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WILSON DECIDES ON HIS NEXT STEP

Prompt Action Will Follow Final Proof Ships Sunk Without Warning

STILL PREPARED TO HEAR BERLIN GOVT.

Some Washington Officials Believe Submarines Acting Under Secret Instructions

Washington, March 30.—For the information of the state department, Ambassador Page, at London, to-day forward an unofficial report that the British destroyer which aided in rescuing survivors of the Sussex and had been fired upon twice by a submarine, Ambassador Page said the information appeared to be authentic.

The government to-day continued to use every means at its command to secure conclusive proof regarding the disasters which have overtaken the Sussex and other unarmed merchant ships, all carrying American citizens.

All circumstantial evidence indicates that these ships were torpedoed without warning and that German submarines have begun an underwater campaign in violation of Germany's recent assurances to the United States. Some officials credit the suggestion that German submarine commanders are acting under secret instructions, such as were advocated by Admiral von Tirpitz, to torpedo every vessel approaching the British Isles. Although official confirmation is lacking, some officials believe that the commanders of German submarines have orders other than those of which this country is advised.

Prompt Action. The United States, it is stated authoritatively, has determined upon its next step. Unless Germany makes some statement in reply to inquiries made by this country to cause the state department to change its present intentions, all the recent aggravating incidents will be combined into one general indictment, which will make the issue clear-cut. Should Germany disclaim responsibility for the disasters, the United States will continue its investigations. If conclusive proof that the ships were torpedoed without warning is secured, the United States probably will act promptly.

Bernstorff Saw Poik. Washington, March 30.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, conferred to-day with Counselor Poik, of the state department, over what were described as purely commercial questions. It was declared afterwards that the submarine issue had not been taken up.

Alongside Destroyer. Copenhagen, March 30.—The Rotterdam correspondent of the Politiken says that according to evidence gathered by the Dutch ministry of marine, the Dutch steamship Palembang was torpedoed while she was lying alongside a British destroyer which was engaged in picking up mines. The inference is drawn, the correspondent says, that the Palembang was sunk by a submarine which intended to destroy the British warship and not the Dutch merchantman.

TWO GERMANS USED SEDITIOUS LANGUAGE

L. Von Hinsberg and Hans Mueckleberg Will Be Sentenced at Edmonton

Edmonton, March 30.—Two men were found guilty in the supreme court yesterday of using seditious language and were remanded for sentence.

Leonard von Hinsberg appeared wearing His Majesty's uniform. It was charged that on March 7 accused, during the course of a conversation with a man named Scholtz, had uttered derogatory remarks aimed at His Majesty, King George, these remarks being heard by several witnesses in a local hotel. On complaints being made by bystanders, von Hinsberg was taken into custody by the military garrison police and later received his preliminary hearing in the police court, where he was committed for trial.

Von Hinsberg was found guilty by Chief Justice Harvey, and sentence will be imposed probably to-morrow. The court gave H. H. Robertson, counsel for the accused, the opportunity asked for to bring in further proof that von Hinsberg is a Belgian, as he claims.

Hans Mueckleberg, a German, was convicted of saying in a local hotel that he was a German and was proud of it and of what the German army was doing in France. He also will come up for sentence.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT AGAINST SALONICA

German Airmen Failed; Were Driven Away by French Aeroplanes

BOMBS DROPPED ON ORFANI; NO DAMAGE

Believed in Athens Germans Trying to Force Greece to Aid Them

Paris, March 30.—A Havas dispatch from Salonica says that another aerial raid on that city was attempted by German aeroplanes. French aeroplanes engaged them and compelled them to turn about without accomplishing their object. Several bombs were dropped on Orfani but did no damage.

Opinion in Athens. Athens, March 30.—A high court official declared to the Associated Press to-day that in his opinion the only conceivable explanation of the aerial raids on Salonica is that Germany is attempting to drive Greece to assist in the expulsion of the French and British forces from Salonica. He said, however, that such a thing was out of the question, as Greece had reason daily to realize she was at the mercy of the entente powers.

Sarrail to Front. General Sarrail, the French commander-in-chief, left Salonica to-day for the front. Lieut.-Gen. Mahon, the British commander, called on General Sarrail before his departure. The British commander then left for Athens, accompanied by several other British officers, and will be received to-morrow by King Constantine.

Raid on Venetia. Rome, March 30.—It is announced that six persons were wounded slightly by bombs thrown from Austrian aeroplanes during a raid over the province of Venetia last Monday.

Four Brought Down. Rome, March 30.—Four Austrian aeroplanes were brought down in the air-raid over Venetia province on Monday last and eight Austrian officers were made prisoners, according to the latest official report. The raiders failed to inflict any damage of significance, it is believed, and only a few persons were wounded.

MAJ.-GEN. TURNER AT MAJ. BATES'S FUNERAL

Many of the Canadians Shed Tears for the Popular Officer

London, March 30.—The funeral to-day of Major Bates, of the 15th Canadian Battalion, was attended by Maj.-Gen. R. E. W. Turner, C.B., who commands the 2nd Canadian Division, many of the officers of his staff and practically the whole of the men of Major Bates's battalion. Many of the men shed tears, as the major was beloved by all ranks. The funeral took place in a heavy snowstorm, the scene being most impressive.

While a large working party of the 15th Battalion was digging a new trench in the rear of the lines, one of the party dug out a huge vase, which to the surprise of the Canadians was found to contain 200 crown pieces dated 1747, all in a good state of preservation. Each man in the party was given one of the coins, which are said to be worth \$200 each.

During a blinding snowstorm some Canadians attacked with trench mortar bombs a detachment of the enemy. The Germans bolted from their trenches, leaving much loot to be cleaned up by the Canadians before the latter returned to their own lines.

The Canadian heavy artillery on the same day successfully bombarded enemy trenches, making many headless in their parapets into which the infantry poured a fusillade of rifle grenades and bombs.

SINKING OF SHIPS AT CONSTANTINOPLE HAS ANNOYED THE GERMANS

Copenhagen, March 30.—The German authorities are anxious to capture or sink the British submarines which, under Commander Boyl's, destroyed vessels in the harbor of Constantinople. A message to the commanders of all German warships states that the government will grant a reward of 1,000 marks (\$250) to each officer and man aboard the vessel which captures or sinks this submarine with Commander Boyl and his crew.

HEADS COMMITTEE WHICH WILL ENGAGE IN LABOR OF LOVE



THE PRINCE OF WALES

London, March 30.—The government has appointed the Prince of Wales chairman of the national committee to make permanent provision for the care of the graves of British soldiers in France and Belgium.

GOV.-GEN. REVIEWS THE WESTERN SCOTS

Inspects Victoria Unit and 61st Battalion, Winnipeg, at Ottawa

Ottawa, March 30.—The Duke of Connaught, who is reviewing the 61st Battalion (Winnipeg) and the 5th Battalion (Western Scots, Victoria, B. C.) The review took place in front of the Château Laurier in the presence of a large crowd.

His royal highness, addressing the officers of the two western units, complimented them on the splendid appearance of the men.

The following casualty list was issued to-day:

Second Battalion: Slightly wounded—Pvt. George Howard Grant, Pte. Clarence Hanson.

Third Battalion: Wounded (returned to duty)—Pte. E. Brooks.

Seventh Battalion: Wounded—Sgt. Samuel Henson, Pte. David Bozic.

Fifteenth Battalion: Wounded—Cpl. Gordon Campbell.

Slightly wounded—Pte. Thomas Watson Hudson.

Twenty-first Battalion: Accidentally wounded—Pte. Victor Turner, Buffalo, N. Y.

Wounded—Pte. Charles Frederick Lyons.

Twenty-third Battalion: Slightly wounded (returned to duty)—Pte. Thomas Dillon Curtis, New Westminster, B. C.; Pte. Alfred Archibald Hyde.

Third Pioneer Battalion: Killed in action, March 28—Pioneer William Robert Millburn, formerly 4th Battalion, Springfield, N. S.

STORM INTERFERED WITH CABLES FROM ENGLAND TO HOLLAND

London, March 30.—It was stated authoritatively to-day that the interruption of cable communication between England and Holland was due to the storm, and that resumption of the service shortly was expected.

Complete suspension of cable communication was reported by the Rotterdam correspondent of the Copenhagen Politiken, whose dispatch was forwarded from Copenhagen by the Exchange Telegraph Company. It was rumored the cables had been cut by the Germans, according to the correspondent.

No press dispatches have been received here from Holland since Tuesday.

MASTERPIECES WERE STOLEN AT PERUGIA

Paris, March 30.—A dispatch to the Havas Agency from Perugia, Italy, says thieves entered the museum of St. Peter's Basilica last night and stole nine pictures of great value. An investigation of the theft is being made.

Among the works stolen were two Raphael's, "The Infant Jesus" and "The Infant John the Baptist"; Mantegna's "Christ Bearing the Cross"; Guercino's "Flagellation"; and Bassano's "Communion."

The stolen pictures are valued at \$2,500,000. Claims which are being kept for the thieves at the Swiss and French frontiers.

SATISFIED WITH LABORS AT PARIS

Delegates to Entente Conference Believe Work Thorough, States Salandra

RESOLUTIONS DEAL WITH CONCRETE REALTIES

Head of Italian Govt. Particularly Pleased With Plans for Shipping

Paris, March 30.—"We are all of us, without any exception, satisfied with the resolutions which were adopted at the conference of the allies," said Antonio Salandra, the Italian premier, to a representative of the Matin. "Our votes were unanimous and their subject matter represents concrete realities."

"We are particularly pleased at the importance given during our deliberations to the question of shipping and freights. We recognize that a state of war implies certain restrictions and privations, but these privations can be reduced to a minimum by the loyal cooperation of all. I believe that a judicious and equitable system is about to be adopted which will relieve the transport trouble from which both you and we have been suffering."

GEN. DUBAIL MADE GOVERNOR OF PARIS

Succeeds Maunoury; Director of Berne Bureau of Information Arrested

Paris, March 30.—General A. Y. E. Dubail was appointed military governor of Paris to-day. He replaces Gen. Michael Maunoury, who is relieved on the ground of ill-health.

Gen. Dubail, who is 55 years old, served in the Franco-Prussian war. Aided Central Powers.

Paris, March 30.—M. Beckmann, director of the Berne bureau of information, has been arrested and has admitted having employed prohibited means of favoring a foreign power through the information bureau, says a Havas dispatch from Berne.

"M. Beckmann is said to have procured secret information for the central powers," the dispatch adds. "He was born in Germany and is a naturalized Swiss citizen."

URGES A LEVY ON WEALTH OF NATION

Vast Sum Could Be Raised, Writes Well-Known British Economist

London, March 30.—The Daily Chronicle gives prominent place to an article urging "the conscription of wealth." The writer, who is said to be a well known economist, suggests that the chancellor of the exchequer should make a levy on all the wealth in the United Kingdom, and thinks a vast sum could be raised in this way. He presents a calculation to show how, on a graduated percentage scale, £400,000,000 could be produced by an initial levy of one per cent. on all property valued up to £2,000, the percentage gradually increasing to ten on property valued over £100,000. He says: "Wealth can be taken in any form—cash, stocks or real estate—and can be sold, if there is a market, or held if there is no market. Unless something like this is done, our peace budgets will become crushing in their weight. With a debt of £10,000,000,000 the interest and sinking fund payments will be more than £120,000,000. Pensions and other war charges will be £40,000,000, making the probable annual total of the budgets as high as £400,000,000."

"Such budgets can be met, but only with certain hampering of national development and danger to the nation's position in the world."

REGISTER NOW.

Those not on the existing lists, and who desire to cast their ballots at the next general election, should not fail to register at once. Liberal rooms, Arcade building, corner Broad and View Streets. Open 9 a.m. and night.

LIEUT.-GEN. ISHIMA IS NEW JAPANESE MINISTER OF WAR

Tokio, March 30.—General Ichinose Oka, minister of war, has resigned owing to ill-health. He has been succeeded by Lieut.-General Kenichi Ishima, who has held the post of vice-minister of war.

HISTORIC DOCUMENT CAME INTO BEING

Declaration Made by Entente Conference at Paris an Unprecedented Thing

Paris, March 30.—The Declaration of Paris of March 28, 1916, will remain a historic document, memorable for two statements it contains. One is the second sentence of the resolution confirming the military measures taken to realize unity of action and unity of front.

This is the first time in history that eight nations, including four of the great European and one of the Asiatic powers, have proclaimed they have one common front against an enemy and one common plan of offensive along that front.

In Economic Field. The other unprecedented resolution is that affirming solemnly that the allied governments will carry into effect in the economic field "their solidarity of views and interests." This is the first time in history that eight nations have united against a common enemy and also proclaimed economic unity against the common enemy.

It should be pointed out that Japan, which previously had not adhered to the economic union, now solemnly pledges her co-operation and therefore will be represented in the economic conference here at the end of April.

The first step in the economic union of the allies is the constitution of a permanent committee in Paris to enforce the blockade of the central powers.

GREAT OFFENSIVE BEFORE END OF JUNE

Simultaneous Attacks by Allies on All Fronts, Opinion in London

New York, March 30.—A news agency dispatch from London says: "Before the end of June the allied armies will strike simultaneous blows on all fronts, with the object of bringing the kaiser to his knees and ending the war before Christmas. This combined offensive, it is held here, is the certain result of the great war council of the allies at Paris."

"The allied forces may begin to move before the crown prince ceases his offensive movement in the Verdun region."

RAID IN BLACK SEA

Petrograd, March 30.—Russian submarines have carried out a successful raid on enemy shipping in the Black Sea, off Asiatic Turkey, according to a statement issued by the admiralty to-day. One gunship and several coal carriers were sunk despite the fire of land batteries and bombs from hydroplanes, the statement says.

FORMER U. S. AMBASSADOR DEPARTS FROM PETROGRAD

Washington, March 30.—George T. Marye, who recently resigned as ambassador to Russia, advised the state department to-day of his departure from Petrograd, leaving the embassy in charge of First Assistant Secretary Fred M. Deering. Former Governor David R. Francis, of Missouri, chosen to succeed Mr. Marye, will leave shortly for Petrograd.

THOSE ON ADANIA SAW AN AIR BATTLE

Halifax, March 30.—Passengers on the Cunard liner Adania, which arrived in port yesterday, told of a thrilling air battle which they witnessed when the liner was passing Deal.

The battle was being fought between a squadron of German raiders and a number of British aeroplanes. One of the German machines flew directly over the Adania, but made no attempt to score a hit. The liner left the opposing fleets battling in the clouds.

GERMAN DEAD LAY IN GREAT HEAPS

Counter-Attacks on French Positions in Avocourt Wood Proved Costly

RAILWAY STATIONS IN AND NEAR METZ RAIDED

Germans Made Gain South of Somme; Thrown Back at Once

Paris, March 30.—Several German infantry attacks on the Avocourt Wood, in an endeavor to retake lost positions, were made last night. The war office report of this afternoon says these assaults failed. No further advances against Malancourt were attempted by the Germans.

East of the Meuse there was heavy artillery fighting. The text of the statement follows: "To the south of the river Somme, the way having been prepared by a violent bombardment, the enemy penetrated to one of the advanced positions of our line at a point to the west of Verdandovillers. A counter attack on our part, however, drove the Germans out at once.

Piles of Dead. "West of the river Meuse the Germans last night delivered several counter-attacks against our positions in the wood of Avocourt. All these assaults, however, were driven back by our machine guns and infantry detachments, which caused heavy losses in the ranks of the enemy. This was notably the case before the Redoubt of Avocourt, where the Germans lay in piles of dead bodies. There has been no new military endeavor in the region of Malancourt.

"East of the river Meuse and in the Woivre district there has been intermittent bombardment. The Germans have thrown into the Meuse river above St. Mihiel numbers of floating mines, which, however, have caused no damage.

"In Lorraine there has been activity on the part of our artillery between Domerey and Bretteville.

"There has been no further happening of importance to report from any other points on the front.

Air Raids. "During the day of March 29 one of our aerial attacking squadrons threw down fifteen shells of large calibre on the Sallions railroad station of Metz, and five others on the railroad station at Pagny-sur-Moselle. During the night of March 29-30, two French aviators bombarded the railroad station at Matzleres-les-Metz, seven miles north of Metz."

German Statement. Berlin, March 30.—The repulse of repeated attacks by the French in efforts to recapture positions they had lost in the wood northwest of Avocourt is announced to-day by the army headquarters.

Costly Failures. Paris, March 30.—Fifteen thousand Germans were sacrificed in the vain assaults on Malancourt and Avocourt, it is estimated. The French machine guns and 75's nearly annihilated a German division which attempted to attack Malancourt.

NONE OF SAILORS ON MEDUSA LOST

Taken Off Before British Destroyer Sank; the Cleopatra's Success

London, March 30.—The admiralty has issued the following announcement: "All ships employed in the operations off the German coast have now returned to their ports, except the destroyer Medusa, which ship, as was feared, sank after all her crew had been taken off, in very bad weather, by the destroyer Laverock without any casualty, a fine piece of seamanship.

"Our destroyers, while dealing with enemy patrol vessels, were themselves attacked by enemy aircraft. They received no damage of any kind.

"The following passengers were rescued from the enemy patrol trawlers which previously were reported sunk by our ships, viz., four from the trawler Otto Rudolf and 15 from the trawler Braunschweig.

"On Saturday night a division of German destroyers was encountered by our light cruisers. One of these destroyers was rammed and sunk by H. M. S. Cleopatra. None of her crew was saved."

MARTINIQUE FEELS SHOCK

Fort de France, Martinique, March 30.—An earthquake occurred here at 5.18 o'clock this morning. There was no damage.

BORDEN ANNOUNCES ROYAL COMMISSION

To Investigate the Charges Against the Shell Committee Made by George Kyte

SIR WILLIAM MEREDITH AND MR. JUSTICE DUFF

Maj.-Gen. Sir Sam Hughes Cables He is Returning at Once

Ottawa, March 29.—Sir Robert Borden announced in the House of Commons this afternoon that a royal commission composed of Sir William Meredith, chief justice of Ontario, and Mr. Justice Duff, of the supreme court of Canada, had been appointed to inquire into the charges regarding the contracts for fuses let by the shell committee made by George W. Kyte, Liberal, Richmond, N. S., in the Commons on Tuesday night. He added that the government would arrange for counsel.

Sir Robert read the cable message he had sent to Major General Hughes in London outlining the charges Mr. Kyte had made, and Sir Sam's reply by cable. Sir Sam repudiated the suggestion that there had been any wrongdoing and demanded an investigation. He added that he would sail immediately for Canada.

