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CHOSE FAVORABLE MOMENT FOR ATTACK

Russians Engaged at Straightening German Line in Dvinsk Region

Petrograd, March 23.—The Russian operations on the northern front promise to develop into the most serious movement undertaken by either side in this theatre of war since Field-Marshal von Hindenburg's campaign against Dvinsk last autumn.

Open to Flank Attacks.—The position of the German forces takes the form of an arc, extending into Russian territory. This alignment makes the line particularly open to flanking attacks north and south of Dvinsk.

PROHIBITION IN ONTARIO NOT LATER THAN SEPT. 15

Toronto, March 23.—On Sept. 15, if not earlier, every hotel bar and liquor shop and club in the province will cease the sale of intoxicating liquors.

MUST BE APPROVED BY FRENCH GOVT.

Reply of Entente to American Note on Trade Not Ready

London, March 23.—The reply to the American note in respect to restrictions on maritime trade imposed by Great Britain, which some time ago was understood to be ready, has been delayed in Paris, where it is awaiting the approval of the French government.

GALLOPER LIGHTSHIP SUNK BY SUBMARINE

German Destroyer Aid to Navigation; Indignation Expressed in London Papers

London, March 23.—The Galloper lightship, at the mouth of the Thames, has been torpedoed and sunk, according to a Reuters report.

RUSSIANS MADE GAINS AT SEVERAL POINTS

In Jacobstadt Sector, in Mischkele Region and Near Lake Narotche

Petrograd, March 23.—The following official communication was issued last night: "Western front—A series of actions is progressing along the entire front. In the Riga region, near the village of Plakenen, and in the district south of Dalen Island, our troops fought engagements with strong enemy outposts.

CHARGES QUITE UNTRUE, SAID H. J. TENNANT

Pemberton-Billings Should Not Have Used Word "Murder" Speaking of Air Service

London, March 23.—Noel Pemberton-Billings, who was elected to parliament recently after a campaign in which he demanded sweeping changes in Great Britain's air defence methods, stirred the House of Commons yesterday afternoon with an arraignment of the British air service, which he charged with inefficiency.

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, March 23.—The following casualty list was issued last night: First Battalion—Dangrously wounded: Capt. H. A. Simpson, Sherbrooke, Que.; Pte. C. W. Harris, England.

CADORNA IN LONDON

London, March 23.—Lieut.-General Cadorna, chief of the Italian general staff, who left Italy to attend the military and political conference of the entente yesterday from the French capital.

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LOYD GEORGE DEFENDS MILITARY TRIBUNALS GERMAN SOCIALISTS WANT EARLY PEACE

London, March 23.—Mr. Lloyd George, minister of munitions, in the House of Commons yesterday defended the tribunals against charges from a section of the House that they were unjust in their treatment of "conscientious objectors" against service in the army.

PARIS WILL HAVE BIG OPEN-AIR THEATRE

Paris, March 23.—In excavating for the opening up of the ancient arena of Lutèce in the Rue Monge on the left bank of the Seine, a deep gallery running parallel to the Seine and paved with stone has been discovered, and the engineers in charge are now occupied in exploring it.

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DEBATE ON ADDRESS ENDS IN DIVISION

Parker Williams Deals With Finances and Land Frauds Tellingly

MEMBER FOR RICHMOND DELIVERS LAST SPEECH

Retires From House After Twenty-Six Years' Service as Member and Minister

Legislative Press Gallery

The debate on the address after last night for three weeks, an unusually long time, closed this afternoon. Twenty-five of the members have spoken in the course of it, and truth compels the admission that on the government side the opposition which has affected the party has shown itself in a general falling-off in the quality of the speeches.

There has been a growing use of late years of written speeches, and it is an open secret that even these are not the product of the members who read them. In open defiance of the rules of the British parliament, both as to the reading and the failure to deliver their own language, bona fide in the form of an unwritten composition.

A feature of to-day's debate, apart altogether from party politics, was the valediction of Carter Cotton, who shares with the speaker the distinction of being the last of those elected to the legislature in 1890.

Mr. Cotton has had a varied career in the twenty-six years since. He has been in the government, the opposition, and an independent member, and has been a member of governments both before and since party government was introduced.

The debate was closed to-day by Parker Williams, who devoted his remarks to the land frauds and the financial situation. On both matters he was clear and concise, giving a crushing answer to all that has been advanced from the government side in the attempt to meet the opposition criticism.

The debate was resumed at the opening of the sitting by Hon. Thomas Taylor, minister of education, and of public works and railways. Mr. Taylor took up the matter of expenditures, and gave a mass of figures as to where the money has gone, particularly as regards the public works department.

In six years, he said, there had been spent on public works an aggregate of \$22,500,000, and for this he considered that the province had got good value and that his department was to be praised rather than blamed for what it had done.

Mr. Taylor hinted that many of the works he had mentioned were of a permanent character but were not included among the assets of the province. We had not been accustomed to that system of bookkeeping here, but he thought that roads, steel bridges and anything with the aspect of permanence might be considered as an asset and be so shown.

PARALYZED AND HELPLESS

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"Bristol, N. B., July 25, 1914." "I had a stroke of Paralysis in March, and this left me unable to walk or help myself and the Constipation was terrible. Finally, I took 'Fruit-a-tives' for the Constipation. This fruit medicine gradually toned up the nerves and actually relieved the paralysis. By the use of 'Fruit-a-tives' I grew stronger until all the palsy left me. I am now well and attend my store every day.

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and other services would have been impossible. He dealt briefly with finances, claiming that the provincial credit was sound and that the net debt now was only \$18,300,000, as compared with \$12,500,000 in 1903.

Returning to the papers brought down yesterday respecting the contracts for the parliament buildings extension, Mr. Taylor said there was a letter from the contractor, claiming that he had lost \$53,000 as a result of having to accept local sub-contractors.

Mr. Macdonald raised the point of order that this matter had been referred to the public accounts committee, and on the speaker's decision against himself in the present debate the minister was not in order in proceeding along that line.

The minister was proceeding when the speaker suggested that as the hon. member for Vancouver had raised a point of order perhaps it was better to continue under the ruling made in his case.

The minister contented himself with saying that when the correspondence reached the committee it would disclose that everything was in order in the matter.

Having extended the customary congratulations all round Mr. Taylor congratulated the premier upon his complete restoration to health, as demonstrated fully in his speech on Monday.

The speaker observed to the first member for Vancouver that he could not find in the journals of the House that the matter of the cost of the parliament buildings extensions had been referred to the public accounts committee, as claimed by that gentleman.

Referred to Committee. Mr. Macdonald pointed out that the public accounts from the year 1910-11 on had been referred to the committee, and in these volumes were the payments made in connection with the construction of the wings and library of the parliament buildings, to which the correspondence referred.

The leader of the opposition quoted Rule 15 of the House, which reads: "The Speaker shall preserve order and decorum and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House in explaining a point of order or practice he shall state the rule or authority applicable to the case."

Following this he asked Mr. Speaker to state the reason he had taken a point of order against the first member for Vancouver during that gentleman's speech on the address, not permitting him to discuss the Kitsilano reserve purchase or any other matter of expenditure on the grounds that the public accounts had been referred to the public accounts committee.

Mr. Speaker—"That was some days ago and the matter is over now. It was not asked for at the time." Mr. Brewster—"I understand, then you decline to give it?" Mr. Speaker—"You do not understand anything of the kind."

Mr. Brewster—"What do I understand?" Mr. Speaker—"That I gave my opinion and the matter is over."

Mr. Brewster—"And I do not get the information?" Mr. Speaker—"I do not say anything of the kind."

Mr. Carter Cotton (Richmond) said that having decided not to accept a re-nomination he might regard this as his retirement, perhaps only temporarily, from political life. He was thus speaking, as it were, in articulo mortis, and he hoped that fact would have a sobering and solemnizing influence upon the members of the opposition.

Mr. Cotton said it was an extraordinary session in that the House had nothing less than the demand of two oaths that the other forty should turn over the reins of office to them. They certainly had a good conceit of themselves. Those gentlemen did not treat the result of the two by-elections in Victoria and Vancouver on their true merits. If Conservatives had ever done

POST OFFICE DEPT. RULED BY PATRONAGE

Liberal Members Show Great Evils Exist in Awarding of Mail Contracts

Ottawa, March 23.—The House went into committee on the estimates of the post office department yesterday afternoon. Hon. T. Chase Casgrain gave a review of the work of the department and stated that much of the criticism of the department was due to incorrect information.

The increase in the cost of the postal service, he said, was no new fact. In 1897 the expenses of the post office had amounted to \$2,700,000. By 1912 they had grown to nearly three times as much, \$8,175,000, or an increase of more than five millions and one-third, although during this period no reform had been made in the service which would cause any great expenditure in the departmental budget except the inauguration of rural mail delivery.

The chief matter was the extension of rural mail delivery. Mr. Casgrain said that the system which had been developed in Canada was far in advance of the American system. The system in Canada was established by Mr. Lemieux when postmaster general.

Mr. Casgrain said that there were now 3,337 rural delivery routes in Canada. During the year 1912-13 there had been established 695 routes and 425 from April 1, 1915, to March 4, 1916. The decrease this year was explained by the curtailing of expenses owing to the war.

Mr. Casgrain said that the total increased cost of the department by reason of the establishment of rural mail delivery between 1912 and 1915 had been \$55,000, with \$205,000 for rural boxes being in all \$310,000. The boxes were being resold to the public, so that the government in time would get all this money back.

Increased Salaries. Another reason for the increased cost of the public service was the result of the coming into force of laws unani-mously passed by parliament in 1912, 1913 and 1914 increasing the salaries of employees.

Still greater increases in the cost of the service had taken place at the beginning of the year 1914 by reason of the change in the rates paid by railway companies for hauling the mail. This change, which had never been challenged to parliament, had never been challenged by the opposition.

Parcel Post. The establishment of parcel post had greatly increased the work of the post office department and had required the services of a large additional force. There was a sincere determination on the part of the department to cut down the expenditure as much as possible.

The postmaster-general, having ascertained that in the awarding of contracts for the carriage of mails the contract system had not been abandoned, the statement was challenged by a number of opposition members.

J. H. Sinclair, Liberal, Guelph, N.S., said that a return brought down showed that in 500 instances mail contracts that had been cancelled had been let again without tenders being called.

A. K. Maclean, Liberal, Halifax, said that the opposition could produce hundreds and thousands of cases where mail contracts had not been awarded to the men putting in the lowest tender.

Hon. Charles Macell asked if it was not a fact that if the lowest tender was put in by a Liberal, the Conservative patronage committee advised some other tender, and that if he put in a still lower bid he would get the contract.

Mr. Casgrain maintained that even if this was done the interest of the public would not suffer, because there would be a saving.

Useless to Tender. George Kyte, Liberal, Richmond, N.S., took exception to this statement. In Nova Scotia, he said, Liberals had come to the conclusion that it was useless for them to tender. As a consequence there was now little competition and the public suffered.

Mr. Casgrain suggested that it was party and not public interest that suffered. J. G. Turfiff, Liberal, Assiniboia, Sask., asked what was the policy of the department in regard to appointing wounded soldiers to places in the post offices and as postmasters.

Mr. Casgrain said that he would consider the claims of wounded men first irrespective of politics, provided they were qualified. This was his policy.

Mr. Turfiff said he wished he would use his influence with the minister of customs to adopt the same policy. Mr. Casgrain said that he was not responsible for his brother minister. He had enough sins of his own to attend to.

LORD SCARSDALE DEAD; FATHER OF LORD CURZON

London, March 23.—Baron Scarsdale, father of Lord Curzon, is dead.

Lord Scarsdale, the Rev. Alfred Nathaniel Holden Curzon, was born July 12, 1831. He was the son of the late Rev. the Hon. Alfred Curzon. The family seat is Kedleston Hall, Derby. Lord Curzon is heir to the barony.

SEVERAL ATTACKS WEST OF THE MEUSE

Germans Failed Again, Succeeding Only in Getting Foot hold on Little Hill

Paris, March 23.—German infantry attacks again were directed yesterday against the French front between Avocourt wood and the village of Malancourt. All the German attempts to dislodge from Avocourt, however, were checked, according to the statement issued last night by the war office.

