

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Friday: Victoria and vicinity—Strong winds or gales, mostly easterly and southerly, moderated and mild, with rain.

Columbia—Terror Island. Variety—Open Your Eyes. Princess—Under Cover. Royal—The Notorious Miss Lisle. Dominion—A Romantic Adventure. Pantheon—Vandeville. Romano—One Hour Before Dawn.

Soviet Forces Are Concentrating On Black Sea Coast

Campaign Evidently Directed Against the Republic of Georgia; Powers May Send Warships to Ensure Evacuation of Allied Missions.

Tiflis, Dec. 23.—Russian Bolshevik forces appear to be concentrating for a campaign which will eliminate the Republic of Georgia from the map of the Caucasus region. Heavy Soviet forces have been concentrated at Tsuapa, a port on the eastern shore of the Black Sea and at Gagri, a port still further to the southeast toward the Georgian frontier.

Tolerated For Trade. Independent Georgia has been tolerated by the Bolsheviks because of the trade advantages offered at Batum, which has been regarded in Moscow as a corridor which permitted the Bolsheviks to bring in supplies from Europe.

Reliable information from Batum, however, indicates serious disturbances in Georgia. The Georgian garrison there having revolted.

It is understood the Allies regard the situation as so serious that they have considered sending warships to insure the evacuation of Allied missions in Georgia.

The recent oil agreement concluded between Soviet Russia and Georgia has not been carried out and as a consequence train service has been reduced to a strict minimum, involving a serious commercial crisis.

ONTARIO PLANS FOR RELIEF WORK

Suggested—Mechanics—Build Rolling Stock for G.T.R.

Hanilton, Ont., Dec. 23.—Hon. F. C. Higgins, Minister of Public Works, for Ontario, told a gathering of manufacturers, merchants and business men here today that the employment situation was discussed at his Department was preparing to carry on work on the highways at the earliest possible moment, and in the meantime a number of men could get work in quarries.

Hon. Walter Rolfe, Minister of Labor for Ontario, said the Dominion Government would bear one-third of the disbursements made by municipalities in cases where employment could not be provided and financial assistance had to be given, and the Ontario Government would also bear one-third of the cost.

Mr. Rolfe said he saw no reason why the six thousand men of the metal trades out of work in Toronto should not be employed in making rolling stock for the Grand Trunk Railway, which was now a Government railway.

Manufacturers could help, he said, by shortening the hours of work instead of laying off men.

BRITAIN CURTAILING HER EXPENDITURES

Reduction of Army and Navy Estimates Ordered

London, Dec. 23.—Estimates submitted by the Army and Navy Departments have been returned by Mr. Lloyd George as a Committee and he has instructed the Departments to reduce their figures by more than one-half, says The Daily Mail.

Mr. Lloyd George has directed that the total national expenditure for the coming year must be held as near £250,000,000 as possible, the newspaper says.

TRAFFIC SITTINGS OF RAILWAY BOARD NOW TERMINATED

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—(Canadian Press)—The traffic sittings of the Board of Railway Commissioners which opened Tuesday was concluded yesterday when argument was heard in the application of the Canadian Pacific Railway for an order allowing cancellation of the present stop-over arrangements for grain products and hay and potato shipments at Montreal and Outremont. The proposal was opposed by representatives of the shipping interests.

TO TIMES READERS

Next Monday The Times will begin the publication of a serial story entitled "Bull Dog Drummed" by Cyril McNeile, a brilliant young English writer who under the nom de plume of "Sapper" has won high fame as a novelist in Great Britain and America.

"Bull Dog Drummed" cannot be surpassed as a story of thrilling interest, and our readers should not fail to follow it from beginning to end.

GREEKS ORDERED TO LEAVE ASIA MINOR

Constantinople, Dec. 23.—Greeks employed in provincial branches of the Ottoman Bank in the Herakle coal field have been ordered to leave Asia Minor within forty-eight hours. Turkish Nationalists, who control port along the Black Sea coast of Asia Minor, have commandeered all Greek steamers anchored in these harbors.

FARMERS DECLINE POLITICAL FUSION

Manitoba Party Desires Absolute Independence

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—A committee of the Independent Farmer Party, in the Provincial Legislature, finally met Premier Norris last evening with regard to their course of action in the coming session of the Manitoba Legislature. The Premier anticipated that a working arrangement would be made, or a sort of fusion of the Government with the Farmer Party, but the leader of the farmers, William Hanson, asserted, however, the Premier the following resolution, which was passed at a meeting this afternoon.

"The Independent Farmer Party convened for the purpose of considering an invitation made them by Premier Norris to join in conference with his Government to see if both parties could agree on a joint platform. The Independent Farmer Group met and deliberated, deciding that while not opposing the Norris Government on general principles, it was considered inadvisable to preserve the identity of the Independent Farmer Party, that they decline the suggestion of an alliance made. A further reason being their desire to retain the position of absolute independence."

Premier Norris, in a statement given out last night, says the committee speaking for themselves as individuals, is not the Government that they had no desire to encompass their defeat, but could take no other position than that outlined in the resolution. The Premier added that he had suggested no merger but merely a working arrangement to enable the Provincial Government to carry on during the session.

The Premier, however, is left much as it was after the elections and the Morris Government will carry on with some obstacles anyway.

BRITISH EMBASSY IS REBUKED FOR ACTION

U.S. State Department Takes Exception to Procedure

Washington, Dec. 23.—The State Department intervened to-day in what threatened to be a controversy between the British Embassy and the Senate committee investigating cable communications over the question of whether there is a British censorship of cable messages to the United States originating in the British Isles.

The Department's action was regarded as a rebuke to the Embassy for sending direct to Senator Kellogg, chairman of the committee, a letter denying the testimony of Newcomb Carlton, president of the Western Union Telegraph Company that cable messages coming to the United States from Great Britain were subject to delay and examination by the British naval intelligence authorities.

The Embassy's action is understood to be regarded by the Department as a breach of diplomatic courtesy. The Department will take the subject matter to the correspondent up directly with the Embassy, but whether it will ask for an explanation of the action of the Embassy in writing directly to the Senator has not been indicated.

ULTIMATUM ISSUED BY RAILWAYMEN

Demand Settlement of Dispute by Arbitration

Sydney, N.S., Dec. 23.—On and after December 23 the employees of the Canadian National Railway will refuse to handle freight of any kind originating or destined for the properties of the Dominion Steel Corporation and the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company until these corporations consent to submit the present difficulties with striking railwaymen, formerly employees in their yards, to a board of arbitration.

This announcement was made here yesterday by John W. Cockwell, locomotive engineer, chairman of the striking yardmen at the local steel plant.

A letter containing the announcement and signed by a committee representing respectively the engineers, firemen, trainmen and conductors of the Canadian National Lines, has been sent to Assistant General Manager W. A. Kingsland, of Montreal.

A total of about 150 railwaymen in the employ of the Dominion Steel Corporation and Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company has been in progress for a month.

Frightfulness Charged Against Nippon Troops

Washington, Dec. 23.—A statement charging Japanese military authorities with deeds more "frightful and barbarous" than anything ever alleged to have occurred in Belgium during the world war, was issued here to-day by the Korean Commission, based, the Commission said, on authentic reports received by it from Manchuria.

Hunchun District. The Japanese punitive expedition sent to the Hunchun district following the clash last November between Japanese troops and Korean insurgents was alleged to have burned thirty-two villages, "killed all the male inhabitants of the district" and "massacred 145 peaceful inhabitants." In one town, where one house was burned, it was added, "with women and children inside."

"Authentic reports received by the Korean Commission in Washington, the statement said, show a total of 288 non-combatants arrested and executed, of whom eighty-six were

SEARCH CONTINUES FOR MISSING BALLOON

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—(Canadian Press)—Lieut. Albert W. Evans, of the United States Naval Service has so far received no word of the naval balloon missing from the Rockaway air station. Lieut. Evans is directing the search from Ottawa. Both the Canadian Air Board and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are lending every assistance possible, but little can be done till some definite clue is obtained of the whereabouts of the balloon.

RECENT IMMIGRATION REGULATION SCORED

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 23.—The Windsor Building Trades Council at its last regular meeting of the year, scored the new regulation of the Immigration Department under which foreigners entering Canada are compelled to have \$250 in cash in their possession. Members of the Council declared that in their opinion it was undesirable to prevent American citizens from entering this country, as should the United States wish to retaliate by adopting similar measures, Canadians would ultimately prove the heavier losers.

DR. TOLMIE ACTS ON UNEMPLOYMENT

Minister Wires C.N.R. Heads Regarding Reserve Work

Consults With Local Bodies; Pressing Dock Question

Hon. S. F. Tolmie, Minister of Agriculture in the Dominion Government, arrived in Victoria yesterday afternoon, and immediately commenced to take up with representatives of local organizations the unemployment situation prevailing here at present with a view to making representations on the subject to the Ottawa authorities.

When interviewed by The Times this morning, Dr. Tolmie reiterated his statement, conveyed to the city in telegrams, that tenders for the construction of the Esquimalt drydock would be opened this week and considered immediately but, for good reasons, he was unable to forecast exactly when it would be possible to commence work on the dock.

The Minister announced that he had wired D. R. Hanna, President of the Canadian National Railways, to find out just what the railway heads intended to do about establishing permanent railway terminals on the Reserve. Dr. Tolmie expects an early reply from Mr. Hanna, and meantime will meet the community council composed of representatives of local organizations this afternoon, and secure complete information concerning industrial conditions here, so that he may make suitable proposals to the Government.

Dr. Tolmie will remain in Victoria until early in January, when he will leave for Texas, proceeding then to Ottawa. Most of his time here will be taken up with consideration of various local matters, which have been laid before him.

AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE IN BRAZIL

Bainbridge Colby Welcomed at Rio de Janeiro

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 23.—Bainbridge Colby, American Secretary of State, paid a visit to the Senate yesterday afternoon and later made a call on the House of Representatives and the Supreme Court.

Mr. Colby, who in 1906 addressed Eilhu Root, then Secretary of State, on behalf of the Senate, to-day acted in a similar capacity for Mr. Colby.

Mr. Colby referred to the history of the United States from the days of George Washington to the late war. Mr. Ellis said Brazil and the United States were destined in the future, as in the past, to tread the same path.

BODIES OF ENTOMBED MINERS RECOVERED

Four Victims in Black Diamond Mine Accident

Seattle, Dec. 23.—The bodies of four men, entombed by a cave-in at the Slope Mine of the Pacific Coast Coal Company at Black Diamond, Wash., yesterday, were recovered by rescue gangs to-day after more than twelve hours of digging.

The dead: Frank Nivens, 45, timberman; Joe Grill, 50, miner; Frank Duahy, 65, timberman; Charles Hevlin, 50, miner.

The bodies of the victims were taken in charge by W. H. Corson, chief deputy coroner for King County, who went to conduct an investigation into the cause of the accident.

CONSTITUTIONALITY OF TAX SUSPENSION IS NOW QUESTIONED

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The Ottawa Citizen to-day publishes the following in its news columns: "While the removal of the luxury taxes has been received with such favor that there is not likely to be any question raised, it is understood that there was some divided official opinion as to the constitutionality of the action, and it is anticipated that the question will be referred to in the coming session. The point was whether it could be done, as it was by Order-in-Council, or whether it required an Act of Parliament. The Minister of Finance took what he considered to be the same course without having any regard to technicalities making the action absolutely safe."

Fiume, D'Annunzian Stronghold, Is Now Closely Invested

Alpini Battalions Thrown About City and Italian Fleet Patrols Gulf of Quarnero; Civilians Ordered to Leave; Shelling On Frontier.

Trieste, Dec. 23.—Strong cordons of Alpini, brigaded into probably a score of battalions, have been thrown about Fiume and have completely isolated that city by land. The Italian fleet, which has its headquarters at Pola, is scouring the Gulf of Quarnero day and night for d'Annunzio raiders, and searchlights play on the waters from twilight till dawn.

Following the issuance of orders to establish a close blockade, General Cavaglia, Italian commander, directed that foreign citizens and civilians in Fiume be given forty-eight hours to leave the city.

Military Works Razed. London, Dec. 23.—Military operations have been begun by Italian Government troops against forces in and about Fiume commanded by Captain Gabriele d'Annunzio, who refuses to evacuate the city and permit Italy to put into operation the provisions of the Treaty of Rapallo. Dispatches received here state that military works along the line marking the frontier of d'Annunzian legionaries who have been razed and an Italian destroyer is said to have shelled d'Annunzio batteries on the island of Veglia, southwest of Fiume.

An attempt on the part of d'Annunzio to seize control of the Dalmatian Canal, running down the Dalmatian coast behind a screen of low islands, has been foiled. Men dispatched by Castel Venier, north of Zara, a point which commands the southern entrance to the canal, were forced to retreat, some of them being captured and others disarmed.

ALLESANDRI IS NEW PRESIDENT OF CHILE

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 23.—Arturo Alessandri yesterday was inaugurated President of Chile.

SALLY BY PREMIER

Lloyd George Jocularly Refers to Balfour's Celibacy

London, Dec. 23.—(Canadian Associated Press)—Mr. Lloyd George, speaking at a luncheon given by members of Parliament at the House of Commons to overseas delegates of the League of Nations, described Sir George Foster, Canadian Minister of Trade and Commerce, as a veteran Canadian statesman whose reputation had already gone far beyond the boundaries of the great continent he represents.

"Sir George," said the Premier, "has entered recently another league—I understand the Right Hon. Arthur Balfour was present at the wedding representing Great Britain. I have no doubt that Sir George will return the compliment when Mr. Balfour does likewise."

Much laughter greeted this sally, especially as older generations of Westminster parliamentarians are fully persuaded that Mr. Balfour, who is one year younger than Sir George Foster, has not yet turned thirty. At least he exhibited the slightest leaning toward matrimony.

Sir George, in replying on behalf of the delegates to the League of Nations Assembly from the Dominion, said that the bringing of the people's representatives together was alone worth all it cost. Within a week all the delegates were boon companions.

Sir George concluded by declaring that the British Empire was stronger than ever to-day through the meeting of the League of Nations Assembly at Geneva's.

STOCKS OF LUXURY STAMPS NOW USELESS

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Nothing is known yet what is to be done with regard to the large stocks of luxury stamps stocked up at various stores and banks in the city in preparation for the Christmas trade, many thousands of dollars worth of which have been issued.

ROME IS SUSPICIOUS OF Religious Organization

Rome, Dec. 23.—The Holy Office issued a decree to-day asking Catholic bishops to watch "an organization which, while professing absolute freedom of thought in religious matters, instills indifference and apostasy to the Catholic religion in the minds of its adherents."

The decree mentions the Young Men's Christian Association by name, saying it is upheld by many Catholics, who do not know its real nature. The decree says the organization corrupts the faith of youths.

Impartial Attitude. Rome, Dec. 23.—Clergy of the Roman Catholic Church in Upper Silesia must maintain an absolutely impartial attitude during the plebiscite which will determine the future status of that region. Pope Benedict told Prince Agam Stephen Sapieha, bishop of Cracow, who was received by the Pontiff

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS

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TOWNLEY IS OUT AS LEAGUE CHIEF

Non-Partizan Dictator to Organize Farmers

Fargo, N. D., Dec. 23.—A. C. Townley has passed out as supreme director of the affairs of the Non-Partisan League in North Dakota, according to Christ Levang, Non-Partisan League State Senator, speaking as a representative of the State headquarters of the league. Addressing a gathering of Non-Partisan League farmers at Langdon, Mr. Levang said Mr. Townley has elected to spend his entire time engaged in the work of organizing farmers in States outside of North Dakota.

Succeeding Townley as the active head and directing genius of the Non-Partisan League in North Dakota is William Lemke of Fargo, Attorney-General elect. He long has been associated with Townley as a member of the executive committee of the Non-Partisan League, but it is known they have not been in accord as to league policies for some time.

In addressing the league farmers in Langdon, Mr. Levang said the league hereafter would be directed by a State committee of actual farmers and that the farmers themselves would hire the State manager. Herebefore the league's affairs have been directed entirely by Mr. Townley as president.

Mr. Levang explained that Mr. Townley regarded his work in North Dakota as having been completed. He said he had made a tour of the entire State, holding meetings with league members for the purpose of explaining the new situation. He said he had made a tour of the entire State, holding meetings with league members for the purpose of explaining the new situation. He said he had made a tour of the entire State, holding meetings with league members for the purpose of explaining the new situation.

Throughout important Non-Partisan League councils of workers held during the last three weeks, incident to the strained financial situation in North Dakota, Mr. Townley has been absent. Not until Senator Levang's statement was it known outside of league circles that Townley would no longer be the active head of the work in this State.

Mr. Townley founded the Non-Partisan League about six years ago, but on January 1 next, when the new administration is inaugurated, the State House of Representatives will be controlled by the forces opposed to the Non-Partisan League, and the league will have no political voice in the State Senate.

**CLOSING EXERCISES
AT SHAWNIGAN SCHOOL**

Shawnigan Lake, Dec. 22.—The Shawnigan School held their closing exercises on Friday afternoon last. Quite a number of parents, school trustees and friends attended and listened with a great deal of pleasure to a splendid programme of recitation, dialogues, choruses, etc. Following the programme, each child was given a horn of home-made candy by their teacher, Mr. Head, secretary of the School Board, then expressed the appreciation of the school for the entertainment they had had and also complimented the teacher, Miss Blake, on the excellent progress the children had made during the past term under her able tuition. The exercises closed with the National Anthem.

The closing exercises of the Shawnigan School were held on Friday evening last. A splendid programme by the children started the entertainment, following which Santa Claus called and distributed the presents from the Christmas tree. Both children and grown-ups then sat down to a most bounteous supper, after which the floor was cleared for dancing. A great deal of praise is due the teacher, Miss Dyke, for her interesting work in making the evening such an unqualified success.

Mrs. Wm. Hayward, who has been visiting her parents in Spokane, Wash., has returned to the Lake. Owing to the Christmas holidays, the usual mid-monthly meeting of the Shawnigan Women's Institute has been dispensed with this month.

STILL HOPE FOR PEACE IN IRELAND

Negotiations to Be Continued; Prospects of Success

Dublin, Dec. 23.—There is no truth in the rumors that peace negotiations have been broken off, the Associated Press is authoritatively informed. There has been only a hitch in the peace discussion, and the belief is expressed that negotiations will soon be resumed with good prospects of success.

It is reported that Archbishop Cuneo has returned to London for further consultations with the British Prime Minister. The Archbishop, upon his previous trip to London, is said to have obtained from the Government an outline of the terms on which the Government is ready to arrange a truce with the republican army, and some idea of the conditions the Government is prepared to grant the Sinn Fein for a settlement of the question of independence.

No Arrest.

London, Dec. 23.—The Central News in a dispatch from Dublin says

that should Eamonn de Valera, president of the "Irish Republic," arrive in Ireland no attempt will be made to arrest him. This statement was attributed to officials in Dublin.

The dispatch adds that conversations regarding possible peace in Ireland continue, and that developments in the situation are expected.

Occupy City Hall.

Dublin, Dec. 23.—Military forces to-day occupied the city hall and municipal buildings in accordance with the demand of General Boyd, commander of the Dublin district, who sent a notice to the Dublin corporation requesting possession of the buildings. A large portion of the public services will be discontinued, as no other offices have been secured.

Sentries were posted and the erection of defenses carried out yesterday. When the city officials arrived only the town clerk, his assistant and two employees in his department were allowed to enter.

FOR MARRIED MEN ONLY

When your razor is dull as a hoe, ask your wife if she wants a pair of her corns. Get her Putnam's Corn Extractor; it's the only painless and safe relief. All dealers sell "Putnam's" at 25c. per bottle.

Prices for hogs in Omaha now average \$5.50 per hundred pounds, the lowest level since Jan. 15, 1917.

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WOMEN'S TILES WORRY LONDON

"Dame" or "Lady" Is Question For Feminine Wearers of Decorations

London, Dec. 23.—"Dame" as a title for women decorated with the "Most Excellent Order of the British Empire" (established in 1917 as a reward for meritorious work for the empire) is distasteful to many of them. They call it stilted and antiquated.

Some distinguished women have asked that it be dropped and they be simply called "Mrs." or "Miss."

Others want "Lady" substituted. They say that as the Dames (Dames Cross of the British Empire rank higher in the ordinary precedence than the wives of Knights Grand Cross, they should be able to take the preferred title of "Lady" which is enjoyed by women of lower rank. Even the Dames Commanders of the British Empire rank higher than the wives of Knights Commanders of the Bath, Star of St. Michael and St. George, and many other orders which carry the title of "Lady."

"Debreit" comments: "The question which arises whether Dames Commanders of the Order who may already be wives of knights should still themselves be Lady or Dame should seem to depend on whether the lady's precedence as a female is higher than her precedence as the wife of a knight, or vice versa. The formal address of 'My Lady' or 'Your Ladyship' should not be denied to all Dames Grand Cross and Dames Commanders."

**SERIOUS FACTIONAL
CLASH IN ITALY**

Four Killed and Thirty Wounded at Ferrara

Bologna, Dec. 23.—A serious clash occurred at Ferrara in the Socialists had organized a demonstration in protest against the recent attacks in Bologna upon Social deputies.

Four persons were killed and more than thirty wounded before the police and troops were rushed to the spot.

Fifteen Red Guards were arrested. More than 10,000 persons gathered for the Socialist demonstration. The Socialists believed the absence of police and carabinieri from the scene would aid in avoiding trouble.

The theatre was decorated with red flags. In the royal box the coat of arms of the house of Savoy was replaced by a portrait of Nikkai Lenin, the Russian Soviet Premier.

While the Nationalists in military formation issued from their quarters to carry out a parade through the streets singing war songs and shouting the cry of "D'Annunzio." At first the Nationalists were confronted by male nurses from the lunatic asylum.

A stampede of the people followed immediately. In the shooting, which continued only a few minutes, the screams of the horror-stricken could be heard above the volleys.

**TOUCHING SCENES
AT MONUMENT TO
UNKNOWN WARRIOR**

London, Dec. 23.—Scores of touching instances have been witnessed at the tomb of Britain's "Unknown Warrior" in Westminster Abbey, as long lines of men, women and children have passed the black marble slab covering the grave for several days since the burial there of the unidentified soldier.

The fact that no one knows the name of the man who lies beneath the slab leads many to offer tributes in the hope perhaps that the body is that of a missing son. The mother of one of the thousands of unknown warriors, any one of whom might be reposing in Westminster Abbey, laid three war medals, the Mons Star, the Victoria Medal and the British War Medal on the grave as she passed in the line. They had been awarded to her only son who was wounded three times and afterwards reported missing.

A soldier's modest offering of flowers bore the inscription: "In loving memory of my two pals and all the other pals who are hallowed to the working man. They offer a quick panacea that like all quick remedies fail to cure and have injurious after effects."

"Efficient production is the only guarantee of employment and of higher wages. Never in our lifetime have the shelves of the world been so bare. Examine the volume of production in most any of the great staple lines of industry and you will find that during the past two years there has been a smaller annual production than at any time since 1912. In this country the development of many of our industries has been starved during the war. This has been notably the case with our railroads."

"In Europe and throughout the world there is a demand for everything we can make."

"At the moment our export trade hangs by a slender thread. The extensions have been moving altogether too much in our favor. We are rapidly getting into the position where the whole world owes us money and yet cannot pay it."

Must Support Europe

"The whole world owes the United States money and the whole world is hungry for the things the United States can supply. Not quite a year ago, one of our great financiers returned from Europe and suggested that we create a revolving fund of \$500,000,000 to finance the absolute requirements of Europe and start the countries in distress on their way to self support. Perhaps he did not state the correct sum, but for lack of our ability to sell to Europe through having sufficient credit, available, the value of the farm production of this country which Europe would like to buy has decreased during the past few months not hundreds of millions but billions of dollars."

"If the business of the United States is to go forward as it must go forward, our people must take a world view. We must think internationally. We must trust in the good faith and in the productive power of Europe, sending to them our raw materials and goods to enable them to resume productivity and accepting in payment therefor securities representing their productive activities."

To Emerge With Vigor

"It is a hopeful sign of the time that the farmers and the small manufacturers of the country are beginning to recognize the vital importance of this factor in the situation."

SCHWAB VIEWS MADE REACTION AS BUSINESS AID

Getting Rid of Impurities, He Says; Urges More Efficiency

New York, Dec. 23.—It is the conviction of Charles M. Schwab that the existing slump in business is good for it, being not in the essence of American business, but merely a process by which it is getting rid of the impurities that are in it.

In a speech as president of that organization at the annual dinner of the Pennsylvania Society at the Waldorf-Astoria, he declared that, as an optimist who never can see the top in American business, it was his belief that nothing could be healthier than the condition through which the country now is passing.

"It had to come," he said, "I only wish it had come sooner. The severer the storm is now the more quickly it will be over and the sooner we will emerge into clear weather and shape our course on the sea of prosperity. Business in the United States since the war started until very recently has been upon a false basis. The result of the experience through which we have passed is that our costs have inflated and we have indulged in wasteful and extravagant methods."

"The supreme virtue of the existing situation is that it is compelling every man in America to examine thoroughly his costs of doing business and his cost of living, and the result is to force all business and individuals to economize and to save."

"I hear men say that the greatest need of the hour is the liquidation of labor. In saying this many have in mind the high wages now being paid to labor and industry, and mean that labor must adjust itself to a new standard of living."

What Wages Will Buy

"Now, the laboring man is primarily interested not in the amount of money paid to him, but what his money will buy. If the cost of living comes down there is no question that our American laboring man will gain his present standard of living even though his wages as stated in dollars amounts to a lesser sum than before."

"The laboring man is entitled to his full share for the contribution he makes to the value of an article. The laboring man should be taken into the fullest confidence of his employers. He should be sure of getting his fair share of the wealth he produces that he will work with zeal and enthusiasm."

Labor Must Produce More

"Certain it is that unless the great body of men throughout the world work with might and main to restore that which has been lost by the destructiveness of war, this world will sink to a lower level of civilization than we have been accustomed to enjoy. Labor must work as it has never worked before if it is to produce a sufficient quantity of goods to make possible the standard of wages which have been enjoyed during the war."

"Not merely increased production, but increased efficiency in production is essential."

"When there has been a custom of thoroughly studying and coping with these problems of economy make up their minds to go ahead and to produce to the utmost on a smaller margin of profit than they have been accustomed to realize in the years of inflation, then our course will have been set toward a haven of safety and progress."

Cut Down Expenditures

"Economy in Government expenditures is also of vital importance. If Government sets the example of waste and extravagance those evils will persist in the private lives of the citizens."

"There is need of immediate revision of our tax laws. While the war lasted we have put up with a makeshift, policy based on expediency and expediency. Now that the time for real adjustment has come it is the duty of citizens to see to it that taxes are not imposed which encourage extravagance and take from industry the opportunity to invest its earnings. Only by such investments can factories be kept running, and the more factories kept running at full time, the more men will be required to work the greater will be their output and the higher their wages."

Development Starved

"It is to the interest of Government to work with business, to encourage it and protect it. Government cannot guarantee wages; it cannot guarantee employment. Laws that pretend to do this are harmful to the working man. They offer a quick panacea that like all quick remedies fail to cure and have injurious after effects."

"Efficient production is the only guarantee of employment and of higher wages. Never in our lifetime have the shelves of the world been so bare. Examine the volume of production in most any of the great staple lines of industry and you will find that during the past two years there has been a smaller annual production than at any time since 1912. In this country the development of many of our industries has been starved during the war. This has been notably the case with our railroads."

"In Europe and throughout the world there is a demand for everything we can make."