CORFU WILL NOT BE A SUBMARINE BASE

Enemy Organization Discovered by French; Removing Those Involved to France

Paris, March 28 (delayed).—Discovery on the Greek island of Corfu of an elaborate organization for providing information and supplies for submarines is reported in a Rome dispatch to the Journal. About 40 persons, including the keeper of one of the principal hotels, have been arrested and will be removed to France.

Corfu lies off the Greek and Albanian coasts. Were the Greek-Albanian border continued in a due westerly direction it would cut the island almost fairly in two. The northern extremity of Corfu lies almost due east of that arm of Italy which encloses the Gulf of Tarento on the northeast.

For some months past the island has been occupied by the allies. French forces were the first to land. They were joined by some British forces and later the bulk of the Serbian army which was removed from Albania was transported to the island.

Consulates at Salonica. Salonica, March 28.—The suggestion that the American, Spanish and Roumanian consulates here be abandoned owing to the insecurity of the situation as a result of the apparent intention of the Germans to drop bombs indiscriminately from aeroplanes and Zeppelins, has not met with the approval of Roumania, which has schools and other important interests in Salonica.

Spain has consented to the closing of her consulate. If the American consul should leave, the interests of Germany, Austria and Bulgaria, with which he is charged, would be unprotected.

HELD UP CAPTAIN; UNDER ARREST NOW

German Landed in Delaware by British Ship; S. S. Diadem Sunk

Lewes, Del., March 30.—Ernest Schuler, a German, held up the captain of the British steamship Matoppe shortly after the vessel had passed Sandy Hook last night, bound from New York for Vladivostok with a cargo of munitions and war materials. Schuler, who was a stowaway, put the wireless out of commission, locked the captain in his stateroom all night and searched his papers and the ship's safe.

The man is under arrest here, having been landed this afternoon. British Ship Sunk. London, March 30.—The British steamship Diadem has been sunk.

The Diadem, of 3,752 tons gross, was reported lost on her arrival at Marcellines on Feb. 15 from Penarth, Wales. She was owned in Newcastle.

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GERMANS HELD AT MALANCOURT VILLAGE

Only Got Footing in Advanced Work and Took Two Houses

Paris, March 30.—In an attack with heavy forces against the village of Malancourt yesterday the Germans succeeded in gaining a footing in an advanced work north of Malancourt and occupying two houses in the village, according to the official statement issued here last night. Further attempts to advance were checked by the French fire.

The text of the communication follows:

"Between the Oise and the Aisne our artillery dispersed large convoys to the northeast of Moulin-sous-Neuvent.

"Between the Oise and the Aisne we exploded a mine north of Four-de-Paris. The explosion destroyed a grenade post and shelter and shattered the enemy works.

"Our heavy artillery directed its fire on the Malancourt wood and Avocourt during German counter-attacks on the adjacent sector.

"West of the Meuse the bombardment continued with violence during the day from Avocourt as far as Bethincourt. Three successive counter-attacks by the enemy against positions captured by us this morning in the Avocourt wood were completely repulsed.

"In the course of an attack with heavy effectives directed on the village of Malancourt, the Germans were able to gain a footing in an advanced work situated north of Malancourt and to occupy two houses in the village. All attempts to push beyond this were stopped by our fire.

"Some artillery engagements occurred east of the Meuse and in the Woivre as far as Les Eparges.

"In the Vosges we shelled the German organizations at Stossweiler and Muenver."

British Report.

London, March 30.—The following official statement was issued last night:

"It was a quiet day generally on the whole front. The enemy sprang a small mine, this morning east of Bethune, without doing any damage.

"South of St. Etloi we consolidated all the ground gained on March 27."

REID IS IN JAIL; LAVERGNE IS FREE

But Minister of Justice Says They Are Being Treated Equally

Ottawa, March 30.—The loyalty of Armand Lavergne, the Nationalist, and Jack Reid, the Socialist, and the treatment they have received were compared in parliament a few days ago.

Jack Reid expressed his views in Calgary and is now serving a fifteen months' term in the Quebec penitentiary. He is still free, untrammelled, a member of the militia and in possession of everything he had before except his membership in the Quebec Garrison Club.

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux asked as to the attitude of the government toward the two worthies and the reply of the minister of justice was that "they have and will be equally respected by the government." He added that the prosecution of Reid had been undertaken by the local authorities at Calgary and that petitions for clemency were receiving the careful consideration of the government. As to Lavergne, the minister stated that the government had no information as to what Mr. Lavergne had said.

Alphonse Verville, Labor member for Malouneuve, Que., was curious to know if the government intended to accord Reid and Lavergne equal rights. He said that remarks by Reid had been undertaken by the local authorities at Calgary and that petitions for clemency were receiving the careful consideration of the government. As to Lavergne, the minister stated that the government had no information as to what Mr. Lavergne had said.

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GERMANS WERE FOOD FOR FRENCH 75'S

Extracts From Diary Written by French Officer During Verdun Battle

Paris, March 30.—Joseph Reinach, French official historian of the war, writes:

"Pages from the diary of a high officer, written during the battle of Verdun, have just reached me. They tell a story tragic in its simplicity. Here is what the officer wrote:

"February 27—I am still alive, but what horror! This is the greatest battle ever fought. The Verdun forts are being held without a respite. German corpses can be counted in tens of thousands. Half a million men face one another, and still more are arriving.

"February 28—The battle now has been raging for a week. The Germans accumulated their frightful engines of destruction and their best troops, but they have not been able to get the better of our soldiers.

Castelnau the Hero.

"Verdun is saved by him who saved Nancy (Castelnau). Troops are arriving unceasingly. Ten motor wagons loaded with men arrive every minute.

"The Germans left mountains of dead before Douaumont.

"The Verdun citadel remains intact despite its wounds.

"Castelnau faces the Kaiser.

"How joyfully all of us salute this smiling morning.

"France has shown once more that in the greatest hour of peril the courage of her heroes and the energy of her generals assure her victory.

"March 1—Death is nothing in such a furnace as this. It is these terrible moments that make the hero's brain come aflame. The heart hardens before such atrocities.

Faivies Choked.

"Without a spark of pity I have seen the masses of German corpses that choke the Douaumont ravines.

"I have questioned prisoners, and they still have hopes that their comrades will take Verdun. But their eyes fill with tears and fright when they speak about our 75's.

"Bravo, 75's! Never will the tale of their prowess be fully told. Sometimes they fired at the Germans at a 600-yard range, and one shell mowed down at least 15 men, but the 100's still came on more numerous than ever.

Brave Gen. Petain.

"Here I see General Petain. The whole army recognizes his energy and valor. He exudes confidence.

March 7—The action is losing its violence. The Germans must begin to understand they cannot attain Verdun. The town is partly demolished, but the citadel has resisted. Its miles of passages, carved out of rock, are intact.

"Douaumont is only a heap of ruins. It is covered with snow now a foot deep, but here the snow is red.

Work of 75's.

"March 8—One vainly seeks to conjure up an accurate memory of these tragic days. The German Kaiser needed victory. He threw in his best troops, the pillars of the empire, and our 75's annihilated them.

"The number of shells fired surpasses the imagination. They have spent several millions. The soil trembles even now under the shell fire. It has been calculated that on a front of only 200 yards wide and 450 deep the Germans fired more than 80,000 projectiles, including 9 and 12-inch shells.

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LONG'S STATEMENT ON RECRUITING METHODS

Spoke for Government in Commons Yesterday in Absence of Asquith

London, March 30.—Mr. Asquith being away, Rt. Hon. Walter Hume Long, president of the local government board, made the expected statement in the Commons yesterday on the situation with regard to military service.

He opened by defending Lord Derby, the director of recruiting, against what he called unjust attacks. Lord Derby's demands had been reasonable, and the government had met nearly all his wishes, while other suggestions he had made still were under consideration.

As the result of the investigations of a committee appointed by the local government board, the government had found it possible to reduce greatly the number of reserved occupations and to substitute women for men in numerous factories to an extent previously believed impossible, by which means a large number of men already had been released for military service.

By May 1.

By the first of May a large number of occupations connected with the manufacture of munitions would be removed altogether from the reserved list, and steps were being taken to investigate whether it would be possible similarly to release more miners without reducing the coal output. Two hundred and seventy-five thousand women had been found for commercial, clerical and transport work, and another 14,000 for farm work.

Mr. Long paid an eloquent tribute to the loyal self-sacrifice of the married men who had attested.

The last class of married men, those who have reached the age of 19 since their attestation, appeared in large numbers at recruiting offices yesterday to join the colors.

There is now only one proclamation out in connection with enlistments. It calls on the first eight groups of married men to present themselves on April 7. This is, the proclamation which has caused so much dissatisfaction throughout the country, it being felt that all single men who are extending service in various ways should be called up before the married men are compelled to serve.

THE HUNGARIANS ARE FOOLING EACH OTHER

Rome, March 30.—It has been learned that persistent rumors recently have been circulated in Magyar districts of Hungary that men are to be permitted to marry more than one wife but not more than five, beginning April 1. In some districts the authorities have received numerous protests from women against the alleged new law. Nobody seems to have noticed, until attention was called to it by an official denial, that the date on which the polygamy measure was to become effective was April Fool's Day.

MANY PARIS LAWYERS SERVING IN TRENCHES

Paris, March 30.—The Parisian bar has been reduced to its lowest terms by drafts upon it for military service. There are no longer any of the younger members left. It was a young lawyer, or "stagiaire" as he is called, who generally was assigned to the defence of persons who had no counsel. Monsieur Henri Robert, head of the order of advocates of Paris, who chooses these officially designated counsel, was obliged the other day to call upon Monsieur Ernest Cartier, 85 years old, formerly at the head of the order of advocates himself, to defend a man accused of a trivial offence.

SIR JOHN SIMON AGAIN PRACTISING AT BAR

London, March 30.—Sir John Simon, who retired from the cabinet because he could not agree with his colleagues on the question of military compulsion, has returned to the bar as a private practitioner. His first big case, a suit between two insurance companies, will come up shortly in the chancery division. His retaining fee in this case, \$25,000, is an illustration of the enormous rewards which are possible for a high class lawyer in England.

F. L. Haynes means watchmaker and jeweler.

RUSSIAN TROOPS TOOK SOME GROUND

West of Lake Narotche and at Oginski Canal; Spring Thaw

Petrograd, March 30.—The following official communication was issued last night:

"Fighting continues in the Dvinsk region, and there has been violent artillery fire at some places south of Dvinsk.

"In the region west of Lake Narotche we dislodged the enemy from part of the wood south of Mokryce, and by our fire repulsed later counter attacks by the enemy.

"There have been violent fusillades near the Oginski canal. Near the village of Comino our troops forced the wire defences of an enemy post and ejected from the trenches the Germans defending them. The Germans fled over the canal.

"Enemy aviators dropped bombs in the region of the Politz and Lounnietz stations.

"On the front of the Middle Strypa we repulsed enemy attempts to approach our trenches.

"A thaw has commenced on the entire front. The marsh and lake regions are all inundated, not only in the south, but also in the north. The melting of the thick covering of snow on all the northern roads is causing ex-

TRYING TO MAKE GERMANS LIKE THE CROWN PRINCE

Berne, March 30.—Professor R. Junker, the German painter, has just arrived at the headquarters of the German crown prince, where he is going to have a series of sittings from the prince, according to dispatches received here.

Swiss newspapers state that the professor's visit forms part of a great publicity campaign in favor of the crown prince in progress in Germany. Photographs depicting the prince performing acts of kindness to French peasant children are now on sale in Berlin.

PORTO RICO PROSPEROUS.

Washington, March 30.—Porto Rico is enjoying its most prosperous tourist season, more travelers having visited the island this winter than ever before, government reports show.

Even Hospital Treatment For Kidney Disease Failed

Kell-Known Commercial Traveler Says That Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills Undoubtedly Cured Him

News of his recovery from kidney disease will be welcomed by the many friends of Mr. L. D. Griffin throughout the lower townships and the adjoining district of the United States.

Mr. Griffin has traveled this section for 35 years and what he says will be accepted as proven by all who know him best.

He tells in his letter how relief was obtained by treatment in Sherbrooke and Montreal hospitals, but the old kidney trouble returned again and again until by the persistent use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills cure was effected. As he says, these pills "undoubtedly did the work."

Mr. L. D. Griffin, Bulwer, Compton county, Quebec, writes: "I can add one more statement of kidney disease cured by Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. For about twenty years I was bothered more or less with the kidneys, then the disease became worse and I was sick in bed for one year, took doctor's medicine to no avail, and on his advice went to Sherbrooke Hospital, where I was benefited, but the old trouble returned and I tried a Montreal hospital. Got a little better, but the help was only temporary, and I was soon bad again.

"On the advice of a friend, I began to use Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, and I now thank that friend, for today I am as free from kidney disease as I ever was in my life. I owe the cure to Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, for they undoubtedly did the work. I am 65 years old and have spent 35 years as a traveler calling on the drug trade. Everywhere I am told that Dr. Chase's medicines are the best, and give the best satisfaction of any medicine on the market. Shall be glad to answer any questions in regard to my cure if people care to write me."

Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, one pill a dose, 25 cents a box, all dealers, or Edmondson, Bates & Company, Limited, Toronto.

GREEK GOVT. PROTESTS TO CENTRAL POWERS

Athens, March 30.—The Greek government has protested to the central powers against the aerial bombardment of Salonica last Monday.

Four German aeroplanes were brought down during the raid. Two of the machines were shot down as they tried to approach the waterfront, while the others were brought to earth later during a chase by French machines. The aviators in all four of the machines were killed.

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INCREASED DUTY ON APPLES DISCUSSED

Commons in Committee on Tariff Resolutions; Fuel Oil Tax Adopted

Ottawa, March 29.—The House went into committee yesterday on the tariff resolutions affecting fuel oil and...

Hon. William Pugsley opposed the increased duty on apples as unduly favoring the apple growers of British Columbia at the expense of the people of the prairie provinces.

Hon. Frank Oliver said that there was too great a spread between the price paid by the consumer in Edmonton and the price paid to the producer in British Columbia. He did not think that the increase in duty would improve this.

R. F. Green, Kootenay, said that a British Columbia deputation of fruit growers, including the largest fruit growers in the province, had asked for this duty. The growers had claimed that they could not accept less than \$1.06 a box when what they had been receiving was 80 cents.

Hon. Frank Oliver doubted if the additional duty proposed would be sufficient to save the situation for the British Columbia apple growers because of its high cost of production in that province. There would be a big market for apples in the middle west, he said, if the prices were moderate.

Sir Thomas White said that the chief inspector of fruit for the Dominion had described the British Columbia fruit growers as being in the position of a business man trying to compete with a bankrupt stock. He read an extract from the annual report of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario with the object of showing that the Ontario as well as the British Columbia fruit growers suffered from the unfair competition of foreign fruit.

ONLY 8,000 SERBIAN REFUGEES AT SALONICA

Berlin, March 29.—Of 30,000 Serbian refugees who, following the invasion of their country by the Teutonic hordes, headed southward, only 8,000 succeeded in reaching Salonica, all the others having perished of cold and hunger on the way, according to a report just received from Mlle. Comte de Geneva, representative at Salonica of the Swiss Red Cross.

LUMBERMEN BUSY

Courtesy, March 29.—The lumbermen in this district are all very busy now. Regular shingling will start up this week. Mayor Kilpatrick's sawmill is running full time and the mill at Royce has received orders from a Winnipeg firm which will keep it running two years. In connection with the latter mill it may be said that the lumber is loaded on the C. P. R. cars at Royce and hauled to Ladysmith, from where the loaded cars are ferried to the Mainland and proceed to Winnipeg without change. The Comox Logging & Railway Co. is sending down from its various camps to the boom from 75 to 100 cars of logs per day.

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THE HEAVIEST BLOW DEALT TO GERMANY

Work of Entente Conference at Paris of Greatest Importance

London, March 30.—"That is the most smashing and decisive blow Germany has yet received."

This is a British M.P.'s comment on the unanimous resolutions passed by the representatives of the allied governments at the Paris war council. They must go far to paralyze the economic power of the enemy and undermine his credit both during and after the war. The allied governments not only decided in general terms to establish an economic unity of action, but settled the general lines of the organization to give it effect. In the words of the second resolution, "The allied governments decide to put into practice in the economic domain their solidarity of views and interests."

Moreover, they actually charge the economic power which is to be held in Paris shortly to propose to the allied governments measures adapted to realize this solidarity. Thus Mr. Runciman, Mr. Bonar Law and the other British delegates who will go to the conference of the allies in Paris at the end of April will go there, not to decide a policy, for that already has been decided, but to complete plans for its immediate execution.

Overseas Dominions. In view of these resolutions what becomes of supreme importance is the nature of the consultations which have taken place personally and by cable between the British ministers and ministers of the Overseas Dominions. Those consultations concern the means of providing the fullest basis of co-operation between the component parts of the empire while preserving the autonomy of the Overseas Dominions in fiscal and all other matters. Those measures will enable the empire to speak to the allies and neutrals alike with one voice.

Meanwhile the British parliament for the moment is kept deep in inter-tribal trouble over the determination of a large section of Unionists and Radicals to extend compulsory service to married men. Mr. Asquith's return from Italy probably will be followed by this step, for this, if for no other reason, that the full compulsoriness probably is able to command a majority of the votes in the Commons.

HEYDEBRAND FIGHTS BETHMANN-HOLLWEG

Prussian Junker Trying to Stir Up Country and Oust Chancellor

London, March 30.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Pontarlier, near the Franco-Swiss frontier, telegraphs: "Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg's old enemy, the Prussian Junker von Heydebrand, who is called the 'uncrowned King of Prussia,' is stated by Dr. Delbrueck, minister of the interior, to be the organizer of the attempt of the Conservatives to rouse the country and the Reichstag against the imperial chancellor. The Conservative argument is that the war could be finished in a month by ruthlessly destroying every ship of neutral or allied nationality approaching the British Isles."

"Dr. Delbrueck, in the Preussische Jahrbucher, reminds the chancellor that he was obliged once before to trounce von Heydebrand and his partisans in the Reichstag when the crown prince applauded their warlike speeches."

Socialist Threat. The Berne correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "During the Socialist threat to expose the true political situation in Germany—a public debate on submarine warfare is provoked by Dr. von Heydebrand and Herr Bassermann, the National Liberal leader, the latter has consented that the discussion shall be in secret before the budget committee. The Socialists introduced a motion demanding an early peace guaranteeing the commercial, territorial and political integrity and independence of the German empire."

GERMAN LEATHER.

London, March 30.—The English people are beginning to believe that they are wearing shoes made of German leather through the fact that many of their shoes are imported from Switzerland, where the manufacturers are known to use large quantities of German leather. Their suspicions were confirmed recently by the fact that British imports of shoes from Switzerland during February were nearly double those of the corresponding period in 1914. Information was given in parliament recently that the use of German leather to the extent of 25 per cent. in shoes imported from Switzerland is permissible.

