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EVERY MAN WHO IS FIT IS REQUIRED

British Armies Must Be Kept Up and New Ones Formed

MR. ASQUITH ASKS FOR ANOTHER MILLION MEN

Britain Already Has 1,250,000 in Various Theatres; Wastage Enormous

London, Dec. 21.—“Great Britain already has a fighting force in the various theatres of 1,250,000 men, and as the wastage is enormous, the country must aim at getting every man of military age who is physically qualified,” said Mr. Asquith in the House of Commons this afternoon.

He moved a new vote for an additional million men, and in doing so made a general survey of the ever-widening theatre of war and the increasing responsibility placed on this country for providing arms and men.

New Armies.

A large proportion of the wounded, he said, was able to return to duty, but in addition to keeping up the present armies to their nominal strength, men were wanted for new formations and to increase the aggregate of Great Britain's fighting forces, every available man should be put in the field, so far as was consistent with provision for national necessities, including munitions and the vast field of employment upon the continued working of which the national life depended.

ARTILLERY IN THE WEST LESS ACTIVE

Cannonading Diminished Last Night; French Demolished a German Position

Paris, Dec. 21.—The war office gave out the following report this afternoon:

“The cannonading diminished appreciably last night. In the Artois district, to the northwest of Hill No. 140, the Germans exploded a mine in front of our trenches, but it caused no damage. We occupied the edge of the crater thus made.”

“Between the Somme and the Aisne there were a number of engagements among patrols. In the region of Lihons an enemy patrol was caught by our fire and compelled to flee, leaving several wounded in our hands.”

“On the plateau of Sainte Léocade, south of Houllin-sous-Touvent, our trench guns demolished a German position.”

“In the forest our artillery carried on a well-directed fire toward Abincourt and Blamont, where movements of troops were observed.”

TWO BRITISH SHIPS SENT TO THE BOTTOM

London, Dec. 21.—The British steamship Huntley, of 1,153 tons gross, formerly the German hospital ship Ophelia, which was condemned by a British prize court, and the British steamship Belford, of Glasgow, of 488 tons gross, have been sunk.

The crew of the Belford was saved. No reports have been received regarding the crew of the Huntley.

PROPERTY PROTECTED BY WAR RELIEF ACT

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—That the property in possession of the wife of a Manitoba soldier enlisted for active service is protected during the war from any attempt at foreclosure because of the provisions of the War Relief Act, was the finding this morning of Chief Justice Mathers in the case of Mrs. Shipman, wife of Capt. C. S. Shipman, versus the Imperial Canadian Trust Co.

TO MARRY CANADIAN.

London, Dec. 21.—The Morning Post announces that Hon. Patrick Acheson, E. N., son of the Earl of Gosford, shortly will marry Nora, daughter of Alfred Jones, of Halifax, N. S.

Important Command for Lieut.-Gen. Murray, States Mr. Asquith

London, Dec. 21.—Mr. Asquith announced in the House of Commons to-day that Lieut.-General Sir William E. Robertson, chief of the general staff, had been recalled from France to become chief of the imperial staff at army headquarters in London in place of Lieut.-General Sir Archibald Murray, who was about to receive an important command.

CONVENTION SET FOR DECEMBER 28

Vancouver Liberals Will Meet to Select Candidate to Oppose Tisdall

EXECUTIVE MET LAST EVENING; UNANIMOUS

Vancouver, Dec. 21.—A Liberal convention to nominate a candidate to oppose Hon. C. E. Tisdall at the expected bye-election will be held on Tuesday night, Dec. 28. This was decided upon last evening at a meeting of the Vancouver city Liberal executive at Liberal headquarters. The place of the convention could not be decided on last night, so it was left to the president and secretary, who will make it known immediately upon completion of the arrangements.

There was considerable opposition to a convention on such short notice, with everybody so taken up this week with Christmas duties. It was explained that it would be possible for the government to call a bye-election on eleven days' notice, though this was not probable. Tuesday, the 28, finally was unanimously agreed upon as the date.

As most of the clubs hold their meetings in the central headquarters at 418 Pender street, President Campbell asked the various presidents to get in communication with the secretary, C. B. Patterson, and make arrangements at once.

Few members of the executive committee were absent. The meeting got down to business immediately and unanimity was the keynote of the occasion.

THE LOKAL ANZEIGER SAID GERMANY WOULD SETTLE WITH STATES

Copenhagen, Dec. 21.—The suppression of the Lokal Anzeiger was due to the publication of an article dealing with the American note to Austria on the sinking of the Ancona. The article was extremely arrogant in tone, stating that Germany very soon would settle such questions with the United States.

ANOTHER PLOT HAS BEEN DISCOVERED

U. S. Authorities, Investigating Welland Canal Conspiracy, Found Another Trail

Washington, Dec. 21.—What is believed to be an entirely new plot against American neutrality has been unearthed by agents of the department of justice investigating the conspiracy to blow up the Welland canal. Chief Bielaski, of the bureau of investigation, said to-day that evidence had been secured from Paul Koenig and others connected with him in the canal plot, which opened up another trail. Mr. Bielaski declined to indicate the nature of the new conspiracy, but said arrests might be expected soon.

GERMAN GOVT. GIVEN \$2,500,000,000 CREDIT

London, Dec. 21.—The Reichstag adopted to-day the credit of 10,000,000,000 marks (\$2,500,000,000) asked by the government, a Socialist minority of 19 opposing the vote, according to a Berlin dispatch forwarded by Ruter's correspondent at Amsterdam.

The Socialist spokesman, Frederick August Karl Geyer, according to the dispatch, declared that all endeavors for peace had failed because of the annexation aims of both sides.

RUSSIANS ABOUT TO INVADE BULGARIA

Athens Correspondent Says Cruiser and Two Destroyers Are Bombarding Varna

WARSHIPS CONVOYING SIXTEEN TRANSPORTS

Latter Loaded to Capacity With Troops Intended for Operations

London, Dec. 21.—The arrival of a Russian expedition off the Bulgarian coast is reported by the Athens correspondent of the Exchange-Telegraph company. He says:

“A Russian cruiser and two destroyers, which are conveying 16 transports fitted with troops, have arrived off the Bulgarian coast and are bombarding Varna vigorously.”

The Bulgarian port of Varna is on the Black Sea, a few miles south of the Roumanian border. It is a railroad terminus. This city and Burgas, 50 miles farther south, are the principal Bulgarian Black Sea ports. On several occasions since the beginning of the Teutonic attack on Serbia it has been reported that the Russians would invade Bulgaria from the sea, and it has been said forces were being concentrated for this purpose at Odessa. Previous dispatches reporting Russian naval demonstrations before Varna or Burgas, presumably preparatory to an effort to land troops, were not borne out subsequently.

More Transports.

London, Dec. 21.—More transports of the allies have been seen in the Aegean Sea, according to dispatches received here from Athens. This is taken to indicate possibly that the Dardanelles contingent is arriving. It is believed here that the Dardanelles troops either will reinforce the allied troops at Salonica, or make a flanking movement from Kavala.

AVOID BEING LATE, SAYS LLOYD GEORGE

The Meaning of His Appeal to Organized Labor in Britain

London, Dec. 21.—The Daily Chronicle's parliamentary correspondent says of Mr. Lloyd George's speech in the House of Commons last evening:

“No more moving oratorical has been heard for many a long year in the House of Commons. Those who listened to his speech will not readily forget his earnest, imploring appeal for the skilled workers of the country. Owing to the shortage of skilled labor, not more than eight per cent. of our lathes are now working in the night, as well as during the day shifts. Given a liberal supply of skilled labor and unskilled, our output of munitions would be largely increased.”

“In accents of passionate entreaty he appealed to organized labor to permit of this supply of labor for the duration of the war. ‘Victory depends on it. Hundreds of thousands of precious lives depend on it. It rests with British labor whether the war is to linger along its bloodstained path for years.’”

The House listened. In the passages to which the startled and silent house listened with painful intensesness, Mr. Lloyd George rang the changes on these direful words, ‘Too late.’ We have been too late in this, too late in that, too late in arriving at decisions, too late in starting this enterprise or that adventure. The footsteps of the allies have been dogged by the mocking spectre of ‘Too late.’ Let not ‘Too late’ be inscribed on the portals of our workshops.”

“This message sounded very like an indignant reproach to the government of which Mr. Lloyd George is a prominent member. As for the speech, as a whole, it is, in effect, a damning indictment of the war office. I say ‘in effect,’ because the minister of munitions obviously was not out to frame an indictment. It was cumulative testimony of a passionate record of events that has damned the war office. Its lack of business capacity and absence of precision in the first nine months of the war and its slowness in learning the war's lessons and adapting its plans to them, staggered the House of Commons.”

REPORTED BULGARIANS AND GREEKS FIGHTING

London, Dec. 21.—Fighting is in progress between Greeks and Bulgarians at Goriza, according to a dispatch received here to-day by the Central News from Rome, where the statement was made.

GRANTED AN ORDER AGAINST THE GLOBE

Mrs. Asquith Secures Injunction Preventing Publication of Libelous Articles

NEWSPAPER ACCUSED HER OF DISLOYALTY

Not a Shadow of Truth in Statements, Says Her Counsel

London, Dec. 21.—The case of Mrs. Asquith, wife of the prime minister, against the Globe, was resumed in Chancery court to-day, having been continued from last Friday. The court granted Mrs. Asquith the injunction for which she asked to restrain the Globe from the publication of libelous articles.

At the hearing last week counsel for Mrs. Asquith said she had been accused by the Globe of disloyalty and of association with German prisoners and had been described as a traitor and a disgrace to her sex.

The only answer made by the Globe since the hearing last week was an affidavit filed by the manager, to the effect that he knew nothing about the matter.

Persistent Attacks.
“Attorney Duke, counsel for Mrs. Asquith, complained that there had been persistent circulation of reports attributing to her disloyalty to the national cause and heartless association with prisoners of hostile countries. He read a series of letters that appeared in the Globe, which, without naming the plaintiff, contained such expressions as ‘she is a disgrace to England,’ ‘we know now why so many ‘Bosches’ are allowed to be at large,’ and ‘truly the country is in the hands of ‘Bosches.’ We do not want traitors in our inner-most councils.’”

The attorney declared the attack was most outrageous and of most serious public gravity. It was designed to strike at the confidence of the country in the government and inspire outsiders with the opinion that Great Britain's foes might hope to prevail. The whole business constituted a long series of malevolent fabrications, he asserted.

Absolutely Unfounded.

Mr. Duke read an affidavit by Mrs. Asquith stating that never in her life had she been in Downing street, and that there was not the slightest ground for the suggestion that she had ever supplied anything to its inmates. She had no doubt that the publications referred to her. A friend had spoken to her on the subject, and she had received grossly abusive and insulting letters.

Counsel for the Globe expressed regret and apologized on behalf of the publishers, attributing the publication of the letters to disorganization, resulting from the recent suspension of the paper.

BARON ZWEIDENIK SAW LANSING TO-DAY

Austro-Hungarian Charge and Secretary Discussed Ancona and Notes

Washington, Dec. 21.—Baron Erich Zweidenik, charge of the Austro-Hungarian embassy, called on Secretary Lansing to-day to discuss the Ancona case. Baron Zweidenik had been furnished a copy of the second note of the United States to the Vienna government. It was believed that he desired information of an informal character. The charge is known to have received instructions from the Vienna foreign office regarding the negotiations.

It was stated authoritatively to-day

that Baron Zweidenik intimated last week to Secretary Lansing that should the second note be less severe than the first, his government might see fit to make a reply which would satisfy the United States. To-day's conference, it was believed, had to do with this suggestion.

FREE MILITARY DEMONSTRATION

A free military demonstration will be given at the Horse Show building, Willows Camp, to-morrow afternoon, from 2 to 4 o'clock to all school children, boy scouts, wounded soldiers, veteran and nurses. There will be musical rides, tug-of-war on foot and on horseback, centipede race, physical drill, etc. Several military bands will be in attendance. No admission whatever will be charged.

BRILLIANT BRITISH NAVAL COMMANDER



VICE-ADMIRAL DE ROBECK

Now that it has been announced officially in London that the total casualties suffered by the British forces in withdrawing from the Anzac and Suvla Bay positions on the Gallipoli peninsula were three men wounded, people in all parts of the British Empire are awaiting the story of the operations which the imperial government is preparing for publication, fully expecting to learn that the British fleet at the Dardanelles has added another wonderful feat to the long, inspiring record of the royal navy. Vice-Admiral de Robeck, the clever commander whose picture appears above, commands the allied fleets at the Dardanelles, or to be more correct, in the Aegean, as the duties of the fleets have increased since the allies started to land troops at Salonica.

SUCCESS AWAITED IN BALKAN THEATRE

Optimism Prevails in Motherland Regarding Operations in Near East

NO ATTEMPT STARTED YET AGAINST SALONICA

London, Dec. 21.—The Albanian port of Durazzo is said to be the latest objective of the Teutonic-Bulgarian campaign in the Balkans. Strong forces are believed to be marching across Albania in an effort to forestall Italian occupation of the coast.

In the meantime there is no indication of the development by the central powers of an offensive against the allies in Macedonia. On the contrary, it is reported the Bulgarians are entrenching themselves along the Serbo-Greek border.

Clash Already.

The first concrete evidence of friction between Greeks and Bulgarians comes from Epirus, where Bulgarian bands and Greek forces, according to press dispatches, have come into conflict.

If an offensive movement toward Salonica is undertaken by the enemy it is hardly likely Greece will interfere, as the Greek government seems to be under the impression it must grant the same facilities to the central powers as it has accorded the entente powers if the present policy of neutrality is to prevail. While the Germans, Austrians, Bulgarians and Turks are concentrating troops along the front of Greece's Macedonian border, the entente powers are ceaselessly landing men and munitions at Salonica.

Enemy's Plans.

Paris reports Germany is preparing two strokes, one against Calais and the other toward Egypt, in the hope of ending the war by smashing blows at these vital strategic points. German guns are busy along the western front, but no further evidence has been received of an offensive there.

Incessant Fire.

Along the French front an incessant fire against the German forces is being kept up. The British public is awaiting with intense interest details of the withdrawal of the forces from the Suvla Bay and Anzac districts of Gallipoli peninsula. Newspaper comment shows mingled feelings of regret and relief. This feeling of relief reflects the attitude of the British public toward the whole Near Eastern venture and confidence is increasing here that the fortunes of the allies in that region will begin to rise from the present time.

SETTLEMENT PUT OFF BY GERMANY

No Reparation for American Lusitania Victims for Some Time

EXCUSE IS STATE OF FEELING IN GERMANY

Annoyed by Sending Away of Attaches and Note to Vienna

Washington, Dec. 21.—Full settlement of the Lusitania case, including reparation for the lives of the American victims, which it became known to-day recently was near, has been postponed by the dismissal of the German naval and military attaches and the American demands for an Austrian Hungary as a result of the sinking of the Ancona.

Consideration of the state of public opinion in Germany because of these two acts of the American government, according to reliable information received here, has caused the officials in Berlin to decide that such a settlement as might be satisfactory to the United States would not now meet with popular approval in Germany.

After Note to Britain.

An agreement, it is said, was practically reached soon after the American note to Great Britain protesting against interference with neutral trade had been published in Germany. The note, it is said, created a remarkable pro-American sentiment in Berlin, as well as throughout Germany.

At that time, it is said, public opinion would have approved receding slightly, making settlement of the controversy possible. Negotiations between Secretary Lansing and Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, were progressing when the United States demanded the withdrawal of Captains Boy-Ed and von Pape.

That act, according to advisers here, caused German opinion to swing back to resentment at the action of the United States, because the belief prevailed that the attaches had done nothing to warrant their removal.

The demands upon Austria and the vigorous terms in which the first note was couched next attracted criticism adverse in Germany, and the resentment started by the request for the recall of the attaches is described as having increased materially.

Berlin Is Afraid.

To recede even a trifle at this time, Berlin officials are said to believe, would bring on a storm of public disapproval and furnish the opposition to the government with grounds for criticism. Officials now believe that at some time in the future, when the public opinion again is more favorable to the United States, concession may be made by Germany.

German officials are said to be convinced that an indemnity for the Americans lost on the Lusitania and something in the nature of a disavowal will be the only measures to satisfy the United States.

ANOTHER ARREST IN NEW YORK SHORTLY

Authorities Will Detain “Missing Link” in Welland Canal Plot

New York, Dec. 21.—Federal officials here expect soon to arrest a man whose name has not yet been mentioned, in connection with the conspiracy to destroy the Welland canal, and this will complete the government's case in this matter, it was learned to-day. The man, who is styled the “missing link” in the conspiracy, is under surveillance.

Frederick Metzler, who acted as Paul Koenig's stenographer and who is declared already to have furnished the government with important information in the Welland Canal case, went before the federal grand jury to-day. In so doing, it was understood, Metzler gained immunity from prosecution.

Koenig, at liberty on a \$50,000 bond, was the chief of the bureau of investigation of the Hamburg-American line, but since the war started, it is said, has been the head of the secret service of the German government in the United States.

TWO MISSING.

Edgewater, N. J., Dec. 21.—Two men are missing and 25 were injured by an explosion to-day in the Dextrine plant of the Corn Products Refinery company at Shady Side, two miles from here.

JAS. SPEAKMAN DEAD.

Calgary, Dec. 21.—James Speakman, president of the United Farmers of Alberta, is dead.

CASUALTIES WERE BUT THREE WOUNDED

This Figure Indicates Success of Withdrawal From Gallipoli Positions

A WONDERFUL FEAT PERFORMED BY BRITISH

Found It Necessary to Leave Only Six Guns; Destroyed Them

London, Dec. 21.—When the British forces withdrew from the positions at Suvla Bay and Anzac, on the northwestern shore of the Gallipoli Peninsula, their total casualties were three men wounded, according to an official announcement made this afternoon.

Six guns, which were destroyed, were left when the British withdrew from the Suvla position, it was added.

Following this announcement the operation has taken on the complexion of an extremely brilliant feat. It involved the loading of many guns and large stores of supplies on the ships. The government is arranging to tell the story in detail.

Lloyd George's Speech.
The house of commons was deeply moved last night by Mr. Lloyd George's speech. It will be known hereafter as the ‘Too Late Speech.’ A refrain like another ‘Never More’ burned itself into the minds of his audience.

Mr. Lloyd George has not yet voiced his labor difficulties, and his eloquent appeal to the workmen not to let ‘too late’ be written over the portals of their workshops should sweep away doubt of the need of greater efforts than Britain has yet put forth.

IT WOULD END IN COMPLETE FAILURE

Enemy Could Not Break Into Egypt Because British Are Prepared

London, Dec. 21.—Brittishers generally regard Germany's widely advertised Egyptian campaign as doomed to failure. However, Amsterdam dispatches reporting that Field-Marshal von der Goltz had arrived in Syria to lead a Turco-German invasion were read with interest.

Officials interviewed, said they believed a more formidable army would be required for a successful invasion via the Suez Canal than Germany and Turkey can possibly muster and equip in view of conditions on the other fronts.

If such an expedition should be attempted, Germany would find it necessary to retain huge forces in the Balkans to prevent Anglo-French troops co-operating with Russia and possibly Roumania, from cutting her line of communication.

Strong Defences.
Nevertheless, Britain is taking no chances. The press is not permitted to specify the extraordinary defences erected in the Suez canal region since the abortive attempts of the Turks against Egypt early in the war, but British military experts agree that these defences are now practically impregnable.

“It would require at least two months for the Germans and Turks to assemble menacing forces on the Egyptian front,” one said. “In the meantime Britain would have ample opportunity to reinforce her Egyptian troops sufficiently to meet any attempt at an invasion.”

The official press bureau has issued the following: “In view of the large number of ladies who have proceeded to Egypt, it has been decided to request the general officer commanding that until further notice no more passports be issued to ladies to enable them to travel to or winter in Egypt. Possessors of valid passports will be warned that they will not be allowed to disembark without permission from the general officer commanding in Egypt.”

The Egyptian situation is being watched, but Britain's more immediate concern is the situation at Salonica and at the Dardanelles.

OHIO RIVER RISING.

Evansville, Ind., Dec. 21.—The Ohio river here was within almost two feet to-day of the predicted crest stage of forty feet. The river stage was 37.8 feet, almost 3 feet above flood stage, and steadily rising. It is estimated that 500 families would be driven from their homes by a 40-foot stage.

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TELLS OF WORK OF MAKING MUNITIONS

Lloyd George Says Ultimate Success Depends on Attitude of Labor

London, Dec. 21.—The success of the Germans has been due almost entirely to the mechanical preponderance they achieved at the beginning of the war," said Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George, minister of munitions, yesterday. He added: "But the superiority of the central powers in these respects will be brought to an end at the earliest possible moment."

In one direction, he said, the allies had the superiority on the mechanical side. "Our command of the sea," he said, "is due not to the excellence of our sailors, but to our overwhelming superiority of machinery."

Mr. Lloyd George's statements were made in the House of Commons. In explaining the work of the ministry of munitions, which now controls more than 2,000 munition factories, employing about 1,000,000 workers, he said:

"In May, when the Germans were turning out a quarter of a million of high explosives daily, we were producing only 2,500 and 13,000 shrapnel."

