections, the Nootkas, and the Kwakwaka'wakw. The former, from the time of the first coming of the white man to this island, have attracted more attention. Now the west coast agency only has some 1,835 in the busy villages which live in the pages of the memoirs of early navigators. The opportunity afforded by canoes for the development of the dispersive clan system perhaps has materially affected the Indians of the coast, who have scattered widely, and thus have been brought more directly in touch with the views of the whites. Four generations have gone since Spaniard and Briton quarrelled at Nootka, and the "Boston" men profited of the spoil, generations marked by treachery and murder, while the Indian has rapidly given place to the conquering white. Here and there some well preserved native village with totem poles marking the family alliances, affords a picture of the ancient life. However, it is but a glimpse which is fleeting, as the old houses decay, and better homes are built.
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