AMERICAN GLASS.

Washington, March 30.—American glass production shows a thriving growth. Census reports place it at \$122,692 in 1914, an increase of almost \$31,000,000 from 1909.

HUGHES WAS WARNED BY ANDREW BRODER

Old Conservative Member Spoke to Minister at Beginning of War

BRODER SAYS THERE MUST BE INQUIRY

Ottawa, March 30.—The parliamentary correspondent of the Ottawa Evening Journal, in an article dealing with the developments arising out of the Kite charges in the Commons, says:

"Many Conservative members on the hill undoubtedly are deeply impressed by the statements made before the Commons by George W. Kite, the Liberal member for Richmond, N. S. War contracts and shells and fuse profit-ers, in which John Wesley Allison and O.L.R.s are alleged to have figured, and in which the rakeoff is asserted to have run into millions, are the cause. The government so far has been averse to the species of investigation proposed by the Liberals, but some members of the party think something ought to be done to probe the charges."

Among the Conservative M.P.'s mentioned prominently as being understood to be advocating government action are: W. P. Nickle, Kingston, Ont.; R. B. Bennett, Calgary; Hon. Andrew Broder, Dundas, Ont.; Donald Sutherland, South Oxford, Ont.; Colonel John A. Currie, North Simcoe, Ont.; Clarence Jameson, Darcy, N. S.; W. F. Maclean, South York, Ont. and W. B. Northrup, East Hastings, Ont. Other names are mentioned, but none so prominently. However, it is said that there are twenty Ontario Conservatives alone who would prefer action.

Hon. Andrew Broder. "Hon. Andrew Broder," continues the dispatch, "was very frank in discussing his point of view. He is one of the oldest men in the House. He also is one of the most respected. Recently he was made a privy councillor, and the sobriquet 'Honest Andrew' often is applied to him."

"I am getting too near the end of my life," he said, "to be expected to object to holding an investigation into the work of the shell committee. I went to the Prime Minister and told him that if investigation were decided against by the government, I would have to vote against him. I said that if I voted against him I would do him more harm than if I almost any other member of the party did so. I replied that I could not alter my view at my time of life; that I would have to go straight to the end. I would have to vote for an inquiry."

On Trial for Honesty. "I do not know whether any other members of the party would vote against the government or not. I have spoken to none of them about it. I do not believe the Prime Minister quite realizes what is going on. He does not seem to know the situation. The people know what is going on. These are not the days of the Marlborough wars. The people of Canada are on trial for their honesty."

"I told the Prime Minister it was no use suggesting to the imperial government that it should ask for an investigation. It cannot ask the Canadian government for an investigation. We are the people to deal with this."

Broder Warned Hughes. "I warned Sam Hughes when the war began. The possible significance of this is that he hails from Morrisburg, where J. Wesley Allison also has his home. He knows Allison."

The Evening Citizen says: "The charges made by George W. Kite have aroused a great deal of discussion in the lobbies of parliament. A vote on the demand to investigate the shell committee had been arranged for Tuesday night. It is now doubtful when it will take place."

"Many Conservative members plainly are dissatisfied with the situation. They take the view that they hold no brief for Colonel Allison, and that because he is a friend of Sir Sam Hughes the party as a whole is not bound to rush to his defence, or to that of the minister, and refuse investigation."

"It is an embarrassing fact that Maj.-General Hughes is in London. His own party thinks he should be here. He left before his estimates were taken up, and in the very middle of the shell committee discussion. His defence consisted of a glowing eulogy of Allison, whom he described as 'the soul of honor.'"

"Sir Sam Hughes enjoys no striking popularity with the Conservative party, and a big group of members are demanding that he be brought back to defend himself. Had the motion gone to a vote on Wednesday night, it is reported that there would have been some breaks or at least some deliberate absences. Now, instead of the debate concluding at once, it may go over till next week, and meanwhile there may be a caucus to exchange views on the situation. Sir Sam Hughes evidently is needed more in Ottawa than in London."

"It was stated last night that Sir Robert Borden has cancelled his trip to New York. He was to have spoken on Friday before the bar association of that city, of which he recently was made an honorary member."

There is no passion that steals into the heart more imperceptibly, and covers itself under more disguises, than pride. Addison.

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NEWSPAPER MEN AND MILITARY SERVICE

Ruling of British War Office as to Cases of Exemption

London, March 29.—The war office has refused to exempt from army service a great many newspaper men and women who had been designated by

the Newspaper Proprietors' Association of London, as an essential to the work of publishing the local papers.

Art editors, photographers and dark-room operators are not considered as editorial staff, employees by the war office and it refuses to exempt them from military service. The same ruling is applied to all society editors, fiction editors, sporting editors and headline writers. Sub-editors (copy readers) for some unexplained reason are considered more essential to the papers than any of the other members of the staffs.

"The general principle to be followed," the war office rules, "is that the men to be exempted are serving some vital purpose during a time of war."

were careful to publish a notice reading much like this: "It should be mentioned that the editor of the London... has not applied for exemption or postponement of service in any case of any man of war age on the editorial staff."

RAILROAD MEN'S DEMANDS.

New York, March 29.—The demands of nearly 40,000 locomotive engineers, firemen and trainmen were presented to the general managers of the several railroads involved at their headquarters in different parts of the country to-day. The employees, who belong to the so-called Big Four unions, ask for an 8-hour day without reduction in pay and time and a half for overtime. The railroads have until April 25 to reply.



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MR. BREWSTER'S TRIUMPH.

Mr. Brewster and his followers are joyously elated over the introduction of the "Act to Provide Homesteads and Homestead Loans for Returned Soldiers" in the legislature yesterday.

Mr. Brewster at Section 5 of Act to provide meeting, Provide Homesteads and Homestead Loans for Returned Soldiers, February 15, 1916.

From this it is obvious that Mr. Brewster's proposal was the origin of the important clause of the new bill which so strikingly resembles it.

The act establishes the truth of the charge of the opposition that practically all the best accessible agricultural land of the province had been sealed against genuine settlement by being parcelled out to speculators.

dictory terms, by the ministers and their newspaper organs. Everything will depend, however, upon the manner in which the measure is administered.

THE BLIND PIG.

In the legislature yesterday Mr. Bowers said the police magistrate acted in the "blind pig" case under the city and was largely influenced in his action by the city prosecutor.

CRAZY FINANCING.

The government's programme has acted like magic upon our morning contemporary, which has turned its never-to-be-forgotten declaration of independence—the "Colonist's Position"—to the wall alongside the picture of Sir Richard McBride.

Mr. Bowers' Policy introduced in the legislature on Monday night for the year 1916-17 provides for an ordinary expenditure of \$11,000,000.

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THE KITSILANO INQUIRY.

After reading Hamilton Read's evidence before the committee inquiring into the Kitsilano Reserve deal yesterday the public will appreciate the point of view from which the Supreme Court of Ottawa regarded that gentleman's activities.

"On March 11 witnesses knew that \$1250 each would buy off the Indians, and the cheque for \$300,000 was issued to Alexander on March 31.

Supporters of the Bowers government in the legislature and out of it (there are not many in the latter category) proclaimed their conviction that there was "nothing to discuss" in the telling indictment of the leader of the opposition.

An American contemporary says Germany is anxious and determined to maintain friendly and polite relations with Holland. Possibly she is, but we cannot help thinking that her rulers take just as peculiar a way of demonstrating their friendship for the Dutch as they do in manifesting their special regard and feeling for the United States.

The day of the political grafter is nearing an end in Canada. The eyes of the whole Canadian people have been opened through suffering and loss to a saner appreciation of ethical values.

Now that our distinguished statesman, Mr. Thomson, has realized the pinnacle of his ambition and has secured the publication of the correspondence relative to the appointment of a head for the university, does he really think that any credit has redounded therefrom to the government he was elected to support?

Spring is taking a hand in the great war game being played in parts of Europe and Asia. There can be no general offensive until the ground has become solid again by action of the sun.

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ed in this country during the past few years in a row, look them over, and say what you think of them: one has been indicted by a grand jury on a charge of looting a provincial treasury.

Surveying the political situation from coast to coast, the fact must be admitted that Canada is making a name for herself. But it is not a name that will enhance our standing in the esteem of the world.

Although Mr. Bowers may see to it that there is no searching government investigation of the Dominion Trust conspiracy, with its train of suicide and ruin, such inquiry is going to be held just the same.

The local pork barrel organ refers to Mr. Brewster as a "presumably reputable person." The Liberal leader might retort that our morning contemporary is not even presumably reputable and prove his point by a nod in the direction of the Songhees reserve.

Men who promote strikes in England at this time should be taken and put in the front trenches in Flanders or France and kept there while a particularly violent bombardment is going on.

The "blind pig" wing of Mr. Bowers' party is strong enough not only to stop the wheels of justice but to prevent the chief law officer of the province from taking even a languid interest in the matter.

The Colonist is developing a considerable vein of enthusiasm in the cause of Bowersism. As there is no immediate prospect of further Indian reserve deals, here is another mystery confronting us.

Villa may develop into a real, tangible several million dollar mystery.

Things are again looking critical on the Potomac.

THE IRON RING. New York Times. Some part of the territory of France is occupied, to be sure, but von Bethmann-Hollweg seems to forget that the whole of Germany is occupied.

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Victoria Times, March 30, 1911.

Mr. Campbell Sweeney, of the Bank of Montreal at Vancouver, is in town. The branch in this city will open on Wednesday next, at the corner of Bastion and Government streets—the old Bank of B. C. building.

A local company will apply for a charter to construct a railway from Victoria to Beecher Bay, and it is hoped to have the bill passed during the present session of the legislature. The project is understood to be in connection with the extension of the Northern Pacific to a point opposite Victoria.

The private secretary, Mr. Stanton, arrested a burglar at Government House this morning. He fired a shot to frighten the man, who blew out the light when accosted, and then forced him to throw up his hands. The man will be brought before the magistrate to-day.

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Monthly Musicals.—To-morrow afternoon, between 3 and 6 o'clock, the Y. W. C. A. board of directors will be "at home" in the association parlors, following up the precedent already established of holding a social gathering once monthly. All ladies are very cordially invited to be present. There will be a programme of music, and refreshments will be served.

Pictures to be Raffled.—During the great war many Canadian people are giving of their talent in no stinted measure to the patriotic societies that are acting as auxiliaries to the forces at the front. Among the latest to come forward with a magnificent contribution in the shape of two very beautiful pictures is Mrs. E. Sage of Saanichton. These have been donated to the Red Cross Society and they will be raffled for in the near future. These pictures were on exhibition in the Agricultural hall, Saanichton, during the concert last Friday evening and many were the complimentary remarks passed upon them. Tickets are now being offered for sale at the normal price of 25 cents each, and the purchaser of a ticket has a chance on each of the two pictures.

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GETTING PUBLICITY

Development Association Sending Out Photographs and Literature Describing Vancouver Island.

The Victoria Island Development Association is sending out photographs for lecturing purposes. Some are being sent to a lecturer in California and others are being sent to railway and steamship offices in the United States. The photographs are to be used for advertising Victoria. Pamphlets also are being distributed in connection with the advertising campaign to bring tourists here this summer.

There has been a large demand by the public for the pamphlets which the association is distributing. One of these on "Fish and How to Cook It" was exhausted yesterday, and a hurry-up order for more has been sent to Ottawa.

Commissioner Cuthbert says that Victoria is receiving advertising from the railway companies in Canada and the United States that is worth thousands of dollars, and the information sent out is reaching many thousands of people.

Information Wanted.—The provincial police have been asked for information of Frederick Godwin, late of Liverpool, England, who was last heard of at Prince Rupert, B. C. Relatives in Liverpool are anxious to know his whereabouts.

Banquet Postponed.—Owing to unforeseen circumstances the banquet which was to have been held under the auspices of the teachers and officers of the First Presbyterian church Sunday school on April 5, has been postponed until Wednesday, April 12.

Evening Technical Classes.—An exhibit of work will be held to-morrow evening between 7.30 and 9.30 o'clock in the Victoria High school. The public is cordially invited to attend. The commercial, dress-making, millinery, art, lettering and design, and drafting classes have very interesting objects of display. The cookery students will hold a demonstration of work in the domestic science centre at the Central school during the same evening commencing at 8 o'clock.

Y. M. C. A. Boys' Conference.—There is to be a conference of the older Y. M. C. A. boys on Saturday, and two of the principal speakers, Taylor Statton and C. A. Myers, are due to arrive here to-morrow afternoon. In the afternoon Mr. Statton will speak to the High school boys, and on Monday will address the students of the Normal school. On Sunday he will speak in the morning at the First Congregational church, and in the afternoon at the First Baptist church. In connection with the conference there will be a banquet for the bugler and drummer boys on Monday, April 3, the various military units having kindly consented to parade their bands at the Y. M. C. A. building on the occasion. The soldiers' committee of the Adult Bible Class Federation has charge of the banquetting arrangements.

Officers Elected.—At the annual meeting of the Victoria Sunday School Athletic Association held last evening at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, reports from the retiring officers showed a very satisfactory year, the association having conducted a baseball league, a tennis league, senior men's basket ball league, an intermediate boys' basket ball league, and a ladies' basket ball league, all of which have had the tendency of promoting good sport and a closer fellowship between the Sunday schools represented. The officers chosen for the coming year were as follows: Hon. president, J. Patrick; president, W. W. Steinmetz; vice-president, G. W. Robinson; secretary, J. G. Brown; treasurer, H. Charlesworth. Elective members of governing boards: P. J. Schroeder, Aubone Hoyle and Harold M. Pearce.

Cowichan Blue Cross Society.—A meeting of the executive committee of the Cowichan Blue Cross Society was held in Duncan on Wednesday, March 22. There were present Mrs. Blackwood-Willemans, president; Lady Clive Phillips-Wolley, vice president; Miss Evelyn Imay, honorable secretary; also Mrs. G. Mutter, Mrs. Stewart Moore, Mrs. F. Price, Miss B. Jours. This society was started in Cowichan last November and has met with great encouragement. At the meeting the treasurer's report showed subscriptions and donations amounting to \$22.85, out of which \$200 has been remitted to the society's headquarters. The expenses for the working party were \$45.86, leaving cash in hand \$76.99, and with donations since received leaving a total cash in hand of \$27.50. It is interesting to note that Sir John French and Lady Smith-Dorrien have sent the branch grateful letters of thanks and appreciation for the work done in Cowichan.

King's Daughters' Daffodil Tea.—Preparations are still under way for the "daffodil tea" to be held by the King's Daughters at Government House on Saturday, April 15. The kindly action of Mrs. Barnard, one of the first members of the order in British Columbia, in lending Government House for the afternoon, is greatly appreciated by the King's Daughters, and it is hoped that by liberally patronizing the undertaking the public will help to realize for the organizers the benefits which are hoped. The proceeds will go to the furtherance of the good work which are undertaken by the King's Daughters, notable among which is the room for girls, Courtney street. Daffodils are to be used in the decorations of the tables at the tea, and there will be a musical programme and children's dances, the entertainment to be very much along the lines followed in former years at the daffodil and spring flower show held under the same auspices. This had to be abandoned this year owing to the hard winter and the unusual circumstances of the war, in connection with which many of the members are so busy that they have little time to devote to the preparations of a flower show.

Y. M. C. A. Annual Meeting.—On Tuesday, April 11, the adjourned annual meeting of the Y. M. C. A. will take place. Among some of the more important business matters to be discussed will be the election of members to the board of directors for the ensuing year, and the proceedings will be marked by the holding of a supper at which directors and members as well as the ladies' committee will be present. At the request of the directors F. G. Witham, the general secretary, whose resignation is already on the table, will remain with the association until April 15, and although he has not yet decided on his future movements it is not improbable that he may go to Everett to take charge of reorganization of the Y. M. C. A. work there. He has also received a call to the Y. M. C. A. at Portland, to take charge of department work in this association which is one of the largest in the west.

Sold More Violets.—In addition to the \$50 cleared during the past few days by the Red and Blue Cross Flower Guild a further \$19 was taken yesterday by the young ladies who have so kindly given their services in the interest of the work. Donations of flowers for the guild will be received every Tuesday and Friday morning at the Empress hotel, and the committee will be very grateful to any who contribute. The proceeds of the sales, which works in the interests of horses wounded in battle; or to the Red Cross fund, which has the interests of the wounded soldiers at heart. Within the last few days, however, the committee decided to include in the objects of their collections the returned wounded soldiers who often require some help before they are in a position to take work.

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PANTAGES THEATRE.

To-morrow afternoon, following the regular matinee, Pantages theatre will hold its fourth Fashion Show with Living Models. The very latest styles of all kinds will be shown. These shows have become very popular among the ladies, and a big crowd is expected. Another feature of this week will be the special matinee for children and their parents on Saturday afternoon to see "Little Lord Roberts," the smallest comedian in the world. This miniature man, who, though twenty-three years of age, weighs but fifteen pounds and is only 24 inches in height, is nevertheless a very good comedian and mime, and has made a great hit all this week. He will hold a reception on the stage at Saturday's matinee, and will answer any questions the kiddies care to put to him.

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Inauguration of Work in Victoria Celebrated by Exhibition at Workrooms.

Every phase of the Red Cross work as done by the local branches was shown at the Red Cross exhibition held yesterday afternoon at the Temple building as an anniversary celebration of the inauguration of the Victoria society last March. From the cutting out and rolling of bandages, the cutting and machining of "helpless shirts," pressing gowns, etc., to the manner of packing the shipment for their long voyage was demonstrated for the benefit of the visitors to the rooms.

Considerable interest was taken in the exhibition. Mrs. Fleming, convener of the workroom committee, who has worked with infectious enthusiasm during the whole of the past year, was present to welcome the visitors, and acting with her as hostesses were Mrs. W. E. Home, convener of the auxiliary surgical supply rooms at Wharf street; Mrs. Fitzherbert Bullen, vice-president of the branch; Mrs. Havel, Mrs. Wilder, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Heisterman, Mrs. B. Jones, Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Sargison and Mrs. Gordon Smith, all of whom have been most loyal in their services during the whole twelve months.

