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RUSSIAN TROOPS IN MOSUL VILAYET, PART OF TURKEY IN ASIA

Troops Pursuing Fleeing Turks Crossed From Persia; Further Advance in Direction of Khanikin Is Announced by the Petrograd War Office

London, March 26.—Russian detachments in Persia pursuing the Turkish forces have crossed the border into the Turkish Vilayet of Mosul, according to an official announcement as forwarded in a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd.

Petrograd, March 26.—A further advance by Russian forces operating in Persia was announced to-day by the War Office in the following report:

"In the direction of Khanikin our troops occupied the fortifications at Kalichahin. Turkish troops are maintaining themselves on the heights near Miantaga."

The Turkish Vilayet of Mosul has an area of about 35,000 square miles and a population estimated at 250,000. It takes in the region north of the Vilayet of Bagdad and west of the Persian border, the Bagdad Vilayet bounding it in part on the south and the Persian frontier on the east. To the northwest are the mountains and the Vilayet of Diarbekir. The city of Mosul, the capital of the vilayet, lies about 225 miles north-northwest of Bagdad.

British forces are advancing from Bagdad, while Russian forces in two or more columns have been pushing westward from the Kermanshah and Sakiz districts of Persia. A junction between the armies of these two Entente movements has been forecasted as a probability, and the Russian advance indicated to-day points to its possible consummation at an early date.

RUSSIAN ARMY AT ONE WITH PEOPLE

Thoroughly Loyal to Country; Freedom of Press Having Good Effect

Petrograd, March 25.—The news that Field-Marshal von Hindenburg was planning a campaign against Petrograd was received here with little consternation, evoking rather a spirit of confidence in the loyalty of the troops and their ability to protect the city.

Telegrams have been received from every portion of the front affirming that the army can be relied upon to do its utmost to defend the country. M. Rodzianko, President of the Duma, received a delegation from the army which declared: "All the officers and soldiers will defend the Duma to the last drop of their blood. They will faithfully obey the Provisional Government and will strike the Germans to the last man."

Freedom of Press.
The freedom from the censorship already had a salutary effect in permitting the truth to be published about the new dangers from a German attack without the usual accompaniment of extravagant rumors which in the past made news more alarming than the truth itself. The result is that without minimizing the danger to the country, the press has accepted the declaration of the Minister of War quietly and without alarm. The Reuter says editorially:

"It is the people who are fighting the enemy and not the Government. Therefore, hiding nothing from our readers, we say definitely and clearly that danger is threatening our northern front. The enemy is preparing to crush our valiant army which for two years has defended the road to Petrograd. The Russian soldier understands better than ever before the importance of still resisting."

The Russki Volla says: "Russia is on trial. Von Hindenburg will try to realize his old dream of a move upon Petrograd. The army and people are facing a test which will become historical. Results can only come from an honest desire in the hearts of the Russian people for victory."

WOMEN TO WORK.

Toronto, March 25.—Arrangements have been made by the Government of Ontario for the employment on fruit farms of the Niagara district this summer of 400 women students of Toronto University to assist in getting in the crops.

DROWNED HIMSELF.

Chatham, Ont., March 25.—John Reeve, of Harvey Street, believed to have been despondent from ill-health, jumped into the Thames River from the Fifth Street bridge this morning and was drowned.

SHOULD NOT ENFORCE THE MILITIA ACT

Meighen Thinks It Inadvisable Because Canada Divided Somewhat in Ideals

Saskatoon, March 25.—That he does not consider that Canada is sufficiently united in ideals to permit of a straight enforcement of the Militia Act was a statement made by Hon. Arthur Meighen, Solicitor-General of Canada, here on Saturday evening.

Mr. Meighen spent a short time here on his way west on a tour which is understood to have as its purpose the ascertaining of the number of prisoners in the jails of Canada who might be used to work on the farms of the country or sent to the front in fighting units, and the determining of the general feasibility of the plan.

He admitted he had given the matter of the application of the Militia Act some consideration, but referred to the case of Quebec. When told that Quebec would allow the Militia Act to go into operation without any serious opposition, more especially if the compulsion were only for home defence, Mr. Meighen asked how anyone knew that Quebec would be amenable to the act in view of the mass meetings that were held there.

Mr. Meighen did not deny that Ontario and the western provinces could be controlled. He asked whether it would be necessary in case the Militia Act was enforced to patrol the border, and on receiving an affirmative reply, mentioned that the Royal Northwest Mounted Police could be used to aid in handling the situation. He was asked if 4,000 men would be enough. He implied that it was very difficult to secure these men. He stated that the Mounted Police themselves did not think an efficient patrol of the border was possible without a very large force of men.

ST. LOUIS, A SHIP OF AMERICAN LINE, ARMED, HAS REACHED EUROPE

Washington, March 25.—The American liner St. Louis, the first armed American ship to cross the Atlantic, has arrived safely at her destination, Secretary Daniels announced to-day.

Information as to the arrival of the St. Louis came to the Navy Department from the offices of the American Line in New York. The company wished to make known the fact to relieve the anxiety of those having relatives or friends who departed on the vessel.

New York, March 25.—The liner St. Louis, owned by the American Line, left an American port on March 17 with 31 passengers, of whom 14 were Americans. Among her crew of 394 persons were 131 Americans.

KILLED HIMSELF.

Toronto, March 25.—With a 22-calibre rifle lying by his side, the body of Evan Evans, aged 23 years, was discovered in the basement of his rooming house this morning. He had been in ill-health and had come to Toronto from St. Catharines about three months ago for medical treatment.

SERBIANS HARRASSING BULGARIAN INVADERS IN FOREST AND HILL

London, March 25.—The Reuter correspondent at Corfu says the official Serbian press bureau has issued a statement that the inhabitants of Eastern Serbia are revolting against the Bulgarians and are organizing bands which are operating in the mountains and forests.

PREPARATIONS AT SEATTLE.

Seattle, March 25.—A joint committee of the faculty and students of the University of Washington is making a survey of the student body and campus facilities to determine their efficiency for war.

HOSTS OF BRITISH MOVING FORWARD AS FORCES OF ENEMY RETREATED IN FRANCE SEEN BY A CORRESPONDENT

With the British Army in France, March 25, via London March 25.—(From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.)—The open fighting of the last ten days during the German retreat has presented war pictures fascinatingly spectacular and closely approximating the older ideals of martial splendor. The roads, or more exactly the remnants of roads, in some of the stricken districts of France have been fairly clogged with troops on the move.

From an eminence on a recently evacuated German stronghold could be seen to-day a seemingly endless column of cavalry coming over a distant hill, dipping down into a beautiful valley and rising again by a winding road to a broad, open field where camp was pitched for the night.

At times the brown-hued horses and brown-clad men were almost invisible against the brown winter landscape, and at points farther forward infantry detachments could be seen disappearing in the distance, skimming, dodging, one unit covering another, until it seemed almost as if the days of Indian fighting had returned.

Striking Change.
This open movement is a striking change from the deadly stalemata, the depression of fixed trench fighting. On the other hand, it is wonderful how the men, long hured to trench life, have come to love holes in the ground. During the rest period on long marches many of them can be seen sitting in deep shell craters in preference to the paved roads. There is warmth below the surface and a protection from the wind which Tommy has learned to appreciate.

Following in the German wake, it is difficult to understand why the retiring army gave up without a fight some of the enormously strong positions which are now in British and French hands. Of course these positions, including the high barriers of the heaviest wire, could have been destroyed by sufficient concentrated gunfire, as were some of the German positions along the Ancre front which were taken by the British after heavy bombardments with countless tons of ammunition.