"The house listened with closest attention as Mr. Lloyd George took up the shortage of munitions for the allies in the early stages of the war. "Our troops knew it; the enemy knew it; but neither knew how short

we were in some very essential particulars," he said. "Take guns and ammunition. British military operations were wedded to shrapnel until we suddenly found the high explosive was the thing. We still have a higher opinion of shrapnel than the French and the Germans."

"Last May, when the Germans were making a hundred times the number of high explosives we were, three-fourths of our factories were working on naval munitions."

"The munitions organization at the war office had not grown with the demand. We had to set up a great business organization to cope with the problem."

Depends on Labor.

Mr. Lloyd George reached the climax of his speech with the declaration that the success of the allies in the war depended on the attitude of organized labor—whether it will allow the government to recruit a sufficient number of skilled men for the factories which the munitions department has brought into being.

"We want 80,000 skilled men and from 200,000 to 300,000 unskilled men for these new factories," he said. "We must reduce the proportion of our orders which go abroad and develop our home resources. Upon the supply of labor depends whether we can supply our troops with the right sort of guns and enable them to make next year's campaign a success."

"Here only organized labor can help us. We have done our best to get skilled labor by the system of munitions volunteers. It is no use of my going into the question of why we got only five or six thousand men, although that story may have to be told later."

"The whole question depends on organized labor. Unless it allows us to put unskilled workers on the work which hitherto has been the monopoly of skilled labor, we cannot perform this task."

"There can be only one appeal, namely, to patriotism. Victory depends on this. Hundreds of thousands of precious lives depend on labor's answer. It is a question whether we are going to bring the war to an end in a year or linger along in the blood-stained paths. Labor has the answer."

LABOR WILLING.

James Henry Thomas, labor member for Derby, and assistant general secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, speaking for the labor party, after Mr. Lloyd George had finished, said that organized labor would be found willing to follow wherever the minister of munitions led, if their rights were properly guarded.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, also went before the federal grand jury yesterday to give information regarding the connection of Labor's National Peace Council with the conspiracy of Franz von Bismarck in this country. In munitions plants in this country.

When Mr. Gompers left the grand jury room he said his only motive in testifying was to put a stop to what he styled "unneutral and unpatriotic acts which were injuring the labor movement."

He added that he was sure no officials, high or low, in the regularly organized labor body had been influenced by German agents.

"Have any attempts been made to reach them?" he was asked.

In reply Mr. Gompers smiled broadly.

Frederick Schindl, the National City bank clerk, who was arrested on Saturday charged with purloining papers and memoranda from the bank for the use of the German government through agents here, was arraigned here before a police magistrate. He demanded legal advice and his bail was reduced from \$25,000 to \$5,000, and a further examination set for December 24.

The complainant is Harry T. Johansen, assistant cashier of the National City bank. He submitted an affidavit stating that on August 15, 1915, Schindl had purloined a cablegram from the Banque Belge via London requesting the National City bank to communicate with the Hudson Trust company concerning a guaranty for the shipment of 2,000,000 rifles at \$65 each.

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The following casualty list was issued last night:

First Battalion—Died of wounds: Pte. Frederick Horne, Chatham, Ont.

Second Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Wm. Rossel, Bolton, Ont.

Surfing from shock: Cpl. F. J. Hawkins, Brockville, Ont.

Dangerously ill: Pte. Myri Hart, Mirror, Alta.

Third Battalion—Dangerously wounded: Pte. C. J. Armstrong, Ottawa.

Fifth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. David McGill, Scotland.

Wounded: Sgt. Maj. W. W. McLellan, Scotland; Cpl. Henry Haisted, England.

Thirteenth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. J. F. Campbell, Glenora Mills, N. S.; Pte. S. Ives, Sydney Mines, N. S.

Fourteenth Battalion—Accidentally wounded slightly: Pte. Jos. Bourque, Quebec.

Fifteenth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. John Irwin, Ireland.

Sixteenth Battalion—Died of wounds: Cpl. G. H. Faney, England.

Twenty-Seventh Battalion—Seriously ill: Pte. A. W. Simonds, Winnipeg.

Twenty-Eighth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. W. E. Glennon, Montreal.

Thirtieth Battalion—Seriously ill: Pte. N. W. Ward, Hantsport, N. B.

Forty-Eighth Battalion—Died: Pte. W. K. Evans, Beulah, Man.

Princess Patricia's—Dangerously ill: Pte. J. C. Shifton, Annapolis, N. S.

Royal Canadian Regiment—Died of wounds: Cpl. John Fisher, England.

Lord Strathcona's Horse—Wounded: Pte. O. S. Quigley, St. James, Man.

Severely wounded: Cpl. Jack McCann, Bradford, Ont.

First Canadian Mounted Rifles—Slightly wounded: Pte. J. W. Johnson, England.

Fourth Canadian Mounted Rifles—Wounded: Pte. W. C. Elsworth, England.

Suffering from shell shock: Pte. Richard Hockley, England.

Twelfth Canadian Mounted Rifles—Dangerously ill: Pte. F. W. Knight, England.

First Canadian Field Artillery—Died of wounds: Pte. E. E. Foley, England; Pte. J. O. Pearson, England.

Canadian Divisional Cyclist Corps—Seriously wounded: Pte. R. Abbott, England.

No. 3 Canadian Field Ambulance—Severely wounded: Pte. A. Milten, England.

NO INFORMATION.

London, Dec. 21.—The long-lived rumor of the destruction of the submarine which sank the Cunard liner Lusitania was buried in the house of commons yesterday. Asked if the admiralty had received any official report as to the destruction of the undersea vessel, Rt. Hon. Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer, replied: "We have no such information."

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TWENTY-FIVE AGENTS IN NEW YORK ALONE

F. Metzler Tells Authorities in New York How P. Koenig, Plotter, Operated

New York, Dec. 21.—Frederick Metzler, held with others in connection with plots in this country to embarrass the allies by hindering the manufacturing of or destroying munitions, made a full statement to the federal authorities yesterday concerning activities of Paul Koenig, of the Hamburg-American line.

Koenig, he said, had twenty-five agents in New York alone, and reported the results of his investigations to Captain von Pappen, the German military attaché, who has been recalled.

According to Metzler, Koenig's activities through agents extended to Quebec, Burlington, Vt., Boston and Portland, Maine. His activities in this city, Metzler charged further, brought into his possession, among other things, secret reports made by attaches of the Russian embassy, the result of tests of speed boats on Long Island sound. These, Metzler said, Koenig got through Frederick Schindl, of the National City bank, now under arrest.

Metzler charged flatly that it was Koenig who had sent George Fuchs to destroy the Welland canal, but Fuchs had reported, after visiting the canal, that its destruction could not be accomplished at that time. The authorities have evidence which they believe connects Koenig with the fire on the Atlantic Transport liner Minnehaha, though where the evidence was obtained they do not state.

After making his confession, Metzler went before the grand jury. That body also heard witnesses from Buffalo who gave information concerning the Welland canal plot.

Gompers Before Jury.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, also went before the federal grand jury yesterday to give information regarding the connection of Labor's National Peace Council with the conspiracy of Franz von Bismarck in this country. In munitions plants in this country.

When Mr. Gompers left the grand jury room he said his only motive in testifying was to put a stop to what he styled "unneutral and unpatriotic acts which were injuring the labor movement."

He added that he was sure no officials, high or low, in the regularly organized labor body had been influenced by German agents.

"Have any attempts been made to reach them?" he was asked.

In reply Mr. Gompers smiled broadly.

Frederick Schindl, the National City bank clerk, who was arrested on Saturday charged with purloining papers and memoranda from the bank for the use of the German government through agents here, was arraigned here before a police magistrate. He demanded legal advice and his bail was reduced from \$25,000 to \$5,000, and a further examination set for December 24.

The complainant is Harry T. Johansen, assistant cashier of the National City bank. He submitted an affidavit stating that on August 15, 1915, Schindl had purloined a cablegram from the Banque Belge via London requesting the National City bank to communicate with the Hudson Trust company concerning a guaranty for the shipment of 2,000,000 rifles at \$65 each.

TURKS DID NOT HOLD RUSSIAN OFFICER

Petrograd, Dec. 21.—The following official communication was issued last night:

"In the Baltic on Friday we sank the German cruiser Bremen and a big torpedo boat.

"In the Caucasus, on Saturday, our scouts under Ensign Koleschikoff, in the region of Schilhan, northwest of Olti, approached within fifty paces of a Turkish outpost and attacked it with the bayonet, killing part of the garrison and scattering the remainder. Turkish reinforcements arrived and sought to overwhelm the Russian detachment, which was compelled to retire. Ensign Koleschikoff was captured.

"Then, another detachment of Russian scouts under command of Sgt. Major Gorskoi, charged the Turks and layonated some of them and recaptured Ensign Koleschikoff. Both Russian detachments then retired to their own positions.

"The strong detachments repulsed yesterday between Teheran and Hamadan, Persia, have not resumed the offensive."

ILL-HEALTH CAUSES RUZSKY TO RETIRE

London, Dec. 21.—A Petrograd news agency dispatch says that an imperial urase relieves General Ruzsky from command of the Russian armies on the northern front, but continues him as a member of the council of the empire and of the supreme military council.

A message from Petrograd to Reuters' Telegram company says:

"The reason for General Ruzsky's removal is contained in an imperial rescript, in which the emperor commends the great work done by the retiring general and says the difficult task of defending the capital has seriously injured General Ruzsky's health, which demands a rest. He thanks the general for the brilliant results obtained, and says he hopes soon to see him at the head of his troops again."

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IS NO DIVISION OF OPINION IN FRANCE

German Militarism Must Be Crushed, Say Socialists of Paris and District.

Paris, Dec. 21.—The Socialists of Paris and of this district met in private session on Sunday, and, it is reported, voted almost unanimously that France should pursue the war so as to render "the defeat of imperialism in Germany more effective," as the resolution put it, "and peace more durable."

The resolution is said to provide also that the renewal of Socialist international relations can be considered only when the German minority has separated itself completely from the German-social democracy.

TURKS LOST MANY AT KUT-EL-AMARA

London, Dec. 21.—The following official statement on the operations in Mesopotamia was issued last night:

"General Townshend reports that in his estimation the Turks must have lost not fewer than 2,500 men in the rearguard action on December 1, and in their attack on his position at Kut-el-Amara during the night of December 12-13.

"During the night of December 17-18, mixed parties of British and Indian troops surprised the Turks in their advanced trenches, killing about thirty and taking eleven prisoners.

"The 18th and the 19th passed quietly."

COMMISSIONS WILL CROSS THE ATLANTIC

New York, Dec. 21.—Authority to send commissions to England and Germany to take testimony on behalf of Dr. Herbert Kienzle and Englebert Bronkhorst, jointly indicted with Robert Fay on the charge of conspiring to blow up munitions ships, was granted yesterday by United States Judge Mayer.

At the same time Judge Mayer ruled that the appointment of these commissions would not act as a stay to the trial of the accused men in January.

CREDIT WILL BE USED FOR GRAIN AND COTTON

New York, Dec. 21.—The \$50,000,000 six-months' commercial credit recently negotiated by eight London banks with banks and trust companies in this country became effective yesterday.

It is understood that the loan is secured by American securities deposited in London and that the proceeds will be used chiefly for payment of grain and cotton bills.

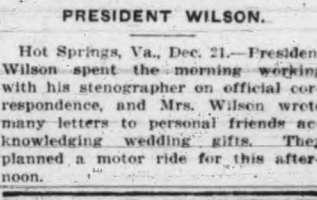
EXPECT STATESMEN FROM OVERSEAS DOMINIONS

London, Dec. 21.—Paragraphs keep going the rounds of the newspapers stating that the arrival of leading overseas statesmen may be expected early in the new year.

There is authority for stating that nothing in the nature of an imperial conference has been called nor projected by the imperial government, although any overseas statesmen who should see fit to come here would be welcomed, and no doubt the opportunity would be taken to ascertain their views on many matters of imperial moment.

PRESIDENT WILSON.

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 21.—President Wilson spent the morning working with his stenographer on official correspondence, and Mrs. Wilson wrote many letters to personal friends acknowledging wedding gifts. They planned a motor ride for this afternoon.



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PETER AND NICHOLAS WILL GO TO ITALY

Rome, Dec. 21.—The Giornale d'Italia's Bari correspondent wires: "The arrival of King Peter, of Serbia, and King Nicholas, of Montenegro, is imminent. They probably will land at Brindisi, where trains already are awaiting them. Every precaution will be taken to insure the safety of the two kings during the sea voyage. "The arrival of Serbian refugees continues."

RAILROAD MEN IN STATES TAKE VOTE
Employees of 458 Lines Deciding Whether They Will Demand Eight-Hour Day.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Presidents of the four brotherhoods of railway trainmen started work to-day preparing the ballot that is to be sent to the 400,000 employees of the 458 railroads in the United States, asking their approval of these demands:
An eight-hour day with the same wages now paid for working ten hours. Time and one-half for working overtime.
These demands, completed by officials of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, the Order of Railway Conductors, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, will be mailed to every member of the four organizations on January 1. It is announced. They will be given 60 days in which to vote and return their ballots.
After all ballots have been returned, officials of the four organizations will meet in Chicago, probably in April, to agree on a date for presenting the result of the vote to the railroads.

SMALL FRENCH VESSEL SANK IN WHITE SEA
Turin, Dec. 21.—The French packet Bretagne wireless Archangel that she had struck an iceberg in the White Sea, according to a dispatch received here to-day. Ice-breakers and tugs searched for the vessel but found only wreckage.

CHAS. CHRISTIE DEAD.
New York, Dec. 21.—Charles Christie, famous as a clown and pantomimist half a century ago, died here early to-day, aged 74. He was born in Birmingham, Eng. and came to the United States in 1859. He appeared with the elder Sothorn in the play "Our American Cousin" and was for years a member of Rowell's group of pantomimists.
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GERMAN GOVT. MUST OUTLINE ITS PLANS
Forty-Four Fights in Air; Guns Busy

Vorwaerts Deals With the Gigantic Financial Burden War Has Imposed

Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—Reviewing the recent reports on Germany's financial condition which Dr. Karl Helfferich, secretary of the treasury, made before the reichstag, the Socialist newspaper Vorwaerts, of Berlin, asserts that the time has come for the German government and the reichstag to indicate in what way the money necessary for the payment of the interest on the nation's gigantic war debts and to provide for their redemption is to be raised. It says:
"With the new war collection of ten billion marks, the German debt reaches forty billion marks, which, according to Dr. Helfferich, should last to the end of March. Interest on forty billion marks amounts to two billion marks annually, and for redemption, which is necessary to maintain the credit of the empire, another 200,000,000 marks is needed."
Even before the war Vorwaerts considers it essential that the empire's income be more than doubled to meet the obligations and the current expenses. Before the war, it says, the financial state of Germany was a source of anxiety to the government. In 1909 taxation was increased by 500,000,000 marks, but the budget did not balance. In 1912 the government adopted the measure of taxing wealth and levying a non-recurrent contribution for armaments in order to cover the deficit.
Maintenance of the financial system, Vorwaerts continues, is impossible so far as taxation of imports is concerned. Provisions, raw materials and many other articles may be expected to rise in price after the war, and if the present tariff were continued it would lead to an artificial increase of prices for Germany which would undermine the capability of German industry to compete in the world market.
"Therefore, the interests of consumers and producers," Vorwaerts concludes, "demand abolition of the import taxes after the war, which would reduce Germany's income considerably, and therefore the time has come for the government to declare what course it is steering."

A JAPANESE FLEET AT THE SUEZ CANAL
Former Egyptian Minister of Interior Says Warships Are There

Los Angeles, Dec. 21.—Japan has entered the European water of war with a powerful fleet which has been surreptitiously sent to the Suez canal, according to A. A. Papafian, former minister of the interior in Egypt, who is at present in Los Angeles.
"Great Britain realizes that she can not lose the canal, which is a vital element in her life as a united empire," declared Papafian. "For that reason the canal has been remarkably fortified and a Japanese fleet is on hand ready for business. Every effort has been made to keep the news of the presence of Japanese battleships at the canal from spreading and I have heard nothing of the fact in this country."

THE REICHSTAG IS FACING A CRISIS
All Signs Indicate Socialist Party is About to Split

The Hague, Dec. 21.—A crisis is approaching in the ranks of the Socialist deputies in the German reichstag on the question as to whether the Socialists should or should not support the war policy of the government; in other words, whether they are to split into two camps as a war party and a peace party.
The position of the Socialist deputies has long been obscured and improperly understood, thanks partly to the German censors, and partly to the exaggerated and often foolish reports spread by interested parties. But the attitude of the Socialists demands careful attention.
In 1912 in the election for the reichstag they secured one-third of the total votes cast and 119 out of 397 seats.
Such a body can not be neglected by Wilhelmstrasse.
At the outbreak of the war the Socialist deputies as a body threw in their lot with the war leaders. Only 14 deputies stood out against them and voted against the first war credit. Since then, however, a change has gradually been coming over the party, and the supporters of peace have been gathering force at every step.
Seventeen voted against the second war credit, twenty-three against the third and thirty-six the fourth, introduced last week.
These are the startling facts revealed by Vorwaerts, the chief organ of the German Socialists, which adds that if all the deputies had been present when the fourth credit was voted, forty-three would have stood out against and sixty-six in favor of it.
Cannot Be Ignored
That there are in the reichstag forty-three deputies determinedly opposed to the war and prepared to refuse money necessary to carry it on, is a fact that cannot be ignored. Everything points to the belief, too,

THREE AMERICANS SAFE IN MONASTIR
Salonica, Dec. 21.—Dr. Henry Forbes, of Boston; Mrs. Walter Farwell, a Chicago newspaper correspondent; and Miss Mitchell, are safe and well at Monastir.
Salonica dispatches received yesterday said that Dr. Forbes and Mrs. Farwell were being held in Monastir by the Bulgarians, who had torn down the American flag from the Red Cross hospital, of which Dr. Forbes was in charge, and seized flour which the Red Cross was distributing to civilians.
ARROGANCE OF GERMANS ANNOYS BULGARIANS
Paris, Dec. 21.—A Rome dispatch to the Havas Agency, dated December 20, says the newspaper Secolo has received from its Seres (Macedonia) correspondent the following:
"Bulgarian deserters who are favorable to the Russian cause report that the dissatisfaction over the German officers' arrogance is increasing in the Bulgarian army. Near Strumitza a Bulgarian soldier fired three revolver shots at General Theodoroff (Bulgarian). He missed his aim, but killed the general's aide de camp. The soldier was hanged."
WITH BARBED WIRE.
Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—The newspaper Maasbode says it learns from Oldenzaal, Holland, that owing to the increasing number of war prisoners escaping over the German-Dutch frontier, the German government intends to close the whole frontier with barbed wire.

MRS. E. H. BROOKE DEAD.
London, Dec. 21.—The death is announced of Mrs. E. H. Brooke, aged eighty-one, an actress long associated with Toole and Irving.

London, Dec. 21.—The following official report on the operations along the British front in France and Belgium was issued last night:
"Opposite the southern and centre positions of the line we bombarded several parts of the enemy's trenches. Hostile artillery shelled Ypres and St. Jean heavily this afternoon. It also was active against our front line and the support trenches southeast of Ypres during the day.
"We replied by shelling the enemy's front-line trenches near Zonnebeke, Zandvoorde, Gheveult and Tenbreil.
"Early to-day the enemy made a bombing attack near the quarries northwest of Hulluch. The attack was repulsed.
"Yesterday there was considerable activity by the enemy's aeroplanes. They attempted to prevent our reconnaissance machines from carrying out their work, but the attempts were unsuccessful. During the day there were forty-four combats in the air, two enemy aeroplanes being felled within the enemy line and others driven down in a damaging condition. One of our machines is missing."

French Report.
Paris, Dec. 21.—The following official statement was issued last night:
"In Artois rather violent artillery actions occurred in the region of Loos. They were less intense in the direction of Bully, at the Givenchy farm and along the road from Lille. Between Soissons and Rheims our shells destroyed a foot bridge at Vailly. The fire of our artillery and of our trench cannon, directed on the German trenches at the Ville-au-Bois, caused three powerful explosions. One of the machines was destroyed.
"In Champagne we bombarded and dispersed an enemy troop column, which was changing positions north of Auberville.
Damaged Railroad.
"To the north of Gracell our heavy artillery damaged a railroad where great activity was reported, and stopped the movement.
"In the Argonne there was an effective bombardment of the German trenches at La Fille Mortie. In Courtesa Chiquette we exploded a munitions depot.
"The fire of our artillery on the enemy works in the Bois de la Merville, to the northeast of St. Mihiel, was very effective. The trenches caving in at several places. A blackhouse containing machine guns was destroyed.
"In the morning four of our bombing aeroplanes, escorted by seven machines with rapid-fire guns, dropped on the freight station at Muelhausen (Alsace) six shells of 155 calibre and two shells of 90 calibre. They reached their objective."