There were on view samples of practically every article that is turned out by the branch from the bolt of material to the finished articles, and these were neatly displayed and the manner of making explained to any who were not already familiar with the process. The electrical bandage rollers were set in operation, and proved of very particular interest to those who have been doing the same work by hand or with the small hand-machines. The system used in assorting the articles for packing in separate boxes and the care taken to protect the shipments from moisture by packing in waterproof paper was also noted with great interest. Convalescent suits, pyjamas, day and surgical shirts were on one table, on another bandages, on a third knittings. Several members of the rural sub-committee were present during the afternoon: Mrs. Bullock-Webster and Mrs. Lampman from Oak Bay; the Misses Tolmie, from the Cloverdale rooms; Mrs. N. P. Shaw, Mrs. W. W. Bolton and Mrs. Hardie, from Esquimalt; Father Anselm Wood, Chas. Williams (secy.-treas.), Dr. W. E. Home, Dr. A. B. Hudson and Messrs. J. J. Shallock, H. S. Crotty and W. Agnew were among the gentlemen who visited the rooms, and tea and light refreshments were served by Mrs. Fleming.



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R. J. Roche, of Sidney, is at the Dominion hotel.

R. Creehan, of Winnipeg, is a guest at the Empress hotel.

J. L. Meehan, of Seattle, is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Miss Hilda Sorenson, of Seattle, is staying at the Dominion.

Miss E. Thomas, of Chemainus, is staying at the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. H. C. McBride, of Seattle, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

R. T. Ward, of Bullion, Cariboo, is again at the Dominion hotel.

C. W. Silience is down from Duncan and is at the Hotel Strathcona.

Wm. Rae is over from the mainland and is staying at the Strathcona.

Lieut. Cosgrove, of Vancouver, is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

A. Barker and Mrs. Barker, of Melita, Man., are stopping at the Dominion.

Wm. Garen, from Seattle, is among the recent arrivals at the Strathcona hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cunningham, of Nanaimo, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

Mrs. Willard Kitchen and Miss Gladys Kitchen, Capt. R. H. Tupper, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Law, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Breeze and Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Givner.

RED CROSS BENEFITS. Victoria Artists Well-Received at Big Concert at Saanichton.

INTERNATIONAL LAW. Mrs. Dever Reads Scholarly Paper Before Women's University Club.

The Women's University club held its usual monthly meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the Y. W. C. A. library. Dr. Helen Ryan presiding. The paper of the afternoon was by Mrs. Dever, a graduate of the university of New Brunswick, who within the limited time at the disposal of the meeting gave a comprehensive review of "The Growth of International Law."

Very briefly the speaker sketched in the early beginnings of law, from the time when not to be a Greek meant to be a barbarian, down to the very latest decade, which had witnessed the setting aside by Germany of her own signed obligations to Belgium as a neutral nation. The reference to this last came in connection with Mrs. Dever's outline of the Hague conference, when international agreement had been understood by the signing by the several nation's representatives of certain articles intended for the basis of humanitarian international law. It was noted that at the time of the last Hague conference alluded to the last Hague had not been considered as an instrument of war, and ruling on its place in international warfare had not been considered.

The paper was profoundly enjoyed by all who were present, and a very cordial vote of thanks was accorded Mrs. Dever at its conclusion. The period allowed by the meetings for the discussion of "Current Events" resolved itself into a short talk on the Panama canal by the president, Dr. Ryan. It was announced that the next meeting would take place on the last Tuesday of April, when Miss Hurdett will read a paper on "Questionable Books."

The mind has more room in it than most people think, if you would but furnish the apartments—Gray.

Success in most things depends on knowing how long it takes to succeed.—Montesquieu.

The two hundred and some odd people who were in attendance at the concert given in the Agricultural hall at Saanichton last Friday evening by a troop of Victoria artists under the able leadership of Mrs. Shaw, were greatly delighted with the performance, as all those taking part were in the best of voice and the selections of each and every one met with the hearty applause of the audience.

H. Tanner, of Saanichton, occupied the position of chairman, and before announcing the first number of the programme gave a brief outline of the work being accomplished by the West Road and Saanichton Institutes, under whose auspices the present concert was being held. He congratulated the institutes not only on the aid they were giving the Red Cross Society as well as other patriotic undertakings, but also on the part they were taking for the advancement and general welfare of the district. He was pleased to see such a large attendance present on this occasion, as it showed that the people of Saanichton were in sympathy with the work of the patriotic societies and were willing to support them in every way possible. The following interesting programme was then rendered:

Violin and piano duet, Mrs. Moore and Mr. Dobson; vocal solo, Miss Mitchell; Spanish dance, Miss Nora Logan; vocal solo, Corpl. Evans; reading, Miss Westwood; vocal solo, Miss Nellie Logan; song, Corpl. Evans; song, Mrs. Shaw; dance, Miss Nora Logan; violin solo, Mrs. Moore; piano solo, Mr. Dobson; selection from Mikado.

On the conclusion of the musical part of the programme the floor of the large hall was quickly cleared of seats and dancing was indulged in for two or three hours. The music on this occasion was supplied by the orchestra of the 103rd Battalion, Victoria, and it was delightful. Nothing what-ever occurred to mar the pleasure of the evening and when "God Save the King" was finally played everyone went home well pleased with the evening's entertainment.



Scene from "Jeanne Dore," in which the Divine Sarah Bernhardt is making her farewell appearance at Variety theatre this week.

**SYNOD OF PRESBYTERY
TO MEET NEXT WEEK**

Sessions to Continue for Two Days, Commencing on Tuesday Evening

The twenty-fifth synod of the Presbytery of British Columbia will open its sessions next Tuesday evening at the First Presbyterian church. The opening exercises on this night will consist of a sermon by the retiring moderator, Rev. R. J. Douglas, of Vancouver, and the same evening there will be the election of a new moderator for the ensuing year. About 100 representatives of the Presbyteries of Kamloops, Kootenay, New Westminster and Victoria are expected.

The regular business of the synod will commence on Wednesday. Sessions will be held both in the morning and afternoon of Wednesday and Thursday. On Wednesday evening there will be a joint meeting of the synod with the Synodical Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church, in British Columbia, of which Mrs. A. Lamb, of New Westminster, is the president. The speakers at this Wednesday evening meeting will be Mrs. M. P. Miller, president of the Vancouver Presbytery; Miss Jessie Dracup, principal of the Girls' school in India, now home on furlough; Rev. Hugh Ross, M. A., of Plymouth Congregational church, Seattle, who will speak on the subject of the "New Campaign."

On Thursday evening also the W. M. S. will meet in joint session with the synod. The speakers on this occasion will be Rev. G. A. Wilson, D. D., superintendent of Presbyterian missions for British Columbia; Miss McGregor, field secretary of the Women's Missionary Society; Rev. J. S. Henderson, field secretary of the social service commission for British Columbia, and Principal John MacKay, D. D., of Westminster hall, whose subject will be "Home Missions and the World Situation."

There will be special music at the Tuesday evening meeting, when the massed choirs of the Presbyterian churches in the city will be present, and will have charge of the musical part of the programme. On Wednesday Mrs. Logie, of Vancouver, and Mrs. Jameson, of Victoria, will contribute solos, and on Thursday Mrs. McClung and a mixed quartette will furnish the musical features.

Of the more important subjects which will come up for discussion at the day sessions of the synod that of church union will be one of the chief, while the outlook of foreign and home mission work will also be discussed in full. All the sessions are open to the public, which is especially invited to attend the evening meetings.

SEEKS HIS WIFE

Court Awaits Physician's Report Before Deciding on the Custody of Mrs. Mackenzie.

Mrs. Slingsby and Mrs. Ketchen appeared before Mr. Justice Morrison this morning and were given the interim custody of Mrs. Mackenzie until Dr. Jones submits a report on the state of her health to the court. The appearance this morning is the result of an application made yesterday to the court by Mr. Mackenzie who sought to obtain the custody of his wife.

Recently it was thought necessary that Mrs. Mackenzie should be sent to a hospital, and she was being taken from Victoria for this purpose when Mrs. Slingsby and Mrs. Palmer obtained a writ of habeas corpus and went to the steamer on which Mrs. Mackenzie was to leave. Under power of the writ they brought her ashore and took her to Mrs. Slingsby's home at Fowl Bay. They alleged there was no necessity for her to be sent to a hospital.

In reply to the application of Mr. Mackenzie yesterday morning for custody of his wife, his lordship heard the evidence of Mrs. Slingsby and decided that Mrs. Mackenzie should be medically examined. Dr. Jones was appointed by the court to make the examination.

NO TIME FOR PEACE TALK.

Germany is, at the present moment, in an apparently superior position in the field. She holds great tracts of enemy territory. She has trampled small countries after another under her feet. She has never shown the slightest compunction for her aggravated aggressions. There are no signs yet that she regards the sinking of the Lusitania, the massacre of civilians at Aershot, the burning of Louvain, the murder of Miss Cavell, the Zeppelin horrors, and all the other monstrosities committed in her name with anything but a perverted pride. The voices raised against these things in Germany have been notoriously feeble. So long as that is the case, what is the use of proposing conditions of peace? For the first condition of peace must be the realization by Germany of the depths of her offending in the eyes of the civilized world. Whether that can be brought home to her by any means but force, and the discipline of defeat and disaster, is to be seen. But until she is manifestly and sincerely convicted of her own sin, there can be no profitable discussion of peace terms. For that, so far as the Allies are concerned, is the first clause of any possible peace. —London Daily News.

A countryman while walking along a street saw a sign: "Please ring the bell for the caretaker." After reflecting for a few minutes, he walked up and pulled the bell. After waiting a while an angry-faced man appeared. "Are you the caretaker?" asked the bell-puller. "Yes, what do you want?" "I saw that notice, so I rang the bell and now I want to know why you can't ring it yourself!"

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Yesterday afternoon at the Willows oval the 88th Battalion, C.E.F., held their usual mid-week field meet, and some excellent sport was provided. The day's programme consisted of baseball, two soccer matches, tug-of-war and a cross-country run.

MEDICAL CORPS WON CLOSE GAME FROM NAVY

Yesterday afternoon at the canteen grounds the Medical Corps soccer team triumphed over the Navy eleven by the score of 2 to 1.

CHAMPION REFUSES BIG OFFER TO MEET FULTON

New York, March 29.—Tom Jones, manager for Jess Willard, said last night that he had refused an offer of \$25,000 for the heavyweight champion to box ten rounds with Fred Fulton in Milwaukee.

GOOD TRACK MEET.

Berkeley, Cal., March 30.—The California varsity track team defeated the All-Southern Stars at Berkeley yesterday, 80 to 42. No records were broken.

SPORTING NEWS

BIG DAMAGE SUIT FILED AGAINST O.B. BY BALTIMORE FEDERAL CLUB

Outlaws Sue for \$900,000 Claiming Organized Baseball Violated Law; Tener's Statement; Other Gossip

Philadelphia, March 30.—Organized baseball is facing another attack against its existence in a suit for \$900,000 damages filed in the United States district court here to-day.

If the Federal League of Baltimore wins its suit, organized baseball will be in peril of attack by the federal government, it is said. The difference between the suit filed to-day and the one begun by the Federal League against organized baseball in Chicago in January, 1915, is that the present action is one for damages only, while the first one was an injunction to restrain organized baseball from continuing certain acts alleged to be in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Must Prove It a Trust. To win the present action, the Baltimore club must show that organized baseball as at present constituted is in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law and the Clayton anti-trust act.

The Baltimore club alleges that it was not considered in the negotiations last winter, which resulted in the so-called peace agreement between organized baseball and the Federal League owners, and that in consequence it suffered a loss of \$300,000, and asks for triple damages under the federal anti-trust laws.

The complaint gives a history of the present organization of the game and its operation, mentioning the national agreement, the national commission, the Baseball Players' Fraternity and the various leagues that enter into organized baseball. The complaint recites the organization of the Federal League, charges that organized baseball entered into a conspiracy to wreck it and goes into details of the negotiations whereby the Federal League was eliminated from baseball competition.

The Baltimore club charges that the National and American leagues are operating in a combination or conspiracy to monopolize or to attempt to monopolize a part of the commerce of the states in violation of the federal anti-trust laws.

Says Feds Deserted. The complaint states further that in the alleged conspiracy to wreck the Federal League, organized baseball "gave or secured" to the Brooklyn Federal League club \$400,000 to induce that club to cease competing with the defendants, and that by cash contributions of not less than \$50,000 and "flattery and persuasion" induced Charles E. Weeghman and his associates to desert the Federal League. The complaint also states:

"This plaintiff is informed and believes, and alleges, that all of the remaining constituent members of the Federal League, not including the plaintiff, authorized a committee, consisting, according to the information of the plaintiff, of the defendants, James A. Gilmore, Harry Sinclair and Charles E. Weeghman, to settle their position and to protect their rights as best they might, induced thereto, the plaintiff believes and charges, on account of the realization of the hopelessness of resisting the damage already done to the Federal League as a whole by the defection from its ranks of its most important members; and said committee has not signed an agreement on behalf of all the assenting members of the Federal League agreeing to eliminate further co-operation with the defendants."

Tener's Statement. New York, March 30.—President Tener, president of the National League, when informed of the suit filed in Philadelphia to-day by the Baltimore Federal League baseball club, said: "Organized baseball conducted its negotiations looking to an adjustment of baseball conditions not with the Baltimore club, any individual club or person representing a single club or trust law or Clayton act. Therefore we fall to see where we are liable as set forth in the suit of the Baltimore Federal League club."

New Club House. Omaha, Neb., March 30.—A site for the new Omaha Athletic Club was purchased to-day by the club's directors in the heart of the city for \$150,000. No details of the proposed building have been made public.

Chance Cutting Down. Los Angeles, Cal., March 30.—Manager Frank Chance, of the Los Angeles Pacific Coast League team, trimmed five men from his payroll to-day. He released Frank "Spike" Larson, infielder; Claude "Lieutenant" Larson, first base; "Bugs" Smith, left pitcher; to the Pacific Coast League, under optional agreements. Johnny Butler, utility infielder, failed to make the team and was sent to the Vancouver Northwestern League team. Joseph "Goldie" Rapp, third baseman, was returned to St. Joseph, in the Western League.

Tacoma Mobilizing. Tacoma, March 30.—President and Manager Russ Hall, of the Tacoma Tigers, to-day notified the 24 players making up the newly-organized squad to report for spring practise Monday, April 3, when the team will be assembled for the first time. Hall is still in the field for an experienced first baseman and has his eyes out for a couple of seasoned men. Harry Cheek, former Vancouver catcher, applied in person for a place on the Tiger team to-day, but as Hall has signed Roberts, Federal League receiver for Pittsburgh last year, he is not in the market for a first-string man. Hall is also on the outlook for a third-sacker who can hit the ball.

Canadiens Have Edge On Portland. With the eastern and western finalists on even terms, and the deciding game of the world's series to be played to-night, the fate of the Stanley cup hangs in the balance. The easterners have the edge on the Rosabuds to-night. In addition to having an advantage in their style of play they have great reserve strength, with fifteen players on their roster, while Portland have but nine men, who no doubt feel the effects of the previous grueling struggles.

In the opening game the Rosabuds completely walked all over the Canadiens and won 2 to 0. They, however, lost the second and third, and it appeared that they were about through, but in the fourth fixture they won and tied up the series.

Kennedy's great string of substitutes was the chief factor in the success of the Canadiens in the N. H. A. race, and they were expected to repeat in the world's series.

Credit is due the Portland club for their wonderful showing to date. They are opposed to great odds, but their staunch western supporters are confident that they have enough strength in store to carry them through victoriously to-night.

REMARKED ON THE SIDE

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Even the Best of Them Made Mistakes.

Even the masters get stung here and there. John McGraw sent Red Ames and Heinie Groh to Cincinnati for Art Fromme. Art has now passed along the open trail, and while Ames is no longer a Redbird, Groh has developed into the star third baseman of the National League.

Groh and Herzog together form the best infield combination to the left of second base in baseball. For as Groh is the best third baseman in his league, so is Herzog the most valuable shortstop—not even excepting Bancroft or Maranville. If the right wind of the Redbird infield is up to the left, Cincinnati, you have a flag contender for the first time in more years than you can remember.

Someone remarked that Walter Johnson had lost a lot of his speed. "Since when?" asked Nunamaker, the Yank catcher. "In a game at the Polo Grounds late last summer, when he was in a hole. Johnson pitched me four balls, and I only saw one of them. If Johnson has lost his speed he has the greatest slow ball I ever saw, or ever heard hit a catcher's glove."

NEFF BOXED DRAW.

Wenatchee, March 30.—Chet Neff and Harry Casey, both rated among the top-notch lightweights of Seattle, boxed six fast rounds before 200 Elks at the smoker last night with honors about even. Both boys were willing to give and take, with the result that it was one of the best boxing exhibitions ever seen in Wenatchee. Lou Nordyke refereed the bout.

MASCOT OUTPOINTED VERNON.

Portland, Ore., March 30.—Billy Mascot, of Portland, retained his title of northwest featherweight boxing champion here last night by defeating Tex Vernon, of Aberdeen, Wash. Joe Benjamin, of Spokane, and Bert Forbes, of the 125-pound class, fought a draw.

H. B. "Imperial" Lager Beer, quarts, 12.00 per dozen.

TEAMS ARE TIED FOR LEAGUE LEADERSHIP

Reformed Episcopalians Won From Congregationalists, and St. Andrew's Beat Fairfield

St. Andrew's and First Presbyterian basketball quintettes are running neck and neck for the Ladies' Sunday School League championship. Last Saturday night the Presbyterians forged ahead by defeating the Reformed Episcopalians, but last night St. Andrew's came right back, defeating Fairfield, and by virtue of their victory are again tied for the league leadership.

Two games were played in the Ladies' League last night at the Congregational church gymnasium, the first fixture being between the Congregationalists and Reformed Episcopalians, resulting in a 9 to 6 victory for the latter, after a keenly-contested game. Miss Wootton was a prominent factor in the victory for the Episcopalians, scoring all nine points for her team. She is noted for her shooting, and while the Congo guards tried to keep her well checked, she always managed to break away, and her efforts at the basket were nearly always successful. Miss Hole played a good game for the losers, registering four of their total of six points.

The second fixture between St. Andrew's and Fairfield resulted in a 24 to 3 victory for the former. In the first period the Fairfields played a strong defensive game, and when the whistle blew for the interval St. Andrew's led by the scant margin of one point, the score being 4 to 3. Soon after the resumption of play, the winners completely swept their opponents off their feet and scored 20 points, while Fairfield failed to increase their total.

A third match between the Metropolitanists and Baptists was cancelled, neither team putting in an appearance.

League Standing table with columns for Team, P, W, L, Pct.

PRACTICE GAMES

St. Petersburg, Fla., March 29.—The Philadelphia Nationals made a clean sweep of the spring series of seven exhibition games with the Chicago Nationals by winning yesterday's game.

Chicago, March 29.—The Philadelphia Nationals defeated the Philadelphia Americans yesterday in an exhibition game.

Batteries—McConnell, Vaughn and Archer; Alexander, Demaree and Adams.