"At the moment our export trade hangs by a slender thread. The extensions have been moving altogether too much in our favor. We are rapidly getting into the position where the whole world owes us money and yet cannot pay it."

Must Support Europe

"The whole world owes the United States money and the whole world is hungry for the things the United States can supply. Not quite a year ago, one of our great financiers returned from Europe and suggested that we create a revolving fund of \$500,000,000 to finance the absolute requirements of Europe and start the countries in distress on their way to self support. Perhaps he did not state the correct sum, but for lack of our ability to sell to Europe through having sufficient credit, available, the value of the farm production of this country which Europe would like to buy has decreased during the past few months not hundreds of millions but billions of dollars."

"If the business of the United States is to go forward as it must go forward, our people must take a world view. We must think internationally. We must trust in the good faith and in the productive power of Europe, sending to them our raw materials and goods to enable them to resume productivity and accepting in payment therefor securities representing their productive activities."

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**DRUGS STOLEN FROM
CONSTABLE'S OFFICE**

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Opium, cocaine and morphine to the value of \$78,000 were stolen from the vault in the private office of High Constable St. Marie during the night. The burglar smashed a window in the office, opened the door of a desk containing a key to the vault and with the key secured access to the strong room. They took out two trunks containing the drugs and made away in an automobile. The robbery was committed in the face of four watchmen stationed on the premises.

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"SWEETHEART'S TIFF"

Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 23.—Mrs. Ed Bailey, twenty-one, gave herself up Wednesday night to the police, and told them she had shot and killed Clarence Hogan, of Oakland. "It was a sweetheart's tiff," she said.

The police found Hogan's body near the corner of Lincoln and Piedmont streets here, where the woman said it lay.

Mrs. Bailey said she had a husband in Winnipeg. Hogan was a salesman.

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RAILWAY MEN CLOSE CO-OPERATIVE SHOPS

Say They Can Run Locomotives, But Not Grocery Shops

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 23.—The Progressive Mutual Mercantile Company, a corporation formed by members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers in St. Louis, has closed the three co-operative stores it opened early this year and its affairs are being adjusted by a committee. Losses will amount to nearly \$32,000, it is said.

The 600 stockholders, most of them engineers, will each lose the \$25 invested, and creditors who have claims aggregating nearly \$14,000 will receive about \$5,000, it is declared.

"We can run locomotives but we can't run groceries," was the way C. E. Lindquist, General Chairman of Terminal Railroad Engineers and Vice President of the corporation summed up the situation. "I have come to the conclusion that a co-operative store cannot be a success in a large city."

The first store was opened in February, after \$5,200 in stock had been sold. Two months later a dividend of 10 per cent was declared on the stock. That was the only return stockholders received. Additional shares, at \$25 each aggregating \$6,000, were sold and the second store was opened. Following the sale of another \$5,000 of stock, the third store was started.

A. H. Hamilton was manager of the three stores until September, when he was displaced by his assistant, Frank C. Enny, a locomotive engineer.

"There are two reasons for failure of the stores," Lindquist asserted. "One is inexperienced management and the other is competition. I have concluded that a co-operative store can be a success only in a small town, where the competition is not so strong and the housewife can be educated to do all the trading at one store."

"Another factor is that the stockholders themselves do not do all their purchasing at their own stores. That was true even of myself. We also had too much overhead expense and bought too heavily."

RAILWAYS SEEKING HIGHER RATE FOR LIQUOR FREIGHTS

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—The movement of liquor by freight to supply the dispensary systems of Ontario and other Provinces in order that the thousands of orders based upon doctors' prescriptions may be filled, was considered by the Railway Board Tuesday.

The basis of the discussion was the application of the railways for a change in the classification of liquor moving in less than carload lots which would virtually double the present rates. The chief objection to the proposed increase in rates came from Manager Birmingham of the Ontario Government dispensary system, which, of necessity, must import liquor in large quantities to supply the legalized demand for medicinal purposes. Mr. Birmingham argued that if the higher rates were granted the cost of the liquor would be materially increased.

Counsel for the railways appeared to regard the freight movement of liquor as a nuisance because of the many claims arising for breakages. They likewise expressed surprise that practically the only opposition to the higher rate should come from the manager of the Ontario dispensary system.

PROPOSALS TO AVERT THREATENED SLUMP IN MINING INDUSTRY

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—Fearing that the present period of depression may result in a serious falling off in the gold and silver production of British Columbia, Boards of Trade in two widely separated cities of the Province are taking steps to prevent such a catastrophe. Both proposals rely for their success upon Dominion or Provincial Government co-operation. It is claimed that the closing of the mines will throw many more men on the labor market.

Nicol Thompson, chairman of the Mining Bureau of the Vancouver Board of Trade, has written Hon. Wm. Sloan, Provincial Minister of Mines, and the Department of Mines at Ottawa, urging the necessity for steps being taken to prevent gold production from falling off. The removal of all taxation on gold mines until conditions are again normal, the return to Canada of all gold produced from exported ores, and that in regard to gold sent by the mint at Ottawa or the Dominion assay office for industrial purposes, the selling price shall cover the normal cost of production, and surplus revenue being distributed among the gold mining companies in proportion to production, were the recommendations made to alleviate the situation.

DUNCAN NOTES.

Duncan, B.C., Dec. 23.—St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sunday School held their annual Christmas party in the Oddfellows' Hall. It was the largest attendance on record in the history of the Sunday School, a real jolly evening being spent in games for the children. Misses Cowie, Henderson, Fleming, Mrs. M. Bell and W. Muehle, assisted with refreshments. Rev. A. F. Munro and Mrs. Somerville presented pretty fancy boxes containing candy, nuts and oranges to each child. The Ladies' Guild prepared a pleasant surprise for the Rev. A. F. and Mrs. Munro by presenting them with a turkey, also Mrs. W. Muehle a fountain pen as a token of good wishes for the past five years services as secretary of the Guild. The bus brought in a number of Salttram scholars. All appeared to enjoy themselves most heartily and joined in singing "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," and "God Save the King" ended a delightful and happy party.

With their children by previous marriage making part of the wedding party, Amelle W. P. Conrow, former New York society girl, and Rudolph J. Bodner, author, were married in Washington at 12.01 a.m. one minute after the bride had obtained a divorce.

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EASIER TO FIND DOMESTIC HELP

Wages Drop One-fourth; Labor Supply Increases

New York, Dec. 23.—Wages of domestic help have decreased approximately twenty-five per cent in the last few weeks and the supply of household labor is now considerably in excess of the demand, according to managers of employment agencies. By most of them the change in conditions is attributed to the increased flow of immigration, shutting down of factories and the gradual petering out of more attractive jobs produced by the war.

There is, of course, at this time of year, a regularly repeated slackening in the demand for domestic help, due to the shutting down of large country houses and the change to city quarters which require less upkeep. The growth in popularity of the apartment hotel is cutting down the number of necessary servants still more, but the employment managers are of the opinion that these factors do not sufficiently account for the change in the situation that has taken place during the last two months and particularly during the last four weeks.

The increased supply of domestic labor includes all classes and divisions, from butler to chambermaid. The most significant feature of it is that a return to the fold of the "general" houseworker has come about. Two months ago the girl who was willing to cook, wash, act as maid and serve in a few other emergency capacities had for all practical purposes disappeared. She would cook; yes—at a hundred a month or better; she would hire out as a laundress or as a maid, but she insisted on her specialty. Since October, however, the manager of one big uptown agency said he has had hundreds of applications for "general" work.

Cooks Much Cheaper—While demobilization was in progress it appeared as if every second discharged soldier tried to get a job as chef. For a time these places were plentiful, and until a couple of months ago chauffeurs could command at least \$25 a month. Applicants who are fortunate enough to get jobs are being offered \$90 to \$100.

The decline in wages struck chauffeurs first, but there has been a dropping in wages of all household employees, which has gained considerably in momentum during the last three weeks. Cooks can be had now for \$20 a week or at most \$25. As recently as two months ago wages of \$150 a month were not infrequently demanded and not infrequently paid. Cooks' wages have declined to a greater degree than any class of household worker.

The top scale for maids at present is \$16 a week, and that includes the "general" household workers. As recently as six weeks ago the pay was \$18 and more frequently \$20 a week, and it was nearly impossible to get general workers for that or any other amount. Before Spring comes, when the demand for domestic help is sure to see some increase, there is likely to be a further drop in wages, the employment managers predicted.

ANOTHER SUGAR DROP.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Another drop in the price of sugar was registered when one of the leading wholesale firms in the city cut their price for granulated from 11 to 10 cents. This is taken to mean that the sugar war has broken out again. The firm in question declares they are able to sell sugar at 10 cents and not lose money.

Mrs. Vowle's Cake Recipe

Three-quarters of a cupful of sugar, 1 tablespoon of melted butter, 1 egg, ¼ cupful of Pacific Milk, 1 cup of flour, 2 teaspoonfuls of baking powder, ¼ teaspoonful of salt; flavor to taste.

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THE LEAGUE'S OUTLOOK.

Few will disagree with Mr. Lloyd George when he declares that if the League of Nations is to make real progress every nation must be represented. He very naturally regards American membership as of prime importance and essential to complete success. Nevertheless there is no need to suppose that the League may achieve nothing of value without the aid of our neighbors to the South. All the discussions which took place at its first session indicate that it takes itself seriously. Differences of opinion arose; but there is value in free interchange of thought even at the expense of a few ugly situations. A body which comprises such a profusion of divergent outlook never would accomplish anything of importance unless its business could produce a little animated argument. And desirable as America's entry into the League would be it is a matter for congratulation that the first gathering of this enormously important body gave tangible shape to a new spirit of international dealing which eventually must appeal to the intelligent American mind.

FREE INDUSTRIAL SITES.

It has become the fashion with some municipalities seeking industries to provide a free site or special inducements in some other direction. It is a good idea. In many cases it has been a deciding factor in favor of the community willing to forego an immediate return in kind by contemplating the benefits that usually follow successful industrial development. There is no reason why Victoria should be unwilling to encourage any enterprising manufacturer who is looking for a site upon which to build a factory. The City Council would do well to discuss a proposal along these lines. It undoubtedly appreciates the fact that a decision to provide accommodation of this kind would not hinder local expansion even if results were slow in coming. It has plenty of property on its hands which might be set aside for the purpose.

SMILLIE AGAIN.

If Robert Smillie really intended to resign from the presidency of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain upon the settlement of the recent coal strike he seems to be taking his time about it. As a matter of fact he has bobbed up again with the old cry of nationalization. But he is rather more courageous in his predictions. He no longer confines his attention to Great Britain's industry; he sees the day close at hand when international action to secure the nationalization of coal mines in every country will be taken. Mr. Smillie does not go into details. He gives no indication of the manner in which the miners' Millennium will be brought about. But it does not require a very shrewd observer of Mr. Smillie's chief stock in trade to select the course which he would advocate. It will be argued that he adopted a moderate attitude towards the end of the coal crisis; that he urged the men to accept the Government's proposals. He did; but he had a fairly good idea of the weight of public opinion and he governed himself accordingly. The real Mr. Smillie is seen in his earlier pronouncement when he declared that "there is nothing which would justify the prevention of a strike." The drift of his new belief may be gathered from this reflection of his doctrine.

IS THIS RIGHT?

If we interpret the new order of the S. C. R. correctly hospital patients taking vocational training in woodwork are to be asked to pay a large increase in the price of the wood they use or deliver their handwork over to the Department in order that it may convert it into profit for the State. Hitherto hardwood was obtainable by the men at twenty cents per foot. Operative from December 1 the price advanced to forty-five and fifty cents per foot. Soft wood was advanced to seven and a half cents per foot or something like twenty-five dollars per thousand in excess of the price for which the product could be laid down at Ottawa. The men are obliged to make their purchases out of their pay of ten dollars per month and it does not require a great deal of imagination to appreciate the handicap which the advance in price must impose. The pay itself does not enable the patient to waste his substance on riotous living; but the occasional sale of his own handwork adds a little to his meagre stipend and gives him a taste of the independence of which his battle injuries robbed him. To make a profit out of its disabled heroes is not a business which the country will approve.

IRISH BILL PASSED.

There is no rejoicing in Ireland over the passage of the Home Rule Bill. Suggestions already are beginning to be made that its provisions may never go into effect. Much stranger things have happened. The whole world would be startled out of its skin were the Irish people to demonstrate any desire to apply the measure in practice. In the meantime the country is an armed camp because there is a sufficient number of malcontents who persist in attempting to detach Erin's Isle from the British Empire by any and every means available. Until reason replaces murder the Home Rule bill will have about as much effect upon the Irish question as the Villard Commission.

WHY HOLLAND KICKED.

It has been divulged that diplomatic relations were severed with Serbia by the Netherlands Government because responsible authority in the Slav state refused to express regret over the treatment meted out to the Dutch consul in Belgrade. It is right and proper, of course, that consular agents in foreign countries should be treated at least as well and as courteously as the nationals of the country in which their official duties lie. But at a stage in the world's history when half a hundred states have banded themselves together for the common good of humanity Holland's action once more exemplifies and emphasizes the old school of diplomacy and furnishes additional proof that its dangerous practices will make a slow exit from international affairs in Europe.

NOTE AND COMMENT

Both parties have claimed the majority of the absentee votes which are being counted to-day.

According to a Toronto dispatch the prices of clothing are expected to rise. This is a new kind of a fairy tale.

Italy has established a close blockade of Fiume. The soner the poet-warrior completely loses his balance the better.

Vancouver Island miners are to be congratulated upon their magnificent showing in the St. John's Ambulance first aid championship competition.

Mr. Lloyd George has not the slightest doubt that when Mr. Balfour decides to take unto himself a wife Sir George Foster will repay the loan of a "best man."

To-day is the day on which the fate of one or two parliamentary candidates may be changed from membership in the next Legislature to an "also ran" in the recent election.

Recognizing the inevitable, public bodies in Great Britain are coming to peaceable terms upon which the workless shall

use public buildings which they already have seized in many places.

Sir James Loughheed suggests that the British Prime Minister could not have been correctly reported on his reference to emigration within the Empire as the solution to the Motherland's unemployment difficulties. Is it not the case that many public men on the other side of the Atlantic do not understand conditions in Canada, Mr. Lloyd George included?

OTHER PAPERS' VIEWS

JUST GLOOM
(The Toronto Star.)

For the past eight or nine days Toronto has been almost completely cut off from sight of the sun. This is unusual. An Englishman who has resided here for several years tells us that he can recall no other such sunless period since his arrival in the country. There are some who are disposed to attribute the present prevalence of severe colds to the shutting off of the sun's health-giving rays. As to that we hesitate to venture an opinion, but from certain phenomena that have come under our observation during the past few days we are leaning to the conclusion that the absence of the sun's rays is having its effect on the human mind. Or is it only some minds that are so influenced? Let us give the facts. A newspaper office has many callers, and usually they are of many kinds, but during these sunless days they all seem to be dejected and filled with gloomy forebodings. One man called to complain about the behavior of the sun itself. He fears the worst. The planets, he says, were cast off by the sun long ago, and what he suspects is that the great orb of fire is due for another explosion. Those spots on the sun which have caused so much discussion, are, he thinks, the fissures and crevices which indicate the coming break-up. The longer this man discussed his fears the more alarmed became he, and what would one say to soothe him except to point out that even if the worst happened it would concern him no more than the rest of us. Another caller fears that the way things are going, the supply of mineral oil in the earth will be exhausted before we know it. This oil, he says, has been accumulating for ages, and we are drawing it off rapidly. He fears the supply will end suddenly, and here we shall be without millions of automobiles not one of which can turn a wheel. We shall have to go back to horses. He would have the League of Nations deal with this matter and forbid all unnecessary motoring so that oil may be conserved. Still another caller looks with fear on the League of Nations. He sees in it an attempt on the part of Europeans to seize the natural resources of Canada and get them out of our hands. The protests Mr. Rowell is making over there will, he fears, be in vain—we are in for it because Sir Robert Borden signed on behalf of Canada, and "they" will not let us back out now. We wish the sun would come out again, if only for a few hours. Under these overcast skies the human mind shows signs of being depressed. One bright sunny November day would probably dispel all these fears as to the sun, the oil supply, the League of Nations, and various other fears and glooms with which men are needlessly worrying themselves. There is tonic in sunlight, and some are badly off without it.

WHERE IT STARTED
 RIFLING GUNS
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The origin of the principle of rifled guns is in some doubt. The whirling motion of a feathered arrow probably suggested it to the early gunsmiths. The first rifle mentioned is noted in an inventory of the fortress of Gussella, near Parma, Italy, dated 1476. Here special mention is made of a gun with a spirally grooved bore.

WHY
 IS MISTLETOE USED AT CHRISTMAS TIME?
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In Scandinavian mythology, mistletoe figures as the material from which the arrow which slew Balder, the sun-god, was named, and among the ancient Druids, mistletoe was the object of a special veneration, being considered an antidote for all poisons. At the time of the Winter solstice, an almost universal festival period even among the pagan nations of Northern Europe, the mistletoe was gathered with great ceremony. Bulls and sometimes even human victims were sacrificed, and the mistletoe was distributed on the first day of the new year to the people as a mark of special favor on the part of the priests. In their turn, the people hung the sprays over the entrances to their houses, and lavished the berries to enter and seek shelter from the frost and cold. With the entrance of Christianity into the former strongholds of the Druids, the significance of mistletoe was lost sight of for many years, being supplanted by the holly, symbolic of the blood and thorns with which Christ was destined. The legends surrounding the white berries, however, particularly among the poorer classes, and little by little, mistletoe re-appeared in the kitchens and pantries, to be hung up at Christmas, and to impart the privilege of kissing whoever chanced to be caught under its mystic influence, a custom which undoubtedly an innocent survival of the Saturnalia of the ancient northern tribes, when riot and license ran loose.

"The stars incline, but do not compel"
HOROSCOPE
 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1920
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During the busy hours of this day Uranus is strongly adverse, according to astrology. In the evening Venus is in benefic aspect. The way is held most unlooked for those who desire to travel, delays and even accidents being indicated. Aviation is particularly to be avoided under this planetary government for it will be unusually dangerous. Women will not be fortunate to deal with, while this configuration prevails, for it is supposed to make them captious, changeable and fault-finding in business. The evening should be a most auspicious time for theatres. Actresses will benefit from the friendly sway of Venus. A young girl will suddenly rise to eminence. Love affairs are well directed at this time. The evening is a peculiarly lucky for weddings, since it gives promise of long life with few ups and downs. Importers and dealers in luxuries should profit greatly to-day for the planet that encourages the buying of gewgaws for women also gives indifference to cost. There is a sign read as most promising to organizations of social aim. Dances and other entertainments should be especially successful, since the stars are believed to impart a buoyancy of spirit and an access of enjoyment to all who engage in them. Increase in the number of land-owners in the United States will be

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unprecedented in the coming year. Beauty will be even more highly esteemed during coming years than it has been in the past, according to the stars, but its artificial aids will be discarded. Persons whose birthdate it is may have rather an unsettled year. Changes, however, will not be lucky. Children born on this day may be energetic and restless. The boys subject to this sign usually succeed well in the navy.

Weiler Bros Limited

Store Will Be Open To-night and To-morrow Night Until 9 o'clock.
 Store Will Be Closed All Day Monday.

Toy Clearance Continues

Lodges, Clubs, Churches and other institutions will find in this Clearance of our stock of Toys, an opportunity to purchase at the lowest possible prices. Everything must be sold by Friday evening, consequently prices are lowered to the farthest limit. Don't fail to visit this Toytown to-day or this evening, if you have children on your list to remember this Christmas.

Gilbert Toys and Erector Sets This assortment of nationally famous toys includes Telegraph or Wireless Sets, Card Trick Outfits, Chemistry Outfit, Soldering Outfit, Air-Kraft Set, Nurse's Set, and many others. Note the price reductions: Reg. \$7.50, now \$4.50 Reg. \$5.50, now \$3.00 Reg. \$3.75, now \$2.25 Reg. \$3.50, now \$2.00 Reg. \$2.25, now \$1.00	Kindergarten Furniture Cabinet, glass front with three shelves and mirror. Regular \$19.00, now \$9.50 Dressers, with or without mirror back: Reg. \$18.50, now \$14.00 Reg. \$12.50, now \$8.50 Reg. \$7.50, now \$5.50 Reg. \$5.50, now \$2.50 Reg. \$3.75, now \$2.00 Chiffoniers, in white or French grey enamel finishes: Reg. \$8.00, now \$6.00 Reg. \$2.00, now \$1.25 Dollie Beds, white enamel wood: Reg. \$5.00, now \$3.75 Reg. \$2.75, now \$2.75	Tables and Two Chairs, red or white enamel finishes. Regular \$5.00, now \$4.25 Chairs, reg. \$2.00, now \$1.50 Tea Wagons, regular \$12.50, now \$10.00 Cradles, reg. \$4.00, now \$3.00
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- Bread Trays, \$14.95 to \$6.30
- Salad Bowls, from \$3.60
- Teapots, \$18.00 to \$9.00
- Tramp Stands, \$11.25 to \$4.50
- Cup and Saucer \$7.90
- Fern Dishes, \$9.00 to \$4.05
- Pie Plates and Frames, \$16.20 to \$4.05
- Casserole and Frames, \$20.00 to \$4.80
- Bonbons, \$9.70 to \$5.25
- Marmalade Jars, from \$3.15
- Carvers, per pair \$3.60
- Carving Sets, three pieces in case, \$17.55 to \$12.35

Silverware Special

Pierced Sandwich Trays—Heavily silver plated. Regular at \$7.00. Now \$5.25
 Silver Plated Cake Baskets in attractive designs. Regular at \$10.00. Now \$7.00

English Eiderdown Comforters Attractively Priced

English Eiderdown Comforters, Size 72 x 72. Filled with best quality goose down and covered with down-proof saten in a range of beautiful colors. Regular at \$30.00. Christmas Special \$15.00

McIntosh's Sateen Covered Eiderdown Comforters, in a splendid range of colors, now specially priced as follows:
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McIntosh's Comforters, filled with No. 1 quality English goose down and covered with saten backs and satin tops, in many beautiful colorings. Specially priced as follows:
 Size 60 x 72, \$40.00, \$30.00 and \$25.00
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Women know the many splendid qualities of this transparent overware. A gift of "Pyrex" always pleases.

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- Bread Pans, \$2.50 and \$1.50
- Layer Cake Dishes, at \$1.35
- Utility Dishes, \$2.75 and \$1.75
- Platters, engraved \$2.75
- Gift Sets, 11 pieces, for \$10.50



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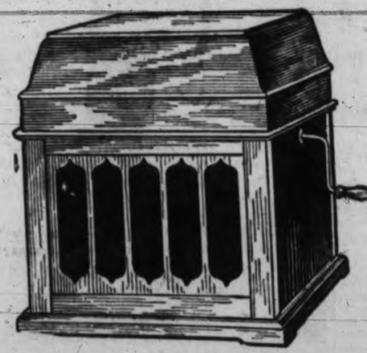
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Practical Gifts for Baby

Full-Over Drawers, in all-wool, fancy knit. A good value at **\$1.25** to **\$2.50**
 Babies' Padded Silk Kimonos, in pink, blue and floral effects. At **\$3.75**
 Babies' Hand-Made Jackets. At **\$1.75** to **\$2.50**
 Babies' Silk Sweater Coats, in white and pale blue. At **\$3.75**
 Babies' Short Dresses, in many pretty styles. At **\$1.25** to **\$4.75**
 Bibs, in many styles, at prices ranging from **15¢** to **\$1.00**
 Babies' Mittens, in large assortment. At a pair, **25¢** to **\$1.25**
 —Infants', First Floor

Useful Gifts for Children

Children's Cap and Scarf Sets, in brushed wool, shown in shades of rose, green, yellow, white and saxe. Values to \$3.50. Selling at **\$1.50**
 Children's White Fur Sets, in Thibet and Icelandic fox, all sizes and shapes; some trimmed with heads and tails. At, each piece, **\$4.50**, **\$6.75**, **\$8.75** and **\$12.75**
 Children's White Imitation Ermine Sets, suitable sizes for the ages of 2 to 6 years. Selling at, a set, **\$8.50** to **\$12.50**
 Also in mole, black and grey, at, a set, **\$10.50** to **\$12.50**
 Children's Jerseys, in plain weave, with sailor collar. In shades of rose, saxe, blue, emerald. Sizes to fit the ages of 4 to 10 years, and priced according to size at **\$3.75** to **\$4.50**
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Excellent Gifts at Low Prices

"Dove" Nightgowns, made of silk finished batiste and withery crepe. Designed in various styles and trimmed with hand embroidery and fancy stitching. Values to \$3.75 at **\$2.90**
 Nightgowns of fine nainsook, hand-made and hand-embroidered. Values to \$7.50 at **\$5.75**
 Envelope Chemises of crepe de Chine, with wide yoke of filet lace, others of satin trimmed with hand-embroidery. Values to \$6.75 for **\$4.45**
 Camisoles of silk satin and crepe de Chine, in many dainty styles. Values to \$3.75 at **\$2.45**
 Nightgowns of good grade silk, hemstitched and lace trimmed. Values to \$9.75 at **\$6.90**
 See these beautiful gift lines in the Whitewear Department.
 —First Floor—Phone 6896

A Great Assortment of Pretty Handkerchiefs for Gifts

Children's Fancy Handkerchiefs, 6 in a box, at **\$1.00**
 Colored Cambric Handkerchiefs, with initial, 3 in a box **\$1.00**
 Colored Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, 3 in a box **\$1.50**
 Embroidered Handkerchiefs, white and colored, 3 in a box **\$1.00**
 Linen Handkerchiefs, embroidered in white and colors, at, each **35¢**
 Colored Embroidered Handkerchiefs, at, each **50¢**
 Fancy Handkerchiefs, one and two in a box **50¢**
 Linen Handkerchiefs, at, each **25¢**
 Fine White Embroidered Handkerchiefs, at, each **75¢**
 Linen and Fancy Handkerchiefs, 3 in a box at **\$2.00** and **\$2.50**
 —Handkerchiefs, Main Floor

Winter Gaiters for Children

Substantial Gifts

Children's White Woolen Gaiters, knee length, with garter strap; sizes to fit from 1 to 3 years. All excellent values. At, a pair, **50¢**, **75¢** and **\$1.00**
 Colored Stockinette Gaiters, in saxe; sizes to fit the ages of 1, 2 and 3 years. At **\$1.25**
 Cloth Gaiters of good quality, in fawn and red; knee length, with garter strap in leather; sizes for the ages of 2, 3 and 4 years. Special at **\$2.25**
 Full-Over Combination Gaiters, in white stockinette, with elastic waist and buttoned at the ankle with six buttons; sizes to fit the ages of 2 and 3 years. At, a pair **\$2.50**
 White Corduroy Combination Gaiters; sizes to fit 2, 3 and 4 years. At, a pair, **\$2.50** to **\$3.50**
 —Children's, First Floor—Phone 6896

Choice Gifts in Cut Glass

Sugars and Creams, at **\$7.50** to **\$12.50**
 Vases of fine design. At **\$5.75** to **\$16.00**
 Well Cut Heavy Bowls, at **\$1.90** to **\$15.00**
 Bon-Bons, with handles. At **\$4.25** to **\$7.25**
 Celery Trays, neat styles, **\$5.90** to **\$12.50**
 Olive Dishes, your choice at **\$3.95** and **\$4.50**
 Butter Dishes, very pretty, at **\$3.75** to **\$9.00**
 Salt and Pepper Shakers, at **\$2.90** to **\$4.50**
 These and many other interesting articles are now awaiting your choice in the Cut Glass Department.
 —Lower Main Floor