The Germans succeeded in getting a foothold on the small hill of Haucoirt. The text of the communication follows:

"In Belgium our artillery shelled the trenches and communication trenches of the second line of the enemy in the region of Steenstraete. North of the Aisne we bombarded the sector of Ville-au-Bois. In the Argonne a concentrated fire was directed on the German organizations north of Four-de-Paris, La Fille Morte, the region of Montfaucon and Nanettes. Between Haute-Chevauchois and Hill 285 the mine fighting was to our advantage. We particularly bombarded the Malancourt wood.

West of Meuse. To the west of the Meuse, after a violent bombardment lasting the whole day, the Germans directed several attacks against our front between the sector of the Avocourt wood and the village of Malancourt. All the attempts of the enemy to dislodge from the Avocourt wood were arrested by our barrier of fire and the fire of our infantry.

The enemy was able to gain a footing on the little hill of Haucoirt, about one kilometre southwest of Malancourt. East of the Meuse there was an intense bombardment in the region of Douaumont and Vaux.

The following Belgian official communication was issued last night: "Great activity was displayed by the artillery at different points along the front, especially north of Steenstraete."

British Report. London, March 23.—The following official report was issued last night: "Last night two enemy mine explosions failed to inflict any casualty on our troops. There was some grenade fighting in mine craters northeast of Vermelles, without changing the situation there. Today we successfully bombarded the enemy's positions southwest of Wex-Marquart with guns and trench mortars."

LOSS OF MILLIONS CAUSED BY FIRES

Soldiers on Duty in Both Augusta, Ga., and Nashville, Tenn.

Augusta, Ga., March 23.—One of a series of fires which have caused millions of dollars' worth of damage in the past few days in the south and southwest swept through ten business blocks of Augusta, and twenty adjoining residence blocks last night and early to-day, and before being got under control had caused damage which was conservatively estimated at \$5,000,000. No lives were lost, although there were scores of narrow escapes.

The flame-swept area includes the city's largest office and business buildings on the north side of Broad street; warehouses on historic "Cotton Row," containing thousands of bales of cotton; some of the finest homes in the city's most exclusively residence section, and St. Paul's Episcopal church, built 135 years ago. To-day local militia companies were on duty.

Hotels and homes in the section of the city which were not reached by the fire were thrown open to those whose residences had been burned, and steps were being taken by local authorities to give relief to the 3,000 persons who had lost their homes.

In Nashville, Tenn. Nashville, Tenn., March 23.—Citizens and civic church organizations of Nashville to-day were caring for 5,000 persons made homeless by the fire that swept East Nashville late yesterday, destroying 690 residences, causing one death and a property loss of \$1,500,000. National guardsmen patrolled the burned area.

The blaze started from a lighted ball of yarn thrown into a grassy vacant lot by a boy. The flames quickly spread to an extensive negro settlement, where, fanned by a high wind, every house was consumed. The conflagration then broke into two distinct blazes, one flowing east on Seventh street, and the other down Fifth avenue. An area of 30 blocks was swept clean, which included many of the most costly residences of Nashville, several churches and one charitable institution. After paralleling each other on separate streets for many blocks, the two fires again jumped.

Paris, Texas, March 23.—The work of relieving the sufferers and homeless here after the disastrous fire of Tuesday night was carried along swiftly to-day. Large sums of money raised in Paris and in nearby cities were distributed to the needy by the relief committee, headed by the mayor.

The 8,000 homeless spent the night in the homes of friends and relatives, and in such public buildings as remained. Railroad waiting rooms were turned into dormitories for the women and children.

THREE MURDERS AND ELEVEN HOLDUPS

One of Automobile Bandits Tells at San Francisco of Operations

San Francisco, March 23.—Operations of an automobile bandit ring that perpetrated three murders in San Francisco and Seattle and eleven holdups in Pacific coast cities last November and December are detailed in a signed confession held to-day by the local police. The story of the crimes was told last night from a cot in the county hospital here by Howard Dunningan, one of the bandits, who was arrested in Los Angeles recently as he sought medical aid for a wound received in a revolver duel following a cafe holdup here. Dunningan is said to be a scion of a prominent Maryland family.

Police Corporal Frederick Cook, who was killed by the bandits after they had held up a beach cafe here on November 24, was the first to die at their hands. In the running duel that followed the holdup Cook killed Harry Wilson, one of the ring. The remaining bandits then went to Seattle. There they killed Policeman Lawrence and sentenced for robbery committed in Los Angeles. Another member, Jack Manning, alias Duncan, is in jail here. Wilson, the fourth member, was killed by Cook. Dunningan said they always rode to and from their crimes in stolen automobiles.

The robberies and holdups were committed in Seattle, Sacramento and San Francisco. An unknown man, who was held up near the Panama Pacific grounds was the first to lose at their hands. A beach cafe was their next objective. Then they went to Sacramento and on November 22 robbed a saloon there. Returning here, they robbed a cafe and held up 59 patrons. Their next crimes were in Seattle, where in December they held up a negro gambler and robbed a saloon and a drug store. Again they returned to San Francisco and robbed two saloons, a grocery store and Shade's residence.

Dunningan's father, who is an attaché of the supreme court of Maryland, has employed attorneys to look after his son's interests. Dunningan is 23 years old. He admitted participating in the robberies, but claimed he had had no part in the murders.

Seattle, March 23.—Policeman Lawrence Kost was shot on the night of December 10, 1915, by men robbing a drug store at Seventh and Union streets. He died two days later. There had been numerous highway robberies and burglaries just before that time.

SHIP RUSSIANS SANK HAD FOOD FOR TURKS

London, March 23.—The sinking by a Russian warship of the steamship Esperanza off Kail Akra, in the Black Sea, off the Roumanian Coast, is reported in a Reuter dispatch filed at Bucharest on Sunday. The Esperanza, a 7,000-ton vessel, flying the German flag, is said to have been loaded with foodstuffs for Constantinople. The crew was captured by the Russians.

The dispatch also reports the sinking of a score of small sailing ships with cargoes of food.

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MINOR ATTACKS WERE REPULSED BY ITALIANS Rome, March 23.—The following official communication was issued last night: "Detachments of enemy infantry on Monday night attempted several minor surprise attacks against our positions at the mouth of the Ribot, in the Daone valley, in the Great valley, in the Ticoma valley, to the northeast of Piazza, in the Terragnola valley and on the Ravenna height of Concal di Pleszo. They were everywhere repulsed. "On the slopes of Santa Maria height, in the Tolpino zone, during the same night the enemy started an attack which was broken up by our guns. Later attempts at advances by patrols were easily repulsed. "Artillery duels continued yesterday along the entire front, although they were hindered by a recurrence of bad weather."

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PRUSSIANISM—WHAT IS IT?

Mr. Asquith's historic declaration of peace conditions includes the destruction of the "military domination of Prussia." M. Sazonov says "Prussianism must be destroyed." Other eminent statesmen of the entente group have made similar references to Prussia's future. What is the philosophy that those leaders insist must be rooted out? A writer in the last issue of the Round Table luminously explains it. The fundamental dogma of Prussianism, he says, is briefly but accurately summarized in Nietzsche's phrase, "War and courage have accomplished greater things than love for one's fellowmen." Life is regarded as a conflict with others, a struggle for existence, in which self-assertion is the primary law and the will to power the primary means to success. In this struggle morality has no place. Morality is the philosophy of the weak, who hope thereby to deter the strong from their dominating purposes. Hence the men who are really great, the supermen, are those who are pitiless—as pitiless to themselves as to others—disdainfully magnanimous to the weak, perhaps, but allowing neither suffering nor horror, love nor friends, honor nor remorse, to deter them from the ruthless pursuit of power. Frederick the Great carried the principle to its logical conclusion by converting the Prussian people into an army obedient to the King. Bismarck solved the disorder of Germany by using the military power of Prussia to compel all parts to unite under the domination of the Prussian state. Thus the foundation of Prussianism is physical force, in which morality plays no part—Only might is right.

The Prussian view of the world is that it is an arena of conflict, in which it is legitimate for the strong to wrest dominion at the expense of the weak. Armaments, therefore, are the very life-blood of the Prussian state and it is to impose its will upon its neighbors under the direction of an autocratic military caste, that the German people have been organized as an army. In its conception of the world as a scene of continuous effort on the part of the strong to enforce the submission of the weak, Prussianism regards as legitimate any means which promise success. War, treachery, frightfulness, terrorism, deliberate preparation within a neighbor's territory, a "declaration out of a blue sky," are all justifiable if they conduce to the supremacy of the German will. Naturally, Prussian diplomacy plays an important part in this conception. Duplicity, treachery, spying, bribery and corruption, the provocation of rebellion or civic disorder, are among its characteristics. Treaties and covenants are merely conveniences to be observed or rejected according to their usefulness in promoting the main purpose. When all these fail, the masterstroke of the Prussian diplomatic system is delivered—the use of the mailed fist, the threat of war against a rival which has been isolated or has no chance of successful resistance. This is Prussianism expounded by the mouths and pens of its leaders, confirmed by the sword and proved by all its recorded actions.

What has been the record of Prussianism in Europe within the last half century? Prussia enlarged herself by force at the expense of Denmark and Austria and then struck suddenly at France, erecting the German empire on the foundation of a successful war. When the present emperor ascended the throne he determined to apply the Prussian theory to a wider field. It had been successful in Europe; why not in the world? He defined his foreign policy in these terms, "Nothing must henceforth be settled in the world without the intervention of Germany and the German Emperor." On continental Europe he was in a position to make that ultimatum good.

The Triple Alliance was dominant. But he was not able to enforce his will upon the world. The British navy stood in the way. Hence the great naval programme of 1898, with its ancillary measures of 1900 and 1902. But these preparations brought about the solution of the historic differences between Great Britain and France—the establishment of the Entente Cordiale in 1904. This was a shock to Germany's rulers, who saw in it a challenge to German predominance on the continent, and the Triple Alliance and the Kaiser determined to checkmate it at once. His memorable visit to Tangier, just after Russia, France's ally, had been beaten at Mukden, and his demand for the dismissal by France of Delcasse, her great foreign minister and one of the founders of the Anglo-French accord, followed next year, France had to give way. She was not prepared for war and Germany by showing the mailed fist had proved her military predominance in Europe. In 1906 and in 1908 new navy bills were passed. In 1909 the mailed fist was again clenched, this time in support of the violation of the Treaty of Berlin by Austria in regard to Bosnia and Herzegovina. Russia's protest was answered with a threat of war and Russia was not in a position to meet it. On that occasion Prince von Buelow boasted that "the Triple Alliance is a force against which no country would let itself be thrust forward for the sake of remote interests even if clever diplomacy were used in the attempt." Prussia by threatening war—the use of the mailed fist—again had imposed her will upon her neighbors.

But the humiliation of Russia in 1909 was the last triumph of the favorite recourse of Prussian diplomacy. Two years later, came the Agadir crisis. Again the arrogant, thick-lipped bully clenched his fist, but this time it was sternly countered. The new Triple Entente accepted the challenge, and Germany after a war council, in which it was decided that she was not ready for war, retreated. The thing that the Prussian autocracy hated and feared had come to pass. The balance of power had been restored; Germany no longer was able to impose her will upon weaker neighbors by a threat of war. She no longer exercised the "directing and determining" voice in Europe through the mailed fist and the rattling of the sword. Thus, according to Prussian philosophy, her whole future was at stake and with it the very existence of the autocracy through which her policy was directed. In her view without world power there must be downfall.

Germany, therefore, prepared for war. In 1912 more army and navy bills were passed and in 1913 her greatest military measure and the £50,000,000 loan for equipment were adopted—the burden of taxation imposed being so heavy that not until now has the German government dared to attempt to impose new taxes. At the same time Prussian diplomacy employed a conciliatory tone to Great Britain, and France and Russia in turn were threatened and coaxed. But it had no effect. Russia continued her military reorganization. France introduced her three years' service law. Great Britain refused to accept any agreement concerning the limitation of naval armaments if it involved a declaration of neutrality in continental politics that would leave Germany a free hand to deal with France and Russia. Germany then decided that her hour was about to strike. She must put her philosophy into physical operation. She must gain the mastery or lose all. Prussianism, it will be observed, had no patience with the doctrine of equality, of "live and let live." It must have supremacy or nothing. All that was lacking was a pretext, and it came with the assassination of the Archduke Francis Ferdinand. Even that pretext nearly failed her. Austria, affronted at the last moment at the possible consequences of her compliance with Germany's wishes, reopened conciliatory negotiations with Russia. Berlin, fearful that war would be averted, interrupted the proceedings by a declaration against Russia.