New Orleans, La., March 29.—Holding their opponents to one hit, the Cleveland Americans defeated the Cincinnati Nationals in an exhibition game yesterday.

Cincinnati, March 29.—The Philadelphia Nationals defeated the Philadelphia Americans yesterday in an exhibition game.

San Jose, Cal., March 29.—Argos state hospital baseball team gave the San Francisco Coast League team, in training here, a bad scare in the ninth inning yesterday when they filled the bases with nobody out.

Waxahachie, Tex., March 29.—The Detroit Americans defeated the New York National baseball team here yesterday 8 to 3.

Corsicana, Tex., March 29.—Houston defeated the Detroit American recruits sprinkled with regulars yesterday.

Batteries—Dickson, Edmondson and Jenkins; Smithson, James, Boland and Baker.

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E. Wright has been appointed to succeed Sergt. Stan. Young in charge of the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium at the Willows. The latter left with the 67th Battalion last Friday to supervise the work of the Y.M.C.A. with that unit overseas.

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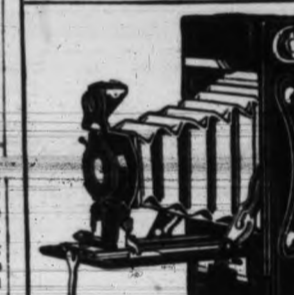
There was some doubt as to the amateur standing of Pte. Billy Hill, of the 143rd Bantam Battalion, who is to oppose Al Davies, of the V. I. A. A., in the headline event at the tournament Monday night. The amateur body has made a thorough survey of his past record and can find no flaw in his standing; therefore the former king of the local featherweights will be permitted to enter the ring against Davies.

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PROMINENT ATHLETES ARE UP ON CARPET

New York, March 29.—From a reliable source was learned yesterday that Ted Meredith, Joe Loomis, William Moore and Binga Diamond are going to be held before the registration committee of the Metropolitan Association to explain about their expense accounts for competing in meets held here within the past two months.

According to the information, the registration committee is not pleased with the way these athletes have itemized their expense bills.

Meredith, Loomis and Moore have been in great demand by promoters of games held in this city within the past two months. Loomis, who lives in Chicago, has made five trips to this city this winter.

PARKE IN TRAINING.

St. Paul, March 30.—Billy Parke, of Kewanee, Ill., former middleweight champion, who retired from the ring and will make his re-appearance against Tommy Gibbons here on April 18, is down to training and is showing all his old time form.

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SPENT THE DAY VOTING MONEY

Legislature Gets a Little More Information With Larger Opposition

MINISTERS ARE STILL DISINCLINED TO TALK

Many Subjects Are Discussed in Course of Passing the Estimates for Year

Legislative Press Gallery, March 29.

The entire day, two sittings of five hours in all, were spent on the estimates to-day. Votes aggregating something under four million dollars were under discussion. The opposition got a little information in answer to questions and objections raised, but the members of the government have become so unaccustomed to explaining anything that it was somewhat difficult to draw any of them.

The same spirit which has in the past rushed millions through committee of supply in record time is still manifest, but the reinforced opposition presents a barrier of interrogation which will secure the public a trifle of knowledge as to the motives and causes at the root of the extravagant spending of the government, although it will not avail to reduce by one cent the two-to-one rate at which the revenue is being expended.

If the same rate of progress is kept up supply for the fiscal year 1915-16 ought to be all voted before the present fiscal year closes at midnight on Friday. The public does not appreciate the strain this places upon the four members of the opposition, who have to be in their seats all the time and to remain vigilant on every point of expenditure as it comes up. This is only a part of the day's work for them, as they have to be at committee meetings at half past ten o'clock in the morning each day, to remain there until 1 o'clock.

On the other hand the only member of the government who sits through the process of supply is the minister of finance, because it is his duty to pilot the votes through, but he has on the whole only a routine job so long as the matter before the House does not refer to the mines or agriculture department, and he is not interested in their affairs, and the premier, in fact, does not remain in the chamber longer than he can help.

Appropos of the deficit which the estimates show for the operations of the coming year Mr. Brewster has a pertinent question for the minister of finance, whom he will ask to say from what source the government proposes to obtain the sum of \$5,357,359.73 to make this sum good.

Cost of Civil Government.

The votes for civil government salaries aggregate \$1,687,736, and by departments and branches of departments this total is divided and subdivided as follows:

- Leutenant-governor's office—\$2,100.
- Premier's office—\$6,350.
- Provincial secretary's department—\$259,576. This is subdivided: Provincial secretary's office, \$16,632; board of health, \$19,740; provincial museum, \$7,712; provincial home at Kamloops, \$7,380; printing office, \$65,552; book-binding branch, \$24,744; New Westminster mental hospital, \$9,369; Essondale mental hospital, \$5,583; education department, \$169,468. The salaries for Victoria normal school are \$18,900 and for Vancouver normal school, \$24,850.
- Department of mines—\$48,856.
- Department of finance—\$73,934. This is subdivided: Treasury, \$26,838; department of insurance, \$6,800; audit office, \$21,264; surveyor of taxes and inspector of revenue, \$4,452; assessor's office, Victoria, \$6,176; bureau of information, \$7,764.
- Department of agriculture—\$73,496.
- Department of lands—\$296,218. This is subdivided: Lands branch, \$46,688; forest branch, \$162,728; surveyor-general's branch, \$57,526; water rights branch, \$22,268.
- Department of public works—\$127,376. This is subdivided: Department of public works, \$53,932; steam-boiler inspection, \$33,120; wharf at Prince Rupert, \$5,220; electrical energy inspection, \$4,640; factories inspection, \$4,650; institution buildings attendants, \$25,764.
- Department of Railways—\$10,372.
- Attorney-general's department—\$540,216. This is subdivided: Attorney-general's department, \$27,628; joint-stock companies, \$6,620; land registry office, \$195,188; \$195,966 for Victoria; surveys and county courts, \$67,376 (\$20,144 for Victoria); legislative library, \$12,384; fisheries department, \$9,220; moving pictures censorship, \$8,582; municipal department, \$5,220; same act enforcement, \$44,000; provincial police, \$150,724 (\$16,396 for the superintendent's office and \$2,964 for Victoria police district—Duncan, Ganges and Sidney); industrial school for boys, \$8,904; industrial school for girls, \$5,760.
- Government agencies—\$249,212. These are: Albern, \$6,836; Cariboo district, \$25,408; Cassiar, \$6,412; Cumberland, \$4,460; Duncan, \$2,424; East Kootenay, \$23,596; Fairview, \$4,796; Fort Fraser, \$2,584; Grand Forks, \$4,696; Greenwood, \$3,076; Hazelton, \$6,344; Lillooet district, \$7,840; Nanaimo, \$7,692; Nicola, \$3,152; Princeton, \$2,808; Skeena district, \$8,856; West Kootenay, \$35,620; Westminister district, \$55,500; Yale district, \$12,872.

Treatment of Soldiers.

When the House went into supply and took up the civil government votes, Mr. Williams and Mr. Macdonald made some inquiries as to the system of paying civil servants who have gone to the front.

The Premier explained that in the case of men with dependents the government made up the difference between their military pay and their salaries, but not in the case of others. No dependents of civil servants who had enlisted got anything from patriotic funds. A number of men had resigned from the service to enlist, with the tacit understanding that they would get back their positions after the war if physically fit. The government endeavored, just as would a private employer, to keep its service in an efficient condition and at the same time work no hardship on its servants who had gone to fight the empire's battles or on their dependents.

The vote for the Provincial Secretary's department was \$259,576, which includes the civil servants in the Provincial Secretary's office, the provincial board of health, the provincial museum, the provincial home at Kamloops, the printing office, the mental hospitals at New Westminster and Essondale; and then, under the education department, salaries in the education office, the free text book branch, industrial education, inspection of schools and the provincial normal schools here and in Vancouver.

Mr. Macdonald thought these should be taken up separately, the aggregate vote being so large, and explanations be given.

No Increases in Salary. The Premier stated that this had never been the practice in voting the estimates. He assured the House that there was nothing additional to last year in the amounts. It had been decided last year not to make any increases of salary during the war, and this was being followed out this year also.

On the vote for the finance department, which includes the bureau of information, for which \$7,704 is required, \$3,000 being the secretary's salary, Mr. Williams asked what the functions of that office were and what it had done during the last three or four years.

The minister of finance was unable to tell and the premier promised, if the item was allowed to pass, to have the information obtained and given to the House.

A Costly Branch. Mr. Williams took issue with the tremendous cost of the forest branch. There were an immense number of high-priced officials, he said, and some of them had invented most amazing and amusing names for their positions. No business corporation could be found which would have a payroll within 25 per cent, of it.

The minister of lands considered that a revenue in the neighborhood of two millions from timber was justification of the expense.

Mr. Brewster pointed out that there were foresters ad libitum on the staff of the forest branch, all at substantial salaries. There was a chief forester, three assistant foresters, four acting assistant foresters, ten district foresters, two acting district foresters, one deputy district forester, eleven forest assistants and cruisers, and so on. Then there were forty rangers. The captain's senior member insisted that the fact of there being a revenue from the forests was no excuse for the expenditure of money unless good service was being rendered for the expenditure of the foresters were.

Mr. Ross stated that far from the branch being overmanned it was short-handed. He invited Mr. Brewster to go over to the department, where he would see what was being done and have everything explained to him.

"Here is the place for information to be given members of the House," said Mr. Brewster.

Mr. Ross invited him to put a question on the order paper, and promised to bring down a statement of what the duties of the members of the forest staff were.

"The hon. gentleman can surely tell what the duties of his officials are," suggested Mr. Brewster.

A Job-Holding Department. The minister went to the length of explaining that a forest district was in charge of a district forester, who had general supervision.

Mr. Brewster—"Does he collect revenue and issue licenses or is he simply a ranger or a man who sees that there is no trespass on forest lands?"

Mr. Ross—"I won't undertake to answer off hand what each man's work is."

ing on last year of \$4,600 on a total of \$300,000. If the several headings were not segregated and each one thoroughly explained how each member felt what officers in the service could be dispensed with?

H. H. Watson (Vancouver) defended the expenditure and excused the minister's lack of familiarity with the duties of his officials as the result of its being a new department of the public service. The hon. gentleman endeavored to twist from its meaning a remark made by Mr. Brewster as to the need for forest ranging in a west coast district where it is impossible to set fire.

Mr. Macdonald remarked that it was evident the government wanted to get away from giving information. It was not for the opposition to give notice of a desire for information on some particular point, but it was their duty to ask and a minister's duty to give justification for every vote of money requested from the legislature. The item immediately before the House on the question of the first member for Victoria was a small vote, but it was the aggregate of small votes that made up the eleven millions of the estimates.

Benefit Only Justification. Mr. Brewster emphasized the point that the spending of money could not be justified unless beneficial service was being rendered. Over-spending was over-spending, whether a department was revenue-producing or not. Mr. Brewster resented Mr. Watson's attempt to misrepresent his attitude towards forest ranging generally.

The item was held over for further information.

On the vote for salaries of the attorney-general's department Mr. Macdonald pointed out that far from there being any retrenchment in this department there had been an increase.

The premier owned that perhaps the government was paying more than it should for the civil service, but these abnormal times were not the occasion for cutting men's salaries down or discharging them.

Not Charitable Institution. "We are proceeding on the wrong principle if we conduct our civil service that way," said Mr. Macdonald. "This House is not justified in voting salaries to civil servants unless their services are required and they are giving good service. We are not carrying on an eleemosynary institution, but dealing as trustees with the money of the people."

The premier said that as men dropped out in one way or another their places were not being filled up. Some men in the service got into a rut and became unfitted for anything else. It would be a hardship on them and on their families if they were to be dismissed.

"I do not suggest that the civil servant gets better treatment than he is entitled to," said Mr. Williams, "but while this special consideration for him is right in some aspects there are others from which it should be viewed. Why should we carry him on his salary? How shall we justify this tender regard for the public employee with the absolute refusal of any guarantee of that kind for the average man who has to face the storm outside in the ordinary life and amid the usual dangers of the casual laborer?"

A Costly Wharf. Mr. Williams objected to paying \$5,250 a year to a superintendent, an accountant, a checker and a watchman on Prince Rupert wharf to collect a revenue of less than half that amount. He drew attention to the fact that the minister of public works and the president of the council (Hon. William Massey, Skeena), but these were not very convincing.

Coming to the attorney-general's department, Mr. Brewster asked why it was necessary to go beyond the large and well-paid staff to have bills drafted for the House.

The premier replied that much better results were achieved by having some competent counsel from outside the department draft the legislation. It was impossible for the deputy attorney-general or departmental solicitor to give the time from their routine and sessional committee duties, and in addition the latter had spent a good deal of time on the workmen's compensation act.

Mr. Williams urged that the duties of game and fire wardens be carried on by the provincial police, as formerly, and thus save much money, but the premier could not see it that way.

H. E. Forster (Columbia) demanded the dismissal or reduction in salary of the registrar of land titles at Nelson, because of delays and general dissatisfaction.

The premier knew only of some trouble regarding surveys on the Columbia and Western land grant, but that had been settled after several trips of the inspector of legal affairs to Nelson.

Mr. Forster asserted that the C. P. R. had a lot of trouble in the registration of right-of-way titles, and everyone who had anything to do with the office had complaints to make.

tee again in the evening the vote of \$472,575 for maintenance of public institutions was taken up. On the item of \$20,000 for administration of the fisheries department, investigations of fish life and habits and maintenance of hatcheries, Mr. Williams suggested, that as the Dominion had fisheries officials and hatcheries on this coast the whole thing should be left to it, instead of having the province maintaining a duplicate service.

Mr. Brewster could not accept the suggestion. In a summary review of the work of the department he mentioned that this year it was intended to launch out at the hatcheries into the propagation of trout before the salmon season began.

Mr. Brewster warned against the working of injury to the salmon fisheries, the sea trout being a great enemy of the salmon, and the Premier assured him that this would be guarded against.

Care of Mentally Affected. The vote for maintenance of mental hospitals were \$110,935 for New Westminster, \$131,538 for Essondale, \$38,400 for the Essondale colony farm and \$8,600 for the nursery there.

Mr. Macdonald asked for the figure of per capita cost.

Dr. Young (Atlin), until recently provincial secretary, came to the rescue of his predecessor and gave explanations and replies with all the courtesy, fullness and clearness which always characterized him as a minister. Dr. Young, by the way, was always the one minister who could be depended upon to recognize the opposition's right to have information, and he always gave it as far as he could.

Dr. Young, under whose regime the Essondale hospital was built and the whole system of treatment changed, and who has always taken a deep interest in their maintenance, explained that the number of patients had increased rapidly and for a couple of years had been about one and one-half a day. He explained the rational, outdoor system of treatment now in vogue, which has had great success.

The patients get a good deal of outdoor life and employment.

Mr. Williams brought up the cost of the colony farm and pointed out that while its expenditure was \$38,000 its revenue was only \$35,000. He thought that the employment of an official supervisor of "milk-fat test" was an example of the expensive character of the farm.

Farm and Nursery. Dr. Young assured the opposition that there was an actual net profit of \$88 on the farm last fiscal year, as the report of the hospital would show, although this did not figure in the cost of the dairy cattle, from which the farm materially reduced the per capita cost, and would have a still greater effect in this direction in the next five years, by which time it would be producing sufficient produce to provide for the needs of both institutions.

The milk-fat supervisor was required by the fact that the farm had an excellent herd of dairy cattle, from which a great quantity of milk was sold. These cows were so valuable that recently two were sold for between \$2,400 and \$2,500.

The provincial secretary, Mr. Taylor, explained that the nursery at Essondale was to be taken over, as to management, by the university botanical department.

Mr. Williams inquired humorously if the nursery was an internment camp, reading off the names of several Hollanders and other aliens.

"Does the hon. gentleman not know neutrals when he sees them?" inquired H. B. Thomson.

"I have known several Hollanders," said Mr. Williams, "but never one that would own to the name of Herrmann. Should we not get a few Anglo-Saxons in these positions?"

Mr. Williams on the printing office vote, asked if any printed political matter, such as a card keeping a member's memory green in the hearts of his constituents, had been printed there within the last three or four months.

Hon. Mr. Taylor was pretty sure there had not been.

Mr. Brewster invited the premier to make a statement as to the success of the reformative work of the industrial schools for boys and girls.

The premier stated that both were working well. The results in the boys' school was simply remarkable, several of the former inmates were fighting at the front, a number had got married and in both schools the parole system worked satisfactorily. The girls' school was on the cottage plan and the effort was made to keep the girls employed largely out-of-doors.

For hospitals and charities there was \$252,800 voted. It came out that the increase in the vote for assistance in building hospitals is largely on Vancouver's account. The provincial secretary explained that last year a promise was made to the Vancouver General Hospital of \$250,000 in two payments. This item included about \$75,000 for Vancouver, \$100,000 for the Inland General Hospital at Kamloops and \$75,000 for the Royal Columbian Hospital at New Westminster.

For expenses of administering justice, outside salaries, \$308,670 was asked. The votes of \$45,000 for special constables and \$65,000 for their transport called for the protests from Messrs. Williams and Placé against the use of special constables in labor troubles. Mr. Williams stated that no railways in this province had ever found it necessary to overrun their construction work with armed constables.

Victoria Sheriff's Fees. The dissatisfaction which prevails in Victoria as to the takings of the sheriff's office found an echo in the House when the vote of \$5,750 to meet the fixed allowances to sheriffs was reached.

Dr. Young asked for information if a sheriff took his percentage when he made a seizure even if there was no sale.

Mr. Macdonald assured him that this was so.

"But that is not honest," said Dr. Young.

All the opposition members agreed with this. Mr. Macdonald pointed out that if a sheriff realized \$50,000 on property for a debt of \$2,500, he would charge poundage on the whole sum.

Dr. Young, learning that the legislature fixed the fees, suggested that the vote stand over until the House considered whether some change in the fees should not be made.

Mr. Brewster asked if the House could not be furnished with a statement of the earnings of the sheriffs here and in Vancouver. If the legislature fixed the fees it should know what these men made. Very serious rumors were in circulation here that they were out of all proportion and had increased rather than decreased with hard times.

The Premier suggested that there was something to be said on both sides. Some sheriffs did well and others were not making a living. For the last two years he had had this matter in consultation with the inspector of legal offices, with a view to paying sheriffs by salary and taking in the fees by the province. It seemed difficult to make this change with men long in office to be considered.

Mr. Brewster said there had been one or two cases brought to his notice in which, if correctly reported, very unfair charges had been made, looking at it from a plain, common sense point of view.

In respect to the payments for legal assistance at assizes, Mr. Macdonald expressed the opinion that both Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General ought to take part in assize work. More work should certainly be put on the deputy.