French Ivory Hair Receivers

We have a considerable stock of French Ivory Hair Receivers, all designs, on which we are making a special reduction for Friday; selling 50¢ off all values from \$2.50 up.
 \$2.50 Receivers **\$2.00**
 \$2.75 Receivers **\$2.25**
 \$3.00 Receivers **\$2.50**
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 \$3.50 Receivers **\$3.00**
 \$3.75 Receivers **\$3.25**
 \$4.00 Receivers **\$3.50**
 We carry a full line of all French Ivory Articles, priced specially low. No luxury tax now.
 —Drugs, Main Floor

A CASH AND CARRY SALE IN TOYLAND

We have enlarged our Toy Department and allotted space for many tables of Toys, all marked at Prices that will clear them out quickly—We will dispose of all toys possible before Saturday and any contemplated Reductions will be made before Christmas—On the Sale Tables the Price of Toys will range as follows—**10¢, 15¢, 25¢, 35¢, 50¢, 75¢** and **\$1.00**—Each price represents extraordinary value—

In addition to the Bargain Table of Toys, we offer the following Bargain—

Artillery Cars at Special Prices		Army Service Cars at Special Prices	
No. 70, Artillery Car, with rubber tires. Regular \$8.25, on sale at \$6.00	No. 79, with rubber tires, Regular \$6.00, on sale at \$4.25	No. 72, Artillery Car, with rubber tires. Regular \$8.95, on sale at \$6.25	No. 80, Rubber tires, Regular \$6.50, on sale at \$4.50
No. 74, Artillery car, with rubber tires. Regular \$9.75, on sale at \$6.50	No. 81, Army Service Car, with rubber tires, Regular \$7.25, on sale at \$4.75	No. 70, Artillery Car, iron tires, Regular \$5.50, on sale at \$3.90	No. 79 Army Service Car, Iron tires, Regular \$4.35 on sale at \$2.25
No. 72, Artillery Car, iron tires, Regular \$6.00, on sale at \$4.25	No. 80 Army Service Car, Iron tires, Regular \$4.50 on sale at \$2.50	No. 74, Artillery Car, iron tires, Regular \$6.50, on sale at \$4.50	No. 81 Army Service car, Iron tires, Regular \$4.95, on sale at \$2.75
Special Cars		Tricycles	
Regular \$3.75 at \$1.75	Regular to \$4.50. On sale at \$3.75	Regular \$2.85 at \$1.50	each \$3.75
Toy Boats		Doll Buggies	
Well Made and Strong Regular \$2.35 values on sale at \$1.39	Regular \$6.75 at \$3.95	Regular \$5.50 at \$3.25	Regular \$4.50 at \$2.98
Regular \$2.75 at \$2.25	Regular \$3.50 at \$2.91	Regular \$4.25 at \$3.25	Regular \$4.50 at \$2.75
Kiddy Cars		Clockwork Trains	
Regular \$3.25 at \$2.25	Regular \$2.50 at \$1.69	Regular \$3.75 at \$2.75	Regular \$4.50 at \$2.75
Regular \$4.25 at \$3.25	Regular \$3.50 at \$2.91	Regular \$4.25 at \$3.25	Regular \$4.50 at \$2.75
Toy Drums			
All going at bargain prices			
—Regular \$4.50, on sale at \$1.98			
Christmas Stockings			
One of the Big Values. Regular \$1.50 at 98¢			
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Dump Carts, Regular \$3.75, on sale at \$2.00			
—Toys, Second Floor			

A Gift From the Men's Furnishings For Man or Boy

Pure Silk Knitted Ties, in individual boxes, at, each, **\$3.00** to **\$3.75**
 Men's Ties in knitted and fancy silk, with wide ends, at, each, **\$1.50** and **\$1.25**
 Boys' Fancy Silk Ties, in spots and brocades, at, each **75¢**
 Men's Suspenders, in pretty presentation boxes, at, a pair, **\$1.15** to **\$2.50**
 Leather and Suede Collar Boxes, in tan, grey and black, at, each, **\$2.50** and **\$3.75**
 These and scores of other pretty gifts, including Silk Shirts, Pyjamas, etc. A wonderful choice.
 —Men's Furnishings, Main Floor—Phone 2529

One of the Best Gifts for a Man—A Dressing Gown or Smoking Jacket

If you are wondering what you should select for husband, brother or friend, just call and examine our large selection of Dressing Gowns and Smoking Jackets. Now being offered at greatly reduced prices.
 Dressing Gowns of quality flannel, shown in very attractive shades. Regular \$16.75, now on sale at **\$10.00**
 Smoking Jackets, in plain and fancy materials, well and neatly trimmed. Regular to \$12.50, on sale at **\$7.50**
 See these good values in the Men's Clothing, Main Floor. —Phone 2529

Comforters for the Babies

The Best Gift of All

Comforters, all silk covered, in pale blue or pink, with pretty embroidered design or the word Baby embroidered in colors. Regular \$4.75 and \$5.25. Special at **\$3.75**
 Crib Comforters, down filled and covered with English sateen; made in England. Shown in saxe blue and old rose only. Regular \$7.50. Special at **\$5.75**
 Crib Blankets, in pale blue, patterned in nursery designs. A seasonal and dainty gift. At, each, **\$1.50**, **\$2.25**, **\$2.95**, **\$3.25** and **\$3.95**
 Crib Blankets, white with blue borders, very dainty. At, a pair, **\$3.95**, **\$4.95**, **\$5.95** and **\$3.50**
 See these pretty Crib Blankets in the Staple Department.
 —Main Floor—Phone 3950

Gift Opportunities in Blue Printed Fancy Cloths and Runners

Cloths, 72 x 90. Regular \$6.75. Offered at **\$4.35**
 Cloths, 60 x 80. Regular **\$5.00**
 Cloths, 60 x 60. Regular **\$3.75**
 Cloths, 54 x 54. Regular **\$3.00**
 Cloths, 48 x 48. Regular **\$2.25**
 Cloths, 42 x 42. Regular **\$1.75**
 Runners, 17 x 50. Regular **\$1.25**
 Runners, 17 x 36. Regular **75¢**
 Runners, 17 x 27. Regular **35¢**
 Runners, Dutch designs, 18 x 54 inches. Regular **\$1.50**. At **98¢**
 Napkins, 12 x 12 inches. Regular **\$3.00** a dozen. At, for one-half dozen **75¢**
 —Staples, Main Floor

Groceteria Daily Bulletin

EARLY MORNING SPECIALS, 9 TO 10 A. M.

Smith's Punch, in cherry, Lime, Orange and Lemon. Each bottle makes five quarts of delicious punch. 50¢ bottles **39¢**
 Currants, per lb. **25¢**
 Walnuts, 2 lbs. **28¢**
 Nabob Coffee, per lb. **60¢**
 Christmas Colored Candles, 36 to a box; 25¢ value **14¢**
 Grape Juice, 75¢ bottles **39¢**
 Black Currant Wine, 55¢ bottle **44¢**
 Fry's Cocoa, 1/2-lb. tin **32¢**

Arab Dates, 2 packages for 25¢	Snowflake Pastry Flour, 10-lb. sack for 70¢	California Soft-Shell Walnuts, lb. 45¢
Quaker Corn, per tin 19¢	Quaker Peas, per tin 19¢	Chestnuts, per lb. 35¢
Quaker Beans, per tin 19¢	Wagstaff's Ready-Cut Mixed Peel, 44¢	Almonds, per lb. 29¢
Boiled Cider for Minicemest, bottle, 29¢	Almond Paste, finest quality, 1/2-lb. 40¢	Brazil, per lb. 43¢
Almond Paste, 1/2-lb. 40¢	Popping Corn, 2 lbs. for 25¢	Filberts, per lb. 29¢
Crisco, per tin 31¢	Spencer's Christmas Pudding, 75¢, \$1.39 and \$1.65	Fresh Roasted Peanuts, per lb. 29¢
Cherries, Red, per bottle 22¢	Libby's Asparagus Tips, per tin 49¢	Walnuts, 2 lbs. for 45¢
New Season Dates, per lb. 39¢	Christmas Colored Candles, 36 to box, for 18¢	Lipton's Jellies, per package 11¢
New Mixed Nuts, per lb. 24¢	New Season Walnuts, per lb. 24¢	Peck Frean Biscuits, per package 30¢
		Libby's Minicemest, per jar 65¢
		Table Raisins, per package 42¢
		Fruit Wines, 66¢ bottles 46¢
		Fancy Californian Redwood Gift Boxes, \$2.35 , \$3.39 , \$3.44 , \$5.25 and \$6.25
		Clark's Minicemest, 5-lb. pail \$1.70
		Spanish Table Raisins, per lb. 55¢ , 60¢ and 70¢
		New Smyrna Table Figs, per lb. 32¢ , 35¢ and 50¢

SPECIALS IN HAM, BACON AND LARD

Smith's Silver Leaf Lard, 1-lb. cartons **33¢**
 Ayrshire Bacon, at, a lb. **50¢**
 Spencer's Prime Special Butter, lb. **61¢**; or 2 lbs. for **\$1.20**
 Fresh New Zealand Butter, bulk or prints, lb. **63¢**; or 2 lbs. for **\$1.25**
 Fine Side Bacon, a lb. **48¢**

Extraordinary Christmas Values in Men's and Women's Shoes

Shoes For Women at \$8.95		Men's Shoes at \$8.95	
Queen Quality Ribbon Tie Shoes, in patent and brown kid, welted soles and baby Louis heels.	Smart Patent Oxfords with military or French heels.	Strong Calfskin Boots with leather lining and double soles, in brown or black; smart brown calf Boots with narrow or medium toes; comfortable glazed kid Boots in straight last, and dependable Boots in black or brown calf; made in conservative shape lasts. Old prices, \$11.00 to \$14.50. Now on sale at \$8.95	Goodyear Welted Boots, in brown and black; chrome Elk Boots, in smart shapes. Old price, \$8.00. On sale at \$5.85
Stout Gunmetal Calf Oxfords; low heel Pumps, in patent and kid. Old prices, \$5.00 and \$5.50. Now on sale at \$3.95	Dressy Patent Colonial Pumps, brown kid and grey kid Oxfords with turn soles; grey and brown kid Boots, with welted soles; growing girls' calfskin Boots. Old prices, \$8.00 to \$12.50. Now on sale at \$6.95	Reliable Boots in brown or black calf, with rubber heels and stout soles; smart brown Boots, in wide or narrow toes, and gunmetal calf Boots, in English last, with welt soles; also patent leather Dancing Pumps. Old prices, \$9.00 to \$15.00. On sale at, a pair \$6.95	Men's Shoes at \$6.95
Women's Shoes at \$3.95	Shoes For Boys at \$5.85		

Gifts of Quality in Table Silver

Sugars and Creams, at \$6.90 up to \$10.50	Tea Sets, at \$21.50 to \$50.00	Sugar Bowls, at \$3.25 to \$4.50	Bread Trays, at \$5.50 to \$15.00	Sandwich Trays, at \$7.50 to \$10.90	Cake Baskets, at \$9.75 to \$19.50	Flower Baskets, at \$15.00 to \$22.00	Bon-Bons, at \$3.50 to \$7.50	Butter Dishes, at \$3.25 to \$5.00	Pickie Jars, at \$3.75 to \$4.50
Cream Ladies, at \$1.25 to \$2.90	Cold Meat Forks, at \$1.25 to \$2.00	Berry Spoons, at \$1.75 to \$3.00	Sugar Shells, at 75¢ to \$1.25	Pickie Forks, at \$1.00 to \$1.25	Sugar Tongs, at \$1.00 to \$1.50	Bread Knives, at \$3.95 to \$5.00	Butter Knives, at 65¢ to \$1.25	Pie Knives, at \$2.25 to \$3.75	Tomato Servers, at \$3 to \$3.25

—Silver, Lower Main Floor

Dainty Jewelry for Men and Women

Novelty Bags, in all colors. Splendid values at, up from **\$4.50**
 The New Jazz Fan; a neat gift for a lady friend. Up from **\$5.00**
 Pretty Gem-Set Rings, in good assortment. At, up from **\$11**
 Beads, in all colors; very fashionable. From **\$2.25**
 Bar Pins, set with brilliants. Dainty gifts at **\$1.10**
 Men's Signet Rings, in 10-k and 14-k gold. Priced, up from **\$7.00**
 Gold Filled Pocket Knives; a neat gift for a man or woman. Priced up from **\$2.25**
 Gold Filled Watch Chains; neat patterns. Priced up from **\$3.00**
 —Jewelry, Main Floor

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FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS DINNER
You Can Get Everything at the Big Food Market, Fort Street, Just Above Government Street

- PLEASE NOTE—This Store Will Be Open This Evening and Friday Until 9
- Turkeys—Local and Saskatchewan; the finest selected.
 - Christmas Puddings—Home made. Up from **75c**
 - Home-Made Meat Dressing for Turkeys Per pound **38c**
 - Fruit Wines—All kinds; large bottles; **48c** and **50c**
 - Christmas Sugar Cured Ham—Small and sweet. By the whole or half ham. Per pound **45c**
 - Almond Paste—For your cake. Per pound **70c**
 - Cluster Table Raisins—Per pound, **25c, 35c, 45c, 50c, 60c** and **75c**
 - Good Cooking Eggs Per dozen **48c**
 - C. & B. Chutney, Mango, Bombay, Bengal Club and Col. Skinner's Mango Relish
 - Italian Chestnuts—For your turkey dressing. Per pound **35c**
 - Cigars in Special Boxes for Christmas

SCRIP Makes a Nice Christmas or New Year Present Redeemable at This Store at Any Time in Goods

PHONES: 178 and 179. Fish and Provisions, 522B. Meat, 522I. BROCERY, Fruit Department, 522J. Delivery, 522K

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

FACTS ABOUT YOUR NAME; Its History; Its Meaning; Whence It Came; Its Derivation; Its Significance; Your Lucky Day and Lucky Jewel.
By Midred Marshall.
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MARIE
Marie is perhaps the most prevalent feminine name known to etymologists. Its synonym, Mary, has almost equal vogue, and Marie, its other equivalent, is enormously popular. But though Marie is originally the French version of the name of the Blessed Virgin, all countries have adopted her and called her their own. Originally, of course, the Hebrew word *marah*, meaning bitter, is the root from which all derivatives of Marie are evolved.

Quite early in history, it became customary to give the name of Marie to girls, adding a middle name to qualify the attributes of the first Marie, the Blessed Virgin herself. In this way, several daughters of a family could be called by the name of Marie or Maria, and yet they could be distinguished by their second appellation. The earliest of these names was that of Maria Anthonis, very popular in Spain, and later changed to Maria Antonia, in France, one of the most popular feminine names was Marie Anonide; another was Marie Assunta, France also had Marie des Agnes (Marie of the angels) and in Spain, the votress of the merciful, interesting patroness of the Blessed Virgin is Marie de Mercedes.

Marie de Dolores (Marie of Sorrows) and Marie del Inmaculacion are other examples of the popular trend which helped to spread the name of Marie. Many young ladies in Spain are still christened Marie de la Concepcion, but in Italy, this is contracted to the one word Conception, and in America, use Marie alone, and also favor Molly, the diminutive and endearment. Indeed, in England, Molly is frequently given in baptism as a proper name with no reference to its more dignified parent.

Marie's tallmanic status is shown in the deep green gem which is proof against evil spirits and bites of venomous creatures. If placed upon a snake bite, it is said to draw the poison from the wound. It will also bring rain if prayers are made while wearing the stone. Friday is Marie's lucky day and 1 her lucky number.

TO-DAY'S JEWELS

For to-day the ruby is both the talismanic gem and the birthstone. This is an exceptionally fortunate combination, bringing both good fortune and great achievement. Ancient legends attribute to the blood-red ruby the ability to vanquish obstacles and its wearer; great physical and mental strength and a strong will are also characteristic of those whose natal gem it is.

According to Philippe de Valois, it is the most valuable gem. However, to benefit by its powers, the person who wears it must have it set in a ring or bracelet, and wear it on the left hand or arm.

White, symbolic of purity and lofty thoughts, is to-day the gem of the hour. The yellow chrysanthemum to-day brings happiness and great contentment wherever it is worn or used as a decoration.

COLD WEATHER DUE FOR CHRISTMAS

The weather remains cold on the mainland, with extreme cold on the northern coast line, according to reports to the Meteorological Observatory here. The lowest reported from Prince Rupert yesterday was 16 degrees, while Barkerville, Cariboo, is still lower with two degrees below zero. With Edmonton at 24 below, Medicine Hat 26 below, the prairies are into the heavy weather, while Winnipeg is holding steady at zero. Denver, Colorado, reports the passage of severe storms with a temperature of 4 degrees, extreme in that section of the South. The minimum in Victoria during the past 24 hours has been 41 degrees.

*Say it With Cards.—Digger.

Social Personal

Miss Coupe, of the Marinello Beauty Parlors, was honored by a number of her friends at a delightful surprise party at the Marinello rooms in the Sayward Block. Dancing, cards and games were indulged in by the guests who had adorned the spacious rooms with holly boughs for the occasion. Miss Coupe received her guests in a handsome gown of black nylon, embroidered with Russian bead work. Miss Hogan, who assisted the hostess, was attired in a graceful frock of pale blue georgette. A delicious supper was served during the evening, adding to the success of the enjoyable affair.

In St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, B. C., a quiet wedding was solemnized on Tuesday, December 21, at high noon, when Frank H. Jordan and Miss M. Jamieson were united in marriage by the Rev. H. Henderson, D. D. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan, on their return to Victoria, will reside at 1590 Wilmut Place, Oak Bay.

Mrs. J. B. Trueman and J. Davidson, of Cowichan; Dennis Ashley, of Duncan; Mrs. H. E. Thornley, and family; of Ladysmith; Mrs. Beasley and family; of Courtenay; Mrs. T. H. Stanton, of Shawinigan Lake, are some of yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion Hotel.

N. J. Mason, of Penhold, Alberta; Geo. B. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson, of Roonville, Sask.; L. E. Martin and family, of Camrose, Alberta; N. W. Stewart, of Edmonton; Geo. Lawlor and family, of Calgary, are guests at the Dominion Hotel.

Col. and Mrs. Fott, of Vernon, B.C., will arrive in the city to-morrow from Vancouver, and will make their home for the next two months at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Goward, York Place, during their absence in Honolulu.

Victor E. Hall, who is attending the University of California at Berkeley, has returned to spend the Christmas holidays.

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Santa Claus has seldom found a more attractive halting place or received a more congenial welcome than awaited him yesterday afternoon at the recreation hut at the Esquimalt S. C. R. Hospital, when the soldier-patients held their annual Christmas party for the children, and once again proved themselves excellent hosts. The hall was a bower of beauty with its mural decorations of life, hope and joy, garlands of greenery covering the supporting beams, while lovely hanging baskets filled with growing ferns and lighted Japanese lanterns hung from the ceiling at intervals. Scarlet Christmas bells found a place in the decorations, while the lights were softened by pretty shades of scarlet and green. The whole scheme of decoration reflected considerable credit upon the nursing sisters and patients, who had spent many hours in its preparation.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lindsay came over from Vancouver to-day with their little son Jack, and will be the guests of Mrs. Lindsay's mother, Mrs. J. McE. Smith, Clive Drive, for the holidays.

W. E. Brown, W. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. P. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. E. Foley Bennett and son, of Seattle, and C. J. Jensen, of Portland, Oregon, are registered at the Strathcona Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard R. Andrews were expected in the city to-day from Kamloops to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Andrews's mother, Mrs. S. F. Tolin, "Claydale."

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Errington, of Clive Drive, are expecting their son, Charles, home for the Christmas holidays. He will arrive from Calgary on Christmas morning.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Battram, of Winnipeg, and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Brady, of Lethbridge, Saskatchewan, are among the Prairie visitors staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

John A. Johnson and Miss E. Johnson, of Fender Island; W. R. Digby, of Parkville, and P. H. Grimmer, of Fort Washington, are guests at the Strathcona Hotel.

W. D. McNamara, of Vanderhoof; Robt. Kennedy and daughter, of Juneau, Alaska; W. McHugh, of Colesburg, are registered at the Dominion Hotel.

Visitors to the city for the Christmas season will include Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dugal, who will be the guests of their niece, Mrs. Thomas.

Mrs. J. Herrick McGregor, formerly of "The Bend," Oak Bay, has taken up her residence at "The Telegraph Bay Road, Cadboro Bay."

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Fargeter, of Seattle, have arrived in the city to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. John Day, 59 Cook Street.

D. C. Milligan and family, of Sooke; R. E. Wickham, of Sicamous; W. E. Wiltshire, of New Westminster, are at the Dominion Hotel.

E. E. Day, of Seattle; H. D. Ollard and Mrs. Ollard, of Tacoma, and Mrs. Miller, of Bremerton, are guests of the Dominion Hotel.

Mrs. Trotter Johnston, of Duncan; Mrs. Robert Barkley, and E. T. Barkley, of Westholme, have arrived at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Capron, of Boston, Mass., are guests at the Empress Hotel.

Charles Graham, of Cumberland, has arrived at the Empress Hotel.

DANCING BEING TAUGHT GIRLS AS HEALTH COURSE

Ballet and Nature Dancing Receive Support From Prominent Residents

Recognition that dancing, especially the newer "Nature Dances," are excellent training for children, has been the main cause for the instant approval with which some of the most prominent families of Victoria have greeted the initiation of the special classes being held for children by Miss Lilyan Charlebois, according to Blanche Boyd, of the Pemberton Building.

The classes are being held under the direction of Blanche Boyd, and the manner in which the children are progressing under the instruction of Miss Charlebois has been a remarkable testimony to the teacher's ability, and the system used to bring out the innate ability of the children.

Has Wide Experience
Miss Charlebois was herself a pupil of the Vestoff-Serova school of Russian Dancing in New York, where the principals taught the identical system used to produce the wonderful Imperial Russian Ballet, of which they had been prominent stars.

When only a girl, Miss Charlebois had a long experience on the stage before taking up instruction as a professional teacher. Her first appearance as a tiny footlight fairy at three years of age, when Anna Pavlova became interested in her and invited her to study in the company of Russian dancers at the Metropolitan Opera House at New York.

Until too old longer to "get away with it," Miss Charlebois starred on the big time vaudeville circuits as "Baby Joan Roberts," and her natural sympathy with children, together with practical experience of the most reliable systems of training young girls, have proven remarkably successful in training her students in ballet, to dancing, Eastern or nature movements.

Lord Elgin has made formal announcement of his marriage before Christmas to her Hon. Catherine Cochrane, eldest daughter of Lord Cochrane of Cults, who is now on a tour in the United States and Canada with his younger daughter, Dorothy.

Fashionable winter resorts across the line all echo the New York vogue for squirrel, and mole-skin is a close second.

EYELID WRINKLES BANISHED BY KNIFE

Doctors Give Exhibition of Modern Surgery Methods

Beauty doctoring as a modern science was demonstrated to doctors and newspapermen, when Dr. Leroy R. Stoddard, of New York, performed an operation for the removal of eye wrinkles in room 1232, Aeolian Hall, with Dr. Julien Bourquet, the French plastic surgeon as witness and commentator.

A common safety razor blade played an important role in the operation, which was performed on a gray-haired business woman presented under the fictitious name of "Mrs. Arthur Manning." The operation Dr. Stoddard, at the outset, characterized as "unmysterious and a practical application of well known methods of scarless surgery."

Talked as He Worked
As he made incisions and stitched, the operator indulged in a running fire of comment.

"The success of the operation is a question of technique only," he said, "he continued, "and, if the judgment of 2 per cent. cocaine in her eyelid. The 'secret' of scarless surgery is in the first move."

He made it as he spoke—a swift snip of sharp scissor blades across the wrinkled lid which lifted a symmetrical oval strip of skin tissue.

"Judgment of the exact quantity of tissue to be removed must be made first," he continued, "and, if the wound and subsequent execution have been correct, the wound will close of itself. The skin will fall rather than be drawn into place."

As he spoke the incision closed, seemingly by natural action of the weight of the lid, and it was seen that the wrinkle had fallen at the clip of the doctor's instrument as long nails fall at the clip of a manicurist's scissors. To hold and mend the "sculpturing of flesh" which which had been accomplished, the doctor drew about twenty fine stitches in the wound. Throughout the woman, conscious of everything but pain, conversed with the surgeon and the nurses.

How He Came to Use Razor Blade
The safety razor blade came into play on the other eye, which had been operated on four days ago and was now nearly so mended that the stitching could be withdrawn. Holding the thin flake of steel between thumb and forefinger, the doctor rapidly severed the white silk knots. He explained that one day, hampered by the failure of any delicate instrument to fill the delicate requirements of this work, he threw an awkward surgical knife on the floor and picked up a razor blade. He has used one ever since.

Dr. Stoddard has practised plastic surgery twelve years. Only in the last five, he said, had he solved the problem of scarless work, which he has applied not only to cases of beauty-mourning women but to the disfigurements of soldiers cut by shrapnel and shell splinters and hastily sewn together in battlefield hospitals.

With Dr. Bourquet he discussed the application of their science to cases of mental disorders originating in the self-consciousness of men and women afflicted with facial disfigurements. Dr. Stoddard told of a lawyer who had become so conscious of a facial oddity resulting from the growth of masses of skin tissue around his eyebrows that he had finally refused to face a jury. An operation was performed to eliminate the hanging brows, and the lawyer was cured of his obsession.

Commenting on the operation, Dr. Bourquet said Dr. Stoddard's work included methods different from those in use in Paris. He intended to make his observations the subject of reports to the Paris Academy of Medicine.

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PARIS HAS VOGUE FOR GREY AND BLACK

Felt Hats Retain Popularity Among Smart Society

Paris, Dec. 22.—It almost seems superfluous to write any thing more about felt hats, but if one lunches or has tea at smart restaurants here, they are still the predominant note in millinery. One sees more colors now where formerly black ruled, although black continues the choice of the majority. There is a great deal of light grey also worn and two or three of the smartest women at the Ritz for luncheon yesterday wore light grey hats with seal wraps and either grey or black footwear, so that it looks as if the predicted vogue for grey may be materializing.

The grey with the black fur looked exceedingly well and as a great deal of petit gris is also worn, grey hats are also requisitioned for wear with that fur.

To return to the subject of felt hats, they are beginning to appear in brighter colors as well. A particularly well groomed woman, walking in the Bois on a recent Sunday morning, wore one of a bright terra cotta shade; the small felt brim pinned down at either side to give a sort of winged helmet shape, that was quite becoming.

No pin ornaments are worn with these felts, but they seem to have revived interest in veils, which waned for a time. Usually the veil is black with a black hat, grey with a grey hat, and tan or brown with the others, embroidered or dotted.

Metal cloth and metal brocade turbans are worn in the evening, but rarely in the daytime.

To mix mustard with a drop or two of olive oil when making it, so that it does not dry up quickly. Keep in a closed pot.

Serve grated pineapple with cold cereal, sweetened to taste.

NEARLY FORGOT HIM.
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Local automobile dealers are contemplating taking up with Ottawa the question of the Government rebate on automobiles as it is causing a very severe hardship. It is pointed out that on May 1, 1918, the Government placed a tax on all cars, the amount running from \$100 to \$600 per car. This was charged whether the cars were sold or not. This naturally resulted in the price of cars being raised. Dealers are now notified that the Ottawa order for the payment of this tax has been cancelled. Some of the Eastern dealers and manufacturers took the matter up with the Government and explained the hardship of their position, but no response was given. The dropping of the tax without some sort of an adjustment means a huge loss to the dealers, and it is therefore their intention to apply for a rebate.

