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## TEUTONS ARE READY TO DISCUSS PEACE

### FRENCH PEOPLE ARE DETERMINED TO PREVENT RECURRENCE OF MISTAKES; VICTORY ONLY THING THAT COUNTS

#### Pay Tribute to Joffre but Idol Will Be Removed to Make Way for Men of Greater Energy; Reorganization Result of Realization That War is Not Being Won

Paris, Dec. 12.—(By Fred B. Pitney.)—Joffre, commander-in-chief of the allied armies in the west, hero of the Marne, and savior of France, is to be "kicked upstairs."

France considers that Joffre has done more for his country than even Joan of Arc, but that he has given of his best and must make way for new blood, for fresh ideas and for greater energy. Nothing proves the determination of the French to win the war more than their decision to shelve their idol. They are house-cleaning, because they want to get on with the war. The people no longer care for personalities; victory is the only thing that counts.

It is possible that Joffre will be made chief of the allied war council, where his ripe experience will be of the greatest value, although he will be shorn of actual power.

Who is to succeed him is something to be decided probably this week. The choice seems to lie between Nivelle and Pétain, with the odds favoring Nivelle, who is the hero of the terrible fighting around Forts Douaumont and Vaux.

A graduate of the Ecole Polytechnique, Nivelle was an obscure general before the war. Being called last April to the forefront by Pétain, who held the high command at Verdun, it was Nivelle who directed the operations of retaking Douaumont and Vaux, which resulted in the capture of 6,000 prisoners and undid the German work of many months.

Popular With Army.  
Nivelle is naturally most popular with the army and the people. Although personally known to few, Pétain is a slightly older man, of strong character and great energy and ingenuity. There are other candidates, but these are the favorites. I hear that Nivelle now is considering the offer.

Within a month great changes have come to pass in Greece, where France is playing a strong hand. The situation is something like this:

A German army will come down through Macedonia trying to rattle Monastir and open the war on the way to Greece.

The allied army, with Salonica for its base, has to face this force and to guard its own rear. Nothing will surprise the allies, nor ever a declaration of war against them by King Constantine. The demands which they have made of him will be used as a pretext.

### ARMY OF GREECE TO BE MOBILIZED

#### Report From Switzerland Says King Constantine Has Issued Order

London, Dec. 12.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen says advice has been received there from Switzerland that King Constantine of Greece has ordered a general mobilization.

An Amsterdam dispatch to the Times says that Count Reventlow, the well known German military critic, says that King Constantine now only desires to gain time to enable the Germans to concentrate a relieving force. The count is quoted as adding that it is uncertain if the Greek supplies will last long enough to permit the Germans to come to their assistance.

Situation in Athens.  
Berlin, Dec. 12.—The centre of military gravity has shifted suddenly to Greece, where further developments are awaited here with the keenest interest. Wireless communication has been re-established with Athens and a wireless survey of the situation gives the following:

"King Constantine has in Athens alone 10,000 troops loyal to him. Reservists and volunteers are returning to the colors all over Greece. Their number should soon reach a hundred thousand.

The feeling in Greece against the entente is strained almost to the breaking point. A single thoughtless act or new factlessness on the part of the allies may cause an explosion. It is confidently hoped in Greek government circles that event shortly will

### PREMIER BRIAND HAS COMPLETED CABINET

Paris, Dec. 12.—Premier Briand announced to-day that he had completed reconstruction of the cabinet and that the list will appear in to-morrow's journal official. The premier is expected to make a statement to parliament to-morrow.

### TEUTONS REPULSED ON ROUMANIAN FRONT

#### Russian Reports Tell of Failure of Attacks in Valley of Buzen

### HEIGHTS ARE TAKEN FROM ENEMY FORCES

#### Germans Are Reported to Be Transferring Divisions to Other Points

Petrograd, Dec. 12.—The failure of Teutonic attacks in Roumania is reported in to-day's communication from the war office, which follows:

"On the Roumanian front on Sunday the enemy made unsuccessful attacks in the valley of the river Buzen, north of Tahlatau on the river Krikov and west of Mizil.

In Dobruja an exchange of fire is proceeding. The enemy conducted attacks at a point five versts northeast of Chibena and in the region of Capul mountain. Both attacks were arrested by our fire.

In the region east of Belbortz the attacking enemy was beaten back. Our detachments pursued them and captured two heights.

In the valley of the Sultau river enemy attacks were repulsed on the front six versts northeast of Glashutte, south of the valley of the Cuzul river. We gained one of the heights."

#### Transferring Troops.

London, Dec. 12.—A Rome dispatch to the Wireless Press says that Petrograd reports the Germans have begun the retirement of some of their divisions from Roumania, transferring them to other fronts, and that the situation in Roumania is becoming more favorable for the entente.

#### Berlin Report.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—Heavy attacks by the Russians in the wooded Carpathians and along the Moldavian frontier of Roumania were renewed yesterday, says to-day's war office statement. The attacks were repulsed.

### HEARST FILMS ARE BARRED FROM CANADA

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The Hearst Film service as well as the Hearst newspaper publications have been barred from Canada. These include the International Film Company and the Hearst-Selig News services which have been strong in many moving picture theatres throughout Canada in the past.

The prohibition of the Hearst "Movies" has been brought about by action of the various censor boards acting on the suggestion of the Dominion censor authorities and not by order-in-council passed by the Dominion government.

### NEW FRENCH COMMANDER.

Paris, Dec. 12.—It is announced officially that Vice Admiral du Fournet, commander of the allied squadron in Greek waters, has been replaced by Admiral Gaucher.

### AIDING BELGIANS, CLAIMS GERMANY

#### Replies to Washington Note Regarding Deportation From Belgium

### DECLARES MAJORITY HAPPY AND CONTENTED

#### Makes Usual False Charges Against Allies in Effort to Justify Action

Berlin, Dec. 12.—Germany's answer to the American note regarding the deportation order became effective. The note declares that there was urgent need of some kind of work for the Belgians because their idleness was causing demoralization and says that the deported workers are assured of well-being in new situations in Germany. The reply volunteers to permit American diplomatic representatives to visit the workmen's camps and assure themselves that the Belgians are well off. It concludes with an expression of regret that the United States has never seen fit to protest against what it describes as the dragging off of Germans from East Prussia, Alsace and other places to Siberia and elsewhere. These actions, of which it accuses the allies, are characterized in the reply as a severe violation of the laws of humanity.

The note declares that the German government is convinced that the United States has been misinformed in regard to the measures which have been taken and says that the lack of work has increased until 1,350,000 are suffering and an unbearable situation is created. Nothing remained, therefore, the note continues, but to offer the workless situations in Germany, since work for all was not at hand in Belgium. It is contended that the majority of those who have come to Germany are happy and contented, with high wages and increased personal liberties and that only those who prefer to loaf have been compelled to work.

#### Quotes Hague Convention.

The answer declares that the measure is entirely in accord with international law and cites Article 42 of the Hague convention, which requires an invading government to maintain order. This, it is maintained, is possible only in Belgium by providing that people who are able to work shall have opportunity to do so and shall not fall a burden on charity. The note says that the measure has been carried out without severity and with all possible consideration. Mistakes, it asserts, have rarely occurred and have been due in part to the fact that the Belgians themselves erred in making up the lists of those to be transported to Germany by including persons unaffected by Governor Blassing's order of May 15, 1916.

The note goes on to say that Belgians now working in Germany are engaged, without exception, in occupations permissible under international law, such as legitimate agricultural and industrial pursuits and that the German government regrets extremely that the situation has been completely misrepresented in the United States by the "lying press of Germany's enemies."

The German government, it is declared, in the interest of the Belgian population, would also regret if the activities of the Belgian relief commission were affected.

### NORWEGIAN STEAMER SUNK.

London, Dec. 12.—Lloyds announces that the Norwegian steamer Agder is reported sunk.

### TWELVE EMPLOYEES REPORTED MISSING

Peterboro, Ont., Dec. 12.—The identified dead from the fire which yesterday destroyed the plant of the Quaker Oats Company here still total four. In addition, 12 are missing and believed dead. Fifteen employees were injured.

### DESIRES TO PREVENT FURTHER BLOODSHED

#### Text of Note Addressed by Teutons to the Allied Powers

### SEEKS PEACE, BUT READY TO CONTINUE THE WAR

#### Claims Lines Stand Unshaken Against Attacks of Adversaries

Berlin, Dec. 12.—Following is the text of the note addressed by Germany and her allies to the hostile governments:

"The most terrific war ever experienced in history has been raging for the last two years and a half over a large part of the world—a catastrophe which thousands of years of common civilization was unable to prevent and which injures the most precious achievements of humanity.

"Our aims are not to shatter nor annihilate our adversaries. In spite of our consciousness of our military and economic strength and our readiness to continue the war (which has been forced upon us) until the bitter end if necessary, at the same time, prompted by the desire to avoid further bloodshed and make an end to the atrocities of war, the four allied powers propose to enter forthwith into peace negotiations.

"The propositions which they bring forward for such negotiation and which have for their object a guarantee of the existence, of the honor and liberty of evolution for their nations, are, according to their firm belief, an appropriate basis for the establishment of a lasting peace.

"The four allied powers have been obliged to take up arms to defend justice and the liberty of national evolution. The glorious deeds of our armies have in no way altered their purpose. We always maintained the firm belief that our own rights and justified claims in no way control the rights of these nations.

### WILL WEAR GRAND CROSS.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—An official announcement issued here to-day says that Field Marshal von Hindenburg, as the oldest active general of the Prussian army, has made a request of the emperor that he himself wear the Grand Cross of the Iron Cross. The emperor has accepted.

### PROPOSAL MADE TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE ALLIES

#### Announcement by Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg in the Reichstag; Kaiser Wilhelm Sends Message to Generals and Orders Troops to Continue Fighting Until Offer Is Accepted

Berlin, Dec. 12.—Germany and her allies to-day proposed to enter forthwith into peace negotiations.

The Austrian, Turkish and Bulgarian governments are making similar proposals. These proposals also have been transmitted to the vatican.

The following announcement was given out to-day by the semi-official Overseas News Agency: "The chancellor this morning received one after another the representatives of the United States of America and Spain and Switzerland, that is of the states protecting German interests in hostile foreign countries. The chancellor transmitted to them a note and asked them to bring it to the knowledge of the hostile governments. The note will be read to-day in the Reichstag by the chancellor.

Work of Submarines.  
"To these great events on land," the chancellor continued, "heroic deeds of equal importance are added by our submarines. The spectre of famine, which our enemies intended to appear before us, now pursues them without mercy. When after the termination of the first year of the war the emperor addressed the nation in a public appeal, he said: 'Having witnessed such great events, my heart was filled with awe and determination.'

"Neither our emperor nor our nation changed their minds in this respect. Neither have they now. The genius and heroic acts of our leaders have fastidiously been fast as iron. If the enemy counted upon the weakness of the central powers, then he was deceived."

The Reichstag, by means of the national auxiliary war service law, helped to build a new offensive and defensive bulwark in the midst of the great struggle," the chancellor continued. "Behind the fighting army stands the nation at work—the gigantic force of the nation working for the common aim.

Resources Inexhaustible.  
"The empire is not a besieged fortress, as our adversaries imagine, but one gigantic and firmly disciplined camp with inexhaustible resources. That is the German empire which is firmly and faithfully united with its brothers in arms, who have been tested in battle under the Austro-Hungarian, Turkish and Bulgarian flags. Not confused by assertions we progressed with firm decision and we thus continue our progress, always ready to defend ourselves and fight for our nations' existence, for its free future and always ready to stretch out our hand for peace.

"Our strength has not made our ears deaf to our responsibility before God, before our nation and before humanity. The declarations formerly made by us concerning our readiness for peace were evaded by our adversaries. Now we have advanced one step further in this direction.

"On August 1, 1914, the emperor had personally to take the gravest decision which ever fell to the lot of a German—the order for mobilization, which he was compelled to give as a result of the Russian mobilization. During these long and earnest years of the war the emperor has been moved by a single thought: 'How peace could be restored to safeguard Germany after the struggle in which she has fought victoriously.'

Offer Submitted.  
"Nobody can better testify to this than I, who bear the responsibility for all actions of the government. In a deep moral and religious sense of duty towards my nation and beyond it, towards humanity—the emperor now considers that the moment has come for official action toward peace.

"His majesty, therefore, in complete harmony and in common with our allies, decided to propose to the hostile powers to enter into peace negotiations. This morning I transmitted a note to this effect to all the hostile powers through the representatives of those powers which are watching over our interests and rights in the hostile states. I asked the representatives of Spain, the United States and Switzerland to forward that note.

"The same procedure has been adopted to-day in Vienna, Constantinople and Sofia. Other neutral states and his holiness, the pope, have been similarly informed."  
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#### BURNED TO DEATH.

Parry Sound, Ont., Dec. 12.—Henry Feltham, an Englishman, aged about 25 years, is dead from burns sustained in a peculiar manner. He worked in the cordite branch of the Nobel works. On returning Saturday from work to his boarding house, he sat down for a smoke, without removing the jacket he wore at the works, taking a child of his boarding housekeeper on his knee. He struck a match on the sleeve of his jacket, which had evidently become saturated with gun-cotton. The coat burst into flames. The child was slightly burned, but Feltham was so badly injured that he died.

#### W. R. BAKER HAS RETURNED.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—W. R. Baker, C. V. O., secretary and assistant to the president of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, has, at his own request, been relieved from duties and placed on the retired list. Mr. Baker's association with the company dates from its inception in 1881. In 1883 he resigned to become general manager of the Manitoba and Northwestern Railway, and in 1906, when that railway was acquired by the C. P. R., returned to the service of the latter company. Mr. Alexander, former assistant secretary, succeeds Mr. Baker.

### HOW GERMAN FORCES

#### SACKED CHARLEROI

Slaughter and Destruction Leaves Survivors in Piti-able State

When the German armies invaded the judicial district of Charleroi, in Belgium, they killed 110 men, nine women, and eight children, they wounded 34 men, 15 women and three children, and they caused the disappearance of 300 men, 250 women, 248 children and 53 entire families.

In addition they burned down 769 houses, pillaged or partially burned 2,221 others, and left more than 3,000 families without shelter. The total value to houses and property alone was 12,500,000 francs. In addition to that they made wholesale requisitions of the food and provisions of the people, and on the top of it obtained by threats of still further horrors an indemnity of 10,000,000 francs.

These facts are just one instance in a long list of the horrors of the Belgian invasion published by the British government from sworn statements supplied by the Belgian legation in London.

It is hard to realize the utter state of dependence on outside help to which the people of Belgium have been reduced. Facts like the above help to show the situation.

Self-sustaining communities have been utterly disorganized, many of the men shot or carried away in imprisonment, houses burned, all food supplies stolen, and industries destroyed. These are the conditions which the Belgians are still facing.

It is to bring food and clothing to these people now so pathetically destitute that the Belgian relief committee is redoubling its efforts. The need is greater than ever in Belgium, for the nearer the day of deliverance comes to these people, the more do the Germans exhaust all the resources of the country.

The help of Canadians is earnestly sought through local committees, and subscriptions to these committees, or to the Central Belgian Relief committee, 69 St. Peter street, Montreal, are welcomed.

Artistic Xmas Cards (Religious subjects only) at Haynes, the Watch-maker, 1124 Government St.

### DEPUTIES DISCUSS

#### FRENCH EXPENDITURE

Great Britain's Outlay Is in Excess of That of Republic

Paris, Dec. 12.—Raoul Peret, former minister of commerce, discussing in the chamber of deputies the budget for the first three months of 1917, pointed out that France will have incurred expenditures to the amount of 72,000,000,000 francs between the opening of hostilities and the end of March next, while Great Britain, in the same period, will have had an outlay of 90,000,000,000 francs.

This statement drew exclamations from the deputies that Great Britain is thus proved to have collaborated cordially and completely. The resources, M. Peret said, amount approximately to 64,000,000,000 francs. This leaves an apparent deficit of 8,000,000,000 francs.

M. Peret said this does not represent the actual expenditures, but the authorized outlay, and that of the appropriations for 1917 included in the total, 700,000,000 francs was annulled.

### BUILDING OF SHIPS

#### WILL BE EXPEDITED

Canadian Trade Commissioner at London Sends Report to Ottawa

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—German submarine activity during the year ended June 30 has resulted in a decrease in the world's merchant service of 510 vessels, of a total tonnage of 964,739 tons. Such is the information contained in a report to the trade and commerce department by Harrison Watson, trade commissioner at London. At the close of the year merchant vessels classed at Lloyds were 10,632, registering 23,150, 138 tons, against 10,542 vessels of 24,174,877 tons on the same date of the previous year. Foreign shipping has suffered greater damage than British. Every effort is being made to expedite the construction of vessels. The past year has witnessed the revival of wooden shipbuilding in the United States and Canada, brought about by the abnormal demand for steel. The majority of these vessels are sail vessels with auxiliary power.

#### WILL NOT FALTER

Speakers at Winnipeg Express Canada's Determination to See War Through to Victory.

Winnipeg, Dec. 12.—"Some can fight; some can work; some can give and pay—but all can serve." This sentence, from the speech of R. B. Bennett, M.P., director-general of national service for Canada, struck the keynote of the addresses at two great meetings held in Winnipeg last night in the series undertaken by Sir Robert Borden and Mr. Bennett.