The battle of the Marne settled for this war the Prussian policy of world dominion. Since then Germany has been fighting with the object of gaining a peace which would leave her in a position to renew the conflict under more certain auspices. Such a peace unquestionably would enable her to draw the remaining neutrals in Europe into her orbit. Her calculated frightfulness in Belgium and Serbia has not been forgotten by the neighboring small states. If peace came now she would not have completed her original programme but she would have taken a long stride towards it, for she probably would have established her ascendancy from Belgium to Armenia and Egypt, and certainly in the Balkans. And more dangerous than all, Prussianism would retain its ascendancy over the German people. It would still be the foundation of the empire. Its acquired philosophy would continue to menace the security of civilization. That is why Prussianism must be destroyed, why, based entirely upon force, it must be overcome by force. It must be dis-

credited in the arena of its own choice, that is, in this war. When that has been done, its own logic will destroy it.

THE MEXICAN CRISIS.

The Mexican situation has taken a serious turn and if the latest reports received at Washington be confirmed the United States will be compelled to intervene in Mexico with all the military forces now available. General Luis Herrera, Carranza's commander at Chihuahua, and two thousand men, are believed to have revolted and aligned themselves with Villa, and similar disquieting rumors are current regarding the intentions of the Carranza general at Juarez. If the report of Herrera's defection be true, it is practically certain that other Carranza leaders in the northern Mexican states will follow. Many of them have served under Villa in his campaigns against Huerta. Whatever may be their opinions of his record, his methods and his bloody exploits, they are very likely to regard him only as a patriot fighting for his native soil against the hated "gringos." The revolt of his leaders in the north would have a serious effect upon the authority of Carranza as president of the republic. One of the grave probabilities is that it would spread throughout the entire country, confronting the president with the alternatives of aligning himself with popular sentiment, retirement from office or death. Whether Carranza is strong enough to stem the tide of a Villa wave remains to be seen. With the aid of the United States he might recover his authority in the long run, but it is doubtful if he would be permitted to stand in the way of intense national anti-American feeling until the invaders triumphed. It is not unlikely, however, that if Carranza realizes that the signs and portents point to widespread resistance to American intervention against Villa he will abandon his complaisant attitude and join forces with the bandit in defence of "Mexico independence as a sovereign state."

Washington's immediate concern, however, is the security of General Pershing's army, which is now two hundred miles in Mexican territory. If there is any considerable defection of Carranza troops in favor of Villa the communications of that force at the very best are in danger, while at the worst the Americans might be surrounded. An agreement is being sought with the Carranza government for the use of the railway for the transportation of supplies to Pershing's little army, but if Carranza finds his leaders in the north deserting him and the sentiment of the Mexican people generally adverse to his arrangements with Washington he probably will decline to give the permission sought. Uncle Sam unquestionably will have to send a large number of supporting troops into Mexico without delay, and that fact alone will accentuate the Mexican suspicion of his bona fides. When Pershing's forces crossed the border we predicted that the movement would probably develop into the thin edge of the wedge of American intervention. So matter how it might be described in the negotiations between Washington and Carranza. That prediction stands in great likelihood of fulfilment.

The retirement of Admiral von Tirpitz has given a flip to the row between his faction and the group headed by Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg. There is no doubt that the sentiment of the German people favors the admiral, who they believe is the only person that can extricate them from the unfortunate predicament into which the chancellor's blunders have involved them. But much as the emperor may appreciate von Tirpitz he had to support the chancellor who was his own particular mouthpiece and who acted only at his dictation. The dismissal of Bethmann-Hollweg would be an admission of failure and fallibility on the part of the earthly deputy of the "good old German God," which, of course, cannot be thought of. The Kaiser's great pre-occupation just now is to withdraw from the war with the whole skin of his prestige as the invincible agent of the Most High and the complete justification of his murderous course to the German people. It cannot be done. His bid was for world power or downfall.

Notwithstanding the flaccid of Col. House's peace mission, President Wilson evidently still entertains the delusion that he may stand in the limelight as peacemaker in the greatest war of all time. We may be mistaken, of course, but our view is that the allies will deal directly with Germany when the time is ripe for the discussion of terms of peace. Until the Huns have been reduced to a state of mind involving admission of the fact that their great adventure has been a ghastly failure, that their idea of an orgy of lawlessness, bestiality and robbery in the territory of their neighbors has developed into a hideous nightmare, the time will not have arrived to consider terms and their future status in a world upon which their country is but a blot.

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circumstances under which he, as Minister of Public Works, came to engage Col. Thompson of Seattle to superintend the improvements at Strathcona Park at an annual salary of \$15,000. This work could and would have been done by any one of a score of British Columbians for one-fifth of that remuneration. Moreover, in authorizing that big salary Mr. Taylor established a costly precedent, which is being followed by Mr. Bowser in fixing the remuneration of Sir Richard McBride as Agent-General and which probably will be faithfully adhered to in the cases of the political servitors who will be entrusted with the administration of the Agricultural Credits Act and the Workmen's Compensation Act should they be adopted this session.

Germany, it appears, is anxious lest she should emerge from the war without a single friend among the nations of the earth. She has not one now. Even her allies are turning against her. Both Austria and Turkey are hearing the point where they will realize that they have been deluded to their ruin. As for Ferdinand, the Fox of the Balkans, neither he nor his country is likely to have even existence after the day of accounting.

The Hon. Theo. Crothers, Minister of Labor, the other day in parliament jokingly remarked that he "was not sure that Germany would not win the war." The remark ought not to surprise anybody familiar with the minister's record as head of an important government department. We ought to be glad to learn that Mr. Crothers knows a war is in progress. Canada certainly drew a blank when Sir Robert Borden selected him for a portfolio.

That fantastic proposition for the establishment of a submarine line of merchant ships indicates the condition of mental degradation to which Germany has been reduced. The next aberration probably will be the construction of a tunnel between the mouth of the Kiel canal and New York in order to secure "freedom of the seas."

Anyhow, the Hun army is no longer indulging in the goose step with which it so hilariously stamped upon and through Belgium. Its next effort may be a practical demonstration of the "quick step."

Profiting Out of the Nation's Agony. The five contracts of which Mr. Carvell spoke in the Commons on Thursday very well illustrate the methods of the shell committee and the rule played by the familiar friend of the minister of munitions. In the spring of 1915, as a result of negotiations carried on, it is alleged, by Col. Allison, the shell committee awarded two great contracts for fuses to the American Ammunition Co. and the

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"La Traviata" was performed at the Victoria theatre on Saturday night by the Hess Opera Company. While the performance was well rendered, the attendance was small, due doubtless to the amount of opera recently given in this city.

Thomas H. Tracy, C. E., of London, Ont., has been appointed chief engineer for Vancouver, vice Mr. Warren, who was dismissed by the council recently.

Through the energy of Sergt. Walker, Thomas Dwyer, the well-known American bank robber and safe cracker, who was in the city this week with the alleged object of cracking a safe, was escorted to a Sound steamer and ordered not to return.

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FREE HEALTH LECTURES.

Series Started To-day at Old Victoria Theatre by Dr. Jessie B. Conway.

A series of free health lectures was commenced at the old Victoria theatre to-day by Dr. Jessie B. Conway. These are open to all, and it is expected that a large number of people will take advantage of the offer of free valuable advice on practically all ailments. Dr. Jessie Conway is a registered physician of Los Angeles, Cal., and is an authority on all matters pertaining to health.

To-morrow she will lecture at 2:30 on "Rheumatism—Sciatica, Arthritis and Muscular."

Regular Monthly Meeting.—The Canadian Order of Foresters will meet in Orange hall, Yates street, on Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

Social Dance.—L. O. B. A. "Britannia," No. 218 will hold a social dance in the Orange hall, Yates street, on Friday next from 9 to 12. Refreshments will be served. The regular meeting will be held on the same evening, commencing at 7:30.

Union Social.—The C. E. Societies of Fernwood district, which includes Knox, Emmanuel and Belmont churches will hold a union social in the Belmont church on Monday evening next. Refreshments will be provided; safety style, and an excellent musical programme is being arranged.

Fifth Regiment Band.—The Fifth Regiment band will be assisted in their concert next Sunday by Mrs. J. R. Green, violinist, and by R. G. Macaulay, baritone. Mrs. Green will play two selections on the violin, and there will be an ephonium solo by Bandman E. Vinal. The band will play the overture, "Foot and Peasant," also the selections "Lele de l'Amour" and "Reminiscences of the South." Bandmaster W. J. Smith will conduct.

United Baptists Meeting.—There will be a meeting of the United Baptist churches to-night at 8 o'clock in the First Baptist schoolroom, Yates street. Rev. Dr. Cameron, of Tabernacle Baptist church, will give an address and the five-year programme presented to the Baptist Union, of Western Canada at its conference last month in Vancouver will be discussed. Rev. J. E. Warnicker, pastor of the First Baptist church, will preside, and at the close of the evening there will be refreshments.

Given Life Membership.—A pleasing feature of yesterday afternoon's annual meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was the presentation to Miss Agnes Spencer of a life membership in the association. The presentation was made by Mrs. Frank Adams, the president, who expressed in feeling terms the appreciation which she and the whole membership of the organization had of the valuable services given the association by Miss Spencer during many years. That the mark of recognition met with the full endorsement of those present was evinced by the very hearty applause which followed.

Lulu Glaser at Variety.—Hundreds of theatre-goers who have laughed at Lulu Glaser in her many successes on the legitimate stage, and who have been delighted with her dainty manners, will welcome her to the field of the silent drama in the Broadway Universal Feature, "Love's Pilgrimage to America," which comes to the Variety theatre for the last three days of this week commencing to-night. None of the charm of the greatest comedienne on the stage has been lost on the screen and in fact, she will make a greater hit than ever in her new and clever vehicle. The comedy trials and tribulations of a loving couple who would not be separated through adversity. The situations are exceedingly funny, giving Miss Glaser full scope to display her talents for refined comedy.

Giving to Hospital.—The sum of \$10 was voted by the Lady Douglas Chapter, I. O. D. E., which met yesterday, to the Voluntary Aid Detachment hospital at Stadacona House, the recently-furnished institution which is to be maintained for the 102nd Battalion. Two honorary vice-regents were elected, these being Mrs. Dennis Harris, a daughter of Sir James Douglas; and Mrs. Service. Mrs. McIlroy's place on the Patriotic Aid committee is filled by the appointment of Mrs. Dean to this vacancy. Two new members elected were Mrs. M. P. Gordon and Mrs. Perks. Mrs. R. B. McKicking presided at the meeting, and among the votes of thanks passed were that to Mrs. Purser for the loan of her residence and grounds for the bridge tea held recently, and also to R. E. Gosnell, who very kindly consented to give an address at the Sir James Douglas anniversary celebration held last week at the Empress hotel.

Dance To-night at the Progressive Thought Temple, 8:30 till 11:30.

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Maquerade Dance.—Officers and members of Queen of the Island Lodge, No. 209, L. O. B. A. will hold a social Maquerade dance in the Orange hall, Yates street, on Thursday, March 30.

Veterans Club of B. C.—All soldiers and bideackets now serving on Vancouver Island are asked to support the Veterans Club which is to be a permanent one for their own benefit in the future, as it is already for wounded men returned from the front.

Occult Science Lectures.—A series of lectures on occult science is to be delivered at board room, 418 Belmont 24, at 8 p. m. The speaker will be L. W. Rogers, of New York, National Lecturer for the Theosophical Society. He will speak on: "The Invisible World," "Reincarnation," "Thought-power and Fate," "Self Development and the Way to Power," and "Lords of the Law." The lecturer claims that the mental, moral and physical inequalities of people cannot be harmonized with a belief in divine justice except by the idea of reincarnation, and that each man lays his own law-giver with the power to make his life what he will. The keynote of the lectures is that "we may either be the suffering slaves of nature or the happy masters of her laws."