Belgian Report.
The following Belgian official statement was issued last night:
"Last night and to-day were marked by violent artillery actions. Our batteries effectively bombarded the post at Dentoren and the enemy cantonment at Essen. The enemy replied by shelling various villages in the rear of our lines."

BRITISH WERE READY FOR ATTACK WITH GAS
Germans Failed Completely in Their Attempt Near Ypres on Sunday; Their Plans.

London, Dec. 21.—The Rotterdam correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphs:
"The Germans got a bad beating in their gas attack near Ypres on Sunday. Their death toll was very heavy. Their men was dismayed by the terrific fire of the British artillery and machine guns.
"This German attack is believed to be merely the prelude to a much bigger effort, as it is thought the Germans are determined at all costs to essay a grand coup as soon as the weather permits.
"Boys of 17 have been called upon and probably every able-bodied German is now under arms. Many men have been sent farther south and the French troops probably will meet a vigorous offensive movement."

ALBANIANS ARE SHARING WITH SERBIAN REFUGEES
Rome, Dec. 21.—Natives of Albania are now offering hospitality and sharing their provisions with the Serbian refugees. The improvement in relations will unite the Albanians and Serbians and avert the danger of hostilities which the Turks and Austrians are trying to provoke. Over 100,000 Serbian troops are concentrated at Durazzo and Scutari and stragglers are arriving daily.

CASE OF MRS. COWARD.
Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The order-in-council commuting the death sentence passed on Mrs. Coward, the British Columbia woman who murdered her husband at Fort James, to life imprisonment, is understood, has been signed by his royal highness the governor-general.

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that there is an increasing number of voters behind them. In view of this split, say well-informed observers, a well-formulated and determined effort to secure peace would find an echo in Germany that Wilhelmstrasse might oppose, but only at the cost of grave peril.
But the time for such an effort soon may be past. With German thoroughness a campaign has been set afoot to repair the breach and solidify the ranks in favor of the war. The war party has issued a manifesto which has been widely spread throughout Germany. It is significant that this manifesto makes no reference to the war, but bases its appeal on the ground of solidarity among the working classes.
Never in the fifty years of the existence of the Socialist party, says the manifesto, has the life of the party been in such danger. For the Socialists to shut their eyes to the crisis would be foolish and stupid. And a split now, the manifesto concluded, would be fatal to future working classes and to the Socialist movement.
In Socialist circles in Holland, which



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FLIMSY CATCH-VOTES.

Last session the legislature passed an agricultural credits act and a workman's compensation act. They were based upon the reports of two royal commissions, one of which toured the continent while the other toured the world. They cost us about \$40,000 each.

A DESPERATE NECESSITY.

The announcement of the German treasurer that new taxation proposals are being prepared to provide the additional revenue required to make the next budget balance a vivid sign of the times. No fresh taxation has been imposed upon the German people since the war began for very abundant reasons.

The present German loan of \$2,500,000,000 will bring Germany's total indebtedness to \$10,000,000,000. On this vast amount the interest charge will be \$500,000,000 with an equal annual sum for the redemption of the debt.

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fears it. The editors of the great newspapers foresee it, and, throwing all pretence to the winds, are warning the authorities that they must take some measures to end the growing discontent and restlessness.

A BRILLIANT FEAT.

The removal of the British and Australasian troops from Anzac Cove and Suvla Bay with only three men wounded was one of the most brilliant achievements of the war. The conviction that the evacuation of those positions would be an extremely costly proceeding was not confined to laymen.

Apparently the enemy did not make any serious attempt to prevent the embarkation of the troops. Why they did not do so will remain a mystery until the whole story is told. They must have been fooled to the top of their bent, for otherwise they would not have permitted such an opportunity to inflict loss upon their enemy without risk to themselves to pass unimproved.

The destination of the corps which have evacuated the Gallipoli coast is a matter of conjecture. The general impression is that they have been sent to Salonica, but if they are as numerous as some of the reports say, it is more likely they will be used at some other important strategic point.

The chief Bowser organ is apparently unable to distinguish between a manifesto and a calm pungent criticism of what was intended as a manifesto by the new leader of the government. When Mr. Bowser has made up his mind what he is going to do, and when he is going to do it; whether he will endeavor to get his new colleagues elected at bye-elections or take his courage in his hands and appeal to the people at large, will be time enough for the Liberal leader to issue a manifesto to the electors.

The Teutonic allies exult in the announcement that they have sunk 508 ships. Let them rejoice while they may. The day of retribution will come. Every ship sunk will have to be paid for with interest. Even should affairs reach a deadlock on land, Britain is mistress of the seas, and she has announced that the German flag will not appear on the waters of the globe until full penalty is exacted for outrages committed by submarines.

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is equal to the task assigned it. That is the principal reason why Germany is so anxious for peace.

The Bremen has been located at last. She is at the bottom of the Baltic. On that point both Berlin and Petrograd agree. In her new home she has plenty of company. She was cruising off Libau with a torpedo destroyer when a British submarine sent them both below.

The morning paper says Mr. Brewster insulted the people in stating that they had been bribed with their own money. The people, however, will stand our contemporary's disclosure with equanimity. We doubt, however, if they will bear the shock of beholding the morning paper as their champion without being seriously disturbed.

The pursuit of wealth is the highest aim of life in the United States," says a Berlin newspaper. Possibly that is true, but the American, in the aggregate, is content to acquire wealth in a legitimate way, Germany is proclaimed to the world as a bandit who seeks to attain his "place in the sun," and all that goes with that ambition, by plundering the weak.

Falling to collect indemnities in scheduled time, Germany announces increases of taxation, increases which will not cease when the war is ended. One of these days Germans will realize, as their rulers recognize already, "that there ain't going to be no indemnities."

After establishing to its own satisfaction the identity, or the actuality, of the Angels of Mons, the Colonist henceforth will devote the greater portion of its time to kissing the toe of the new premier. Already it has all but elevated him to the dignity of a superman.

One thing seems to be certain in connection with the relations of the United States with Germany and Austria, that in the matter of exchanging notes there is going to be no immediate end.

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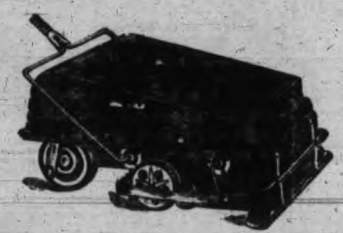
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Field Comforts Committee.—The Field Comforts committee, Municipal Chapter, I. O. D. E. gratefully acknowledge donations of Field Comforts during the last month from the following: Agnes Deans Cameron Chapter, Esquimalt Chapter, Gonzales Chapter, Lady Douglas Chapter, Rainbow Chapter, Willows Camp Chapter, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Audain, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Eckton, Mrs. Warlock, Mrs. Wasson, Mrs. Thomas Lee, Mrs. Van Ronnah, Mrs. Edgar, Mrs. R. Jones, Mrs. Hasell, Mrs. Hardie, Mrs. Wid. O'Donson, Mrs. Frank Anderson, Mrs. Hibben, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Crease, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Neouison, Mrs. G. M. Turner, Mrs. C. Watson, Mrs. Walter Scott, Miss Lawson, Mrs. Neave, Mrs. Dunsford, Mrs. J. R. Kerr, Mrs. J. Kennedy.—The committee sent off three large cases of comforts to the trenches this week. The Field Comforts department, I. O. D. E. rooms, 789-Port street, will be closed until January 3, 1916, for the Christmas holiday.

Indian is Rescued.—An Indian who had got into trouble on his way from the inner harbor to Esquimalt, when his canoe foundered off the end of the breakwater, was rescued by a tug of the Sir John Jackson company. J. Prith, an employee on the breakwater, saw the accident, and he gave the alarm to the crew of the tug. It was only by the chance of the storm that it was in, as it is seldom at the breakwater on a Sunday, and had put in there for shelter when a scowload of rock which was being towed from Albert Head capsized in the heavy seas. The Indian was almost exhausted when the tug picked him up and got his canoe righted. He decided not to continue on his trip.

St. Mary's church, Oak Bay, was the scene of a very pretty military wedding yesterday afternoon, when Rev. G. H. Andrews, chaplain to the forces, united in marriage William John Webb, late of the B. C. Horse, now of the 103rd Battalion, and Miss Olive Louisa Cannings, of Wiltsire, England. The bride, who was given away by F. W. Buckle, of Shoal Bay, and wore a handsome costume of dark brown corduroy with a picture hat to match. She carried a bouquet of white bridal roses. Three pretty bridesmaids accompanied her, Miss Ethel Buckle and the Misses Frieda and Gwen Rippingale, all charmingly attired and carrying flowers. The best man was Cpl. Richmond, of the 88th Battalion, C. E. F. The church was well filled with friends of the principals, among those present being Major and Misses de Spangin, Mr. and Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Bell, Sgt. Major Sanders, Ptes. Brockhurst and Edwards, Mrs. Chapin (of Detroit), and Messrs. Martin and Leachy. The wedding march was played as the bride and bridegroom left the church, and as they passed from the portico down the steps they were pelted with rice and confetti. Until such time as the bridegroom leaves with his regiment on active service the newly-married pair will make their home in Victoria.



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Frequent reference has been made to the number of Chinese who prowl about the city, visiting backyards and picking up not only unconsidered trifles which may be lying about, but often articles of a good deal of value. They do not seem to understand that even if it is only rags and old bottles they pick up, they have no right to enter any premises, occupied or unoccupied, without the permission of the owner or tenant.

From time to time the chief of police finds it wise to warn owners of empty houses, through the press, to visit the premises fairly often in order to see that the fittings are not being tampered with or any of the property being carried away. It was such watchfulness on the part of a trustee of the First Baptist church that resulted in the capture of two Celestials in the act of finishing the business of carrying away a complete nearly new cooking stove from the house at the corner of Pandora and Quadra streets.

In police court yesterday George A. Stevens, the trustee, testified to seeing Lim Sing putting portion of a side of the stove in a sack, and of another man whom he heard in the house getting away while he was telephoning for the patrol.

To-day David McHugh, who was keeping a watch upon Lim for the few minutes Stevens was away, identified the man and also identified his companion in the dock, Gim Fook, as having come out of the house. Lim went over and took a sack from Gim and emptied it out, and then the two started to walk away, but he detained Lim. Gim he later saw walk past the old police station and then go over to the new station on Fisgard street, where he was arrested.

Lim Sing proved to be one of the very few Chinese who cannot write his own name. He swore that he got the iron found in one of his sacks from the North Ward school, and he denied that Mr. Stevens' saw him put it into the sack. He also denied talking to Gim in the dock, although everyone in court had seen it, and disclaimed all knowledge of him.

Gim had some ingenious explanations of his own which found as little credence as those of Lim. The only point of agreement between them was in the falsehood that they did not know each other and were not traveling together.

One month in jail at hard labor was the sentence on each.

In spite of his claiming to be poor and hungry and weak, Ah-Bo was yesterday afternoon found by Arthur R. Bent of Bent & McHattie, blacksmiths, Government street, filling old horseshoes into a couple of sacks slung from a shoulder pole which had close on two hundred pounds' weight in them then. As the firm has missed about three-quarters of a ton of old iron from the pile, Mr. Bent held the man and called the patrol wagon.

Ah-Bo had nothing to say in his own defence.

The magistrate remarked on the habit of Chinese prowling about and looking for anything they can find in a yard. In this case the man would be sent to jail for ten days.

Chong Yee was arrested yesterday afternoon by Detective Murray on the complaint of Lim Tong, a Chinese woman, that he had stolen a ring of hers worth \$50. This morning in police court Lim Tong did not wish to go on with the case, as she had not her ring back, and as Chong was on the eve of starting for China she did not want to keep him back. The case was withdrawn.

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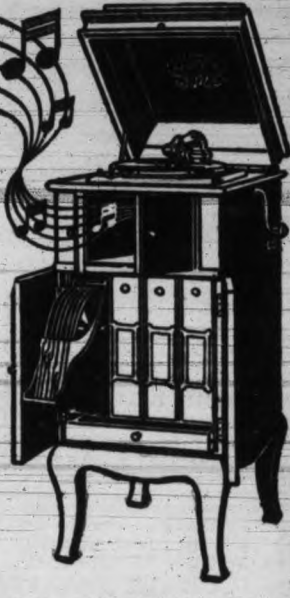
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At the Columbia Theatre to-day and to-morrow the five reel Selig Reel Seal play "The House of a Thousand Candles" is the attraction. This picture has been declared by critics to be one of the best "surprise" stories ever filmed, while the various camera effects make the photography very beautiful. Harry Mestayer, well-known star of the speaking stage, has the leading role, and is supported by Grace Darmond and John Charles. Excitement runs high throughout the film and the end is in doubt up to the very last scene.

MAJESTIC THEATRE.

A splendid Mutual masterpiece entitled "On the Night Stage" affords patrons of the Majestic a rare treat during the first three days of this week. The leading role is handled by that well-known actor, Robert Edson, who in the role of the Parson achieves a great success. The picture contains lots of action and excitement, the hold-up of the night stage being particularly thrilling and daring. There are many beautiful scenes and the settings throughout are very effective. "On the Night Stage" is a capital feature and will be sure to meet with hearty approval. A splendid comedy and the Gaumont Graphic full of interesting war news rounds off a first-class bill.

MARY PICKFORD AT DOMINION.

Finely acted, splendidly staged and beautifully photographed "Madam Butterfly," the famous play, features now running at the Dominion. In the role of Cho-Cho San, the little Japanese woman who serves as a toy for an American naval officer on a few weeks shore leave, Mary Pickford is strong. She plays her part with a deftness and sympathy that draws all the deep pathos in the life of Cho-Cho San and she does not overlook the opportunity for moments of gaiety. "Madam Butterfly" will bring deserved honor to its producers for the infinite care and artistry with which their work has been done. There are beautiful scenes of Japanese gardens, miniature lakes, and winding walks. Then, too, a Japanese wedding is shown with all its wealth of detail. There is an excellent cast. Mary Pickford is more delightful than ever and never fails to charm. On the whole "Madam Butterfly" is a thing of beauty. The story interests always, and at times its simple pathos makes a very fervent appeal.

ROYAL VICTORIA.

"The New Adventures of J. Rufus Wallingford," which were shown for the first time yesterday at the Royal Victoria, bid fair to become a popular addition to that theatre's programme. Each story is complete in itself, and one of these comedies will be shown on their programme the first three days of each week hereafter. The title of the first episode is "The Bungalow Tangle," and takes place in a drawing room, car on the railroad when Violet and Fanny Warden, daughters of a man ruined by a swindling gang known as the Falls clique, meet J. Rufus Wallingford and "Blackie Daw," confidence men, who are invited to do their utmost to recover the lost ward fortune which is done with the usual gusto of the two leading men. The cast is composed of Max Figman as J. Rufus Wallingford, and Lolita Robertson as Violet Warden. On the same programme there is a Pathe Gazette with all the latest views from England, and France; also two other pictures which round out a good entertainment.

The teacher was telling her class the story of the wolf and the lamb. When she had finished she said—"You see, children, if the lamb had been good and sensible he would not have been eaten by the wolf." "No," said one small boy reflectively; and then added:—"But he'd have been eaten by us, wouldn't he?"

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 21—5 a. m.—A vast storm area, now centred off Prince Rupert, is causing southerly gales, on the coast southward to the state of Oregon, and heavy rains have been general. Mild weather is reported northward to Atlin and also eastward to Alberta.

Forecasts.

For 26 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday. Victoria and vicinity—Strong winds or gales, mostly southerly, unsettled and mild, with rain.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.63; temperature, maximum yesterday, 54; minimum, 42; wind, 8 miles E.; rain, .45; weather, rain.
Vancouver—Barometer, 29.62; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 42; wind, 8 miles E.; rain, 1.12; weather, rain.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.62; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 38; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, fair.
Cranbrook—Temperature, maximum yesterday, 35; rain, .40.

Berkerville—Barometer, 29.68; temperature, maximum yesterday, 30; minimum, 28; wind, 10 miles E. W.; weather, clear.
Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.18; temperature, minimum yesterday, 24; wind, 20 miles S. E.; rain, .86; weather, cloudy.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 29.96; temperature, maximum yesterday, 50; minimum, 48; wind, 16 miles S.; rain, .52; weather, rain.
Seattle—Barometer, 29.74; temperature, maximum yesterday, 45; minimum, 46; wind, 20 miles S. E.; rain, .92; weather, rain.

Nelson—Temperature, maximum yesterday, 33; snow, .6.

Temperature.

	Max.	Min.
Pentlton	37	24
Calgary	42	24
Edmonton	36	20
Q'Appelle	18	12
Winnipeg	22	4
Victoria Daily Weather.		

Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Monday:

	Temperature.
Highest	48
Lowest	41
Average	44
Minimum on grass	44
Rain, in inches27

General state of weather, rainy.

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OPENINGS FOR GIRLS IN DOMESTIC SERVICE

Civic Labor Bureau Could Place More Than Apply at Present Time

The civic labor bureau is in a position to place young girls who are willing to go into domestic service. Unfortunately the majority of young women prefer store or office work. There are a number of inquiries from employers for girls who would be willing to work for less than the married woman can afford to work for.

The problem of the young girl whose parents are in need, and who want work of a certain class has engaged the attention of local councils of women and similar organizations for a long time, but according to the information in the women's department of the bureau, these girls could be placed in decent homes would they only be content to go out to domestic service, which after all is the best training for home-making.

There are about 500 women registered at the bureau, but the percentage of girls is not as large as should be the case. In the men's department the number of registrations is 500, which would be greatly increased if the bureau could offer any immediate hope of employment on a considerable scale. The vast majority of these men have dependents, and any work offered at this season would be welcome. Last year the teachers' association did splendid work in putting a number of these men to work on the grounds at the schools in charge of the board's superintendent, but while circumstances familiar to all have reduced the surplus labor, still there are many men who would welcome a few dollars in return for the service rendered.

A monthly return is now being made of the bureau's registrations to the federal department of labor. These figures thus are official, and adequate support by the men themselves in securing a correct statement on employment would make the list a barometer of the city's position with regard to unemployment.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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

George Crane, of Winnipeg, is at the Dominion hotel.

L. S. Cokely, of Courtenay, is a guest of the Dominion.

K. D. Woodworth, of Alberni, is at the Dominion hotel.

D. Stephen, of Nelson, is registered at the Empress hotel.

R. A. Blackwood, Duncan, has arrived at the Hotel Strathcona.

Registered at the Empress hotel is W. A. Vaulter, of Winnipeg.

W. A. Lang and Mrs. Lang have arrived at the Hotel Strathcona.

T. B. Pearson, of Cobble Hill, is staying at the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. Henley, of Royston Station, B. C. is at the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. B. Boyd Wallis is registered at the Empress hotel from Duncan.

Oscar Emil, of Christiania, Norway, is staying at the Dominion hotel.

Miss C. M. Humbly, of Kamloops, is registered at the James Bay hotel.

John H. Humphreys is a guest at the Empress hotel from London, Eng.

W. E. McTaggart, of Calgary, Alta., is registered at the Hotel Strathcona.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Carrall, of Syracuse, N. Y., are staying at the Empress hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cooke, of Vancouver, are guests at the James Bay hotel.

A. H. Thorp and Mrs. Thorp, of Duncan, are guests of the Dominion hotel.

A. J. Julier and family, of Pender Island, are staying at the Dominion hotel.

H. A. Danforth, is a Vancouver visitor, staying at the Hotel Strathcona.

Arrivals at the Empress hotel yesterday from Vancouver were Mr. and Mrs. R. Long.

W. Scott Simpson, of Telegraph Creek, B. C. is staying at the Dominion hotel.

J. H. McMillan and Mrs. McMillan, of Cumberland, are guests of the Dominion hotel.

Noel White, Kamloops, is spending the Christmas week in Victoria and the coast cities.

W. A. Gordon, of Revelstoke, was among yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion hotel.

W. C. Uptigrove and S. H. Uptigrove, of Zealandia, Sask., are stopping at the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. Benj. Fisher and Mrs. James Burdes, of Nanaimo, are stopping at the Dominion hotel.

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SEVEN ACTS STAGED

Pantages Patrons This Week Treated to Bill of Even Quality.

There are seven acts, no less, in this week's attractive bill at Pantages. The result is that, as the bill is uniformly good, one wishes that the time could be stretched out just a little longer to give each of the actors as he appears an opportunity to stay on a little longer. Under the circumstances it was quite pardonable for Harry La Toy to hurry up as much as he did all the way through his act with the ball-juggling and the hats. But he missed nothing, not even the third hat that was always wavering somewhere between heaven and earth while he was putting on one and taking off another to engage his two hands.

—These were some moments in the turn by "The Four Casters" when the spectator felt that gravity had been overcome as much as it ever can be by people who leap from earth. The three complete mid-air somersaults given by one of the Casters between the time he left the hands of one of the troupe and came back to terra firma were a very fine climax to an act which for presence of mind and high training in the performers has never been excelled.

A whirlwind turn was furnished by Jack Howard and Miss Leech, who danced "Three in One," "The New Tipperary" and some other modern inventions for the ballroom. They worked very hard, and deserved all the applause they won.