The premier of Canada was in a serious mood, and neither he nor Mr. Bennett minimized the difficulties to be met and conquered before the war is won.

Mr. Bennett emphasized the imperative need for economy, thrift and less waste. If they could not be had voluntarily it would be secured anyway, he said. Money should be kept at home. It was the purpose of the proposed national registration to fit each man and each woman into his or her best work to help win the war, and Mr. Bennett outlined the system for taking a census of the man power of the country and an inventory of its resources.

Two meetings were held, the main one being in the Walker theatre and an overflow meeting in Grace church. Sir Robert Borden, Mr. Bennett and Hon. T. C. Norris, premier of Manitoba, addressed both meetings, and spoke in all to about four thousand people. Mayor Waugh was chairman at the Walker theatre and Chief Justice Mathers at the Grace church, and both buildings were filled to capacity.

The audience was highly enthusiastic and applauded the speakers when they expressed Canada's determination to see the war through to victory despite the sacrifices that were found necessary.

After the meetings Sir Robert Borden and party left for Saskatoon, where the second of the western meetings will be held this evening.

#### AGAINST LIQUOR STORES

Saskatchewan Voters Declare for Total Prohibition in Province.

Regina, Sask., Dec. 12.—By an overwhelming vote running in the neighborhood of 10 to 1 in the towns and cities, and 80 to 1 in the villages, the men and women of Saskatchewan yesterday declared against the continuance of the government liquor store system and in favor of prohibition. There was no organization in the contest fighting for the continuance of the stores, while the temperance advocates were out in force to wipe them out. Every newspaper, daily and weekly, in the whole province was out for prohibition.

The soldiers' vote in the cities went strongly against the liquor stores. In fact, with only one or two exceptions, majorities were recorded for prohibition in every poll throughout the province.

Thus the twenty government liquor stores in Saskatchewan will close on December 31, never to open again.

### BRITISH RAIDS ON

#### GERMAN POSITIONS

Destroy Machine Gun Emplacements and Take Prisoners; Artillery Active

London, Dec. 12.—An official statement issued last night reads:

"Last night we carried out successful raids east of Neuville St. Vaast and southeast of Arras, destroying machine gun emplacements and taking prisoners.

"An attempted enemy raid east of La. Houilleries failed. Enemy working parties at Fauquissart and Wetinne were dispersed by our fire.

"During the last twenty-four hours the artillery and trench mortars on both sides have been active in the Loos, Arras and Ypres area, and in the section north of Arras. South of that there has been some enemy shelling of the Mouquet Farm and the extreme right of our front."

Paris, Dec. 12.—Last night's official statement reads:

"Violent artillery fighting occurred during the day in the region of Villenau-Bois, northwest of Rheims, and in the Douaumont sector. A surprise attack on the enemy trenches in La Freire wood gave good results. There is nothing to report on the rest of the front.

"The Belgian communication says: 'North of Dixmude and in the region of Steenstraete there have been reciprocal bombardments.'

Berlin, Dec. 12.—The war office issued the following statement last night:

"While it was calmer to-day on the Somme front, an artillery duel was revived on the east bank of the Meuse in the Verdun sector."

#### CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The following casualty lists have been issued:

Infantry.

Previously reported wounded; now reported died of wounds—Pte. J. A. Baker, Australia.

Previously reported wounded; now missing and believed killed—Pte. E. Roy, Montreal.

Previously reported wounded; now believed killed—Corp. E. Wickens, Kenaston, Sask.; Corp. H. C. Browning, England.

Missing—Pte. John Angus, North Bay, Ont.; Pte. H. White, Toronto; Pte. Fred Chandler, England; Pte. A. E. Bowlett, England; Pte. David Thomas, no address; Pte. E. G. Tindale, England.

Previously reported wounded; now reported wounded and missing—Pte. E. A. Baird, Foxwarren, Man.; Pte. Bertram Ripley, Edmonton.

Previously reported wounded, now reported missing—Pte. A. B. Costello, Newfoundland; Pte. C. Hobday, Winnipeg; Pte. H. B. Harrier, Winnipeg.

Previously reported missing; now reported prisoner and wounded—Corp. Sam Cranston, Winnipeg.

Seriously ill—Capt. J. T. Malone, Halifax; Pte. J. C. Tait, Scotland.

Wounded—Pte. R. Kay, Corrine, Sask.; Pte. A. Brant, Toronto; Pte. Jas. Bain, Crow Lake, Ont.; Pte. G. A. Craig, Winnipeg; Pte. W. F. Cockrell, Winnipeg; Pte. Arthur Chambers, Windsor, Ont.; Pte. T. A. Dunsmuir, Fenelon Falls, Ont.; Pte. Duncan, Desjardins, Quebec; Pte. Jack Dick, Toronto; Pte. J. B. Ellis, Grand Forks, B. C.; Pte. J. Sill, Brimley, Mich.; Pte. J. D. Deaugler, Newport, N. Y.; Pte. Norman McLeod, Greencourt, Alta.; Pte. J. McDonald, Sydney Mines, N. S.; Pte. J. Spratt, Winnipeg; Pte. L. Apes, Latchford, Ont.; Pte. Abraham Seaton, West Indies; Pte. E. C. Steven, England; Pte. E. J. Blaine, Winnipeg; Pte. J. C. Wright, Winnipeg; Pte. G. Arbutnot, no address.

Mounted Rifles.

Previously reported wounded; now reported died of wounds—Pte. Wm. Dearden, England.

Wounded—Pte. Hedley Isaac, England; Pte. G. Maidment, Forest, Ont.

Artillery.

Wounded—Pte. A. Saunders, Toronto.

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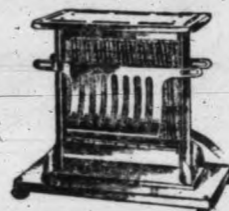
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### ENEMY PREPARING

#### FOR SUPREME EFFORT

Expected to Attempt to Finish the War in the Spring

London, Dec. 12.—(By F. A. MacKenzie.) Food conditions in Germany and still more in Austria, are appalling.

Some experts here seriously question the claim that substantial relief is obtainable from the seizure of the Roumanian supplies. The Spectator declares that if the entire Roumanian corn crop were seized, transport difficulties would be so great that there could only be sufficient for three weeks rations for civilians in the central powers.

News from every part of the European front reveals the determination of the enemy to make a gigantic effort to attempt to finish the war in the spring. Austria, like Germany, is preparing for a supreme endeavor, drastically embodying the nation's entire manhood.

### CONTROL OF LIQUOR TRADE

Report That Subject Will Receive Attention of Premier George's New Ministry.

London, Dec. 12.—The measures of the new government for the control of the food supplies will be preceded by one for the entire control of the liquor trade, according to well-informed sources. Absolute prohibition of the consumption of spirits, except medicinal, and restrictions on the beer trade are expected. The whole resources of the spirit trade, it is believed, will be put under state control early in the new year. The distillation of whisky and gin will be prohibited.

#### BERLIN REPORTS RAID.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—"An Austro-Hungarian naval air squadron on December 6, in spite of unfavorable weather, bombed very successfully the aviation station at Belgina and the batteries at Soebba," says an Austrian admiralty statement. "Direct hits were scored upon the three hangars. All the machines returned undamaged."

#### BRITISH PATENT UPHELD.

Washington, Dec. 12.—In a decision regarded as of much importance in the mining world, the supreme court upheld a patent for the flotation concentrating process of the Minerals Separation, Ltd., a British corporation, extensively used in many countries. An infringement injunction was ordered against James Hyde, a Butte mining engineer.

#### COST OF LIVING INQUIRY

Investigation to Be Made by Grand Jury in Big Cities in United States.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Preparations for the transfer of the federal inquiry into the high-cost-of-living to the grand jury at Chicago, New York, Detroit and probably other cities were made yesterday at the department of justice.

United States Attorney Anderson, of Boston, in charge of the investigation, devoted the day to studying the information collected from various sources and reports to the department by its field investigators.

### BLOODSHED MARKS DEPORTATION OF BELGIANS.

Amsterdam, Dec. 12.—Sixteen persons were killed and several mortally wounded in a riot at Tournai on the occasion of the deportation of 300 civilians from the Germans, according to the Echo de Belge.

The paper says that the riot started when one of the men ordered deported was struck on the head with a rifle butt by a German soldier because he did not walk fast enough. Thereupon the crowd of spectators rushed at the soldier and a general melee followed, the German troops using their rifles. The account says that a squadron of cavalry had to charge the crowd before order was restored and that fifty arrests were made subsequently.

The family was going on an outing in the woods and mother was packing the lunch basket. "Let me see," she murmured, "I've got lettuce sandwiches, peanut butter sandwiches, macarons, pickles, ginger snaps and chow-chow. I wonder if I've forgotten anything?" "How about putting in something to eat?" said father sarcastically.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

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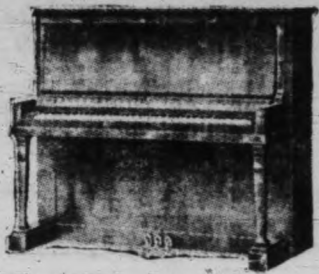
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### MAKES APPEAL ON BEHALF OF BELGIANS

United States Urged to Take Action to Stop Hun Cruelty

London, Dec. 12.—The Associated Press has received from Amsterdam "An Appeal to the American People," by the Dutch section of the League of Neutral States. The appeal is signed by President Niemeyer. It follows:

Your president has said that sooner or later a moment would arrive when the war would make the position of neutral nations undesirable. For us Hollanders that moment has arrived; not through our own sufferings, but because we cannot longer passively contemplate the ghastly suffering inflicted by Germany upon Belgium, our neighbor.

The eloquent protests of the Belgian government and of the higher clergy have acquainted you with the facts. A glance at the section of The Hague regulations of 1907, which deals with the law of war on land, will make it obvious to you that the only reason why the prohibition of this modern slave dealing was not included was because no delegate imagined it could ever be necessary.

Indeed, one must turn to the history of the early ages, before international law existed, to find a parallel with the enslaving of the Belgians. The Hague regulations stipulate that the honor and rights of the family must be respected; but the German government deliberately drags the Belgian families apart. To us this cruelty is more vivid every day. Every day numbers of fugitives, in spite of the deadly electric wires which the Germans have erected along the frontier, succeed in escaping to The Netherlands. From them we learn of the painful details, of the unutterable despair of women and children, who are left behind, and the agonizing scenes which take place when husbands, brothers and sons, dragged from their homes and women folk, are packed into cattle and freight cars and thus transported, slaves, to an unknown destination and to an unknown fate.

To put an end to this, to arrest this hellish scourge, which at this moment lacerates the whole of northern France and western Russia, there is but one way open, and that is collective action on the part of the neutral nations.

And for you, citizens of the mightiest of the neutral states, it is, in our opinion, the right and duty to take the leadership upon yourselves. Only if you place yourselves at the head can any success crown our efforts. This tyranny is not to be borne in patience; and the neutral nations cannot longer stand idly by while in western Europe the most primitive laws of humanity, observed even by uncivilized races, are trampled under foot.

We appeal to you to urge your government to energetic and decisive action, to call upon the other neutral nations to rally around you. That they will find faith and strength in your leadership is evidenced by the stream of messages expressive of sympathy and desire to co-operate which have reached us from the moment we published our intention to make this appeal to the American people. We do not hesitate to take it upon ourselves to speak with firm conviction in the name of humanity, and our hope is firmly fixed on that sense of justice which always has formed one of the most cherished traditions of the citizens of the United States. The Americans, we are convinced, will not disappoint our expectations.

### SCHOOL TRUSTEES TO BE ASKED TO RESIGN

Resolution Passed at Public Meeting Will Be Presented to Vancouver Board

Vancouver, Dec. 12.—The whole Vancouver school board will be asked to resign at its meeting to-night. A well-attended meeting of citizens in Bonington hall last night voted unanimously to ask them. The vote was taken after Rev. A. E. Cooke had delivered a speech which, though deliberative, amounted to a scathing indictment of past members of the school board. Dr. Lang being the only one favorably mentioned. After Mr. Cooke had concluded, Dr. Lyle Telford spoke briefly but firmly, and moved the resolution, which was seconded by W. J. Downie, Donald Downie, who was chairman, after the meeting named a committee of four, with power to add to their number, who will present the resolution at the meeting of the board this evening at its offices. This committee consists of R. C. Campbell-Johnston, chairman; Dr. George W. Telford, Andrew N. Cameron and Alfred Williams.

Rev. Mr. Cooke said the people of this city and province had become tired of manipulating politicians, a thing that had been shown not so very long ago; but some people in public life did not yet seem to realize it. An instance was when School Trustee F. W. Welsh had returned to Canada after inspecting the troops abroad (laughter), and not only denied the school board and the people of this city, but had outraged common decency by moving for the dismissal of Building Inspector F. J. Giles.

Mr. Cooke read a few pertinent paragraphs from Justice Murphy's finding on the school board probe, and referred to the "reasonable doubt" which had been mentioned. This reasonable doubt, he said, had arisen in connection with some details of the investigation, and was because of the contradictory evidence given by some of Mr. Welsh's friends in the witness box. "If Mr. Welsh does not think the people of this city think the same way as Justice Murphy wrote in his report, why does he not accept the challenge of Dr. Lang and appeal to the people for re-election?" asked Mr. Cooke, amid applause.

### AMERICAN COLONEL GIVES FREE ADVICE TO RHEUMATICS

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### PRICES DECLINE IN NEW YORK MARKET

New York, Dec. 12.—The stock market immediately became unsettled on the receipt of the news of the Teutonic peace proposals. Munitions and shares of other companies which have profited by the war were most affected. Bethlehem Steel dropping 26 points.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Wheat on the Chicago board of trade on receipt of the news of the proposals for peace of Germany and her allies broke over eight cents. May wheat sold last night at \$1.75 1/2. Within fifteen minutes after the opening to-day the price touched \$1.66 1/2. The extreme drop was to \$1.66 1/4 for the May delivery, a loss of 8% as compared with yesterday's finish. At this period, buyers took hold with vigor and a rally to \$1.68 1/4 for May ensued. Trading was on a huge scale.

### WOULD SUBSTITUTE NICKEL FOR SILVER

Prof. Leacock Has Scheme by Which Dominion May Make Millions

Montreal, Dec. 12.—Professor Stephen Leacock, of McGill University, has just laid before the government a scheme by which he claims the nation will make anything from five to six million dollars in the next six months. His idea is that the government should call in all the silver currency, and replace it by coins exactly similar, but made of nickel. Prof. Leacock states that there is about \$2,000,000 of silver in circulation in Canada. The market value of the coins is about 70 cents per dollar coinage. Nickel would be substituted for the silver, and the cost would be considerably less. The present value of nickel is 50 cents per pound.

It is proposed that the banks would act as agencies in exchanging the silver for nickel coins. Prof. Leacock undertakes to carry out the scheme for the government without salary. He explains his plan at length to prove that no one would lose by the change, but that the government would save millions by selling the silver as bullion.

### WAR TAXES LEVIED ON ROUMANIAN CITIES

People Remaining in Occupied Territories Must Obey Orders of Germans

London, Dec. 12.—Telegraphing from Jassy, the new capital of Roumania, under date of December 9, the Times correspondent says: "The Germans have levied a heavy war tax on Bucharest. An edict has been issued forbidding the circulation of paper money unless it is marked as German, while 30 per cent. of the value of the notes is demanded. A similar contribution of 15 per cent., amounting to £2,000,000 sterling, has been exacted from Craiova.

"Prince Wilhelm, of Hohenzollern, brother of King Ferdinand, who is with the German army, in a manifesto, declares he has come not to punish the Roumanians, but those who have broken their solemn pledges, thereby severing their family ties. In the manifesto he allows four days to any of the people of Craiova who wish to leave, but says that those remaining in the town or occupied territory longer than this period must obey all orders."

### HUNS MURDER SAILORS

Three British and Two French Sailors Killed When Ships Are Seized by Marines.

London, Dec. 12.—Lord's shipping agency announces that three members of the crew of the British steamer Britannia, a vessel of 1,480 tons, reported as believed to have been sunk, were killed and the captain of the steamer made prisoner.

Paris, Dec. 12.—The French steamer Sainte Philippine, 2,418 tons, has been sunk, according to a dispatch to the Havas agency from Havre. The dispatch adds that two of the crew were killed while the vessel was being shelled. The captain and five members of the crew have just arrived at Havre.

### OTTAWA SOLDIERS ADD TO LAURELS

Fourteen Officers Killed or Wounded During Attack on Trench

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Glory that will never fade, a tale of heroic self-sacrifice and devotion is unfolded in a letter from Major W. S. Wood to his wife, telling the brief but thrilling story of the fighting at Deser's Trench, in which one of Ottawa's famous battalions played such a part a few weeks ago.

Of the officers in charge when the battalion "went over the top" early in the morning of November 18, Major Wood was the only one to come through unharmed. The others, fourteen of them, were either killed or wounded, and he pays whole-hearted tribute to their bravery, which won for the battalion an honored place among the most famous of Canada's fighting units.

### RECIPROCITY ACT

Proposal to Repeal Measure Now on Statute Books of United States.