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Assessment Situation is More Complicated; Court of Revision Makes Little Progress

A strong case against local improvement assessment conditions was put up this morning by ex-Judge Harrison before the municipal court of revision on local improvements.

The court, which had before it a list of 57 cases set originally for hearing on March 2, indicated at the outset a desire to postpone any argument to a subsequent session to be held about May 4.

Mr. Harrison, however, secured a hearing on the George Road (Manchester to Carroll) by-law, during which he examined at length the protracted negotiations for the completion of the work, laying stress on the delays of four years resulting in the piling up of the financial charges for interest and sinking fund. The charges were not disclosed to the owners when the engineer's estimate was before them. Then, again, he stated, the work put in would last much longer than ten years, which was the term allowed under these by-laws; yet the owners had to find the money in the stipulated time. The city, in spite of its expensive water system, was charging owners, he protested, for water services as a local improvement, a condition which was oppressive to citizens.

It was a singular thing, he observed, that the city's share of the undertaking worked out at \$14,999, exactly one dollar less than the amount which would entail the submission of a money by-law to the ratepayers.

This appellant's brief was handed to the city solicitor for a reply at the adjourned meeting.

The court then announced that with the exception of the by-laws for Pandora avenue (part), and Ontario street, it would apply to the council to direct a new assessment of all the others, and in connection with those two applications which were in order, the court would stand adjourned till May 4.

While no public explanation has yet been forthcoming it was stated to-day at the city hall that the letter of Malone, Malone, and Long, solicitors to the Dominion Securities Corporation, has been received with regard to assessments, supported by an opinion from Alexander Bruce, K. C., the well known authority on Canadian municipal finance. It sustains the view already advised with regard to the by-laws which were begun under the old local improvement act and completed since the law was changed.

This opinion, it has already been explained, is at variance with the decision of some judges in the B. C. courts, and as the position is very complicated, relief at the present session of the legislature is hoped for at the city hall.

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DEWDNEY LIBERALS

Fifty-Three Delegates Present at Annual Convention Held at Port Coquitlam.

The annual convention of the Dewdney District Liberal Association was held at Port Coquitlam Agricultural hall on Saturday, Vice-Pres. A. H. Thompson in the chair.

Fifty-three delegates were present representing De Roche, Dewdney, Nicomen, Mission City, Haney, Hammond, Coquitlam, Port Moody, Malahvilie, Burquitlam, Ioco and other points.

The following officers were elected for the current year:

Hon. president—Sir Wilfrid Laurier and H. C. Brewster.
 Hon. vice-presidents—John Oliver and Lt. Don Martyn.
 President—L. E. Marmont.
 Vice-President—Maxwell Smith.
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Executive committee—The presidents and secretaries of each local association.

A committee consisting of the president, vice-president and secretary was appointed to overhaul the constitution and report as to the expediency of a revision.

The following resolutions were passed:

(1) That no proxies be allowed at any meeting of the Dewdney District Association.
 (2) That this convention endorse

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A meeting of the said creditors will be held at Room 309, B. C. Permanent Loan Building, Victoria, B. C., on Wednesday, March 23, 1916, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

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AT THE THEATRES

"BATTLE CRY OF PEACE."

Peace with preparedness, and power behind that peace, are the keynotes of "The Battle Cry of Peace," which is the attraction at the Royal Victoria all this week. The possibilities of a hostile army invading New York, and the amount of damage that could be wrought, is vividly pictured, and, though it is merely conjecture, the ravages of such an invasion are made apparent. In the supposed naval encounter off Sandy Hook, the immense battleships are seen to list and sink and smaller craft are blown to atoms by a torpedo. Also one sees the terrible effect of bombs thrown from an aeroplane, exploding in the streets of New York, scattering death and destruction. It is something new in motion pictures and will well repay a visit.

PANTAGES' FASHION SHOW.

To-morrow afternoon the now enormously popular-fashion show, with living models, will be held at Pantages' theatre immediately after the regular matinee. All ladies who attend the matinee performance can stay for the fashion show without extra charge and see the latest New York, Paris and London ideas exemplified with beautiful living models. This is the third show of the kind the management has offered to the public, and no more successful experiment was ever attempted. At both the previous shows the house was crowded and the audience showed their appreciation of the fashion display in no uncertain manner. To-morrow will be no exception, and those who wish to see the show are advised to get to the matinee early and secure their seats.



MRS. JAMES McNEILL

Stage Manager of the Patriotic Operatic Society, Vancouver, who will help to put on "Patience" at the Royal Victoria on Monday and Tuesday.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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

D. H. Ford, of Calgary, is at the Dominion.

R. Baynton, of Kamloops, is at the Dominion.

T. J. Forfar, of Toronto, is at the Dominion.

A. L. Johnson, of Port Angeles, is at the Dominion.

J. B. Smith, of Cobble Hill, is at the Strathcona hotel.

J. Henry, of Union Bay, is stopping at the Dominion.

R. J. Jennings, of Spokane, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. W. R. Hyslop, of Vancouver, is staying at the Metropolis.

Ex-Mayor A. E. Planta, of Nanaimo, was in the city yesterday.

R. C. Crankthorpe, of Port Angeles, is at the Hotel Metropolis.

John Macdonald, of Cumberland, is registered at the Dominion.

Mrs. A. J. Neff, of Shawanigan Lake, is staying at the Dominion.

John J. Tulk, of Vancouver, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

Wm. Siler, of Ladysmith, arrived at the Dominion hotel yesterday.

Miss C. M. West, of Seattle, is registered at the Hotel Strathcona.

L. S. Bell, of Portland, Ore., is registered at the Hotel Strathcona.

Jas. E. Dobson, of Kamloops, is stopping at the Dominion hotel.

James Newbury, of Vancouver, is staying at the Hotel Metropolis.

R. B. Halhead, of Chemalung, is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

A. R. Bloomfield, of Vancouver, is registered at the Hotel Strathcona.

G. R. S. Stanton is registered from Hongkong at the Hotel Strathcona.

R. W. Watson is the latest Vancouver arrival at the Strathcona hotel.

John Reidy has arrived from Port-

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Regular \$14.00 for \$8.50—Violet Pattern Table Forks.
Regular \$11.50 for \$7.00—Queens-town Table Forks.
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Regular \$12.50 for \$7.50—Strasburg Butter Spreaders.
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WIFE OF AUTHOR VISITS VICTORIA

Mrs. John Kendrick Bangs Tells How American Women Help Red Cross

Among modern litterateurs of America there are few whose names are better known than that of John Kendrick Bangs, writer of fiction, poet and lecturer. The comment is by way of an introduction to Mrs. John Kendrick Bangs, who with a friend, Miss Earl, has been visiting the city for the past two days. They are, however, leaving this afternoon for Seattle, en route south to join Mr. Bangs, who is at present on a lecturing tour through the Pacific coast states.

Mrs. Bangs very generously consented yesterday to tell a Times reporter a little bit about the author of "The House Boat on the Styx," "Autobiography of Methuselah," and half a hundred other things with attractive titles. For the past five years he has spent the winter months in lecturing tours through the United States, and the fascinating title of his favorite lecture, this year is a parody on a name which is not infrequently applied to himself: "Salubrities I Have Met." The subject on which he was invited to speak before he started on his present lecture tour was "Celebrities I Have Met." His fine sense of humor suggested the less conventional topic, and, incidentally, gave him an excuse for a display of his rare gift for playing with words.

"Yes, a new book with the title 'From Pillar to Post,' is being published by the Century Company now," said Mrs. Bangs when asked if her husband were still writing now that he has taken up lecturing. "The papers and magazines are flooded with short stories at present, and Mr. Bangs has not written any fiction for some time. His new book is just a collection of anecdotes, recounting some of his pleasant experiences. Lecturing has become his profession, although he really took it up in the first instance almost unconsciously."

As might be anticipated by those who are familiar with his books and poems, Mr. Bangs lectures without notes or manuscripts, and to his wife's knowledge has never even written his lecture in advance, evidently arranging the outlines mentally.

It is of their summer home in Ogunquit, Maine, that Mrs. Bangs talks most when asked about the hobbies and pastimes of the family. "The spot is a favorite resort of artists," has beautiful scenery, and long sea beaches which are all too popular with motorists. Both the author and his wife love their summer retreat, and only leave it often because when the cold weather begins each year the Water Company turns off this very necessary commodity and goes away until the spring brings back the visitors to the district. So Mr. and Mrs. Bangs have to "fill" with the fine weather and the said Water Company return to Ogunquit. This year they will be through the lecture tour about the first week in May, and are already looking forward to the long, quiet, restful weeks which will follow at their country home.

This is apparently Mrs. Bangs' first visit to Canada since the war broke

land, Ore., and is at the Strathcona hotel.

A. Rushton, of Cowichan Lake, is a new arrival at the Hotel Metropolis.

J. C. Greene, of the Queen's hotel, Golden, is stopping at the Dominion.

George M. B. Lawes, of Chicago, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday.

Stephen Mahoney, of Toronto, registered at the Dominion hotel yesterday.

Mrs. Cathcar and family, of Chemainus, are stopping at the Dominion.

Mr. and Mrs. P. McPherson, of Winnipeg, are guests at the Empress hotel.

W. L. Stevenson, of Washington, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

Mrs. Cooke and A. G. Cooke have arrived from Regina at the Strathcona hotel.

F. L. Wallingford, manager of the Castle hotel, Vancouver, is a guest of the Dominion.

Among the Vancouver guests at the Hotel Metropolis are A. C. Robertson and J. W. Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Graham, of Seattle, were in the city yesterday, registered at the Empress hotel.

Mrs. Burkitt and Miss C. Burkitt, of Westholme, were among yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion hotel.

Vancouver arrivals at the Empress hotel yesterday included J. H. Watson, Mrs. A. E. Tulk, Mrs. Norman Tulk, M. P. Cotton and D. R. Clarke.

Mrs. Wilbraham-Taylor, accompanied by Miss and Miss M. Wilbraham-Taylor, have arrived from Duncan, and are staying at the Strathcona hotel.

Mrs. H. McKenzie Cleland, M. D., has removed to the corner of Cook and Rockland avenue, where she will make her home for the future. Dr. Cleland is resuming practice again.

Dr. F. F. Wesbrook passed through Victoria yesterday, en route home after attending the inauguration of the new president of the University of Washington, Dr. Suzzallo, in Seattle.

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That awful stiffness that makes you yelp worse than a kicked dog will be cured—cured for a certainty, and quickly, too, if you just rub on Nerviline.

Rub Nerviline right into the sore spot, rub lots of it over those tortured muscles, do this and the pain will go. You see Nerviline is thin, not oily. Therefore it sinks in, it penetrates through the tissues, it gets right to those stiff, sore muscles and irritated nerves that make you dance with pain. You'll get almost instant relief from muscle soreness, stiffness, aching joints, lameness or rheumatism by rubbing with Nerviline. It's a soothing liniment, and doesn't blister, doesn't burn or even stain the skin.

It's the most harmless cure in the world for Lumbago, Back Strain or Sciatica. It takes away the ache at once and ends your misery quickly.

Now quit complaining—don't suffer another day—Nerviline, that good, soothing old-time liniment will lumber you up mighty quick—Get busy today, the large 50c family size bottle is the most economical, of course, the trial size costs but 25c. Any dealer anywhere can supply Nerviline.

"Let me hide those umbrellas before you let them in." Blinks hastily interposed as Mrs. Blinks moved towards the door in response to the bell. "Do you think our guests will steal umbrellas?" Mrs. Blinks demanded contemptuously. "Maybe not, but they might recognize 'em!" Blinks replied.

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Very smart models for sports wear are shown in checks of various sizes from one-quarter to over two inches. These are two styles—semi-belted and—Norfolk, and all provided with convertible collars and have two pockets. These new Coats are in excellent quality and are splendid value at \$6.50 to \$8.50.

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out, and she was greatly interested in the soldiers and other evidences that were to be seen of the fact that she was within the boundaries of a nation at war.