**TO SUBMIT BY-LAW
ON OAK BAY PARK**

Electors Will Decide on Jan. 15 Whether Purchase Should Be Made

The electors of Oak Bay will have another opportunity to express their opinion as to whether or not it is advisable to purchase the Oak Bay Park from the B. C. Electric Railway Company, and it has been decided to submit a by-law on the question on January 15. The measure was voted on two years ago and was defeated by a very small margin. A petition asking for the submission of the by-law was laid before the Oak Bay Council at its meeting last night. The company is willing to sell the park for \$10,000, and the only stipulation the company will lay down in connection with the transaction is that the land shall not be subdivided. The park is one of Oak Bay's attractions, and has been used for all kinds of sports for many years.

LETTERS

Letters addressed to the Editor and intended for publication must be short and legibly written. The longer an article the shorter the chance of insertion. All communications must bear the name and address of the writer, but not for publication unless desired. The publication or rejection of articles is a matter entirely in the discretion of the Editor. No responsibility is assumed by the paper for MSS. submitted to the Editor.

THE NEWCASTLE ELECTION.

To the Editor:—In a recent issue was printed an article from Winnipeg Free Press editorial, re the recent election in British Columbia, and Newcastle is specifically mentioned as a good example of the weakness of the old system of voting. It goes on to say: "It is believed that under proportional representation Guthrie would be defeated, etc." Now, Sir, if you or anyone else who understands the vagaries of human nature had been in Newcastle constituency during the campaign it would have been apparent at once that a combination of a majority of the supporters of Fraser and Hawthornthwaite was an impossibility, as

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UNEMPLOYED PROBLEM

To the Editor:—One means of solving the problem of unemployment is for the government of Canada to begin the long overdue task of preparing its bush lands for settlement in the clay belts of the North. Owing to Summer frosts, farming of northern clay lands has largely been a waste of time and money. Only by clearing whole areas with this view to settlement ever be overcome. Farming under present conditions whereby each settler clears a small patch, is putting the cart before the horse, and is wholly unwarranted. At least 65 per cent of each lot, in carefully selected townships, should be cleared by means of large gangs living in community camps. Herein lies one solution of unemployment, now stalking before us daily in the breadlines of the cities. Work could thus be provided, particularly in the Fall and Winter months as well as during special periods of unemployment. This policy of extended land-clearing, should not be simply an emergency measure, but should engage the attention of the federal and local governments the whole year round. Should any of the workers at these community camps wish to remain on some of the cleared lots, they could be sold to them on easy terms. For the next twenty, thirty, yes, and for sixty years, land-clearing in preparation for future settlement, should be an urgent and essential department of every government in the Dominion.

The big industrial plants of the Dominion as well as the governments can assist in this great undertaking. Every large industry should apply for a whole township or more in the bush lands. Land clearing might be made a business department of many Canadian enterprises employing great numbers of workers. Instead of "laying off" men when a pinch comes, they could establish large land clearing camps and homestead by proxy. In this way an outlet would be provided for a considerable number of the able-bodied employees now turned into the streets. If as ably handled as other departments of the business, the land clearing department would undoubtedly prove remunerative. Lumber, ties, and pulp will always find a ready market in Canada as well as in the bordering States.

The farmers too can take a very real part in this permanent policy for relieving unemployment. Let thousands of individual farmers apply for bush lots of 160 acres each in the clay lands. All applications should be localized in townships, most suitable for future settlement. At convenient centres in such townships the governments should provide comfortable and attractive community camps. Farm hands should be hired by the year. Instead of being turned adrift when the busy season is over, to congregate in the towns and cities, they could go north for a short period to help in clearing the bush lots of their employers. They would not, of course, be asked to live in shacks on the individual lots. They would reside at the nearest community camp, and share in all its social activities.

There need be no elaborate preparation for this work. Men in charge of a practical bush foreman, could be sent north at once with warm clothing, a suitable site for a community camp could be selected in the centre of each township opened, and the necessary buildings erected. The work of felling trees, cutting ties, pulpwood and other lumber could be started immediately.

Because of existing conditions of settlement many men, even among the unemployed, are naturally loath to face the hardships involved. The writer is of the opinion that this prejudice can largely be overcome when the men are well clothed and housed in fully equipped community camps. Why spend so much on able-bodied men in the cities, when an equal expenditure in well-organized efforts would provide stimulating employment to many thousands in the healthier environment of the north. Well-fed men in comfortable community camps, not the breadlines of the cities is the solution.

Let Canada for all time abandon the foolish policy of homesteading her bush clay lands by individuals, working separately against unequal barriers. Rather let her undertake now a great permanent land clearing policy by using large gangs of unemployed men living in community camps, supplied with every facility for education and entertainment—the movies not excepted.

ALFRED FITZPATRICK,
Principal Frontier College,
Toronto, December 16, 1920.

**VANCOUVER
ISLAND NEWS**

Man Escapes Apparently.
Nanaimo: The police have nothing to report on the Choyick murder case. The assassin by whom the unsuspecting man was done to death, nearly two weeks ago, has vanished into the night and no trace of him can be found. The identification of the body of the murdered man has intensified the determination of the police to bring the criminal to justice.

Make Presentation.
Nanaimo: A silver tea service was presented last evening by about thirty of her friends to Mrs. Wm. Neave, Iron Street, on the occasion of her birthday anniversary and in recognition of her services on the Liberal Women's Committee. Dr. T. J. McPhee, president of the Liberal Association, made the presentation.

Motion picture films that glorify crime or make criminal careers fascinating will be barred in Pennsylvania.

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- "Multiplying Your Income," W. T. Nash.
- "Life Insurance," S. S. Huebner.
- "Life Insurance Company," W. Alexander.
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- "Introduction to the History of Life Insurance," A. F. Jack.

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A practical text book for the field man in "Life Insurance and How to Write It," by J. M. Langstaff. It describes life insurance as a worthwhile profession for ambitious young men. It considers the character of a successful agent, and prescribes good rules to follow.

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Recalling from the lessons of the late war the importance of signalling, Capt. W. H. Allwood, O.C., 11th Fort-ress Signal Company, assisted by the District Signal Officer, has arranged to conduct a series of lectures dealing with this subject, particularly elementary wireless telegraphy and telephony.

It is the intention to form a class the size of which will be limited, to follow these lectures and to discuss any interesting points which will obviously arise.

This class will commence about January, 1921. Captain Allwood has received many requests from amateur wireless enthusiasts in the City, and has decided to throw the class open not only to C.E.F., and Militia officers and men, but also to interested civilians.

Names should be sent in to "Signals" New Drill Hall, Bay Street, as early as possible. Full particulars will be issued later.

Experience in War
Communication during the late war was as varied as it was interesting. The comparison between the methods employed for Signalling in the early days of 1914-15 and those of the latter stages of 1918, is remarkable.

During 1914-15 the principal means of communication was the flags, lamps, etc. Operation orders in the early days, of the most secret nature were buzzed or spoken over telephone circuits. Unfortunately the Germans had an instrument which was able to intercept all such messages. This instrument was generally located as close as possible to the British trenches and had a range of approximately 2,500 yards. It is not known how long the Germans were operating these sets, but it is thought that the intended operations at Neuve-Chapelle and Loos were as well known at German Headquarters as at British G. H. Q. The result was that all important orders had to be sent by hand or D.R.L.S. (Despatch Rider Letter Service). The necessity of some instrument which would transmit messages without the danger of interception became apparent.

Capt. Fuller, R. E. produced an instrument which fulfilled the above conditions and which was issued to all units as quickly as it could be manufactured. It was known as the Fialerphone. This instrument was only secret so long as the messages were sent by the Morse key. As soon as the set was used for conversational messages the secrecy disappeared.

The British introduced listening sets, very much the same as those of the Germans. These instruments were not only employed to intercept German messages but also as "poor" means the amount of information picked up by the Germans was considerably limited.

Operators who worked on these sets tell some interesting stories regarding messages that were picked up, also about apparent attempts to disguise an important conversation on the part of our own troops.

As the war progressed the enemy artillery fire increased accordingly. The attempts to maintain telephone and telegraph lines resulted in ever increasing casualties. It was found that communication under these circumstances was very erratic and resulted in the auxiliary means being adopted, proving that necessity is the mother of invention. Carrier Pigeons—Message Dogs—Message Carrying Rockets, High-power Buzzers, (Instruments for sending messages through the ground without wires) and Aeroplanes were employed with some considerable success.

Wireless telegraphy and telephony, was extensively used throughout the Campaign and was undoubtedly the most successful auxiliary means employed. The fact that W. T. communication is not secret necessitated the adoption of complicated codes and ciphers. A message requiring two minutes to transmit from one point to another required at least fifteen minutes for deciphering. This was a decided disadvantage. Commanders under certain circumstances could send messages in clear, but the rules regarding this concession was very restricted. Wireless was also used to confuse the enemy. Prior to the Amiens operation, August 8, 1918, Canadian wireless sets were used to lead the enemy astray in his location of units. The presence of Canadian sets on one particular front led him to believe that Canadian troops were present, when as a matter of fact they were proceeding with all speed in the opposite direction. During the warfare of 1918 when the style became more open the employment of W. T. sets became more general and took the place of Telegraph and Telephone to a great extent. Owing to the enemy's disorganization messages could be sent in clear and were transmitted with greater speed than heretofore.

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BRIEF LOCALS

Bank Clearings.—Bank clearings for the week ending to-day were \$2,329,890 compared with \$2,669,552 in the corresponding week of 1919.

Short Changing Mars.—The City Police to-day issued warnings to business men that short-changing was proceeding here. Two men are suspected by the police.

Judgment For Plaintiff.—In the County Court case of Hughes vs. Deacon, Judge Lampman has handed down judgment in favor of the plaintiff for \$150 and costs. The claim was one for wages. H. A. Maclean, K.C., appeared for the plaintiff and R. H. Pooley for the defendant.

Back From Short Trip.—Inspector F. R. Murray, of the Provincial Police Department, returned to his office this morning after a week's trip through the up-island districts. He stated that conditions are generally very quiet and orderly, with little other than routine business of the Department to require his attention.

Denied Guilt.—In the city police court this morning Robert Bates stoutly denied having been guilty of indecent exposure yesterday afternoon at the corner of Government and Fort Streets. After Sgt. Boulton had told the circumstances to Magistrate Jay, the accused was remanded until to-morrow.

Young Conservatives.—Young Conservatives of Victoria have elected "Mike" Finland president and started out after new members to fill their new clubrooms in the Campbell Building. Other officers elected to head the movement are Vice-president, J. A. Macdonald; secretary, H. Redgrave; executive Patrick J. Siphott, Vic Sutherland, B. Russell and J. Petch.

Spray Blown Far.—Ross Bay seawall to-day was the scene of tremendous sheets of flying spray, which fanned up twenty feet into the air and blew far inland. The whole of the seawall fronting on the Dallas Road served to throw the waves, urged by a strong southeast gale, into the air, the roadway being deluged at all points.

Hallel's Messiah.—On Tuesday next at 8 p.m. Hallel's "Messiah" will be rendered by a choir of 140 voices in the First Presbyterian Church. Last Monday a very successful rehearsal was held, and a fine performance is anticipated for Tuesday. The soloists are: Mrs. R. G. Morrison, soprano; Mrs. S. M. Morton, alto; J. McMillan Muir, tenor; J. E. Pacey, bass. E. Parsons will be at the organ and Alfred Gentry, R.C.O., organist of the First Presbyterian Church, will officiate at pianist. Doors will be open at 7.15 p.m. and ticket holders are requested to come early. Tickets can be had from Fletcher's store or members of the chorus.

DRUGLESS THERAPEUTIC PRACTITIONER IN JAIL

Dr. Elmo Marshall, chiropractor, at Vancouver, who is to serve a month in Oakalla for practicing as a drugless healer, in contravention of the Medical Act of the Province, had an unusual experience to-day while being detained at Vancouver city jail where he was awaiting his removal to the prison farm. Dr. Marshall treated about half a dozen people. He was thus permitted to practise his art, within the four walls of the jail, treatment of exactly the kind as that which he had been practicing outside and for which he was convicted.

CARIBOO MAIL RECORD
R.G.E. Trains Take Big Shipment to Isolated Settlement in Interior.

There is no shortage of Christmas mail this year in the Cariboo and southeastern parts of the Province. Mail used to be taken in only over long horse stage routes.

The Pacific Great Eastern train out of Squamish yesterday carried 256 bags of mail for Soda Creek and the districts beyond, according to A. B. Buckworth, manager of the railway, who arrived here to-day to confer with Premier Oliver.

"The only people who didn't seem to be happy over this record shipment of mail to the Cariboo were the mail clerks," said Mr. Buckworth.

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FEW RETURNS YET FROM RECOUNT
Messrs. Jones and Guthrie Increase Leads on December 1 Totals

Returns in connection with the Provincial election, as a result of the recount to-day, are:

Newcastle.
S. Guthrie (Lab.) 704
W. G. Fraser (Lib.-Cons.) 424
J. H. Hawthornthwaite (Lab.-Cons.) 419
John Bieble (Soldier) 125

South Okanagan.
J. W. Jones 1882
L. V. Rogers (Lib.) 1423

Con. majority (final) 449

Greenwood.
Hon. J. D. MacLean (Lib.) 292
J. R. Jackson (Con.) 292
G. H. Pitman (Farmer) 115

Liberal plurality 100
Sloan Increases Lead.

Nanaimo, Dec. 23.—In the count of absentee votes for Nanaimo City the figures are: Sloan, 48; Barnard, 22; Gilchrist, 29. The final result of the polling in the provincial election in this riding is: Sloan, 1,276; Barnard, 1,171; Gilchrist, 785.

SANTA CLAUS DROPS IN ON ROTARY CLUB

Santa Claus, looking remarkably like Rotarian J. D. O'Connell, dropped in upon the Rotary Club at its luncheon to-day, and entertained the gathering. The genial Father Christmas distributed to various members a number of presents of an appropriate nature. For instance, one Rotarian, who is connected with the Requisite Waterworks Company, was presented with some "bottled goods" which he was instructed to pour into the water of the company and "make it drinkable." The said Rotarian thought he had got a Christmas present with a decided "kick" in it, but to his sorrow he found that the bottle contained nothing but cold tea.

An interesting letter was received to-day from Rotarian Dr. Poyns, a member of the Club, who is studying in Kamburg, Germany, at present.

SALVATION ARMY APPEALS FOR POOR

One Day Left in Which to Contribute to Cauldrons

With only one day left before Christmas Day, the cauldrons with which the Salvation Army are making their annual appeal on behalf of the poor and destitute of the city, are still far from full. Christmas shoppers are asked not to forget to aid in spreading the real Christmas feeling of good-will to all men by dropping a contribution into the pots for their less fortunate brethren, to whom this season of the year brings only added misery.

The Salvation Army in its work comes in close contact with that portion of the city's poor which is not reached by any other organization. The record of its splendid work is such that, donors to its funds are safeguarded by the knowledge that any money subscribed will be used to the very best advantage. Conditions this year are such as to have increased the number of cases of destitution, many families being in the dire position of not knowing where the next meal is to be found. It is for such people that the Salvation Army is making its annual appeal, confident that Victorians will respond with their customary generosity.

Paying Poll Tax.—It is stated that in Oak Bay half the poll tax has now been collected and the Municipality is determined to see that the balance is paid in shortly. Over \$1,000 has been so far received.

T.C.S. Old Boys.—All old boys of Trinity College School, Port Hope, who have not been notified of the forthcoming dinner to the headmaster, are asked to call up J. R. McIlreath, business, phone 417, private phone 395831.

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Outfit No. 3 Columbia Grafonola, Style C—
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Covered case in quarter-cut fumed oak. Provided with strong motor, tone control shutters, and needle cups, with 10 double records—20 selections of your own choosing. Price \$120.00. Terms, per month \$10.00



Outfit No. 5 Sonora Phonograph, Style "Caprice"—
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ESQUIMALT TEACHER MARRIED AT PRETTY CEREMONY WEDNESDAY

Wesley Methodist Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Wednesday, when Amy Willard, eldest daughter of Rev. G. W. and Mrs. Johnson, was united in marriage to Lewis Albert Young, of this city. The ceremony, which was marked in every detail with charming simplicity, was performed by the bride's father, assisted by Rev. R. M. Thompson, pastor of the church. The beautiful decorations were in keeping with the Christmas season,

white chrysanthemums relieved with soft greenery forming an effective background for the ceremony. Mr. Oliver Stout, the organist, provided appropriate wedding music.

The bride, who entered the church with her father, looked charmingly girlish in her pretty dress of brown silk jersey with chic hat en suite. She carried a shower bouquet of opheelia roses and carnations, and wore as her only ornament a pearl necklace, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridegroom was supported by his brother, Gordon.

Mr. and Mrs. Young left on the 4.30 boat for Seattle, the bride traveling in a handsome fur-trimmed sleigh of nigger brown velour. On their return they will reside in their home, 225 Northcott Avenue, Victoria.

Among the many presents was a cut glass cresset and sugar set, from the wedding staff of the Esquimalt School where the bride has taught for a number of years.

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Times Latest Sporting News

Victoria Held Mets For Two Periods, Then Broke

Lack of Condition Prevented Aristocrats From Making Good Show In Opener; Fowler Had an Off Night; Moose Johnson Took All the Glory, Playing Wonderful Game.

Seattle, Dec. 23.—Seattle's hockey team won its first home game last night when it humbled the Victoria team 7 to 2, one of the worst beatings ever handed to a visiting team by the locals.

Fowler was having an off night, and with only "Moose" Johnson playing real hockey in front of him, the Victoria goalie proved easier for the locals than in his two years in the Coast League.

The Grand Old Man.

This story must deal with the grand old veteran, "Moose" Johnson, before it goes one line further. The daddy of them all played one of the greatest games in his career. Last year he announced he was through. "I've had enough," he declared, but the 3,500 Seattle fans who watched his marvellous defence game last night will tell you that the Old Moose will last many a day if he can put up such a game as he did last night.

However, the Moose was alone. The rest of his team were skated off their feet by the fast-stepping locals and the 7 to 2 score just about illustrates the difference in the two clubs.

Seattle Switched Line.

The Mets forward line had a hard time getting started. The first period found them only tied with the visitors and right there Manager Muldoon tried a new scheme. Bernie Morris went back to his old job at centre, with Foyston shifting to right wing. This shift is peculiar in that Morris does not stay in centre ice once play is started, giving way to Foyston and himself sliding over to the wing.

It gave the Mets what they needed, through having a little bit faster jump on the play after the face-off and from there they went into victory. Roy Riskey scored the first goal in this period, seven and one-half minutes after the start, on a fine individual effort from left wing. Riskey came back with a second goal seven minutes later on a shot from the left hand corner. That proved enough for the second period, but when the team was back in full strength in the third period, things began to hum. Bernie Morris scored his first goal of the season. Then came Riskey with his second goal, carrying the puck through from centre ice and dumping it into the net. Frank Foyston would it up with two wonderful shots, one on the last of which Bernie Morris assisted him.

The Moose Scores.

The "Moose" scored one in between them, although it was a lucky shot which Harry Holmes had trapped, but which took a bad bounce and eluded him.

The play of the team, despite the comparatively easy victory, was not of the highest class. They plainly showed the effects of the Monday game at Vancouver, which was one of the toughest openers the team has had in years. They were inclined to slow up as they met the opposition's defence, and, in a way, could not be blamed for the Moose was checking them hard.

Covered Victoria Shots.

However, they displayed skill and as the Victoria team were in the last period, made the best of their opportunity. The defensive play was excellent. The forwards were back checking skilfully, even if not consistently, while the defence men played carefully, meeting such charges as Dunderdale and Oatman engineered without suffering. These two star forwards of the Victoria team were helpless. Riskey was stopping most of Dunderdale's shots with his body covering Tommy so cleverly and completely that he never did get in a hard straight shot. Rowe was out-foxing Oatman too, and on the whole had as much an edge in his battle with Eddie as did Riskey with Dunderdale.

Big Jim Riley played well, his two goals pleasing his teammates especially for they figure that if this big fellow ever gets started in his scoring, there is going to be no stopping of the Mets. Morris and Foyston played a good game, especially in the

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Pete Herman No Match For Lanky Challenger and Parts With His Coveted Title; Little Gladiators Swapped a Lot of Punches and Pulled Off Some Stalling.

New York, Dec. 23.—Pete Herman, of New Orleans, who lost his title as world's bantamweight boxing champion last night to Joe Lynch, of this city, was a passenger to-day on the steamship Imperator, sailing for England. He is matched with Jimmy Wilde, English flyweight champion, for a twenty-round bout in London.

New York, Dec. 23.—Joe Lynch, the little boxer from the West Side of Manhattan Island, who jumped into prominence about three years ago as a likely boxer, won the bantamweight championship of the world from Peter Herman, of New Orleans, in a fifteen-round battle at Madison Square Garden last night.

The men weighed in under 118 pounds, as called for in the articles of agreement, but the official weights announced by the Boxing Commission when the men entered the ring were 116 pounds each. Lynch looked the much more drawn-out, and Herman was in the better condition so far as looks went. Herman was an odds-on favorite in what betting was indulged in by the Boxing Commission when the men entered the ring. Lynch's advantage of height and reach soon were apparent and excessive caution on the part of Herman cost him his chance he might have had to hold his title.

Herman Showed Some Class.
In four of the rounds Herman had the better of the argument, but in only one of these had he any decided advantage over Lynch. In this round he had Lynch in difficulty, but that was all. Herman's defence, which was puzzling to the challenger, but whenever he landed one of his long lefts or right hooks or swings, a grin of triumph showed on Lynch's countenance, while Herman's face denoted that he was afraid of his opponent's wallop.

One Man Dies.
At the close of the fight, during the excitement following the announcement of Lynch's victory, Herman Halpern, of Brooklyn, dropped dead from heart disease.

Lynch Works His Right.
Round 5—Herman landed a hard left on the jaw. After some in-fighting Herman sent his right to back of neck, and Lynch crossed his right to the jaw, sending Herman to the ropes. When he came to the feet, Lynch drove his right twice to the ribs, and again to the head. Herman clinched and Lynch sent a short right to the head before the bell. Lynch's round was a pretty one.

Round 6—Lynch hooked his right twice to the head and Herman was forced to clinch. After the break Lynch shot his right to the face and hooked right twice to the head. Herman was cautioned for holding. Lynch swung his right high to the head and drove right to the body. The round was Lynch's by large margin.

English Amateurs Reach New York to Meet U. S. Boxers

Three Titled Heavyweights Will Figure in International Bouts

New York, Dec. 23.—A second contingent of English amateur boxers arrived from London yesterday to compete in a series of international bouts here the middle of next month.

The party was in charge of Tex O'Rourke, official matchmaker of the International Sporting Club here. They were preceded several days by two representatives of the London police force, Jack Stanley and Harry Mallin, heavyweight and light heavyweight champions of the London "bubble."

Winnipeg Hates to See Frederickson Pack Up for West
Leaves for Victoria Monday Night; Disgusted With "Tourist Amateurs"

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—(Canadian Press)—Frank Frederickson, the famous heavy weight hockey star, who announced yesterday his decision to play with the Pacific Coast Hockey League, Victoria team, leaves for Victoria Monday evening.

Looking Things Over
If Frank Frederickson proves to be the whirlwind in professional hockey that he was in amateur hockey, Victoria will win the P. C. H. A. pennant this winter and local fans will have the signal privilege of being able to once again witness the battle between the Western and Eastern champions for the world's title. It is a long time since Victorians saw their pet skating for this coveted honor, but if they're wise they'll get in a little overtime now, so as to have the extra shekels to book seats for the greatest of all hockey matches.

When the hockey fans read the announcement in last night's Times that Frederickson was coming to the Coast there was general jubilation. Of active hockey ahead of him. This will insure Victoria of a brilliant team for that length of time. At present Lester Patrick has the youngest team in the league. He has the two Meeking boys and the Loughlin brothers, all of whom are under 25 years of age. Hec Fowler has just passed that mile-stone and Eddie Oatman is only a few months ahead of Hec. These men will form the nucleus of a team for the future. Good for several more seasons, the Capital is well fortified with players. Seattle is generally reputed to have the best balanced team at the present moment, but there are a lot of the Mets whose heads have few threads left on them and will be counted out of the game before many seasons have passed and then it will be up to Muldoon to build up a new aggregation. Vancouver has been gradually losing its veterans but is not as well off for young blood as the Aristocrats.

There seems to be no end to the chatter that Jess Willard is getting out of his system about what he's going to do this gentleman, Jack Dempsey. If Jess has his way he is going to knock Jack cuckoo quicker than a snow-ball would melt in Hawaii. Jess, who was about the laziest heavyweight to step into a ring, is now reported to be doing strenuous training on his farm. Jess will certainly have to do a lot of training if he intends to win back his lost laurels, for while Dempsey may have taken an awful drubbing from Bill Brennan there's a great deal of power behind the champion's pillows yet. Perhaps Dempsey was telling the truth when he said he wanted to give the public a run for their money. Brennan stayed 12 rounds before being put away. Jack says that when he knocked them dizzy quickly the public got sore because the show didn't last long enough and then when he let Brennan get the best of him, the fans said he was going back. Probably Willard will meet Jack when the latter is good and dead and it will be just a repetition of the Toledo affair.

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Three basketball games will be played this evening at the V.I.A.A. gymnasium, Victoria. West, commencing at 8 o'clock. The first game will be played between two V. I. A. A. teams, made up of the following players:
A Team—Phyllis Gates and Florrie Gates, guards; Muriel Daniels, centre; Mrs. W. H. Davies and E. Elliot, forwards.
B Team—Audrey Griffin and Mrs. Shewell, guards; Marjory Andrews, centre; M. Dunne and G. Dunne, forwards.
Seniors to Meet.
The second game will be between the Victoria West and the V.I.A.A. senior men's teams. The teams will be as follows:
Victoria West—J. Fairall and Charlie English, guards; Geo. Corle, centre; Toots Plump and Charlie Brown, forwards.
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OTTAWA AND TIGERS WIN OPENING GAMES
Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The Ottawa Senators, champions of the world and holders of the Stanley Cup, got a way to a flying start last night in the National Hockey League race, when they defeated Toronto St. Patricks 6 to 3. After a match that was nip and tuck for the greater part of the distance, the Ottawa showed superior staying powers, and, breaking the tie of 3 to 3 shortly before the finish of the second period, they outplayed Toronto in the third session, and sealed up the verdict with two more goals, both of which fell to the ever-reliable stick of Jack Darragh.
Hamilton, Dec. 23.—Hamilton defeated the Canadiens by 5-0. Canadiens were in bad condition throughout the game, having had a practice this week. Hamilton has had ice for two weeks.
A. & N. BILLIARDISTS WIN OVER VETERANS
The return billiard match between the Veterans of France and the Army and Navy Veterans, held in the rooms of the Veterans of France last night, resulted in a very keen and fairly even game. The Army and Navy Veterans won. The final scores were as follows:
Veterans 197
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COLUMBIA

One of the chief secrets of his success, according to Houdini, the famous self-liberator, who is appearing at the Columbia Theatre again to-day in his latest picture, "Terror Island," is the thoroughness with which he prepares for his dangerous and difficult feats. In "Terror Island," for instance, the stunts were performed for the most part either on or under the water. Houdini arrived at the studio several weeks before the picture was started. For hours at a time he practiced in the studio swimming tank, perfecting his wind and testing his endurance at remaining under water. Houdini is by nature an expert as a swimmer and could defeat many a champion in water contests. But he did not allow these facts to interfere with the rigorous training programme which he laid out for himself. The result was that when it came time to film "Terror Island" he was in the pink of condition. Lila Lee is the leading woman in this melodramatic story of love, adventure and thrill. The authors are Arthur B. Reeve and John W. Grey, and Walter Woods, furnished the scenario. James Cruze was the director. It is a Paramount Art-craft picture.