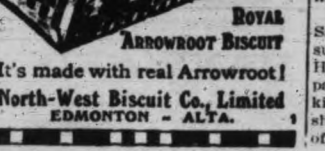
Washington, Dec. 12.—Repeal of the Canadian reciprocity act, which is on the statute books of the United States but was rejected by Canada, is sought in a bill introduced by Representative Sloan, of Nebraska, Republican, of the ways and means committee. At present, he pointed out, Canada may take advantage of it at any time and he argued that the act should be repealed, leaving the United States free to contemplate the commercial situation which will follow the war.

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Company \$125,000, upon which he was to receive 8 per cent. interest and 12 1/2 per cent. of the profits that might arise from the contract, taking as security a second mortgage on their properties.

The case was tried before the lord chief justice (Lord Reading), but the jury disagreed and the new trial had been set for the 17th of July.

As noted in the cable, the finding of the jury in the second trial was in favor of the plaintiff, and the bank then took the case to the court of appeal and obtained a unanimous judgment in its favor.

In Canadian banking circles the final decision has been watched for with special interest, as it was expected it would go a long way towards stabilizing the Westholme Lumber



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### IN THE OPEN.

The intrigue to detach Russia from the entente circle having failed and the peace kite launched by Hun sympathizers in the United States having fallen to earth a wreck, Germany is now in the open with negotiations for ending the war.

As is generally known Germany's Roumanian campaign was her bid for peace. Some weeks ago she announced her intention of opening negotiations as soon as she occupied Bucharest.

According to Washington reports, Germany is willing to evacuate France and Belgium as against the return of her lost colonies.

remain German provinces. Nothing is said about the Balkans, but the conditions are described by advices received in Washington as involving generally a reversal to the situation that existed before the war.

All this is cynically futile. It is as far apart from the terms required by the allies for their own security as the poles are from one another.

The effort to impress the allies with the idea that bridging from strength and not from weakness by pointing to Roumania is typically Prussian, as typical as the interpretation of the cabinet crisis as a sign of despair or the theory that the frightfulness of the last few months has made the public mind of the entente countries receptive to peace negotiations.

According to the German chancellor in the Reichstag the present offer is made merely out of recognition of Germany's "responsibility to God."

thors now discover that their "responsibility" to God bids them open peace negotiations! Why did they not make that discovery sooner?

The cloud of armed savagery never again must be permitted to lower over the international horizon, and that is why the allies will fight until the military domination of Prussia over the German people has been overturned.

### AMEND THE SCALE.

The scale of pensions adopted by the Canadian government runs from \$480 to \$2,700 per annum in cases of total disability.

The pension scale should make no distinctions between officers and men enlisted in Canada's army, for reasons which have frequently been canvassed in these columns.

When the Dutch speak of the outrages in Belgium, they do so with authority. They have seen with their own eyes what is taking place.

The Marina case has been cleared up. The fact has been established that Germany has violated her pledges to the United States.

We hope the Huns may not become too ebullient now the news that was to make glad their hearts before

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Germany wants peace because the German people want it. The German people want it because they are weary of the sacrifices the war exacts from them.

The Dutch have made a moving appeal to the Americans on behalf of enslaved Belgium. The petition contains a terrible arraignment of Hunnish methods.

Are we to understand that Tino also has joined Germany, Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria in their peace proposals?

The German chancellor paints a glowing picture of the military position of Germany. Undoubtedly it is all right so far, but as von Hindenburg once said, "it has no prospects."

The Kaiser will be satisfied now if he can dictate terms of peace from Bucharest, which is a long way from Paris or London.

### THE FUN OF FARMING.

In the old farming cycle the crop that brought the best prices one year was sure to be overplanted the next.

### PROPOSAL MADE TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE ALLIES

(Continued from page 1)

Kaiser's Message to Army: London, Dec. 12.—A Central News dispatch from Amsterdam says it is

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W. J. Piper returned from England last evening. Mr. Eves, a well known London photographer and artist, accompanied Mr. Piper to Victoria, and will remain permanently.

The mayor and board of aldermen will sit as a court of revision on the voters' list for the city on December 21.

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Went to Please Others.—The eatables which were left over at the Liberal social the other evening were dispatched at once to the Old Ladies Home and the Old Men's Home, as well as to the homes of two or three dependent families of soldiers where it was known the donation would be timely.

Case Again Adjourned.—The case of Camosun vs. Peart, et al. which was set down for trial before Mr. Justice Clement yesterday in the supreme court was adjourned since it was impossible for Mr. Green, who is appearing for Camosun, to appear. At a previous sitting of the court it was anticipated that probably the plaintiffs would not be ready to proceed.

Vancouver's Snowfall.—The heavy snowfall in Vancouver the other day revived here the vexed question of the beautiful which lay on the sidewalks. The owners of property are liable under penalty of fine to remove snow within twenty-four hours after it has fallen, but they seem to have been trusting to the rain coming along and making the task unnecessary.

Hillside Avenue Widening.—Owing to the appeal which has been lodged by F. A. McDermid on behalf of James Manton, George H. Kenys and Henry Young against the confirmation of the assessment for Hillside avenue, the city council last evening empowered the city solicitor to engage expert evidence to meet the appeal. As already explained there has been a previous successful effort to quash the assessment.

### HEALTH INQUIRY TO PROCEED NEXT WEEK

Necessary Resolution is Adopted by City Council at Monday's Meeting

The council last evening decided to hold the inquiry into the health department on Tuesday, December 19, as already suggested, the period of investigation to embrace the years 1912 to 1916 inclusive, and to conduct it under sections 47 and 48 by a select committee as required by the Municipal Act.

The matter went through quite amicably, only a few comments being made.

Alderman Peden denied that he or other aldermen had been afraid to post a motion, as had appeared to be the case from the mayor having taken the matter in hand.

Alderman Todd said that he hoped the council would not be unduly delayed by arguments of counsel in the inquiry.

The mayor recalled that Alderman Bell and himself had opposed the inquiry from the start.

Alderman Todd was for cleaning up the department.

Alderman Walker facetiously asked the solicitor what he would think of a judge who had his mind made up beforehand.

The solicitor: I think a judge who makes up his mind beforehand should not sit. (laughter.)

Alderman Bell observed they would note that the alderman had said "the information at present before him."

Alderman Fullerton wanted the period of the inquiry shortened, objecting to five years' examination of the department. If the period was not reduced, when it opened he should withdraw. He considered it illegal to deal with a subject which had been already before a committee, and he reminded them there had been a partial inquiry last year.

If the council was not prepared to go into the matter thoroughly, since they would not put the matter up to the health committee, the inquiry would be futile, in his judgment.

The motion was agreed to.

Alderman Fullerton voted in the negative, on the ground that the period of inquiry was too long.

The committee will be the seven members of council not in the health committee in recent years.

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Camosun Chapter Meets at 2:45. Wednesday afternoon.

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We remain,  
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Headmaster—J. C. Barnacle, B.Sc. (London University).  
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### NO PERSONAL JUDGMENT.

Court Refuses to Hold Mortgagee Liable Where He Has Assigned Interest.

In the case of Griffiths et al vs. Kenney et al, just decided in the supreme court in Vancouver, Mr. Justice Macdonald has held that a mortgagee's assigns cannot compel a mortgagor who has assigned his interests in the mortgaged property to a third party to personally pay the amount of the mortgage.

The defendant Kenney mortgaged certain realty to the Dominion Trust Co. on January 13, 1914, to secure \$12,000. Action was brought by plaintiffs against the Dominion Trust Co. in liquidation, and judgment was obtained declaring that the plaintiffs were entitled to the benefits of the mortgage and directing an assignment of it to them. After giving the mortgage, however, Kenney had quit-claimed to his co-defendant, the National Realty Co., the mortgaged property, subject to the mortgage.

The mortgage contained an acceleration clause and the plaintiffs in the latest action sought to obtain an accounting of the amount due them and personal judgment against Kenney, also foreclosure in default of payment. The action was sustained as to foreclosure, but as against Kenney personally it was dismissed, the court holding that it could not be sustained upon the covenant in the mortgage.

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Golden Loaf Bread Flour, makes excellent bread, 49-lb. sack, \$2.40	Juicy Lemons, per doz., 17c
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In the line-up for the various vehicles, the committee's report was referred to the legislative committee for attention.

Pays Long Overdue Bill.—The city of Vancouver is paying a bill of three years' standing to E. S. Knowlton for a rain gauge purchased from him. Since it was bought the gauge has been neatly fenced in at the Capilano intake and has registered the Terminal City's excessive rainfall, but the city has been dodging payment. The officials through whom the instrument was secured have left the service, and the city is able to save its face by claiming a series of misunderstandings as the reason for the failure to pay.

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Cash Buying Creates Thrift and Kirkhams Prove It

Don't fail to see our list of "Little Luxuries" for the boys at the front. It contains everything in Eatables and Smokes, and we can arrange for delivery cheaper and quicker than you.

- Red Seal Marmalade 25c
Pure Extracts, per bottle 23c, 35c
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Apple Cider 25c
Boiled Cider 35c
Pure Spices, tin 8c and 10c
Shredded Coconut 23c
Shelled Walnuts, (ready broken), per lb. 34c
Plum Puddings (Reception), each, 50c to 25c
Maraschino Cherries 35c
Almond Paste, ready for cake, per lb. 45c

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Red Seal Marmalade, regular 2 jars 25c. Special, 3 jars for 26c if delivered—Sold only with other goods.

- Finest Sultanas, lb. 14c, 15c and 17c
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Children's Boxed Charley Chaplin Handkerchiefs, box 25c
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Excellent Service. Moderate Prices. Lady Waiters.

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He Died as a Martyr, Not as a Sacrifice to a Plan of Salvation.
Why then has the doctrine of the Atonement so gripped the imagination of men? Why has it been the central idea of the Church? What is the really vital thing behind it all?
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AT THE THEATRES
ROYAL VICTORIA.
To Pathe goes the honor of being the first to release a motion picture adapted from a book by Rudyard Kipling. His immortal masterpiece, "The Light That Failed," has been produced under the direction of Edward Jose with Robert Edeson as the star. "The Light That Failed" is as famous as its author. The Pathe company is justly proud that Kipling gave it permission to film his masterpiece. Not only did he do that, but he actually wrote the subtitles for the production. This shows the interest he took in it and is a stamp of approval upon the photograph. In the cast supporting Robert Edeson, appear such well known players as Claude Fleming, Lillian Tucker and Jose Collins. "The Light That Failed" will be shown again to-night and Wednesday at the Royal Victoria.

FAVERSHAM AT DOMINION.
The engagement of William Faversham "In the Right of Way," which forms the attraction at the above theatre for the first part of this week will no doubt prove a popular and pleasing one. Faversham, one of England's foremost legitimate actors, has chosen "The Right of Way" for his first stage appearance. His choice is a wise one. He finds ample opportunity for the display of those rare histrionic gifts which have placed him at the head of his profession. His acting carries conviction at every turn. He is ably supported by Miss Jane Grey an actress who has charm of manner above the ordinary and a winsome personality. The supporting cast is also numerous and well suited to the different types contained in the story. William Faversham in this production is certain to duplicate his former stage successes. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday Albert Chevalier, the great English character actor, will be seen in one of his most notable plays, "The Middleman."

MYSTERY HOLDS SWAY
Hardeen is Feature of a Good Bill at the Pantages This Week.
Mystery looms large in a feature bill at the Pantages this week. The element of mystery is provided by Hardeen, the "King of Handcuff Kings," who has the knack of making the regulation police implements of restraint appear as mere toys. In fact handcuffs and legirons are hardly taken seriously by this tricky performer who would prove a constant source of worry and annoyance to the police authorities were he disposed to break the law. Locks were never made to hold Hardeen. A pair of ordinary handcuffs are but a simple problem, so that he demands that four or even more pairs be clamped around his wrists and then he proceeds to discard them in an exasperatingly easy manner. Another of his tricks is the shedding of a regulation straight-jacket without assistance in full view of the audience. Hardeen's most sensational feat, that of extricating himself from a water-filled, strongly-padded, can, borders on the miraculous.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL
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W. Bridge, of Richmond, is at the Dominion.
P. Glendinning, of Duncan, is at the Dominion.
W. B. Warren, of Portland, was in the city yesterday.
Mrs. Paula Morrison, of Seattle, is at the Dominion hotel.
W. H. Ford, of Montreal, is a guest at the Empress hotel.
D. W. Hodson, of Seattle, is a guest at the Strathcona hotel.
L. R. Wilson, of Calgary, is a guest at the Metropolis hotel.
James Fowler, of Seattle, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.
Mrs. H. Lea, of Jordan River, is staying at the Metropolis hotel.
C. Halverson, of Fort George, is staying at the Metropolis hotel.
Geo. A. Tilly, of Port Angeles, has registered at the Strathcona hotel.
Geo. S. Peyton, of New York, is registered at the Metropolis hotel.
T. M. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, of Armada, Alta., are at the Dominion.
H. V. Claridge and Mrs. Claridge, of Vancouver, are at the Dominion hotel.
C. Manuel and Mrs. Manuel, of San Francisco, are at the Dominion hotel.
C. A. Davies and J. C. Moreau, of Toronto, arrived in the city yesterday.
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Geo. E. Crump, of Fresno, Cal., registered at the Dominion hotel yesterday.
Mrs. L. T. Norie, of Cowichan Station, is staying at the Strathcona hotel.
J. L. Higgs is over from South Pender and is staying at the Dominion hotel.
J. C. Clausen, Mrs. Clausen and family, of Sooke, are guests of the Dominion hotel.
B. L. Robertson and H. Wolfe, of Vancouver, are guests at the Metropolis hotel.
J. S. Watson and E. H. Cudmore, of Vancouver, are new arrivals at the Dominion hotel.
Wm. Hill, Mrs. Hill and Miss M. E. Hill, of Calgary, are guests of the Dominion hotel.
William Pearce, of Calgary, was in the city yesterday, registered at the Empress hotel.
L. C. Ewan and Edward Cunningham, of Seattle, have arrived at the Empress hotel.
J. K. Lawrence and J. D. Taylor, of Calgary, are amongst yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion.
W. C. Hof and W. B. Anderson are among the Vancouver arrivals staying at the Strathcona hotel.
J. N. Davy, M. M. Forbes and J. C. Lee, Bapco salesmen, of Vancouver, are staying at the Dominion hotel.
A. E. Lightfoot and family, and Miss Ada Wells, of Wedeck, Sask., are visiting Victoria and are stopping at the Dominion hotel.
Mrs. N. A. Brown and Joseph Brown, of San Francisco, Cal., are visiting the coast cities and are staying at the Strathcona hotel.
Lester A. Dowdall, son of Augustus Dowdall, bgrmist, of Minneapolis, is registered at the Empress. He is a nephew, of R. P. Dowdall, of Royston, B. C.
George Sangster, who has been spending the summer on his big farm in southern Alberta, returned home yesterday afternoon and will be here for the winter.
Mr. Frank Wrigley, the eminent organist, who came from Vancouver to take part in the first day's musical services in connection with the mission which is taking place at First Presbyterian church, was the guest for the week-end of R. W. Mayhew, of Oak Bay.

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Articles at 75c
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Hand-made Celluloid Floating Dolls.
Hand-painted Celluloid Rattles.
Satin Armlets, in sky or pink.
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Wool Jackets or Caps.
Ivory Brush and Comb Sets.
Soft Shoes in white, pink or sky.
Articles at \$1.00
Celluloid Trays.
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Baby Record Books, with hand-painted silk covers.
Powder Puffs, in hand-painted satin cases.
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White, \$1.75; Natural, \$1.50 a Pair
Two-pearl button style, with pique stitching. These are in excellent quality and are good value at \$1.75 and \$1.50 a pair.
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mother; Eileen Dwyer, prince; Daisy White and Ruth Melville, two heralds; and the Misses Pottinger, C. Nairne, M. Corry, E. Dwyer, D. Melville, R. Melville, D. White, M. Turner, F. Turner and A. White.
The entertainment was primarily for the benefit of the orphanage children, but many of their friends were present, and contributed so liberally that a collection totalling \$60 was made in aid of the funds of the home. Beside the playette there was a musical, danced while Miss Phyllis Cross recited "In Grandma's Day," the children being pupils of Sir James Douglas school. There was a fan-drill by some of the children of Fernwood school, these having been trained by Miss O'Rourke and Miss Clarke. This also was very pretty. A youthful ventriloquist, Freddy Woods, added one or two numbers which were much applauded.
Among the officers of the ladies' committee who were present were the president, Mrs. McFavish; Mrs. McCulloch, the vice-president; Mrs. W. R. Higgins, treasurer; and Mrs. David Miller, secretary. At the close of the afternoon Mrs. Hancock called for three cheers for Mrs. White and Mrs. Dwyer, who had trained the players, and Mrs. White, responding for the ladies, called for a further three cheers for the matron of the institution.
There will be another entertainment at the orphanage in the near future in connection with the Christmas tree which is to be held on Friday, December 29, and for which the children are preparing a little programme of songs and recitations.

First Officer—Did you get that fellow's number? Second Officer—No; he was going too fast. First Officer—Say, that was a fine-looking dame in the car. Second Officer—Wasn't she!—Puck.
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Paint on Putnam's Corn Extractor to-night, and corns fall better in the morning. Magical the way "Putnam's" eases the pain, destroys the roots, kills a corn for all time. No pain. Cure guaranteed. Get a 25c. bottle of "Putnam's" Extractor to-day.