"Nearly everyone in New York is doing something for the Red Cross," she explained. "This year I am arranging to have my garden opened to the public one day each week, serve tea, sell flowers, and give the whole proceeds to the French Red Cross. There have been no end of big concerts and balls in New York during the last year for the same cause. One very big affair, a concert-hall, was held at the Plaza, and last year at a bazaar at the Grand Central Palace \$30,000 was made for the work. Mrs. Draper and Mrs. Belmont Tiffany organized this function. The former is at the head of a perfectly wonderful work which sends off boxes and boxes of Red Cross supplies each week."

Mrs. Bangs, in response to a query as to whether her husband might come to Victoria sometime to lecture, announced that she was sure he would love the place. It is not improbable that she may induce him to extend his lecture tour next season so as to include this city, and if so they are assured of a hearty welcome.

DR. CONWAY TO GIVE A LECTURE

Another of those interesting medical lectures will be given Friday afternoon in Old Victoria theatre by Dr. Conway. The course of lectures is receiving added interest daily and is proving a source of enlightenment to those who attend. Disease is treated in a scientific manner by the lecturer.

Her knowledge is complete, and having thoroughly acquainted with her subjects the doctor is enabled to hold the attention of the public. Her lecture Friday will be on the subject of "Rheumatism," showing the cause and how it can be cured by eliminating the uric acid and other poisons from the blood. Remember the place, Victoria theatre, on Douglas street, at 7.30 sharp. Lectures free.

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Thirteenth Annual Statement of THE GREAT WEST PERMANENT LOAN COMPANY

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT DEC. 31, 1915

Table with columns ASSETS and LIABILITIES. Assets include Real Estate Loans, Stocks at Cost, Loans on Stocks, etc. Liabilities include Capital Stock, Interest Accrued, Unclaimed Dividends, etc.

W. T. ALEXANDER, President.

E. S. POPHAM, 1st Vice-President.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1915

Table with columns Dr. and Cr. showing interest credited, interest paid, dividends, and reserve fund transfers.

RESERVE FUND

Table showing Reserve Fund balance at credit of account and transfers from profit and loss account.

AUDITORS' REPORT

We beg to report that we have audited the books and accounts of The Great West Permanent Loan Company for the year ending Dec. 31, 1915, and have found them properly stated and sufficiently vouched.

D. A. PENDER, COOPER, SLABOR & CO., C.A. RIDEWELL, STEAD, GRAHAM & HUTCHISON, C.A.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 11, 1916.

Fifth Annual Statement of the CANADA NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

31st September, 1915

Table with columns ASSETS and LIABILITIES. Assets include First Mortgage Loans, Stocks and Debentures, Real Estate, etc. Liabilities include Government Reserve, Losses Unpaid, Accounts Payable, etc.

Table with column REVENUE. Includes Balance Brought Forward, Profits from Mortgages, Fire Insurance Premiums, etc.

Table with column EXPENDITURE. Includes General and Organization Expenses, Loan and Investment Department, Fire Department, etc.

AUDITORS' REPORT

We beg to report that we have audited the books and accounts of The Canada National Fire Insurance Company for the year ending Dec. 31, 1915, and have found them properly stated and sufficiently vouched.

D. A. PENDER, COOPER, SLABOR & CO., C.A. Winnipeg, Feb. 8, 1916.

DEBATE ON ADDRESS ENDS IN DIVISION

(Continued from page 1)

anything resembling of remembering with pride it was the result of those few elections. "That is only the beginning," said Mr. Brewster.

Describe the practise of staking by power of attorney. These frauds were known to all the people in the province save the minister of lands, who seemed to move in the vortex of affairs without knowing what significance lay in these large lists of names of people taking up land all with the one agent.

blanketed the whole country along the Grand Trunk Pacific line from Terrace to Fort George with stakings made by irregularities and frauds upon the act. If a settler wanted land he had to go anywhere from ten to twenty-five miles back from the railway but all the land alongside the line was held by men who had practiced fraud with the connivance of the government, and held this land for which they had not even paid, and the taxes upon which they did not meet in order to extract ten, fifteen or twenty dollars an acre from anyone they could get to buy it as a reward to themselves for performing the important function of receiving the land from the government and passing it on.

Coming to deal with the arguments that agricultural production was not decreasing, and that imports were not as large as was claimed by the opposition, Mr. Williams observed that one of the strongest condemnations of the government was that it would side-step anything. There were no figures as to imports from the prairie provinces. As to the reduction in recorded imports it had not been pointed out that this was due, not to an increase in the home production, but to the serious decrease in the home consumption caused by the falling off in population. A pamphlet of immigration facts and figures published by the department of the interior showed that since 1911 this province had received 147,411 immigrants. These had all been lost, in addition to the men who had gone from the province temporarily, as everyone hoped and prayed, to do their share in the defence of the empire.

Evation of Facts. Victoria was cited as having a debt as large as that of the province. Again the evasion of facts. The capital had spent money on things that brought it in revenue. It had added largely to its debt to provide a water supply and sewers for a population of half a million people. It, like every other wide-awake city, planned ahead for years; the province of British Columbia with the present government in charge of its affairs could not plan past the next general election. One thing this government could not show for its immense debt was any revenue-producing utilities. The one thing that was to be a great source of revenue was the colony farm at Esmondale, but something happened, and that put an end to further efforts. No doubt that would be advanced by Conservatives in the future as an argument that we could not carry on public utilities in this province.

In the election of 1912 the people had been told that the debt had been reduced from 1903 from thirteen millions to eight or nine millions, and that we had a surplus of nine millions in the bank. The large revenue received from then up to the present had gone, the surplus had disappeared and a loan of ten million dollars had also gone; in other words, we had spent seventeen million dollars that we had taken in from every source. And we were going into the hole steadily to the tune of four or five million dollars a year at this very moment. This fact was not to be evaded by telling the people what the net debt of B. C. was in 1902 or what the net debts of Alberta, Saskatchewan or the B. C. municipalities were to-day.

basis for patching the kelp-beds of the ocean. Incidentally Mr. Williams paid a compliment to the retiring member for Richmond, saying that if the administration of the finances of the province had passed into his hands when they fell from those of the late Capt. Tatlow the story would have been different to-day, and a good deal different, too. This closed the debate, and a division was then taken upon Mr. Brewster's amendment to add the following clauses to the address in reply to the speech from the throne: "In view of the result of the three by-elections recently held, it is quite apparent that your honor's advisers no longer possess the confidence of the electorate, and we are of the opinion that the legislature should be at once dissolved and the wishes of the electorate ascertained."

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S. S. LEAGUE GAMES WERE VERY ONESIDED

Presbyterians Maintain Their Unbeaten Record; Two Tied for Lead in Ladies' League

All basketball games in the Sunday School League played last night, were one-sided, and aroused very little enthusiasm. Probably the most interesting of the league fixtures was the meeting of the Congos and First Presbyterians in the Junior League. This game resulted in a 24-16 victory for the Congos after a hard-fought game. Pte. Johnny Davids contributed greatly to the success of the Congos by his great shooting display, netching 12 points.

It was anticipated that the Senior League games would be very evenly contested, but this was not so. The two Metropolitan teams have been greatly handicapped by the enlistment of several of their foremost athletes, and fell easy victims to their opponents. "A's" were snowed under by the Congos 28 to 11, and the Metropolitan "B's" lost to the Congos 23 to 11. In the opening senior fixture, Gordon McKay and W. Erickson registered the majority of the Congos points, while Ledingham scored most of the Met. points. John Goldie was high scorer in the second senior match, netching seven field baskets.

League Standing

Team	P.	W.	L.	Pct.
First Presbyterian	12	12	0	1000
Metropolitan "A"	11	6	5	685
Congos	12	6	6	500
Metropolitan "B"	11	5	6	455
Belmont	11	4	7	364
Fairfield	11	2	9	275
Knox	8	2	6	250

Ladies' League

Team	P.	W.	L.	Pct.
First Presbyterian	12	12	0	1000
Metropolitan "A"	11	6	5	685
Congos	12	6	6	500
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Belmont	11	4	7	364
Fairfield	11	2	9	275
Knox	8	2	6	250

St. Andrews Sunday School Basketball League. Their victory over the Congos was very decisive, the final score being 41 to 6. Miss Fraser was high scorer, netting 19 points.

The game on schedule between the Fairfields and Baptists went to the former by default, as the Baptists were unable to field a team.

In a close checking match the St. Andrew's ladies' quintette defeated the Reformed Episcopalists by the score of 18 to 7. Miss Burridge was responsible for the victory of St. Andrews. She individually scored 14 points for her team. Miss Wootton scored all the Reformed points.

BIG RUSH FOR SEATS FOR SATURDAY'S FIGHT

New York, March 23.—Women stood in line for hours early to-day awaiting for the opening of the ticket sale for the William-Moran fight Saturday night. When the box office at Madison Square Garden opened it was besieged by a crowd of several hundred, to purchase the \$5 and \$5 tickets. Many of them had been standing in line since midnight, some bringing breakfast with them.

The ticket sellers had 2,000 of the lower-priced seats, but could have disposed of 20,000. Only two tickets were sold to a person, officials said, in an effort to keep them out of the hands of speculators.

SANTELL THREW WESTERGAARD

San Francisco, March 23.—Ad Santell of San Francisco defeated Jess Westergaard of Des Moines, Iowa, here last night in a wrestling contest—in two straight falls. The time of the first fall, which Santell secured with a head scissor and a hammerlock, was 20 minutes 28 seconds. The second fall, achieved with a bar lock, was secured in 23 1/2 minutes. Santell went on the mat weighing 20 pounds lighter than his opponent.

SPORTING NEWS

REMARKABLE LOCAL ATHLETIC RECORD OF 67TH BATTALION WESTERN SCOTS

Splendid Sporting Qualities of Popular Sport; Athletes of Every Branch of Sport Enrolled; Officers to Be Congratulated

The 67th Battalion, Western Scots, shortly to leave for England, and with their going Victoria will be deprived of some of the best of its athletes. Through its great sporting activity the battalion ranks as the most popular unit that was ever stationed in this city.

The athletes in the 67th Battalion need no introduction to the local sporting fraternity. In every branch of sport in this city the Scots have been represented, and congratulations are in store for the efficient manner in which the officers have consistently promoted sport activities. Col. Ross believes that athletes who can distinguish themselves on the field of sport can distinguish themselves on the field of battle, and scarcely has there been a game of any description in which the 67th has participated from which the colonel has been absent.

Col. Ross's early selection of officers included Capt. George Nicholson, former president of the B. C. A. A. U., and secretary of the Victoria Rugby Association. Through his strong approval several of the foremost athletes joined the unit. Capt. Nicholson is one of the most popular sportsmen in the city, and all will regret his departure and hope for his safe return.

Capt. Stan. Okell and Lieut. Ben McDiarmid are a pair of prominent local athletes appointed by Col. Ross. They were formerly members of the Victoria West Senior Football Club, and as playing members of the 67th Battalion they played an important part in the success of that club in winning the Peden cup. Capt. Okell is considered one of the best amateur lacrosse players in the game. He was frequently approached by professional clubs for his services, but he remained strictly a pure amateur. Lieut. McDiarmid is a great all-round athlete. He plays soccer, ice hockey, baseball and many other games, and plays them all well. Everyone knows what he can do on the soccer field, while he is one of the best amateur senior hockey players in the province, and formerly played third base for the Victoria amateur baseball team in inter-city games.

Lieut. J. V. Meredith, another fine athlete, is very prominent in rugby circles as well as being a splendid track man. Lieut. Aiken Gray, of rugby fame, was also Col. Ross's choice for commissioned rank, while Lieut. Faulkner and Lieut. Gary also take a prominent interest in athletics, and both are splendid track athletes.

Of the athletic material in the rank and file of the 67th Battalion are such prominent local athletes as Joe Dakers, of soccer, basketball, baseball and lacrosse fame; Art "Frenchie" Menard, baseball and champion ice skater of British Columbia; George Nichol, football; Jack Niven, football; Patterson, football; Harry Ord, football; Bob Christian, football and rugby; Corporal Cunningham, football; Piper Allen, football; Sergt. Jack Fenelon, one of the best boxers in the province as well as being a first-class player Pte. Parsons, boxer; Pte. Augustine, boxer; Pte. Forst, boxer; Pte. Scott, boxer, lacrosse player and sprinter; Pte. McDonald, jumper; Pte. Fentocist, track athlete; Sergt. Cliff Steele, of basketball and track fame; Pte. Stewart Thompson, prominent junior soccer and lacrosse player as well as being a track athlete; Pte.