Four of the finest voices that have been heard on this circuit appeared in the Alaska quartette, which opened on "Perfect Day," and concluded with the negro melody, "Old Black Joe." In this the solo part was taken by an organ-like bass that brought a perfect hail of applause upon himself and his companions. One would like to have heard more of the Italian-looking gentleman with the baritone.

Knox Wilson shows the genius of the star comedian in his highly entertaining performance with an accordion, a saxophone and a stern-looking gentleman who did not seem to approve his antics. Here too regret was general that the curtain had to fall so soon.

One of the next best laugh makers of the bill was "The Man," in the act in which a maid and a bench also figured largely. "The Man" did most

of the talking, in fact he talked to make conversation. And his topics had no particular bearing whatever on each other. This, coupled with his happy facility for facial expression, brought the laughs.

Finally, there is quite a good little bit of melodrama squeezed into "The Girl of the West," picturesquely staged to represent Montana.

WEST COAST HOSPITAL

Directors for Year Ate Elected; Institution in a Good Position.

The annual meeting of the subscribers to the West Coast General hospital took place last week at Alberni, when very satisfactory reports were received on the work of the year. There has been a saving over 1914 of \$3,000. The very efficient work of the matron, Miss Reiston, was praised by Dr. A. D. Morgan.

The board of directors elected for the coming year is as follows: J. R. Motion and C. A. McNaughton, for three years; T. W. Trew and W. R. H. Prescott, for two years; F. H. Swayne and F. C. Birks, for one year; F. W. Doherty, for three years. Provincial government appointees, S. McB. Smith and E. S. V. McIntosh, Representatives from Alberni and Port Alberni will be chosen after the municipal elections.

At a subsequent meeting of the directors, J. R. Motion was re-elected president and C. A. McNaughton was elected honorary secretary.

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B. C. St. Charles or Canada First Milk, 3 large tins	25c
Heinz Apple Butter, per glass	18c
Fancy Naval Oranges, per dozen, 50c to	18c
Pure Lard, 3-lb. tins, 45c; 5-lb. tin	75c
Back Bacon, piece or half-piece, per lb.	23c
Breakfast Bacon, piece or half-piece, per lb.	24c
Large 70-80 Prunes, 4 lbs.	25c

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Orange, lemon and Citron, Per pound	30c
Large Tin Quaker Tomatoes	10c
Brown Beans, 5 lbs.	25c
Standard, Fine or Coarse Oatmeal, per sack	35c
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"GENERAL WINTER" TAKING PART AGAIN

German Troops on West Front Suffering More Than British

ONCE MORE FINE SPIRIT OF BRITISH BEING SHOWN

Mr. Atkins Wearing His Sheepskin Coat Again to Keep Out Cold

London, Dec. 20.—Another enemy has come into the field against us, says a correspondent at British headquarters in France. "General Winter" has resumed his offensive, and the only compensation for his Hunnish methods is the impartial way in which he is straffing the Germans as well as ourselves.

In some parts of the lines they are having a worse time than we are from that "frightfulness" of the elements, which for a week or two have made a quagmire of the war zone and filled the trenches with ice-cold water which freezes about the feet of soldiers in the small hours of the dawn.

"How deep is it with you?" shouted a German soldier the other day. His voice came from behind a pile of sandbags which divides the enemy and ourselves in a communication trench between the main lines.

"Up to our blooming knees," said an English corporal, who was trying to keep his bombs dry under a tarpaulin. "So?" You are lucky fellows. We're up to our belts in it.

Frost Helped. It has been so bad in several parts of the line that during the recent storms parapets have silted down and sections of trench have collapsed into a chaos of ooze and slime. It was the frost as well as the rain which caused this ruin, making the earthworks crumble under their weight of sand bags. The German soldiers are pleading here and there for a temporary truce. The other day, utterly reckless because of their hideous discomfort, some of them crawled up on their slushy parapets, and shouted "Don't shoot! Don't shoot!" But we are not encouraging truces this year.

A good many of our men have been provided with waders, which reach up to their thighs, but even that is not high enough in some cases where there is low-lying ground, so that the water pours into them. "Trench feet," which we used to call "frozen feet" last winter, are coming into the field ambulances again and getting passed down to the casualty clearing stations. It is easy enough to cure if taken in time, but the men "at it" too long sometimes, and then it is a bad business trying to bring life again into senseless limbs. The first glow of life burns like red-hot poker.

Wonderful Endurance. But the men are wonderful in endurance as usual, and even those wet trenches bring out qualities of unconquerable heroism.

The other day a sergeant was wounded badly as he stood thigh high in water. A bomb or a trench mortar smashed one of his legs horribly. Word was passed down to the field ambulance and a surgeon came up, splashing to the neck in mud, with his instruments held high. The operation was done in the water, red with the blood of the wounded man, who was brought down, less a leg, to the field hospital. He was put on a table on one side, as a man about to die. What else could one expect after that agony in the ice-cold puddle? But that evening he chattered cheerfully, joked with the priest who came to anoint him, and wrote a letter to his wife.

Behind the Mask. "I hope this will find you in the pink as it leaves me," he began. He mentioned that he had had an "accident" which had taken one of his legs away. "But the youngsters will like to play with my wooden leg," he said, and discussed the joke of it. The people round his bed marvelled at him, though day after day they see great courage. Such courage—that of another man—who had been brought in mortally wounded and lay next to a comrade on the operating table. "Stick it! lad! Stick it!" he said, turning his head a little to look at his friend.

They "at it" in a way that leaves one with utterly new knowledge of what the British soldier is behind his mask of his splendor of courage. The men who come in wounded are in a holiday mood when they have been patched and filled up and sent off with a ticket on their clothes—marked "C. C. S." For the casualty clearing station is the way home, or at least a place with sheets in the beds.

arrived, those hairy old friends whose aroma after a wet night would get through a gas helmet. Along the roads of war in their sheepskin coats or soldiers look like merry peasants who have lost their flocks and have changed their crooks into rifles.

Germany Suffer Keenly. The German soldiers seem to suffer more than our own men, and I doubt whether they are so warmly clad. Their letters, and their prisoners, all complain bitterly of the agony of war in winter, and indeed it is only the stoic spirit of the British soldier and his unconquerable cheeriness which enable him to paddle through a wet trench, and to stand for hours in freezing alms without despair.

BOSTON FIREMEN KILLED.

Boston, Dec. 21.—Two firemen were killed and a third seriously injured when a floor collapsed in a burning factory building in Cambridge street early to-day. The three men were fighting the flames on the third floor of a six-story brick building. The floor gave way and buried them.

CANADIAN CLUB TO ENTERTAIN CHILDREN

Christmas Tree Concert and Tea to Be Given at High School for Soldiers' Bains

To-morrow afternoon at the Victoria High school the Women's Canadian club will entertain 1,234 children of the soldiers who have come from Victoria to serve under the flag. There will be a Christmas tree and a good tea for each and all of the small guests. But besides these attractions—and there is to be a present for each child and lots of fun round the tree itself—there will be a programme of songs, pipe selections, ventriloquist turns, and a Punch and Judy show. The Western Scots pipers will be present, and also the 88th Fusiliers band.

The following is the complete programme: Part I. O. Canada. 88th Fusiliers Band Song—Soldiers' King. Mrs. Pooley Ventriloquist Sketch. Sgt. Morrison Pipes. Western Scots 88th Fusiliers Band. Song—Selected. Mrs. Roy Troup 88th Fusiliers Band. Part II. Song—Selected. Mrs. Baird Punch and Judy Show. Magic. Sgt. Burton Pipes. Western Scots 88th Fusiliers Band. God Save the King. Accompanist, Mrs. A. J. Gibson.

IN SUPPORT OF WAR COUNCIL.

The country, fully alive to the urgency of the present need, will entirely approve a change which makes for strength, for prompt action, for bold decisions, as though one strong and masterful hand were guiding the destinies of the nation. You can have too much talent, and when a deliberative and executive assembly consists of twenty-two gentlemen, all trained public speakers, it is often difficult to arrive at decisions which would be reached with promptitude by a more select body. Democracies have great advantages in conducting a war. When a free people resort to arms it is because their soul is in their cause. They bring to the great ordeal of battle a spirit of enthusiasm which is in itself the equivalent of whole legions. The same time democracies have limitations compared with highly centralized forms of government and these have exhibited themselves in France as in England.—News of the World.

SHOULD BE "CONSECrated" TO THE TASK.

We are said to be supplying \$2,000,000 worth of British orders in Canada every week, while orders are going to the United States at the rate of \$100,000,000 a week. And yet, in face of a situation like that, a cabinet minister has talked about "the madness" of using the great machine shops of the National Transcontinental railway, in competition with private manufacturers. Why every manufacturer who can handle shells ought to be handling them, and the great N. T. R. shops at Winnipeg and Quebec now idle, ought to be working three shifts in the twenty-four hours turning out shells.—Montreal Herald.

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ALL CHILDREN INVITED TO MILITARY DISPLAY

Free Admission to Tournament To-morrow at the Willows; Many Stirring Events

A treat is in store for returned veterans, school children, orphans of the B. C. Protestant home, the hospital nurses and Boy Scouts at the Horse Show building to-morrow afternoon from 2 o'clock until 4, when a special military tournament will be given free of charge. The affair is being carried through with the approval of Lt. Col. Kirkpatrick, O. C. the 11th C. M. B., and camp commandant.

Owing to the fact that the schools cleared last Friday for the Christmas holidays, it has been impossible for those in charge of the arrangements to get in touch with the children direct, and thus they desire to do so through the medium of the press, and to extend a hearty invitation to all the children to see the Horse Show building crowded to capacity with young folks, as well as with those above-mentioned, and to whom a special and cordial invitation is tendered.

As far as possible the events in the recent naval and military tournament will be repeated, and those present will have the pleasure of witnessing stirring military drills, charges by cavalry, gun mounting and competitions, tug-of-war (both on foot and on horseback), and other fine items which will be well worth seeing. Owing to the circumstances over which the promoters have no control, part of the programme given at the recent tournament will have to be revised. Special cars have been promised by the B. C. E. railway to convey the guests of the soldiers to and from the grounds.

GRAFT?

TWO LOCAL OFFICERS GET COVETED AWARD

Lieut. John McIlree and Lieut. W. D. Holmes Made Companions of D. S. O.

Victoria and district is honored today by the news that two men who went from here have just been made companions of the Distinguished Service Order for brave conduct "in connection with a successful operation carried out by our second infantry brigade on the 15th, 17th and 18th of November"—as the official description puts it. The names of the two officers are Lieut. W. D. Holmes and Lieut. John McIlree, and both are very well known and very popular in Victoria.

dispatches young McIlree had attacked a German trench with a bombing party. He and his men entered the trench, killed a number of Germans, and took some prisoners. He was congratulated at the time by Sir John French.

Lieut. W. D. Holmes is a native of Bombay, India, but came to Vancouver Island some years ago with his parents. He also joined the 88th Fusiliers and left with the 20th Battalion. He took part in the engagement in which Lieut. McIlree distinguished himself, and himself advanced with a handful of men to within a few yards of the enemy's entrenchments, and severed the wires which previously had made the trench impregnable.

FAREWELL BALL

Event Arranged by Sergeants' Mess of Western Scots Will Be Big Social Undertaking.

For the Western Scots, in honor of Sir James Douglas, from whom the chapter got its name, have been given the Douglas tartan, and the pipe band will appear on that evening for the first time in their new plaid kilts.

Replies have not yet been received from all the officers of the navy and army to whom invitations have been sent, but it is known that the commissioner of the Yukon will be present, while a number of distinguished citizens have also accepted the invitation. All the main floor of the Empress hotel has been secured, in addition to the ballroom, and there will be an abundance of sitting-out room, lounge and dressing-rooms, and a buffet supper-room. Everyone who holds a ticket will be given a supper ticket on presenting the former at the door.

Turner's orchestra will supply the music, and this in itself is a guarantee of the excellent character of this part of the programme.

Tickets may now be secured at Hibben's, Campbell's drug store, Fletcher Bros., the Empress hotel, Dixi Ross's, the B. C. Wine Co., Peden Bros., Shortt, Hill & Duncan, and any member of the sergeants' mess.

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<p>Ladies' Boudoir Slippers In black or colors. These Slippers represent some of the grandest bargains we have been able to offer for many a day. The price per pair is only \$1.25</p>	<p>Slippers for Men This lot comprises Opera, Romeo and Pullman Slippers, in wide variety. The sale prices are \$1.00 to \$2.85</p>	<p>"Slater's" Tan Military Dress Boots Just the ideal gift for officers or men. You can save yourself all bother and fuss if you give him a merchandise scrip for the necessary amount.</p>	

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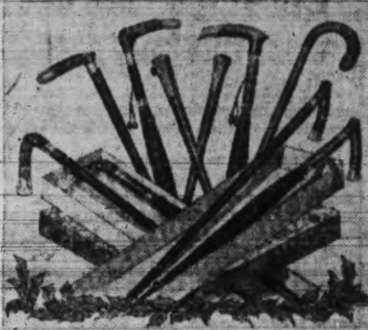
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SPORTING NEWS

BASEBALL MAGNATES OPTIMISTIC THAT PEACE AGREEMENT WILL BE REACHED

Representatives Mobilizing at Cincinnati To-day; If Agreement is Signed Weeghman Will Immediately Purchase Cubs

Cincinnati, Dec. 21.—Representatives of organized baseball and Federal league who met here to-day to take up the negotiations looking toward the ending of the two years baseball war were optimistic that the long struggle would end before the present meeting adjourned.

"I am certain that peace will ensue before the end of the week," said August Herrmann, chairman of the national commission.

"I see nothing that will interfere at present. I believe we have a thorough understanding with the Federal league people over the details to be threshed out," said President Johnson of the American league.

Charles H. Weeghman, president of the Chicago Federals, and slated to be the new owner of the Cubs, arrived yesterday from New York, and declared speedy settlement of the baseball war was in sight.

"If we don't come together now, we never will," said Mr. Weeghman. "The end should be reached to-morrow in Cincinnati."

"If everything goes well in Cincinnati, I will buy the Cubs. They will play at my North Side park and Joe Tinker will manage them."

"Tinker came to us when we needed him, and we will stick to him now," said J. Ogden Armour, who will be associated with him in any way.

Mr. Weeghman said the Cincinnati conference probably would appoint a committee to visit Federal Judge Landis and ascertain whether it would be agreeable to him to have the Federal

league suit against organized baseball withdrawn.

"But the suit won't be withdrawn until the peace pact is signed and sealed," said Mr. Weeghman.

Another rumor which bore the stamp of semi-official confirmation was that the St. Louis American league team would be sold, or in fact already had been sold providing that peace was declared. As to who was the purchaser the rumor said naught.

Chairman Herrmann intimated that the conference might last until Thursday or Friday, although he said he had hopes that the conference would be completed by to-morrow night.

New York, Dec. 21.—The Federal league peace committee, consisting of President James Gilmore, Harry Sinclair and Patrick Powers, of the Newark club, and C. B. Comstock, vice-president of the Pittsburgh club, left for Cincinnati last night. They were preceded by President John H. Tener, of the National league; John Heydler, secretary of the National league; Edward G. Barrow, president of the international league, and Capt. T. L. Huston, secretary of the New York Americans. President Harry Hempstead, of the New York Nationals, left for Cincinnati to-day.

Before leaving, President Gilmore predicted that there would be peace before the end of the week.

"Affairs have progressed so nicely that all the parties may sign the peace agreement Wednesday," said Mr. Gilmore. "At any rate it looks as though everything will be settled before Christmas."

Commenting on the outcome of the baseball war, Mr. Gilmore said:

"We are giving up no more than the other side. It is a fifty-fifty proposition all the way through."

Gilmore reiterates his statements of last week that the Federal league case before Judge Landis will not be withdrawn until all the peace papers are signed. "The withdrawal of the suit is one of the stipulations of the peace agreement, but we shall not surrender this club until everything is settled," he said.

MANY BRITISH BOXERS HAVE JOINED RANKS

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BREEZY BITS

Tracy, boxing instructor at the McNamara A. C.

It is hoped that the weather will clear on New Year's Day for the Y. M. C. A. road races.

It is intimated that the entry list will far exceed that of former years for the 5-mile event.

Shorthorn Jennings, of the Minneapolis club, has refused to accept terms from Washington.

Shotten, of the St. Louis Browns, makes a splendid lead-off man. He was issued 115 passes during the season. Just one less than Ty Cobb.

Leslie Mann, formerly of Seattle, and now a member of the Chicago Feds, is coaching the Amherst College basketball team.

Frank Moran and Jim Coffey will meet Sporting club, New York, on January 14, January 7.

The eight international fellers whom the Feds grabbed this fall are La Longe, Erickson, Piez, Nash, Whiteman, Pick, Luque and McCarthy.

Charles E. Ebbets and Joseph Landis have arranged a three-game spring schedule between the Boston Red Sox and Brooklyn, to be played on Ebbets' field on April 6, 7 and 8.

Leach Cross and Johnny Harvey will box ten rounds before the Manhattan Sporting club, New York, on January 14.

Worcester may be given a berth in the international league next season.

It is expected Gordon Leeming will play with the 8th Fusiliers in the Peden cup games.

KOHLEMAINEN TO WED.

New York, Dec. 21.—Hannes Kohlemainen, the famous Finnish athlete of the Irish-American A. C., has applied for membership in the matrimonial union, and for a partner he has chosen Miss Alma Johnson, 30 years old. The wedding will probably take place in January, when Willie Kohlemainen, the professional marathon runner, and brother of the world's amateur champion, will come from Scotland, where he has resided for a year. The young Finnish athlete holds all the world's records worth winning, and all the American distance championships.

TEAMS PLAY TO DRAW.

New York, Dec. 21.—The St. Nicholas club of New York and the Stars of Montreal played a 2 to 2 tie here Saturday. In the second game of the Art Hosa challenge cup, St. Nicholas won the first game at Montreal a week ago. The tie will be replayed.

WANDERER GOAL TENDER



BERT LINDSAY

The veteran goal-keeper who was released by Lester Patrick this spring, has landed a job in the nets for the Wanderer N. H. A. team. Bert played Saturday against Quebec. Walter Small and Don Smith are also members of the Wanderer line-up. The former played left wing and Smith centre.

WOLGAST IS SUSPENDED BY N. Y. COMMISSION

New York, Dec. 21.—Ad Wolgast, former lightweight boxing champion, was suspended for six months by the New York state athletic commission last night for violating a contract with the Harlem Sporting club of this city. This will prevent Wolgast from taking part in any boxing exhibitions in this state during the period of suspension.

The commission found that Wolgast had agreed not to appear anywhere in the ring before meeting Leach Cross at the Harlem Sporting club last Friday. In violation of this he met Frank Whitney at Atlanta on Tuesday, December 14, and was handed so roughly that, in the opinion of the commission, he was not in fit condition to meet Cross last Friday.

In that bout Wolgast quit in the sixth round.

REMARKED ON THE SIDE

Many Teams Will Enter Cup Ties.

It is intimated that no fewer than eight or ten teams will be entered in the Peden cup games. While nothing has been given out as to what teams will enter in competition for the silverware, it is almost a certainty that the Wests, Jacksons, Thistles, 67th Western Scots and 88th Fusiliers of the senior league will enter, while the Garrison, Naval Volunteers, North Ward, 5th Regiment and possibly the 103rd Battalion will be represented. It is a very difficult task to forecast the outcome of the competition. On paper the 67th Western Scots look as strong as any of the clubs.

Welterweight Title Aspirants Plentiful.

Candidates for the welterweight championship are plentiful, there being no fewer than half-a-dozen top notch scrappers who have claimed the title. The only way in which to decide the true ownership is to hold an elimination tourney. The leading contenders are Willie Ritchie, Puckey McFarland, Kid Lewis, Soldier Bartfield, Mike Glover and Mike O'Dowd. Glover is a pretty fair boxer. He has defeated Bartfield and Kid Lewis. O'Dowd is another strong one. Willie Ritchie and Puckey McFarland certainly would be in ideal fighting trim at the welterweight limit. This title is in a greater muddle than the middleweight throne.

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ALLEN WILL REFEREE CHRISTMAS DAY GAME

President Leith, of Vancouver, Makes Appointment of Official

It is hoped that the rain-clouds will have cleared away by Christmas Day, and that the grounds will be dried out sufficiently to stage a good soccer match. On that day the Vancouver All-Star soccer team will invade Victoria to play the latter at the Royal Athletic Park, in the first game of the inter-city series, while on New Year's Day the local aggregation will visit Vancouver. The local team will lineup as follows:

G. Leeming (Thistles), T. Sheriff (Jacksons) and R. Whyte (Wests), J. Niven (Jacksons), J. Pettifer (Wests) and J. Allen (Jacksons), Pump (Western Scots), G. Nichols (Jacksons), L. Filmore (Thistles), A. Muir (Thistles), and Douglas (Jacksons), Reserve—Shearman (Western Scots), Blendall (Jacksons) and J. Sheratt (Wests).