FARMING THE FOREST TO BEST ADVANTAGE

M. A. Grainger and Members of Staff Address Natural History Society

An interesting paper was read last night before the Natural History Society at the Assembly room of the Girls' Central school by M. A. Grainger, chief forester of British Columbia, his subject being "Growing Crops of Trees." Slides illustrating the subject of forestry were described by R. E. Benedict, assistant forester, and Acting Assistant Forester W. J. Van Dusen gave an outline of the course of studies which is usually followed in a four year term at a forestry school.

Mr. Grainger outlined the growth of the forestry idea, showing how it had developed, particularly in Germany, where the amount of money realized from thinning out the trees during the period of growth was about equal to the amount realized from the final cutting. It was found that methods which were useful in Germany were not useful here, and the result was the establishment of forestry schools on this continent for the purpose of studying conditions as they obtain here.

Protection From Fire. "What kind of forestry can be practiced nowadays in British Columbia?" asked the speaker.

"To begin with we can protect our forests from fire by persuading people to be more careful, by burning dangerous slash, and by well organized methods of fighting fires quickly when they do get started.

"Secondly, we can use fire for instance in order to give Douglas fir the best chance of growing up again; either getting loggers to do it themselves or making use of our forest protection fund for this purpose.

"Thirdly, we can study to discover other ways of helping the more valuable kinds of trees to grow up again after logging, instead of letting them be beaten by other trees.

"Fourthly, we can do our best to stop the tremendous waste of wood in over-ripe decaying forests, in logging operations and in sawing lumber, by finding every possible market for our B. C. woods. This waste is chiefly due to insufficient markets. Forests must not rot unused if no one wants the wood in them, loggers must waste a bit but the best timber if no one will pay them to take the rest; sawmills must burn or throw away a good portion of every log if it has no earthly value. Increase the markets for B. C. woods and you lessen the huge waste of B. C. timber. Government help in finding new markets for our lumber is thus true forestry. And within the next 15 years we shall see the coming of the great inevitable change that will give the west a far better chance to use more forests. The northern white pine states have been practically cut out; the big supply of lumber comes nowadays from the southern states; but the southern pine forests will begin to fall within 15 years from now, and then, more and more each year, the people of North America will depend upon the forests of the west. A quarter of a century hence, with a big population on the Canadian prairie, our B. C. forests will be used to their full capacity; many little wood-using industries will have come into existence here; the value of all wood will be increased because it can be used, and then, and not till then, forestry in the west will come into its own.

Fifthly, we can continue to do what we are doing at present, namely, sell timber from the public forests under cutting regulations which will help the new timber to grow up.

"Sixthly, there is the stock taking of our forest resources so that we may know the facts about the present timber crop and about the timber that is growing up to take its place. Land suited for agriculture must be located and separated from the areas that should be set aside for the perpetual growing of timber because they will not grow anything else.

"Seventhly, the development of British Columbia forestry will depend on technically trained men; and some means of training these men must be provided. At present our boys must go back East, or to the United States to get their training. The B. C. University—which provides training for mining and civil engineers, for agriculturists—will not, I hope, remain long without a forest school for training men to handle one of the biggest natural resources that any country has ever had."

So Much Waste. Discussing the waste that is occurring throughout British Columbia owing to the timber being over-ripe, Mr. Grainger said: "Once you get to the stage where there is not a yearly increase in the wood on any acre you are wasting the productive power of that acre. That is why these ripe and over-ripe forests of big timber ought to be cut off; because the land they stand on is idle. It is just acting as a timber storehouse, and in some cases, like Port Renfrew, the woods in the storehouse are spoiling. In British Columbia we figure that over half of the productive power of our forest land is being wasted in this way now. There is no market for the ripe lumber, and it can't be cut; and that's one reason why you see the forest service trying to get more markets for British Columbia lumber to be sold in."

Discussing the use of fire the speaker went on to say: "Douglas fir has a lot of seed; and crop after crop of seed falls among the decaying vegetable matter on the ground and lies stored up there for five or six years, able to grow if only given the chance. Now when the logger takes the big trees away and leaves the ground covered with limbs and broken slash, one of two things happen. Either you can set fire to that slash in the spring or fall at some time when the fire won't be too hot and burn up all the seeds and

soil; or you can leave the slash to dry out and catch fire some time or other in the hottest part of summer. Slash is always a big fire danger. Now one fire at the right time, going through Douglas fir slash does not destroy all the stored up seeds lying in the vegetable soil; it lets light in on the unburned seed, and helps them to get close to the mineral soil in which they can grow. Then up comes your new Douglas fir forest, whereas if you did not clear the ground by fire the odds are that the hemlock and berry bushes and sallow (which has been growing in the shade of the big fir trees the logger has cut down) will shade the ground and prevent the fir seeds from coming up.

"One fire is all right—they find one fire necessary for Douglas fir to grow again; but a second fire is the very devil; for it burns the young trees left in the soil by that time. Repeated fires make the ground completely barren as far as growing timber goes; and it will stay barren a very long time. So you see why efforts are made in the Douglas fir regions of the Pacific coast to get loggers to burn their slash each year. In Oregon this is compulsory by law, and they are trying to make it so in Washington. Here in British Columbia the loggers are becoming convinced that slash burning makes their logging safe."

RIGHTS OF VENDORS UNDER HIRE-PURCHASE

Evidence Heard in County Court Yesterday and Decision Reserved

A case involving the rights of people who sell goods on the hire-purchase system was tried yesterday before Judge Lammiman in the county court. This was the case in which Dora Goran, wife of George Goran, of Colquitz avenue, Saanich, sued the Singer Sewing Machine Company for trespass, assault and unlawfully retaining her property.

The evidence of the plaintiff was that Deputy Sheriff Robert Sangster, with D. Fuller, local manager for the Singer Sewing Machine Company, and a collector, went to the Goran home. The deputy sheriff explained the object of the visit, which was to collect the balance which was much overdue on a sewing machine which had been purchased several years previously, or if it was not paid, to take the machine away.

The amount due was between \$18 and \$19, and there had been already paid about \$40. Mrs. Goran said that she had not the money but thought she could borrow \$3 from a neighbor in order to make a payment if they would allow the machine to remain. Mr. Fuller was called in. He refused to allow the machine to remain unless the whole sum was paid, but he consented to keep it at his store and allow the Gorans to get it back within a reasonable time if they paid up the sum owing, together with the costs of the seizure, amounting to \$5.

Mrs. Goran Refuses. During the evening the retiring president, the president and other members of the association spoke. A resolution congratulating the premier on his appointment to office and pledging him the support of the Liberals of the ward was passed with unanimity.

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RECOUNT IN SLOCAN

No Change in Result on Civilian and Canadian Soldier Vote; Liberal Holds Seat.

Apparently the recount in Slocan has not made any difference in the result so far as it has gone. This is taking place before Judge Forin at Nelson, in the Kootenay county court.

Disputes from Nelson last night speak of counsel and judge being "mystified" by the difference in the official declaration of the election of Charles F. Nelson, Liberal candidate, by a majority of one, and the tally of the recount, which gives William Hunter, the late member, a majority of five, and yet no ballots which were counted before have been rejected.

The mystery is that anyone could be mystified, and it looks very much as if some correspondent at Nelson was in a fog or in ignorance of the facts. The court is in possession of the ballots cast in the riding on September 14 and those cast by soldiers in Canada. It is not yet in possession of the ballots cast overseas, these having arrived in the city only yesterday and being sent on during the afternoon.

The civilian vote gave Hunter 420 and Nelson 406, a majority of fourteen for the Bowser candidate. The soldiers in Canada gave Nelson 16 and Hunter

WARD ORGANIZATIONS APPOINT OFFICERS

Liberals of Wards I, II, and IV, Hold Annual Meetings

The inclemency of the weather last evening did not affect the attendance at the three annual meetings of Liberal ward organizations which were held in the rooms of the city association in the Arcade building. At each there was an excellent turnout of members, and the interest manifested in the proceedings augured well for the continued activity of the organizations throughout the year.

Ward I. At the annual meeting of Ward I. association President Charles F. Banfield was in the chair, and referred to the great amount of work which had fallen upon the Liberals of the ward, in common with the others, during the year, work which had been cheerfully done and which had been crowned with the victory which was the reward of right and justice. Mr. Banfield thanked the host of workers who gave their services voluntarily during the campaigns of the year and whose energy had resulted in the rolling up of a large vote in Ward I.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Honorary president—Hon. H. C. Brewster, President—Charles F. Banfield (elected by acclamation), First vice-president—Donald McLennan, Second vice-president—James Sloan, Secretary—Charles Cousins, Treasurer—Joshua Smith, Executive committee—Wm. Minty, James Pilgrim, James Mann, George Creed, George Barnes, S. H. Cullum, John McLennan, Fred Smith, Henry S. Brennan and Francis Hinds.

A resolution was adopted unanimously congratulating Hon. H. C. Brewster on his becoming premier and voicing public satisfaction with his cabinet.

Henry C. Hall, M. P. P., addressed the members on lines of work which will probably be undertaken during the winter months.

Ward II. There was a large muster at the meeting of Ward II. association, at which Robert Dinsdale, the retiring president, was in the chair at the outset. Mr. Dinsdale spoke appreciatively of the splendid work done by the members in the recent campaign.

The election of officers resulted in the following being chosen: Honorary president—Hon. H. C. Brewster, President—William H. Handley, First vice-president—Fred M. McGreggor, Second vice-president—Geo. Leonard, Secretary—James Dakers, Treasurer—Lorne C. Maloof, Executive committee—Robert Battison, J. McFattie, A. McGregor, C. Hill, Robert Dinsdale, Fred White, Len Cousins, J. A. Vaughan, W. McK. Ivel and Robert Russell.

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COMMISSIONER GOES SOUTH TO LECTURE

Will Speak to Passenger Association at Tacoma This Week

This afternoon H. Cuthbert, publicity commissioner for the city of Victoria and secretary of the Northwest Tourist Association, which includes the states of Washington and Oregon as well as British Columbia left on a factoring tour of the states directly to the south. He will first go to Tacoma, where he will meet the Northwest Passenger Association, which includes all the railway and steamship agents doing business in the Northwest. This lecture will also be open to the citizens of Tacoma.

Mr. Cuthbert states that as a result of the recent ruling of the Interstate Commerce Commission doing away with the extra charge of \$17.50 on passengers returning east by another route than the one on which they came west, it will now be possible for passengers to go direct to California and then come northward and return by one of the northern lines. This will give them an opportunity to see British Columbia, which they will do if efforts are made to induce them to come here.

As many thousands of people make the tour annually, and as a result of advertising, this number is constantly increasing, it is necessary to put up a vigorous campaign to attract passengers to the Northwest.

In view of the situation the importance of the work of the newly-organized tourist association, on the executive of which are Joshua Kingham, A. E. Todd and J. L. Beckwith and himself, must be recognized. The three first-mentioned gentlemen give their services free of cost, pay their own fares to Seattle to attend the meetings, and look after the interests of Vancouver Island well.

Mr. Cuthbert will be away some little time and will exhibit a number of beautiful slides of Vancouver Island scenes.

BOARD OF TRADE

Preparations Being Made for General Meeting on Thursday Next.

A special invitation is being extended to the minister of railways to attend the general meeting of the Board of Trade on Thursday next, when the question of the development of the Songhees reserve will be discussed at length. The whole afternoon will be devoted to the subject which is one of vital interest to the people of Victoria. It is expected that the city members and the minister of public works will be present at the meeting, and that there will be an unusually large attendance of members of the board.

GILLETTS LYE EATS DIRT LYE MADE IN CANADA

7, thus reducing the latter's majority to five, the figure mentioned in the dispatch as that found for him on the recount. The soldiers in the Old Country and France gave Nelson a majority of six, 26 for him to 20 for Hunter, which places him one in the lead.

DR. GOWAN LECTURING

Sir Rabindranath Tagore's "King of the Dark Chamber," to be Subject of Address.

Dr. Gowán, one of the best known lecturers of the Pacific coast, will speak of the University Women's Club at their next meeting on Friday evening at the provincial library, Government buildings. His lecture will be on Rabindranath Tagore's "King of the Dark Chamber."

It is within the last two months that the great Indian poet and philosopher passed through Victoria on his way from the Far East to the United States, where he is at present lecturing. Although only known to the West for a comparatively short time, Sir Rabindranath has occupied a high place among the poets of his own land for more than a quarter of a century. He comes of a noble Bengal family, being grandson of Prince Dwarka Nath Tagore. He was educated privately. At the age of twenty-four he was sent to his country to superintend his father's estates, already, however, having gone deeply into the studies which show their impress in his writings. He founded a school in Shantiniketan, Bolpur, Bengal, when he was forty years of age, and in 1912, when he visited England, he undertook the translation of several of his books, the following year being awarded the Nobel prize for idealistic literature. "The King of the Dark Chamber" is one of the best-known of his English writings, and the subject handled by one who is himself so great a student of philosophic literature, poetry and the drama as Dr. Cowan should be of rare interest.

Anyone interested in the lecture may obtain a card of invitation by applying to the president of the Women's University Club, Miss Burris, "Rocabella."

MILITARY CROSS RECEIVED BY PARENTS

The Military Cross, which was awarded after his death to the late Lieut. Shirley Duncan Ellis, has been received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ellis, of Government street. The decoration was forwarded by the agent general for British Columbia in London; it having been received by him from the war office.

Lieut. Ellis, who was killed in action March 19, of this year, was the first native born Victorian to be awarded the honor. He was with the 173rd Co., Royal Engineers, at the time he distinguished himself, and lost his life.

A letter written by Sergt. E. Grey tells of his work in the following words: "I have the honor to bring to your notice the work of 2nd Lieut. Ellis, 173rd Company, R. E., on March 12 and 13. As soon as word reached Mr. Ellis that 20 of his men were entombed he at once rushed to the scene. He worked very diligently under heavy shell fire, which became so intense that he had to cease work till night. He recommenced work at 6.30 o'clock on the night of the 12th, and Mr. Ellis worked with the men till between 2 and 3 o'clock on the morning of the 13th, under probably the heaviest shell fire I have known. During this time I lost one officer and had several men wounded. Mr. Ellis worked until almost exhausted, and was ordered for a rest by our senior officer. When it became known that the men were being released about 6.30 a.m. he at once went down the mine, and with the assistance of a non-commissioned officer got the whole of the men who were alive to the surface. He also searched the mine and took particulars of the dead who were left behind until night time. On being brought to the surface, Mr. Ellis collapsed, and had to be assisted to his dugout under shell and machine gun fire. His diligence, manner and example acted as a great incentive to his men."

KILLED IN ACTION

Cpl. A. F. Shaw, Native of Victoria, Makes Supreme Sacrifice.

On November 19 Cpl. A. F. Shaw, son of Major Shaw, of the Morrissey internment camp, was killed in action in France. He was born in Victoria 20 years ago and was educated at the local high school after spending a good deal of his boyhood days at Greenwood. In August of last year he joined the 54th Kootenay Battalion and went overseas with that unit. Cpl. Shaw's forefathers for many generations past have been soldiers and many of them have held important commands. His only brother, Norman E. Shaw, is with the 196th Battalion now in England.

Frederic C. E. Oliver, of Oak Bay, is reported to be suffering from bronchitis at the No. 1 Canadian Stationary hospital. He left here with a draft for the 1st Canadian Pioneers in August, 1915, and had been in the trenches seven months. His wife and three children lived at Redfern street. He was employed before enlisting with the firm of Oliver & Townsend, of Oak Bay.

NORTHERN PACIFIC ASSISTS RED CROSS

Handsome 20-Lb. Christmas Cake Presented Through Local Agent

A big Christmas cake emblazoned with the arms of British Columbia surmounted by a Red Cross and bearing other symbols which are less familiar is attracting considerable attention to the Williams Drug Store windows, where it is displayed. This cake is the special gift of the dining-car department of the Northern Pacific Railway Company to the Victoria Red Cross Society, and will be raffled in aid of the funds of the organization. The drawing for this prize, which is sure to be much coveted, will take place some time before Christmas, in order that it may grace some table on the festive occasion, and tickets are procurable at Williams's Drug Store, where this sample of American confectionery is on exhibition.

A few weeks ago an "Allied Bazaar" was held in Seattle under the auspices of the British-American Relief Association, at which time the Northern Pacific very generously contributed a similar cake for the benefit of funds which were to be devoted to the relief of widows and orphans of the Allied soldiers. Through the instrumentality of E. E. Blackwood, agent in Victoria for the Northern Pacific Railway Company, the dining car department was moved to present to the local Red Cross a duplicate of the artistic creation given on that occasion. The cake bears the following inscription:

Benefit Red Cross Fund Compliments of Northern Pacific Railway Dining Car Department "Route of the Great Big Baked Potato."

Below, and to the right and left of the provincial coat of arms, is a potato in bas-relief (chocolate) and the N. P. trade mark, viz. a red and black disc. The lettering in the inscription is in gold.

The cake weighs 20 lbs., was made at the Northern Pacific Co.'s own bakery at Seattle, and contains the regulation (and specially selected) Christmas cake materials according to approved formula. The fresh eggs and butter used in its manufacture "are from the company's own poultry and dairy farms." The gift is very much appreciated by the Red Cross.