American Participation.
London, March 25.—The possibility of American participation in the war on the side of the Allies was dismissed as a minor matter by General von Stejn, Prussian Minister of War, in an interview with the Berlin correspondent of the Budapest newspaper A Zest, according to a Berlin dispatch to Reuter's by way of Amsterdam.

General von Stejn said he did not know whether the American fleet would support the British fleet, but he was sure that there could be no question of an American continental army in the near future. He added:

Knows Offensive Coming.
"Our military situation on all fronts is good and justifies our best hopes. It appears that the enemy is preparing an offensive, but we shall resist even a stronger attack, not only at the front, but also at home. What may happen there we do not know. But come what may we will confront everything intrepidly. Our sufferings are great and our sacrifices gigantic, but it is just in these things that the greatness of a nation finds its expression."

In discussing the battle of the Somme, the Minister said that the Germans had no lack of supplies, but that their guns as compared with those of the enemy were insufficient.

GERMANS REPULSED SOUTH OF DWINSK, PETROGRAD REPORTS

Petrograd, March 25.—After discharging four gas waves, German troops yesterday attempted to make an advance near Postavy, on the northern part of the Russian front below Dwinsk. The War Office announces that the Germans were repulsed.

"In the region of Postavy, German troops, having discharged four gas waves, attempted an advance," the statement says, "which was repulsed. In the region of Odobawacht, east of Baranowich, about two companies of Germans in white overalls attacked but were dispersed. Northwest of Smorgon our artillery hit a German aeroplane, which fell into the enemy's lines."

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT PARTY WINS IN FIGHT IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Sydney, Australia, March 25.—The latest returns from the election in New South Wales indicate that the National Government party is certain of 54 seats in the new State Legislature, the Independent Laborites having 25, with four seats still in doubt. Meagher, the speaker, and McGowan, the ex-Labor leader, were defeated by substantial majorities.

The issue was the formation of a national state government to assist the Government of the Commonwealth in the prosecution of the war.

CELEBRATED FIRST SUNDAY OF LIBERTY

People of French Towns Evacuated by Germans Flew Flags.

British Headquarters in France, March 25.—Via London, March 25.—(From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.)—The shattered French towns evacuated by the Germans celebrated to-day their first Sunday of liberty in two and a half years. Countless French flags fluttered in the sunshine from both ruined and half-ruined homes and the women, old men and children who had passed through such a long ordeal of captivity strolled through the upturn streets dressed in the best clothes they could muster.

The unconquerable French genius for dress revealed itself even in such pathetic bits of finery as the women could find.

Here and there groups of "poules" gathered to listen to the graphic stories of the natives concerning their experiences under German rule. The villagers dwelt particularly in the time of terror which immediately preceded the departure of their enemies. All civilians were herded in certain buildings from which they heard explosions and saw the fires which testified that their little homes were being destroyed.

The towns where the inhabitants of the region were concentrated by the Germans were only half razed, while the outlying villages were burned down. In this way about half a town was spared to about ten villages completely destroyed.

Beginning Life Anew.
Despite the devastation and ruin, many French peasants returned to-day to the sites of their former homes seeking temporary shelters and bringing bits of furniture with which to begin life anew. They were not downcast but cheerful and almost say in the enjoyment of their new liberty.

In Roye a triumphal arch was constructed as a welcome to the home-comers. In the distance could be heard the reverberating echoes of the big guns, but the ceaseless booming was ignored by the people.

FORESTRY DRAFT FROM COAST AT WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, March 25.—The British Columbia Forestry Draft now ready for service overseas, composed of companies from Victoria and Vancouver, both about 125 strong, was given a hearty greeting on its arrival here. Two well-known old-time newspaper men of Victoria are attached to the Vancouver Island detachment—Capt. A. G. Sargison formerly was business manager of the Victoria Colonist, and C. H. Gibbons, former news editor of the same paper, enlisted as a private. Newspaper men here gave them a warm reception.

THREE RESCUED ALIVE.

Vancouver, March 25.—Of the nine miners who were entombed in the Pueblo mine at White Horse several days ago, three have been rescued alive, but there is no hope that any of the others are still living. Rescue parties working night and day broke through 70 feet of rock and earth to reach the imprisoned men.

FRENCH PRESSURE GROWING ON ST. QUENTIN; GAINS MADE SOUTH OF THE OISE RIVER

CANADA'S WAR LOAN QUARTER OF BILLION

Issue an Unqualified Success; Banks' Subscriptions Are Not Needed

SEVERAL DAYS YET BEFORE LISTS COMPLETE

Ottawa, March 25.—Although it will be several days yet before the Finance Department receives through the mails from distant points throughout Canada the final list of subscriptions to the war loan, the officials are now certain that the loan will be very much oversubscribed.

Sir Thomas White, the Minister of Finance, intimates that the total subscriptions, including the \$1,000,000 subscribed by the banks and including the conversions into the new loan of bonds or stock of previous issues, will aggregate at least \$250,000,000. The Minister states that the subscriptions already duly received show clearly that the loan has been an unqualified success.

Although no official announcement has been made, it is understood that as in the case of the last loan, the subscriptions of the banks will not be accepted. The loan has been more than subscribed without the assistance of the banks.

AN UNWISE ACT TO TAKE GERMANY'S WORD

Washington States Why It Has Refused to Reaffirm Treaties

Washington, March 25.—Germany's "clear violations" of the treaties of 1793 and 1813 and her "disregard of the canons of international courtesy," was assigned by the United States Government as reasons for its refusal to reaffirm or extend these agreements. The note of refusal to Germany, transmitted through Dr. Paul Ritter, the Swiss Minister here, was made public to-day by the State Department and discloses that this Government "is seriously considering" whether Germany's conduct has not in effect abrogated these treaties.

The note says: "In view of the clear violations by the German authorities of the plain terms of the treaties in question, solemnly concluded on the mutual understanding that the obligations thereunder would be faithfully kept; in view further of the disregard of the canons of international courtesy and the comity of nations in the treatment of innocent American citizens in Germany, the Government of the United States can not perceive any advantage which would flow from further engagements, even though they were merely declaratory of international law, entered into with the Imperial German Government in regard to the meaning of any of the articles of these treaties or as supplementary to them. In these circumstances, therefore, the Government of the United States declines to enter into the special protocol proposed by the German Government."

"This Government is seriously considering whether or not the treaty of 1888 and the revised articles of the treaties of 1793 and 1799 have not in effect been abrogated by the German Government's flagrant violations of their provisions, for it would be manifestly unjust and inequitable to require one party to an agreement to observe its stipulations and to permit the other party to disregard them. It would appear that the mutuality of the understanding had been destroyed by the conduct of the German authorities."

MAJ. HARRIS COMMANDS SCHOOL OF MUSKETRY

London, March 25.—Major J. C. Harris, of Victoria, B. C., has been appointed commandant of a Canadian school of musketry.

GOES TO FRANCE.

London, March 25.—Lieut. Mason, of the Canadian forces, has left for France.

Battle of St. Quentin Continues to Rage Furiously; French Patrols Beyond Folembray; British Troops Improved Position West of Croisilles

Paris, March 25.—Notwithstanding the bad weather and the difficult state of the ground, the French forces continued last night to advance south of the Oise. The War Office announced this afternoon that French patrols had reached Folembray, south of the forest of Coucy.

German troops made heavy and useless sacrifices in several attacks on positions captured by the French between the Somme and the Oise. Wherever they approached a French position they were thrown back by counter-attacks.