VARIETY

Faire Binney, the charming actress who plays the role of "Kitty Walton," the wealthy heiress and heroine in "Open Your Eyes," now showing at the Variety Theatre, is one of the most sought after leading ladies in the motion picture world. With a wonderful pair of eyes, an expression of baby innocence, and a lovable personality, Miss Binney fits the role of "Kitty Walton" like a glove. Her acting in the scene in the first part of "Open Your Eyes," when the mother takes her sixteen-year-old daughter into her confidence and enlightens her concerning the all-important facts of life, contributes greatly to the appeal of this scene, which is one of the sweetest and most judiciously handled in the picture. Movie fans will recall Miss Binney in many films produced during the past year. One of her big hits was as the rebel maiden in the Civil War episode of Maurice Tourneur's picture, "Woman," who sold the life of a Union soldier fleeing from the Confederates, for a pretty bauble dangled before her eyes by the commander of the searching party. Miss Binney is a California girl. She is an expert horsewoman and very fond of the sport, although she does not get an opportunity to ride in "Open Your Eyes."

ROYAL VICTORIA

"The Notorious Miss Lisle," the latest First National attraction, which will be presented at the Royal Victoria Theatre again to-night, starring Katherine MacDonald, deals with the adventures of Gaenor Lisle, the daughter of a British army officer, who, through no fault of her own, finds herself mixed up in a decidedly unpleasant scandal with the newspapers keen on the scent. To escape them she flees to a quaint little Breton village where she meets the mediaeval Garsten, an Englishman who has spent a long sojourn in Spain and has not read the English papers containing the story of the scandal. He weds her—then discovers her secret.

DOROTHY DALTON

"A Romantic Adventure" Presented For First Time To-day

In an exciting story that skips blithely from New Orleans in Carnival time to New York's Gay White Way and thence to the gaming halls of Monte Carlo, Dorothy Dalton, the pretty Paramount star, will be seen at the Dominion Theatre to-day. The picture is "A Romantic Adventure," adapted from a popular novel by Charles Belmont Davis.

Miss Dalton has the role of a dancing girl who is being exploited by a frivolous-minded mother for her own purposes. As Queen of the Carnival, the star, introduces some startling new stunts and later repeats her success on the Broadway stage. At a college football game, she encounters a man who is the absolute opposite of the representatives of the sex with whom her mother has been urging her to associate. Later, when she is about to be forced into an uncongenial match with a rich Italian, who weds her at Monte Carlo, a dramatic game of love against trickery is played to a surprising conclusion.

Charles Meredith is Miss Dalton's leading man, and the picture was directed by Harley Knoles.

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This week's offering at the Pantages Theatre, proves to be one of the most inimitable stage productions in the vaudeville world. Every turn is a bigger surprise than its predecessor and the playette which Walter Law presents clips the climax of the programme. Mr. Law is well-known for the part he has taken in the motion picture world. In fact everybody knows him as the prize "villain" of pictures. Mr. Law proved to his audience yesterday that he could play a good part as well as the villain. A very exciting and also amusing plot runs throughout this little act, the moral of the play being to save a woman's honor. After his performance was over Mr. Law stepped out of his disguise and gave a little talk on his life with the movies, which was quite an amusing experience.

"Private Property," which proved such a scenic success was staged under the able management of George Choose, who endeavored to show his patrons just what a miniature scenic production and comedy farce was like. The scenery itself is one of art and skillful workmanship, while the plot which is threaded through the composition is one that is different. Bob Capron and Ched Fredson fulfill their promise to keep their audience in one perpetual round of laughter. Assisting this company is a cast of beautiful chorus girls, the costumes worn in this act were gorgeously decorated. Dresses from the latest fashions back to the old-fashioned hoop dresses were shown to the best advantage during this performance.

Kurt and Edith Kuehn had a pleasant surprise for the audience when their musical act was presented. Kurt is possessed of three good musical talents, namely his own voice, the impersonation of a ladies' voice, and the ability to give a little

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ROMANO

Anna Q. Nilsson, whom Warner loved. The next morning Davies is discovered murdered, and the hypnotic spell over Warner is so compelling as to make him really think that he killed Davies. The unravelling of the mystery is baffling, to say the least. Henry King has handled the direction of "One Hour Before Dawn" with excellent attention to detail.

The action takes place at a house party where H. B. Warner admits that Frank Leigh, as the hypnotist, has a petty power over the minds of men, but that he cannot subvert the Divine Mind, and he will find this true when he attempts to make a good man do an evil thing.

The hypnotist dares Warner to allow himself to be hypnotized, and he finally submits. The hypnotist then commands Warner to kill Howard Davies, a member of the house party who has forced his attentions on

WATCHFUL WAITING

Gas overcomes girl while taking bath. Miss Cecilia M. Jones owes her life to the watchfulness of Joel Colley, elevator boy, and Rufus Bascom, janitor.—Dubuque Telegraph-Herald.

MAID OF THE MOUNTAINS

The world's record-breaking musical comedy success, "The Maid of the Mountains," will be the offering at the Royal Victoria Theatre for five days, commencing Friday, December 31, with a matinee on Saturday and Wednesday.

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MEET GOVERNMENT ON PAVING WORK

Government Reiterates Offer Regarding Esquimalt Road

Mayor Porter, Alderman Sangster, Chairman of the Civic Streets Committee and City Engineer F. M. Preston met Premier Oliver and Hon. J. H. King, Minister of Public Works this morning to discuss the possibility of starting paving work on Esquimalt Road immediately.

The city representatives informed the Premier and the Minister of Public Works that the city had altered considerably the paving plans which it intended to put into effect in connection with the installation of the Johnson Street Bridge. As a result of this change in the plans, they stated, the paving work to be done would pass through a greater proportion of Government land than had been intended in the first place. The city therefore felt justified in asking the Government to increase its contribution to the cost of the work, particularly in view of the present unemployment situation.

To Pay Half Cost.

Mr. Oliver and Dr. King reiterated the Government's previous statement that it would pay half the cost of the paving which passed through Government land. It would not, however, help to pay for paving which did not pass through the Government's property.

The Government's answer will be reported to the Civic Streets Committee tomorrow, and the City Council will then decide whether or not it will proceed with the actual paving immediately or not.

APPEAL MADE BY PRESBYTERIANS TO MEET BIG BUDGET

Toronto, Dec. 22.—In order to meet a budget of \$1,500,000 for 1920, an increase of about 25 per cent. over last year's budget, the General Board of the Presbyterian Church in Canada has issued an appeal to Presbyterians throughout the Dominion for a special Christmas offering. It will be necessary to raise \$900,000 in December and January or over \$200 more than in the corresponding period last year. Receipts of budget givings for the 11 months ended November 30, totalled \$700,417, an advance of 12 per cent. whereas expenditures for the same period amounted to \$1,262,355, an increase of about 25 per cent.



Thomas Burt, formerly M.P. for Morpeth, was \$3 on November 12.

Dating from 1595, eight Sheldon apes tries were sold at Sotheby's for £4,010.

Thomas Remonger, for 55 years verger of Romsey Abbey, died on November 13, aged 92.

Yarmouth herring catch—47,531,000—already greater than the whole of the 1919 catch—453,538,000.

"We did not steal it, but consider we were guilty of an indiscretion in taking it."—Explanation from the dock at Acton.

The death has occurred of Thomas Freeman, who had represented Bishopscote Ward in the City Corporation since 1907.

One of the most distinguished actors on the London stage, A. E. George, has died in a London nursing home at the age of 61.

Sentence of death was passed at Durham Assizes on James Riley, 50, miner, of West Auckland, for the murder of his wife with a poker.

Retiring after 52 years' sea service Capt. A. B. Mills, commodore of the American Line, has crossed the Atlantic 1,068 times.

Free residence and £400 a year for incumbents and £200 a year, increased by £5 a year to £250, for curates have been voted by the general synod of the Church of Ireland.

A wife appeared before the Yarmouth bench with eyes so abnormally black that one of the magistrates was deceived into asking her to remove her tinted glasses.

Mr. Symmons at Clerkenwell after hearing two Scotmen: "Note these witnesses, how they answer questions—shortly and directly. No wonder they get on; they deserve it."

Losing three of his sons in the war and one in a railway accident in 1915, Mr. Harrison, a Lancashire farmer, has just lost his only surviving son, Harold, aged 19, who died while being removed from Preston, Lancs, infirmary, after an operation.

Charged with bicycle stealing and with escaping from Sunderland Police Buildings by climbing a spouting 80 feet high, John Horabin, 30, was remanded by the Sunderland magistrates.

A laborer, on finding that his train did not stop at Brunswick Dock Station, Liverpool, threw out a bag of tools, and James Scott, 61, railway fitter, was struck in the head and killed.

Three hundred pounds has been subscribed for the widow and family of ex-Sergeant-Major Rowlands, who with his daughter was killed in the recent air-omnibus smash at Hayes, Middlesex.

Frank Stedman, well known as a botanist, and associated with the discovery of the Lizard orchard when it was believed to have been extinct in this country, died suddenly at Ashford, Kent, aged 60.

Canon Horace Newton, late vicar of St. Stephen's Redditch, whose death is announced, was Canon and Prebendary of Burghorpe in York

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Minster. He was the father-in-law of the Bishop of Manchester.

At the inquest of James Carter, 48 who died in Hove Hospital, Dr. J. G. Hayes said that Carter had taken three or four ounces of chloride of antimony and practically all his internal organs were charred.

"Let there be no swank and no flowers, but simply bury me in my Masonic Regalia," was the last request of the late Julius William Trowbridge, late Superintendent of the S. E. and C. R. at Charing Cross.

Caught in a revolving shaft at a Glasgow laundry, Samuel Gourlay, after being whirled round several times, had his arm torn off and fell in a vat of dye, which had to be

emptied before his body could be recovered.

Said to have been first built by Oise, son of Hengist, in 448, and rebuilt by Henry de Essex, Constable of England, about 1160, Saltwood Castle is to be let furnished by Knight Frank and Rutley. It is the "den of thieves" where Thomas A. Becket's murderers met and laid their plans and whence they set out for Canterbury on December 29, 1162.

Dr. A. C. Harte, secretary in charge of Y.M.C.A. work in Palestine has been awarded the decoration of Chevalier de l'Ordre de la Couronne by the King of the Belgians for work done during the war on behalf of Belgian prisoners in the prison camps of Germany.

ROAD CONDITIONS BAR MOVEMENT OF CITY FUEL

City's Woodyards Empty; Summer's Cutting Cannot Be Brought In

The fuel situation in regard to wood in Victoria to-day is one which has probably never before faced the citizens since the earliest settlement. With timber visible on all the surrounding hills, with many lumber mills located in and near the city, and with hundreds of cords of giant timbers strewn the beaches, there is to-day a critical shortage of wood for fuel, and few or no signs of an early relief to the situation.

These are, at the present moment, thousands of cords of wood cut within a score of miles of the city, during the past Summer months the large fuel dealers who specialize in dry cordwood have expended upwards of \$100,000 in preparation for the coming Winter demand, and yet there is no wood available in the city in any quantity.

Roads Have Melted.
During the past two months there has been no more popular subject of conversation than the chronic dampness of the weather, but those most observant of their personal inconvenience had no thought of coupling downpours with Christmas firesides, yet because of the vagaries of the weather there are likely to be many a home where inconvenience is being felt because of the absence of a wood stack in the back yard.

According to S. C. Weston, the situation is extremely serious from the wood consumers' point of view. "We have several thousand cords of wood all stacked by the roadside at up-land points, and although there is but a mile-long haul to the railway siding, our teams have found it impossible to move the fuel that distance," he said this morning.

Mr. Weston stated that the cold wet fall had caused a greater consumption of firewood than was normally experienced, but all the dealers were well prepared with great reserves, had they been able to transport the fuel to the city.

J. E. Painter agreed and stated that at his Malahat wood lots his firm has been employing men for weeks past at one-quarter normal capacity of the wagons in order to get a supply at any cost, the work being extremely exhausting under conditions where the trails between wood stacks and rail sidings is a foot under water, and parts of the bush requiring rubber hip boots.

No Millwood Now.
The shutting down of the chief sawmills has naturally entirely cut off the supply of millwood, this having been distributed as created in operating the mills. The custom ordinarily awaiting this type of fuel has been diverted to the cordwood yards, adding yet another straw to the already overloaded condition.

ARGUMENTS AS TO TRANSPORTATION WHILE WORKERS HAVE TROUBLE IN TRAVELLING TO AND FROM EMPLOYMENT.

It is probable, however, that the matter will be given closer study, and if a feasible scheme can be worked out the sea may yet be called upon on an organized basis, for a fuel supply.

Coal Sales Soar.

The coal dealers all report that business is brisk and supplies are adequate, but it is generally recognized that past experience shows that a ton of coal in the household bin is better in Winter time than a hundred tons in the dealer's store. As one prominent dealer put it, "Fewer orders coal the day they want it, and they all want coal the day the snow comes."

OBITUARY RECORD

The funeral of the late George Cowdray took place yesterday afternoon from the B. C. Funeral Chapel, where services were held at 2.30 by the Rev. Canon Hincliffe. There were many friends present and the casket was covered with floral tributes. One hymn was sung, "O God Our Help in Ages Past." At the cemetery a firing party from Work Point, in charge of Sergt. Lawson, fired three volleys over the grave and a bugler sounded "Last Post." The following members of the Army and Navy Veterans acted as pallbearers: L. McLeod, Goid, H. Clear, B. Stephens, C. A. Black, F. Herman and G. Johnston.

The death of James Albert Wright occurred this morning at his residence, 355 Phoenix Street. He had been a resident of this city for the past eighteen months and for a number of years was a leading druggist in Manitoba. He is survived by his widow, two daughters, Florence and Kathleen Wright, and one son, James V. Wright. He was also a member of the Boissevain Lodge of the I. O. O. F. at Boissevain, Manitoba.

The funeral will take place from the B. C. Funeral Chapel at 3 o'clock Monday. The Rev. Robert Connell will officiate.

Margaret Frith died early this morning at her residence, 65 San Juan Avenue. She was born in England fifty-nine years ago, and has been a resident of this Province for the past fifteen years. The funeral will take place to-morrow at 1.45 p.m. The Rev. H. T. Archbold will conduct the service and interment will be made in the Ross Bay Cemetery.

On December 20, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman C. Phair, 824 Kings Road, the death occurred of Joseph Cyril Beardsley, aged forty years. He had made his home with Mr. Phair for the past six years, but has been a resident of Victoria for the past eleven years, and is survived by a father and mother in England. He was a member of the Boismakers' Union of this city. The remains are resting at the Sands Funeral Chapel and will be removed to the residence to-morrow morning, where the funeral service will take place at two o'clock. Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick will officiate and interment will take place at Ross Bay Cemetery.

BERLIN SOCIALISTS WIN.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—The efforts of the communists to obtain control of the Metal Trades Union which has 180,000 members, failed at an election of officers, the Independent Socialists winning by a vote of 31,463, against 20,982. All the membership did not vote. The Metal Trades Union is the largest single labor union in Berlin.

CITY EFFECTS BIG REDUCTION IN TOTAL DEBT

Gross Reduction \$763,724, Net Decrease \$549,026

MANY BONDS BOUGHT IN ADVANTAGEOUSLY

City indebtedness to the extent of \$549,026.66 was wiped out by the city financial department during 1920, Alderman W. J. Sargent, chairman of the Civic Finance Committee, which arranged all financial transactions, announced this morning. In the course of the present year, Alderman Sargent stated, \$763,724.70 of city bonds which matured were retired and in addition, the city, securing a good bargain, purchased \$49,000 of Point Ellice Fridge Accident Bonds, which do not mature until 1925, and \$5,000 School Loan Bonds, which will mature in 1943. Against this the city sold bonds amounting to \$214,698.04, so that the net reduction in the city's indebtedness during the year was \$549,026.66.

After going over all the city's bond transactions, Alderman Sargent gave out the following statement on the subject: "During 1920 there were paid off \$763,724.70 matured city bonds, and there were purchased \$49,000 of the Point Ellice Fridge Accident Bonds, which would not have matured until 1925, and \$5,000 School Loan Bonds, maturing 1943, making altogether \$763,724.70 of city indebtedness which was cancelled during the year. Against this there were sold in 1920 Victoria bonds amounting to \$214,698.04, effecting in the year's transactions a net reduction of the city's debt of \$549,026.66.

"In the repurchase of the \$54,000 unmatured city bonds a considerable saving was made, the price paid running from 93 down to 76 1/2 cents on the dollar, the interest also for the balance of the time will not have to be paid. The style of bonds the city is now selling is of the Serial Class, that is, there is no sinking fund account in connection with their operation, but the issue is made to cover a given term of years and each year a definite portion of the issue is redeemed and the interest on the remaining balance is met. Those sold during the present year were a twenty-year issue, and were drawn bearing six per cent. The most of these were sold at par, which should be highly satisfactory considering the money market generally throughout the year. The fact that these bonds were all either bought by local purchasers or through local dealers is an evidence that the people in Victoria with money to invest are waking up to the fact that there is no better investment than their own bonds. If all Victoria's bonds that are outstanding to-day were held by Victoria citizens it would mean a very material daily circulation of money from interest earnings which now goes to New York and London.

Bonds Now For Sale.

"With the Johnson Street bridge and Pandora Avenue and Fairfield Road expenditures the city has now in hand for sale something over half a million in bonds, and it is to be hoped that those in the city with money to invest will see to it that every dollar of this issue will be absorbed by Victoria investors. These are all serial bonds and an investor can place big money for any length of time desired, from one year up to thirty years."

FRESH EFFORT TO SECURE REMOVAL OF CATTLE EMBARGO

Edmonton, Dec. 22.—Hon. Duncan Marshall, Minister of Agriculture, has cabled to Sir George Perley, Canadian High Commissioner, Lord Beaverbrook and to Lord Dufferin, president of the British Board of Agriculture as a first move from the Province of Alberta in a fresh effort to secure the removal of the British embargo on live cattle. In the cable to Sir George Mr. Marshall points out that Canada is passing through a livestock crisis that is vitally important to her agriculture prospects. "The embargo is unfair and unjust," says the cable and its removal is urged at once.

SYDNEY STIRRED BY SENSATIONAL MURDERS

Sydney, N.S.W., Dec. 22.—Two sensational murders have this week stirred upper circles in Sydney. Major Le Barte, a well-known officer, shot his wife dead. He was in a drunken frenzy and there were sixteen bullet wounds in her body when the police arrived.

Dr. Tozer, a well-known sporting and business man, was found dead from a revolver shot in the residence of a society woman, Mrs. Dorothy Sutcliffe. She is expected to recover, though she is suffering from revolver wounds and an overdose of laudanum.

LYNCHED BY MOB.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 21.—Tom W. Vickery, a white man held on a charge of murder in connection with the killing Monday night of policeman Jeff C. Couch, was taken from the county jail here shortly after midnight by a mob and hanged. Several shots were fired into his body.

STILL ACTIVE.

Lancaster, Cal., Dec. 22.—T. W. Edwards celebrated his 74th anniversary of his birth here yesterday by kicking a hat off the head of a man six feet two inches tall, without losing his balance.

"When I am 100 years old," remarked Mr. Edwards, "I shall take on a much taller man."

MIDNIGHT MASS.

Rome, Dec. 22.—Pope Benedict has decided to celebrate midnight mass on Christmas Eve in the Pontine Chapel, thus resuming a custom abandoned while Leo XIII. was Pontiff.

MORATORIUM.

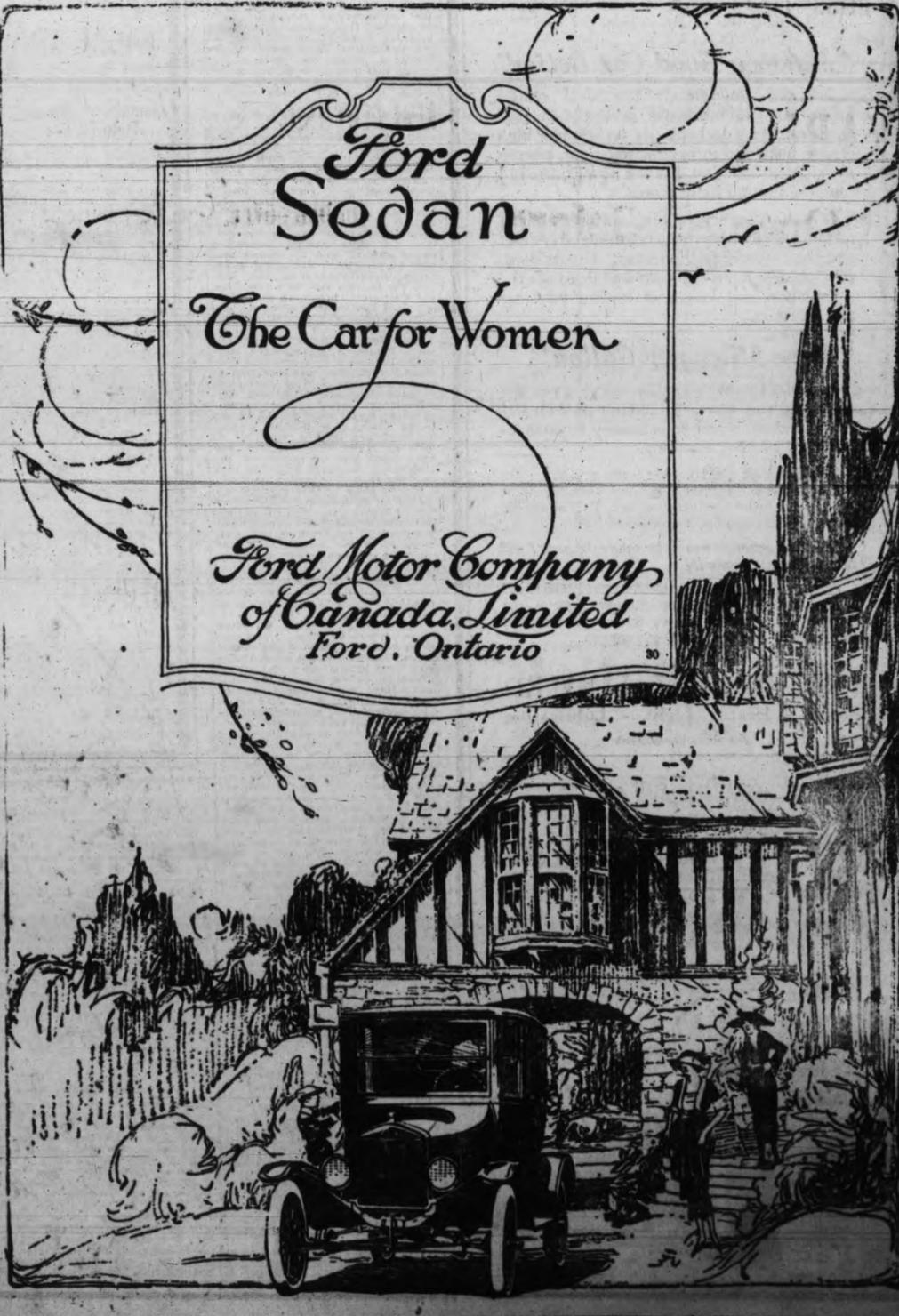
Rio Janeiro, Dec. 22.—Proposals that the Government establish a moratorium for four months were rejected at a meeting of business men under the auspices of the League of Commerce here to-day.

BANK CLEARINGS.

Vancouver, Dec. 21.—Bank clearings for the week are announced as follows: Vancouver, \$16,777,284; New Westminster, \$468,334.

"Have you any potted geraniums?" "No; we have some very nice chrysanthemums." "I must have geraniums. They are for my wife." "I'm sure she'd like these chrysanthemums." "You don't understand. The geraniums are to replace some I promised to care for while she was away."

"There is one thing I don't understand about you," said the manager to the new clerk. "What is that?" "Every time you see a figure 2 you call it 2." "Oh, that's easily explained." "How?" "I used to be a salesman in the ladies' department of a boot shop."



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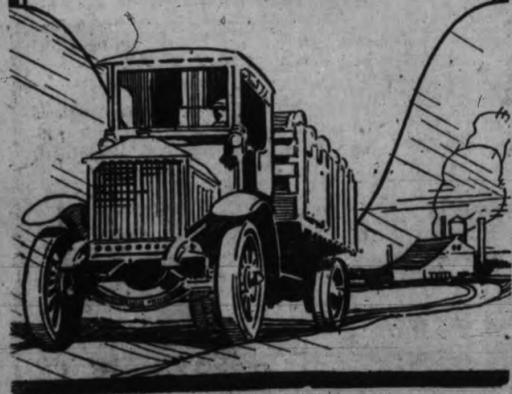
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Ponzi and "520 Per Cent" Miller Played on Human Cupidity

New York, Dec. 22.—Is it true that a sucker is born every minute. Well, ask Charles Ponzi, "wizard of finance," or his predecessor of two decades ago, "520 Per Cent. Miller." Consider this record:

1900—Miller, twenty-five-year-old bucket shop artist, sent to Sing Sing for ten years for swindling investors that swallowed hook, line and sinker, when he promised them a 10 per cent return weekly on their investments, and for a short time paid the interest to his first investors out of the principal deposited with him by subsequent lenders.

1920—Charles Ponzi, a breezy young Italian, sentenced to five years in the Plymouth Jail, Massachusetts, for using the United States mails "with intent to defraud," as the legal phraseology has it. In other words, Ponzi worked the same old game that "520 Per Cent. Miller" put over—with slight variations. He promised "50 per cent interest in forty-five days" and he, too, paid interest to his early customers with the stream of money poured into his offices by the late-comers.

Both Ponzi and Miller succeeded with remarkable ease in persuading people to hand over their money on their impossible claims. Not only poor and ignorant people, but wealthy, apparently well-educated and intelligent men and women were victimized. But in the end which were the greater victims—the swindled hordes or the get-rich-quick Ponzi and Miller, millionaires for a day, but convicts and prisoners for many a day, discredited, dishonored and ruined in name and reputation?

It is interesting to compare the meteoric careers of Ponzi and Miller as financial wizards. As the story of Ponzi is fresh in the minds of newspaper readers, a resume of "520 Per Cent. Miller's Wallingfordian experiment will be taken up first.

Miller's Little Game.

Miller was born in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn. His home life and general environment were good and he was a regular attendant at Sunday School and church in his younger days. In after life, looking back on his career, he used to say that perhaps the reason he went wrong was that he was brought up in a too restricted, narrow mode of life, and did not know enough of the world to realize the truth in the truism that honesty is the best policy.

He started to earn his living by selling tea at retail from samples. One of his customers was N. V. Lyons, who had brokerage offices in Wall Street. It was merely by chance that the youngster was thrown into the atmosphere of speculation and easy money. In Lyons's office he met Edward Schlessinger and Louis Powers, speculators, and Schlessinger, then about fifty years old, took a great interest in him. Finally the elder man offered to give the boy the benefit of his experience in a joint investment. Miller put up ten dollars, the elder partner invested a larger amount, and the money was used as margin to buy sugar stock. The speculation was a success. Miller's \$10 became \$100 in a few days, and his partner prospered accordingly. They continued to speculate, and Miller pyramided his gains till they reached \$1,000.