ROYAL VICTORIA

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday Evenings December 25, 26, 27, 29, 30

And Matinee at 2.30 Thursday, December 27

All the profits from the production will be equally divided between the Canadian and French Red Cross Societies.

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RAPID PROMOTION Hon. Angus McDonnell Becomes Colonel After Year of Service. Cpl. Angus McDonnell, one of the partners in the firm of Messrs. Grant Smith & Co. and McDonnell, Ltd. of this city, has been appointed acting director of railway troops in France under Col. J. W. Stewart, who is director. He joined the forces here over a year ago and attended the officers' training course at Work Point. Going to England he was given a commission with the Coldstream Guards and later transferred to a corps in France, where he has been serving for several months. Col. McDonnell, who is a son of the Countess of Antrim, came to Canada several years ago and has been engaged in the railway contracting business for a number of years, notably on the construction work of the C. P. R. branch lines, to Albern and other places.

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CHANGES PENDING
IN O.S.K. SERVICE
Panama Returns to This Route and Tacoma Will Be Withdrawn
The liner Panama Maru will permanently replace the Tacoma Maru in the Osaka Shosha Katsusha service between Hongkong and Victoria as indicated from advices received from the Orient by R. P. Rithet & Co., local agents of the line.

OLSEN MOTORSHIP
ON MAIDEN VOYAGE
George Washington En Route From Kirkwall to North Pacific Ports
According to cable advices received here the new Norwegian motorship George Washington sailed from Kirkwall December 8, bound from Copenhagen and Christiania for North Pacific ports by way of the Panama canal.

WIRELESS REPORTS
Dec. 12, 8 a.m.
Point Grey—Rain; S. E. light; 29.35; 34; thick
Cape Lazo—Rain; calm; 29.22; 38; sea smooth. Spoke str Princess Maquina, 7.55 a.m., leaving Campbell River, southbound.
Pachena—Cloudy; S. E.; 29.29; 44; light swell.
Estevan—Rain; calm; 29.09; 42; sea smooth.
Alert Bay—Overcast; S. E.; 29.09; 33; sea smooth.
Triangle—Overcast; N. E.; 29.29; 40; light swell. Spoke str Turret Crown, 7.20 p.m., off Egg Island, northbound.
Dead Tree Point—Overcast; calm; 29.24; 29; sea smooth.
Ikeda Bay—Cloudy; N. E.; 29.10; 31; sea moderate.
Prince Rupert—Cloudy; W. light; 29.25; sea smooth. Spoke str Chicago, 8 a.m., left Ketchikan 4 a.m., southbound.
Noon.
Point Grey—Overcast; S. E. light; 29.21; 35; sea smooth.
Cape Lazo—Overcast; calm; 29.21; 39; sea smooth.
Pachena—Cloudy; S. E.; 29.29; 45; light swell. Spoke str Tees abeam, northbound.
Estevan—Cloudy; calm; 29.09; 33; sea smooth.
Alert Bay—Overcast; calm; 29.04; 34; sea smooth. Spoke str Prince Rupert abeam, 10 a.m., northbound.
Triangle—Cloudy; N. E.; 29.22; 40; sea moderate. Spoke str Turret Crown, 11.10 a.m., Millbank Sound, northbound.
Dead Tree Point—Cloudy; calm; 29.22; 40; sea smooth.
Ikeda Bay—Cloudy; N. E. light; 29.11; 33; sea smooth.
Prince Rupert—Cloudy; W. 29.21; 37; sea smooth.
Hudson's Bay "Imperial" Lager Beer, quart, 5 for 60c.

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NORWEGIAN STEAMER NIELS NIELSEN
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NIELSEN-CHARTERED BY ANDREW WEIR
Sister Ship to Niels Nielsen Taken at 35 Shillings for Six Months
Seattle, Dec. 12.—The steamship Hanna Nielsen, the second vessel built by the Skinner & Eddy Corporation, has been chartered by Andrew Weir & Co., of London, for a period of six months, according to the announcement made by A. M. Gillespie, northwestern representative of B. Stolt Nielsen, the A. O. Andersen Company and Andrew Weir & Co. Along with the announcement of the chartering of the Hanna Nielsen came the further statement that Andrew Weir & Co. also have chartered the Capto and the Talbot, now building at the Union Iron Works in San Francisco.

TIDE TABLE
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JAPANESE SHIP IN
Under charter to Frank Waterhouse & Co., the Japanese freighter Salkai Maru passed up to Vancouver this forenoon from the Orient.
ATLANTIC ARRIVALS
The C. P. O. S. liner Corinthian docked at St. John, on December 8, and the Scandinavian, of the same fleet, berthed at the same port the following day.
SUNRISE AND SUNSET
Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific standard time) at Victoria, B. C., for the month of December, 1916.

NIELSEN-CHARTERED BY ANDREW WEIR
Sister Ship to Niels Nielsen Taken at 35 Shillings for Six Months

OLSEN MOTORSHIP ON MAIDEN VOYAGE
MERITED PROMOTION FOR C.P.R. OFFICIAL
W. S. Stewart, Assistant Ticket Agent, Appointed to New Position at Vancouver

CHRISTMAS SAILINGS
The C. P. R. announces that the steamer Princess Beatrice will sail from Vancouver at 11 p.m., December 13 and at 8 a.m., December 29 for Powell River, Campbell River, Quathiashel, Alert Bay, Soanina, Port Hardy, Namu and Ocean Falls, touching at these ports on both the northbound and southbound trips, to handle the Christmas traffic between these points and Vancouver. After the holidays the regular schedule will be resumed.

LEON THIS WEEK-END.
The Harrison Direct Line freighter, Crown of Leon, is expected to leave San Francisco to-day for Victoria and Vancouver to discharge the remainder of her cargo brought out from Glasgow and Liverpool. No information has been received by the local agents regarding her movements but she is looked for here at the end of the week.

PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO.
A DELIGHTFUL SEA TRIP
The Only Through Ocean Route to SAN FRANCISCO
LOS ANGELES AND SAN DIEGO
Leave Victoria on Fridays at 5 p.m., S.S. President or Governor, and from Seattle Dec. 16, 11 a.m., Dec. 18, 4 p.m., steamers Queen or Admiral Selby.

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The Holiday Season is almost at hand. Have you arranged to use the TRANSCONTINENTAL SERVICE of the GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC RAILWAY
Through Central British Columbia on your proposed trip home for the festive season? An ideal winter as well as summer route. IT COSTS NO MORE and includes meals and berth on our large and comfortable steamships to Prince Rupert.

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S.S. "VENTURE" leaves Vancouver every Friday at 9 p.m. for PRINCE RUPERT and ANTOX, calling at Campbell River, Alert Bay, Namu, Ocean Falls, Bella Bella, Hartley Bay, Oceanic and Inverness Cannery, Port Simpson, Neas River and Anox.
S.S. "PRINCE JOHN" leaves Vancouver fortnightly for Prince Rupert, Queen Charlotte Islands, Port Simpson, Anox and Stewart.



# SPORTING NEWS

## TWO HOME GAMES FOR SEATTLE TEAM

Metropolitans Will Meet Millionaires at Sound City This Evening

Games This Week.  
To-day—Vancouver Millionaires vs. Seattle Metropolitans at Seattle; Portland Uncle Sams vs. Spokane Canaries at Spokane.  
Friday—Spokane Canaries vs. Seattle Metropolitans at Seattle.  
Saturday—Portland Uncle Sams vs. Vancouver Millionaires at Vancouver.  
Standing of the Clubs.  
Won. Lost. Pct.  
Millionaires ..... 2 1 .667  
Canaries ..... 3 1 .750  
Metropolitans ..... 1 2 .333  
Uncle Sams ..... 1 2 .333

Frank Patrick and his Vancouver Millionaires, of the Northwest Ice Hockey League, make their initial appearance in Seattle to-night, when Pete Muldoon's Metropolitans will tangle with the British Columbia skaters in what promises one of the hardest-fought contests ever played at the Seattle ice rink.  
The "Mets" stacked up against Patrick's plutocratic aggregation over a week ago, and at that time they played on the stickiest ice at the Vancouver arena, which handicapped the speed of Muldoon's men, who are lighter and speedier than the Vancouver club. With the hard surface of the local arena in their favor, the Seattle players confidently expect to reverse the verdict scored over them at the previous meeting, and Muldoon has had the boys working out nicely during the past few days.

Have Heavy Team.  
The Vancouver Millionaires comprise a team averaging approximately 175 pounds, whereas Carpenter, Seattle's heavyweight, tips the beam at about 170. Despite the heavy men on the club, Vancouver possesses two of the league's stellar attractions in the playing line. "Doc" Roberts, of the Vancouver team, is the leading goal-kicker of the league at the present time, and clinched his hold on that place for a while at least by putting four goals in the game against Spokane last Saturday.  
Another Vancouver star is "Cyclone" Taylor, probably the most spectacular hockey player of the country. Taylor is independent of hockey as a means of livelihood, and plays the game for the pure love of the sport. He is one of the speediest men in the business and handles himself on skates so marvelously that he becomes the idol of all hockey enthusiasts, even though their allegiance be with the opposing team.  
Griffith, the Vancouver defenseman, is another hockey star. He has the distinction of having been a member of two Stanley cup winners in former years, and is one of the very few players who remained away from the sport for a number of years, and then staged a comeback.

Vancouver proved a most popular club last season, and promises to do equally as well this season. After meeting the Metropolitans Tuesday night, the Millionaires return home to back up with the Portland team on Saturday night. Portland is scheduled at Spokane to-night, and the Canaries will then go to Seattle to meet the Metropolitans on Friday.

## FULTZ SAYS, MINOR LEAGUES WILL STRIKE

New York, Dec. 12.—The most important business before the International League, which was in session here yesterday, was the adoption of the double schedule, which calls for a season of 112 games, ending Aug. 5, and a forty-eight game series with the American Association.  
The International faces the possibility of a strike of the minor league players. According to President Fultz, of the players' fraternity, the minor leaguers will refuse to sign their contracts next spring unless demands for traveling expenses and for the elimination of the objectionable disability clause are granted.

## WINNIPEG WILL FORM SEVERAL LEAGUES

January 4 is Fixed as Date for First Hockey Match in Patriotic Series

Amateur hockey will boom in Winnipeg this season notwithstanding the absence at the front of many well-known stars. Three leagues, all of which will be given senior rating, have been organized. The Patriotic League will be composed of the Victorias, Monarchs and 22nd Battalion of Portage la Prairie, composed of former Falcon players. The military league, just formed, will be composed of five city battalions and one from Brandon. The Winnipeg and District League is the latest to organize as a result of the Transcona and Union Canadiens teams being refused admission to the Patriotic League. This organization is looking for a third team to complete the league.  
The first game in the Patriotic League series will be Victoria against the 22nd Battalion on January 4. All games in this league will be played at the amphitheatre.

## ATHLETIC BILL WILL AID BOXING GAME

Amendment Will Be Introduced into Nebraska Legislature at Next Session

Gene Melady, well-known sportsman, is hard at work on his proposed amendment for an athletic bill in Nebraska, which he intends to have introduced at the coming session of the legislature. It will be one of the most attractive boxing bills in existence in this country, and sportsmen consider it the most progressive and protective to the welfare and interests of the public and clean sport that could possibly be arranged.  
The bill will call for fifteen-round decision contests, positively no guarantee for the boxers, under commission-form, legalized, bonded clubs, physicians' certificate, no gambling and 5 per cent of the gross receipts to go to the state for its tuberculosis fund, under the supervision of a commission appointed by the government without compensation for service. It will be no expense to the state, and will make a good revenue for a deserving and worthy cause.  
Such a bill will eliminate the unsatisfactory conditions that exist in some states where boxing is legalized. Melady claims that the no-decision contest is unsatisfactory from a public standpoint and that the exorbitant guarantees the boxers ask is another poor condition. If performers are compelled to work on a winner or loser end, percentage basis, and draw according to their merits and ability, it will be more to the credit of the game and satisfactory to the public.  
Melady is out to give Nebraska clean sports, and so far has proved he is capable of making good. The bill he proposes will be one of the best things that have happened to sports in Nebraska, and although many hope that boxing will never become a feature of the sports of Nebraska, others hope that as long as matches are staged they will be under the propositions made by Melady.

### P. C. H. A. RESULTS.

Team	Pld.	W.	L.	F.	Ast.	Pct.	Play
Vancouver	3	2	1	19	14	.667	21
Spokane	3	2	1	17	17	.567	21
Seattle	3	1	2	8	14	.333	21
Portland	3	1	2	12	11	.333	21
Totals	6	6	56	46	33		

"Demand Phoenix Stout. Home product."

### RED SOX MAY GO TO EUROPE AFTER WAR

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Hugh Ward, who with Harry Frazee has purchased the Boston club of the American league, and will come into formal possession on December 14, is planning to give Europe some major league baseball as soon as the war ends.  
"My plan is to send a couple of baseball teams over as soon as the league season here closes," Mr. Ward said to-day.  
"As for the expense, it will cost less than to send a team from New York to San Francisco. I don't see why the Red Sox and some other team should not go over to Europe next fall if the war is over by that time."

## FAVOR ENGLISH GAME IN SUNNY SOUTH

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 12.—An effort will be made at the State High School Principals' convention, to be held at Riverside, December 27 to 29, to commit the delegates to rugby football as preferable to the American game in the high schools of California, according to information obtained by Will C. Wood, state commissioner of secondary schools. Wood says if there is a decision one way or the other it probably will be in favor of rugby, which is favored by many principals as being less dangerous and more open as to play than American football.

## DUNDEE MAY MEET CHAMPION THIS WEEK

Dispatches from New York indicate that preparations are being made to bring Freddie Welsh, world's lightweight champion, and Johnny Dundee together in a ten-round bout this week, probably Thursday night. Harry Polak states that if the arrangements can be made for Madison Square Garden, the bout will take place according to schedule. The promoters are trying to get the necessary permission.

## AUSTRALIA IS ON BOXING MAP AGAIN

Prominence of Les Darcy Brings His Country into Foreground Once More

The brilliant record of Les Darcy, the 21-year-old middleweight, has shoved Australia back in the spotlight of the world's boxing affairs, says a writer in the Police Gazette.  
Now that Darcy has established himself as a world beater, the folks "down under" have another name to add to their already long list of boxing notables, which comprises about as clever a lot of battlers as ever pulled on a boxing glove. The best of the Kangaroo boxers, from Peter Jackson, the heavyweight, down to Young Griffo, featherweight, fought many battles in this country, and veteran followers of the "ring" will ever remember the brilliant bouts staged by the Antipodeans.  
There was Jackson, the ebony-hued gladiator, of whom it was said he could defeat any heavyweight in the world. And only a little way behind the big negro were Frank Slavin and Joe Goddard, also hailing from Australia.  
The middleweight division was represented by Bob Fitzsimmons, Jim Hall and Dan Creedon. Fitzsimmons, after cleaning up all the middleweights, went out of his weight division and defeated Jim Corbett for the heavyweight crown. While Hall and Creedon didn't measure up to Fitz as a fighter, both carried the goods and held long records of corking good clashes.  
Tom Tracy, George Dawson and Jim Burgess were the best of the Australian welters. Heading the featherweight division was Young Griffo, often proclaimed the cleverest boxer the world has ever known. Whether or not he was entitled to this distinction, it is indisputable that Griffo had it on all the other featherweights of his day. Had he refrained from playing the "bright lights" he would have become king of both the feather and lightweight.

Other Kangaroo boxers who won praise for their sterling ability as battlers in this country were: Tom Leeds, Billy McCarthy, Billy Smith, Arthur Walker, Tom Williams, Tim Heagerty, Otto Griggs, Billy Murphy and Hook Keyes.  
With the passing of Fitzsimmons and Young Griffo Australia dropped out of the big league of champion boxers. An attempt as a "come-back" was made when they sent over Bill Squigg after he had made quite a reputation as a knockout artist at home, but Bill floundered his first time out over here when he took the count at the hands of Tommy Burns in one round.

Darcy is a native of Australia, and has just passed his 21st year. Up to two years ago he was apprenticed as a blacksmith. He made his ring debut in 1912 when he stopped Dave Depens in nine rounds. Later in the same year he scored his first knockout, Jimmy Burns being his victim. The past three years Darcy has been putting his own away about as fast as they faced him. Among the most prominent of his victims have been Jimmy Clabby, Eddie McGearty, Frank Loughrey, Gus Christie, Fritz Holland, Jeff Smith, George Brown, Buck Grouse and George Chip.

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TACOMA MOTOR RACES.  
Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 12.—Despite a deficit of approximately \$8,000 entailed in the holding of motor car races at Tacoma last year, the Tacoma Speedway Association at its annual meeting last week unanimously decided to continue the sport, and to hold the big race of the season on July 4 next.

## BASEBALL ORGANIZATION

International League Meeting Opened To-day at New York.