The text of the report follows: "Between the Somme and the Oise German troops made repeated attacks during the night on the front between Essigny and Benay. All these attempts were repulsed and serious losses inflicted on the enemy. We maintained the positions captured yesterday.

"South of the Oise our advance was continued notwithstanding the state of the ground and the bad weather. We pushed forward our patrols beyond Folembray, south of the lower forest of Coucy.

"North of Rheims our batteries caused the explosion of a munitions depot east of the Du Godat farm.

"Five German aeroplanes were brought down yesterday. One of our aerial squadrons last night dropped 1,000 kilograms of projectiles on factories at Thionville and in the basin of the Brie and also on the railroad station at Conflans and Montmedy.

German Driven Back.
Paris, March 25.—An official report issued last night said: "From the Somme to the Aisne our troops continued their offensive movement. During the course of the day a desperate struggle followed a desperate defence by the enemy, but our soldiers, roused by the spectacle of the ravages committed by the Germans, everywhere drove back the enemy, who suffered serious losses.

"Between the Somme and the Oise we drove the enemy out of the important positions of Castres-Essigny-le-Grand and Hill 121. A violent German counter-attack debouching on the front between Essigny and Benay was broken down by our fire.

Enemy Suffered.
"South of the Oise our troops penetrated several points in the Basses-Forets de Coucy and reached the outskirts of Folembray and Coucy-le-Chateau. German troops on the march in the direction of Folembray were caught under the furious fire of our batteries and dispersed with heavy losses.

"North of Soissons we increased our gains and repulsed two counter-attacks directed against the Vregny-Margival front.

Active artillery fighting on both sides took place in the region of Craonne (northeast of Soissons).

"On the Verdun front our batteries effectively dispersed German organizations north of Hill 204 and northwest of Bezonvaux.

Eastern theatre—The day was calm save in the region of Monastir, where the artillery displayed its usual activity. The enemy communique concerning the engagement of March 20-21 is false. We have maintained all the important positions conquered north of Monastir."

Further Progress.
An official report issued yesterday afternoon said: "During the night we made further progress north of Grand Serravalon in the direction of St. Quentin. Between the Somme and the Oise the French were relatively calm. Prisoners taken by us yesterday belonged to seven different regiments.

"On the east bank of the Alliette we advanced noticeably south of Chauny and consolidated our positions, as we did also in the region north of Soissons.

Surprise Attack.
"West of the Meuse we executed a surprise attack and captured elements of enemy trenches east of Malancourt Wood. East of the Meuse, a German attack on one of our trenches in the direction of Apremont was repulsed with hand grenades.

"There is nothing to report from the rest of the front.

Aviation—During the day of March 25 Adjutant Orioll brought down his sixth German machine. Another enemy machine was destroyed in a aerial combat in the region of Bois des Fontaines.

"German aviators dropped numerous bombs yesterday on Calais and Du-

Prisoners Taken.
"An enemy raiding party entered our trenches early this morning west of Hulluch, but was ejected with loss, leaving prisoners in our hands. A few of our men are missing.

"There was considerable activity in the air yesterday. Two important railway junctions behind the enemy's lines were bombed by some of our machines. A number of flights occurred. Eight hostile machines were driven down out of control. Four of our machines are missing."

For St. Quentin.
Paris, March 25.—The battle of St. Quentin continues to rage with unabated fury. The honors of the last twenty-four hours' fighting have been with the French, who are pushing forward steadily, taking all precautions that the nature of the operations call for and in the face of desperate resistance by the Germans. The advance is necessarily slow, owing to the character of the ground.

St. Quentin is protected on the northwest by the Oignon River, which, although only a brook like most of the tributaries of the Somme, runs through a broad valley full of swamps and clumps of trees which greatly increase its defensive value. To the west, the approaches to the city are over a bare, flat plain devoid of any natural obstacles and with but a few villages. Here the French advance naturally is most rapid, but the plain narrows and ends in a sharp point at St. Quentin. At Savy, the most favorable point, the Germans have built their main defensive line.

On Plateau.
The German right runs from the Oignon River at Vermand to the Holnon Wood and their centre is at Savy. Against these two sections the French have made little headway, but on the German left they have carried the strong key position on the plateau of Essigny and Benay. This section, extending from the Somme north of Serravalon to the Oise at Venduill, runs through a gentle, undulating country which offers admirable fields of fire to the defender.

The centre region is a wide hillock 360 feet high, on which stands the village of Essigny. It is flanked on the southeast by a similar eminence near Benay, and the definite possession of this strong position, French military critics claim, would force the whole German wing back on the Oise, expose St. Quentin to the south and imperil the rest of the line as far as the Oignon. It is considered certain therefore that the Germans will make determined efforts to retrieve their failure here.

Attacked Salient.
The French also have made an impression on the bulge in their line formed by the lower Coucy forest. Troops which crossed the Alliette and attacked the salient at its apex, succeeded in establishing a footing on the Soissons-St. Quentin high road at Folembray and Coucy-le-Chateau.

German Statement.
Berlin, March 25.—After rearguard engagements with hostile forces near Beaumont and Roisel and east of the Crozat Canal, on the front in Northern France, the German forces fell back according to orders, inflicting losses, army headquarters announced last evening. A French attack near Vregny, northeast of Soissons, was repulsed.

British Report.
London, March 25.—"North of the Bapaume-Cambrai road," said an official report on the operations in France issued last night, "an enemy bombing attack on one of our posts in the neighborhood of Beaumont-Les-Cambrai last night was successfully driven off. We improved our position west of Croisilles. We entered enemy trenches during the night northeast of Loos and captured several prisoners and machine guns."

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ANOTHER VERSION OF GERMANY'S "TERMS"

Geneva Journal Has Got Hold of the Latest Report

Berne, March 26.—"If peace negotiations were started to-day," says the Journal de Geneva, which does not reveal the source of its information, but declares it is absolutely reliable, "Germany would offer to restore the territory she occupies in France, except in the mining district of Briey, in exchange for a Channel port, Calais or Dunkirk, and an indemnity of 15,000,000,000 francs.

"Germany also would offer," says the newspaper, "to restore the territorial integrity and the sovereignty of Belgium on condition that Belgium would not be allowed to maintain a national army and that Germany would be permitted to garrison Namur, Liege and Antwerp perpetually."

It is added by the newspaper that Germany would require to be given an economic treaty. This is not the programme of the Pan-Germans, but the actual terms of the German Government, says the Journal.

PRINCESS PAT BETTER.

London, March 26.—The Princess Patricia, who became ill with an attack of measles shortly before the death of her mother, the Duchess of Connaught, has now practically recovered, the Canadian Associated Press is informed.

PROTEST AGAINST ACTS OF BARBARISM

French Government Sends One to Neutrals Regarding Germans' Act

Paris, March 26.—The French Government has charged its representatives in all neutral countries to protest against "acts of barbarism and devastation on the part of the Germans" in the territory evacuated by them in Northern France.

"No motive demanded by military necessity can justify the systematic devastation of public monuments, artistic and historical, as well as public property, accompanied by violence against persons," it says.

Premier Ribot concluded his instructions to the Government's representatives in neutral countries by saying that France, as well as its allies, will not in fact recognize as valid and effected in good faith, operations concerning negotiable paper that the Germans seized in violation of the Hague Convention.

An official note announcing the protest says:

"Entire villages have been pillaged, burned and destroyed. The acts of the Germans are not designed to check the operations of the French armies, but have as their object the ruining for many years of one of the most fertile regions of France."