Last night President Leith, of the Vancouver Football association, appointed Allen, of this city, to officiate as referee. Corpl. J. Armstrong, of the Western Scots, will officiate as linesman for Victoria. An admission fee of 25 cents will be charged. This being the only big Christmas Day attraction it is believed that a record crowd will be in attendance.

PRESSMEN DECISIVELY DEFEAT COMPOSITORS

A bowling match took place at the Arcade alleys yesterday afternoon between the Colonist Compositors and the Pressmen, which resulted in a decisive victory for the latter, who took all three games. The "Comps," however, were crippled, being minus the services of Charlie Crook, their best bowler.

Les. Fisher, of the Pressmen, had high score and high average.

The Douglas Auto Stand, who have suffered defeat for many weeks, will take on the Outlaws to-night. The following were the scores in yesterday's match:

	1	2	3	Tl.
Edmonds	111	111	100	322
Jones	128	136	148	412
Grant	135	114	128	377
Fisher	124	183	157	464
Totals	518	549	543	1610

Compositors.

	1	2	3	Tl.
Saeborn	125	146	109	380
More	129	129	129	387
Chislett	128	129	128	385
Fairfull	111	111	100	322
Totals	494	505	465	1464

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RUGBY PLAYER KILLED.

Vancouver, Dec. 21.—Johnny Baker, formerly a member of the Crusaders' Rugby team, of this city, has been killed in action. Baker is very well known in Victoria and all over the province. He enlisted with the 72nd Seaforth Highlanders as a private at the outbreak of the war. He later transferred to a Scottish regiment and was given a commission. News of his death came as a great shock to his many friends.

Press Agent—"Miss De Star, I'm going to work up a story that your pet Pomeranian poodle swallowed all your diamonds." Miss De Star—"Sir! Do you suppose I want people to think I have only enough diamonds to fill one poodle?"

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CAPTURE OF SUEZ CANAL IS IMPOSSIBLE

American Writer Shows Enormous Obstacles Germany Would Have to Surmount

In the opinion of Frank H. Simonds, the most prominent American commentators on the war, the campaign in Serbia represents Germany's third great offensive, points out the Toronto Mail and Empire, and continues she struck at France first, and failed to reach Paris, according to her schedule. Then she turned on Russia, and occupies much Russian territory, although the Russian armies have escaped from her embrace, and are now ready to assume the offensive. Her campaign through Serbia is, in the judgment of this expert, her blow at Britain. From the beginning of the war Germany has recognized the fact that her great enemy is the British empire. Lissauer's "Hymn of Hate" proved this, and the sale of "Gott Strafe England" badges is cumulative evidence. Her first blow, after her ships had been chased into the Kiel canal, was by means of the submarine. This peril has been abated. The Zeppelin menace, which was expected to produce a demand for peace from the British civil population, was a failure, and resulted only in more recruits flocking to the colors. The campaign of "frightfulness" culminating in the sinking of the Lusitania, mere kindled wrath against her. All these plans have failed.

To Frighten Britain. Germany feels that if Great Britain were willing to retire from the war she could claim the victory. Britain, she says, is helping the French with an army, and the Russians with money and munitions. The problem is, therefore, to make the British empire sick of the war. Would Britain quit if Egypt and India were threatened, if a Mohammedan rising should be successful? Germany wonders, and rather believes that Britain would stop the war rather than see her imperial possessions pass from her control. We know better. We know that Britain would not quit even though Egypt and India were in flames. We know that she is not now thinking of her possessions. She is thinking of nothing but defeating Germany, and that no matter what happens, the British Isles, if that were all that remained of the British empire, would continue the war until victory is achieved.

Mr. Simonds thinks that the campaign against France and Russia having failed, the only offensive that remained is that which Germany is now driving through Serbia. Constantinople is not the objective of the German army, though when the Kaiser reaches Constantinople, as he is not unlikely to do, there is certain to be a great German agitation for peace. Britain is expected to see the threat that

is implied to Egypt and India. Having reached Constantinople, it is possible that the German armies and the Turkish armies, officered by Germans and equipped by the Krupps, will continue the march through Turkey and proceed north and east of the Mediterranean through Palestine, with Cairo and the Suez canal as an objective. If the Teutons can capture the canal they expect that there will be a rising in Egypt against the British, and probably in Tripoli against Italy, and in Tunis and Algiers against France.

The idea seems a mad one, but Germany is now restricted to mad ideas. She knows that she cannot win. Already she is outnumbered; but she calculates that if she can set fire to Egypt and India, the British public will be so anxious to extinguish the flames of Mohammedan revolt that she will fly to the aid of her threatened colonies rather than concentrate upon the fight in Europe. If German armies in sufficient force to undertake the journey from the Bosphorus to Suez could be spread, their lines in France and Poland would be weakened so that the allies could pierce them. If the Germans contemplated sending only Turkish armies toward Suez, then the defenses of Gallipoli would be weakened. But even if the project had been attempted a year ago, before Germany had lost half her available men, it would have been the most desperate military adventure ever undertaken.

A Mad Scheme. In the first place the distance to be covered is 1,200 miles. There is only one railway along the line, the Bagdad railway, and it is not yet completed. For hundreds of miles the invading armies would have to march through a desert. In some places the railroad line is within 50 miles of the eastern shore of the Mediterranean, and the British navy is as much in control of the Mediterranean as of the Atlantic. Nothing would be easier than to land an army at Beirut, say, and take possession of the road to Damascus. Moreover, new armies could be transported to Cairo faster than the invaders would advance, and the approaches to Suez could be made as impregnable as fortresses, can be made in very few weeks. It does not seem humanly possible that if Germany were to concentrate all her efforts upon planting an army in Egypt, she could succeed. Yet, in the opinion of Mr. Simonds, she is undertaking the Serbian expedition with this end in view, not of placing a victorious army in Suez, but of frightening the British empire by this possibility.

ALLY OF PESSIMISM. Evenness-of-criticism is the natural ally of pessimism; it dwells among the shadows, snarling at optimism and "sloppiness" both, as if its whole vocation was endless vituperation. That is the essence of the criticism which is now prevalent in certain quarters. It is doing a miscellaneous disservice to the nation and to the truth, as we believe the truth will ultimately manifest itself. If it cannot be silenced, it should be ignored, not because criticism is necessarily an unwise thing, even in times of grave national suspense, but because, as Lord Cromer indicates, the particular kind of criticism manufactured in the metropolis is so obviously directed to no useful end. It is merely destructive—maliciously destructive.—Glasgow Herald.

THE INDIANS OF CANADA

From the Montreal Gazette. The Indians of Canada are not dying out, as some persons imagine, but are holding their own. Their number, including Eskimos, is over 100,000, and, as they are being instructed in matters of health and employment, it is probable that there will be continued improvement. The Dominion government is looking after these wards, who were the first Canadians, and the schools, hospitals, etc., are being made more efficient all the time. Instruction is also being given in agriculture, with the intention of having the Indians devote themselves to a sound source of income, instead of depending, as in some cases, on hunting and fishing only. The census for the various provinces and districts for 1915 shows:

Alberta	8,500
British Columbia	25,289
Manitoba	16,788
New Brunswick	1,822
Nova Scotia	26,162
Ontario	2,828
Prince Edward Island	288
Quebec	13,174
Saskatchewan	9,775
Northwest Territories	4,903
Yukon	5,528
Eskimos	2,477
Total	106,987

Farming, ranching, working at various trades and callings, fishing and hunting, and acting as guides are the chief paying occupations of the red men. The last year saw practically no demand for pelts, so far as the Indians were concerned, so one source of income was cut off. Nevertheless the Indians came through the winter in comparative comfort, and the outlook for the present cold season is promising, according to the annual report of Mr. Duncan C. Scott, deputy superintendent-general of Indian affairs. The sources and value of income are summarized as follows:

Farm products, including hay	\$1,513,419
Beef sold	329,506
Wages earned	1,419,214
Received from land rentals	81,169
Earned by fishing	286,781
Earned by other industries and occupations	62,118
Annulities and interest on Indian trust funds	49,085
Total	\$3,237,594

The education of the Indians is not being neglected, there being 335 Indian schools throughout the country, of which 27 are day, 40 boarding and 18 industrial. The total enrolment in these was, in 1915, 12,468, an increase of 754 over the previous year. The percentage of attendance of pupils was 83.7, an increase of 81 per cent. In addition, about a hundred children, the majority orphans, are being cared for in various public and private institutions. The schools are conducted under the following auspices: Undenominational, 47 day and 2 industrial; Roman Catholic, 90 day, 31 boarding, 8 industrial; Anglican, 71 day, 17 boarding, 4 industrial; Methodist, 40 day, 4 boarding, 4 industrial; Presbyterian, 5 day, 3 boarding; Salvation Army, 2 day.

On the Caughnawaga agency near Montreal there was a decrease in the population of 89, due to death and emigration, the figures being respectively 15 and 111. The births during the year numbered 89, and there are on the reserve 2,154 persons. No contagious disease appeared and to general the residents are robust and enjoy good health. Most of the men are iron workers, being employed in bridge and building construction. Agriculture is successfully carried on and many of the women travel and sell beadwork. The houses are neat, well-furnished and comfortable, and, according to Mr. C. P. Bertrand, the agent, there is a marked change in favor of temperance, which feeling he fervently hopes may continue. There are five schools in this agency, which are well attended.

The government of Canada is dealing fairly by the Indians, and earnest endeavors are being made to improve their lot. The annual report of the department of Indian affairs shows that satisfactory results are being obtained.

"Oh, mother," cried a young girl who had just returned from a lone drive with a soldier friend. "Joe and I had the narrowest escape from an awful accident! The horse nearly bolted, and I don't know what would have happened! We were going through a narrow lane when all of a sudden a pheasant got up and flew across the horse's head, and before Joe could grasp the reins—" "Wasn't he holding them, then?" inquired her young brother.

Maud: "What would you do if you were in my shoes?" Ethel: "Well, dear, I should stand a good chance of getting lost."

"RESIST TO THE END AND WIN IN THE END."

A year of war has passed since the Lord Mayor's banquet of last November. Many things have changed; much has been lost and won in the interval. But the proceedings in the Guildhall—the tone of the speeches, the temper of the audience—are certification to our allies, to our enemies and to the world that the national resolve to "resist to the end and win in the end," has not altered, or has altered only by gathering strength, and consistency. That end, it may be said, is not yet in sight, any more than it was in eight years ago. But faith in the approach of complete victory has been fortified from week to week and from month to month by those "sombre experiences" spoken of by Sir John Simon. For if, as the prime minister warned the country last November, the fortune of war has frowned as well as smiled on our arms, there has never for a moment been a break in the unity of the allies; they now number seven, and, what is of more importance, the bond that joins them has, under the ordeal of fire, been knit more closely and strongly. To a combination of brute force has been opposed a union of the spirit of free peoples; how far this love of freedom can carry a nation has received almost unexampled proof in the sacrifices that have been made by Belgium and Serbia. The moral, even more than the material, force, upon which the allies can draw are inexhaustible, and they have kept gathering during the year. The resources of brute force, like the impelling power of the passions of greed, fear and ambition, have their limits, and those limits are rapidly being reached. While we are only coming to our full power, the adversary, as Mr. Balfour points out, is showing unmistakable signs of strain. Edinburgh Scotsman.

VISIT TO A MUNITIONS FACTORY.

It has been equipped and manned from local resources, if manned is the right word for a factory in which most of the work is done by women. The khaki-clad women of Kellogg are in the way of becoming deservedly famous, for they are splendid workers; the skilled men who have taught them cannot say too much of their capacity and industry. But there are other remarkable workers here. The local manufacturers who took this factory in hand put their hearts into the business, and scoured the neighborhood for volunteer help. They appealed on patriotic grounds and not in vain. Retired manufacturers, farmers, rural laborers, men over sixty years of age came forward, and are putting in their shifts now. The day's work also included a visit to one of the famous Leeds engineering establishments, in which an extraordinary variety of material is being turned out. The following is the bare list: Small arms munitions, ammunition for the French government, machine-gun mountings, fuse igniters, plant for manufacturing small arms ammunition and for cartridge cases, shell forging presses and shell thread milling machines, machinery for manufacturing rifles, steam turbines and electrical machinery for munition works. The firm has devoted itself entirely to war work, and in order to turn out all this varied material it has built many new workshops and increased its staff from 1,500 to 5,000.—London News Correspondent.

ALLIES IN CLOSEST CONTACT.

The four members of the war committee of the cabinet who have been to Paris lost no time in communicating to their colleagues the results of their mission. There can, of course, be no immediate revelation of the results of the conference in Paris. But there can be no room for doubt of the high seriousness of the mission, or as to the importance of the results that may flow from it. Lord Lansdowne made that perfectly clear in his speech in the House of Lords. The purpose of the visit was to confer with the French statesmen and military leaders. "There have been," he said, "comings and goings of this kind before now, but this is by far the most important step that has yet been taken in recognition of what I conceive is a vital principle—namely, that in a great war of this dignity in which several powers are concerned there should be the closest possible contact and co-operation both between the statesmen of the powers concerned, and also between their naval and military experts."—Glasgow Times.

MOST HELPFUL EXCHANGE.

When the British manufacturers export their goods to this continent they enable the government to import munitions of war from the United States and Canada in exchange. It is clear, therefore, that we in Canada can help Great Britain in a very practical way in this crisis by buying more British goods. We cannot do so at present without paying very high prices because of the high tariff. The most patriotic thing the Canadian parliament can do at its next session is to abolish totally the duty on all British goods entering Canada. In so doing we do not only help the cause of the allies, but will also confer a great benefit upon the people of Canada in reducing the cost of warm woollen clothing and a thousand other things that we need in every day life.—Grain Growers' Guide.

Bill—"Shall we have a boat out, Lisa?" Lisa (sweetly)—"Yus, Bill." Bill (to boatman)—"Guv'nor, we want a boat." Boatman—"Sorry, sir, but I can't trust one out this morning." Bill (with offended dignity)—"Why not? Do you think we want to sneak yer boat? I'll leave ten shillings on it if yer like." Boatman—"You could not have one this morning, sir, if you left five pounds." Bill—"Why?" Boatman—"Because there is a heavy swell on." Bill—"Well, 'e don't want all the blomin' sea, does 'e?"

A suburban gentleman married a second time, and his choice was a wealthy lady about fifty years of age. When the bride and bridegroom returned from the wedding, the husband, introducing his wife to his children, said:—"My dear children, kiss the lady. She is the new mamma I promised to bring you." After taking a steady look at the "new mamma" little Charles said:—"Papa, you have been cheated; she isn't new at all!"

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HAWAII MARU LEAVING LOADED TO CAPACITY

Osaka Liner Sailing To-day for Orient; Expect Rough Trip; Musician Delayed

Loaded with 14,000 tons of cargo—the Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner Hawaii Maru, Capt. Saito, is sailing for Yokohama and Hongkong this afternoon at 6.30 o'clock.

The Osaka liner will run into a howling storm as soon as she sticks her nose outside Cape Flattery. She has a seventeen-day run ahead of her, and Capt. Saito is anticipating bad weather.

The Harrison liner Musician was expected to sail from Victoria to-night, but it will be late to-morrow afternoon or evening before she clears for Vancouver.

Chicago Maru Inbound. On December 12 the Osaka liner Chicago Maru sailed from Yokohama, and she is expected to arrive here on December 28.

THE TIME BALL

The time ball on the Belmont building will be raised halfway at 12.45, at the top at 12.55, and dropped at 1 p. m. daily.

PROVINCE'S EXHIBIT AT THE FAIR RETURNS

Governor Brought Home Articles Which Made Up Fine Display; Travel Falls Off

Bottled fruits, mineral samples, photographs, films, animal heads, stuffed animals, and species of fish found in British Columbia waters, all of which comprised the exhibit of this province at the Panama-Pacific exposition, returned to Victoria yesterday aboard the Pacific Coast steamship Governor.

British Columbia's display of natural resources caused much favorable comment in the fair grounds. The exhibit revealed the great potentialities of the province, and no doubt will be the means of causing many companies to locate here and assist in developing them.

The Governor had a very rough passage from San Francisco. The weather was exceptionally severe, and the seas were nasty off Cape Mendocino, Cape Blanco and the Columbia river.

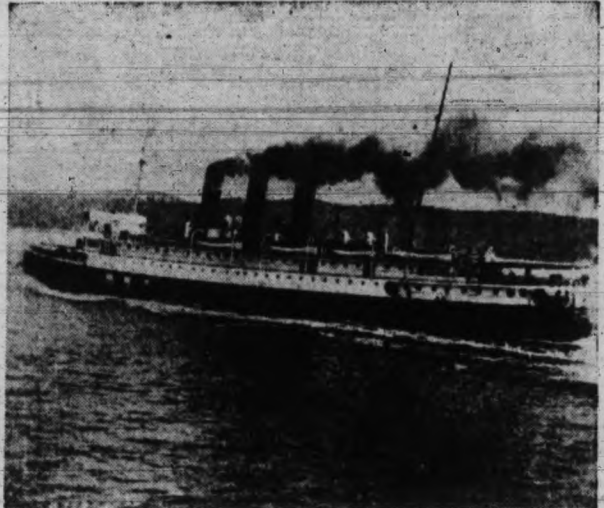
NEW SHIPBUILDING CONCERN.

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 21.—The California Shipbuilding company filed articles of incorporation yesterday in the office of the secretary of state to build battleships, cruisers, torpedo and aero craft, submarines and all other vessels of war.

The height is in feet and fathoms of a foot above the average level of lower low water.

TIDE TABLE. December. Date. Time H. Time H. Time H. Time H. Time H. Time H.

WITHDRAWN FROM NORTHERN RUN FOR THE WINTER MONTHS



S. S. PRINCE RUPERT

The Prince Rupert left here last week on her final trip to Prince Rupert for the winter. She will reach Vancouver to-morrow evening, and tie up until March 1, when she will relieve the Prince George.

WEST COAST MUST BE PROTECTED AT ONCE

Official Claims Government Knew of Needs, but Failed to Take Precautions

Despite the statements of a certain government official that the certain improvement of the life-saving service on the west coast of Vancouver Island is not new and that it is not necessary to impress the needs of the Dominion authorities, the Times will persist in its endeavor until some steps have been taken to prevent a recurrence of the Carelamapu disaster.

The war had nothing whatever to do with the failure of these plans. It is true that Commander Thompson visited this coast in the summer of 1914, and that he reported the advisability of increasing the service by building a tug and several motor lifeboats.

ANXIETY FELT FOR VESSELS OFF COAST

Worst Storm of Season is Now Raging; Sailing Ships in Grip of Southeaster

Considerable anxiety is being felt for shipping off the coast in view of the terrific southeast gale which has been raging for the past two days and which is threatening to assume more furious proportions during the next 24 hours.

Yosemite in Trouble. Seattle, Dec. 21.—The steamer Yosemite, bound from Tacoma for San Francisco with a cargo of lumber, returned to Seattle to-day leaking badly.

WILL LOAD BIG CARGO OF GRAIN FOR ENGLAND

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 21.—The Norwegian barque Souverain, now waiting to load at Houser's West Seattle elevator, will sail New Year's Day for the United Kingdom with 5,000 tons of wheat, the largest grain cargo carried from port by a sailing vessel so far this season.

Word was received this morning by the C. P. R. that the steamship Monteaigle, Capt. Hailey, sailed from Yokohama yesterday, bound for Victoria and Vancouver. The Monteaigle is due to arrive here on January 2.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Arrived: Str. President, from Seattle, via Victoria; str. Beaver, from Portland.

Day Steamer to Seattle

THE S. S. "SOL DUC" Leaves C. P. R. wharf daily except Sunday at 11.30 a. m., for Port Angeles, Dungeness, Port Williams, Port Townsend and Seattle.

TRANSPORTATION Grand Trunk Pacific Steamships Effective December 20 CHANGE IN SERVICE

NO TROUBLE WHATEVER ALL TRAVELERS TO THE OLD COUNTRY

Canadian Pacific Ry. CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS \$2.70 VICTORIA to VANCOUVER and return. \$2.70

New Through Sleeping Car Service Seattle-Chicago from Seattle daily 11.15 p.m. Seattle-Denver-Kansas City from Seattle daily 10.45 a.m.

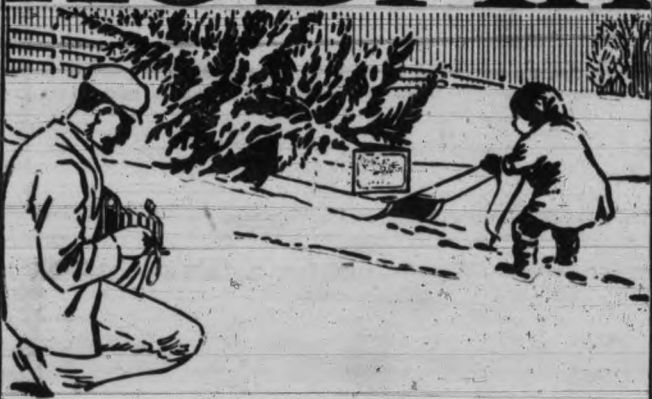
ATLANTIC SAILINGS TO ENGLAND In Connection With Northern Pacific Railway

TIMES SHIPPING CHART DEEP SEA ARRIVALS DEEP SEA DEPARTURES COASTWISE SERVICES

KROONLAND ASHORE Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 21.—The steamer Kroonland of the Panama-Pacific line, which sailed from San Francisco, Nov. 18, for London and touched at Coronet, has arrived here undamaged, after having grounded.