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## SEATTLE AMATEURS SHINE AT HOCKEY

It isn't so much the style of playing that has made the Seattle Amateur Hockey League one of Seattle's most popular athletic organizations in that city, as it is the fighting spirit that prevails at all of the games. While there is not the class shown in the amateur games that there is in the professional battles, every contest played so far has been bitterly fought and the crowds have been furnished with plenty of excitement.  
The Auto Hockey Club is now leading in the race for the city championship honors with the Knights of Columbus pressing them hard.  
The next set of games in the series will be played at the Arena Tuesday, December 19, when the Elks meet the University of Washington and the Knights of Columbus tangle with the Bankers.

## ANOTHER RUGBY MATCH ARRANGED

Mr. Davies, of the V. I. A. A., announced this morning that the second rugby game between the Bantam rugby team and the V. I. A. A. will take place on Saturday, December 16, at the Hayward avenue grounds, at 2:30 o'clock. Last week's match, which resulted in a draw, was one of the best rugby contests that has been witnessed in Victoria since the visit several years ago of the famous Australian team, and fans who turn out to this excellent game are assured of seeing some excellent play.  
A practice for the V. I. A. A. will be held to-night in the club rooms at Victoria West, at which a full attendance of the players is requested.

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**The WEATHER**  
Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 12.—3 a. m.—Although the barometer is abnormally high, heavy rains have occurred both here and on the Lower Mainland, and cold weather is reported on the northern coast, while in Cariboo and parts of Kootenay average temperatures prevail. In the prairie provinces the temperatures range from 15 to 20 below zero, and in the southern states sharp frosts are again general.

**Forecasts.**  
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday. Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, unsettled with rain, followed by colder weather.  
Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, unsettled, with sleet or rain, followed by colder weather.

**Reports.**  
Victoria—Barometer, 30.54; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 28; wind, 4 miles N. E.; rain, 1.17; weather, raining.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.34; temperature, maximum yesterday, 35; minimum, 26; wind, calm; rain, .78; weather, raining.  
Kamloops—Barometer, 30.30; temperature, maximum yesterday, 30; minimum, 14; wind, calm; snow, .34; weather, cloudy.  
Barkerville—Barometer, 30.40; temperature, maximum yesterday, 30; minimum, 10; wind, calm; snow, .19; weather, clear.  
Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.38; temperature, maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 22; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, clear.  
Tatoochee—Barometer, 30.28; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 42; wind, 4 miles N. E.; rain, 1.17; weather, raining.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.44; temperature, maximum yesterday, 47; minimum, 40; wind, 6 miles N. W.; rain, .34; weather, raining.  
Seattle—Barometer, 30.34; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 40; wind, 6 miles S. E.; rain, .58; weather, raining.  
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.36; temperature, maximum yesterday, 58; minimum, 44; wind, N.; weather, clear.

**Temperature.**

Place	Max.	Min.
Nanaimo (Entrance Is.)	42	30
Grand Forks	24	12
Panorama	29	17
Cranbrook	29	17
Nelson	27	15
Prince George	29	17
Calgary	26	14
Edmonton	19	10
Qu'Appelle	4	-10
Winnipeg	22	10
Toronto	26	14
Ottawa	26	14
Montreal	24	12
St. John	32	20
Halifax	33	21

Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Monday.  
**Temperature.**  
Highest ..... 49  
Lowest ..... 37  
Average ..... 38  
Minimum on grass ..... 25  
Rain, .43 inch.  
General state of weather, rainy.

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS START BASKETBALL

A meeting of the Sunday School Athletic League was held last night, at which it was decided to close the entries for the intermediate and ladies' basketball on December 22. Any Sunday schools desiring to have teams entered in either of these leagues should notify Mr. E. J. Hopkins, the league secretary, 1262 Pandora avenue, on or before that date. The entry fee has been set at \$5. The intermediate and ladies' leagues will be started the first week in January, while the seniors will not commence schedule games until later in the season.

"Foghorn" McDonald, known a few years ago to every prospector and miner in the Cobalt and Porcupine regions, is doing his "bit" at the front. McDonald was christened Neil Roderick, but for a generation he has been known as "Foghorn" on account of his deep, sepulchral voice. Foghorn has mined from Mexico to the Klondike, has tramped every trail known to a mining engineer or prospector, has roughed it to an extent that would undervalue the strength of the ordinary man, but despite his anti-three years is as hale and hearty, and as frisky as a two-year-old. He enlisted a year or two ago as a private, but won promotion. In the old days when trenches were close together, Foghorn's far from melodious voice used to be a cause of consternation to the Germans, which with his continual activity in setting off mines made him the Germans' pet aversion. Foghorn is now a transport officer, and can get munitions up to the front line no matter how dark the night or how bad the roads. Everybody knows him and everybody likes him.—Montreal Journal of Commerce.

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SEE FINE STOCK of used machines. The Bargain House, 1609 Douglas St. d12

LOST—Or delivered to wrong address, a purple velvet skirt. Please Phone 308, or address Mrs. Duce, 325 Sayward Building. d12

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COOK, experienced, wants work in boarding house or restaurant. Box 559, Times. d12

GENERAL MAID wants place; no washing. Box 84. Times. d12

C. P. COX, piano tuner, Graduate of School for Blind, Halifax, 159 South Tigner street. Phone 1212L. d12

REAL ESTATE AGENTS, please take notice that northern portion of lots 1429 and 1460 is taken off the market. Owner. d12

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## RAILWAY TRAINMEN GET PROMPT RULING

### Employees of P. G. E. Must Receive Current Wages; Minister of Railways Acts

One of the legacies which was left by the outgoing government for their successors was the reference for settlement of a dispute between the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company and its operating forces on that portion of the line which is in operation, from Squamish to Clinton.

The trouble is an old-standing one, for such a new road, going back practically for eighteen months to the time when trains first began to run over the road from Squamish, and it has been before the old government for several months. Apparently the government did not wish to offend their friends, the promoters of the P. G. E., by any ruling which would mean that it would have to pay its men more, and at the same time, with an election somewhere in sight, it did not dare to rule against the men for fear of a loss of votes.

Hon. Mr. Oliver, had no hesitation, when he came into office and found the matter awaiting attention, in arriving at an opinion on it and making a ruling. This ruling he submitted to the executive at his sitting yesterday, and his colleagues approved of it.

Details of Dispute.

The complaint of the men was that they were receiving less than the current rates of wages for the several positions which they fill, and they appealed to the minister of railways for a certificate setting forth what the current rates were. The company claimed that there are no current rates of wages in the district where its line runs, it being the only line built, and that the wages it pays are fair and reasonable.

In the fair wage section of the Railway Act of British Columbia it is enacted that every employee, mechanic and laborer on the railway on undertaking of a railway company "shall be paid such wages as are generally accepted as current for similar occupation in the district in which the service is being performed," or a fair and reasonable wage if there is no current rates. In the event of a dispute it has to be settled by the minister, whose certificate is final and binding upon all and must be conformable to and obeyed by the company and all its employees.

The decision of Hon. Mr. Oliver, with the fairness and logic of which everyone must at once agree, is that there is a standard or current rate of wages in existence in this province for trainmen and other railway operative employees, and that it is that in force on the lines of the Canadian Pacific railway within the province. These are fixed by agreement between the company and its men and are to be found by anyone who cares to look for the information in the neat little booklets containing the several scales.

This point being settled it did not take any time to decide that under the statute there is no option for the company, or for the minister, either. Accordingly Mr. Oliver certifies that "the rates of pay of the different classifications in force from time to time in respect to the lines of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in British Columbia shall apply in like manner to the lines of railway comprising the Pacific Great Eastern system in British Columbia."

On the whole the rates which are in force on the P. G. E. and Stewart lines are about ten per cent. lower than the current rates now declared to be effective.

## COMPLETING RECOUNT

### Work is Proceeding This Afternoon Before Judge Lampman.

The recount in the Esquamit riding is being continued this afternoon before Judge Lampman in the county court. There are a few more Island polling centres to count before the military ballots are gone over. The provincial secretary's office will turn over to the judge the ballots cast in Esquamit in connection with the Esquamit riding, and when all have been counted argument will commence on the disputed ballots. This should be done late this afternoon, but it is possible that it may be carried over.

The Islands recount will probably commence to-morrow morning unless the court decides that the application was irregular.

## PRESIDENT COMING

### Sir Wm. Mackenzie and M. H. McLeod Expected to-morrow.

Sir William Mackenzie, president of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company, and M. H. McLeod, general manager, are expected here to-morrow. It is understood that the visit has to do with the work on the Island section of the railway and the inauguration of the ferry service between Patricia Bay and the mainland.

"It is true that Miss Richey has money," said the engaged man's best friend, "but she is very exacting. If you marry her you will have to give up smoking and drinking." "Possibly," said the engaged man, "but if I don't marry her I shall have to give up eating also."

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## RETAIL MERCHANTS TAKE NO ACTION

### Firms Which Keep Open Saturdays Do So at Own Risk

The Retail Merchants' Association has decided to take no further action in regard to keeping open on the Saturday afternoons preceding Christmas, but they particularly request the purchasing public to govern themselves accordingly and do their shopping early.

At a meeting of the executive of the association held this morning, the committee having the matter in hand reported that they were unable to get any suspension of the Half-Holiday Act as desired by the merchants for the Saturday of this and next week, nor could the police commissioners give them any assurance that the law in that respect would not be enforced.

The question of keeping open on the 23rd was necessarily left to the discrimination of each merchant, and these have not yet announced what they intend to do.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Christmas Cards printed at short notice; exclusive designs. Sweeney-McConnell, Ltd., 1612 Langley St.

### If You Require a Reliable Watch for Xmas at an extremely low price, go to Haynes, Victoria's Watchman, 1124 Government St.

### Send Your Soldier a Photo for Xmas. It is the only thing he cannot buy for himself. Specially priced Epipla's portraits at the Skene Lowe Studio, 651 Yates St.

### Love Resigns Post.—Victor H. Love, who has been for six years secretary of the Vancouver Conservative Association, resigned his office at the annual meeting, held in the club headquarters in that city on Friday evening. The resignation is in the hands of the executive but has not yet been acted upon.

### Question of Ventilation.—It is expected that a report on the heating and ventilation of the city schools will be presented to the school board to-morrow evening by the school health officer (Dr. Wasson). The existing systems have not worked well owing to differences of opinion between members of the teaching staffs as to the ventilation of the schoolrooms. Since the matter was discussed some time ago, a thorough test of the various installations has been made.

### Victoria Voters List.—The printing of the voters' list for the city of Victoria, as revised at the November court of revision, is being rushed by the king's printer. As the new list came from the typewriters in the office of the registrar of voters it was sent over to the bureau and by the end of the week it will probably be all in type. So far as appears now there will be no contest here and the premier will be re-elected by acclamation on Saturday next.

### Prohibitionists Enter.—The members of the people's prohibition party in Vancouver have decided to enter the municipal fight now approaching. Mayor MacBeath is being supported for re-election to the mayoralty. Aldermanic candidates who are judged to be supported by the prohibitionists will receive their support, and where suitable candidates are lacking they will put up their own. The Vancouver prohibitionists will be represented at the convention to be held here in February by ninety delegates.

### Distinguished Visitors.—Sergers Council Young Men's Institute held a meeting last evening in their hall on View street, there being a large attendance. The members of Sergers Council were honored by having with them four prominent members of the order from San Francisco—G. A. Stanley, grand secretary, who has held this important office for 34 years; Bro. B. F. McKinley, a nephew of the late ex-Minister McKinley, and for many years district attorney of the city of San Francisco; M. F. Buckley, a prominent member of the legal fraternity, and Mr. H. Keegan. These distinguished members came from San Francisco to Seattle, Wash., on Friday last, as degree officers and organized a large council of the order in that city.

### Last evening they delivered very forcible speeches. They will leave this afternoon, for Seattle, on route home. While here F. J. Sehl showed them around the city and suburbs.

### December Rainfall.—The last thirty-six hours have contributed 1.54 inches toward the December rainfall record for 1910 in Victoria. The total rainfall for the month to date is only 2.54, whereas the average precipitation for the month is 4.38 inches. Owing to the exceptional precipitation during February (in the form of snow) and March the precipitation for the year still remains above average, despite the fact that June, July, August, and September were marked by unusual drought. To-day's maximum temperature was 40, which is in marked contrast to the temperatures at many prairie points, some of which record to-day 20 below zero. Along the northern Pacific coast the weather is moderately cold, and in the Cariboo district this week they have been experiencing zero temperatures. Last week's snowfall in Vancouver has been followed by heavy rains.

### For quick and careful service on deferred Xmas card orders see Macey's. Absolutely the best in town carried in their stationery shop, 617 View St.

## GIVE LIBERALLY FOR BELGIAN CHILDREN

### British Columbia Schools Contribute Handsomely to Worthy Fund

To help the unfortunate children of Belgium the young people attending British Columbia schools are contributing most generously, the fund started some weeks ago having already totalled the handsome sum of \$26,060.03. It is being administered through the provincial secretary's office.

There have been acknowledged sums aggregating \$18,110.71. A list of the schools heard from recently and their respective contributions follows:

Kamloops:	
High School	42.00
Nanaimo:	
High School (Red Cross)	56.10
Rosland:	
High School	11.25
Central	48.90
Cook Avenue (additional)	31.75
Salmon Arm:	
High and Public Schools	49.30
Vancouver:	
Aberdeen and Dawson	250.39
Alexandra	31.00
Bayview	89.03
Beaconsfield	90.00
Cecil Rhodes	231.71
Central	136.00
Charles Dickens	62.20
Fairview	186.50
Florence Nightingale	193.00
Franklin	57.79
Grandview Gordon	296.38
Grandview	167.31
Hastings	111.10
Henry Hudson	147.29
Kitilano	197.00
Laura Secord	103.27
Livingstone	112.00
Macdonald	30.00
Model	106.75
Mount Pleasant	58.37
Nelson	162.10
Roberts	540.65
Seymour	150.00
Simon Fraser	180.00
Strathcona	184.75
Templeton	182.50
Britannia High	225.00
King Edward High	678.00
King George High	201.85
Vancouver, North:	
High School	76.50
Queen Mary	67.53
Victoria:	
Spring Ridge Municipalities	61.50

Burnaby:

Riverway, East 10.00

Chilliwack:

Chilliwack, East 13.00

Parson's Hill 2.00

Cowichan, North:

Chehalms 21.00

Westholme 10.00

Delta:

Boundary Bay 5.55

Canoe Pass 18.10

Delta, East 40.00

Inverholme 5.00

Ladner, Public 27.15

Kent:

Harrison River 23.25

Langley:

Belmont, Superior 50.90

Langley Prairie 56.80

Lochiel 11.85

Maple Ridge:

Alexander Robinson 12.50

Mission:

Hatzie 23.00

Richmond:

Trilite 31.00

Saanich:

North Dairy 62.20

Prospect Lake 12.00

Salmon Arm:

North Canoe 78.00

Sumas:

Huntingdon 25.25

Sumas, Upper 28.55

### NEW MINISTERS TAKE OVER OFFICES

Situation in Greece Occupies Attention of Foreign Office

London, Dec. 12.—The absence through illness of Premier Lloyd George and former Premier Asquith, the principal figures in the late ministerial crisis, and the decision of the cabinet to postpone until Thursday its statement of policy, robbed today's session of the House of Commons of the interest which usually attaches to the first meeting of a new government with parliament.

### SOUTH VANCOUVER FIRE CHIEF DIES SUDDENLY

South Vancouver, Dec. 12.—Fire Chief James Alexander Lester, one of the best known and most experienced fire-fighters on the Pacific coast, died suddenly from heart failure at his home, 451, Forty-fifth avenue, east, South Vancouver, at 7:30 o'clock this morning.

### CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The following casualty list was issued today: Infantry: Died of wounds—E. C. Brookes-Smith, J. Robin, A. Tooley.

### DISPUTE OVER SHEEP

When a man purchases goods it is the safest policy to take delivery at once. This was well illustrated this morning in the case of Lloyd vs. Wales which was tried in the County court before Judge Lammiman.

Green Lloyd, milkman, deposed that he purchased thirteen sheep and one heifer from Arthur F. Wales, a farmer, for \$100, the price of the sheep to be \$3 each.

### GERMAN ATTACK CHECKED BY FRENCH

Enemy Troops Driven From Position in Which They Had Gained Footing

Paris, Dec. 12.—German troops made an attack yesterday evening on the edge of Des Loges wood, near Lesigny, south of the Somme sector, the war office announced today. The advance was checked by the French curtain of fire. The text follows: "In the region to the north of Lesigny yesterday evening the Germans, after a spirited bombardment, attacked our trenches at the eastern boundary of Des Loges wood. Our curtains of fire stopped the attack, however, and certain detachments of the enemy, who had secured a footing in our advance positions, were driven out. After fighting, in which hand grenades were used, our line was completely re-established.

### DECLARES DECISION LIES WITH ALLIES

Chancellor Says Germany Awaits Reply With Clear Conscience

Berlin, Dec. 12.—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, in his speech in the Reichstag regarding the offer of peace said: "If in spite of this offer of peace and reconciliation the struggle should go on, the four allied powers are resolved to continue to a victorious end, but they disclaim responsibility for this before humanity and history. The imperial government, through the good offices of your excellency ask the government there are inserted the name of the neutral power addressed in each instance to bring this communication to the knowledge of the government of there are the names of the belligerents."