PEOPLE OF ARGENTINE ARE FACING FAMINE

Drought Followed by Hordes of Locusts Which Fed on Crops

Ottawa, March 26.—That the Argentine Republic, one of the big wheat producing countries, is threatened with famine owing to drought and a plague of locusts is the somewhat startling statement made by G. Mallet, of Valparaiso, Chile, in a communication to the Department of Trade and Commerce. That part of the crops which had succeeded in surviving a terrible drought "has been cleaned out by an invading army of locusts, the like of which was never before known."

Mr. Mallet quotes La Espejo, a Chilean newspaper, as stating that rapid and energetic intervention of the Government is imperative in order to avoid general disaster. He says that from Buenos Ayres, Entre Rios, Santa Fe, Cordoba and San Luis comes the alarming news of thousands of homes threatened with misery.

To the north of the province of Buenos Ayres, the farmers have been the victims of the drought, the plague of locusts and a host of other scourges which follow in their train. There the farmers sowed wheat, and having failed, continued the struggle, planting maize, and lost, repeated the operations, and the crops have dried up or been eaten by locusts.

"South of Santa Fe, after the almost total loss of the wheat and flax, the disaster has been crowned with the total loss of the maize. The country south of Cordoba has been especially afflicted by the drought, the like of which has never been known here. The crops are reported to be wholly and completely lost in the entire zone.

"A veritable panic is raging in Rio Cuarto, where the starving cattle can not be sold at any price.

"The trade winds have carried the sandstorms inland, converting miles and miles of fertile lands into hopeless wastes." Here, to quote the words of another correspondent, "the mortality is enormous and the misery indescribable."

Another report from Buenos Ayres states that over 50 per cent. of the entire maize crop of the Argentine is considered irretrievably lost.

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For the benefit of Victoria school girls who overwork and get into highly nervous, weak and run-down condition, we publish this worth. Text: "I go to the High School and take music lessons, and became run-down, weak and very nervous, so I could not do anything. I would shake all over and could have screamed at times, and was really unfit to keep on with my studies. Mother purchased a bottle of Vinol for me and within a week I was better, and in two weeks I had gained five pounds and felt fine."

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WOMAN MURDERED.

Owen Sound, Ont., March 26.—Mrs. Wm. Brown, 67 years old, who resided at Jones Falls, three miles from here, was found dead by neighbors on Sunday afternoon. She was in her night attire, kneeling beside her bed. Her face and neck were badly bruised and there was blood on the floor. Her death will be investigated.

WAS ELECTROCUTED.

Sarnia, Ont., March 26.—Arnold McDonald, 28 years of age, a pipe-fitter in the plant of the Mueller Manufacturing Company, was instantly killed yesterday. His body came in contact with a live wire.

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At these prices we are showing an especially large assortment of handsome Spring Suits, in the styles to be worn this season—garments that are remarkable examples of the splendid material; the smart styles, and the excellent tailoring featured.

The season's favorite materials, such as gabardines, poplins, tweeds, serges, silks and combinations of fabrics in all the new shades.

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PRISONERS FOR FARMS AND OVERSEAS UNITS

Understood Hon. Arthur Meighen Investigating Plan During Dominion Tour

Saskatoon, March 26.—That the release of a large number of prisoners from jails in Canada may be expected this summer if the plans of the Dominion cabinet for using these men as laborers and also for overseas service come to fruition, is the conclusion to be drawn from the visit of Hon. Arthur Meighen, Solicitor-General of Canada, to this city on Saturday. Mr. Meighen stated that he was on a tour of all the penitentiaries of the Dominion. He was at Prince Albert last night.

While Mr. Meighen did not state that it was the intention of the Government to use the prisoners to help out the acute shortage of men, it is understood among local Conservatives who met Mr. Meighen that he is going to the jails with the object of securing information from the wardens and learning the number and character of prisoners at their disposal and finding out their opinions as to the feasibility of the scheme. A large number of prisoners already have made application to the Government through the wardens for permission to serve in the overseas forces and it has now become generally accepted that provided suitable arrangements can be made they might be used as soldiers. A large number of them are in jail for only short terms and are not by any means confirmed criminals.

With respect to the farm labor proposition, the carrying out of the scheme may be difficult. It is proposed to allow aliens and certain classes of prisoners to hire out to farmers under an agreement whereby each prisoner will receive part of the amount of wages he earns and the Government part, conditionally upon the farmer being responsible for the man's good behavior and non-desertion. This arrangement would hardly apply to the small farmer, but to a large number of men required and the services of a foreman would be necessary.

In view of a large number of prisoners being released for service in overseas battalions it may be necessary to patrol the international boundary line more thoroughly than is now being done.

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BRITISH CASUALTIES.

London, March 26.—In the casualty lists issued to-day are the names of 41 officers, 14 dead, and 1,020 men, 309 dead. The regiments suffering are the West Yorkshires, Suffolks, London Regiment, Essex Regiment, Royal Fusiliers, West Kents, Rifle Brigade, King's Royal Rifles, Royal Field Artillery and Australians.

The death is announced of Lieut. L. A. Soman, only son of A. Soman, of Norwich, who joined the Canadian forces at Calgary at the outbreak of the war and later was given a commission in a Lancashire Regiment.

Relatives announce the death of Pte. Edward Hornblower, of the Canadian Infantry, a son of the late Joseph Hornblower. The funeral was held to-day at Seaford.

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ONE WAS KILLED.

Pembroke, Ont., March 26.—One man was killed and two were badly injured when an eastbound C. P. R. freight train collided with a light engine at Moorlake, Ont., 40 miles west of Pembroke, yesterday morning. The dead man was Thomas Freeland, of Cobden, Ont., a brakeman. The injured are J. McIntyre, of Cobden, Ont., a brakeman, and C. W. Brennan, of North Bay, engineer of the light engine.

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WOUNDED GRIEVOUSLY.

Madrid, March 26.—King Alfonso received a wireless dispatch to the effect that Prince Friedrich Leopold of Prussia had been informed from France that his second son, Prince Friedrich Karl, had been shot down by artillery while flying over the British lines in the region of Peronne and had been wounded grievously in the stomach. The message said the prince would be operated on to-day.

FIRE IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, March 26.—Fire destroyed the plant of J. R. Walker & Co. here Saturday night, the loss being estimated at \$25,000.

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AN ARMY OF 150,000 GERMANS IN MEXICO

Teutons Trying to Organize One to Attack United States

Galveston, Tex., March 26.—An army of 150,000 made up entirely of Germans is being formed in Mexico to seize the Mexican Government, confiscate American and British property in Mexico and make war on the United States, according to what is believed to be trustworthy information received here to-day.

Agents of the movement revealed the plans to Germans in Galveston whom they sought to enlist. They explained that organization already is assured, and that arrangements have been made to join with the strongest Mexican faction. Whether this means Carranza, Villa or Diaz was not explained. The Germans were offered transportation, but profess ignorance as to where they were to be mobilized. It is estimated that 1,000 Germans have crossed into Mexico from border points daily during the past week.

Reports from Guatemala state that Germans from all parts of South America are flocking to that country preparatory to entering Mexico.

A DESPERATE CHARACTER



—Westminster Gazette.

Gimme somethin' to eat or I'll smash yer winders!

PORTRAIT AT KINGSTON.