Photo by Savannah. CAPT. GEORGE NICHOLSON

Wallach, wrestler; Sergt. Smith, weight thrower; Pte. McGregor, track athlete, boxer and one of the best baseball pitchers in the city; Pte. Wilkes, boxer; Pte. Bertucci, baseball player; Lance-Corpl. Redgrave, well-known lacrosse player; Pte. Plows, baseball player; Pte. Sloan, junior footballer; Pte. Lumsden, footballer; Pte. Findlay, the best known athlete in the city, prominent in basketball, football, lacrosse and baseball; Pte. Shearman, one of the best forwards in local soccer; Handman Hayward, and scores of athletes too numerous to mention.

In a review of this kind one cannot forget to mention the great rugby veteran Pte. Frank Slavin, who is a member of the 67th Battalion.

Major Harbottle, though not actively engaged in any branch of sport, strongly encourages athletics. He is always present at the soccer games to encourage the boys.

At soccer the Scots greatly distinguished themselves. In the City League, after the battalion had only mobilized two months, they finished third in the race, and later demonstrated that they were the premier soccer team of the city by carrying off the Peden cup, gaining further honors a week later by playing an all-star civilian selection to a draw.

While rugby was very slack this season the Scots had a fifteen put out, but there were no teams in the city to compete with.

At boxing the 67th, carried off the Tobin cup at the Vancouver Island A. A. A. for winning the greatest number of events.

They have a number of first-class basketball teams, and in the inter-company competitions, Lieut. Gary's five carried off the honors. They, however, did not play teams outside the unit.

At swimming also the Scots are well represented.

With the summer coming on the battalion is now preparing strong baseball and lacrosse teams, and should distinguish themselves in England.

SECOND GAME GOES TO EASTERN CHAMPIONS

Portland Barely Nosed Out in Their Own Style of Play; Score 2 to 1

Montreal, March 23.—Showing one of the most remarkable reversals of form ever seen in a contest here this season, the Canadiens defeated Portland by 2 to 1 last night in the second game of the Stanley cup series. The goals were all scored in the opening period. During the last two periods the opposing aspirants for the world's championship at professional hockey battled hard, but neither was able to get the puck through an iron defence for a tally. The play was under Pacific Coast Lockey Association rules, but the Canadiens, accustomed to individual effort, under the six-man style of hockey, continued at their own style, and through furious playing managed to keep the brilliant combination plays of their opponents from getting out of hand.

Through the Canadiens winning tonight's game the series will have to go over into next week before either aspirant can win the prescribed three games. The third game of the series is scheduled for Saturday night. The fourth game will be played next Tuesday night, and if a fifth contest is necessary it will take place the following Thursday.

There was an all-round shakeup in the lineup of the Flying Frenchmen for tonight's game. Newby Lalonde and Jack Lavolette, old-time favorites with the supporters of the Canadiens, were replaced by Arbou and Prodgers. Lavolette was said to be suffering from a broken nose received in the last scheduled N. H. A. struggle at Ottawa, while Lalonde was said to be suffering from a severe cold. The Rosebuds went on the ice with the seven men who represented them in their successful season at the coast, and when their lineup became known were supported by the betting public. Portland was a 2-1 favorite for the game.

Canadians, though not showing the speed of the Rosebuds, held their own at all stages. The coast rules, which were thought to be a handicap on their abilities, on the other hand proved an aid, giving the slower men an opportunity for keeping up with their speedier adversaries. The rule governing the forward pass in the centre of the ice permitted them to loaf at times and join in with the play when it was carried to them. Portland, however, used the famous "poke check" to advantage, through it, on several occasions, keeping the Canadiens from scoring in the second and third periods.

Canadians played a better defence game than on Monday, but Vezina, in goal for the locals, was the mainstay. Vezina stopped numerous shots that appeared likely to be sure counters.

Many penalties were handed out by the strict officials, Portland this time suffering most severely. In the last four minutes of the game, five men against Canadians' seven, Johnson and Irvine having gone to the box for roughing it—Johnson for bodying Arbou into the fence and Irvine for striking at Pitre.

About 4,500 persons paid their way into the arena to see the game.

The lineup:

Position	Portland	Canadians
Goal	Murray	Yezina
Defence	Irvine	McNamara
Defence	Johnson	Corbeau
Wing	Harris	Pitre
Centre	Dunderdale	Poulin
Outman	Arbou	Prodgers
Wing	Tobin	Arbou

Referee, Harvey Purford; Judge of play, John Brennan.

Goal summary: First period—1, Canadiens, Arbou, 5:10; 2, Portland, Tobin, 6:35; 3, Canadiens, Poulin, 5:15. Second period—No score. Third period—No score. No penalty summary.

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VICTORIA TENNIS CLUB PLANS STRENUOUS SEASON

Work is now in progress in getting the courts of the Victoria Lawn Tennis Club ready for the coming season. The club has one of the largest and best kept grounds of any tennis club on the coast, and its prominent position in Canadian tennis is shown by the fact that three seasons ago all the playing members of the Canadian team for the Davis cup were drawn from the local club.

A special effort is being made to increase the list of members, and the entrance fee has this year been abolished so that all tennis players should take this opportunity to join the Victoria club this year. During last season a series of matches was played, and this season it is intended to hold a number of annual tournaments and also to have a weekly social afternoon when all games will be arranged by the members of the committee. This will give new members an opportunity of playing with more experienced players. The play will shortly be commenced on the asphalt court, players in their names to should at once send in their names to the secretary, V. C. Martin, P. O. box 1140, city, or to any member of the committee as follows: H. G. Garrett, J. G. Brown, C. B. S. Phelan, J. A. Greenhill, H. S. Cove, Thomas Leeming, H. H. Jones, A. P. Archibald.

EX-COASTERS TO PLAY.

Toronto, March 23.—Manager Livingston of the Toronto's is arranging for a series of exhibition matches between his team and a picked N. H. A. aggregation for Cleveland next week. All the Toronto players except Leisner and Cameron will make the trip, and they will be replaced by Fogarty and Holmes.

V. I. A. A. WILL HOLD SOCIAL TO-MORROW NIGHT

To-morrow evening the Vancouver Island and A. A. A. will hold its regular weekly social evening at the club quarters, corner of Catherine and Edward streets, Victoria, West. The evening's entertainment will be opened by a basketball match between the business men's classes of the James Bay A. A. and the V. I. A. A., and this will be followed by boxing exhibitions between George Corke vs. Gordie Gero, and Al Davies vs. Al Mackay. Other items will be solo by George Budd, Harry Skuce and Wm. Etheridge, while Frankie Carrol and Lemmie Oliver, the two well-known local tumblers, will perform. Dancing will also form a part of the evening's entertainment, and refreshments will be served. Admission for gentlemen will be 25 cents and the ladies are asked to bring refreshments. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

These social evenings have proved very popular in the past, and to-morrow night's social promises to surpass all previous entertainments.

SHAMROCKS ARE IN POOR FINANCIAL CONDITION

Montreal, March 23.—That the Shamrock club is facing a face with a debt of \$2,000, \$2,000 of which was accumulated during the past year, and that fully \$5,000 was lost through the non-payment of membership fees for the year just completed, were facts brought out at the annual meeting of the Shamrock Amateur Athletic Association held Tuesday night. This information coming just on the eve of a big subscription campaign which started yesterday and concludes on April 1, was given out for the purpose of preparing the captains and members of the teams for the task ahead of them. A large number of teams will try to raise enough money to wipe out the club's liabilities.

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MACAULAY DETACHMENT WON FROM ROD HILL

An indication of the large number of recruits enrolled by the 5th Regiment, the unit can now boast of several splendid soccer teams. Yesterday afternoon the Macaulay Point and Rod Hill detachment met at Macaulay Plains, the game resulting in a 2 to 1 victory for the home club. Throughout the game was very fast and interesting. Rod Hill won the toss and chose to play with the wind on their backs, and with this advantage they led at half time 1-0.

Play in the second half greatly favored the home club and they pressed hard, but could not score. About half way through the period Marshall equalized the score, and a few moments later Loomis scored from a scrimmage, deciding the game. The Macaulay detachment were the better balanced aggregation. Their backs kept the opposition forwards well smothered, while the home club forward division was also superior to that of the visitors.

The Macaulay detachment have some of the best soccer players in the city, including Loomis, late of the Jacksons; Haley Jackson, of Victoria West; George Wells, late of the Sons of England; Marshall, an old country star; and Jeffrey, from the 50th Gordon Highlanders.

OTTAWA WANTS PEACE.

Ottawa, March 23.—The Ottawa Hockey Club is in favor of the formation of a national commission to govern professional hockey. President Bate said this afternoon.

WELSH BEAT NEW YORKER.

New York, March 23.—Freddie Welsh, lightweight champion, outboxed Phil Bloom, of Brooklyn, in six of the ten rounds of a bout in Brooklyn last night. Welsh took the first four rounds. Bloom's aggressiveness earned him the next four rounds.

In the eighth, Welsh held after receiving a hard right cross. Welsh had the better of the two final rounds. Welsh weighed 133 and Bloom 133.

BENZ OUTPOINTED M'COY.

New York, March 23.—Leo Benz, of Butte, Mont., outpointed Al McCoy, middleweight champion, in seven rounds of a ten-round contest here last night. The first round was even, but the visitor fought the title holder in the next seven. McCoy's best work was in the ninth. Benz weighed 156 and McCoy 162.

JUNIOR STANDARD SOCCER.

Saturday's Junior Standard League fixture will be the meeting of the Y. M. C. A. and Congregational teams. The grounds will be announced later. W. Teifer will officiate as referee.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

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LETTER BOX

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

KNITTING

To the Editor-With reference to "An appeal to girls," it is true that there are many girls in Victoria who take very little interest in the war or doing anything towards it far less in knitting.

LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE

To the Editor-As one who is strongly in favor of prohibition, will you permit me to express my regret at the arbitrary and inconsistent attitude of the gentlemen who have charge of the great movement?

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HOW CITY IS FACED WITH ITS ASSESSMENT

If Appeals Succeed Rate Must Rise to Meet Expenditure Contemplated

The civic estimates, as revised and embodied in the expenditure by-law, to be introduced in city council next Monday, show an expenditure of \$1,773,885.86 to be provided for this year. The assessment on land, as prepared for the attention of the court of revision next month, is \$70,189,220. On this basis about \$1,270,000 is required from land tax, apart from miscellaneous revenue, making necessary a levy of some 18 mills. For city officials, however, are optimistic enough to anticipate that the assessment on revision will be retained at the above figure in view of the numerous appeals, and therefore the question which was argued before the municipal committee of the legislature yesterday becomes of the utmost importance to the public.

If the assessment is successfully challenged then the rate will most certainly exceed the levy of 1915, which was 18 mills on a land valuation of \$89,751,045. Thus it will be observed that the fall in land valuation of \$1,461,000 this year, reduces the amount of revenue available by \$189,275, assuming the mill rate constant. As a matter of fact the last named figure is slightly under the amount cut off the estimates as prepared by the officials last year, and the actual authorized expenditure to be defined in the expenditure by-law.

GRAIN ELEVATOR Rotary Club Takes Up Subject and Proposes Move Be Made to Advance It

The desirability of securing a grain elevator for Victoria was discussed at the luncheon of the Rotary Club today by George W. Mitchell, on the invitation of the past president, Frank Higgins. Mr. Mitchell briefly spoke of the advantages a grain elevator would give to this port, and outlined a cost scheme that would compare favorably with that of maintaining an elevator on the mainland. He spoke, he said, merely to introduce the matter, hoping that it would further be taken up by other speakers later.