The House adjourned at 11.30 p.m.

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PRINCE JOHN ON RUN TO SKAGWAY

Inauguration of Service Between G. T. P. Terminal and Points in Alaska

With the sailing of the G. T. P. steamer Prince John from Prince Rupert today the company inaugurates its service between that port and Alaska. The John leaves for the north after the arrival of the Prince Rupert from the south and the eastern train.

Until the steamer Chelohsin begins to call here on Fridays, the Venture will sail from Prince Rupert after the arrival of the train from the east and the John from Skagway.

Going north the Venture will sail on Fridays, connecting with the John and the eastern train at Prince Rupert.

The accident to the Camosun necessitated some change in the schedule, as it was originally arranged that the Chelohsin should take the Friday sailings from Victoria.

After June 8 the service between Victoria and Alaska will be maintained by the Prince Rupert and the Prince George.

MINING ACTIVITY IN NORTHERN DISTRICTS

The Union Steamship Company's steamer Chelohsin called here last night and sailed at 11 o'clock for Rivers Inlet, Ocean Falls, and Bella Coola with a good passenger list and a large quantity of freight.

Now that the season is advancing there is a considerable movement to the mining districts in the north, where development work is expected to be more actively carried out this year than last.

The steamer carrying a number of miners and their outfits, and on the return trips are bringing down ore.

Alce Arm is at present attracting considerable attention. A wharf is being built, as well as a road to the mines, and a number of buildings are in course of erection.

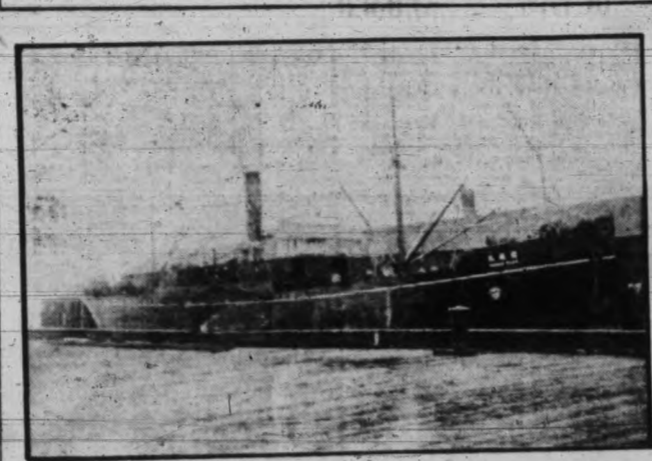
DECORATED FOR BRAVERY

Capt. T. Yamawaka and G. Kawata, purser of the Yassaki Maru of the T. K. K. line, have been decorated by the emperor of Japan for their bravery at the time of the submarine attack on the Yassaki Maru.

The merchantman was attacked in the Mediterranean Sea by an Austrian submarine and forty-five minutes after the ship had been torpedoed it sank. Capt. Yamawaka by his coolness saved every passenger and all members of the crew on the liner.

When they returned to Japan the captain and purser were honored in receiving the first decoration that had ever been presented to an officer of a merchantman.

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MAY PLACE MORE STEAMERS ON PACIFIC

New Steamship Corporation Will Also Operate Regular Service on the Atlantic

That a new \$1,000,000 corporation was behind the recent purchase of the American steamer Javary, operating from this port to the Orient in regular service, was learned in advices from New York, says the Tacoma Ledger.

The name of the new concern is the Garland Steamship corporation. While the plans of the company are not complete, it is known that a decision has been reached to operate a regular service on the Atlantic between Baltimore and England, and a service from a Pacific coast port to China; in all probability the present service from Tacoma to China being enlarged.

The new company has already bought a fleet of five vessels and two of them are now in operation, while one is being altered to meet the requirements of the company's business. Efforts will probably be made later to add other vessels to the fleet, but no steps in this direction have been taken yet. It is known that tobacco interests are behind the new concern.

C. G. Allen, one of the incorporators of the new company, says the report received from New York, "announces that the ship the company has acquired, include the Carolinian until recently operating under the name of Southerner, the Javary and the Justin, formerly a United States government collier. He was unwilling to give the names of the other two ships, which have been bought to be delivered later, nor did he divulge the terms of purchase. The sale of the Justin was recently reported for a sum of \$300,000, but it is not known whether the Garland interests or whether the ship was sold to them.

The Carolinian is now loading a cargo at Baltimore, and will sail for Liverpool in a few days. The Javary, a smaller vessel, which has been used in the Pacific trade, recently sailed from Tacoma for Shanghai. The Justin is being overhauled to prepare her for the trade. Mr. Allen said that a regular service would be maintained to England and China, and that the advisability of entering on other routes was now under consideration.

"It is the intention of the company to operate its vessels under the American flag for the present, at least. Provided the seaman's act should prove efficacious, a restriction in the Pacific trade, the vessels would probably be transferred to the Chinese or Japanese flag, Mr. Allen said."

CANNERY TENDER ADMIRALTY IS SAFE

Has Been Reported at Prince Rupert En Route to Cannery in Alaska

News has been received of the little cannery tender Admiralty, which set out from Port Townsend some time ago with two scows, the long trip of which occasioned some anxiety.

The Admiralty and her scows were bound from Townsend to Alaska where Sims Bros., owners of the tender, are interested in the cannery business. After the Admiralty had been out 16 days and no reports were received regarding her movements, mariners and others were requested to be on the lookout for the little craft as it was feared she might have met with an accident. Now comes news that she has been reported at Prince Rupert, en route to Alaska. It is probable that the tender encountered bad weather, and that the master decided to take refuge in some sheltered spot until conditions improved.

MAY DIVERT FREIGHT FROM VLADIVOSTOK

Opening of New Route Likely to Reduce Exports by Way of Puget Sound

New York, March 30.—After June 14 American exporters, for the first time since the opening of the European war, will have an opportunity to land goods in Russia without interference or delay by government shipments, according to information received from the Russian-American Chamber of Commerce of Moscow by the American-Russian Chamber of Commerce, recently organized in New York. A cablegram announced that on that date the port of Nikolievsk, at the mouth of the Amur river in Siberia, will be opened for navigation, and will provide a new channel for placing American goods on the Russian market.

It is anticipated that much of the freight which has been going to Vladivostok during the winter months will now be diverted to this port, from which it will be transported by the Amur river to Stretynsk, where connection is made with a railroad line, linked to the Trans-Siberian railroad. There has been a great congestion of freight at Vladivostok on account of the immense quantities of government supplies which have been forwarded to that port, all of which have been given precedence over regular commercial shipments.

"The opening of this port will be to the Siberian coast what the opening of Kola will mean to the region directly surrounding the Baltic," said E. C. Porter, secretary of the American-Russian chamber. "The same complaint that arose last summer in connection with shipments to Archangel has since developed regarding shipments to Vladivostok—the rush of supplies is so great as to prevent adequate handling of the ordinary imports."

"The establishment of this new route by which connections via rail and water are provided to all parts of Russia may be interpreted as an evidence of the desire of the Russian government to co-operate with the American-Russian Chamber of Commerce and the Russian-American Chamber of Commerce in Moscow in facilitating trade relationships between the United States and Russia."

ADVERTISING ATTRACTIONS OF VANCOUVER ISLAND

The Pacific Coast Steamship Company is preparing a folder setting forth at length the attractions of Vancouver Island, and copies of this will be distributed throughout California. This is the first time any of the large American steamship companies have devoted any considerable space to advertising the island and its resorts, and it will undoubtedly do much to attract tourists during the season. The various resorts will receive attention, and the folder will be profusely illustrated with pictures of the many beautiful spots, not only in the actual vicinity of Victoria but in different parts of the island.

DECLARES HE PLACED BOMBS ON STEAMER

German is Under Arrest Following Attack on Captain of British Vessel

Lewes, Del., March 30.—Ernest Schuler, a German, who last night locked the captain of the British steamer Matoppo in his room after putting the wireless out of commission, is said to have been a stowaway on the steamer for five days. The steamer sailed last night for Vladivostok with war supplies.

When the stowaway was in sight of the Delaware Capes her course was changed and she sent up a signal for immediate assistance, and at the same time a boatload of her crew went over the side to come ashore and the steam pilot boat Philadelphia responded to the call. She did also the coastguard crew stationed at Cape Henlopen, Del. The pilot boat picked up the ship's crew, who told the story of the hold-up.

The man was brought ashore and now is in irons at the customs house at Lewes. He has in his possession money and papers belonging to the captain and mate of the Matoppo. The federal authorities in Lewes have communicated with the United States district attorney at Wilmington, Del.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Portland, Ore., March 29.—Arrived: Strs Bear and Shasta, from San Francisco. Sailed: Str Georgian, for Seattle.

San Francisco, March 29.—Arrived: Str F. S. Loop, from Tacoma, via Port Ludlow and Seattle; strs Washington and Santa Monica, from the Coquille river; str Breakwater, from Astoria; str San Pedro, from Grays Harbor; str Rainier, from Port Ludlow; str Falcon, from Tacoma, Seattle and Bellingham; str Nann Smith and Speedwell, from Coos Bay; str Simla, from Vancouver, B. C., in tow of tug Hercules. Sailed: Str Santa Cruz, for Seattle; str Congress, for Seattle; str Northern Pacific, for Astoria; str Br Man, for Wellington; str George W. Elder, for Valparaiso.

Victoria, B. C., March 29.—Arrived: Strs Kosoku Maru, from Japanese ports; Strs Kosoku Maru, for Seattle, via Port Townsend; Vancouver, B. C., March 29.—Arrived: Str Governor, from Seattle, via Tacoma. Sailed: Str Governor, for Seattle.

Tacoma, March 29.—Sailed: Str Admiral Schley, for Seattle. Arrived: Str Sakai Maru, from Seattle.

Aberdeen, March 29.—Sailed: Strs Norwegian, Carmel and Svea, for San Francisco. Arrived: Strs Astoria, Ore., March 29.—Sailed: Strs Northland, for San Pedro; American-Hawaiian liner Georgian, for Honolulu.

San Pedro, March 29.—Str Corwin, which has been tied up under attachment will be returned to the Mexican run abandoned by the Southwestern Steamship Company. The steamer sailed today for Mazatlan and Guaymas. Str Acme proceeded to San Francisco today with cargo from Mexico and Central American ports after repairing boilers and taking fuel here. Steam schooner arriving today with lumber from northern ports were the Santa Barbara, from Portland; A. M. Simpson, from Coos Bay and Wapama, from Portland. The str President proceeded to San Diego today.

Guaymas, March 26.—Arrived: Strs Baja California, from Seattle; Liverpool, March 27.—Arrived: Str Musclevin, from Seattle, via San Francisco.

Valparaiso, March 27.—Arrived: Strs William Chadman, from Seattle, via San Francisco; Sydney, N. S. W., March 28.—Arrived: Strs Kona, from Everett (thence January 15); barkentine Makaveli, from Bellingham, thence January 14.

Seattle, March 29.—Arrived: Strs Admiral Schley, Tacoma; Str Morning Star, Heilich-Columbia ports, Seattle; Str Belridge, San Francisco; str Northland, Southeastern Alaska; str Al-Ki, Southeastern Alaska; str Mifs, San Francisco, from Meadow Point; str Eugene Schneider, United Kingdom, in tow of tug Wanderer; str Selkai Maru, Tacoma; str Setteck, Vancouver, B. C.; str W. E. Flint, Kenal, in tow of tug Wyanda.

PROCEEDS TO SOUND. According to advices received yesterday, the Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner Canada Maru will arrive here on Sunday from the Orient. The Canada has 53 passengers and 800 tons of freight for Victoria.

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TIMES SHIPPING CHART

DEEP SEA ARRIVALS.

Table with columns: Steamer, Master, Tonnage, Agents, From, Due. Lists arrivals from various ports like Hongkong, Japan, etc.

DEEP SEA DEPARTURES.

Table with columns: Steamer, Master, Tonnage, Agents, For, Due. Lists departures to various ports like Hongkong, Japan, etc.

COASTWISE SERVICES.

Table with columns: Steamer, Master, Tonnage, Agents, For, Due. Lists coastwise services between various ports like Vancouver, Seattle, etc.

WIRELESS REPORT

March 29, 8 a.m. Point Grey—Overcast; calm; 30.33; 45; thick seaward. Cape Lazo—Rain; calm; 30.35; 41; sea smooth. Pachena—Cloudy; S. W.; 30.39; 48; sea moderate. Estevan—Rain; S. E.; 30.16; 45; sea rough. Alert Bay—Rain; E.; 30.11; 40; sea smooth. Triangle—Fog; rain; S. E. gale; 30.29; 42; sea rough. Dead Tree Point—Rain; S. E.; strong; 29.94; 40; sea rough. Ikeda—Rain; S. E.; strong; 29.70; 39; sea moderate. Prince Rupert—Rain; calm; 30.00; 46; sea smooth.

TRANSPORTATION TO ENGLAND

Plan your next trip to Liverpool or Glasgow via the Canadian Pacific Railway and the following steamships:—

Table with columns: Ship Name, Route, Dates, etc. Lists ships like S.S. Andama, S.S. Andama, etc.

Passports for British subjects now being issued by Dominion Government Immigration Agent. Baggage via St. John checked through to Liverpool. Baggage via New York checked through to ship in bond.

Canadian Pacific Railway

Phone 174. 1102 Government St.

GRACE LINER ENTERS TRANS-PACIFIC TRADE

San Francisco, March 30.—Bound on her second trip to the Orient, the North Pacific steamer Yucatan, chartered by Swayne & Hoyt, cleared yesterday for Kobe and Shanghai with a capacity-general cargo.

Brazilian coffee amounting to 46,000 sacks was brought from Santos by the Grace steamer Cacique. After discharging her cargo the Cacique is to load for Vladivostok and will be the first regular Grace steamer to go into the trans-Pacific trade.

The Union liner Moana got away for Wellington via ports yesterday and will call at Baratonka on her way to Wellington. Since several steamers on the Union line have been requisitioned by the British government the vessel from San Francisco do not go as far as Sydney, but transfer passengers to Australia at Wellington on one of the coastal steamers of the line.

ALLAN LINE SAILINGS.

The Allan line schedule for the month of May shows five steamers on the list. The steamer Sicilian will sail from St. John to Liverpool on May 1. The next sailings will be from Montreal as follows:—Continian to London, May 9; Scandinavian to Liverpool, May 20; Carthagenian to Glasgow, May 25, and the Pretorian to Liverpool, May 31.

TOWING WRECK TO PORT.

Halifax, N. S., March 30.—Agent Harvey, of the marine department, yesterday received the following dispatch from Captain Lewis of the U. S. patrol vessel Seneca: "Seneca has taken nineteen men from the Norwegian ship, Svaland, leaving five on board. Towing wreck to Halifax."

SAILS OUT TO-MORROW.

The Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner Chikama Maru will sail for the Orient to-morrow. It is expected that the steamer will get away about 5 p. m. She will pick up a large shipment of mail for Russia at this port.

TIDE TABLE.

Table with columns: Date, Time High, Time Low, etc. Lists tide times for various dates in March.

The time shown in Pacific standard for the meridian west. It is counted from 4 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water. Where blanks occur in the tables, the tide rises or falls continuously during two successive tidal periods without turning.

STEAMER DAMAGED.

San Francisco, March 30.—The American steamer Tampico has arrived at Mollendo, Peru, with a damaged bottom, according to London advices received here today by the Merchants' Exchange. There were no details. The Tampico arrived at Callao, Peru, March 16, on her way from the Columbia river to Mollendo with freight.

LEEBRO DUE TO-NIGHT.

The Dominion lighthouse tender Leebro, which has been absent for some time, having been as far north as the Alaskan boundary, is expected to return to port to-night. She has been on beacon and buoy duty.

DUE FROM THE SOUTH.

The big oil tanker La Brea, which is bringing oil from the south, is expected to pass in this afternoon on the way to Vancouver.

It is in vain to find fault with those arts of deceiving wherein men find pleasure to be deceived.—Locks. The setting of a great hope is like the setting of the sun. The brightness of our life is gone.—Langfellow.

"Any place you haven't distribution the newspapers can get it for you and mighty quick too by creating the demands Bill Wise"

Except in the bottle— No!

You cannot get real Bovril except in the Bovril bottle. Bovril is so strong that it cannot possibly be manufactured in cheap cubes.



Letters addressed to the Editor and intended for publication must be short and legibly written.

PERORATIONS AND PIFFLE.

To the Editor:—After comparing Mr. Brewster's speech in the House yesterday with Mr. Bowser's speech of a few days ago...

SPARE THE OAK TREE.

To the Editor:—The too often hackneyed plea of economy—in this case a false economy—is used as an excuse to cut down the fine oak tree growing at one side of the old Esquimalt road...

People will taste—natural or cultivated—often advocate the non-destruction of old land marks, unless it is necessary to destroy them.

As for the question of economy, brought up by some members of the council not living near the tree, it is utter nonsense to consider it, and this has been proved by the late increase made in salaries of Esquimalt municipal council men at a time when...

Since a lamp was placed on the tree \$26 a year has been paid the British Columbia Electric Company for light, the light burning night and day. It was necessary to pay only about \$12 a year, as the near neighbors myself included, were quite willing to switch light on at night and off in the morning.

Re danger and expense, also put forward, when prohibition is in force in the province of British Columbia, there will be less chance of a few screaming "Joy" riders running into the tree, sidewalks or fences.

MABEL A. RYLEY.

939 Old Esquimalt road, March 28.

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disappointed in not seeing any reference to that or any of the other charges against the government mentioned by him.

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governor, although questioned, was never successfully challenged. On another occasion Sir Henri, who was an authority on parliamentary procedure and usage, declined to accept the advice of a minister because of words which he used in the House and the minister retired.

Surely your contemporary will not continue to contend that the ministry are not constitutional advisers of his honor or that his honor has not the right to exercise the latent power that rests with him to dismiss one minister or all his ministers if he deems the public interest demands such action.

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PRIVATE ACCOUNTS OF LAWYER EXPOSED

Hamilton Read Gives Legislative Committee Details of His Family and Office Spending

Legislative Press Gallery, March 30.

For two hours this morning Hamilton Read, who got \$40,000 as his half of the commission paid by the government in connection with the removal of the Kitilano Indians from their reserve in Vancouver—more than one-third as much as was paid to the Indians for getting out—occupied the time of the special committee of the legislature with the details of the payments he had made out of the sum.

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own box. Mr. Read worried over \$2.75 shown on the stub of one cheque. He finally decided that it must have been for half a ton of coal, but explained that it was pretty hard to remember two years ago. Yes, of course, it must have been coal, for a couple of cheques later was a payment of \$2 to the B.C. Electric for gas meter deposit.