Kingston, Ont., March 25.—In the City Hall a portrait of the late Major John McDonald Mowat, killed in action in France last October, was unveiled by H. H. Dewar, M. P. P., Toronto. The portrait is for the rooms of the Kingston Liberal Association, under whose auspices the gathering was held. Dr. A. W. Richardson, president of the Liberal Association, presided and there was a large audience in attendance. Mr. Dewar, after unveiling the portrait and eulogizing the late Major Mowat, spoke on provincial political issues. H. H. Torrey, Picton, a college mate of Major Mowat, also gave an address.

OWNERS IN BRITAIN RECOVER S. S. APPAM

Washington, March 26.—Immediate transfer of the prize ship Appam, at Newport News, Va., to her British owners was ordered to-day by the Supreme Court. This is the last step in taking the vessel from Lieut. Hans Berg and the German prize crew following the court's recent decision that they had violated American neutrality.

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AT WORK TO BRING NAVY TO STRENGTH

Recruiting Officers Busy in States; National Guard Troops Called

Washington, March 26.—The naval recruiting officers throughout the country under orders from President Wilson to-day redoubled their efforts to bring the navy up to its full authorized strength of 87,000 enlisted men.

Meantime twenty additional complete infantry regiments and additional separate battalions of National Guard troops, ordered into the federal service for the protection of property in the event of possible internal disorders, were reassembling. The troops have been called out in eighteen western and middle western states not included in the list of orders made public yesterday.

Arrangements also were being made to create on May 1 two new military departments on the Atlantic coast.

All three steps were in accordance with orders issued yesterday by the President to put the nation on a war footing.

About 20,000 men will have to be enrolled at once in order to bring the navy up to the required strength. The men will be used to man the reserve ships.

The re-creation of the two new military departments was ordered as a means of dividing the immense responsibility now devolving upon the commander and staff of the Eastern Department.

Major-General Leonard Wood, now in command of the Department of the East, is transferred to the newly-created southeastern department, with headquarters at Charleston, S. C., and Major-General J. Franklin Bell, in command of the Western Department, is transferred to the Eastern Department, with headquarters at Governor's Island.

Major-General Hunter Liggett, in command of the Department of the Philippines, is transferred to the Western Department, with headquarters at San Francisco, and Brigadier-General Clarence R. Edwards, in command of the Department of the Panama Canal Zone, to the Northeastern Department, with headquarters at Boston. Major-General Barry and Major-General Pershing will retain command of the Central and Southern Departments, respectively.

The National Guard organizations will be assigned to guard industrial plants and other property, public or private, in their respective states in case of war.

SOLDIER KILLED HIMSELF.

Toronto, March 26.—Private Albert D. Gordon, of the 216th Battalion, was found dying in a house here with a bottle of wood alcohol beside him. He died ten minutes after being taken to the hospital. He escaped from detention on March 19.

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, March 26.—The following casualties have been announced:

Infantry.
Died—Pte. C. A. Patchell, 6 Columbia Street, New Westminster.
Wounded—Pte. C. Hilman Bennie, New Westminster.
Previously reported missing and believed killed; now for official purposes presumed to have died—Cpl. F. C. Barter, Maywood P. O., Saanichton, B. C.
Wounded—Lieut. F. J. Feary, Errington, B. C.

Artillery.
Died—Driver F. Eaton, Victoria, B. C.
Previously reported missing; now for official purposes presumed to have died—Gar. F. H. Jones, Victoria, B. C.

INTERNED GERMANS MOVED FROM PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, March 26.—Several hundred members of the crews of the German auxiliary cruisers Kron Prinz Wilhelm and Prinz Eitel Friedrich, interned at the Philadelphia navy yard since last October, started to-day under control of a heavy guard of marines for Fort Oglethorpe and Fort McPherson, Ga., where they will be kept until further orders.

A large crowd held back by a cordon of marines and 500 Philadelphia policemen saw the departure of the sailors. When Captain Thierichsen, of the Prinz Eitel Friedrich; Captain Thierfeldt, of the Kron Prinz Wilhelm, and Lieut. Berg, who brought the British steamship Appam into Chesapeake Bay a year ago, left the ships they were given a cheer by their men.

The sailors were removed in response to statements from Mayor Smith and other citizens that the interned men were a menace to the navy yard and that part of the city where the yard is situated. No trace has been found of two sailors who escaped last week.

BAIL ESTREATED.

Montreal, March 26.—Failing to answer his name when called in the arraignment court this forenoon, M. R. Mosher had his \$1,000 bail confiscated by order of Judge Lafontaine and a new warrant for his arrest was issued. Mosher is charged with publishing a libelous letter concerning Robert P. Neil, president of the International Brotherhood of Railroad Employees.

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New Spring Suits Marked Special at \$17.50, \$22.50, \$25.00 and \$27.50

Recent arrivals in the Suit Section have brought a score or more new and popular styles in Women's and Misses' new Spring Suits to sell from \$17.50 up to \$27.50. Each Suit is perfectly tailored throughout from good wearing Serges and Tweeds. You may choose from Norfolk and Semi-Tailored styles. We want you to compare these Suits with others you have seen selling at these prices.

Nemo Corset Demonstration

Mrs. Craig, instructor from the "Nemo" Hygiene Institute, of New York, will be with us this week demonstrating the merits of Nemo Corsets. All women are cordially invited to consult this expert corsetiere. It will be well worth your while.

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THE BATTLE OF ST. QUENTIN.

The battlefield between St. Quentin and the Aisne continues to hold the centre of the stage. There a desperate struggle is in progress, the result of which may determine the period of the enemy's stay at St. Quentin and La Fere—in fact, on the whole of what is reported to be the Hindenburg line. Between the Somme and the Oise, or roughly between a point in front of St. Quentin and a point in front of La Fere, the French have inserted a wedge which the Germans are trying to break in heavy assaults regardless of loss. Our allies have captured the plateau marked by the villages of Esaigny and Benay, between St. Quentin and La Fere, exposing the former to an attack from the south and the latter to an attack from the north. As the French are also less than four miles west of St. Quentin and have captured Fort Vendeuil and another outlying defensive work west of La Fere, obviously both important places must go before long unless the Huns can throw them back.

This crucial struggle is taking place between the Somme and Oise. Farther south, between the Oise and the Aisne, the German line bulges from a point southeast of Chauny to Margival, northeast of Soissons. Inside that bulge is the wood and height of Gobain, which have been organized by the Germans as a defensive position covering the line from La Fere southeastward to Laon. Laon is the last strong point on the so-called Hindenburg line before it crosses the Aisne in the vicinity of Rheims. The French are endeavoring to advance upon the La Fere-Laon line just as they have forced their way to the St. Quentin-La Fere line farther north, and have already taken several good bites out of German bulge, penetrating the forest on the south and west and seizing two important villages. However, they still are some ten miles from the La Fere-Laon line.

Along the British front the fighting is not so intense, although Sir Douglas Haig's centre continues to press forward. The British troops have occupied the town of Roisel, seven miles east of Peronne and about six miles west of the alignment between St. Quentin and Cambrai. Farther north, the Germans offered stubborn resistance at Beaumetz-lez-Cambrai, but the British have now pressed beyond that point towards the plain which stretches out in front of Cambrai. Our share of heavy fighting will soon come along; indeed we may hear of it very shortly, for the British have no more intention of permitting the enemy to establish himself on a line before Cambrai and St. Quentin than the French have of letting him rest between St. Quentin and the Aisne.