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LAW PROFESSION WELL REPRESENTED IN ARMY

Fifteen Barristers and Twenty-Eight Law Students of Victoria Doing Their Bit

Out of one hundred practicing barristers in Victoria, fifteen have either gone overseas for service in the army, or are preparing now to go, and of forty-one law students twenty-eight are at the front or are preparing to go. The list of these included in the forty-three is as follows:

- The barristers are:
 - Pte. J. H. Austin, formerly of Aikman & Austin, who left recently with an Ammunition Column from the 6th Regiment.
 - Lieut. E. G. P. Baker, of Jackson & Baker, now in England with the Canadian Artillery.
 - Pte. A. W. Cameron, formerly of Cameron & Oates, attached to the Army Medical Corps.
 - Pte. C. G. Beaton, formerly with Jackson & Baker, who went forward with the 20th Battalion.
 - Pte. J. J. Coleman, formerly with McKay & Miller, who returned to England in the Old Country at the outbreak of the war.
 - Lieut. A. D. Crease, of Crease & Crease, now training with the 48th Battalion.
 - Major B. H. T. Drake, registrar of the Supreme and Appeal Courts, is now training with the 103rd Battalion.
 - Lieut. Victor Gordon, who returned to join his regiment in the Old Country at the outbreak of the war.
 - Lieut. John R. Green, attached to the 20th Battalion.
 - Major W. H. Langley, now training with the 102nd Battalion in Vancouver.
 - Lieut. A. W. Milligan, of Barnard, Robertson, Heisterman & Tait, left with the 4th Battalion as Lance Corporal. He was severely wounded in Flanders in the spring of 1915, and on recuperating was given a commission and is now with the Canadian Military Estates Branch in London.
 - Lieut. C. H. Pitts, of Keefer & Pitts, left with the 48th Battalion.
 - Lieut. L. H. Sheffield, formerly of Barnard, Robertson, Heisterman & Tait, is now with the Imperial forces en route to Mesopotamia.
 - Lieut. H. Despard-Twigg, now training with the 88th Battalion.
 - Lieut. B. G. Saywell, of the 68th Regiment, Prince Rupert, English solicitor, formerly with Barnard, Robertson, Heisterman & Tait, who is now qualifying for service with an overseas battalion.
 - Lieut. D. Newton Wemyss, attached to the 88th Fusiliers.

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COMPENSATION URGED FOR LIQUOR INTEREST

Influential Deputation Waits Upon the Government and Presents Arguments

A striking deputation was that which waited upon the provincial executive this morning to urge that compensation be granted to the liquor interests if prohibition is to go into effect. It represents not alone the most engaged in the business, but prominent businessmen of all the civic centres of the province, and its case for compensation and for longer time was presented calmly and with great strength by all the speakers.

GATHERING DATA ON THE PAVING QUESTION

Capt. Worswick Replies to Council's Invitation; a Persistent Resolution

The city clerk has heard from Capt. W. H. Worswick with regard to the city council's request for information with regard to the alleged paving scandal, in which the captain says he will forward the data in his possession from Edmonton as soon as possible. The mayor is glad to hear that Capt. Worswick is respecting his promise.

Mr. Tulk stated that, rightly or wrongly, the deputation was there in the name of defendants as against the proposal for a referendum granted at the behest of the prohibition party. On the matter of compensation it was understood that no decision had been arrived at, and it was in part to urge this view that the deputation came. The main question seemed to be settled, although it would bring about such economic changes as to cause consternation and alarm. In granting the demand of the propagandists who wanted a prohibitory law the government had committed an ill-adviced and costly error.

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EDUCATION TAXES

Government to Be Asked to Interpret Law Liberally During the War

It was the expressed opinion of the Public Accounts Committee this morning that the government should give a liberal interpretation to the sections of the Public Schools Act dealing with advances to school boards during the war.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Is Transferred.—J. E. Hamilton has been transferred to South Park school from Oaklands, in place of R. L. Horning, appointed acting principal of Burnside school.

Presbyterian Society.—The Provincial Presbyterian Society of British Columbia will hold its annual meeting in this city on April 2 and 3, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. Delegates from the Presbyteries, Auxiliaries and Mission Bands are expected from all over the province. Good programmes for the various sessions are being prepared, and will be announced later.

A Correction.—Through an inadvertency there appeared yesterday in the Times report of the intention of the legislative mining committee to investigate the ownership of valuable Cariboo claims, the statement that John Hopp staked the claims in November, 1915, and that one month later R. T. Ward purchased the property from the Guggenheims. This should have been reversed. Hopp actually staked the ground on November 5, 1913, whereas Mr. Ward had purchased the property on October 22.

OBITUARY RECORD

The death occurred this morning of Elizabeth Margaret Wallace Ethridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Williams, of this city. The deceased lady, who was born in Victoria thirty years ago, passed away at the family residence, 1211 Beach Drive. The funeral will take place at 2:30 on Saturday, from the B. C. Funeral parlors, and at 3:15 from St. John's church, Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick officiating.

Avenue Theatre.—At Avenue Theatre, "The Broken Coin" are being shown, as well as "Episode of the Faithful." These features are on the programme this evening specially for the benefit of those who are following the serials and have missed some of the parts. The grand prize had probably been

Charles Wilson, K. C., gave the executive a few texts to think over. "Contention was either robbery—under pretence of law or else depriving a man by parliamentary forms of property without compensation. The German crown prince had probably been

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Y. W. C. A. National Ports' Secretary Visits Victoria and Talks of Her Work

The National Ports' secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association, Mrs. Burrington-Ham, arrived in the city yesterday and left again this afternoon for Prince Rupert. She called here in the course of a trans-continental tour which has included all the leading cities in the Dominion, and at the conclusion of her visit to one or two other towns in British Columbia she will proceed to the United States to make a cursory survey of the immigration conditions there and the manner in which the Y. W. C. A. operates in conjunction therewith through its Travelers' Aid.

Mrs. Burrington-Ham's work consists of meeting all the steamers which arrive at Quebec, finding out the girls who are traveling alone, and giving any assistance or information possible to such. Her present mission is to visit the principal cities throughout Canada in order to get the various city organizations to take into consideration what is being done along the lines of the reception of immigrants, an investigation as to whether or not they have employment bureaus, are satisfied that they can place girls in suitable positions, etc. She is also urging on the various local Y. W. C. A. organizations the need of getting into touch with the newcomers before the girls get adrift.

"So many of the associations," she says, "are not awake to the importance of getting into touch with the girls right at the beginning. There should be a travelers' aid secretary in every city, so that the Young Women's Christian Association can see for themselves that the girls who come here from the old country, or who are even traveling from one part of this country to another, arrive safely at their intended destination. We are also trying to follow up the girls after they arrive in the cities. We try to find out whether they are getting salaries which will support them, whether they are in surroundings that are good for them, and other things which may all affect their success and their happiness."

Only a personal talk with the National Ports' secretary could reveal to anyone the vast scope of the work which is undertaken by the Y. W. C. A. in connection with immigration work. So far as the matter of women immigrants is concerned, she explained, every effort is being made to prevent the girls from getting to that stage where they have to be deported because they are unqualified for service or unsuitable. The Y. W. C. A. Travelers' Aid department in the year 1914-15 watched no less than 34,801 girls right across Canada. This number included not only girls from the old country, but strangers going from one city to another within the Dominion itself. As all this work has been done by 28 who are officially Travelers' Aid workers of the association, and 83 corresponding volunteer members in those cities which have no association or special department devoted to the work, it has meant a considerable industry on the part of each of the workers.

"Eventually we hope to get every city to realize the importance of having a Travelers' Aid, and when the work is thoroughly systematized it will be possible to co-ordinate all the agencies that are now working along the same lines in some of the larger cities and place it all under one organization."

Mrs. Burrington-Ham was engaged for several years in immigration work for one of the big steamship companies, but dropped this to take up her present work which she considers of profound importance both to the women who are coming to this country and to the country itself. She has been three times to the old country since the war broke out, and has been engaged there in an effort to link up the Y. W. C. A. work of England, Ireland and Scotland with the same work in this country. Co-operation between the associations in the two countries would be of great mutual benefit. The association at present is less known than it should be in the old land, but an effort is being made to advertise it and bring the women who are leaving for the new countries overseas to use it and ask its help and advice.

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Y.W.C.A. HOLDS ITS ANNUAL MEETING

Mrs. Frank Adams, the President, Appeals for Associate Members

The annual meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was held yesterday afternoon at the association building, Mrs. Frank Adams, the president, in the chair, and a good representation of the city clergy being present among the visitors.

In her annual report Mrs. Adams called attention to the great need for a domestic science department where girls could get a thorough training as housekeepers before setting out to look for positions of the kind. The standard of such workers would be raised by the granting of certificates, showing that they were fully qualified by training for the work for which they were applying. On this account an appeal was made to the ladies of Victoria to become sustaining members of the association, so that the much needed work could be carried on. The president also thanked all those who had contributed to the Y. W. C. A., and either directly or indirectly helped many young women to help themselves to make the very best use of their lives.

Treasurer's Report. That the sum of nearly \$15,000 had been paid into the association during the past year was stated by the treasurer, Mrs. E. Smith, in her annual report. The whole amount had been expended in up-keep of the main building, the two homes, and the various activities of the association.

The report of the general secretary, Miss Annie Fawcett, was very comprehensive of the activities of the association during the year just closed. The membership, she stated, was considerably over 500, although the number was much smaller than it should be in a city of this size. The boarding department had been self-supporting. The purpose of the annex was defined. This was for the girl who was temporarily out of work and desirous of a place where she could have housekeeping privileges. Many who were sick and tired went there to rest and recuperate, and among the 400 transients who had passed through there during the year had been a number of soldiers' wives, mothers and children. Miss Ryall, the matron, was given a special tribute of appreciation for the capable way in which she conducted this branch.

Travelers' Aid. During the year 1,632 boats and 348 trains had been met, and 469 persons given assistance was reported in connection with the travelers' aid department. Miss Scholch, the secretary of this department, made a point of mentioning every boat and train and looking after the women and girls who were passing through or bound for some destination here.

The work of the Employment and Information bureau was also reviewed. This department was in charge of Miss Budd, the secretary. There had been during the year 890 applications for work from girls and women, 493 employers wanting help, 131 permanent positions filled, and 202 women provided with daily work. At the present time the demand was greater than the supply, and the department was finding difficulty in getting women for the work that was offered.

Clergy Speak. The Bishop of Columbia was present, and congratulated the association on the very fine work it had done during the year, as shown by the reports read. His lordship expressed gratitude to the organization for the part which it was taking in caring for women and girls coming to the city, adding that the various institutions directed by the women of Victoria all seemed to be doing good work which the men might well envy.

Rev. J. B. Warnicker made special reference to the value which the opening of a domestic science department would have in training girls in housekeeping. He also endorsed Mrs. Adams' appeal to the public to assist the association toward their ambition to have a properly equipped building of their own where they could carry on such a work.

Rev. William Stevenson spoke of the splendid work which was being done by the Travelers' Aid, referring to cases in his own experience that had been safeguarded by the agent of this department of the association. The white slave traffic, he added, was one of the best organized institutions in the world and it needed all the agencies possible to offset their carefully laid snares.

Other ministers present who spoke were Rev. F. N. Stapleford, Rev. E. G. Miller, Rev. W. Tait, and Rev. A. de B. Owen.

Directors Elected. Eight ladies were elected to the board of directors, as follows: Mesdames W. E. McEltre, Staneland, Rowlands, R. F. Green, R. G. Howell, J. Hall, Bannerman and Hembroff. The last two were re-elected.

As it had been announced in the advertisements of the meeting that Mrs. Burrington-Ham, national ports' secretary, would be present to speak, Mrs. Adams explained that owing to the arrangements made by that lady to speak at Prince Rupert to-day she had had to leave by the early boat yesterday afternoon.

The proceedings concluded with a social hour, during which afternoon tea was served by Mesdames Collis, Scales, Beckwith and Kingham.

ENTHUSIASTIC FOR LOCAL PRAIRIE CLUB

Provisional Committee Formed to Canvass Prospective Members

A representative gathering of prairie residents in this city met at the Dominion hotel last evening to re-establish the defunct Prairie Club on more comprehensive and generous lines than in the club's previous existence. The petition for incorporation under the Benevolent Society's Act had been prepared by P. C. Elliott, and 29 of the company signed the petition as charter members. It is only fair to say that the attendance earlier in the evening had been about 70, but by the time the meeting had adjourned it had grown late, and a number had left the room. However, the provisional committee which was formed will have no difficulty in securing the minimum of 100 members without which it was not felt wise to open quarters.