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HOME OF MINISTER VISITED BY SHERIFF

Attempt to Seize Goods of Rev. A. E. Cooke to Satisfy Alex. Lucas' Judgment

There is a good deal of indignation being expressed in Vancouver as a result of a visit paid by a sheriff's officer to the home of Rev. A. E. Cooke, looking for something towards satisfying the judgment which Alex. Lucas, M. P. P., obtained against the Ministerial Union of the Lower Mainland of B. C. for alleged slanderous statements in "The Crisis in B. C.," a pamphlet published by the union as a protest against maladministration in this province.

Ministers as a rule have no more of this world's goods than the law allows, and this was found to be true when the sheriff's officer called. The household effects of Rev. Mr. Cooke were not found to number any rare paintings, a library of costly works, Turkish rugs, Oriental tapestries, or such things which, if put up for sheriff's sale, might bring an amount which would satisfy the judgment to any extent. The sheriff walked in, turned around and walked right out again empty handed. Being quite used to such occasions, it did not take much investigation to see that Mr. Cooke's furniture was not Circassian walnut, mahogany or oak, but was just ordinary, everyday ministerial furniture, filling its humble place without fear of being put under the hammer to satisfy judgment. The adornment of the walls consisted of a picture or two of a religious character and the bookcase contained Bibles and theological works, etc., which to the keen-eyed bearer of the writ, didn't resemble any thing which would anywhere near satisfy a judgment of \$1,500. So the visitor departed and the minister breathed a sigh of relief.

Discussing the visit afterwards, Mr. Cooke said: "Unfortunately Mr. Lucas does not seem to be intimate enough with ministers and churches to realize that they are usually very much poorer than government officials or members of parliament, and the sheriff's deputy found it would be impossible to realize enough from the sale of my effects to get anything beyond the amount of legal exemption. Mr. Lucas seems to be exceedingly anxious to get the cash, or else he is afraid we are all going to skulk out of the country to-morrow. His counsel notified us that they would issue a writ of execution, and in spite of being informed by our counsel that we were raising the money by assessment on our members they carried out their intention."

"One would like to understand the reason for such unusual haste to receive the cash, and one would have expected at least as reasonable treatment as would be given to men of the profession of Mr. Lucas' sons. But, at any rate we have no intention of flying the country immediately. Mr. Lucas may, meanwhile, keep perfectly cool."

Mr. Cooke states that several friends have offered to assist in raising the amount of the judgment and costs, \$1,500, but there is no intention of making a general appeal to the public. The ministers will make the necessary sacrifice themselves. Dealing editorially with the matter the Vancouver Sun says:

"As an introduction to the new regime under Premier Bowser the neighborhood in which Rev. A. E. Cooke lives was treated to the spectacle of an attempted seizure of household goods to satisfy a judgment recently given against the Ministerial union, of which Mr. Cooke was the chief spokesman. The move was entirely a political one. Mr. Cooke had not cheated his grocer or his butcher, nor had he spent money which was not his to spend. He had followed his duty to its bitterest conclusion, and because he dared to criticize the provincial government a plan was made to humiliate him in the eyes of his fellows."

"Mr. Cooke offered the hospitality of his humble home to the sheriff and conducted him over the house. There was nothing of any value, and the official was forced to leave in disgust to report his failure to the man higher up. In this case there is no mystery as to the identity of the latter. Mr. Bowser is the tainted fount of justice in British Columbia. He was the promoter of the case that ended in the attempted seizure of Mr. Cooke's small possessions in order that he might be driven in despair from the community. As a political move it was a mistake, for it showed too clearly the venom that inspired it. There was no occasion for such mad haste."

"Never has there been a more degrading spectacle than the attempted humiliation of Mr. Cooke because of his connection with 'The Crisis in B. C.' pamphlet. Mr. Cooke has not asked for sympathy, and is facing the situation with Irish good-humor and patience, but it is none the less pitiable for all that. He had the courage of his convictions and dared to stand up for the rights of the people in general against the powerful clique of vested interests represented in the government of B. C. He gave the lie direct to Mr. Bowser and proved his case with only one exception, which itself is still very much in doubt. He came out into the open like a manly man should, without attempting to hide behind his cloth, and it is to be hoped that in the end Mr. Bowser's savage attack will prove a boomerang."

The barber remarked on the sparsity of his customer's hair. "Have you ever tried our special hair wash?" he said expectantly. "Oh, no, it wasn't that that did it," was the crushing reply.

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SALVATION ARMY IS GIVING HAMPERS

Collectors Will Be Out During Week With Kettles for Contributions

The Salvation Army's work in finding and caring for deserving families whose Christmas prospects are but bleak is well known. An organization of inexhaustible workers they spare no effort to find out where some of the more unfortunate families live, and each year they do more and more to alleviate the cheerlessness that would otherwise prevail during the so-called "festive season" in many homes. Last year the local organization cared for about 250 families, distributing 125 loads of coal and wood, besides \$8,000 disbursed in wages through the wood-yard and other agencies of employment.

Again this year they are appealing for liberal co-operation from all old friends and others who sympathize with their undertaking, to send on the needed supplies to enable them to put their wishes to practical effect. Already quite a number of families have been visited to whom the Salvation Army hopes to send a bit of Christmas cheer in the shape of a well-filled hamper, and toys and clothing. To facilitate the collecting pots on a tripod, bearing the legend "Keep the Pot a Boiling," will be found at several corners during the week, and any gift, great or small, will be acceptable therein, for the purpose of sending out with the hampers and Christmas boxes which are to be distributed during the holidays.

KILLED BY FALLING TREE WHILE HUNTING

Young Men of Ladysmith Pinned Down in Their Tent and One Killed

The falling of a large Douglas fir tree across the tent in which two young men were sleeping while on a hunting trip near Cameron lake yesterday morning, killed one of them, named Street, living with his parents at Blaney's Crossing, four miles south of Ladysmith, and seriously injured the other, Stanfield, of Ladysmith. The young men were hunting bear and had established a camp in the middle of a tract of timber just off the E. & N. right-of-way between Cameron lake and Hillier's, and had gone to bed early on Sunday night so as to make a start yesterday before daylight. During the night the high wind brought down a tree across the tent, striking and inflicting injuries from which he must have died at once, and pinning Stanfield down across the shoulders.

So far as he can tell, Stanfield believes he lost consciousness, as he was suffering severely and could not move, and when he came to himself it was morning. The tree must have fallen about half-past three o'clock. He called for help at intervals and was successful in making himself heard after some time.

Mr. McVey, lineman in charge of the E. & N. wires between Parksville and the end of the main line and the Alberni branch, was proceeding along the line towards Parksville, and heard the faint cries coming from the woods off the line. He at once made his way to the spot and saw the tent under the trunk of an immense fallen tree.

It took some time to release Stanfield, and it was necessary the scoop out the moss and earth from beneath him with his hands and a pointed stick before he could be got out, it being out of the question for McVey to move the tree. Seeing that Street was dead, McVey gave his attention to Stanfield, whom he carried out to the track and made as comfortable as he could while they waited for the inbound freight train. On this Stanfield was placed, and taken to Parksville Junction, where he was transferred to the regular southbound train and brought to Ladysmith hospital. McVey went back to get Street's body out, and notified the coroner at Cameron lake. The coroner may not

consider it necessary to hold an inquest, especially as Stanfield would not be available as a witness and there is no doubt of the accidental nature of the tragedy.

BUSY WEEK AHEAD FOR MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Several Matters Are Being Closed Up; Financing Watershed Purchase

A considerable amount of business is before the city aldermen at the present time. Following a long session last evening there will be another meeting of the estimates committee on Thursday evening. The Selkirk water reclamation committee is holding a meeting this afternoon with representatives of the Cameron Lumber company, while to-morrow there is to be a conference with another party to the Selkirk water reclamation agreement, namely the Canadian Northern Pacific railway. It is hoped that some early settlement as to the railway crossing and the extension of the limits of the mill will be secured by this means.

On Thursday afternoon the finance committee of the board of directors of the Jubilee Hospital will hold a meeting with the chairman of the finance committee of the council, and the report of that interview will be ready for the estimate committee sessions that evening.

An arrangement has been concluded with regard to the borrowing of money to purchase the Sook's watershed. While at first it does not appear to support the announced policy on the matter, still on examination no change of front on the subject can be detected. The money is being advanced by the city's bankers, and an additional \$170,000 of waterworks debentures is hypothesized to secure the loan. As announced on December 7, this money is the same as that promised eighteen months ago for local improvement work, but has been in the bank waiting for operations to start. As the city could not get the owners to carry on the work without forcing them under the compulsion clauses of the local improvement act, which it was loth to do in the present condition of

affairs, the money has not been touched. Thus in borrowing an additional sum, the city has simply perpetuated its policy of seeing the waterworks through at all cost, and waiting till better times to pay back the borrowings out of the proceeds of the sale of debentures.

On Friday morning there will be the last session of the civic court of revision on local improvements for this year, when a number of minor by-laws will be before the court for confirmation of the assessment.

It is not yet certain whether there will be a streets committee meeting this week, as some of the aldermen are indisposed to work on the afternoon of December 24. It has been decided to allow the Christmas market on that day to remain open till late in the evening for the special holiday trade.

The second act had come to an end. The curtain had fallen, and after a long tumult of applause the audience were gradually relapsing into silence. Suddenly smoke was seen issuing from behind the curtain, and a smell of burning began to pervade the atmosphere. Instantly a shout of "Fire!" arose, and a stampede was made for the doors. Then from the stalls rose the hero of the hour—a man with a calm, determined face. "Keep your seats!" he shouted. His words and manner reassured the terror-stricken

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people in the theatre. Shamefacedly they sank back one by one into their seats. Slowly, as if about to speak, the man strode to where there was now an open exit. Then without a moment's hesitation, he rushed for the door. Once safe outside, he mopped his forehead, and murmured breathlessly: "Well, someone's saved, anyway."

Silver Spring Beer, 2 qts. for 25c.

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Put 1 lb. round steak through food chopper with 4 tablespoons suet. Add 1/2 cup chopped onion, 1/4 tablespoon LEA & PERRINS' SAUCE. Salt and pepper to taste. Mold into cakes, roll in breadcrumbs, broil in greased broiler. Serve on hot platter with creamy gravy.

Nothing Nicer For XMAS PRESENTS THAN SLIPPERS

Ladies' Cosy Slippers, in red, brown and black. **\$1.00**

Men's Felt Slippers **\$1.25**

Ladies' Juliet Slippers, fur trimmed, red, brown and black. **\$1.25**

Men's Lace Slippers in black and tan. **\$1.50**

Children's and Misses' Slippers, up from **45c**

Men's Pulman Slippers, in brown and black. **\$2.25**

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LOCAL NEWS

Christmas Cards—with your private printing while you wait. Weeny-McConnell, Limited, 1010-12 Langley.

Phoenix Stout—2 qts for 25c.

High Class Jewelry, being sold at 25 per cent discount at Wenger's.

Christmas Entertainment—The primary department of the Douglas Street Baptist church Sunday school will hold their annual Christmas entertainment on Thursday evening at 7:30 under the auspices of the Mother's club.

Answers to Times Want Ads.

The following replies are waiting to be called for:
 34, 316, 344, 368, 430, 446, 452, 453, 476, 498, 507, 527, 534, 553, 562, 571, 587, 589, 519, 520, 521, 522, 541, 542, 546, 556, 573, 577, 2177, 2354, 2355, X.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

DIAGONISMS—"When you have the blues, remember that while you may not feel any older than you did yesterday, you are twenty-four hours nearer the grave." Dagon Printing Co. Personal Xmas cards, 706 Yates St. 421

DIAGONISMS—A new shipment of the latest fancy worsted suitings. Drop in and inspect our range of patterns, having been employed for ten years at J. Cousins's gentlemen's high-class hair-dressing salon, No. 3 George street, Plymouth, England. What offers? Potts, Tailors, 706 Yates street, just above Douglas.

ACCOUNTANT, with ability and efficiency—qualified by many years' experience with big corporation, will be open for position Jan. 1; satisfactory local references. Box 88, Times. 434

CHRYSANTHEMUMS FOR SALE—Wholesale and retail, at Bagshaw Nursery, 170 Fairfield road. Phone 94. 424

TO LET—Fairfield home. E. W. Whittington Lumber Co.

BRITISH MILITARY HAIRCUTTING—Our Mr. Purchase is an expert hair-cutter, and particularly of this style, having been employed for ten years at J. Cousins's gentlemen's high-class hair-dressing salon, No. 3 George street, Plymouth, England. What offers? Potts, Tailors, 706 Yates street, just above Douglas.

PIANO, \$150, cost \$450; Gibson grand piano, \$100, cost \$250; cabinet mandolin, \$55, cost \$90. All in perfect condition and as good as new. Suite 1, Montreal and Michigan. Le Roy Apartments. 424

COSY, THREE ROOMED APARTMENTS—Corner Montreal and Michigan. Le Roy Apartments. 424

WANTED—A small furnished bungalow or cottage, with piano preferred, not far from City Hall; low rent. Apply Box 94, Times. 423

EXPERIENCED COOK and housekeeper, with schoolgirl, wishes situation as cook on farm, for three or four months. Box 96, Times. 423

FOR SALE—Lady's new hockey boots and skates. 1624 Monterey avenue. 423

WANTED—About first of January, modern, five-room bungalow or apartment, furnished. Give particulars, Box 63, Times. 423

MASS-BELL THIS WEEK—\$1.00 equity in 4-room, plastered house, lot 50x120. Some furniture, wood, coal, groceries, chickens, garden tools. What offers? Balance on property \$900, on easy terms. Apply 98 Nicholson street, off Arcadia. 424

YOUNG MARRIED COUPLE want to rent small furnished house, Spanish district preferred. Apply Box 50, Times. 423

MILLWOOD, \$2.50 double load; cordwood, \$1.50 (cove-length). Phone 23031. 421

STUDY ECONOMY—Dry fir cordwood, cut stove lengths, \$5, city or Esquimalt. Walker, Phone 3081. 421

XMAS SUGGESTIONS FOR AUTOISTS—Stewart the pumps, special to Overland owners, \$30 fitted. Tires in all sizes and makes at special Xmas prices. Kinross horns, \$5.50 to \$12. Gauntlets, lined and unlined, \$2 up. Thos. Plimley, 735 Johnson street. 423

FOUR REAL HOLLY XMAS TREES, 76c and \$1.96. Holly Headquarters, Phone 284, 735 View. 421

DIED.
 BURNES—On December 20, 1915, at the residence, 1049 Pandora avenue, Thomas John Burnes, a native of Dublin, Ireland, aged 52 years, and resident of Victoria for the past 23 years.
 The remains are reposing at the B. C. Funeral Chapel, 724 Broughton street, from where the funeral will take place on Wednesday morning at 8.5 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.

PATRIOTIC "TAG DAY" PLUCKILY CONDUCTED

I. O. D. E. Chapters Face Fierce Winds and Rain, but Collect \$7,000

Shrieking wind, accompanied by drenching rains, made a desperate effort this morning to thwart the Daughters of the Empire and their loyal assistants in the Patriotic Aid Fund "tag-day," for which they have been organizing for a week past. But the elements had not reckoned with the stubborn spirits with which they were battling, and early this morning, at 8 o'clock, the conveners and their helpers were at their tents supplied with collecting boxes, tags and boundless enthusiasm. The last-named carried them through a trying morning, and the persistent smile with which they met the wind-disordered passers-by won them admiration (not to mention subscriptions) on all sides.

The result of their collection may not be so big as it might otherwise have been, as many people who have been delaying their Christmas shopping until a fair day comes, were again kept within doors by the raging elements. But up to noon-day headquarters of the Patriotic Aid collection at the corner of Tronche Alley and Broad street reported that something in the neighborhood of \$7,000 had been taken. This surprisingly good amount, it is only fair to state, was very largely made up of a handsome donation of \$4,500 given through the Camosun Chapter by the employees of Grant, Smith & McDowell, who saved up their subscription until "Tag Day" in order to give a good "starter" to the fund. Even this, however, means that in the very rare jells between the gales of rain but few pedestrians were allowed to pass any point in the downtown thoroughfares without getting an opportunity to drop their subscription in the box.

Indifferent to Rain.
 Collectors seemed impervious, or at least indifferent, to the drenching rains. Collecting boxes and umbrellas could not both be successfully managed, and there was no tent in charge of the I. O. D. E. chapters that did not have a "token" in the form of a broken and wrecked umbrella of the plucky spirit in which its owner had faced the storm in order to help the cause. Each of the chapters had a tent, provided and put up by the 5th Regiment, C. G. A., who also very kindly furnished a sentry, relieved every two hours by another from the same regiment.

These marched up and down outside the entrance, and besides giving quite a fine military aid official air to the thing assisted in protecting the collecting boxes while the ladies were busy tagging some of the passers-by. The tents were placed as follows, and in charge of the conveners as named: Lady Douglas, corner of Courtney and Government—Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Rolston, Miss Austin. This tent had the assistance of a dozen of the Girl Guides, who are affiliated to the chapter, and gave wonderful help during the day. Gonales, corner of Belleville and Government—Mrs. Curtis, Sampson, Mrs. Genge, Mrs. Shalcross, Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Frazer and Miss Pitts. This chapter sent three collectors to the Parliament buildings. Navy League Chapter, corner of View and Douglas—Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Dennis Cox, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Mortimer Appleby, Mrs. Travis, Mrs. Dolg, Mrs. Gordon Smith.

Agnes Deans Cameron, corner of Yates and Douglas—Mrs. David Miller, Mrs. Macfarland, Mrs. L. H. Harvey, Mrs. J. B. McKilligan, Mrs. Dickson, Miss Cook and Mrs. Horner. Esquimalt Chapter, Broad and Yates—Mrs. Musgrave, Mrs. Van Bannan, Mrs. Hose, Miss Bray, Miss Haddon and Miss Edson. Camosun Chapter, corner of View and Broad—Miss Leach, Miss Heisterman, Mrs. Christie, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Luxton, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. L'Ve. Willows (Girls') Camp Chapter, corner of Fort and Government—Mrs. Cecil Cookson, Mrs. Neroutos, Miss Taylor, Miss Clayton, Miss Winsome Neroutos, Jean Cameron, Miss Yvonne Cox, the Misses Jones, Miss K. Smith, Miss Grace Simpson, Miss Neame and Miss Tinnis.

Everyone worked with a will. Two of the tents in Broad street were without floors, and the ladies had to stand in ground sodden with rain. But this did no wise impair their zeal. Another tent stationed in a very windy part of the city was nearly blown away, but the Boy Scouts came to their rescue and put in some new boards in the floor and nailed the straining tarpaulin more securely to its fastenings. All the workers went to the Alexander Club luncheon, and returned again refreshed to their cold and uncomfortable duties. The collection is to be continued until 10:30 to-night, and it is due by the citizens to recognize the splendid zeal of the ladies of the I. O. D. E. to make the collection as near the \$30,000 mark as possible if for no other reason than to reward them for their steadfast courage in seeing the undertaking through under such unusually trying circumstances of weather and season. The \$30,000 which it is the ambition of the Patriotic Aid society to collect in this final chapter of its campaign, and its connection with which they owe so much to the Daughters of the Empire.

Soldiers Parade.
 Soldiers from the Willows paraded about six hundred strong to the Parliament buildings at 3 o'clock, and were there dismissed. The appearance of so many khaki-clad men about the streets during the afternoon supplemented the military aspect of the canvass, which had such help from the 5th Regiment.

AUTOMOBILE SUIT. Alexander Peden Relates to Court Particulars of Purchase of Car and Claims \$338.

An action to recover \$338 was brought in the county court this morning by Alexander Peden against William Olliphant, Jr. Plaintiff bought an automobile for \$1,000. It was stated from the Western Motor company, now in liquidation, in 1913. He informed the court that he paid \$500 in cash and gave an automobile valued at \$500. The rest of the purchase money, \$500, was to be paid in instalments. To oblige Mr. Olliphant, Mr. Peden gave, he said, a note for \$1,100, covering the automobile given in exchange and the \$600 balance owing. It was understood between them that \$500 was to be credited to his account in payment for that much of the promissory note immediately the automobile was sold. The car, said witness, had been sold, but the sale was denied to him from time to time by Mr. Olliphant and he did not find it out until the company went into liquidation. Meantime a bank claimed the note, and Mr. Peden paid it. He now claimed the amount owing him from Mr. Olliphant as it was with Mr. Olliphant that all his dealings had been. The case is proceeding this afternoon. Mr. Hall appears for the plaintiff and Mr. Tait for the defendant.

WANT AUTOMOBILES? Rotary Club and Automobile Association Ask For Cars to Carry Children Home.