It is not unusual for a person to write the date of an expired year for a few times in the new year, but judging from Mr. Read's cheque stubs he or five or six weeks after that year had passed into oblivion.

Chairman Miller—"What do those cheques aggregate?" "\$45,000 or \$46,000." "Have you a statement of the aggregate?" "I have never gone into them." "This is to account for that \$27,000 you deposited to the Mather account?" "And other moneys paid into that account. I should imagine the cheques cover the whole \$27,000. When you get beyond that it is not Kitilano money but private money earned in my own office and in speculation."

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BETTER TERMS

Premier Gives an Answer to Mr. Brewster on Long-Pending Subject.

Legislative Press Gallery, March 29.

In the House this afternoon the premier filed a written answer to the question of the leader of the opposition as to what steps had been taken by the provincial government during the last four years in furtherance of the claim of the province upon the Dominion for better terms.

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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Copper's Financial Agent to Be Called To-morrow: Purchase of Normal School Site.

Legislative Press Gallery, March 30.

It was decided by the public accounts committee this morning to call W. J. Cave, agent for Michael Cooper, former chief of the Songhees tribe, as to his principal's banking account.

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TO HIM THAT HATH

Advertisement for Commercial Illustrating, featuring an illustration of a man and a woman. Text includes: 'Makers of High-Class Designs, Engravings and Illustrations. Catalogue Work a Specialty. Half Tones, Line Cuts. Photo Engraving Company.'

"I say, old girl, do let me carry some things."

Prairie Farm to Trade

I have for exchange a prairie farm consisting of 1,440 acres, situated a short distance from Moose Jaw on the main C. P. R. line. All necessary buildings, out-houses, fences; free city water. Will accept a good Victoria home and assume any mortgage. What have you to offer? Further particulars at

P. R. BROWN

1112 Broad St. Money to Loan Insurance Writer.

Answers to Times Want Ads.

The following replies are waiting to be called for: 19, 44, 69, 85, 97, 109, 167, 178, 206, 214, 227, 231, 282, 461, 537, 1242, 1563, 1684, 1881, 1791, 1705, 1732, 1739, 1791, 1790, 1838, 1846, 1857, 1867, 1883, 1890, 1936, 1940, 2272, 2366, 2901, 2624, 2521, 2444, 2278, 2324, 2370, B. K. Maywood, P. O.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

DIGNONISMS—Those who are willing to share their last crust are those who prefer have a list of "crust" digrons printing Co., 28 Yates street. We make good show cards. **YOU ARE INVITED** to inspect our spring suitings. The quality and price is right. Cooper & Eats, tailors, 708 Yates street.

CEMENT BUILDING BLOCKS for sale, about 1,900, 10c a piece. Carpet cleaner to rent at \$2 per day. Ferris, Phone 1879.

LUMBER, sash, doors, mouldings, shingles, etc., large or small quantities. W. W. Wittington Lumber Co., Ltd., Bridge street and Hillside avenue. Phone 2987.

E. G. SANDERS, upholsterer and auto trimmer, for repairs. Phone 481K.

ROSES, 6 for \$1, all good kinds; Rambler same price. F. Woods, City Market, 8th St.

BRASS BEDS FOR SALE—\$48 beds for \$27; \$42 beds for \$22. Call and see them. B. Ferris, Victoria Auction Mart, Douglas street.

CHILDREN'S NURSE desired position, or light house work. Box 234, Times.

FOR RENT—To desirable tenant, 10 roomed, modern house with large grounds. Oak Bay avenue, close to junction of Fort street. Swinerton & Muirgray, 640 Fort street.

FOR SALE—Four-room cottage, Haultain street, sewer, water, electric light; given away \$55. Box 274, Times.

FOR RENT—Three roomed house, partly furnished. Apply 1256 Walnut St.

WANTED—First-class taxidermist, with good references. Apply 164 Prince avenue.

TWO GOOD BICYCLES for sale cheap, or exchange for outdoor motor or 1 1/2 h. p. launch engine. Brown, Hereward road.

ROSES, 6 for \$1, all good kinds; Rambler same price. F. Woods, City Market, 8th St.

COUNTRY RANCHES for sale on very easy terms. 5 acres, partly cleared, house and stable, \$1,500; 3 acres and shack, \$700; 5 acres, house, barns, poultry house, log house, washhouse, etc. Fruit trees and small fruits, \$500. Dunford's, 211 Union Bank.

AT YOUR SERVICE—Dunford's Rental Department, 211 Union Bank.

EXCHANGE—Forty acres good land, Methosh, \$9,000, to trade for 7 roomed house near High school. Dunford's, 211 Union Bank.

EXCHANGE—Nice seven roomed house, Fernwood, mortgage only \$2,000, will take good lot for equity. Dunford's, 211 Union Bank.

TO RENT—Furnished, 8 roomed dwelling, nicely furnished, with 15 acres ground, stables, etc., close to car, and only 20 minutes' walk to city, \$60 per month. R. C. Land & Invest. Co., 222 Government street. Phone 125.

TO RENT—Partly furnished, 6 roomed, modern dwelling, 1629 Burdett avenue, with gas stove, etc., suitable for two families, \$25 per month. Apply R. C. Land & Invest. Co., 222 Government street. Phone 125.

ROSES, 6 for \$1, all good kinds; Rambler same price. F. Woods, City Market, 8th St.

SAVE \$50 TO \$100 on your new bicycle this week at Pimley's new store, 611 View street, Spencer Arcade Block, m39

FOR IMMEDIATE SALE—A bargain in furniture of a 25-room boarding house, 823 Courtenay street.

HEINTZMAN PIANO, in fine condition, for sale cheap. Phone 2251.

TENT WANTED, cheap. Apply Box 24, Times.

ROOMS, with or without board, wanted in Gorge district. Apply Box 25, Times.

WANTED—In country, position as housekeeper, experienced, no children preferred. Phone 192R. Box 278, Times.

HATCHING EGGS FOR SALE—Buff Orpingtons, Reds, Whites and Brown Leghorns, heavy laying strains, \$1 per setting. 1841 Chestnut avenue. Phone 1880.

RAGS—Highest price paid and call at house. Canada Junk Co., 509 Johnson. Tel. 585.

CYCLISTS—Don't miss this. The "Cadet" bicycle, any size, studded tires, pump, bell and tool kit, this week only \$29.50; usually \$35. Godfree, the bicycle specialist, corner Yates and Bishshah.

TO RENT—Oak Bay, 6-room, new and modern house, \$15 per month. Currie & Power, 124 Douglas street. Phone 146.

STRONG YOUTHS to learn baking. Box 28, Times.

TO RENT—Furnished shack at Willows. Apply 1118 Quadra St. Phone 1512.

MEIRRHACH MOTH PAPERS kill and prevent moths in furs, etc. 10c package, 25c for 25c. Write or phone Merryfield & Beck.

SODA FOUNTAIN for sale, 1550 Pandora St.

FOR SALE—5-passenger, Studebaker, \$175 cash. Apply, Box 2406, Times.

LOCAL NEWS

First of the Month Printing Orders now received. Sweeney-McConnell, Limited, Printers and Stationers, 1012 Langley St.

Five watchmakers to-day, where a year ago there was but one. Satisfied customers did it, for F. L. Haynes, next to Hibben-Bone Building.

Building Permit—A building permit has been issued for an extension to the house at 267 North Park street.

Daisy Chain Chapter—A meeting of the Daisy Chain Chapter will be held on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock in the Fort Street rooms, to consider important business.

Visits Humpback Reservoir—The water commissioner took Mayor Henry, of Edmonton, to see the city storage reservoir at Humpback yesterday afternoon. The visiting mayor has also taken great interest in the city fire department.

Registration for Saanich—Residents of the Saanich electoral district, whose names are not already on the voting list, can be registered by applying to Lee & Fraser, Broad street, on the Liberal rooms, Arcade building; also by G. Vallance, Burnside road; J. O'Connell, Glanford avenue; B. H. Moore, Cedar Hill road, and H. P. Pullen, 2056 Oak Bay avenue. The last day for registration is Monday, April 3.

Weather More unsettled—Reports from all the B. C. coast points indicate that generally mild weather conditions prevail, although it is beginning to look unsettled along the coast of Vancouver Island. Reports from Triangle Island state that it is raining there, while from Koksilah and some of the more southerly points affected seriously by the heavy snow of February news comes that warm rains are being experienced almost daily and that the snow is gradually disappearing. The mild weather extends right across to the prairies.

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PRINCIPAL MACKAY AND PRESIDENCY

Correspondence With Dr. Young Re University Presented to the Legislature

WAS PROMISED POSITION BY EDUCATION MINISTER

Tells Premier That He Will Not Submit Tamely to Treatment by Cabinet

Legislative Press Gallery, March 29.

In answer to the request of H. B. Thomson, the correspondence between Rev. Principal John Mackay, of Westminster Hall, Vancouver, and the government in reference to the presidency of the University of British Columbia was brought down in the legislature this afternoon. A great many of the letters which passed were marked "private and confidential" and were not included in the correspondence.

The first letter in the file is from Dr. Mackay, and is as follows: Westminster Hall, Vancouver, B. C., March 1, 1912.

Dear Dr. Young—Your all too kind letter of February 28 received. The knowledge that yourself and Premier McBride think of me as your letter expressed it, will be an additional incentive, if that were needed, to make me spend every ounce of energy and ability I have in me to justify the high trust you have reposed in me. It will be my ambition in the coming day to make you all proud of the fact that you gave me the weight of one of your greatest and noblest tasks in the wide world to-day.

There is a great deal of speculation as to who is to receive this appointment, but no one will be enlightened by me, with the exception of Dr. Pidgeon, whom I have had to take into my confidence, but who can and will be as mum as an oyster on the question.

I do not want to have you do anything which you think would in any way embarrass yourself or the government or injure the great work which you have in hand in connection with the university, but from my talk with Dr. Pidgeon to-night I realize more than ever before, the difficult position in which I am placed. As you say, it will be almost essential for me to be in London in July, which would mean leaving the university sometime in June. That means that I will not be able to finish any course of lectures which I may begin in Westminster Hall. Both of my subjects, Apologetics and Systematic Theology, are peculiar in that they are taught from slightly different viewpoints, and by different methods in each theological college. So that no one else can take up and carry to completion any course which I may begin. That would mean my giving half a course and someone else giving another half course. On the other hand, if I do not begin my courses, I will have to give some explanation for not doing so, which, do the best I could, would still give the matter away. I want the very first notice to come from you, and if it can be made without a crop of surmises preceding it, it will be all the better for the institution.

Remember, I do not wish in any way to seem to dictate a course to you, but I feel that you will be better able to shape your policy, if you know exactly how things are with me.

Taking everything into consideration, it would do least harm to Westminster Hall and give me the best chance of success, if your announcement could be made before our opening which is on April 4. This would make it possible for the college to arrange for my courses early in the session and would permit me to do what I would much like to do, i. e., to study some of the larger institutions on this continent and abroad before their academic year is quite at an end. Had our theological session been in the winter months instead of in the summer, the matter would be greatly simplified. I am anxious to do as little harm as possible to this session in Westminster Hall and at the same time to meet your wishes as fully as I can. I will fall in heartily with any policy which you may adopt, but both Dr. Pidgeon and I felt that I owed it to you to make this statement in view of all the issues involved.

Again thanking you for your exceedingly kind letter, and wishing you abundant well deserved success in the coming campaign, I remain, Sincerely yours, (Sgd.) JOHN MACKAY.

On March 22 he wrote congratulating Dr. Young on his re-election, and asking what the latter wished him to do that summer, explaining the arrangements made to permit him to get away from the work of Westminster Hall. On June 2 he again presses for information, and his letter continues:

It seems to me from this distance that the sooner action is taken now the better. A small party of Toronto University men, with F. C. Wade at their head, and including Principal Vance and a few others, are doing their best to discredit the present method of making the appointment. I fought a resolution they tried to get through our executive, strongly condemning the government for it, and I am afraid I am a marked man with them, although they do not represent anyone but themselves, however many they may get to nominally support them. I need not tell you anything about either of the above mentioned men; you have too good a judgment of men to need any information on that score. If you see the Sun you will

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The attention of City Prosecutor Harrison was called this morning to the remarks of Premier Bowser in the House yesterday during the debate on the illicit liquor incident on election day here, and in which he declared the magistrate was largely influenced by the opinion of the city prosecutor, Mr. Harrison said: "If the quotation is correct, Mr. Bowser has been entirely misinformed. I was ready to proceed with the matter, but the magistrate thought the subject should be dealt with by the military authorities."

understand the venom of the attacks it is making upon you.

Then, too, I know that the Methodist machine is after something, but that is a habit it has. Personally they can not have much objection to me, as they offered to make me principal of a joint college composed of their college and ours. They are strongly denominational and want to control things as much as they can, but they will fall in with any action which is promptly taken and strongly supported.

Personally, you know my attitude. I have not and will not raise a finger to get appointed, and no friend of mine, so far as I could help it, has in any way attempted to influence you or other members of the government on my behalf, but if you and the other members of the government are persuaded that I have the ability to do the work required better than any other man in sight, and are only hesitating because of uncertainty of the local situation, I will be only too glad to show you how I stand with the really representative elements all through the province.

Next night he sent a night letter to Dr. Young, who replied by wire on June 4: "Matter still under advisement. Expect bring to head this summer. Unforeseen delays have prevented any recommendations to government." That day Principal Mackay wrote a letter to the then minister of education, a copy of which he sent to the premier, in which he says:

I have come to a place where, in justice to myself and my friends, I can not go any further without a clearer understanding of you. You will recall that on the 24th February of this winter you sent for me to come to Victoria and confer with you. You then asked me if I would accept the position of president of the provincial university if it were offered me. I asked you if it was the wish of your colleagues and yourself that I should do so, mentioning especially the premier and attorney-general. You replied that it was after consultation with the premier that you had sent for me. I gave you to understand that I was favorably disposed then, but would need to consider, and would write you later. You then went on to inform me that the appointment would be made soon after the election, and that you would want me, should I accept the position, to go to the University Conference in London. In this same conversation, I explained to you that should I accept, I would not want to do anything which would injure Westminster Hall, and outlined to you the steps which I would need to take in order to safeguard its interests.

I wrote again and yet again and still received no reply. The first of April, when our session opened and our semi-annual board meeting was to be held was drawing on, one of the men with whom I have arranged to take my place was on the train coming out here and yet there was no word. In despair I went over to Victoria and called you up, when you informed me that Premier McBride had asked that no action should be taken till the return from England toward the end of May.

That was Sunday, Monday was our board meeting and Dr. Welsh, my substitute, was to arrive on Tuesday. I had to solve a plan between seeing you and the meeting of the board by which I could account for the presence of Dr. Welsh, and not betray your confidence. I made the suggestion that a building campaign should be begun and that I should be relieved to take charge of it for three months. The board, with the utmost kindness, fell in with the suggestion and received the announcement of Dr. Welsh's coming without a protest. But no board can retain its loyalty for a man who treats them with such little considerations as I gave them, as I will have to make some explanation as soon as my three months are up.

On my return to Vancouver I took I believed to be hints from Dr. Young that he wanted his hands strengthened in the matter, and believing him to be a friend whom I could not work in vain, I wrote the most unconventional way of my letter being marked confidential either on the envelope or on the letter. Being confidential I talked about men and things in the most open way, and these letters have been kept, and now those which contain references to men or institutions which the government think will harm me are picked out for publication. I regret very much that two of my friends, Mr. Fred Wade and Principal Vance are mentioned in some of these letters in a way which reflects on them.

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Dr. Pidgeon and one other friend into my confidence, and after discussing the whole situation, wrote you, saying that I would accept the position should it be offered to me. In reply, on February 28, I received from you a long and most cordial letter, which I would quote here in full only that it is marked "Personal and Confidential." It, however, contained the following sentences: "Mr. McBride was with me this morning and I read over the letter. . . . I can do nothing until the election is over, but if nothing unforeseen occurs, I intend formally to offer you the appointment. I am saying this after consultation with Mr. McBride. As I said to you, my recommendation means the appointment. You then go on to explain what you mean by nothing unforeseen, and close that paragraph with the words "with Mr. McBride's approval this morning. I feel certain that you may rest assured that you will be asked to take the position." The letter closes with a long and very kindly reference to myself.

Now, if you meant what you said in our interview and in this letter, as I have not the least bit of doubt you did, the question of the university presidency is no longer open, unless you have discovered some very grave lack of ability or character on my part of which you did not know at the time. If you have, you owe it to me to let me know what it is. If you have not, I am at a loss to understand all that has transpired since. Immediately that I received your letter I wrote in reply thanking you for the confidence expressed and very frankly outlining the provisions I intended going on to make that my work at Westminster Hall might not suffer. To this letter I received no reply.

It has been a most unfortunate time for raising money and my whole summer has been spent for me and my position with my own board seriously jeopardized. I went on up to the present hoping for some full and frank statement of the situation, but none came, and now in reply to my letter you wire me, "Will see you on your return. Am leaving for England fifteenth."

This puts me in an utterly unbearable predicament. Not only give my board some explanation on my return from the assembly, my whole summer's work has been spoiled, and in a young institution like ours that is most serious. Surely you nor the other members of the government would gratuitously jeopardize the position which I have worked hard to secure in Westminster Hall and the community here, by putting me in the utterly untenable position in which I now find myself. If anything has developed to make it impossible to carry out your expressed intention, why may I not know it now and be done with it? If you are only postponing action for some cause, why may I not know it, so that my own work here may not be crippled by the uncertainty through which I have had to pass during the last three months.

In later letters Principal Mackay protests against the action of the government in the matter, and reiterates that if he could have helped the government by withdrawing from the field he would have done so until the premier's action in an interview with him requested by Sir Richard made this impossible. He pointed out that what he had proposed to do was in an unfavorable light publicly, as it was freely stated on the street that he had been offered the position and then turned down. In his final letter to the premier Dr. Mackay follows up a dignified protest by saying: "If your action amounts to deliberate repudiation of your obligations in this matter I would propose to submit tamely to any such treatment."

Dr. Mackay has given the Times correspondent in Vancouver the following statement in regard to this correspondence: "The facts about the situation are these. Early in 1912 I was offered the position of president of the university by what I believed to be the authoritative action of the government. I was so sure of the fact, and those whom I consulted were so sure that I made arrangements to have my work taken in the college to allow me to leave in the midst of the summer term, as that was one of the conditions suggested to me. Then something happened, and for a whole year I could get no satisfaction out of anyone. I was in a most unenviable position, as I could not explain to my own board all the correspondence which I had been marked private and confidential."