According to Miller's version of what happened, Schlessinger suggested the idea of a co-operative syndicate, which was afterward developed into the famous swindling Franklin Syndicate. He said that Schlessinger flattered him and predicted he would some day be known as the Wizard of Wall Street, so that his head was turned. One day in 1920, as Miller told later, he and John Korn laid the plans for the syndicate at luncheon in a restaurant near the Stock Exchange.

Miller's story is that he was victimized by Schlessinger to the extent that he was led to believe that their joint investments would be sufficiently successful for them to pay the investors 10 per cent a week and still have enormous profits for themselves.

Swamped With Business

After telling of the start of the business, he described the height of success as follows:

"By October 1, 1920, we were swamped with business. I took the entire house in which a few weeks before I had been in one room. Clerks were hired by the score, and all regarded me as the head of the business. Many of the clerks invested their earnings and more. The list of subscribers had far outgrown my circle of personal acquaintances, growing and extending as an epidemic chain grows. The profits were paid every week, and those who thought they were getting wealthy acted as advisers for us. They brought in new members, receiving pay for their efforts. It will be remembered that among the subscribers were ministers, policemen, lawyers, and even judges who were then on the bench.

"Before the final crash came Friday was always good for at least \$100,000 in investments. Imagine what that meant, almost all of it being contributed in amounts ranging between \$10.00 and \$100.00. Through the mail came checks, money orders and drafts. From our city subscribers nothing but cash was received. We had a large force employed to do nothing more than count and sort the money. Our office opened for business in early morning and closed at 10 o'clock at night, but we never got through counting the cash until 3 o'clock the next morning, and on Saturday morning we seldom concluded the task before daylight."

Beginning of the End.

The main office of the syndicate was in Brooklyn. Shortly after it was opened, a branch was started in Boston. Both offices were enormously successful in getting investors, and the syndicate opened big accounts in various banks and bought bonds in large quantities. Miller said that the Franklin Syndicate took in about \$1,200,000 from first to last, about half of which was returned to the investors as "profits" or spent on expenses.

Late in October trouble started and the newspapers began printing stories that hinted something was wrong with the Franklin Syndicate's marvelous scheme. Miller and Schlessinger were indicted. Schlessinger and Korn went to Europe, while Miller fled to Canada, after leaving \$140,000 in cash and \$100,000 in stocks and bonds with

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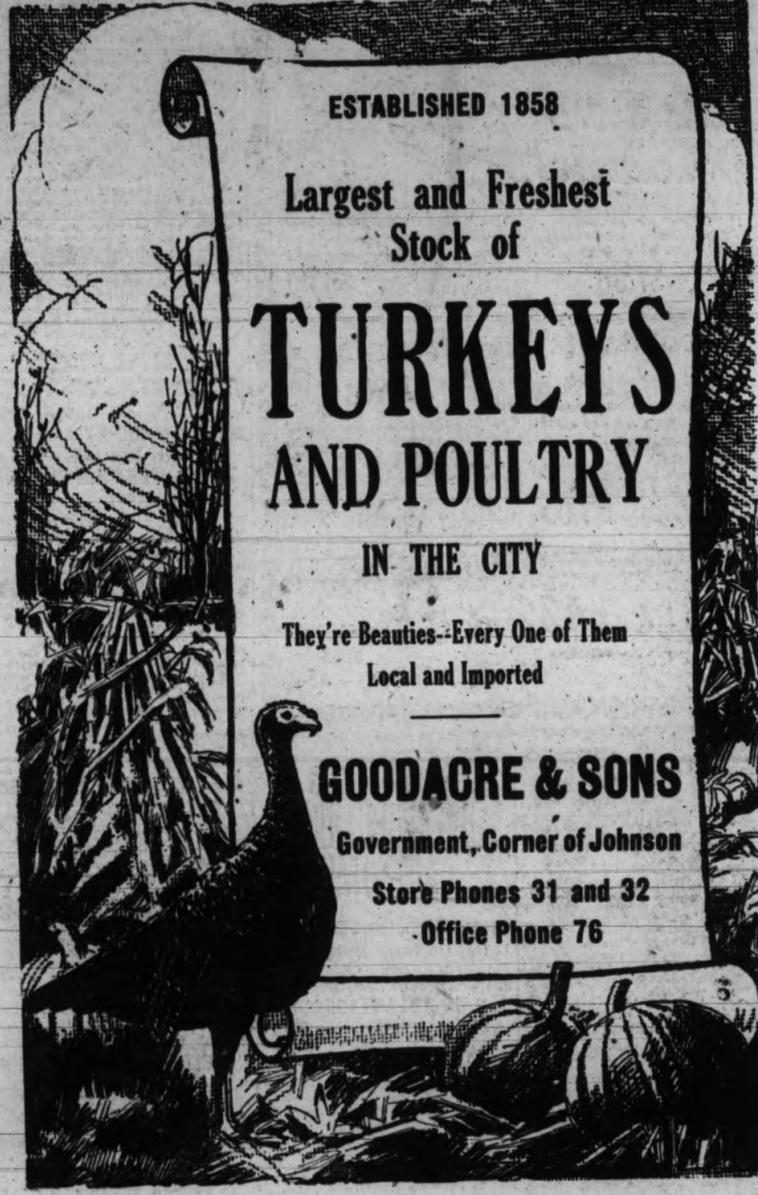
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his lawyer, Col. Bob Ammon. Six weeks later he was caught in Montreal with only 25 cents.

The bursting of the bubble and the flight of Miller came like a thunder-bolt to his customers. Homes were wrecked, victims committed suicide, others went insane.

In May, 1920, Miller was sentenced to ten years in Sing Sing, and the decision was upheld in a battle in the higher courts. He was pardoned after serving four years. His lawyer, Col. Ammon, was convicted in 1923 of receiving stolen money, Miller testifying against him, and served his term. Alfred R. Goslin, a noted and brainy criminal, is said to have fleeced Col. Ammon out of the money, so that the money went from Miller to Ammon to Goslin—and possibly somebody else "did" Goslin. At any rate the poor boob that fell for "520 Per Cent. Miller's prospectus were not the only suckers.

In a Country Grocery Store

Last August, when Ponzi was at the crest of his short fame, Miller was located by The World as the owner of a little country grocery store and a small real estate business in Rockville Centre, L. I. He has lived in the Little Long Island town ever since his release from prison, and has been content to tread the straight and narrow path, to live in obscurity, and to earn a comfortable but by no means luxurious living. Sitting on a cracker barrel, selling penny candy to the children and small items to the country folk, he discussed the Ponzi case and predicted that the new "wizard of finance" would be shown up by the au-

thorities "the same as I was twenty years ago."

Ponzi's story is remarkably like Miller's. At first Ponzi, too, was hailed as a "Wizard of Finance," a new Midas whose touch turned everything to gold. Thousands of investors fought to give him their money, and millions of dollars passed through his hands. Then came doubt and next investigation. And after that the police, bankruptcy, the courts, and now a five-year sentence, upon Ponzi's plea of guilty to the charge of using the mails to defraud.

Ponzi's main office was in Boston, where Miller had his branch, and Ponzi had branch offices in many smaller cities—Mostly mill towns, where the foreign born population was large. The story of Ponzi's adventures runs from December, 1918, to August, 1920. He started small, borrowing \$200 to open an office. Then he began to gather in the suckers in the same snowball, endless chain fashion Miller had used twenty years before. The bait was slightly different. Speculation in foreign exchange was Ponzi's lure. The mystery of it was half the lure, as was the mystery of Miller's scheme. Neither would let his dupes in on the "secret" of their Midas touch.

Paid for a While.

Ponzi, like Miller, did pay the profits he promised—at first. In Ponzi's case it was 50 per cent, in forty-five days. As the money from new investors kept coming in, Ponzi could not afford to pay out "interest" to his early depositors and still have plenty for himself. His depositors were of all classes, like Miller's. Rich

and poor, high and low, fell victims to his scheme. Even policemen were in his net. He is said to have allowed some of the policemen and others that he favored with a special regard to "clean up" on the ground floor.

For eight months, everything went swimmingly for Ponzi. He claimed to have taken in \$14,000,000 and to have paid out the 50 per cent interest regularly. The very success and magnitude of his get-rich-quick scheme attracted attention to it, and brought on the investigation that finally showed Ponzi up as a crook instead of a great financier.

The investigation started late in July and Ponzi stopped taking money from investors. A run started on his office, but he began paying money to everybody who presented claims. While the run was on he wrote checks for about \$4,000,000, and for a time fooled even the investigators to the extent that they were not sure he did not possess some magical secret for dealing in international postal coupons.

The End.

On August 8, however, the Bank Commissioner ordered the Hanover Trust Company to stop honoring any further checks drawn by Ponzi. After this sensation followed sensation. Ponzi admitted he had served terms in Canada and the United States for forgery and violating the United States immigration laws. The Hanover Trust Company was closed and Ponzi was arrested. Then he was declared a bankrupt and it was announced that his "investors" would get only about 20 cents on the dollar

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 - New Zealand Butter, two pounds for \$1.25

WITHDRAWAL OF WOOD CONCESSION WORKS HARDSHIP

Government Charges S. C. R. Patients Increased Prices For Materials

Considerable dissatisfaction is felt among the returned men now taking vocational training under the Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment at a recent order issued by the authorities which has raised the price of the wood used in the course of their training.

Creative Work.

Through the medium of the various local exhibitions held from time to time, the general public has become familiar with the excellent and artistic woodwork fashioned by the ex-soldier patients in the local S. C. R. Hospitals. This work which is of a standard worthy of comparison with that of the professional cabinet-maker varies from the inlaid tray or bookcase to the more ambitious library table or Morris chair. Apart from the intrinsic value of the articles thus fashioned by the men, the work has proved an inestimable boon in diverting the patient's attention from the pains and discomforts attendant upon his disability, and the pleasure derived from this creative training has proved one of the most invaluable factors in convalescence.

Purchase of Supplies.

Pay for the ex-soldier undergoing vocational training under the S.C.R. while in hospital is at the rate of \$10 per month. Out of this sum the patient is expected to pay for the cost of the materials used in that training. Thus the men taking up bead-work have to supply their own beads, while the students of carpentry or cabinet-making are expected to purchase the wood. Until the beginning of the present month the authorities sold the dressed wood to the patients at cost price, that is at the rate of twenty cents per foot for hardwood.

Profiteering Charges.

Becoming operative on December 1, however, a new order was issued to the effect that after that date the price of this hardwood would be raised from twenty cents to forty-five and fifty cents per foot, a price which the men claim is equal to, and in some cases makes, more than the price of soft woods was raised to seven and a half cents per foot, or \$75 per thousand, which is fifty per cent more than is paid for B.C. soft woods in Ottawa.

Heavy Drain on Resources.

This rise in price is much resented by the men. Under the regulations of the S.C.R. they have no option but to take the vocational training, and the added cost of the materials mean a heavy drain upon their small pay of \$10 per month. It is true that the order referred to stated that in the event of the men not wishing to buy the wood, the authorities would reserve the right to sell the finished articles, but the men naturally feel that having put their creative efforts into the work they should be the owners of the finished article.

The Government also takes care of the wastage, which is said to be considerable.

As one of the patients yesterday stated to a Times representative, "We do not see why the Government should want to profiteer at the expense of the disabled soldier, either on the raw materials or the finished articles. The men were quite willing to pay at the old rates, but they do object to paying the Government more for the wood than would have to be paid to retailers."

NEWS AND NOTES OF THE MINES

Gold Production.

In an effort to stimulate gold mining, the mining bureau of the Vancouver Board of Trade, through Nichol Thompson, chairman, and H. Beeman, secretary, is petitioning the Dominion and Provincial Governments to remove the taxes on production of gold; to compel the return of gold from exported ores and the institution of a system of distribution of any surplus over the normal cost of production in sales made by the assay office and mint; and to gold mining companies in the Province in proportion to their production.

"The Vancouver Board of Trade urges on the Dominion and Provincial Government the necessity of action to encourage the gold production to the utmost, reads the letter, and offers the following suggestions:

"Removal of all taxation on gold mines until such time as conditions return to normal."
"The return to Canada of all gold produced from exported ores; the purchase thereof by the Mint at Ottawa and the Dominion Assay Office at Vancouver."
"And that for all gold sold by these institutions for industrial purposes, the selling price shall be such as shall cover the normal cost of production, any surplus revenue to be distributed among the gold mining companies in proportion to production."

Copper is Low.

The price of copper has been at the lowest ebb since the date of the armistice, and as a result there is estimated now to be more than 500,000,000 pounds of the metal held in storage, which copper companies cannot dispose of excepting at a heavy loss. It is stated that many copper companies which have never before had to become borrowers are now forced to seek capital to continue production.

Copper conditions as reflected from Anaconda show the mines of that section to be operating on practically a twenty-five per cent basis of labor.

The new French maid was all that the heart could desire. As she was putting a lovely marble vase in her mistress's hair one afternoon the latter said, "I visited a fortune-teller this morning. Yvonne, and asked her about my husband." The maid smiled. "If madame had asked me," she said, "I could have told madame more than the fortune-teller could!"

Ship charter rates from New York are nearly down to pre-war levels.

Economy and Efficiency Mark the Administration of the Home Oil Company's Affairs

THE first purpose of the Home Oil Company is to develop the oil resources of the Fraser Delta, an area which has been reported upon favorably by eminent British geologists and which it is confidently expected will turn out to be one of the most extensive oil fields of this continent.

Aims The business of the company is to produce and sell oil, and this will be done just as rapidly as funds for actual development become available and machinery, men and supplies are secured to drill the wells. When production begins it will not be necessary to sell stock in order to secure funds.

Assets The assets of the company at present consist of approximately 20,000 acres of well-blocked leases on the Abbotsford anticline, machinery and drilling tools, buildings and equipment on the field and two derricks under construction on drilling sites already located.

Progress The progress made in the direction of production is gratifying and the company is singularly fortunate in having secured for practical management of its affairs, and the actual work in the field, such skilled and experienced men as Frank H. Kiff, General Manager and Field Superintendent, and Wm. J. Jones, Master Driller, a veteran of lifelong experience in the great fields of this continent.

Capital The capitalization of the company is \$1,000,000, divided into shares at 10 cents each. The actual assets at the present time are valued conservatively at over \$300,000. Only sufficient stock will be sold to complete drilling operations at the three drilling sites already located on the Abbotsford anticline.

ONE frequently hears the small investor complain that the opportunities for the large profits, such as accrue from the successful development of natural resources, are only available to the man of large means or the combination of big capitalists.

Financing The men who originally acquire the valuable right to natural resources that await development have two ways of financing open to them. One is to take it before a capitalist or group of capitalists. The other is to take it directly to the public.

Capitalists If the proposition is sound the capitalists will back it; but they will insist on acquiring a majority of the stock, which of course is not to the advantage of the original owner.

Joint Stock Company To allow the public to share in the advantage of ownership by organizing a joint-stock company is to offer an opportunity to the small investor which he will do well to investigate and avail himself of.

This is the method chosen by the Home Oil Company, Limited. The small investor has equal opportunity with the larger capitalist to secure dividends with the successful operations of this company at Abbotsford.

Economy **Efficiency** IN the organization of the Home Oil Company, as well as in the acquisition of the present valuable properties and in the efficient management of its affairs, the shareholders are particularly fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Frank H. Kiff, whose experience as geologist and field superintendent in the world's oil fields places him among the foremost oil experts of this continent.

Look in the Window

IN our window at 1106 Douglas Street you may see the specimens from our holdings on the Abbotsford anticline. Particularly interesting are the oil bearing rocks which readily burn when lit. See also the oil glo-bubble which has been soaking for centuries in petroleum; the Devonian marine fossils, millions of years old; Nature's own sculpture executed before the human race began, showing foliage and tropical flora of rare beauty. And don't forget to see the seashell lovers who died in the toils of Dan Cupid aeons before Adam.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. E. A.—No, we do not intend to keep the offices in Victoria after the present sale of shares is closed. This has simply been arranged to give the public of this city an opportunity of participating in what is expected to be a highly profitable enterprise, carefully conducted and managed. We have assigned a block of stock to Victorians and have allowed from 10 to 15 days longer for this to be taken up. I shall be pleased to go into all details with you if you will phone for an appointment.

H. J. E.—A gusher is any well that will flow by the head, that is, without pumping. It may produce from 200 barrels a day to 50,000 or even more. At present prices of crude oil a 200-barrel well would be producing about \$2,500 a day and would make one producing acre worth very close to a million dollars.

H. W. N.—I could not give you accurate figures of the holdings of other companies in this field, but the largest holdings of any one company are not more than 2,500 acres. As to value of such acreage, this can only be determined by production or feasible prospects of production, although I see in the annual statements of some companies that they value their acreage at from \$150 to \$250 per acre. This is without production.

C. E. W.—Have not as yet obtained reliable information as to Standard's well at Melville. The Forks well expects to bring in oil within the next few days. They are now in the cap rock 2,500 feet depth.

J. W.—Mexican Petroleum shares, par value \$1, are quoted on the market to-day at 115¢. The shares of this company are held by individuals in all sized blocks and all over the world.

B. H. J.—Not at liberty to answer this question fully, but can say that we did have an offer for our combined acreage on Monday night just at Vancouver Hotel. I cannot give you figures, neither do I think that it would be good business to do so or to mention names. If you will call and see me personally I now give you more definite information.

N. J. W.—The highest price that I know of to have been paid for a small drilling lease was at Burkburnett, Texas. This was a lot 153 feet deep by 84 feet front. The figure was \$43,000 cash, plus a Los Angeles group of three men. A well was brought in that produced 12,000 barrels a day.

The leases, under his direction, were secured very quietly and in well-blocked form, so that encroachment on drilling operations will be impossible.

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FOOD FOR THE YOUNG.

A good breakfast to start him off—milk, cornmeal mush, apple sauce. It makes him fit, for milk and plenty of it makes him grow—a quart a day if you can. Put it on his cereal and in his cup. Make it into soups, puddings or custards for him. Whole milk is best, of course, but skim milk is good if there is a little butter in his meals. Cottage cheese is good, too. No coffee or tea—not even a taste. Leave them for the grown-ups. Milk, cocoa, not too strong, and fruit juices

are the drinks for children, and plenty of water always.

Fruit they enjoy, and they need it, too—baked apples, apple sauce, thoroughly ripe bananas, prunes, oranges. Give them vegetables, fresh or canned. Plenty of fruits and vegetables tend to prevent constipation. Use proper food and do not depend upon laxatives. The youngster can't be well unless the bowels move regularly. Don't let him hurry off in the morning without attending to this duty. Other foods a child needs—Whole wheat bread, not too fresh; corn-bread, well cooked oatmeal, rice.

They help make strong boys and girls. Some fats, butter or margarine or meat fats on his bread or in gravies. An egg, perhaps, particularly if he doesn't get his full quart of milk, or he can have a little meat or fish—but he does not need much.

Sweets are good for them—the right ones at the right time. Dates, raisins, stewed fruits, simple puddings, sugar cookies are better than candy. Give them at meal times. Between meals let them have bread and butter, a cracker or fruit. They won't spoil the appetite, and candy will.



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S.S. PRINCE RUPERT UNDER STEAM AGAIN

Taken to Prince Rupert For Docking; Tenders Later

After one of the most successful salvage operations on an extensive scale ever seen on the coast here, the Prince Rupert, wrecked and beached in Swanson Bay on September 23, yesterday got up steam and sailed by her own aid to Prince Rupert, conveyed by the salvage ship Algerine, of the Pacific Salvage Company.

Captain Nicholson, head of the Canadian National Coastal Steamship Service, arrived here yesterday on the Prince John and gave word of the details of the ship's condition and sailing.

The interior of the ship is in a very bad shape, he stated, bulkheads burst and decks broken in, and all furniture and woodwork ruined beyond repair. The action of the sulphuric acid discharges from the pulp plant has had a very active effect on all in and around the ship, stated Captain Nicholson, and facilitated her depreciation enormously.

Salvage Good Work.

Of the work done by the salvors, the Pacific Salvage Company, Captain Nicholson was gratified to report that all had been in order, and that the work had been excellent. A cofferdam of 157 1/2 tons had been built on above the level of the shelter deck, using some 125,000 feet of lumber, this was 56 feet deep at its greatest point.

The work has taken two months from the time the craft was righted, which was accomplished by par-buckling the ship and the placement of pontoons. The danger of her sliding off the ledge into deep water was averted, and work proceeded without incident. Most of the damage visible is in the interior, while the hull is damaged in one or two places, chiefly in the nose.

In the salvage operations four large centrifugal pumps, of 2,400 gallons capacity, were used, after all holes had been rendered watertight. Pumping out was difficult owing to structural obstacles, and the fact that the cofferdam was of a considerable weight on the upper works.

The steamer steamed to Prince Rupert and will be dry-docked, specifications prepared and call for tenders issued by December 23, it is stated.

In Charge of Capt. Logan.

The salvage operations were under the superintendency of Capt. Logan, of the London Salvage Association, using the plant of the Pacific Salvage Company. The staff of six divers, under Master Diver Jack McHardy, of this city, were complimented for their excellent work, much of the preliminary construction work being completed under water.

Capt. Nicholson will leave for Prince Rupert on Monday to superintend the preparation of specifications for repair work.

S. Ishikawa was fined \$10 at Boston for displaying for sale a toy dog with a miniature U.S. flag attached to its tail.

SAILING CRAFT RETURNS

The Robert Dollar line sailing vessel J. L. Stanford, Capt. F. A. Macdonald, which arrived in the Royal Roads last night, endeavored to make Vancouver to-day, but had to put back owing to stress of weather. She was met with a strong southeast gale that freshened as the day went on, and is now back here for the night. Capt. Macdonald hopes to make up to Vancouver to-morrow.

DORA ON ROCK OFF NOBLE ISLAND; CREW PICKED UP

Struck Rock, Sprung Serious Leak and Was Beached

Seattle, Dec. 23.—Stranded on the east shore of Vancouver Island, as the result of striking a rocky ledge extending into the channel from Noble Island while bound from Seattle to Dutch Harbor, the little steamship Dora, famed as the "bulldog" of the North Pacific lies in a precarious position. Should a storm arise before she can be patched, she will be lost.

This news was brought to Seattle yesterday by Captain Oscar Anderson of the steamship Admiral Rodman, which arrived from Ocean Falls and picked up ten members of the Dora's crew and United States Marshal Paul Buckley of Dutch Harbor, who was a passenger.

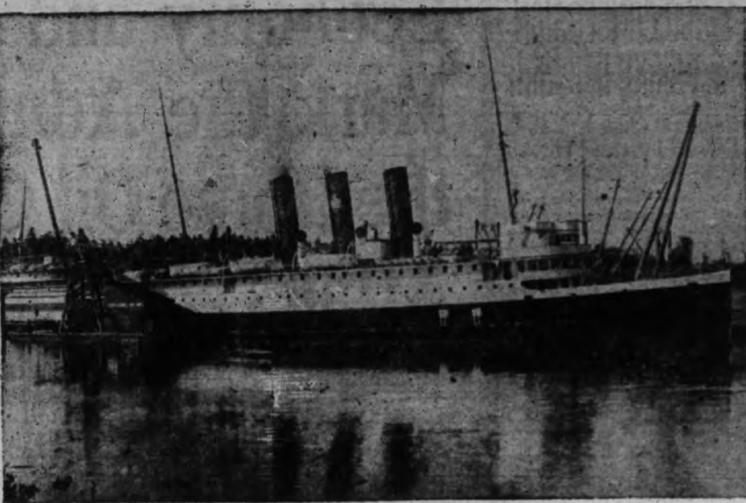
According to the returning members of the crew of the Dora, she struck on Noble Island at 3 o'clock Monday morning, and on backing off was found to be leaking so badly that she was run ashore on the sandy beach of Vancouver Island opposite where she struck. The night was comparatively clear, but according to mariners navigating the inside passage to Alaska, the Noble Island light is located in a bad position, being hidden to vessels hugging the shore line too closely, and to this is attributed the fact that the little vessel struck.

The members of the crew returning here assert that the only danger to the ship is the possibility of a southwest storm, in which she would be pounded severely due to her exposed position on the beach.

The scene of the stranding of the Dora is given as 399 miles from Seattle. The Canadian coastguard cutter Thielvel intercepted the Admiral Rodman with the request that the ten men of the crew and Marshall Buckley be returned to Seattle.

The master of the Dora, her deck officers and engine room crews are standing by the little ship effecting temporary patches in the hope of getting her off and proceeding to Ocean Falls or Prince Rupert for repairs.

SALVAGED AND READY FOR REPAIRS



SS. PRINCE RUPERT

The steamer Prince Rupert, recently floated, after having grounded in Swanson Bay nearly two months ago, arrived at Prince Rupert last night under her own steam. The vessel left Swanson Bay at five o'clock yesterday morning. The cargo that remains in the holds is being removed to-day, and to-morrow the steamer will be put into drydock.

The damaged Grand Trunk liner maintained an average speed of 10 knots, working two boilers. Owing to the ship's pumps becoming slightly clogged, the steamer put into Butedale for three hours, en route to Prince Rupert.

CLAIMS FIFTEEN MILLIONS WANT TO LEAVE EUROPE

Transportation Companies Besieged For Passages

New York, Dec. 23.—Fifteen million men, women and children of all social and economic classifications, representing every nationality in Europe, are fighting for passage to the United States, according to reports submitted by seventeen trans-Atlantic steamship company representatives to Frederick A. Wallis, Commissioner of Immigration at Ellis Island.

Every seaport city and town along the Western and Southern coasts of Europe, they said, is crowded with persons, who in their eagerness to leave for the United States, have sold their homes and everything they possessed. Passport offices abroad are reported to be besieged with applicants.

They also expressed the opinion that 6,000,000 Germans and Austrians are packed up and ready to sail as soon as the United States makes peace with their governments.

STORMS APPROACHING

A weather report issued by the Superintendent of the Dominion Meteorological Station at Gonzales, F. Napier Denison, this morning, gives warning of the approach of a severe storm. Storm signals have been received here, Vancouver, and in Nanaimo.

S.S. HAROLD DOLLAR DOCKS FOR YULETIDE

Good Cargo For Mainland; Masters Change

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—After a good run from the Far East the steamer Harold Dollar, Capt. Ridley, reached port at 6:15 o'clock on Tuesday night and docked at the Great Northern docks. Capt. Ridley reports fairly good weather and little out of the ordinary on the passage across. The Harold has about 1,200 tons for local discharge, the balance of her cargo being for New York.

The freighter will not clear until Monday night.

The Dollar Company received advice that the schooner Jane L. Stanford passed Port Angeles on her way from Taku Bar early in the day. She will dock here on Thursday. This vessel which has established a reputation for fast voyages, left Taku Bar on Armistice Day, thus completing the passage in forty-two days. Capt. McLaughlin is skipper of the boat.

Evidently the crew exerted every effort to bring their ship in good time for Christmas. The crew of the Harold Dollar are overjoyed at the prospect of spending the Yuletide season at home.

Capt. Wright, master of the Melville Dollar, who has been seriously ill in a Shanghai hospital for some months, returned on the Harold Dollar. He is much improved in health and will probably be able to resume command of his ship, the Melville Dollar, which is now enroute to New York, when she returns to this port.

FAILURE IN FISHING CAUSES EMIGRATION FROM NEWFOUNDLAND

Fishing Men in Thousands Said to Be Leaving

St. John's, N. F., Dec. 9.—Several thousand fishermen have left Newfoundland owing to the comparative failure of the colony's fisheries this year and the low price received for the product. They have gone chiefly to Canada and the United States.