More automobiles are needed for the purpose of taking care of the children who are invited by the Rotary club to the Christmas tree to be held at the Royal Victoria theatre Thursday afternoon. The club has undertaken to take the children home after the show. Almost all the members of the Automobile association have promised cars, and most of the Rotarians. Some are members of both organizations. There are still a few cars needed, and persons owning automobiles who would like to assist in this pleasurable work are asked by Charles L. Harris, secretary of the Automobile association, to telephone him before noon on Thursday or to be at the Royal Victoria theatre after the Christmas tree on that day.

LORNE ROSS TO SPEAK. Commanding Officer of Western Scots Will Address Rotary Club at Luncheon on Thursday.

The Rotary club directors have invited Lieut.-Col. Lorne Ross to attend the Rotary club luncheon at the Empress hotel on Thursday next. The lunch will begin at 12:30 sharp, and by rule of the club will end at 1:30. Lieut.-Col. Ross has consented to address the members and will speak on local matters. It will be the hundred and sixth meeting of Rotary here. Following lunch on Thursday members and their friends can attend the Christmas tree at the Royal Victoria theatre, where the club is to entertain two hundred and fifty-five poor children all the afternoon, and take them home in automobiles after the festivities.

The marriage of John Edgar Casson, son of the late John Peter Casson and Mrs. Casson, of Hull, England, and Annie Elizabeth, daughter of the late Charles Coultish and Mrs. Coultish, of Goole, England, was celebrated quietly in the presence of a few friends at St. Saviour's church, Victoria West, on Monday, December 20. Rev. Robt. Connell performed the rite. Mr. and Mrs. Casson will make their home at 803 Catherine street.

Rev. J. G. Inkster officiated at the marriage yesterday of Susannah Harriman, of Columbus, Ohio, and Charles, Aaron Elberson. The ceremony took place at the vestry of the First Presbyterian church, accompanying the bride and bridegroom being Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Morton, of Linden avenue. After the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Elberson left by the afternoon boat for Vancouver and the east. They will return in a few weeks' time to make their home in Seattle.

The marriage was celebrated last Saturday evening by Rev. J. G. Inkster, of Duncan Gordon McIntyre, of the Pacific cable station, Banfield, and Miss Marian Phoebe Morrison. The bride has just recently arrived from Melbourne, Australia, which is her home, the bridegroom also being a native Australian. The ceremony took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Raymond, 51 Marlboro' street, the drawing-room of which was decorated with white streamers and lovers' knots, while a big Australian flag depended from the ceiling and formed a canopy under which the principals stood during the ceremony. The bride looked very handsome in a becoming, lacy costume of brown cloth, with hat to match, and carried a bouquet of pale pink carnations. She was attended by Miss Raymond, Paul Brady acted as best man. After the ceremony a dainty supper was served, and during the repast the bride and bridegroom were given several toasts expressive of the good wishes of their friends for their future happiness. On the best man—devoted the duty of reading a number of telegrams from abroad wishing the pair a happy married life. The bride received a large number of handsome gifts, including a set of rich black fox furs from the bridegroom.

"I heard to-day that your son was an undertaker. I thought you told me he was a physician." "Not at all." "I don't like to contradict, but I'm positive you did say so." "You misunderstood me. I said he followed the medical profession."

BANTAMS BATTALION SHOULD COME HERE. Board of Trade Moving in Direction of Securing Quarters for Local Corps.

The board of trade is making a strong bid for the bringing here for training of the Bantams Battalion, and to that end is taking the matter of quarters up vigorously. It is understood that one of the reasons why it was not at once decided by the department to have this new battalion, which is Victorian in its inception, mobilized here, was the lack of an available building. A suggestion which has been made, and which is likely to be discussed by the school board, is that the North Ward school be utilized for a short time, until such time as the new drill hall is vacated by the troops at present there—the 103rd Battalion, the 50th Gordon Highlanders, and the base company of the Pioneers. For the temporary use of the school classes it is suggested that the stores along the Douglas street front of the Scott building, at the corner of Douglas street and Hillside avenue, might be taken. There are eleven stores and each would very comfortably accommodate a class, it is said. Against this there is considerable objection in school circles, it is understood, one being that it would take a good deal of money to put the Scott building stores in a position to house school classes, and then to restore them to the normal again. It is, on the other hand, suggested that the building as a whole be taken over for militia purposes, as the upper storeys are laid off in residential apartments, and could be used for the billeting of the men, and the lower floor for drill and company purposes. Whatever is done, it is agreed on all sides that the Bantams Battalion should be trained in Victoria, and that it is only a matter of detail to secure premises in which the corps can be housed and trained.

ON CANNED SALMON. Sir George Foster Acknowledges Development Association Letter and Says What Has Been Done.

The commissioner of the Victoria and Island Development association some time ago wrote to Sir George Foster, minister of trade and commerce, in reference to a Salmon Day for Canada, and with the object of promoting the sale of canned salmon as an army ration. To-day Mr. Cuthbert received an acknowledgment from the minister in which, after expressing thanks for receiving "Canned Salmon and How to Use It," a booklet which the commissioner forwarded, Sir George Foster writes: "I will be glad whenever it is possible for me to do so to put in a good word for canned salmon. I may say that I already have placed the merits of the different fish products in which Canada excels before the Canadian high commissioner in London, and through him before the allied commissions, and fine samples of all our fish products have been sent to the other side in response to the request for information from the British board of trade. "The utility of fish products as a variant in army rations has also been put before the war department, and I believe has resulted in supplies more or less large being taken."

CLAYTON GUILTY. Man Who Represented Himself as Returned Soldier is Remanded for Sentence.

Before Judge Lammpan in the county court this morning Frank Clayton appeared to elect on two charges. He was to be tried for having obtained goods and money by means of a valueless cheque and for having obtained goods by false pretences. The accused pleaded guilty to both charges, and on saying he wished an adjournment for the purpose of having someone come to the court to testify for him, he was remanded until tomorrow morning at 10:30. Clayton was sent up from preliminary hearings in the police court on evidence which showed he had represented himself as a returned soldier, who had been gassed and wounded. On representations made he was given goods and some money as change from a cheque which was found to be valueless.

PUBLIC MARKET. Over fifty stallholders will be in attendance at the mid-week market to-morrow, when the best of local Christmas turkeys, geese, ducks, chickens, local meats, vegetables, fruits, eggs, butter, fish, home-made confectionery, Christmas decorations, flowers, plants, etc., will be offered for sale.

OBITUARY RECORD. Final tribute was paid to the memory of Mr. John Geldard, Saturday, on the occasion of his funeral, which took place at 2:30 o'clock from the Sands funeral chapel.

Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick officiated, and read the 90th Psalm during the service held later in St. John's church. The full choir was in attendance, and the hymns, "So Soon Passeth Away," and "Peace—Perfect Peace," were sung. Members of the Far West Lodge No. 1 attended in a body, and many flowers covered the casket. The pallbearers were Messrs. G. M. Tripp, J. L. Loyd, W. H. Armstrong, D. S. Mowat, T. Lancaster and Capt. S. Fraser, all of whom are Masons. The Masonic services were conducted at Ross Bay cemetery by Worshipful Master Duncan W. B. McLaren.

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 The Savoy "Perfectos" Cigars, box of 25. Regular \$2.75 a box, for \$1.90
 Glendora "Longfellow" Cigars, box of 25. Regular \$2.25 a box, for \$1.45

CORNER GOVERNMENT AND BROUGHTON STREETS

WANTED—Designs for recruiting posters for 8th Victoria Fusiliers, C. E. F. Designs must be in the hands of the Recruiting Officer, 8th Victoria Fusiliers (corner of Yates and Douglas), not later than 4:30 p. m. on Tuesday, Dec. 28. \$15 will be paid for the best design submitted, and \$5 for any design used. The decision of the O. C. 8th Victoria Fusiliers as to merit will be final.

POSTER COMPETITION TO HELP RECRUITING. 88th Battalion, C. E. F., Hopes to Encourage Enlistment by Novel Scheme

A novel recruiting scheme is being advertised by the 88th Battalion, C. E. F., which still requires some three hundred men to make up its full strength. A poster competition is being arranged. These posters, which will stand a better chance of winning in the contest if they contain some local reference in their design, should be in black and white. A clever idea will count more than good drawing in anything that is submitted, so that the mediocre artist will have just as good an opportunity as the more skilful wielder of the brush, provided he has some vital idea to portray.

Posters, the rules state, will be 18 x 24 inches, or 24 x 36 inches. The space allowed for the cut will be 216 square inches on the smaller sized poster, consequently, and 432 square inches on the larger. Designs must be made so that they will have to be multiplied only four times to bring them to the required size, so that competitors will have to consider these figures in preparing their design.

The competition will close on Tuesday, December 28, at 4:30, and the results will be announced at the recruiting office at the corner of Yates and Douglas streets, Lt.-Col. Rous Cullin, O. C. of the 88th Battalion, to be the judge.

The first prize will be \$15, and \$5.00 will be paid for any design used. The value of advertising is universally recognized, and a new poster, with a topical and local application, should do much to win recruits.

NOW IN FRANCE
 Draft of the 5th C. G. A., Who Left Here in October Now in Fighting Line.

DIVORCE SUIT. Petitioner Gets an Opportunity to Complete Proceedings and Appear Before Court Again.

In supreme court chambers this morning Mr. Justice Gregory adjourned the divorce petition of Newcombe against Newcombe because of an error in the procedure on behalf of the plaintiff. His lordship mentioned that he had frequently referred to the necessity for an absolute following of the supreme court rules in divorce proceedings.

Petitioner was given leave to complete his case, and bring it before the court again. The suit is undefended. Judgment was given for the plaintiff in Royal Bank against Mowat, a suit on a disputed promissory note.

IMPORTANT CHRISTMAS SALE OF FURS. Messrs. Stewart Williams & Co.

Duly instructed by their clients, will sell by public Auction at 1119 Douglas street, in the Balmoral Block, on **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Dec. 22, 23, and 24.** at 2 o'clock each day, a quantity of valuable **Furs, Stoles and Muffs** consisting of Alaska Sables, Bear, Squirrel, Sable Marten, Skunk, Black Fox, Black Wolf, Beaver, etc., all of London make, and latest style, just imported, also lady's Chinchilla Squirrel Coat, made from 150 skins by a leading London furrier. At the same time we shall offer a few copies of celebrated Gobelin Tapestries, rescued from ruined buildings in the western war zone in France, and only just sent out to Canada. The Auctioneer, Stewart Williams.

WOUNDED SOLDIER RETURNING. Corporal R. E. Meredith, who left here with the 30th battalion, and who was wounded at Festubert on May 30, will arrive in the city to-morrow afternoon.

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CHANGES IN B. C. The news of the retirement of Sir Richard McBride from the premiership of British Columbia will occasion no surprise. Sir Richard has been only a shadow premier since last spring when, in a trial of strength in the party caucus, he was unhorsed by W. J. Bowser, his able and ambitious lieutenant. Since that time he has been searching for a place on which to fall, and has at last found it in the not very distinguished position of agent-general of British Columbia in London. This is rather a fall from the leadership of the Dominion Conservatives, for which position his friends were booming him five years ago, and from the position of high commissioner of Canada in London, to which he aspired more recently. Sir Richard McBride is a very agreeable, likable man of pleasing exterior and graceful manners, but only the most irresponsible moment of his history would have entrusted him with the management of its affairs. The province

As Business Gets Better WEEK AFTER WEEK, it behooves every man and woman who wants to get his or her full share of returning prosperity to be sure that no opportunities for profitable enterprise are overlooked. DON'T FORGET THE LITTLE THINGS which often lead to big ones. Many a man has passed by opportunities he thought too trivial for attention, while others by the expenditure of only a few cents on the same opportunities have started forces moving which resulted in thousands of dollars profit. Many a "Want Ad" in the Times, apparently insignificant, has resulted in successes far greater than we even dreamed of. HERE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS A TIMES "WANT AD" can do for you: RENT OFFICES, RENT STORES, RENT APARTMENTS, SELL BUSINESSES, EXCHANGE PROPERTIES, SECURE CAPITAL, FIND PARTNERS, RENT VACANT ROOMS, SELL HOUSEHOLD GOODS, SELL AUTOMOBILES, SELL STORE AND OFFICE FIXTURES, SELL DOGS AND OTHER PETS, FIND LOST ARTICLES, SECURE COMPETENT HELP. THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE MANY USES YOU CAN MAKE OF A "Want Ad" THERE'S HARDLY A FAMILY IN VICTORIA WHO CANNOT take advantage in some way or other of the tremendous power of TIMES "WANT ADS" to render service in the affairs of every day life. Give the matter a little thought and you will see how a Times "Want Ad" can help you. Then Put Your "Want Ads" in the Victoria Daily Times

ABOVE ALL GERMANS FEAR THE BRITISH Statements of Scandinavian Literary Man, Who Spent Months in Germany

Milan, Dec. 21.—The Secolo prints a four-column interview with a neutral observer, a famous Scandinavian man of letters, who spent four months in Germany making an impartial study of the military, economic and moral situation. He says: "There is no down-heartedness. All the outward and visible facts serve to testify or delude the people. None the less, a subconscious sense of inquietude is universal, and springs from the blank uncertainty as to what the morrow may bring forth. "The German people hold that their enemies are beaten, but not tamed. They feel that they can rely on their own military force, and endure the economic pinch for some time to come, but dread overtakes them when they ask themselves, 'What if the war should last undecided to the year 1917. Problem of Time. "What preoccupies the Germans is the problem of time—what is synonymous with it in their minds—'BRITAIN. Indeed, you cannot form an adequate hatred for Britain—hatred mingled with fear. It bursts out in every political speech and in the language of the daily press. The Germans know the British well—their defects and virtues—and they fear, above all things, the cool, dogged British perseverance. "Should the British and their allies succeed in maintaining such a resistance as to prolong the war beyond 1916, I do not know how Germany can possibly hope for victory. The British blockade has proved far more effective than the Germans wish it to become known in foreign countries. "What is thought and feared in Germany is that the war either will be definitely won upon the land by the Germans during 1916 or else won on the sea by the British in 1917. Hence a tremendous output of forces is to be expected by Germany next year. The first of her acts will be an attempt to smash through Calais and an expedition against Egypt. "Problem of Men. "Dealing with the military situation in Germany, the Secolo's informant says he found the problem of men recognized there as being very grave. He points out that the German official casualty lists show an average loss of 15,000 every month, thus totalling about 2,500,000 down to December 1915. This problem is generating unrest in the empire, because the industries and agriculture are being drained of their hands. During the last month alone the number of women employed in metal-working and transport industries rose from 140,000 to 155,000.

FORECAST IN NEW YORK BY OFFICER OF R. F. C. New York, Dec. 21.—Intimations that the fleet of giant war aeroplanes ordered by the British government from the Curtiss Aeroplane company was destined to decide the campaign on the western front, were contained in statements made on the arrival in this country on the American liner St. Paul of George O. Robertson, a representative of the Curtiss company. "Robinson said that Great Britain has great aerial plans in prospect, and that her aerial force she has developed has nineteen types of aeroplanes ranging from the small, fleet, scout machine to the large battle-cruiser, and that her aerial equipment is growing with tremendous speed. He was at Hendon supervising the assembling of aeroplanes shipped from this country. The largest of these are the Canada and Super-Canada. When Mr. Robinson was asked what were the British plans for air raids upon Essen, Kiel harbor and other fortified German cities, he replied that he was unable to give any information owing to restrictions enforced by the British government. "Officer's Forecast. "The possibilities of such raids were discussed by an officer of the Royal Flying Corps, who is a visitor in the city. His view is that they should not consist of desultory forays by fifteen or twenty small aeroplanes, such as have been occurring nearly every day for the last few months. "The great raids which he thinks are impending he expects to attain their result with a single stroke. They ought, he says, practically to obliterate the fortifications against which they are directed. "The worked-out details of the air raids are said to call for 500 giant machines, each carrying not less than 5,000 pounds of explosives. It is understood that the ultra-explosive, which has terrific destructive power, is to be used. "20 to a Squadron. "According to the forecast, the aeroplanes are to be divided into squadrons of 20 each. Battle-cruisers, carrying bombs and from one to three rapid-fire guns, will each be preceded by two very fast scout machines. The scout aeroplanes, being from 15 to 20 per cent faster than the cruisers, will go ahead, finding the way and informing their convoys of conditions ahead. Each squadron will take the air on a pre-arranged signal, and, flying at the rate of not less than sixty miles an hour, will endeavor to maintain a five-minute headway over the following squadron. "Once in the air, the machines will spread out and form a line, which will measure from a mile and a quarter to a mile and a half between the end planes. In this formation they will fly to the attack. On reaching the outskirts of the fortified place to be demolished, the scout cruisers will give the signal for the battle-cruisers to rise or to maintain an elevation of more than 10,000 feet. Then the scouts will seek an altitude sufficient to make them immune from anti-aircraft guns. "As soon as the battle-cruisers have reached the outskirts of the fortified city, the first bombs will be let go. It is estimated by flight commanders that it will take not more than ten minutes to fly over any place that will be attacked. The bombs will be dropped at even intervals of about 45 seconds, and by the time the cruisers have passed over they will have let go their last bomb. "Twenty-five Squadrons. "Each succeeding squadron—and it is said that the twenty-five of them will be employed—will follow the same method and by the time the entire fleet has passed over nearly 2,000 of the most terrifically destructive bombs will have been dropped upon the enemy's territory. "Every scientific apparatus for aeronautical use will form part of the equipment of these aerial raiders. There are a number of devices recently developed by the Royal Flying Corps, the chief of which, from the offensive point of view, is the bomb-dropper. "When the raids are made on the Krupp works at Essen and the German fleet lying at anchor in Kiel harbor, the devices will be called upon to show their true worth. These raids, it is said, are to be shared in equally by France.

STEAMER EASTLAND SOLD Chicago, Dec. 21.—The steamer Eastland, which overturned in the Chicago river July 24 causing the loss of 312 lives, was sold to the Illinois naval reserve yesterday for \$45,000. Alterations will be made in her hull to make her seaworthy, and she will be used as a training ship. The vessel was sold to satisfy the salvage claims of the company which raised her. CONDEMN INTERFERENCE. This afternoon the Saanich school board passed a resolution condemning any interference by officials in municipal elections, and promised the dismissal of anyone against whom a further complaint was laid. The case which led to the passing of the resolution was laid before the board by Councillor Grant. Farmer's Wife—"Are you the same man who ate my apple pastry last week?" Laborer—"No, mum, I'll never be the same man again."

WILL WIPE OUT THE POINTS THEY ATTACK Squadrons of 500 Huge British and French Aeroplanes Will Make Raids

NEEDS OF RETURNING SOLDIERS; OTHER MATTERS Ottawa, Dec. 21.—When the delegates to the National Liberal Committee, which was formally constituted yesterday, resumed their deliberations today, they had before them a number of resolutions calling for the appointment of sub-committees to study the various problems with which the Dominion is confronted, the importance of which has been emphasized during the war. A resolution was passed calling for the appointment of a sub-committee to deal with the matter of returning soldiers. The desirability of the necessary steps being taken to secure employment and, where possible to secure their former positions for them, was emphasized. Another resolution provides for the naming of a sub-committee to consider the important question of Canada's national debt and taxation and to consider means of dealing with this matter, which, if adopted, would provide for a equitable distribution of the burden. Agricultural Resources. The development of the agricultural resources of the Dominion is to be considered by another sub-committee, with particular reference to the proper location of immigrants and assistance by means of co-operation, which would result in the proper cultivation of the land. The question of rural credits will be considered by a sub-committee, which also will look into the matter of a commodation to farmers by the financial institutions of the country. Still another matter to be made the subject of study is means to secure some form of control over limited liability companies in order to prevent fraud and over-capitalization. The railways and transportation will be made the subject of study and report with a view to creating trade which would always provide for Canadian railways a good volume of traffic. The foregoing resolutions under discussion this morning, the details of which will be given out later, it was expected that the committee would conclude its deliberations this afternoon.

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—There seldom has been a more all-round dull market in Winnipeg than prevailed in the shortest day of the year. Advancing prices increased offerings when May passed the 11 1/2 mark, but any small recessions were quickly regained and it seemed impossible to keep the market down. Exporters were buyers and Armour was said to be the heaviest trader in the pit during the session. The public did not buy much after the first hour, there was doubtless some covering by shorts. "The cash situation was peculiar. All the premiums were off and the deliveries through the clearing-house were 44,000 No. 1 northern wheat for January delivery. This was bought at prices varying from 4 to 3c under May. At the close December was only 2c under May, and the advance for the morning was 3c for December, 3c to 2c for May, and 3c for July, with a very strong tone at the close. Wheat—Open. Close. Dec. 11 1/2 11 1/4. May 11 1/4 11 1/4. July 11 1/4 11 1/4. Oats—Dec. 4 1/2 4 1/2. May 4 1/2 4 1/2. Flax—Dec. 138 138. May 138 138. Cash prices: Wheat—1 Nor., 11 1/2; 2 Nor., 11 1/2; 3 Nor., 10 1/2; No. 4, 9 1/2; No. 5, 9 1/2; No. 6, 8 1/2. Oats—2 C. W., 3 1/2; 3 C. W., 3 1/2; extra 1 feed, 3 1/2; 1 feed, 3 1/2; 2 feed, 3 1/2. Flax—1 N. W. C., 1 1/2; 2 C. W., 1 1/2.