The German War Office describes the fighting on the west front as rear-guard actions. No doubt that would be the German characterization if the enemy were being forced pell-mell to the Rhine. The outstanding fact, patent to the world, is that both British and French, particularly the French, have conducted so close a pursuit that if von Hindenburg intended to offer final resistance along the Cambrai-Aisne front he is now considering a revision of his intention. With St. Quentin menaced from the west and south, and La Fere inundated by the Germans as a desperate measure of defence, it is certain that the enemy's sojourn on that line must be very brief. He could hold it only by fighting a pitched battle in the open and defeating and throwing back the advancing hostile forces. His is not a defensive conducted on a narrow front such as those in the Verdun or Champagne sectors. He must meet the full force

of a strongly organized foe on a front of nearly a hundred miles. There are possibilities hanging upon the French operations between St. Quentin and the Aisne which may have escaped our readers. Cursory examination of the map will show that not only are the French menacing the German line from St. Quentin south, but they also are threatening the communications of the enemy front running eastward near Rheims and through the Champagne and Argonne districts to the Verdun region. If they continued to advance south of St. Quentin they soon would expose the whole enemy line along the Aisne to the gravest danger. In this connection a big French offensive from the Champagne to Verdun seems a probable early development. All this may seem to be looking far ahead, but the proximity of the French advance to both St. Quentin and La Fere justifies it. If those two places are captured a hasty German retirement from the Champagne and Argonne districts will follow as surely as the sun rises, while at the other end the evacuation of the coal mining district south of Lille would be another sequel.

UNCLE SAM'S PROBLEM.

According to a Galveston dispatch a German army of 150,000 men is being organized in Mexico for operations against the United States in the event of war between the republic and Germany. While the report no doubt is an exaggeration in regard to numbers, it would be folly on the part of our neighbors not to hasten the most complete preparations for eventualities from that direction. It would be a blunder to assume that Germany, which plans far ahead and afield, however faulty may be her execution of those plans, had overlooked the possibilities of a first-class diversion in the emergency of a war with the United States, long before diplomatic relations between Washington and Berlin were broken off. When the struggle in Europe began there were nearly a million German and Austrian reservists in the United States. These men were, and for the most part are still, subject to the instructions of the Teutonic General Staff. They include officers of high rank and thorough training. They are steeped in the theory and practice of Prussian militarism. How many of them have gone to Mexico since the war broke out, particularly in the last few months? To what extent have munitions, manufactured in German controlled plants in the United States, of which there are quite a number, been conveyed to Mexico during the last thirty months? If the United States goes to war with Germany an overt German move from across the border is almost a certainty. If the Mexicans should rally behind the enemy, that menace for a considerable time would prove formidable. Our neighbor would have a line of 1,500 miles to defend, which would require the disposition of at least 300,000 men. If the United States were able to strike first and seize the initiative the boot would be on the other foot. But we doubt if it would do so. On July 1 last the regular army of the United States consisted of 4,843 officers and 122,493 enlisted men. The National Guard had 7,003 officers and 132,236 men, the total enrolled strength being therefore 274,569 men. The present military establishment, however, is inadequate to maintain that number on active service; it is deficient in numerous important services and considerably less than the total we have given would be available for frontier duty, whereas in the face of an army of several hundred thousand Germans and Mexicans, the latter with war experience, much more would be needed.

But the United States would have other sources of danger to guard against which would call for a very large force. It would have to be on the watch for an internal uprising, especially if the enemy operating from Mexico secured some preliminary successes. It would have to guard its enormous railway system, its great bridges, dams and canals. It would have to protect its munition plants and maintain garrisons along its coast. Undoubtedly in time more than a sufficient number of men could be recruited, trained and organized for all these services, as the republic's raw material is almost inexhaustible, but before this were done some serious reverses would be suffered.

AMICABLY SETTLED.

The Victoria and Saanich councils on Saturday settled a fruitful source of friction between the two municipalities in regard to the taxation of parks. The subject was approached in conference in a spirit of compromise with the result that a complete and mutually satisfactory settlement was reached. City parks in Saanich are to be exempt from taxation and the taxes paid under protest are to be refunded by the district municipality to be expended by Victoria on the improvement of the beaches, which in future will be administered by a joint committee. This question had actually gone to the courts, having climbed as high as the Court of Appeal. All this trouble

Announcement

MEETINGS AND ENTERTAINMENTS.

Notices of ratapayers, political, suffrage, patriotic, lodge, society, club or church meetings and services, concerts, socials, etc., inserted under special headings of "Meetings" on classified pages at one cent per word per insertion: As reading matter under heading of "Announcements" on news pages at three cents per word, per insertion.

and expense could have been avoided if the two interests had met together before on the basis of amity and conciliation, each ready to make concessions, instead of with suspicion over one another's motives. There is no reason why every other issue between Victoria and the neighboring municipalities should not be settled just as satisfactorily and harmoniously. The two councils are entitled to congratulate upon the happy ending of a chapter replete with wrangling.

RUSSIA'S IMMENSITIES.

Discussing the potentialities of Russia and the prospects of Canada's trade with that vast region the latest weekly bulletin of the Department of Trade and Commerce says: "The tremendous diversity of climate and soil within the European Empire, and their respective influence upon the mode of life and needs of the people, is perhaps too little appreciated in this country. Take first the physical facts, viz., that Russia's 8 1/2 million square miles cover one-seventh of the total land surface of the globe, that without a break it stretches half-way round the world, that Russia contains more miles of navigable rivers than any other country, and presents climatic variations ranging from Arctic to sub-tropical, whilst her natural treasures are so vast as to baffle all description.

"Her immense forests, for example, will be able to supply the European market, and perhaps others, for many generations, especially under able forestry administration; whilst with 55 per cent. of her population engaged in agriculture, as compared with 23 per cent. in Great Britain, and with an output of 200,000,000 tons of cereals, Russia may well be termed the Old World's Granary. Her mineral deposits are not less imposing—reserves of coal, which would satisfy the world's demand for two centuries, and vast deposits of iron, manganese, copper, tin and zinc among the base metals; gold, silver, platinum and radium among the precious metals. The enormous petroleum deposits of the Caucasus with its hitherto unexploited resources of "white coal," will presently make her independent of coal, except for iron and steel manufacture.

"Then look at Russia's human resources, at her teeming population of nearly 180 millions increasing at the net rate of 2 1/2 million souls per annum. The measures lately introduced for the reduction of infantile mortality, taken in conjunction with the better conditions of living, consequent on higher wages and the vodka prohibition, will, it is estimated, raise the net increase of population to the amazing figure of over three million persons per annum. Yet there is ample room for all, as the density of population is only 20 per square mile, as compared with United Kingdom's 376.

"Here, then, is a country capable of providing an inexhaustible supply of raw materials for British workshops and an equally inexhaustible market for every possible class of manufactured goods. Russia, indeed, presents an unrivalled field for British enterprise and for the profitable investment of British capital in assisting to build up those industries which ought to be found in a land so rich in undeveloped wealth. From every point of view—economical and political—it would be best for us to supply Russia with capital and the machinery for establishing her industries in their natural habitat."