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MEMBER OF THE HOUSE RECEIVES A WINDFALL

Kamloops Representative Fills Two Positions at Once; Works Sundays and Week-days

Legislative Press Gallery, March 29.

Some interesting information in regard to the cost of the joint Indian commission which is enjoying such a splendid potlatch at the expense of the people of British Columbia in particular and the people of Canada in general, has been obtained as the result of a series of questions put to the minister of finance by M. A. Macdonald. The first member for Vancouver asked:

1. Is the Mr. J. P. Shaw (who is a member of the Indian land commission, and who according to the report of the auditor general of Canada, and the report of the auditor general of British Columbia, received payment for 265 days' services at \$20 per day from April 1, 1914, to March 31, 1915 (inclusive), and also received \$10 per day living allowance for the same period), the same Mr. J. P. Shaw who sits as a member of this legislature for Kamloops (Victoria)?

2. Did the said Mr. J. P. Shaw sit as a member of this House during the session of 1915?

3. How much money did the said Mr. J. P. Shaw receive from the treasury of this province on account of his attendance at the session of 1915?

4. During what period was this House in session in 1915, and what number of days did it sit?

5. If it appears that the said Mr. J. P. Shaw has received payment for services and living allowances from the Dominion treasury (one-half of which is paid from the treasury of the province of British Columbia) at the rate of \$20 per day, and also for a portion of the same time received indemnity and mileage on account of his attendance at a session of this House, will this government take any action to recover all or any portion of such moneys?

6. Are the members of the Indian land commission paid at the rate of \$20 per day for every day only on which they actually work, and are the said members paid a living allowance of \$10 per day for each day only on which they actually work?

7. Did the Indian land commission work every Sunday from April 1, 1914, to March 31, 1915; if not, why has the said J. P. Shaw been paid for 265 days during the said period from April 1, 1914, to March 31, 1915?

8. If it appears that the said J. P. Shaw has received moneys for days on which he did not work, will this government take any action to recover all or any portion of such moneys?

9. When will the Indian land commission complete its work?

10. Has this government received any final or interim report, or copy of either thereof, issued by the Indian land commission; and, if so, will the government place copies of such report before the members of the House?

11. How much does the province of British Columbia contribute to the cost of the commission appointed by the Dominion government to investigate Indian reservations in British Columbia?

12. What year was the commission formed?

13. What has been the total cost to the British Columbia government up to date?

Hon. Mr. Campbell replied: "1. Yes. "2. Yes. "3. \$1,600. "4. Between January 21, 1915, and March 6, 1915. Total, forty days. "5. This is a federal commission and payments are made by federal authorities who pay the expenses of the commission and afterwards ask the provincial government to recoup them as to its share. The matter of these payments will be brought to the attention of the federal department for them to take such action as they may think proper. "6. Cannot answer this question as the matter is determined by the federal department. "7. This information is in the hands of the federal department. "8. Answered by No. 5. "9. I am informed the Indian land commission will complete its work in about six weeks. "10. This government has received progress and interim reports from time to time. It might not be in the public interest to submit these to the House at the present time. "11. One-half of the cost. "12. May 19, 1912. "13. \$114,765.95."

Mr. Brewster asked the minister of finance the following questions:

1. What salary did J. Wilmhurst (road superintendent for Comox district) receive during the year 1914?

2. What salary did J. Wilmhurst receive during the year 1915?

3. What salary did J. McLeod receive as road superintendent for Comox district for the year 1915?

4. How much money has been expended in Strathcona park to date?

5. How much money was expended on Strathcona park in the year 1914 and in the year 1915?

6. How much of the money expended on Strathcona park for the years 1914 and 1915 was paid to the Campbell River Trading Company, Willows hotel, Thulin Bros., and Charles Thulin?

Hon. Mr. Campbell replied as follows: "1. 1914-15, \$1,850. "2. 1915-16, \$1,760. "3. 1915-16, \$1,350. "4. \$249,000. "5. 1914-15, \$96,807.09; 1915-16, \$7,887.60. "6. Campbell River Trading Co., 1914-15, \$1,105.05; 1915-16, \$194.54. Willows hotel, 1914-15, \$305.80; 1915-16, nil.

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Mr. Macdonald asked the minister of lands the following questions:

1. Are district lots 1431, 1432, 1433, Fort George land recording district, reserved from sale or settlement for government purposes?

2. If so, when was such reservation made?

3. Since such reservation has been made has any application been received for a pre-emption record covering any portion of such lots?

4. If so, has any such application for a pre-emption record been granted?

5. If so, to whom has such pre-emption record been granted?

6. When was such pre-emption record (if any) granted?

7. What are the government's reasons for granting such pre-emption record (if any)?

Hon. Mr. Ross replied as follows: "1. The unoccupied lands in said lots are reserved. "2. December 17, 1908. "3. No. "4, 5, 6 and 7. Answered by No. 3.

The government agent at Barkerville, on March 14, 1908, issued pre-emption record No. 589 to Peter Roy, Jr. Following the gazetting of the survey of lot 1434, Cariboo, it was ascertained the lot was therefore occupied at the date of the reserve notice, and a crown grant of the same was issued to the pre-emptor under date of January 11, 1912.

Mr. Brewster asked the minister of public works the following questions: In reference to the public accounts for 1914-15, vote 160—

1. What rate of wages was paid to the workmen, and for team work as men, termed under heading of "Pay-labor and team work, \$35,581.12?"

2. Did such wages include board for men and teams?

3. If not, were any deductions made on account of such board; and, if so, how much?

Hon. Mr. Taylor replied: "1. Superintendents, \$200 per month and board; engineers, \$200, \$175, and \$100 per month and board; foremen, \$125, \$105, \$67.50, \$65 and \$60 per month and board; transman, \$85 per month and board; cook, \$80 per month and board; cookee, \$60 per month and board; teamsters, \$50 per month and board; hook-smith, \$30 per month and board; blacksmith, \$4 per day, less board; powder-men, fallers and buckers, \$3.40 per day, less board; rock-drillers, \$3.25 per day, less board; axemen, 40 cents per hour, less board; laborers, 40 cents and 35 cents per hour, less board; teamsters with their own teams, \$7 per day, less board. "2. Answered by No. 1. "3. Deductions for board amounted to \$11,142.85."

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"BLIND PIG" FINDS WAY TO LEGISLATURE

But the Premier Disclaims Any Liability to Insist on Law Being Vindicated

Legislative Press Gallery, March 29.

Reference was made to the "blind pig" in the Legislature this afternoon by H. C. Brewster and the Premier, when it was made plain that the government disclaims all responsibility for the actions of Police Magistrate Jay and will not make any inquiry into his disposition of the charges against Frank Slavin and John McBride.

Speaking on the vote for salaries of stipendiary magistrates, Mr. Brewster asked what control the government had over these officials.

The Premier explained that the province paid the magistrate here some \$100 as judge of the small debts court, and took the fees.

"What control have you over him?" Mr. Brewster asked.

Mr. Bowser replied that the government had the right to ask for the resignation of police magistrates or dismiss them if it thought proper. For any act not a credit to the administration the lieutenant governor in council could dismiss a police magistrate.

"Blind Pig" Case. Mr. Brewster stated that the matter which he had particularly in mind was the "blind pig" case, in which two men were arrested and taken before the police magistrate of Victoria on charges of violation of the Provincial Elections Act by dispensing liquor during polling hours. He did not know under what authority or right the magistrate acted, but he had not considered it a civil case and permitted it to be taken over by the military, the result being that the men actually guilty of promoting the violation of the law escaped investigation. If this matter came under the Attorney General he would like to have a statement as to why, not being a civil case, it had not been proceeded with by the magistrate.

Acted Under City. Mr. Bowser said the police magistrate acted under the city and was largely influenced in his action by the opinion of the city prosecutor, who was an employee of the city. From the papers he understood that City Prosecutor Harrison thought this a proper matter for the military authorities, and the magistrate had acted on that.

"If the hon. gentleman will take the responsibility of laying a complaint that the police magistrate did not do his duty," continued Mr. Bowser with some asperity, "I will have it investigated. But he is only making for political purposes and I will not hold any inquiry for political purposes. My time is too valuable for that."

Mr. Brewster pointed out that the newspaper reports had made it very plain that the city prosecutor did not wish the case to be taken over from the court, and at the trial he had insisted as far as he could that it be dealt with by the police magistrate. As to the political significance of the case that the premier dragged in, had the supply of intoxicants been increased by political opponents of the premier, or had he seen a chance to obtain political advantage, his time would not have been so valuable that he could not investigate. Because men high in control of the machine were connected with the violation of the law it was beneath the premier's duty, even when called to his attention officially on the floor of the House he took no action.

Mr. Bowser sat in his usual sphinx-like silence and the item passed.

Mr. Smith—"Ow your little boy gettin' on, Mrs. Jones?" Mrs. Jones—"Very well, indeed. 'E's entered the theatrical profession now." "Oh! Wet part's 'e takin'?" "Well, 'e ain't exactly takin' a part, but 'e fetches the scene-shifter's beer!"

ADOPTS THE LIBERAL POLICY ONCE AGAIN

Proposal for Resumption of Land Held by Speculators Advanced by Government

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Two bills were brought down by the minister of lands this afternoon dealing with the returned soldier and land.

The first of these gives to the pre-emptor who is the lawful holder of a certificate received either before or after the passing of the act, and who is engaged in the active overseas military or naval service during the war, a free grant of the land, clear of all payments, fees and taxes to the date of the grant, and exempts him from the requirements as to occupation and improvements.

He must, however, apply for his crown grant within one year after the war. Heirs and devisees are entitled to the same privileges if a crown grant is applied for within the same time.

The other measure is longer and is styled a bill to provide homesteads and homestead loans for returned soldiers. It is applicable to any person who enlisted in this province in any branch of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces, the Canadian Permanent Forces or the Naval Volunteers; any person who, being a resident of the province at the time of commencement of the war, has since enlisted in any branch of the imperial, Canadian or colonial military or naval forces for war service in any capacity; women and minors who have enlisted in any branch of these services, and the widow of any soldier who would have been entitled to claim.

Once more the government has borrowed a Liberal policy and in some measure has taken the proposal made by the leader of the party in regard to the proper manner of dealing with the lands which have been taken by the speculator and on which the province is owed millions of dollars.

The bill provides for the cancellation of pending land purchases and the resumption, in the crown of these lands freed from all claim by the purchaser, unless within six months the applicant for the lands has paid up the purchase price and arrears of taxes and obtained a crown grant, or got a proportionate allotment of land equal to the amount he has paid. Application to secure such proportionate allotment must be accompanied by the interest on the purchase price of the lands comprised in his proportionate allotment and the Land Act fees, and then the commissioner for the land district may make the selection, subject to the approval of the minister.

Returned soldiers shall be entitled to claim a pre-emption of 160 acres out of these lands within eighteen months after his discharge from the service, and such as of residence as may be fixed but no fees shall be chargeable except the ten dollars for the crown grant. The minister may select portion of the lands coming back to the crown for purposes of sale for the creation of a fund from which to make loans to returned soldiers, and he can also apply for a loan under the Agricultural Credits Act. The fund is to be administered by the Agricultural Credit Commission.

Of course the lieutenant-governor-in-council could not remain out of the act. He, or it, comes in in the last section, for the purpose of making or cancelling rules, orders, forms and directions for carrying out the provisions of the act.

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MAJOR WALTER BAPTY SERIOUSLY WOUNDED

Message Received From Adjutant General; Gunshot Wound in Back

That Major Walter Bapty, commander of "C" Squadron, 2nd C. M. R., received a serious gunshot wound in the back on March 28, and is now lying at Stationary Hospital, No. 7, Boulogne, was the information conveyed in a telegram received by Mrs. Bapty this morning from the adjutant-general at Ottawa.

Major Bapty is one of the best known and most popular officers who ever left this city for the front. He went last spring under the command of Lieut. Col. J. C. Bott, and is the third officer in the 2nd C. M. R.'s to be wounded in the service of his country. He is with and sister reside at 287 St. Patrick street, and are naturally very concerned over his condition. His very many friends in this city will hope for an early and complete recovery.

He was born in 1884 at London, Ontario, where he received his education, graduating at the medical school of the Western College. He came west shortly after finishing his studies and engaged as a medical practitioner at Langdon, Alberta, for some time before coming to the coast. He arrived in Victoria about 1907, and subsequently entered the provincial board of health, of which he was bacteriologist, and acting secretary from the time of the death of Dr. C. J. Fagan. He also practiced medicine independently, his offices being at 231 Fort street, where he served a large clientele.

He is a member of the Victoria Medical Society, and is widely known among British Columbia physicians.

He joined the 2nd C. M. R. as a commissioned officer, having nothing to do with the medical staff of the battalion. He had experience in active service prior to the present war. He enlisted at Guelph, with the Royal Canadian Field Artillery at the time of the Boer war, and went to South Africa with that unit as a member of the Second Canadian Contingent. He was later six months with the Canadian Scouts, and was a lieutenant in the 31st B. C. Horse during part of the war, being subsequently promoted to a captaincy.

PLAN CONSOLIDATION OF GULF PILOTAGES

Important Proposal Laid Before Shipping Men Here Yesterday

The question of pilotage for deep-sea vessels in the Gulf of Georgia has been frequently referred to in recent years, and the feasibility of consolidation of the three pilotage authorities has been debated on the mainland. The principle is distinct from that of compulsory pilotage already under consideration here.

The consolidation scheme, supported by a number of shipping men on the Mainland, was laid before a representative gathering of the shipping men of Victoria, together with a delegation of officers of the Victoria Board of Trade at a meeting held yesterday afternoon. The delegation from Vancouver was composed of E. H. Beazley, of the Union Steamship Company, B. W. Greer, of the Maple Leaf line, and J. Eadie.

In brief the scheme, which was well received, is outlined by Mr. Beazley to the Times as follows:

- (1) The application to the department of marine for the creation of a consolidation of the pilotage authorities of the harbors of Victoria and Esquimalt, Vancouver and Nanaimo. New Westminster is not touched, the city authorities providing for the navigation of the Fraser river.
- (2) The appointment of commissioners, nominated by the shipping interests of the three ports, probably five in number, to have a head office in Victoria, as the first ocean port of call inbound from the Orient and Australia.
- (3) Gradual reduction of the number of pilots, by not filling up the vacancies as the present incumbents reach the age limit, until there are sufficient left properly to provide pilotage for the deep sea shipping.

One advantage Mr. Beazley claims for the proposal are a reduction in the cost of dues payable by shipping, thereby encouraging it and preventing what now occurs from the necessity of an ocean going vessel carrying two pilots in order to enter separate harbor jurisdictions. Under the scheme a pilot would be taken on at Victoria, and he would take a vessel into Burrard Inlet, or up the island to bunker without change. He states that several public bodies have endorsed the proposal, and it can be shown by statistics that great saving in cost to shipping can be accomplished.

He traces the present system to the isolation of the ports of British Columbia in the earlier days of navigation. Vessels came here seldom, and it was not to be expected that the masters would know the channels, so compulsory pilotage grew up, first in one port and then in another. Consolidation would obviate this burden to navigation, in his opinion, now that times have changed.

At the meeting yesterday a resolution was submitted, which will be before the council of the board of trade at its meeting to-morrow for an expression of opinion on the subject. It may be explained that the pilotage charges in the three ports named are different, and the advocates of the

MAY RESTRICT USE OF LIBRARY PRIVILEGES

Commissioners Ask for Powers to Exclude Non-Resident Borrowers

The question of use by the residents of district municipalities of the facilities of the city library will be brought up at an early date through the letter which the library commissioners have sent to the city council asking for a direction of policy whether the residents of municipalities who have not undertaken to support the library shall be excluded from the privileges of the institution. The request is made in connection with an intimation from Oak Bay that the council cannot see its way on account of economy to contribute this year, as it did in 1915.

At present only Esquimalt has returned a favorable reply to the request to contribute to the cost of books. No answer has been received from Saanich. Quite a large number of residents in the district municipalities use the lending department, and the city's request to the district councils was couched on the basis of a pro rata contribution according to the number of persons registered at the library as borrowers.

The premier has replied to the resolution forwarded with regard to the election of police and license commissioners, saying that the subject will be taken up with the inspector of municipalities. This is the resolution introduced by Alderman Todd's special committee, favoring an amalgamation of the duties of the boards and direct election of the commissioners.

The length to which a paragraph in a technical journal will travel is shown in a request which the city engineer has received from Paris, France, asking about the sand sprinkler which the city brought into use some time ago. By request some information on its effectiveness was sent to an American technical paper, and this has led to inquiries from many widely scattered points.

The police commissioners are meeting this afternoon with regard to some tenders for supplies.

There is also a meeting of the civic harbor committee in progress this afternoon, the principal business being to discuss what steps shall be taken with regard to Rock Bay bridge. Tomorrow there will be meetings of the fire wardens and the streets committee.

VANCOUVER BANK SUIT

Judgment Given by Mr. Justice Murphy for Plaintiff in Allen Against McLennan.

Mr. Justice Murphy has given judgment in Allen against McLennan, a suit in connection with the sale of shares in the Bank of Vancouver. The judgment is for the plaintiff. His lordship holds that Mr. Martin was not agent of the Bank of Vancouver to sell unissued shares, and Mr. McLennan had no authority as president of the bank to assert Martin was the agent to the extent of enabling the plaintiff to hold the bank as principal.

His lordship says his judgment is based on the transcript of evidence and the exhibits. He finds the plaintiff believed Mr. Martin was agent of the bank, and was purchasing a new share issue. He holds that Mr. Martin was Mr. McLennan's agent, and gives judgment against Mr. McLennan for the difference between the amount paid and the present value of the shares plus 5 per cent. interest.

There is a certain young matron of Chicago whose social duties occupy so much of her time that she does not have much left for the care of her offspring. One day one of her children fell ill and the mother hastily summoned the family physician. She greeted him at the door thus: "It doesn't seem to be anything really serious, doctor, but I do wish you'd find out what is the matter with Louise. The French maid left this morning, and there isn't a soul in the house that can understand what the poor child says."


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The police raided an opium joint at 649 Fisgard street in the early hours of this morning. Inspector Heatley, Sergt. Fry and other officers arrested nine men, all Chinese. The keeper, Lee Sing, was remanded in police court this morning till Saturday. The eight men who were found in the rooms, which are situated on the third story of the raided premises, were each fined \$10 and \$1 costs.


A serious charge against Walter Ahern was set over for examination on Saturday.

Much of the time of the session was occupied in hearing the charge against Edward Marshall of an assault on John Day, and a cross charge laid by Marshall against Day of using abusive language. The incident took place last Thursday evening in the lobby of the King Edward hotel, and the adjournment had been taken to enable witnesses to be called who had been present in the lobby at the time.

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