### ABOLISH LIQUOR STORES

How Cities in Saskatchewan Voted on Monday. Regina, Sask., Dec. 12.—Voting on the abolition of the government liquor stores system in the province yesterday was so one-sided as to be practically unanimous. The cities voted 14,528 to 2,286 for the abolition of the stores, and this proportion was increased in the voting in towns, villages and rural districts.

### TRANSPORT RUNS AGROUND.

New York, Dec. 12.—The United States army transport Sumner, bound from Colon to this port, with army officers, troops and civilian passengers, is hard aground on the New Jersey coast off Barnegat. The commanding officers Seneca and Mohawk under duress draught are rushing to the relief of the vessel, which sent out calls for help after she struck last night in a fog.

"Yes," said the determined man, "when that water resented the smallness of my tip I took the case to the proprietor of the restaurant." "And what did the proprietor do?" "He gave the waiter some money out of his own pocket and apologized to him for having such a customer."

### WASHINGTON HEARS OF PEACE PROPOSALS

Announcement Causes Surprise in Diplomatic and Official Circles

### GERMAN EMBASSY HAS MESSAGE FROM BERLIN

Washington, Dec. 12.—News that Germany and her allies were about to enter on peace negotiations was immediately sent to President Wilson. Speaking for the president, Secretary Tumulty said he was deeply interested, but could make no comment, at least until it was learned what reception the proposal received from the entente allies. The state department received its first information of Germany's proposal through the Associated Press dispatches from which officials assumed that the officers of the neutrals addressed are asked only to transmit the proposal. This will be done so far as the United States is concerned, promptly on receipt of the official dispatches in Washington. They will be forwarded to all the entente countries where the United States represents the central powers diplomatically.

### TEUTON PROPOSALS

They are understood to propose the complete restoration of the occupied portions of Belgium and France in return for Germany's captured colonies and to dispose of the Italian situation because of its extremely complicated nature, in the peace conference. The foreign embassies and legations received their information of the event through the Associated Press dispatches. On every hand the discussion turned to what had moved Germany and her allies to make their proposals at this time. Although for many weeks there has been persistent and official denial of reports that some peace proposal was about to be made by President Wilson, there was no open indication that the central powers themselves were about to make it. Generally the announcement came as a distinct surprise through official and diplomatic circles.

### DECLINE TO COMMENT

After the news of Germany's peace proposals had been discussed at the cabinet meeting, Secretary Lansing and the other members said no official comment could be made. At the time the cabinet met the full proposals had not been received. It was stated that consideration had not been given to any steps which the United States itself might take. No official word of the proposals had been received by the state department late this afternoon.

### NEW FRENCH COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

Paris, Dec. 12.—The new French cabinet, according to an official list available today, is comprised as follows: Premier and minister of foreign affairs, Aristide Briand; minister of finance, Alexandre Ribot; minister of war, General Hubert L. Yautey; minister of marine, Rear-Admiral La Case; minister of fabrication, national, including munitions and transportation, Albert Thomas; minister of public instruction, Paul Painlevé.

### PROPOSAL DESCRIBED AS DRAMATIC COUP

London is Awaiting Details of Offer by the Teutonic Allies

### NOTE OF SKEPTICISM PREVAILS IN CAPITAL

London, Dec. 12.—The foreign office today informed the Associated Press that it is unable to discuss the German peace proposal until the terms have been received. Meanwhile the attitude of the British government toward possible peace terms remains as frequently enunciated by the former premier and foreign secretary. One prominent official expressed himself to the Associated Press today as being very skeptical that the proposed terms would offer even a basis for negotiations.

This official said, however, that the note was a dramatic coup, which would create interesting developments in the diplomatic situation and provide the first of the peace overtures of the war.

The offer finds the foreign office in the midst of a change of administration, but as he now foreign secretary, A. J. Balfour, has kept most closely in touch with foreign affairs, while serving in a different department in the late government, it is not expected that it will take long for him to be as well prepared as Viscount Grey, the retiring foreign secretary, to take charge of Great Britain's share in any negotiations which might follow Germany's offer.

Although it is still a matter of mere speculation, diplomats believe the modus operandi would follow the precedent set by the negotiations which ended the Spanish-American War when France presented the Spanish offer through Jules Cambon, the French ambassador at Washington. No action could be taken, of course, without full consultation with Great Britain's allies.

Much speculation in official circles as to the possible action of the Reichstag today had hardly prepared them for an actual offer of peace and the utmost curiosity was displayed as to the details of the proposed terms. Afternoon papers which were on the streets at 6 o'clock contained only brief bulletins giving the bare facts of the German chancellor's announcement that a formal offer for peace negotiations had been made.

Later editions of the evening newspapers comment sarcastically on the German peace offer. The Evening News says that inasmuch as the Germans have obtained their "maximum of plunder" and as "the avenger in the shape of Lloyd George is about to inflict punishment," Germany now desires to make peace.

### BULGARIAN POSTS CAPTURED BY FRENCH

Aviators Bombard Enemy's Barracks in Valley of the Vardar. Paris, Dec. 12.—Five small Bulgarian posts on the right bank of the river Vardar, on the Macedonian front, have been captured by the French. It is announced officially. The operations north of Monastir are being impaired by snow. The announcement follows: "On the right bank of the river Vardar we have occupied five small Bulgarian posts, to the south of the river Lymnitsa. Snow has put a stop to the infantry operations in all the region to the north of Monastir, but the artillery fighting goes on violently. "An enemy aeroplane has been brought down on the Struma sector. Our aviators have bombarded barracks of the enemy in the region of Dolrain and in the valley of the Vardar."

### SLINGSBY CASE

Appellants Lose Important Point in Hearing Before House of Lords. London, Dec. 12.—The appellants in the Slingsby legitimacy case lost what was considered one of the strongest points in favor of the child, in the hearing before the House of Lords today. In the trial in the probate court, Sir George Frampton, the sculptor, informed the court that he noted an extraordinary resemblance between Teddy Slingsby and Charles R. Slingsby, who contends the infant is his son and is seeking to gain for the child the Slingsby estate in Yorkshire. The House of Lords ruled today that the evidence of Sir George before the lower court was worthless.

### MONEY SHOULD BE KEPT IN CANADA

Minister Urges Investors to Put Funds Into Dominion Securities

### OTTAWA, DEC. 12.—IN A STATEMENT

issued today Sir Thomas White, minister of finance, expressed concern over the frequent offers in Canada of non-Canadian stocks and bonds. He expressed the earnest hope that instead of making such purchases Canadian investors should purchase Dominion debentures or stock or conserve their savings for Dominion loans. He pointed out that the huge expenditures now made in Canada for war purposes and for the purchase of munitions should find their way back into Dominion securities for the purpose of financing other orders.

In answer to the contention frequently made that a higher rate of interest may be obtained upon non-Canadian securities of a speculative nature and that therefore there is national gain from such purchases, the minister stated that while the individual may make a higher rate of the money which he has invested abroad is not available as it should be in war time for the purposes of the government.

"Magnificently," he said, "if all Canadian investors invested their funds in outside issues at speculative interest rates the Dominion government would not be able to float domestic loans."

The minister concluded by saying that all available Canadian funds and more would be required for war expenses and the purchase by the imperial government of munitions in Canada.

### FRENCH RECEIPTS ARE INCREASING

Financial Statement Show November Was Best Month Since War Began. Paris, Dec. 12.—The statement of the minister of finance for November shows the month to have been the best since the beginning of the war in receipts from indirect taxes and monopolies, which totaled 320,000,000 francs, or 24,000,000 francs more than for the same month in a normal year, and 107,000,000 francs more than for the same month last year.

### PRICES DECLINE IN THE CHICAGO PIT

Chicago, Dec. 12.—The wheat market had a decided decline today. May wheat selling ten points from its high and December wheat closing four points lower. May wheat opened with a range of 174 to 175, sold at 174 and then sold down to 166, closing around 165. Corn also sold lower. Oats fairly steady. Liverpool spot wheat unchanged, corn one lower. Cargo market: Wheat unchanged, corn 64 to one shilling lower.

### TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, Dec. 12.—Wheat closed 3/8c down for December and 7/8c lower for May. Oats dropped 2c in December and 3/8c in May. Barley was 1c to 6c lower. Flax sold 4/8c in December and 6c in May. The cash market was very weak with little credence from the trade, though they caused some early liquidation, but later developments caused wheat to drop. The decline went over ten cents and the close was a period of weakness. The volume of trade was fair owing to the active market and wide ranges, though there was no special feature. The liquidation was general. Several big interests were on the selling side. The cash market was very weak with all wheat except No. 1 Northern and No. 2 Northern almost unsaleable. Premiums took a drop and No. 3 is now a delivery proposition. Oats and barley also were weak.

Table with columns for various commodities (Wheat, Oats, Barley, Flax, etc.) and their prices. Includes a section for NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

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### FINANCIAL NEWS

### MONTREAL STOCKS

(By Burdick Bros., Ltd.) Montreal, Dec. 12.—The final giving way of Wall street was responsible for today's weakness in the local market. The steel issues naturally broke the most, as they have enjoyed a substantial advance recently. The close in this group was about four points below yesterday's. The balance of the market eased off gradually, and quotations for the paper issues at the close were considerably lower. The action of the market during the day had no probability of being determined by the attitude taken by neutral and allied governments to Germany's peace proposals. The technical condition of the market, however, is weak, and this will probably bring about lower prices before any substantial advance takes place.

Table with columns for High, Low, Close and various stock symbols (Ames, Bell, etc.).

### NEW YORK MARKET

New York, Dec. 12.—On the statement from Washington that Germany had stated a willingness for peace, the stock market broke badly and in the early session had no support. Later the bulls gained confidence, but towards the close the trend was towards lower prices with U. S. Steel at 117 1/2. Anaconda 85 1/2. Reading 194 1/2. The copper stocks were the weakest. Call money 3/4 per cent.

Table with columns for Bid, Asked and various stock symbols (Ames, Bell, etc.).

### VICTORIA STOCK EXCHANGE.

Table with columns for Bid, Asked and various stock symbols (Blackbird, Can. Copper, etc.).

### NEW YORK SUGAR.

New York, Dec. 12.—Raw sugar easy centrifugal, 45-51; molasses, 41-42; refined quiet; fine granulated, 47-20.

Haynes Repairs Jewelry satisfactorily and reasonably.

THIRD GROUP OF CHINESE CASES OPEN

Probing Preliminary Circumstances Which Led to Riot of October 8

Ten out of eleven men named in the information were placed on trial to-day in city police court for unlawful assembly...

The proceedings were different to those hitherto investigated since the accused in the other two groups have elected for trial and therefore the magisterial investigation was only in the nature of a preliminary hearing.

In the charge, however, W. C. Moresby, on behalf of the prisoners, said they elected to be tried summarily, and entered a plea of not guilty.

As had been foreshadowed, J. S. Brandon, who is associated with Thornton Fell, K.C., for the prosecution, at the outset obtained leave to consolidate the separate charges upon which the various accused men had been arrested at different dates since the occurrence.

Prosecution's Case. Outlining the case Mr. Brandon said it would be submitted that the men in custody with others went to the meeting of October 8 with the intention of waging war against the members of the Consolidated Benevolent Association with plans pre-arranged.

Our men, he observed, "with the exception of the president and vice-president, whom he says are usurpers, are members of the Consolidated Benevolent Association, Christian law-abiding men, who are respected by white people and Chinese alike."

They would endeavor to connect the accused with a discredited organization, which sought to control gambling affairs in the city. There were a large body of Chinese in the city, men of the old school, who did not care to see the others becoming prominent, and thus hoped by controlling the Benevolent Association, to prevent it being managed by the more respectable element of the Chinese.

Mr. Moresby rose to point out that some of the matters argued were irrelevant to the prosecution. Mr. Brandon, continuing, added: "This is a case where religion and politics do not mix," and pointed out that the outbreak had occurred in an attempt by the members of the association to exercise their rights.

Fifteen witnesses are being examined for the prosecution. The first of them, Walter Lee, translator for the Chinese newspaper, The New Republic, drew some interesting additional light on the various factions and parties which divided Chinatown. In his evidence, which was given in English, he told Mr. Fell that on the night of the fight he heard voices in the hall of the Chee Kong Tong, and many men were seen ascending the stairs. He had once been a member of that body, but did not like its personnel, and withdrew. The pike exhibited before in earlier cases was a ceremonial weapon used by the society. During the scuffle at the school he heard one man call out, "We will kill all men of the Chinese National League."

claimed for the year 1913 from the date of the erection of the bridge until the close of navigation of that year. From this judgment the railway company appealed, contending that the court of appeal was in error as to its findings on questions of fact, in the assessment of damages, and in finding that the express company was entitled as a matter of right to navigate the upper Fraser river. The appellant contended there was no evidence that the Fraser was a navigable river and argued that the court erred in holding that the bridges had been illegally constructed and maintained, and that the railway company could be restrained from proceeding with the construction of bridges.

HAS ACQUIRED MORE TIMBER ON ISLAND

Representative of James Lacey Co. Has Secured Large New Holdings

Victor Thrane, vice-president of the James Lacey Timber Co., Chicago, Ill., which holds five or six billion feet of British Columbia timber, made the announcement in Vancouver yesterday that he had just put through another deal on behalf of his company for the acquisition of another two billion feet of timber on Vancouver Island. This will not be, according to Mr. Thrane, the last transaction of that character that the company will be engaged in so far as this province is concerned.

For some years the Lacey company has held their holdings in British Columbia, and they are looking forward to the time when there will be considerable activity in the business. British Columbia he considers to be one of the finest districts on the Pacific coast, and since his last visit here about a year ago he notices that there has been great improvement in business conditions.

The trouble in the years gone by, said Mr. Thrane, was that there was over-production and the result was the price of lumber had gone down and a number of mills had to close. Mr. Thrane strongly advised against the reopening of any of these mills for the reason that once they were opened conditions such as have been experienced here within the past two years. There are ample mills in the country to carry all the orders that will be placed here, and he is confident that British Columbia will get as many orders as it can safely handle.

The great handicap that the lumbermen are up against at present is the shortage of cars and the shortage of labor, but with the end of the war here will be ample workers to carry the industry along, and the car shortage will not be so acute, he said.

HAVE DIFFICULTY IN CHECKING GAMBLING

That gambling is becoming alarmingly prevalent in Vancouver was the effect of a statement made by the Vancouver chief of police at a recent meeting of the commissioners of that city. He referred to it as the result of a decision of the court of appeal that it was legitimate for unincorporated clubs to take raffles in games of chance, and mixed chance and skill, provided that the rake-off money went for the purchasing of refreshments or other purposes which did not net a profit to the club.

City Prosecutor Maitland was present at the request of the chief, and explained to the commissioners that the police were powerless to take action against unlicensed clubs conducting alleged gambling games on the premises, as the decision of the court of appeal made it impossible for the authorities to obtain convictions that would not be quashed in the higher court. He said he had done all in his power to suppress gambling.

The mayor stated that he had consulted City Solicitor Jones as to the best steps to take in connection with the suppression of the evil, and the solicitor had suggested that the city obtain authority from the provincial legislature to force every club to have a manager or other responsible officer under license, and to make that person responsible for the conduct of the club.

A resolution was passed to this effect, and one also in which the legislature was asked to transfer the licensing of all clubs, both chartered and unchartered, to the city authorities. The commission expressed the hope that legislation would be placed on the statute books which will give the police power to deal with the problem effectively.

HOW SERIAL BOND PLAN WILL OPERATE

First By-laws Under New Financial Scheme Are Introduced

For the first time in the city's history by-laws based on the serial bond plan have passed some stages through council. Two in the list of those introduced last evening, being work initiated and completed in the present year, are drawn up on this plan, for which the necessary legislation was obtained last winter.

The two mentioned are the Johnson street (Douglas to Wharf) and Broad street (Yates to Fort) by-laws, and these are to be shortly followed by those for Davie street and for Yates street, the work upon the former thoroughfare being completed.

Table with 3 columns: Year, Amount, Interest. Rows 1-10 showing financial data for the serial bond plan.

The annual amounts in each year to be paid by city and owners to meet the above total year by year would be thus as follows: First, \$1,705; second, \$1,651; third, \$1,597; fourth, \$1,543; fifth, \$1,489; sixth, \$1,435; seventh, \$1,381; eighth, \$1,327; ninth, \$1,273; tenth \$141. Total, \$13,842.

MISSION BEGINS

Special Revival Service Series Opened at First Presbyterian Church.

The First Presbyterian church eight-day mission commenced Sunday with two special services, both morning and evening, very large congregations being present. Rev. Dr. Wilson, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Vancouver, preached on both occasions, and Mr. Frank Wrigley, organist of the same church, provided special music in the evening, prefacing the service with a half-hour recital at the organ. The meetings are to be carried on throughout the week.

In the morning Rev. Dr. Wilson preached from the subject, "The Colours of Christianity," pointing out that Christianity was a spirit which was inward rather than outward, being outward only as it expressed itself in a life. It was when the Christian exemplified the spirit rather than the letter of the Gospel that he testified most effectively. The test in which Christianity failed had been where professing Christian nations had not carried out in practice the principles which they upheld in theory. But where such failure occurred, reminded the preacher, it was due rather to insufficiency of Christianity than to too much. The spirit of sacrifice manifested by the men in the trenches, whose creed could not be written, but whose life was an example to all, was used to illustrate this principle. Anyone who could read the signs of the times must know that the religion of the trenches was bound to result in a much richer Christianity. In the evening Dr. Wilson preached on "The Gospel of the Second Chance," taking as the basis of his sermon Victor Hugo's story of Jean Val Jean. The address closed with an appeal for a complete surrender of heart and life to these guiding principles.