Chambers's Journal for March contains a great deal of matter of a miscellaneous character and of interest to a large variety of readers. There is one article which will commend itself to editors of newspapers, and probably will be read with a certain amount of incredulity by readers of newspapers—if our own experience be any criterion. The article is entitled "Some Fallacies About Editors," and cites a few of them. We quote from one part of the article as having a special application here: "Another deep-rooted fallacy is that the editor is in perpetual want of 'things to fill up.' I suppose the popular picture of an editor is of a distracted man who comes to the office about seven in the evening without an idea as to how his columns are to be filled next morning, trusting that some kindly providence will come along during the evening with a sufficient supply of battles and tragedies and law cases to enable the paper to come out. He is growing desperate when, by the last post, arrives Mr. C. Scribendi's article on the state of politics in Patagonia. With muttered thanks to a merciful providence, he grasps the manuscript and rushes it to the printer; and the readers of the Morning Melchill are spared the humiliation of finding a vacant column on the back page next morning. No, editors do not live in casual manna in the wilderness like that. They are not in want of copy, not even in what used to be called the 'silly season' till the war had reduced all the months of the year to a dead level of wisdom. If you ever have anything to send to an editor, do not send it from eleventh-hour motives, to fill up an odd corner."

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In all probability Canada and the United States soon will be allies in the great war, but that is no reason why the Stars and Stripes should replace the Union Jack or the Canadian ensign at the launching of a vessel built at Victoria under the encouragement of legislation enacted by the British Columbia Legislature. On a similar occasion last year an indiscretion of the same kind provoked some criticism in these columns, resulting in the explanation that the incident was due to a misunderstanding and no slight was intended. This time it will be difficult for those responsible for the exhibition of bad taste to excuse it on that ground. The substitution of the Union Jack or any other foreign flag for the American ensign would not be permitted at a launching on the other side of the international boundary for a moment, and we in Canada would not think of questioning that point of view.

A German newspaper, after giving the matter its most serious consideration, has decided that the damage the Boche has suffered during the war can be repaired by an annual contribution from the Allies of between £250,000,000 and £300,000,000. We are astounded at the moderation of this demand. The contribution might have been made perpetual, whereas it is only to be for a term of years, on account of the amenities of Germany being practically in a state of bankruptcy. In the meantime, no doubt, the doomed Allies also will give the matter their most serious consideration.

According to London newspapers just arrived Colonel Churchill stated in the House of Commons that he was unable to see what good purpose was served by keeping so many cavalry mounts in France in view of the fact that cavalry was not being used. This merely shows that one can be a celebrated public man and spend a considerable time at the front without knowing any more about it than those who never have been there. If the Germans are unable to hold on the Cambrai-St. Quentin line—which is hourly becoming more likely—it will be because of the cavalry which Churchill said would be of no use.

The first American armed ship has arrived at Liverpool. Thus the United States is helping to vindicate the principle of "freedom of the seas," but not exactly according to the Hun idea of the term.

The sun has crossed the equator, not neglecting to bring something in his train which conveniently could have been dispensed with.

President Wilson at last seems to have gathered a very definite idea of what the nations are fighting for.

Boston Transcript: "A million men for France" should be the slogan. Raise that slogan in America and more would be accomplished toward the breaking of Germany's morale, toward the breaking of Germany's military heart, than could be accomplished in any other way. The minute that the German armies and the German nation are

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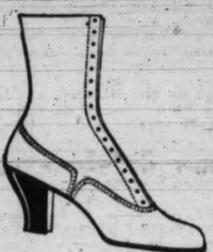
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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, March 26, 1892.

The flagship and H. M. S. Champion are due early next week from the South. When they arrive Esquimaux will present a more lively appearance than it has for the last few weeks.

A meeting of the Sealers' Association will be held on Monday evening to consider the matter, since the statement of claims forwarded to Ottawa by Messrs. Belyea and Gregory for the sealers has failed to satisfy the Marine Dept.

Editorial on the Legislature: While Mr. Anderson and Mr. Eberts can only see in the Victoria-Sidney railway project a means of making Saanich a fruit-growing country, and opening it up for settlement, the Hon. John Robson dilates on the enormous advantages which this line will provide to the British Empire and the world. The guns of San Juan might prevent the British fleet from reaching the Mainland, but here was a route by which the provincial police may reach the Mainland safely!

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Ratepayers of Victoria desiring to bring about a better condition in city affairs, General and Local Improvement Taxation, should call at any Real Estate Office, also Colonist and Times offices on or before March 30, and sign the memorial to the Provincial Government, for beneficial legislation.

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Civic Retirement Association.—A general meeting of all members is called for Monday, 26th inst. at Board Room, Belmont House, 5 p. m.

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Liberal Women Active.—With Mrs. Ralph Smith as convener a committee was appointed at a meeting of the Vancouver Women's Liberal Association to act in conjunction with the British Columbia Consumers' League to aid in the fruit-picking campaign. Mrs. P. Donnelly as convener of the returned soldiers' military hospital committee, reported that it had been decided to furnish two verandas or sunrooms.

British Mail.—A British mail, which left London on March 2, arrived in the city this morning. It consisted of eight bags of letters and one of papers.

Children's Aid Society.—The resolutions adopted by the joint committee of managers of the Children's Aid Society, and the aldermanic committee, held on Thursday afternoon, will be presented to the City Council this evening for consideration.

Capt. Hayward's Lecture.—Much interest is being taken in the lecture to be given to-morrow night in the Princess Theatre, the proceeds of which are to go to the Fowl Bay and Hollywood Red Cross. The Captain speaks with experience and tells of things as they really are. He has done a great deal of public speaking in his time and is well able to tell the story of the boys at the front in such a way as to make the conditions clear to the audience. The lecture commences at 8.15.

Service of Confirmation.—The Rt. Rev. Bishop Schofield, D. D., conducted a confirmation service at St. Mark's Church, Kitsilano, yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, this being the first occasion on which the Bishop of Columbia has officially visited the Mainland since his consecration last November. The Bishop of Columbia has taken charge of confirmation and ordination services for the Diocese of New Westminster since their Bishop, Rt. Rev. Dr. De Pencier, left for overseas as chaplain to the forces.

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Benefit by Lecture.—The Hollywood and Fowl Bay branch of the Red Cross Society was responsible for a very pleasing entertainment held at the Presbyterian Church, Wildwood Avenue, on Sunday evening, the occasion being the lecture by Rev. R. Hughes in aid of their funds. The lecture, which was on a trip through Belgium and Prussia some years ago, was copiously illustrated with splendid lantern slides, and proved very entertaining to all the patrons. A musical programme was also given during the evening, as follows: Mr. Vivaldi, symphonium solo, "Perfect Day;" Mrs. William Grant, "Somewhere in France;" Mr. Muir, "Never Let the Old Flag Fall;" Mrs. Whitaker, "There's a Land;" Mr. Jack Smith acted as accompanist. Very hearty applause was given by the audience both to lecturer and musicians. As a result of Mr. Hughes' generosity the society has benefitted to the extent of \$25 net receipts.

Fifth Regiment Band.—A full house welcomed the Fifth Regiment Band at the Royal Victoria Theatre last evening for their usual weekly concert. The most successful numbers in an excellent programme were the selection, "Pearl Girl," the Overture "Phedre," which was admirably played, and the score number "La Paloma." Band Sgt. Willis and Bandman Pichon in their clarinet and flute duet were very fine, although a slight defect in one of the clarinet keys disconcerted the former somewhat and prevented him from doing full justice to his part. The players were given a very hearty encore, and repeated part of their number, Sabon's "Charite." Mrs. A. J. Gibson played the piano accompaniment excellently. Mrs. Harry Briggs, the vocalist for the evening, sang in her usual excellent manner, a MacFayden number being heartily encored. For a second song she gave the "Ave Maria," with violin obligato by Mr. Sprange, the beautiful composition winning an ovation of applause. Mr. Sprange contributed two violin selections, Bohm's "Cavatina" and "Perfect Day." The latter was, if possible, even more popular than the former, and a section of the audience made an effort to recall him. Owing to the lateness of the hour a second encore had to be denied, however. Mrs. A. J. Gibson accompanied all the soloists in her usual brilliant manner and Bandmaster Smith wielded the conductor's baton.