MONTREAL STOCKS (By F. A. Borden & Co.) Montreal, Dec. 21.—To-day's local market was perhaps the dullest for some weeks, the feature being a loss of ten points in Canada Forge, which closed at 25, one dollar above the low point of the day. Canada Cement also lost a point on small trading. The dullness and waiting attitude evidenced in the New York market is reflected here and seems to be the chief influence, with no promise of immediate relief. High Low Last. Ames Holden 19 19 19. Bell Tel. 147 147 147. Canada Cement 27 27 27. C. P. R. 175 175 175. Can. Lumber 69 69 69. Can. Cottons 22 22 22. Crown Reserve 61 61 61. Can. Car Eddy 92 92 92. Cedar Rapids 78 78 78. Can. S. S. com. 16 16 16. Det. pref. 70 70 70. Detroit Union 22 22 22. Dom. Bridge 22 22 22. Dom. Cannery 31 31 31. Dom. I. & S. Corp. 46 46 46. Ill. Traction 61 61 61. Lake of Woods Milling 135 135 135. Laurentide 183 183 183. Canadian Pacific 123 123 123. N. S. Steel com. 90 90 90. Ogilvie Flour Milling 137 137 137. Ottawa Power 120 120 120. Pennana. Ltd. 69 69 69. Quebec Railway 15 15 15. Steel of Canada 134 134 134. Textile 75 75 75. Toronto Railway 111 111 111. Twin City 85 85 85. Winnipeg Elec. 180 180 180. Brazilian Trac. 51 51 51.

MAKING THOROUGH STUDY OF PROBLEMS National Liberal Committee Appoints Sub-Committees to Prepare Reports

STRENGTH SHOWN IN A FEW INSTANCES NEW HIGH LEVEL FOR CORONATION SHARES In Demand at 10 1/2c One Time During the Session; List Otherwise Dull

New York Market Continued Dull; Prices in General Inclined to Sag (By F. A. Borden & Co.) New York, Dec. 21.—The market continued dull to the end of the session and prices in general were inclined to sag, although strength was shown in a few cases. American Smelting was not unusually active, but its price advanced to the highest level reached in several years. The plants in Mexico soon will be put in complete operation and will add to the earnings of the company. Mercantile Marine pref. stock certificates became active and strong in the late trading on reports that a reorganization plan would be announced soon and that its main feature would be new stock, all of one kind, which would be exchanged dollar for dollar for the present issue and its accumulated back dividends. U. S. Steel common was sold on every rally, although the news was favorable. An advance of 3c a ton was announced in the price of steel and wire products, which constitute one of the most important lines manufactured by the steel corporation. It is estimated that the tonnage statement this month will show an increase of 60,000 tons at least, following an increase of 1,625,000 tons in September and nearly 3,000 tons in October. The enormous exports from this country are a great factor in the present prosperity, and with the ease of money may result in an advance in security prices later on, although of course the weak technical position of the market may have its effect. Sales, \$28,000; bonds, \$3,731,000. Open High Low Close. Allis Chalmers 314 314 314. Almaco Gold 252 252 252. Amer. Car Foundry 761 761 761. American Locomotive 568 568 568. American Smelting 102 102 102. American Woolens 47 47 47. Anaconda 864 864 864. American Telephone 1281 1281 1281. Atchafalaya 1061 1061 1061. American Can 591 591 591. B. & O. Co. 921 921 921. Baldwin Locom. 1171 1171 1171. Brooklyn Rap. Tran. 884 884 884. C. F. I. 214 214 214. Ches. & Ohio 512 512 512. General Leather 523 523 523. Cons. Gas 1453 1453 1453. China Copper 524 524 524. Canadian Pacific 123 123 123. Crucible Steel 73 73 73. Erie, com. 42 42 42. Erie, gen. 1748 1748 1748. Great Northern, pref. 1254 1254 1254. Guggenheim 778 778 778. High & Leather 59 59 59. Inspiration Cop. 45 45 45. Lehigh Valley 812 812 812. Mex. Pet. 991 991 991. Maxwell Motors 75 75 75. N. Y. N. H. & Hartf'd. 747 747 747. N. Y. Central 1054 1054 1054. Nor. & West. 121 121 121. Northern Pacific 1158 1158 1158. Pennsylvania 58 58 58. Pressed Steel Car 641 641 641. Reading com. 812 812 812. Republic Steel 544 544 544. St. Paul 301 301 301. Studebaker 109 109 109. Southern Pac. 1001 1001 1001. Sioux 622 622 622. South Ry. com. 22 22 22. Union Pacific, com. 1362 1362 1362. Utah Copper 780 780 780. U. S. Steel, com. 852 852 852. U. S. Steel, pref. 116 116 116. U. S. Rubber, com. 541 541 541. Westinghouse Elec. 681 681 681.

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HIGHER WHEAT LOOKED FOR NOW IN CHICAGO (By F. A. Borden & Co.) Chicago, Dec. 21.—Liverpool cables came higher this morning, especially for Manitoba cargoes, and this market opened quite strong and sold off a cent early in the session. On the decline of support was supplied, resulting in a steady rise to 10c. Bearish news was disregarded by traders, who have lost faith in the short-side of wheat. Now that a new high level has been reached an additional advance of perhaps five cents seems quite probable. "Corn and oats, although inclined to be heavy during the early part of the session, rallied quickly near the close, which was more in sympathy with the strength in wheat. Open. High Low Close. Dec. 122 124 121 124. May 123 125 122 124. July 112 113 111 112. Corn—Dec. 69 70 69 70. May 73 74 73 74. Oats—Dec. 41 42 41 42. May 44 45 44 45.

METAL MARKET. New York, Dec. 21.—Lead, \$5.40; spelter, not quoted. NEW YORK SUGAR. New York, Dec. 21.—Raw sugar steady; centrifugal, \$4.90; molasses, \$1.12; refined, quiet.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET. (By F. A. Borden & Co.) Open. High Low Close. Jan. 11.90 11.97 11.80 11.93. March 12.22 12.25 12.18 12.22. May 12.49 12.49 12.41 12.46. July 12.61 12.64 12.56 12.59. Dec. 11.90 11.90 11.83 11.82. Spot 12.19

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- Paper Clips, \$1.13, \$1.35, \$2.25
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CAN CONSTRUCTION FUNDS GO TO REPAIRS?

Point Arises When Proposal is Made to Divert Sums for Garbally Yard Building

The proposal to divert funds remaining from the unexpended balances of permanent improvement loans, which had been suggested as the solution of finding money for the new stores building at Garbally road, came up in city council last evening. Lively opposition developed when it was discovered that two of the balances are from the Dallas road seawall, and the Cemetery Protection by-laws.

Alderman Todd immediately pointed out that when some funds were diverted in 1914 from the latter by-law, an understanding had been given that a balance was to remain to the credit of the loan, in case of repairs being needed for the seawall.

Alderman Fullerton, who was a member of the 1911 council when the two seawalls were constructed, stated that it had been anticipated that groynes would be required to protect the walls against the action of the sea.

Alderman McNeill presented a report on the cost showing that a sum of \$2,025 per annum could be affected in salaries by the consolidation of the stores in a single building.

The city solicitor was not prepared to give an off-hand opinion as to whether money which had been voted in a construction account could be used for repairs, and therefore the subject was laid over for a week for a report from the city solicitor and engineer with regard to the matter. The latter will advise if groynes eventually will be necessary.

The council refused to entertain a proposal from C. T. W. Piper, of Vancouver, for permission to hold a tag day on behalf of a fund for a statue and free hospital in memory of Miss Cavell. Alderman Bell thought the council would want some information as to who Mr. Piper was, and why he desired to figure so largely in this matter.

The council referred to the finance and legislative committee, without discussion, the delinquency certificate proposal of the Union of B. C. Municipalities.

CITY HEALTH OFFICER ANSWERS HIS CRITICS

Replies in Estimates Committee to Allegations Made at Retrenchment Assn. Meeting

Commencing consideration of the estimates at a late hour last evening, the whole of the time of the meeting of the estimates committee was occupied in dealing with the medical health officer's position. Eventually the aldermen, after hearing Dr. G. A. B. Hall's statement on his administration of the health department, adjourned to meet again in committee on Thursday evening.

Dr. Hall had been asked to attend to explain the allegation that he was forced to neglect the affairs of the department in order to carry on medical duties for the military, and that while paid for whole time service, he has been devoting portion of his time to duties at Work Point barracks. There was also imported into the argument the demand for a reduction of salary, apart from whatever arrangements Dr. Hall may have with the militia department.

The doctor explained that he had been intending to devote himself partly to private practice at the time when the salary was raised to \$5,900 a year in 1912. That continued till the 20 per cent. cut in 1914, when he received an appointment from the Gordon Highlanders, which carried with it sufficient remuneration to make up the difference between his former salary and the reduced allowance. This year Dr. E. C. Hart had pressed him to take up military work at the time that he was starting with the base hospital. Since that time he had received \$15 a month. "I challenge anyone," he said emphatically, "to show that in the last four months there has been a single case of neglect because of the dual appointment."

Dr. Hall stated that he was covering his duties at other hours than would normally be the case, but they were all covered. He had complete charge of the isolation hospital, involving a daily call. He also had to call daily at the Jubilee hospital, where he had charge of city indigent cases. In addition to these there was the general care of his department. Having answered the allegation of neglect of the department, Dr. Hall devoted his attention to the general question of administration. He told what improvements had been effected since he took office, of the lower death rate, of cleaner conditions prevalent in the city, and of efforts in a hundred ways to improve the health of Victoria.

He added something of which the aldermen, and even members of the health committee, said they were absolutely ignorant, namely, that the mayor and chairman of the health committee had been consulted before he accepted the appointment from the militia department to succeed Dr. Hart.

All members of the estimates committee united in praising the splendid service Dr. Hall had given to the department, and the meeting then adjourned.

The paper that no one will pay for to read is worth less than a poster for advertising purposes.

BUY RIGHT OF WAY OF NORTHWEST SEWER

Endeavor is to Be Made to Clear Up Difficulty About N. E. Sewer Connections

The solution of the right-of-way difficulty for the northwest sewer, north of Selkirk water, was reported to city council last evening.

At the same time an endeavor was made to bring to a head the long-standing difficulty with Saanich in connection with the northeast sewer, by means of a conference which is to be called next week with representatives of the Saanich, Oak Bay and city councils.

The council has abandoned the effort to pass through the Crow Baked property north of Selkirk water, and will pay Mr. Ellis \$750, Mr. Norris \$125, C. W. R. Thomson \$1,000 and Sir Richard McBride \$250 for the right-of-way required for the sewer.

In connection with the northeast sewer, difficulty has developed because permission connections already have been made, and an application has been before the sewers committee to allow F. Seers to connect with it on Richmond road. In refusing to grant Mr. Seers the privilege, the sewer committee recommended that he be advised to bring pressure to bear on the Saanich council to have sewerage facilities provided. Alderman Okell, in moving the adoption of the report, thought that was the best course to take.

In moving that a conference should be arranged, Alderman McNeill said it was time the matter was dealt with and brought to a head.

The mayor pointed out that the difficulty about the northeast sewer lay between Saanich and Oak Bay, and believed the council would be well advised in bringing the two parties together to arrive at an amicable settlement.

Alderman McNeill foresaw that if the Saanich council signed the agreement, then it would be possible to give Saanich residents connection with the northeast sewer meanwhile by some temporary plan, but until the municipality had entered into an undertaking to pay its cost, it was impossible to expect a better condition of affairs to prevail.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION LAW IS FAULTY

Returning Officer Points Out There is No Latitude for Elections by Acclamation

The unsatisfactory state of the municipal election law, which compels officers to be chosen for whom there may not be any work; was alluded to last evening in city council by the returning officer. Arrangements were made for the forthcoming election.

In allotting the deputies for the mayoralty and aldermanic elections, Mr. Northcott pointed out that the prospects were that the two men named, Messrs. Lorimer and McCallum, would not have anything to do. In the past when there had been no mayoralty he had transferred the deputies named for the mayoralty election to the trustee booths, but on this occasion he took no such course could not be followed. If the statute gave the council power to take an election one week after the nominations, it would be possible for the council to appoint the deputies at its last regular meeting, knowing at that time what number of deputies would be wanted, and having the poll seven days later.

While the council sympathized with the suggestion, the statute does not allow any latitude, and the following deputies for the aldermanic election were appointed: Messrs. Orton, McEachran, Redfern and Hopkins.

Usually the choice of deputies from the panel of names submitted by the returning officer is largely a matter of form, but on this occasion a number of questions were asked as to whether the men were residents of the city, and more particularly if they were employed. Alderman McNeill said that at this time he would vote for a man who needed the fees, rather than a man already in a permanent position.

The formal resolution appointing the places of poll were then adopted for the municipal and school board elections, nomination on January 10 and polling on January 12.

AN EXPENSIVE HOLDING

Anderson Property Has Higher Taxation Than Its Assessment; Retail Merchants Association.

Another side to the offer of the Anderson park at the corner of St. Charles street and Brooke street was presented in a report from the city treasurer to the council last evening, when it was shown that the local improvement taxes would exceed in ten years the assessed value of the land by \$600. In addition to the general taxes it was stated that Mr. Anderson had been compensated for the extension of Brooke street through the property.

Under the circumstances the finance committee will take the subject under review again.

The Retail Merchants' Association is to be given an interview with regard to the complaint concerning butchers at the produce market, and also will be given an opportunity to express its views on the early closing by-law, either on January 7, or on some date acceptable to the association.

The council declined to intervene with regard to the complainant concern-

ing the Chinese raid, and referred to the police commission, the correspondence from Moresby & O'Reilly.

The parks committee secured the passage through council of a recommendation to give ducks to the W. C. T. U. mission and the Aged Men's home, in order to weed out the flock on Beacon Hill park ornamental water. They will be eaten during the festive season.



To the Editor, I would like to ask Mr. C. E. Redfern to explain how he considers that the Hon. A. C. Flumerfelt has been so prosperous in all his financial and industrial concerns.

I will state my personal experience in some of them. A few years ago I was advised by a representative of the B. A. Trust Co. to buy stock in some coal companies which the Hon. A. C. Flumerfelt was connected with. They were stated to be A-I investments. I bought International Coal & Coke at 90 cents per share, Alberta Coal & Coke at 23 1/2 cents per share, Royal Collieries at 25 cents per share. If Mr. Redfern will take the trouble to look up to-day's prices on the above stock I don't think he would consider them very prosperous from the investor's point of view, of which there are a number in Victoria.

If the Hon. A. C. Flumerfelt's concerns have only been prosperous to himself, is he the man we want for minister of finance.

CONSERVATIVE.
Dec. 20.

CITY FINANCING.

To the Editor:—In the Times of the 8th, under the headline "loan against bonds may be used now," the information is not as complete as one could wish. The amount of the loan made by the bank to the city is not stated, but the first paragraph suggests that it will cover the cost of the watered \$185,000. From this it is safe to infer the amount of the loan was not less than \$300,000.

If, as the article states, this loan has stood to the credit of the city since the spring of last year, the city has paid out some \$15,000 in interest on borrowed capital, which it could not use, while paying the same bank interest on other indebtedness which this sum could not be used to offset.

If what your article infers is correct, the banker, with an eye single to the opportunity to loan money two ways at one time, should hold up both hands for the return of mayor and council by acclamation.

Is there any reason why the ratepayers should not be informed as to the actual amount of the loan, the date, and rate of interest? Also if the above surmise is correct, why the custom has been departed from, of paying interest to the local bank only on amounts as drawn from time to time, as in the yearly advance on current account against the tax levy?

A. J. MORLEY
Dec. 20.

REX THEATRE CONCERT

Equipment Red Cross Society to Give Entertainment To-night; Good Programme Arranged.

The Esquimalt Red Cross society will hold an entertainment to-night at the Rex theatre. After the entertainment, which contains a great many interesting items, there will be a prize-giving, the prizes to consist of chickens, bon-bons, pickles, books, bottles of perfume, soap and other useful articles. The fifteen-cent admission includes the privilege of winning one of these prizes. Another interesting feature will be that the winning numbers for the Christmas raffish will be drawn for among the articles raffled being five turkeys given by Mr. Locke; a Christmas cake, given by Mrs. Collie; and a handsome doll presented by Mrs. Fowler, of the Beehive.

The entertainment will begin at 8.15, with Commander Hose in the chair. The following is the programme, which has been arranged with the assistance of E. Withers:

Song, selected, by Yeoman of Signals Milward; glee, "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes," Master Arms Hadley; Yeoman of Signals Milward; Seaman Ainscough and Bradbury; recitation, Ordinary Seaman Pearce.

Song, selected, Ordinary Seaman Spouse; song, "Bravo, Territorials," Master at Arms Hadley; song, "Sunshine and Rain," Ordinary Seaman Bradbury; song, Mrs. Nelson, accompanied by Mr. Birch; song, Mrs. Joffe, accompanied by Miss Harcourt; duet, Misses Swan; song, Miss Lagin; song, by Capt. Madden and Merrison of the Western Scots, accompanied by Cpt. Condy.

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VICTORIA WEST SCHOOL

Attention of Authorities is to Be Drawn to Condition of Grounds.

At a very successful and well-attended meeting of the residents of Victoria West, which was held in the assembly room of the Victoria West school last evening, a number of matters pertaining to the welfare of the school and the district were discussed. The principal matter was the desired improvement of the school grounds, which have been promised attention, but which the trustees have been unable to improve on account of lack of funds. The fact that there is no public place or park in the district for the

children to play in was emphasized, and it was decided to approach the city school board to ask for a sum to be placed in the estimates next year for the purpose of securing some ground for recreation.

The city council and the health officer also are to be asked to have the sewer which passes through the grounds attended to. In order to achieve these objects a committee was appointed to circulate a petition among residents.

Trustee Dr. Lewis Hall spoke on the school playground question, and advocated an early start with the effort, so that provision could be made before the 1916 estimates were finally approved.

Subsequently a parents' association was formed, with the object of obtaining co-operation between parents and children, on the lines of similar organizations in Vancouver and elsewhere. This new body probably will meet monthly, and take up subjects of interest to school life.

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- Dessert Knives, per half doz., \$7.00 to \$1.50
- Table Spoons, per doz., \$8.00 to \$4.50
- Dessert Spoons, per doz., \$7.00 to \$3.00
- Tea Spoons, per doz., \$4.50 to only 90c
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It is safe to say, however, that when the new battalions recently authorized have been raised, the province's contribution of men will have reached the grand total of nearly 25,000.

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will demand even greater sacrifices, there is reason to be proud, near the close of another year, of the numbers from this province who have selflessly offered themselves for service, and at no time has there been greater activity in raising battalions than at the present.

With the granting of official sanction for the raising of the Bantams' (142rd) Battalion and for the 6th Regiment of the Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles, more than 8,000 men will be required to complete the establishment of these fresh forces.

The following is a list of the new overseas battalions which are either in process of formation or have been authorized:

The 58th Battalion—Formed from the 58th Fusiliers of Victoria.

The 103rd Battalion—From the nucleus of the Victoria Independent Squadron-B. C. Horse.

The Bantams Battalion, for which large numbers of applications have been received.

The 121st Battalion, to be formed by the 11th Irish Fusiliers Regiment.

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In addition to the new forces specified there are three complete battalions of Infantry and a regiment of mounted rifles mobilized and partially trained for war duty. These are the 6th Battalion Western Scots and the 11th C. M. R. in Victoria and the 62nd and 72nd encamped at Hastings Park, Vancouver.

The 47th and 54th battalions, which were at the central mobilization camp at Vernon during the summer, are now overseas. The 47th furnished three drafts, the 54th two drafts, and the 62nd one draft of 250 men apiece, which went ahead as reinforcements for the second overseas division.

Already there are at the front from British Columbia three complete infantry battalions, and a mounted rifle regiment, namely, the 2nd C. M. R. which went from Victoria. The 48th, of Victoria, and the 29th and 30th Battalions, of Vancouver, went as part of the second Canadian expeditionary force.

In addition to these already stated, practically half of the Canadian Pioneers was recruited from British Columbia, and there have been continuous drafts from the province of medical men, male nurses, transport drivers, cycle platoons, artillery drafts, signallers, Army Service corps men, and others to fulfil the multifarious duties next only in importance to the main business of fighting. When the grand aggregate of all these is ascertained accurately it will be seen that this province has by no means been behind in sending men to fight for the great cause, but has rather been an example and an inspiration to the other provinces of the Dominion.

SERVICE SUBSCRIPTION DANCE.

The second of the series of service subscription dances will be held on Thursday of this week, instead of Friday. The dance will take place in the Alexandra club. Prospective subscribers should apply to the hon. secretary, Lieut. Finch, 11th C. M. R.

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