This provisional committee, whose duties were defined in a resolution moved by J. S. Brandon, and seconded by A. A. Belbeck, was composed as follows: E. B. Andros, chairman; A. W. Elliott, (who presided over the meeting); R. W. Douglas, A. S. Lock, J. S. Brandon, Hugh Ferguson, F. C. Elliott, David Milne, A. A. Belbeck and W. J. Gilliland. Mr. Douglas will be secretary of the provisional committee, and the officers of the city from the three prairie provinces, or persons resident on the prairies who visit here are eligible for membership, and they are invited to attach their signatures to the incorporation articles. In this way they will become charter members. The annual fee was set at \$10.

Mr. Justice Ives, of Calgary, a visitor to the city at this time, spoke strongly in favor of the club from the point of view of the prairie man who wants to spend part of the year in Victoria, and needs local advice when here. He also desired a direction given to the provisional committee in framing the by-laws to admit ladies to full membership, a course which after some discussion in which diverse views were advanced, the meeting agreed upon.

The secretary reported that a preliminary examination of club quarters had disclosed some capital rooms, three in number, at the Stobart-Peace block, and the annual cost, including rent, janitor service, and furniture, was set at \$1,700 or thereabouts. The matter of re-arrangement will have further attention. Many of the speakers laid emphasis on the desirability of having a full supply of the daily newspapers published in the prairie cities. Some of those who spoke considered that the former residents of the prairies now located in Victoria would easily afford nucleus of a club of 400 or 500 members, apart from the prairie visitors who would be eligible to admission to the club. Before the meeting closed the members introduced themselves to each other in the Rotary Club fashion. A vote of thanks was tendered to the proprietor of the Dominion hotel for the use of a room for the meeting.

ELECT OFFICERS

Victoria District Epworth League Holds Annual Meeting; Addresses by Rev. Mr. Stapleford and Rev. Mr. Sanford.

The following officers were elected by the Victoria District Epworth League at its annual meeting held on Monday evening in Wesley church, Victoria—West: Honorary president, Rev. S. J. Thompson (Wesley church); first vice-president, Miss Thompson (Wesley); second vice-president, Miss Henderson (Fairfield); third vice-president, Miss Gawley (Wesley); fourth vice-president, W. T. Plumb (Metropolitan); fifth vice-president, Miss Coxworth (Metropolitan); secretary-treasurer, W. P. Hall (Centennial).

SIDNEY BOARD OF TRADE

Dr. Stuart Tidey Speaks of Land Settlement, and National Prosperity.

The regular meeting of the Sidney Board of Trade was held on Tuesday, F. Roche, vice-president, occupying the chair in the absence of J. J. White, the president. The reports of committees were considered, and the deputa-

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Dr. Stuart Tidey Addresses the Board on the Question of Land Settlement and the Returned Soldier.

Dr. Stuart Tidey addressed the board on the question of land settlement and the returned soldier. He presented his arguments very forcibly. The history of the world had taught that man had two ideals, religion and patriotism. These had been replaced in modern times by individualism, leading to indolence and lack of stability. The two questions to be answered were why land settlement was desirable, and how it could be carried out. The future of British Columbia, the speaker maintained, depended on the building now of the foundations. A nation to be prosperous must first learn how to feed and defend herself.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, March 23—5 a. m.—The barometer is rising along the Coast, cold weather prevails in Northern B. C., rain has been general from the Lower Mainland to California, and snow is falling in Kootenay. Colder weather is reported in the prairie provinces.

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Friday. Victoria—Barometer, 29.81; temperature, maximum yesterday, 43; minimum, 36; wind, 8 miles W.; rain, 0; weather, fair. Vancouver—Barometer, 29.80; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 38; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, 0; weather, fair.

Entrance—Barometer, 29.80; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 35; wind, 10 miles W.; rain, 18; weather, cloudy. Kamloops—Barometer, 29.66; temperature, maximum yesterday, 47; minimum, 31; wind, 4 miles E.; snow, 14; weather, snowing. Barkerville—Barometer, 29.76; temperature, maximum yesterday, 32; minimum, 12; wind, calm; snow, 10; weather, clear.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.57; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 32; wind, 4 miles N. W.; rain, 10; weather, cloudy. Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 29.86; temperature, maximum yesterday, 52; minimum, 36; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, 16; weather, foggy. Seattle—Barometer, 29.87; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 36; wind, 8 miles S. E.; rain, 0; weather, rain. San Francisco—Barometer, 29.84; temperature, maximum yesterday, 58; minimum, 44; wind, 8 miles N. W.; rain, 14; weather, fair.

Temperature.	Max.	Min.
Cranbrook	45	28
Prince George	45	28
Penticton	45	28
Nelson	45	28
Calgary	45	28
Edmonton	45	28
Qu'Appelle	45	28
Winnipeg	45	28
Toronto	45	28
Ottawa	45	28
Montreal	45	28
St. John	45	28
Halifax	45	28

Temperature.	Max.	Min.
Highest	45	28
Lowest	28	12
Average	31	18
Minimum on grass	25	10
Rain, .68 inch.		
Bright sunshine, 12 minutes.		
General state of weather, cloudy.		

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT.

Victoria Observatory. From 15th to 21st March, 1916. Victoria—Total amount of bright sunshine, 15 hours and 48 minutes; rain, 13 inch; highest temperature, 52 on 15th; lowest, 34 on 17th. Vancouver—Total amount of bright sunshine, 21 hours and 24 minutes; rain, 2.43 inches; highest temperature, 52 on 15th; lowest, 31 on 15th. Nanaimo—Total amount of bright sunshine, 20 hours; rain, .85 inch; highest temperature, 52 on 15th; lowest, 31 on 15th. Kamloops—Total amount of bright sunshine, 22 hours and 48 minutes; rain, 23 inch; highest temperature, 49 on 15th; lowest, 22 on 15th. New Westminster—Rain, 2.47 inch; highest temperature, 52 on 15th; lowest, 29 on 15th. Penticton—Rain, .68 inch; highest temperature, 57 on 15th; lowest, 29 on 15th and 17th. Nelson—Rain, .15 inch; highest temperature, 56 on 17th; lowest, 24 on 15th. Cranbrook—Rain, .24 inch; highest temperature, 54 on 20th; lowest, 19 on 15th. Barkerville—Snow, 4.00 inches; highest temperature, 44 on 15th and 20th; lowest, 8 on 17th. Prince George—Rain, .24 inch; highest temperature, 55 on 15th; lowest, 31 on 15th. Prince Rupert—Rain, 1.72 inch; highest temperature, 55 on 15th; lowest, 35 on 15th. Alton—Snow, .60 inch; highest temperature, 38 on 21st; lowest, 6 below zero on 18th. Dawson—No snow; highest temperature, 29 on 15th; lowest, 49 below zero on 15th. Bowles—"You know, I wish I had some real occupation that I knew was going to take up a large part of my time for the rest of my life." Cowling—"Why don't you start a lawsuit?"

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- Ridgway's, per lb. 50c, 60c, and \$1.00
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Dr. David Donald, One-Time Member Schoolboard, Now at London Headquarters

Mrs. David Donald, whose husband was a well known physician in this city, and for the year prior to the outbreak of war a member of the schoolboard, in a recent letter to a friend in Victoria tells of her husband's appointment recently as president of the medical board at headquarters in London.

"He came home from France on Christmas Eve to take over his duties," she writes. "After eleven months in France he looked the worse for wear, but has now quite picked up and looks the picture of health again. In spite of all this he can proudly say he has never missed a day of duty—usual Scottish doggedness. He likes the new work, but when the officers coming over from France call to see him they make him very unsettled, and now there is rather severe fighting he is longing to get back.

The letter at another point continues: "London is such a changed place, you would never recognize it. At night it is quite eerie in the streets. All the vehicles from a hand-cart to a 20-ton



DR. DONALD

motor lorry carry a regulation size light, which is quite small. Those creeping along these very dimly lit streets like grey shadows remind one more of lanterns in forests than London streets. I very seldom go out after dark, for it is not safe crossing the roads. We have had one Zeppelin warning since we came here, and everything was put in utter darkness for a couple of hours. But evident the Zep. was driven off, for we heard nothing more of it. We are very close to the British Museum here (Bloomsbury Square), and bombs were dropped quite close last September when the Huns visited London. Strange that the populace do not seem the least bit afraid of these visitations. One can get used to any horrors seemingly.

"There are now many sad signs of the war in the streets; armless, legless, and blind heroes. It makes one very sad, yet bitter, against our enemies that the very flower of our manhood is maimed for life in this relentless manner.

"We have had quite a fall of snow the last few days, but it is not so cold, and up to the last three days the weather has been fine and springlike. We have just been pleased and surprised by a visit from Dr. George Hall, over on leave from France. He looks very well, but much thinner."

102ND HAS OVER 1,000

Col. Warden Will Have Battalion Ready to Move in One Month if Orders Come.

Lieut.-Col. Warden, commanding the 102nd Battalion, Comox, was in the city yesterday. He states that the 102nd is now over 1,000 strong. Seventy-five men are to come in from Prince George, and there are 200 in billets in the Kootenay country. In reference to the last mentioned men Col. Warden says that since the authorization of the 225th Battalion no effort has been made to ship these men to the coast. Instead, inducements are being held out to them to remain there and become members of the 225th.

In Nelson the authorities, says Col. Warden, have done all they could to have the 102nd men sent forward, but in some of the other towns there is evidence that they are being induced to join the 225th. He is not at all

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This popular waist may be had in a variety of new styles. They are mostly made with the Balkan band, which in some cases buttons at the side and in others laces with colored silk. They are made of white drill with trimmings of red, white or blue. Price \$1.25 and \$1.50. One of finer quality is made with a detachable and reversible collar of two different colors—thus the waist can be worn with either a scarlet or a navy collar. Price is \$1.00 and \$1.25.

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AT \$21.75—A Suit made of a very fine navy tweed. The coat is made in a full ripple effect. It has a smart belt and is pleated in front. The collar is of white cord silk. The skirt is plain flared style. This is a really beautiful suit and a rare value.

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AT \$25.00—Women who wish to pay about this price should see this suit. It is one of the best styles we have seen this season. It is made of fine navy suiting. The coat is fitted with the new sleeves and has several rows of black silk braid round the bottom edge. The belt effect is unusually smart, while the collar of black and white silk gives a good finish.

Savings That Are Worth While From the Bargain Basement

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- House Dresses—A new shipment to sell at \$1.00 and \$1.25
- Children's Gingham Wash Dresses in many styles. 75c
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MILITARY ITEMS

Lieut. Ely, 143rd B. C. Bantams, leaves to-day for Winnipeg to take a course of physical drill and bayonet instruction. Four non-commissioned officers go with him. They are Sgt. Lawrence, Provisional-Sgt. Farquhar, Cpl. Mills and Milner.

SCOTS' BAND PLAYS FOR EMPRESS DANCE

Battalion 50 Over Strength Last Night; Awaiting Orders to Leave

Last night the Western Scots were all on leave. Advantage was taken of this to induce the band to play at the Empress hotel for the weekly dance, and for the last time this season Louis Turner conducted. Mr. Turner formerly was leader of the Empress hotel orchestra, and resigned to become bandmaster of the 67th. The colonel and the band received the thanks of the public who attended the dance at the hotel, and of the hotel management for their excellent musical programme.

Yesterday the Western Scots were 50 over strength. This afternoon at 2 o'clock there was a rehearsal, under the direction of the officer commanding, of each man's duty in transferring from the dock to the boat and from the boat to the train at Vancouver. All members of the battalion carried full equipment, and received practical demonstration of the manner in which to stow it away when on the train. When the battalion leaves here the equipment will be sent to the boat and the men will march down unburdened.

Lieut.-Col. Henniker, officer commanding the 103rd Battalion, is confined to St. Joseph's hospital suffering from illness. He expects to be back at the head of the battalion in a few days.

WHAT CAUSES COLDS?

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