The total catch of herring in the season which ended in the middle of last winter was only about half the average of previous years and because of renewed competition with Scotch, Dutch and other foreign markets due to the return of peace conditions, the value was greatly reduced. The early spring fishery for cod off the South coast and the seal fishery off the East coast were failures.

The main cod fishery around the coast of the island saw Labrador resulted in an estimated catch of 1,200,000 quintals (of 112 pounds), as against 1,700,000 for last year. The price dropped from \$12 to \$10 a quintal for Newfoundland fish and from \$10 to \$8 for Labrador cod. The decline in prices of cod oil, lobsters, salmon and other subsidiary products has been so great that the fishermen will not receive more than half the amount which they obtained last year.

Another factor tending to emigration is the curtailment in the iron mines, where forces of 3,000 have been reduced to one-half. Although the pulp and paper mills are making an exceptionally large cut of wood, they cannot absorb all the men seeking work from them this winter.

VESSEL MOVEMENTS

Liverpool—Sailed, Dec. 20: S.S. Collegian for Seattle via ports.

Shanghai—Sailed, Dec. 18: S.S. Fushima Maru for Seattle via ports.

Kobe—Sailed, Dec. 17: S.S. Toyohama Maru for Seattle via Yokohama.

Yokohama—Sailed, Dec. 16: S.S. Africa Maru for Seattle.

Batavia—Arrived Dec. 21: S.S. Griffon, from Caliao.

Port San Luis—Arrived, Dec. 31: S.S. Los Angeles from Vancouver, B.C.

Caliao, Dec. 19.—Arrived: Jephtha, Tacoma.

Auckland, Dec. 18.—Sailed: Canadian Exporter, Vancouver, B.C.

CANADIAN WIRELESS GOVERNMENT REPORT

8 a. m.

Point Grey—Cloudy; calm; 23.78; 41; moderate.

Cape Lazo—Overcast; S. E.; strong; 23.67; 39; rough; 8.15 a. m. spoke Princess Beatrice, Cape Mudge; 8.40 a. m. spoke S.S. Anyox, abeam Cape Lazo, south.

Estevan—Rain; S. E.; strong; 23.45; 39; rough; 8.15 p. m. spoke City of Victoria, 8 p. m. 230 miles from Flattery, out; 8.50 p. m. spoke Bessie Dollar, 8 p. m. 299 from Vancouver, out; 1.50 a. m. spoke S. E. Tees, in Quatsino Sound, northbound; 4.55 a. m. spoke Princess Maquinna, Nootka, northbound.

Triangle Island—Rain; S. E.; strong gales; 23.30; 44; rough.

Dead Tree Point—Overcast; S. E.; strong; 23.54; 37; rough.

Prince Rupert—Overcast; calm; 23.45; 38; smooth.

Noon.

Point Grey—Overcast; southeast; fresh; 23.54; 45; heavy swell.

Cape Lazo—Rain; southeast gales; 23.53; 38; rough.

Estevan—Rain; southeast gales; 23.30; 40; rough; 11.30 a. m. spoke Princess Maquinna, abeam Uchelet; light; north.

Triangle Island—Rain; southeast; strong gales; 23.16; 46; rough.

Dead Tree—Cloudy; southeast; strong; 23.45; 39; rough.

Prince Rupert—Cloudy; north; strong; 23.16; 40; moderate.

ATLAS NOW AFLOAT

Seattle, Dec. 22.—The Standard Oil tanker Atlas, which went ashore in Snow Pass, Southeastern Alaska, on Monday and was floated yesterday, arrived in Ketchikan at 4:15 o'clock last night. The Atlas was towed to Ketchikan from the scene of the stranding by the United States light-house tender Cedar. A large part of the vessel's cargo of gasoline was pumped out during the efforts to free her from the shoals.

AIR STATION CHIEF REPLIES TO ATTACK FROM THE UNKNOWN

B. C. Aviation Was Successful, With Great Promise

Replying to the attack upon the B. C. Air Station, under his care, Major C. MacLaurin, M. C., superintendent of aviation in B. C., in an interview with The Vancouver Sun yesterday, gives answer to his anonymous assailant.

He said in part:

"Surely the forests of British Columbia, which are as extensive as any in the world, should be protected by the most efficient method of air patrol which is endorsed by leading authorities as the most efficient way in which inaccessible timbered areas can be patrolled."

Major MacLaurin states that a considerable amount of patrol work has been done by flyers at the station, and that the base has fully warranted its establishment, although it is not yet completely equipped with machines or hangars.

Useful Flying Done.

Major MacLaurin stated that the log books of the various machines, which showed the actual amount of work had been accomplished by the planes were open for inspection, but that no one had called to see them before voicing criticism of the activities of the station.

"Since the establishment of the Jericho base, survey and patrol work has been done which could not have been accomplished in any other way," said Major MacLaurin. "The work included forest patrol, all forms of aerial surveying, exploration, and fishery protection. The base was also for war emergencies and for the development of flying generally. The station is not properly established yet as additional machines, hangars and a larger personnel are needed to complete the base."

"Observations Tommy-rot."

"During the winter months there is, of course, little necessity of forest protection, but when Spring comes operations at Jericho will begin in earnest. When I interviewed officials of the Government a few days ago in Victoria," continued the Major, "I was led to believe that the carrying on of more extensive flying operations in the Spring was being considered very favorably. When my friend, who terms himself 'observer,' speaks of carrying fire-fighting apparatus in an airplane, he is talking Tommy-rot."

"A visit to the base would convince any one that there is no joy-riding or spending of money on tinkering with engines, or very necessary work is being carried on at the Jericho station, which it would be impossible to perform by other methods than the use of airplanes. If those who criticize would inform themselves of what is actually being done I am sure they would be convinced of the usefulness of the station to British Columbia."

MARINE NOTES

The sailing ship John L. Stanford put in to the Royal Roads last night from Shanghai, bound for Vancouver. She will proceed to-morrow after obtaining pratique.

The steamer West Ison made quarantine last night, and will pass up to Vancouver to-day.

The Canadian-Australian liner Taiti sailed for Australia direct from Vancouver at noon to-day. She will not make her usual call here, being an extra on the schedule and local passenger traffic being light.

The Princess Patricia, damaged by driftwood on Tuesday, made port here yesterday and will be hauled out at the V. M. D. plant for overhaul. Her port engine, and shaft were affected, when she bumped a log clearing from Vancouver on the usual Nanaimo run, making Nanaimo on her starboard engine solely.

RESTORER COMPLETES WORK

Seattle, Dec. 22.—After repairing the British Government cable which is partly recently off Cape Beale, west coast of Vancouver Island, the cable-ship Restorer, Capt. B. Combe, returned to Seattle last night and went to buoy the harbor. The Restorer sailed from Seattle December 3 and encountered much heavy weather while repairing the cable. The break occurred about eight miles from Bamfield, where the cable station is located. The cable links British Columbia with Australia, the Fanning Islands, the Fiji Islands and Norfolk Island.

TO SAIL TO-MORROW

The S. S. Governor will clear for the South on Christmas morning to-morrow, Friday, at 5 p. m., with a full list of passengers, mostly from American ports.

JOHN E. GARDIN, CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION, URGES A WORLD-WIDE MORATORIUM IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE AS A MEASURE WHICH WOULD RESTORE INTERNATIONAL STABILITY AND ENHANCE PRODUCTION EVERYWHERE

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Day	Sunrise	Sunset
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2	7:45	4:21
3	7:46	4:20
4	7:47	4:20
5	7:48	4:19
6	7:49	4:19
7	7:50	4:18
8	7:51	4:18
9	7:52	4:17
10	7:53	4:17
11	7:54	4:16
12	7:55	4:16
13	7:56	4:15
14	7:57	4:15
15	7:58	4:14
16	7:59	4:14
17	8:00	4:13
18	8:01	4:13
19	8:02	4:12
20	8:03	4:12
21	8:04	4:11
22	8:05	4:11
23	8:06	4:10
24	8:07	4:10
25	8:08	4:09
26	8:09	4:09
27	8:10	4:08
28	8:11	4:08
29	8:12	4:07
30	8:13	4:07
31	8:14	4:06

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(From The London Daily Telegraph of November 2.)

Viscount and Viscountess Burnham were the honored guests at luncheon, at the Prince's Restaurant, of nearly 200 journalists, representing the British Empire Press. The gathering, over which Viscount Northcliffe presided, had been arranged to mark their appreciation of the great services Lord Burnham had rendered as president of the second Imperial Press Conference recently held in Canada. The proceedings were marked by the utmost cordiality. Warm tributes were paid to Lord Burnham for his leadership, and to Lady Burnham for the splendid part she had taken throughout the tour. As a token of the appreciation and gratitude of the members of the Conference, Mr. Robert Donald, chairman of the Council of the Empire Press Union, presented her with a water-color miniature of her husband. Viscountess Burnham made a graceful acknowledgement of the charming gift.

Mr. Harold C. Harnsworth wrote: "As the youngest delegate at the Imperial Press Conference, I should like to say what a privilege I feel it to have visited Canada under the able leadership of Lord Burnham, who, as you know, contributed so largely to the success of the tour. The kindness of Lord and Lady Burnham will I am sure be long remembered by all the delegates. Indeed, I hope I may be allowed to suggest a special vote of thanks to Lady Burnham to whom, without exaggeration, so much of the harmony and enjoyment of the trip were due."

Among those who accepted invitations to be present were: Lord Apsley, Lord Riddell, the Hon. J. Coke, Sir Harry Brittain, M.P. (chairman, Imperial Press Conference—Arrangement Committee) and Lady Brittain, the Right Hon. A. Fisher (High Commissioner for Australia), Sir George McLaren, Sir Frank Newnes and Lady Newnes, Sir Emsley and Lady Carr, Miss Carr, Dr. G. C. Creelman, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P., Sir Henry Dalziel, M.P., Mr. Robert Donald (chairman of the Empire Press Union) and Mrs. Donald, Mr. W. L. Courtney, Sir Alfred Robbins, Mr. Fred Miller, Mr. J. Hall Richardson, Mr. Geoffrey E. Fairfax (chairman of the Australian Section, Empire Press Union) and Mrs. Fairfax, Mr. P. Hurd, M.P., Sir Thomas Fisher, Mr. J. L. Garvin, Sir Philip Gibbs, Miss M. F. Billington, Mr. W. L. Griffith, Mr. J. Howard, Mr. Archibald Hurd, Sir Stuart Cameron, Lieut-Colonel P. Pelletier, Sir Rodrick and Lady Jones, Mr. W. Phillips, Mr. F. C. Saiter, Mr. J. A. Spender, Mr. Clement K. Shorter, Mr. J. Obadiah, Sir Wm. Schabas, Mr. F. Wade, Sir Howard Spicer, Mr. F. Crosbie Roles (hon. secretary of the Empire Press Union) and Mrs. Roles, Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Converse, Sir John Holbrook, M.P. and Lady Holbrook, Sir W. T. Madge, Mr. Thomas Marlowe, Mr. A. H. Watson, Sir George Tounmin, Mr. R. Haden Tebb, Mr. S. Toward, Dr. E. T. Powell and Mrs. Powell, Mr. E. H. Pollen, Mr. E. Outwater, Colonel W. T. Reay, Mr. A. W. Rider, Mr. W. M. Rudge, Mr. J. O'B. Saunders, Mr. A. F. Sheppard, Capt. W. J. Sheel, Mr. D. W. Vick and Mrs. Vick, Mr. W. Will, Mr. J. D. Williams, Mr. R. Keir, Mr. J. H. Wentworth, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Isaacs, Mr. J. Hutchinson, Mr. R. J. Hyams, Mr. H. J. St. J. Hornby, Mr. J. D. Graham and Mrs. Graham, Mr. P. K. Kerney, Mr. V. Knapp, Mr. W. Makepeace, Mr. Ray Knight, Mr. Lint Smith, Mr. Wareham Smith, Mr. Lawton, Mr. W. Lefroy, Mr. Taylor-Dunstable, Mr. W. Davies, Mr. F. V. Emmet, Mr. W. Davies, Mr. Stuart Cumberland, Mr. H. Crossfield, Mr. J. P. Collins, Mr. J. Burns, Mr. A. Burrows, Colonel W. Grantham, Major R. K. A. Murchoch, Mr. H. T. Cadbury, Mrs. W. S. Morley-Brown, Mr. A. Langier, Mr. E. Campbell, Mr. E. Cotes, Mr. E. Price Bell, Mr. W. Leavis, Mr. H. Ledger, Mr. Ernest Bonn, Mr. W. B. Berry, Mr. P. Marshall and Mrs. Marshall, Mr. N. McAra, Mr. C. D. Leng, Mr. J. Gomer Berry, Mr. Sydney Brooks, Mr. T. A. McAuley, and Mr. H. E. Turner (secretary of the Empire Press Union).

Lord Northcliffe, proposing the health of Lord Burnham, said: "I was extremely pleased when the honor conferred upon me to-day was announced to me. It is a fitting occasion for many reasons, fitting because we welcome home Lord Burnham, who is not only the president of the Empire Press Union, but is the son of its first president (hear hear) sitting here, and I am one of the oldest contributors to The Daily Telegraph in this room. (Hear, hear and laughter.) In the very happy days when I was a reporter, The Daily Telegraph was one of the unfortunate journals that received my work, and it thought so ill of it that it did not keep me very long. (Laughter.) None the less, I learnt a great deal from The Daily Telegraph. During the time I was reporting for Sir John (then Mr.) Le Sage there was a great controversy in the United States and Great Britain about an elephant called Jumbo. I remember I learnt a great deal from the late John Burnham in the handling of the Jumbo incident. There was not much left of Jumbo when The Daily Telegraph finished with it. (Renewed laughter.) I learnt a great deal from the very brilliant staff The Daily Telegraph had then—and has now—from George Augustus Sala, who, wearing a white waistcoat, flung me with his heady words, 'Young man, get out of Fleet-street; it is no place for anybody.' (Laughter.) As a matter of fact, the old man had done extremely well in Fleet-street. (Laughter.) My connection with the Burnhams was renewed again when the great honor was conferred upon me of making a presentation on the great old man's 80th birthday. On that particular day his brain was as active as that of a man of 30, and he gave me a good deal of sound advice, some of which might be borne in mind nowadays. I said to him, as I believe some of you have said to me, 'The time has now come, Lord Burnham, when you should write your memoirs in a diary.' 'No,' he

said, 'diaries and memoirs are very dangerous things.' (Laughter.) It showed that my pushfulness was not equal to his presence. He evidently knew what was coming to us. (Laughter.) In the last 100 years there have been very few really great organizers of newspapers. I count five or six, and I think I have studied my trade as closely as most men. There was Barnes, of The Times, Pegg, of the Morning Chronicle, a most able man; John Walter, the second De laune, Lord Burnham's father, and Mr. Mudford. I think I have named all the outstanding organizers, and it is no flattery to say that Lord Burnham was the best of them. On that day when I went down to Hall Barn, he knew all that was going on in the world; he knew a very good piece of news, which he did not tell to me. (Laughter.) He told me, he told The Daily Telegraph, where I saw it next morning, and felt almost aggrieved. (Laughter.) He has left in his son one who has different qualities. When I was working at The Daily Telegraph, he used to be called Mr. Harry, and some of the older men used to shake their heads and say, 'What will he do with The Daily Telegraph?' We know what he has done with The Daily Telegraph. (Cheers.) I can hardly conceive a more difficult proposition than an old established newspaper like that assailed by some of the young vipers I have let loose at him. (Laughter.)

"Scorpions" of the Press
Our friend Garvin has truly said that Peterborough Court met these scorpions in the only way they could meet. They had not had any effect on The Daily Telegraph. The Daily Telegraph to-day is exactly what it was, in the difficult circumstances we are all experiencing. I can say this for Lord Burnham, as for the late Mr. Walter, of The Times, that when I was a reporter in Fleet Street there were only two newspapers that paid living wages. When I hear of linotype operators with incomes of £500 to £1,000 a year, and when I knew of the very proper rate of remuneration paid to reporters and editors, I remember that I had to write a very long column for a well-known morning newspaper for which I received one guinea. (Laughter.) I can hear from the laughter that you think it was probably more than it was worth. (Renewed laughter.) The Daily Telegraph has never been run on those principles, and that is why it attracted men like Sala, Beatty, Kingston, Greenwood, Courtney, and led by all classes of good men and well out of their "scop" in the communist paradise that they describe by leave of the kind Soviet Government. It is very much the same—and the credit here is common to us all. We deeply appreciate the importance Lord Northcliffe has attached to the Empire Press Conference. Let me tell him that we much value his company, and not more so than our colleagues of the other Dominions. He had an able and popular representative in Sir Campbell Stiles, who had a warm welcome back to his own home; and I think we all in common congratulate him upon the announcement made to-day that he now attains the highest plateau of our grand tour, or even to cover our grand tour, in what we all acknowledge to be the first paper in the world. (Cheers.) It is impossible for me here and now to narrate the proceedings of our conference. Alexander Hamilton told the United States to "think continental." The task is too continental for an after-luncheon speech, but the prevailing impression in our minds is a sense of great things—great things done, yet greater things to do—great spaces and yet a greater spirit prevailing over them.

Canada's Destiny
At our starting point in Canada I prophesied that we should soon suffer from "an excess of negatives." I was not far wrong, and in the Canadian variety of the English language they must coin some new word to avoid the use of the unfavorable epithet "colonial." (Hear, hear.) Everything in Canada is on

the gargantuan scale, and it is no easy thing for the people of Canada to live up to the immensity of their natural resources. I believe they are equal to the grandeur of their destiny. (Cheers.) Happily for them, they look to the future with supreme self-confidence. They live—we feel it deeply, each one of us, and it did much to help us to make this tour a great tour and a great recuperative one—they live in far detachment from the despondency of this sick old world. They have their difficulties, and pretty considerable they are, especially in the fiscal sense, but they have no doubts and they have no fears. They are certain that the future is on their side, and they "keep smiling" all the time. The man who is down on his luck to-day is fully convinced that the wheel of fortune will take another turn, and that he will "pop up again." To use Lady Dorothy Nevill's expression to-morrow, I suppose there is an underdog, but he won't realize that he is, and he always sees himself top dog in a paradise of grain, crops and things that bulk very largely here do not seem so big or look so black now that we are home again. Our old coalfields do not seem so black now that we realize that one province of Canada has a fifth or a sixth of the coal resources of the whole world. If everything is on this great scale, you can conceive nothing greater than the scale of Canadian hospitality. (Cheers.) It was exactly in the same measure from "those to shore"—hearty, spontaneous, and unvarying. Never shall we forget the warmth of our welcome from all alike. The Government of the Dominion, the nine provinces, the mayors and magistrates of all the cities above all, the commonality of the country, vied with each other in their kindness and hospitality. Even where the land was dry and thirsty we never lacked water; and by some scientific miracle that water was often turned into wine, and even into something stronger. (Laughter and cheers.)

Empire Fellowship
I come lastly, to the third head of the general desire was to throw the garland of friendship over the vast body of the nations of the British Empire for whom we write and for whom in sense we speak. When we was on the same level of grace and goodness, it is idle if not mischievous to distinguish or discriminate, but I should like to note the fact that in the old Canada or Quebec we had the same kindly touch of Canadian friendship in the grand style of the French Canadian. Everywhere where alike we met here we met the great Dominion; it seemed to us like a flood tide of fellow citizenship in a world of which we are all equally proud. (Cheers.) Fraternity is a hollow sound in the light of human experience, but in our case—in the case of our profession—it was fraternity that had the real grip about it. Half the pleasure of our tour was to be in constant comradeship with our colleagues, and we rejoice to learn in what esteem and regard the journalists of the community, especially Lord Atholstan, the presiding genius of our reception, are due the thanks of us all. (Cheers.) He was the kindest of hosts, and his banquet at Montreal, which was attended by all the leading publishers of the United States—I use the word in the American sense—was a triumphant success.

What am I to say of the second Imperial Press Conference, the end and purpose of our pilgrimage, which I had the honor to preside? The first conference of 1905, presided over by my father, gave the personal and the identity of the newspaper Press a new meaning throughout the Empire. In a sense just as it was without precedent, so it will always be without equal. It had, in my opinion, a unique distinction. But in a different way I venture to hold that this conference was just the first of any kind held in the overseas Dominions—a sure forerunner of others to come, the pointer and index of British power in the ocean commonwealth. (Cheers.) It was honored as being representative of public opinion in all the quarters of the Commonwealth, as the voice and volume of questions on the highest plane of common and mutual service to another and all to the whole. The Governor-General opened the session with wise words of welcome and counsel, and then we set to work. We affirmed in resonant terms the

fundamental principle of the freedom of the Press not only from the dead hand of Bolshevik tyranny, but from the sinister influence of subsidy and assistance of all Governments alike. (Cheers.) We demanded fuller and cheaper facilities of telegraphic and postal intercourse; wired or wireless—we want both. We want air waves, not I hope, hot air waves—(laughter) to carry a continuous current of information both ways, and we asked for a better service of news and a more sympathetic interest on both sides. We want British news in the Canadian Press from the British point of view, and also and not less we want Canadian news in the British Press from the Canadian point of view. (Cheers.) That is what equality of neighborhood means in news and newsprint.

Bands of Association.
At the conference we went into the burning question of our raw material and arrived at the conclusion—rich nobody knows better than Lord Northcliffe that the supply of paper cannot be adequate nor its price reasonable unless there be a substantial increase of production within the Empire, and the case of wood pulp that means Canada, where the industry is flourishing at peak prices, albeit 80 per cent. of the output now goes to the United States. Lastly we tried—I hope not unsuccessfully—to draw together the bonds of personal and professional association, between the newsmen of the Empire, and in the case of Dominion, which still, after all, remains primus inter pares. If, as we believe, the future of the British Empire depends upon the strength and communion of the British spirit and not much upon statutory definitions and declarations, then we did work at the second Imperial Press Conference which I hope and believe will have an influence and a value which will count for much in the time of organic change through which we are passing now.

And now I am going to read you another letter, of Sept. 13, from one who presides over the organization which in a sense has always been the good genius of the Canadian Dominion—the president of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, (Cheers.) He says: "My dear Lord Burnham—I have received your extremely kind letter of the 11th inst., the contents of which I can assure you are deeply appreciated by the directors of this company and myself. It has been our ambition that the delegates to your conference should be transported across Canada with a minimum of inconvenience and delay. From your letter, this has been accomplished, and Mr. Calder has, as I expected, proved a very worthy representative in an entirely most pleasant manner. It is a matter of great personal regret to me that I have been unable to meet yourself and many of the other members of the conference. It was, however, in view of our labor and rate difficulties impossible for me so to arrange my appointments as to permit of my attending any of your meetings in your honor. I can imagine nothing more to the advantage of this country and its future development than the visit of your delegates and the intimate knowledge which you have secured of this country, its people, and its potentialities cannot but further its development and its status in the Empire. Your visit should have an important and widespread influence on Canada's future. With kindest personal regards, yours very truly, M. BEATTY, President."

accompanied us. (Cheers.) As Lady Northcliffe could not come, we had in Miss Hillington—(cheers)—I think as representative a journalist by service and ability as you could find, and in the wives and I do not like to say—the family dependants—(laughter)—of the delegates who accompanied us we had ladies who did their best all through to make things go smoothly and well; and I think they were more popular with the ladies of Canada than we were with the men—(cheers)—perhaps more popular with the men than they were with the ladies, but that I do not know. (Laughter.) I have had to speak, as you will admit, for a great body with a sense of responsibility, and I thank you most sincerely for the honor you are doing, not to my wife and myself only, but to all who were of our company. If I wanted to reinforce it, I could not do it better than by reading to you two letters which I have received since I came back to England, and which express the feelings of the Dominion of Canada. One is from Ottawa, dated Sept. 24, and it comes from the Prime Minister of Canada. He writes:

"Dear Lord Burnham—Your very kind letter of Sept. 21, written on the eve of your departure from Canada, reached me to-day on my return to Ottawa after an absence of a few days. I can assure you that the Government in Canada through the aid of the Imperial Press Conference met in Canada this year. It brought together a great number of leading journalists of the Empire, and as a result of their visit no doubt they obtained a splendid conception of the country and its unlimited resources, which is certain to act to the advantage of Canada through the British Press. I am glad to know also that the delegates received such a warm welcome wherever they went, and that they were all in good health and in full sympathy with Canada as recovering from the war. Trusting that the conference may again visit Canada before many years roll around, and with very kindest regards, I am, yours faithfully, ARTHUR MEEGHEN."

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Well, ladies and gentlemen, I have only once more to thank you with all my heart, and say that the compliment you have paid us will be most enhanced by the presence in the chair of my old friend and colleague—Lord Northcliffe. (Cheers.)

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SWINERTON. Musgrave. Here is a list of First-Class Properties to Let Every Where. \$850—ON WILKINSON ROAD, near R.C. Electric Railway, good 3-roomed house on large lot, 1/2 acre, 1/2 mile; small trees, no plumbing, but there is a dandy well. This is very cheap.

\$2000—NICE little 5-roomed bungalow on a good lot, near Cloverdale car line. House just been redecorated and in all condition. Can be had on very easy terms.

\$2600—ATTRACTIVE 5-roomed bungalow in good repair. Nice lot, laid out in lawn and garden.

\$2650—OFF FINLAYSON STREET. Large lots. Exceptionally good soil, under cultivation. Fireplace and built-in effects.

\$3500—FULLY FURNISHED 5-roomed bungalow, close to Finlayson. Full cement basement, large lot in garden and lawn.

\$3500—WELL-BUILT 5-roomed house, 1/2 mile from City Hall. Full cement basement, large lot in garden and lawn.

\$3750—SIX-ROOMED fully modern house, on a fine lot, near to sea. House particularly well built and has magnificent view. Ground nicely treed and laid out in garden and lawn. Good chicken house, shed, etc. This is a real snap.

\$4200—A LOVELY fully modern 7-roomed residence, on a car line and near the sea. Situated on outside and beautifully finished on the inside. Large lot, large chicken house, etc. This is a most attractive property and a genuine bargain at this price.

MORTGAGE SALE SNAP. 7-ROOMED, MODERN, 1 1/2-STORY HOUSE, stone foundation, cement floor, built-in effects, etc. Large lot, just off paved road, low taxes, within 1 1/2 miles of City Hall; house could not be improved. Price \$21,000. See only \$2,000, on any reasonable terms.

HOUSES FOR SALE. OFF QUADRA STREET. MODERN 5-ROOMED BUNGALOW, only \$2,900. 8-ROOMED BUNGALOW, Oak Bay, \$2,500; \$400 cash, balance subject to mortgage. 8-ROOMED HOUSE, Fairfield district, only \$2,150.

SPORTING GOODS. JAMES HARRIS, gunmaker. Repair and alterations. Stock on hand, shotguns, rifles and automatics. Phone 1214. 1111 Douglas Street.

SCAVENGING. VICTORIA SCAVENGING CO. Second-hand dealers. 248 GULF ROAD. 1111 Douglas St.

LAUNDRIES. NEW METHOD LAUNDRY, LTD. 1441 17 North Park. Expert laundress. L. D. McLean, manager. Tel. 2100.

LIVERY STABLES. PRATT'S STABLES, 112 Johnson Street. Boarding, express wagons, etc. Phone 182.

LOGGERS. COLUMBIA LODGE No. 1, I. O. O. F. Meets Wednesday, Odd Fellows' Hall.

MILL WOOD. Business Phone 212. 1111 Broughton St. Residence Phone 3712. 1441 Bay St.