SALMON ARM LIBERALS

Senator Bostock and New Members of Legislature Speak at Meeting.

by was elected. Mr. Anderson assured his constituents that he will be back among them to reside next spring, family reasons having made it necessary to move to the coast for the winter months.

FINDING QUARTERS FOR NEW MINISTERS

Hon. William Sloan and Hon. John Oliver Have to Be Provided With Offices

When the parliament buildings were built office accommodation was made for five ministers, one at each corner of the main front on two floors and the fifth, for the commissioner of lands and works, at the back of the building on the ground floor.

With the separation of the old lands and works department, and the later separation of finance and agriculture, offices for the ministers had to be provided. For the minister of public works provision was made on the ground floor in the southern end of the new east wing, and last session an office was provided for the president of the council, who ordinarily has no administrative duties to perform, in the west wing on the same floor as the legislative chamber.

The decision of Hon. Mr. Brewster to take no portfolio himself, and his use of the office formerly occupied by the premier of the day as minister of mines, renders it necessary to secure offices for the minister of mines, Hon. William Sloan, as close to the offices of his department as can be arranged.

These offices are being provided in the rooms until now occupied by W. U. Runnels, the inspector of trust companies, an official of the finance department, across the corridor from the premier's office. The brief absence of the premier from the city is being taken advantage of to get his new quarters ready for his occupancy, but it looks as if the good nature of the inspector of trust companies was being imposed upon by the department of public works, for when the Times representative called there this morning in his rounds of the buildings he found the office practically "on the street." The quarters for the minister seem to have been decided upon without any consideration of where the official being evicted is to be transferred to. However, he did not seem to be worrying, and there is no doubt that a rearrangement of some of the offices in the building can easily be made without crowding anyone.

Hon. Mr. Oliver, who is left without an office by the recent cutting off by the late government of his portfolio from its traditional association with the portfolio of finance, is for the present being accommodated in the office occupied by W. E. Scott, deputy minister of the department. Permanent quarters are being got ready for him on the third floor of the main block, beside the offices occupied by the lieutenant-governor. One of the large rooms formerly used as portion of the agricultural department's museum and also for the annual meetings of agricultural societies is being emptied and when renovated will form a very comfortable and commodious office for the minister, and will be in convenient proximity to the various branches of his department.

Hon. M. A. Macdonald, K. C., attorney general, has moved into his own office in the eastern front of the building on the second floor, which has been brightened up with a needed coat of varnish.

INQUIRY IS ORDERED

Minister of Mines Instructs Inspector to Investigate Deaths of Two Men at Britannia.

SOCIAL SERVICE HAS ANNUAL MEETING

Election of Officers Principal Business of Session Yesterday

At the annual meeting of the Social Service Commission, held yesterday afternoon at the Y.M.C.A., the chief business was the election of officers for the ensuing year. They will assume their places at the beginning of January.

Yesterday's meeting entered into a brief review of the work of the commission for 1916. The election of officers resulted as follows: Honorary presidents, Rt. Rev. Bishop Macdonald, Rev. William Stevenson and Rev. Joseph McCoy; president and chairman, Rev. Robert Connell; vice-president, Rev. Father Anselm Wood; honorary secretary, Rev. A. S. Colwell; associate secretary and treasurer, Rev. H. T. Archbold.

The following are the chairmen of the various committees: Housing committee, Rev. A. B. Osterhout; public health, Rev. W. G. Letham; temperance, Rev. S. J. Thompson; women and children, Rev. H. S. Osborne; delinquents (prison and prisoners), Rev. H. T. Archbold; capital and labor, Rev. Wm. Stevenson; morals, Rev. J. G. Inkster; law, Rev. Dr. Clay.

Representatives were appointed to the Friendly Help Association, viz, Rt. Rev. Bishop Schofield and Rev. A. de B. Owen, and to the day nursery, Rev. E. G. Miller, Rev. Wm. Stevenson, Rev. A. de B. Owen and Rev. A. S. Colwell.

The various churches in the city contribute to the support of a social service worker whose special department is the looking after delinquent girls. This worker, Miss Wark, operates under the direction of the committee of direction and control, which were appointed as follows: Venerable Archdeacon Sweet, Rev. Wm. Stevenson, Rev. J. G. Inkster, Rt. Rev. Bishop Macdonald, Rev. H. S. Osborne and W. H. Bone.

OBITUARY RECORD

The funeral of Oliver James Knights took place Saturday from the Thomson Funeral Chapel at 2.30 o'clock, Rev. E. G. Miller officiating. The chapel was filled with friends of the deceased, and the casket bearing the remains was banked with flowers. The services were under the auspices of the I. O. O. F., Victoria lodge, No. 1, Vancouver Encampment No. 1, and the Sons of England. Both fraternal orders were represented by a large number of delegates, several members of the Colfax Reform League being present. The burial ceremony at Ross Bay cemetery was carried out according to the ritual of the I. O. O. F. and the S. O. E.; the following being pallbearers: Bros. Arthur Leek, Jessa Cobb, of the S. O. E.; A. W. Baylis, A. Sheret, of the Vancouver Encampment, and I. O. O. F. Gower, W. Worthington, and I. O. O. F.

SNOW CLOSES CAMPS

Number of B. C. Logging Centres Stop Work Because of Unsuitable Weather.

Heavy snow along the northern coast has resulted in a number of logging camps closing down until the holidays are over. News from the North received by the Union Steamship Company is that the camps at Jervis Inlet, Bute Inlet, Loughboro Inlet and Kingcombe Inlet have closed owing to the early fall of snow which prevailed nearly all last week.

SUPPLIES FOR RUSSIA

At Least 420 Cars of Machinery Being Shipped by C. P. R. Through West.

Within the next thirty days there will be dispatched from the East no less than 420 cars of machinery, which will be shipped to Russia by the Canadian Pacific Railway in their specially chartered ships. The aggregate weight of these cars will be 22,000 tons, and it is but a detail of the thousands of tons which the Allied Machinery of New York have been sending this way.

Asked whether his company had been given good service by the railway company, Mr. G. R. Foddy, who represents the Allied Company, said that they had all the facilities that they wanted, and that the shipments had been carried out without a hitch.

MESSAGE TO THE NAVY FROM THIS PROVINCE

Lieut.-Gov. Barnard Voices Appreciation for Noble Work It Does

The Trafalgar Day number of "The Navy," the official organ of the Navy League, contains, among others, the following message to the officers and men of his majesty's navy from British Columbians through the lieutenant-governor: "From His Honor the Lieutenant-governor of British Columbia: 'That the people of British Columbia—inhabitants of Canada's most western province with its thousands of miles of coast line washed by the waters of the Pacific ocean—fully appreciate the noble work performed by his majesty's navy during our great struggle in defence of freedom, should not require emphasizing at my hands. 'Early associations connected with the British navy during the period when Esquimalt, the naval station on Vancouver Island, was the headquarters for the North Pacific squadron, founded in this community a deep seated feeling of love and admiration for officers and men wearing his majesty's naval uniform, which impels me to convey to them, through the medium of the official magazine of the navy league, on behalf of the people of this province, the great pride which fills our hearts at the victories achieved owing to their bravery, courage and tireless devotion to the cause of freedom, for which we are contending. (Sgd.) 'F. S. BARNARD, Lieutenant-governor. 'At Government House, Victoria, B. C.'"

COLLECT TWO-THIRDS OF GENERAL TAXES

City Does as Well as in 1915 According to Return Issued To-day

The city has collected the sum of \$222,189.84 in the period of general tax rebate, namely, November 30, as compared with \$1,017,810 for the whole period of 1915. Thus, assuming that payments are maintained till December 31 at an equal ratio, the city will have collected a large sum as twelve months ago.

The actual percentage, as compared with the total amount due is 62 per cent, which is within a fraction of the aggregate for the corresponding rebate period of 1915. The details of that total are divided into general, debt and school, water frontage, boulevard upkeep, cluster lighting, sewers rental and sewers tax. There is one feature of this year's collections which are not as satisfactory as in 1915, and that is in regard to the amount of arrears paid, since \$184,000 had been received on December 31 last year when the books closed, as compared with \$150,000 of arrears in the current year. It may be mentioned, incidentally, that \$90,000 of arrears on local improvements have been paid to date, as a proof of the endeavor of the majority to meet obligations.

Comparing the percentage with the municipalities of the lower mainland that have over \$200,000,000 of assessment, the figures are very encouraging, since few have passed the 50 per cent mark this year. These figures have an important bearing on the business of the tax delinquency committee, which commences its sessions to-day, and they therefore were completed in time for the necessary data to be added to the returns which are being presented in accordance with the requests of aldermen, in order to tackle the subject intelligently.

CHINAMAN, ARRESTED

Sam has been arrested. That is the information given by the city police. He has been charged with having cocaine in his possession, and will be tried before Magistrate Jay in the police court to-morrow morning. "Sam went to the park this morning, not on pleasure bent, for it was raining hard and not exactly a park morning. However, Sam was there and he happened to meet a member of His Majesty's forces in the person of a recruiting officer for the 143rd Battalion. Sam proposed that the soldier should purchase cocaine from him by using the classic phrase "catchum snow". The soldier did not want to "catchum snow," but he did want to catchum Chinaman selling cocaine, so he promptly took him in charge and marched him before his superior officers who sent him on to the police station, where the drug was discovered upon his person and he was charged accordingly.

It has been common knowledge that cocaine has been sold to soldiers ever since the first establishment of a camp here, but it is always difficult to catch the offender. This morning, however, Sam happened to address the wrong man and he will tell the magistrate why to-morrow.



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## COUNCIL FAVORS TAX ON TICKETS

Theatregoers Should Contribute to Red Cross Funds

The Canadian Red Cross Society wrote suggesting a stamp tax on theatre tickets for the funds of the society, to city council last evening.

In the course of the letter it was pointed out:

"The executive committee of this branch has been very much concerned of late about the question of raising sufficient funds to keep our work going for the balance of the war," said Mr. Jones. "We have recently received an appeal for more supplies and there is always the need for more money."

"It has been suggested that a small tax on all tickets for moving pictures, and if possible, other theatrical performances, be imposed by the city, the proceeds to go to the Red Cross Society. A tax of one or two cents on each ticket, according to the price, or a general rate of 10 per cent, would produce a very considerable revenue, and would not bear heavily on anyone. If imposed for the benefit of the Canadian Red Cross Society, we do not believe it would be objected to either by the picture houses or by their patrons. To avoid the difficulty of making exact change, tickets could be printed and sold in sheets of five.

"I understand that such a tax has been in force in Montreal and some other eastern cities for a long time, and for many years the French government has collected a special stamp tax on all theatre tickets, the proceeds being earmarked for the poor fund."

The letter was sent through F. W. Jones on behalf of the local society.

The mayor: I have pointed out to Mr. Jones that the city at present does not possess authority and could only recommend the matter to the legislature.

Alderman Fullerton suggested that the subject should be referred to the legislative committee for attention.

Alderman Bell agreed with him that the council would unanimously support the project. It was already done, he said, in Montreal and Toronto.

The letter was referred to the legislative committee, to prepare an amendment to the Municipal Act.

# Give Footwear This Christmas

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Men's Leather Everett, chocolate or black, with flexible leather sole, all sizes, per pair ..... \$2.00

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## WILL INFORM THE PREMIER ON SUBJECT

Council Renews Its Opinion on Election of Police Commissioners

The amended motion of Alderman Todd with regard to the election of police commissioners, which had been altered to meet the objections raised a week ago, again came before the city council last evening. This resolution simply asked that the premier and attorney general be informed of the attitude of the council, as expressed last March, in favor of direct election of these officers. The motion was adopted unanimously.

The mayor said the Union of B. C. Municipalities was similarly recommending the same course.

The council, however, formally decided to delay action for another week with regard to the Early Closing By-law.

This measure has been the subject of much criticism, and further letters on the matter were received by the council, on which no action was taken meanwhile.

Transfer of Poles.

Arrangements for the transfer of poles on Fort street were finally reached, along the lines of the streets committee settlement reported on Saturday.

Alderman Todd again resisted the grant of the permission, not knowing what possibility of trouble might arise from the council's proposed act. It was a small matter, still he believed it would be better not to take any chance.

Alderman Fullerton did not see any possibility of trouble, if the necessary agreements involving the city from all penalties were entered into by the two companies. He thought the removal of the poles, to be substituted by others, would be placing the council in a foolish position.

Alderman Cameron said the poles to be erected were not necessarily in the same places, but in more suitable locations, as recommended by the city officials.

The motion then carried.

Rent of Hydrants.

The water commissioner wrote with regard to the proposal to reduce the rental of fire hydrants to the department from \$8.50 to \$5 per hydrant per month. Mr. Rust again urged the arguments which he used 12 months ago, and the letter was sent on to estimates committee.

"When this matter was before the council in 1914 I explained that within recent years waterworks officials have realized that the system of paying a fixed sum per annum for hydrants is not a fair basis upon which to make charges, and that the proper charge should be based upon a percentage of the actual cost of the system," Mr. Rust reported. "This ranged for small cities from 55 to 75 per cent. of the total cost, and in the larger cities it may be as low as 20 and 25 per cent."

"Referring to the suggestion that the proper method is to charge a percentage of the cost of the system to the fire department, based upon the total cost expended on waterworks construction, which in Victoria amounts to \$2,000,000, not including the Sooke Lake system, and assuming the additional cost of our

system for fire protection purposes to be 50 per cent. of the total cost, the interest on \$2,000,000 is a reasonable charge against the fire department. This at 4 1/2 per cent. would amount to \$45,000 a year.

"If the \$2,400,000 that was expended on the Sooke Lake system was included in this, the amount would be in excess of \$90,000 a year.

The real question to be settled is, what does it cost the municipality to furnish fire protection, and what is this protection worth to the community? The full cost for fire protection should be borne by the taxpayers of the entire city, and not alone by the consumers of water, for otherwise the non-resident property owner avoids some share of his public duty.

"The reduction in water rates which took place on October 1 will make a great difference in our revenue, and if any reduction is made in the hydrant rental, it means that the general taxpayers will have to bear a considerable portion of the cost of our waterworks system."

## FAILS TO REACH CONCLUSION AGAIN

Council Cannot Make Up Mind to Resell to Beneficiaries of Wyllie Estate

The difficulty of a tie vote again prevented the city council last evening reaching a conclusion with regard to the proposed sale of land on Selkirk water, belonging to the late C. G. Wyllie estate.

First came up the recommendation of the finance committee not to accept the tender of \$3,100 on behalf of a client offered by Elliott, Maclean & Shandley.

The reason they gave was that the city could not comply with the terms of the tender, to give a covenant that there were no encumbrances upon the property, since it was a tax sale title, and that was a very difficult thing to do.

The city solicitor, supplementing the above report, stated that the city could only give a quit claim, declaring that the council itself during tenure had not encumbered the land.

The recommendation was accepted, surprise being expressed that the solicitors for the estate had made no tender.

Matter of Justice.

Alderman Todd's motion to sell the property back to the beneficiaries of the estate, plus the delinquent taxes, immediately provoked all the arguments which have been used on either side since the subject was first discussed. "We ought to help these people," he declared, "to get plain ordinary justice."

Alderman Walker repeated his observation against the council making themselves Shylocks in this matter. "It would be a merciful thing for us to do," he stated.

The mayor and Alderman Johns spoke against the proposal, while Alderman Bell pointed out that it was impossible to prevent the sale being used as a precedent. His worship expressed surprise that while the estate was actually solvent, apart from the real estate altogether, Mr. Wyllie having left enough money to pay taxes and his

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- "Tinker" Toys, the wonder builders, set, special ..... 50¢
- "Sandy Andy" and "Dumping Sandy", each ..... \$1.00
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- Panama Pile Drivers, each at ..... \$2.00

## PETITION NECESSARY

Funeral expenses, no accounting of the money had been made.

Lindley Crease, K.C., representing the solicitors for the beneficiaries, said that neither his firm nor Bodwell & Lawson before him had received anything out of the estate of Mr. Wyllie.

The motion to sell the property to the beneficiaries was then put, the division being: For, Alderman Todd, Walker, Fullerton, Peden and Dilworth. Against, the mayor, Alderman Johns, Porter, Bell and Cameron.

## COMPANY EXPANDING

Carnation Milk Products Co. of B. C. Purchases Eastern Canadian Plants.

Announcement of the purchase of condensed milk plants at Aylmer and Springfield, Ontario, by the Carnation Milk Products Company, which has a factory at Courtenay, was made yesterday by E. H. Stuart, assistant secretary of the company. President E. A. Stuart is in the east.

Secretary Stuart said the purchase had been made for the purpose of taking care of the company's growing condensed milk business in Canada, and that it had been found necessary in economic operation to manufacture as close to the centre of the production of raw material as possible. The two properties cost originally about \$100,000 each.

"Practically all the output of condensed milk in that section of Canada," said Mr. Stuart, "is for domestic trade. Only a small fraction of it is exported. Eastern plants are supplying the demand from Europe."

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