REAL ESTATE. INSURANCE. NORTH QUADRA STREET. \$4000—ONE AND A HALF STORY BUNGALOW, containing seven rooms; large living room with built-in fireplace; dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, stairs, cement basement, furnace. Terms arranged.

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Suburban Shopping Basket. OAK BAY AND JUNCTION. BIRD'S EYE VIEWS. BIRD'S EYE VIEWS. BIRD'S EYE VIEWS.

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FAIRFIELD. STATIONERY AND HARDWARE. Stationery, china, toys, hardware and notions. Phone 4815 and 4816. 1253 Esquimalt Road. Phone 5247.

HILLSIDE. CEDAR HILL Road Show Store, J. Parker. 1515 Cedar Hill Road. Phone 4815 and 4816. Remains. Parker's Store.

MAYWOOD. MAYWOOD MEAT MARKET—W. A. King, proprietor, 1111 Douglas Street. Fresh meats and fish. Free delivery.

SAANICH ROAD. SAANICH ROAD GROCERY. J. McF. Patterson, Prop. Phone 1241X. Choice groceries, tins, hardware and school supplies.

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DR. TOLMIE ACTS ON UNEMPLOYMENT

(Continued from page 1.) Replied: "That is a question which only a contractor could answer because a start would depend altogether upon the company's position. If the company had tools and equipment on the ground it would be able to start very soon, but if it were necessary to assemble equipment here from different parts of the country time would be required. Some of the companies tendering, I understand, however, have a considerable amount of equipment on the ground at present and could make an early start. But it is impossible for me or anyone else to state when it would be possible to begin the work."

C. N. R. Terminals. "I have wired Mr. Hanna concerning the establishment of Canadian National terminals upon the Reserve," Dr. Tolmie stated when questioned further. "I have asked him just what the Canadian National Railways intend to do about getting work on the terminals there under way, and I expect an answer from him within the next few hours. If work were started there, of course, employment would be provided with little delay providing the circumstances were satisfactory."

Dr. Tolmie pointed out that the government's plan to relieve unemployment had been fully described in press dispatches, but added that his trip to the West had been made earlier than he had first intended in order that he could be present at the employment conditions here. "I have not had an opportunity yet of finding out representatives of public bodies this afternoon and I hope that they will be able to supply me with full data. Needless to say, I am most interested in conditions here, but I will wait until I have been able to consult with these gentlemen before I make representations to Ottawa. I will thus know exactly what the situation is here, and will be able to give the government intelligent information."

Asked about general industrial conditions in Canada, Dr. Tolmie pointed out that the present depression was general throughout the world. While he would not venture to make any prophecies, he expressed the belief that the situation here would change for the better and that conditions would improve and industry gradually worked back to normal.

Agricultural Situation. "As for agricultural conditions," he continued, "the situation has been good this Fall, though there has been a fall in the price of grain. Cattle also are cheaper than they have been. Hogs have never been so scarce for many years. Then cheaper oats and barley already has created an increased interest in the breeding of hogs which, I believe will be produced in much larger numbers."

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS. RUTLAND SCHOOL. Sealed tenders subscribed "Tender for Heating Rutland School" will be received by the Honorable the Minister of Public Works up to 12 o'clock noon on Tuesday, the 28th day of December, 1920, for the erection of a complete system of Hot Water Heating for the Rutland School, in the Okanagan district.

Flaps, etc., may be seen on and after the 14th day of December, 1920, at the office of J. Mahony, Esq., Government Agent, Court House, Vancouver, B. C.; J. Morris, Esq., Government Agent, Court House, Vernon, B. C.; and the Department of Public Works, Victoria, B. C.

By application to the undersigned Contractors may obtain plans, etc., for the sum of Five Dollars which will be refunded on their return in good order. Deposit of ten per cent. of tender is required with same. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

G. P. NAPIER, Asst. Public Works Engineer, Department of Public Works, Victoria, B. C., Dec. 14, 1920. No. 1587.

LAND REGISTRY ACT. Section 24. In the Matter of Sections 19, 20, 25 and the Southwest 1/4 of 23, Lassquet Island.

Proof having been filed in my Office of the loss of the Certificate of Title No. 9287-A to the above mentioned lands, in the name of Morris Moss, and bearing date the 20th day of October, 1920, I hereby give notice of my intention at the expiration of one calendar month from the first publication hereof to issue a fresh Certificate of Title in lieu of such lost Certificate.

Any person having any information with reference to such lost Certificate of Title is requested to communicate with the undersigned. Dated at the Land Registry Office, Victoria, British Columbia, this twenty-fifth day of November, 1920. (Sgd.) FRANK J. STACPOOLEY, Registrar-General of Titles. No. 1284.

MAYNARD & SONS AUCTIONEERS. Another consignment of Toys, Kewpies, Dolls

We will continue the sale TO-NIGHT, 7.30

Also Friday at 2 o'clock

We have secured another consignment which consists of fine lot of Dolls and Kewpies, also Doll Beds and Swings, and a general assortment of Toys, Books, China Tea Sets, etc.

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GET IT AT HOUSEHOLD NECESSITIES 612 VIEW ST. PHONE 5102. BUY OR SELL ANYTHING FROM A TEACUP TO A PIANO. BULKY GOODS DELIVERED FREE. ANY REASONABLE OFFER WILL BE ACCEPTED. SPECIAL SALE TO-MORROW White Enamel Beds, Wood Beds, all sizes; Mattresses, Child's Cots, Spring Cots, Dressers, Oak, Pine, Fumed Oak Mahogany, B. P. Mirrors, Extension Dining Tables, Kitchen and Occasional Tables, Walnut Sideboard, Trunk.

henceforth. The British Government is handling our pork under control in the United Kingdom so that we have not been able to go into direct competition and it still maintains a control on Canadian bacon. Under present conditions the British Government purchases F. O. B. Montreal arranging the distribution in the Old Country itself. Owing to the fact that they have large quantities of American bacon on hand they are using Canadian bacon to sell this and are making purchasers take four pounds of American bacon for every pound of Canadian bacon—a distinct disadvantage to Canadian producers. The American bacon, of course, is heavier and fatter than the Canadian product.

"The British Government also is controlling our butter and, though they are paying us the same amount as they pay New Zealand, on account of the exchange situation New Zealand producers get sixty cents while our butter nets us forty-five or forty-six cents F. O. B. Montreal."

Cattle Embargo. Dr. Tolmie also discussed the cattle embargo which the British Government still maintains on Canadian cattle. "We have taken active steps ever since I have been in office and before my time," he declared, "to secure the removal of this embargo and, indeed, Lord Prothero, then Minister of Agriculture, promised Sir Robert Borden a long time ago that the embargo would be removed. No move, however, has been made in the matter and the embargo remains. At the present time many societies in Great Britain are protesting against the embargo. At a recent meeting of the United Butchers' Association of Great Britain, representing 48,000 members, called upon the government and protested strongly against the embargo, pointing out that Canadian cattle are more healthy than British cattle."

Arguments in Case. "Some of the arguments used by the British Government in this matter is that Canadian cattle might bring into Britain disease contracted from American cattle. This idea is not well grounded, for the reason that in Canada we maintain one of the best organizations for the health of our livestock, called upon the government and protested strongly against the embargo, pointing out that Canadian cattle are more healthy than British cattle."

Gift for Direct Relief. In the meantime, enquiries about the unemployment aid schemes proposed by the Provincial Government were sought to-day for North Vancouver and Salmon Arm. Premier Oliver's 10-day explained that the \$100,000 appropriation he promised on Monday, when Mayor Gale of Vancouver was here, was to be a free gift along with similar gifts to both the Dominion and municipalities.

"As I understand it this money is to be handed out for food and clothes for people who are destitute," said Premier Oliver. "It is not payment for work done, but for direct relief. It is not a question of the city paying back, or anybody paying back. It is straight gratuitous relief appropriation."

Exchange Situation. Discussing conditions in Canada further, Dr. Tolmie pointed out that the condition of the United States was causing considerable concern at present. "Canada," he remarked, "is the United States' second best customer, Great Britain being her best. Last year we bought from her \$91,000,000 worth of goods, and this year it is expected our purchases will pass the billion mark. In 1919, however, we sold the United States less than half a billion dollars' worth of goods, so that there is a distinct trade balance in favor of the United States, thus seriously affecting the exchange. We are better customers of the United States than the whole of the South American continent, by the way."

Immigration. "The policy of the Dominion Government at present is to restrict immigration from Europe to only the most desirable class of person," the Minister observed. "We only want this kind of people—men and women who will make good here. The government believes that it must protect its own people, and at this time, it would certainly be far from wisdom to allow heavy immigration with many of our own citizens out of work. What its policy will be in the future, when present conditions have improved, naturally I cannot say now."

The Government at present is considering the appointment of a Lieutenant-Governor for British Columbia. Dr. Tolmie stated. An early announcement is expected. Dr. Tolmie has not had a minute to himself or with his family since his arrival here yesterday. Though he has not had a holiday since the beginning of the last session of the House of Commons, it is probable that he will have to work as hard as ever while he is in Victoria. When the House adjourned this year he commenced an extensive programme of travel all over Canada in order to conduct business connected with his department. As soon as he has been able to attend to matters which have been brought before him here he will start for El Paso, Texas, where he is to address a meeting of the American National Livestock Association, the largest organization of its kind on the continent. He expects to leave here early in January, arriving in Texas January 10, and from there he will go immediately to Ottawa and plunge into the work of preparing for the next session. He arrived here yesterday a very tired man, but his chances of getting even a brief rest after a strenuous year seem remote.

Busy To-day. This morning Dr. Tolmie consulted with J. C. McIntosh, M. P., on a number of matters and then met Clarence Hoard, President of the Victoria Shipowners, Ltd., to discuss the Shipowners' work of constructing four ships here with Government assistance. He also met a number of other gentlemen and this afternoon, as stated, will discuss with representatives of public organizations the present unemployment situation.

"I am thinking of touring in South Africa next season," remarked the comedian. "Take my advice and don't" replied the villain. "An ostrich egg weighs from 2 to 3 pounds."

Medical Student—"And have you ever made a bad mistake in a diagnosis, sir?" Famous Physician—"Only once, when I prescribed for indigestion, and afterwards found out that my patient could easily have afforded appendicitis."

LOCAL BED COMPANY HAS BIG CAPITAL

Victoria Factory Incorporated With \$100,000; Other New B. C. Concerns

With a capitalization of \$100,000, the Victoria Bed & Mattress Co., Ltd., has been incorporated, according to an announcement from the registrar of companies to-day. The head office of the company is in Victoria. Other incorporations this week include: Canadian La Pas Co., Ltd., Vancouver, \$10,000; P. B. Anderson Ltd., Vancouver, \$250,000; Bouldbee Ltd., Vancouver, \$75,000; Stewart Saw Mills, Ltd., Vancouver, \$20,000; Lulu Island Lands, Ltd., Vancouver, \$20,000; Woodley Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Vancouver, \$10,000; Champion & Co., Ltd., Vancouver, \$750,000; N. M. & R. Canning Co., Ltd., Prince Rupert, \$100,000; Western Farm Products, Ltd., Vancouver, \$250,000; Macdonald Shell Fish Co., Ltd., Vancouver, \$25,000. The Canada Metal Co., Ltd., has been incorporated as an extra-Provincial company with a capital of \$100,000, and offices at Vancouver and Toronto.

STILL ASK OTTAWA ABOUT RELIEF GIFT

Premier Oliver Fails to Get Answers From Dominion

Failure of telegrams from Premier Oliver to bring any answers from Ottawa increased the concern to-day of those who are working to solve the unemployment problem here. Premier Oliver has been telegraphing Ottawa for the details of the Dominion Government's offer of donating along with the Provincial Governments and municipalities, one-third of the money needed for relief, information since the beginning of the week so the Government here can get started with the relief work through the money needed for relief. The situation was further complicated this morning by the arrival from Ottawa of the Hon. S. P. Tolmie, Minister of Agriculture, who said he had never heard of any such one-third offer from the Government of which he is a member.

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THE WEATHER

Daily Bulletin Published by the Weather Bureau Department

Victoria, Dec. 23.—5 a. m.—An ocean storm is approaching the Coast and is expected to reach here to-morrow. The temperature is 44°; wind, 8 miles E.; rain, .01; weather, cloudy. Vancouver—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 41; wind, 8 miles E.; rain, .01; weather, cloudy. Barkerville—Barometer, 29.84; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 40; wind, 6 miles E.; rain, .22; weather, cloudy. Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, maximum yesterday, 36; minimum, 16; wind, calm; weather, clear. Tatoosh—Barometer, 29.88; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 44; wind, 14 miles S. E.; rain, .15; weather, cloudy.

Mr. Herbert Osborn Tells How Cuticura Healed His Wife

"My wife began to be troubled with itching and burning of the palms of her hands and the soles of her feet. Later the skin cracked and became inflamed, making walking or even standing very painful and preventing sleep at night. Later it became necessary to bandage both hands and feet. She was treated but obtained no relief. She saw an advertisement for Cuticura Soap and Ointment and sent for a free sample. She bought more and after using two cakes of Cuticura Soap and two boxes of Cuticura Ointment she was healed." (Signed) Herbert Osborn, 125 Sherbrooke Ave., Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 2, 1919. Cuticura is ideal for every-day toilet uses. Soap to cleanse and purify, Ointment to soothe and heal. Soap 25c, Ointment 25c and 50c. Sold throughout the Dominion, Canadian Depot, Limited, 25, Paul St., Montreal. Cuticura Soap shaves without soap.

PRIMARY RESULTS IN ELECTION TAKEN

Board of Trade Directorate Will Be Appointed by End of Year

The final results of the primary in the election of the Board of Directors for the re-organized Board of Trade were made up last night, when the Elections Committee held a count of the ballots and reported the names of the thirty-four members of the Board receiving the highest number of votes. The work was completed by midnight and during the evening refreshments were served the committee.

The Election Committee has not yet given out the names of the thirty-four elected on the primary, but ballot papers bearing these names are being prepared and will be mailed out on Monday to the entire membership of the Board in order that from the thirty-four so elected the members may elect the full board of seven members. The final ballot must be returned by Thursday, December 30, and the names of those elected to the Board of Directors will then be announced.

MUSICAL FAMILY TO ASSIST BAND

New Artists to Appear With G.W.V.A. Band at Pantages Sunday. A specially chosen programme for the Christmas holiday Sunday will be provided by the G.W.V.A. Band at Pantages on Sunday evening. Undoubtedly many citizens will finish the holiday season by listening to the excellent concert provided. The assisting artists will include a musical family and four soloists. H. Wells, bass baritone, the popular organist at the Dominion Theatre will sing "The Bird" by Herbert H. Nelson. Many friends of Mr. Wells have enjoyed time without number his organ recitals, but claim he has been hiding his singing abilities away in a corner, and this at the request of many of these friends that Mr. Wells has again been asked to sing by the concert management. F. Hinchcliffe, baritone, the possessor of a fine voice, is a stranger to Victoria, at present on a visit to Duncan, but will be back in Victoria for Sunday's concert, formerly resided in Oak Bay, but for some time previous to the war lived at Kelowna. She is very well-known on the Mainland, where she has always taken a keen interest in concert and oratorio singing. Mrs. Brooke will sing "For All Eternity" by Angelo Macheron, words by S. A. Herbert. In this composition the words are as beautiful as and of equal merit with the music.

Madame Lamy, soprano, will sing "La Marseillaise," accompanied by her father, sister and brothers, Miss Marjorie Watson, pianist; Thomas Watson, cello; W. G. Watson, violin; and J. N. Watson, saxophone, all children of the well-known resident, Thomas Watson of Bay Street. The band numbers will be of equal merit and will include the "Warblers Serenade" by T. Perry, a whistling travesty.

Pumps and Gaiters

Reg. \$10.00 Pumps. Less than half price \$4.90. Spats, regular \$3 quality. On sale to-morrow morning, at \$1.00

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Bring this page with you and pick out the styles you want to buy. Make this a slipper Xmas, and please everybody.

Red, Brown, Green, Purple and Wine Colors. Regular \$3.00 Juliets, with padded soles and heels; bright colors. Per pair \$1.99

MEN'S SLIPPERS at a Cut Price. These are all genuine American-made shoes, with good leather soles. Fur trimmed; worth \$4 a pair. The ideal Christmas gift. Price \$2.65

A Real Man's Boot. These are away the best values we ever offered. All sizes. Worth from \$7.50 to \$10. Broken lot. Black and brown, at a pair \$5.00

Open 10 o'Clock. WE will be glad to exchange any pair after Christmas.

The STEWART STORE 1321 Douglas Street. Open 10 A.M. Closes To-night 9 o'Clock



These Are Thursday's Specials

'Santa Claus' Special. Here's the Slippers that fill the bill. The sizes run right up to size 2 in misses, and they're worth from \$1.00 to \$2.00 a pair. All in a big bargain bin at, per pair 75c

Buy Them "Chums". Sizes 4-7 1/2 \$2.45. Sizes 8-10 1/2 \$2.95

"Classic" Boots. For little folks. Sizes 2 1/2-7 1/2. Regular \$2.75. \$1.80

Men's Pullman Slippers. What the man really wants. In a dark brown kid. Get these to-day and be sure they'll go fast at \$3.85

Don't put off your buying too long. We have the sizes now.

Everybody Smokes

There's a world of satisfaction in a pipeful of Old Chum Tobacco. Canada's Favorite Pipe Tobacco.



TO-MORROW=The Last Day for Those Who Have Gift Lists to Fill

Children's Jerseys Greatly Reduced

Children's Wool Jerseys, suitable for either boys or girls, in shades of saxe or navy:
 Ages 6 to 14 years, regular \$3.50 to \$4.25, for **\$2.59**
 Ages 2 to 8 years, regular \$2.75 to \$3.25, for **\$1.98**

Children's Sweaters At Lowest Prices

Prices on our entire stock of Universal Brand All-Wool Sweaters have been radically lowered; shown in smart styles and serviceable shades:

Ages 6 to 14 years, regular to \$12.00, for **\$7.95**
 Ages 6 to 12 years, regular to \$8.00, for **\$5.95**
 Ages 2 to 4 years, regular to \$5.00, for **\$3.95**

Handkerchiefs Of Every Description



Ladies' Irish Lawn Handkerchiefs, with either white or colored embroidered corners. Per box, **65¢** and **79¢**
 Kiddies' Handkerchiefs, in plain white; good useful sizes. Per box **35¢**
 Kiddies' Colored Picture Handkerchiefs; nursery rhymes, etc. Per box **50¢**
 Kiddies' Handkerchiefs, with colored border and embroidered corner designs. Per box, **25¢**, **29¢** and **35¢**
 Mercerized Mull Handkerchiefs for men; nice quality; large size. Each **35¢**
 Ladies' Extra Fine Quality Lawn Initialed Handkerchiefs, hand-embroidered. At **35¢**; per box **\$1.85**
 Fine Linen Cambric and Lawn Initialed Handkerchiefs, neatly embroidered, 1/4-inch hem. **35¢** each, 3 for **\$1.00**
 Men's Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, 1/2-inch hem, initial. Each **75¢**
 Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, Each **25¢**

Ladies' Lawn and Linen Handkerchiefs, with white and colored designs. Per box, **98¢**
 White and Colored Hand-Embroidered Handkerchiefs, with hemstitched or roll edges. Per box **\$1.00**
 Linen Handkerchiefs, hand-embroidered fillet lace edge. Per box **\$1.25**
 Ladies' Handkerchiefs, in muslin and lawn, with pretty embroidered corners. Per box, **25¢** and **35¢**

Boudoir Caps Make Ideal Gifts

Boudoir Caps, in the daintiest styles, made from fine spot net, edged with colored silk embroidery. Price, **\$1.25** and **\$1.75**
 Pretty Val. Lace Caps, with satin insets. Price, **\$2.00** and **\$2.50**
 Soft Satin Caps, trimmed with fine tucks; lace edges; sky, pink and lemon. Priced at **\$2.50** and **\$3.75**

The HOOVER



It BEATS .. as it Sweeps as it Cleans

Let us demonstrate The Hoover on your own rugs

Down Comforters

Offering two bargains in real Down Comforters for Friday's selling. These are of English manufacture. Pure Down Quilts covered with a good quality down-proof sateen, in artistic floral designs:
 Size 60x72, regular \$21.75, for **\$15.98**
 Size 66x72, regular \$26.00, for **\$18.98**

Give a Kimona

Warm Eiderdown Kimonas, in serviceable shades; made in comfy style with large collar and cord tie; all sizes. Price **\$7.50**
 Kimonas, of quality; made from plain and figured eiderdown; pretty styles and colors to choose from; all sizes. Price, **\$12.00** to **\$25.00**

Open To-night Until 9 o'Clock

Also Open To-morrow Night. Closed Christmas Day and the Monday Following



Such Smart Gloves as These Are Sure to be Welcomed

Perrin's Fine French Kid Gloves, with heavy embroidered points in self or contrasting colors; two dome style, in navy, brown, tan, taupe, black and white; all sizes. Price **\$4.50**

Perrin's Smart Gauntlet Gloves, made of soft leather with flare cuffs and contrasting gusset, finished with neat strap; brown, beaver and tan; all sizes. Price, pair **\$6.75**

Trefousse Fine Suede Gloves, in oversewn seam style, with fine stitched points; beaver, grey, brown and black; all sizes. At a pair **\$3.75**

Trefousse Dress Gloves, of fine French kid, in self white or with black embroidered points; all sizes. Price **\$4.50**

Glove Bonds — If you are in doubt as to color or size give a Glove Bond. Issued for any amount at Glove Department.

Silk Gauntlet Gloves, with embroidered points, slipover or side fastening; white, taupe, beaver and black. Price **\$2.00** and **\$2.50**

Perrin's Super-Wash Capekin Gloves, in all wanted colors. Price **\$3.50**

Women's Fine Wool Gloves, in shades of grey, brown, navy, black and white. Price **95¢**
 Children's Wool Gloves, in fine colors. Price, **65¢** and **\$1.00**

ALL TOYS HALF-PRICE FOR CHRISTMAS SELLING

Hand Bags are Practical Gifts

New Shapes in leather boxes, with colored moresen linings; nicely fitted. Price **\$6.00**
 Back Strap Purses, in seal and fancy grain. Very special values at **\$3.50**, **\$4.00** and **\$6.50**
 Leather Coin Purses, in brown and black, **35¢** to **\$1.00**
 Gift Bags for children; made from velvet and lined with fancy silk; some have mirror. Price **59¢**

A Splendid Assortment of Lucille Bags, with top straps; made from pin seal and fancy ostrich grain. Prices, **\$6.00**, **\$6.50** and **\$8.50**
 Stylish Bags of chiffon velvet, fitted with inner purse, pocket and mirror; finished with filigree mount and tassel ends. Prices, **\$9.50** and **\$18.50**
 Silver Mesh Purses in a big range of styles and sizes. Attractively priced at **\$1.95** to **\$8.50**

Special Values in Waists

Wash Silk Waists, of good quality Habutai; tailored styles; all sizes. Price **\$5.00**
 Pongee Silk Waists, in smart tailored styles; sizes 36 to 43. Price **\$5.00**
 Smart Habutai Silk Waists, in tailored and novelty styles; all sizes. Priced at **\$5.75** to **\$8.95**

Friday Specials

From the First Floor

English Moire Underskirts, in a variety of colors; women's and O. S. sizes. Regular **\$4.50** and **\$5.00**. Friday **\$3.50**
 Clydella Flannel Waists, in neat stripe effects; smart tailored styles; sizes 34 to 44. Regular **\$7.50** for **\$5.95**, Friday **\$5.95**
 Wash Satin Bloomers, in flesh shade. Regular **\$7.50**. Friday at **\$4.95**

Dainty Envelope Chemise; made from soft mull and crepe; prettily trimmed; all sizes. Special at **\$2.95**

Dainty Wash Satin Camisoles, trimmed with fine lace, in many novel styles; colors white, pink, navy and black; all sizes. Special Friday **\$2.95**

Winter Coats

Special at **\$23.95**

The assortment is unusually broad and includes many smart styles, developed from silvertone, velour and other wool coatings; fashionable colors and all sizes; regular **\$35.00** and **\$39.50** Selling at **\$23.95**

Continuing the Sale of High-Grade Dresses At \$25.00

Not a Garment Less Than \$37.50 and Up to \$65

Continuing the Sale of Exclusive Waists At \$10.95

Regular Values \$14.50 to \$35.00; Sizes 36 and 38

Our Entire Stock of Stylish and Practical Furs Marked Away Down

Pretty Neck Fixings For Gift Giving

Many of the most enjoyed gifts of Christmas come from this section—Feather and Marabou Neck Ruffs, Dainty Neck and Vestees, Pretty Boudoir Caps, Individual Veils, Picatings and Bandings. Stocks are complete for the holiday season and early selection from the popular lines is suggested.

Filet Lace Collars, in long roll styles, many new patterns to select from. Price, each **\$1.75**

Smart Feather and Marabou Neck Ruffs, in natural, black and grey; nicely lined, and finished with ostrich ends. Special value, **\$6.75**

Other Pretty Styles, have silk and lace insets; new styles and dainty colors. Price, **\$1.50** to **\$2.50**

Attractive Vestees, in flesh, pink and ivory shade, finished with dainty frills and laces. Price, **\$1.00**, **\$1.25**, **\$1.75** and **\$2.00**

Individual Veils, with chenille spots, metal-borders and fine lace accents; taupe, purple, white and black; packed in Christmas boxes. AA each, **\$1.25** to **\$4.50**



Tuxedo and Round Collars, in organdie, net and georgette. A big selection at **\$1.00**, **\$1.75**, **\$2.50** and **\$3.50**

Picatings, Bandings and Ruchings, in the newest styles; white and colors. Price, yard, up from **95¢**

Beacon Blankets

Make Warm Friends

Traveling Rugs

These make ideal Christmas gifts; come in nice plaid designs; superior quality; size 64x96. Each, **\$12.50**

Bathrobe Blankets

Made in a nice soft fleecy finish; conventional designs in colors of pink, blue and grey; excellent. Each **\$7.50**

Plaid Blankets

Woolnap Blankets of heavy quality which will give exceptionally good wear; plaid designs in pink, blue, grey and tan; size 64x83 inches. Per pair **\$10.75**

Teddy Bear Crib Blankets

Teddy Bear Crib Blankets, give a warm-as-toast feeling; they are inexpensive, long wearing and good to look at; in pink and blue, nursery and floral patterns; size 30x40. Each **\$1.95**
 Size 36x50, in pink and blue, plain colors and floral designs; edges bound with silk. Each **\$3.75**
 Size 36x50, white with pink and blue borders; very fine, soft finish; edges bound with silk. Priced at each **\$4.75**

Eiderdown Velour

Per Yard, **\$1.50**
 A beautiful soft quality of eiderdown, especially adapted for kimonas and breakfast gowns, etc.; shown in a large variety of floral and plain colors, in pink, pale blue, fawn, old rose, lavender, Copenhagen, blue and dove grey; 37 inches wide. Per yard **\$1.50**



Blanket Comfortables

Made with a beautiful soft, warm finish and are used as Bed Comforters, Couch Covers, etc.; come in self colors of old rose, old blue, light blue and grey; size 70x84 inches. Each **\$12.50**

Bathrobe Blankets

Bathrobe Blankets, in conventional and floral designs; fine quality in a nice soft finish which insures warmth without weight; size 72x90. All complete with cord and frogs for making up. Each **\$12.50**

Plaid Blankets

In a beautiful soft finish which will give excellent wear; these come in pink, blue and tan plaid designs; size 70x90. Per pair **\$12.75**

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