CAME TO PROVINCE

DURING MINING RUSH

Mr. Abraham Whetstone, Old Resident of B. C., Died on Saturday

There passed away on Saturday another old pioneer of the province, Mr. Abraham Whetstone, since 1858 a resident of British Columbia who for many years had made his home in Victoria. He was 87 years of age.

A native of Colne, England, the deceased gentleman was 87 years of age. He received his education there, but decided in the time of the gold excitement in California to come out to the Pacific Coast and try his fortune, making the trip by way of the Isthmus of Panama. In California he remained some time, but finally he decided to stake out soon after his arrival on the coast. When the Cariboo excitement began he followed in the van of the rush of prospectors and speculators who made northwards from the older mining area. He remained for some time in the upper country, winning neither better nor worse luck than the majority of his fellows in the venturesous life.

Finally he returned to the more moderate climate of Vancouver Island to settle. For some time he had a fruit store on Johnson Street, but about twenty-five years ago retired. Latterly he had lived at 418 Springfield avenue, where his death occurred, a niece, Miss Whetstone, keeping house for him of recent years. He had been seriously ill only for a short time prior to his death, although for some months past he had been in failing health.

The deceased was a widower, and had no children. The funeral has been arranged to take place at 2.30 to-morrow from the B. C. Funeral Chapel, Rev. S. J. Thompson officiating.

GOING TO THE FRONT

AS DISPATCH-RIDER

I. A. Lemm Leaves for the Mainland To-morrow; Presentation Made to Him

Irving Alfred Lemm, the second son of the late I. A. and Mrs. Lemm, leaves Victoria to-morrow night for Vancouver, where he will join the corps of Despatch Riders, a detachment of which is on the eve of departure to Toronto for a short period of training before proceeding to England.

Mr. Lemm was but six years of age when he came with his parents to this city from London, England, his birthplace, and for the past twenty-eight years has been well-known here, both in the business and social world. For thirteen years he was connected with the choir of St. Andrew's Church, to which reference is made elsewhere in this issue.

For many years, subsequent upon the completion of his education at the Central School, he has been in the employ of Weller Brothers in a clerical capacity. On the closing of the store on Saturday last, Manager Curry, of the firm in question, supported by the other members of the staff, marked the occasion of the new recruit's departure from the service of the company for the hazardous work of a despatch rider. The ceremony took the form of a presentation of an illuminated address, together with a handsome gold ring, surmounted with the emblem of the I. O. O. F., of which order Mr. Lemm is a member.

Tag Day.—An application will be made by the Croix Rouge Francaise for a tag day on the National French holiday, July 14. The French Red Cross Society had a similar collection last summer, and the application will be before the City Council this evening.

Universal Regulation.—In regard to a recent letter from the secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association, with regard to enforcing a food by-law covering the weight of all varieties of foodstuffs, instead of those already defined, the matter will be brought before the city council this evening in the form of a suggestion that the by-law should be amended to cover the point, embracing all classes of commodities.

Oak Bay Entertainment.—An interesting entertainment was given in the Oak Bay Theatre on Saturday night when Commissioner Cuthbert, of the Development League, showed his fine set of pictures which are used in advertising the Pacific Northwest. Miss Dorothy Dorrell, Miss Hunt, Mrs. McMahon and Pte. Ingledew provided the musical part of the programme and interesting sketches were given by Miss May Dorrell and Pte. Ingledew. The sum of \$15.10 was added to the Red Cross funds as a result.

Cleaning Postponed.—The wet weather at the end of last week has disturbed the calculations of the city engineering department, and in consequence the cleaning out of Smith's Hill Reservoir, announced last week, has been postponed. The principal cause of the postponement has been the sudden rise at Humpback Reservoir, owing to exceptional precipitation for March, the water reaching on Friday within an inch or two of the top of the dam. It will be necessary to lower the water in the storage reservoir, a course which is now in hand.

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The Young Men's Building, corner Blanshard and View Streets, is open all day, for the convenience of young men away from home. It affords opportunity to write the home letters, to meet and converse with friends, or to spend a couple of hours in useful reading. From 4 to 5 o'clock A Conversational Class for Bible Study meets to consider selected lessons from The Gospels, under the guidance of Mr. J. M. Graham, an experienced leader. The discussions are informal, instructive and inspiring. Men seeking fellowship and help for everyday living are heartily invited to attend the sessions of this class. VISIT THE Y. M. C. A. Sunday Afternoon, and at other leisure hours.

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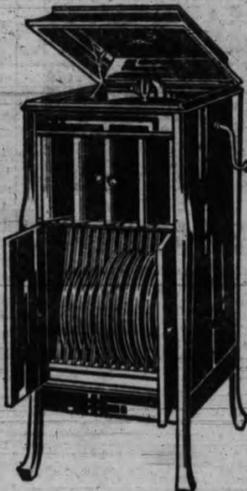
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VICTORIA LADIES HEARD IN VANCOUVER

Immense Audience at Musical Recital in Big C. P. R. Hotel Last Week

By mutual agreement the Ladies' Musical Club of Victoria and Vancouver arranged this year to give exchange programmes. Five artists from the local organization went over to Vancouver last week and furnished the March programme of the sister organization last Wednesday evening. The concert took place in the oval room of the Hotel Vancouver, which was filled to overflowing with an interested audience.

The Sun, Friday edition, had the following to say:

"The Victoria Musical Club is, both in name and association, a potent factor of the great world inspiration. The oval room of the Hotel Vancouver was filled to overflowing by Vancouver's adherents to the cause of the noble art. The room echoed the artistic array of a programme of all stars. Mrs. MacDonald Fabry, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Baird, Mrs. Robin Dunsmuir, Mrs. Gilson Hicks, Mrs. Conyers Bridgewater were the representatives. Each shared the enthusiastic plaudits. The entire programme was decidedly interesting and left one with the impression that the word encore was a weak tribute of expression to the feelings that were manifested and which were the result of the visitors from their island home, Victoria. Bravo! Vancouver Women's Musical Club for the opportunity, and Bravo! Victoria Musical Club for your courtesy. The Vancouver Musical organization is to reciprocate by sending over artists who will give the April programme for the local club. The date of the concert will be announced later."

MADE HEATED DEBATE

Notice of Motion by Victoria Local Council of Women Responsible for Discussion at Ottawa.

Notice of motion by the Victoria Local Council of Women that they will not before the delegates at the coming annual meeting of the National Council in Winnipeg a resolution calling on the present government to put into effect immediately a system of naval and military training for young boys capable of receiving it was responsible for a heated debate recently. Mrs. Adam Shortt, at an open meeting of the National Council executive at Ottawa, opposed a report brought in by Miss Constance Boulton, convenor of a committee who was asked to obtain information on military training in other countries which have military training in the public schools.

Miss Boulton's report was brought in as the result of the notice of motion by the Victoria Council. Mrs. Shortt maintained that it was not military or naval training for the boys of Canada that was a national necessity, but proper physical training for every boy and girl so that they might be correctly developed when they attained manhood or womanhood. Such a system adopted by the government years ago, Mrs. Shortt maintained, would have made easily procurable the 500,000 men promised by the Premier to the Motherland. It was true that the number of applicants for enlistment had been well over this number, but many men had had to be rejected because they did not come up to the physical requirements. Mrs. Torrington, of Toronto, president of the National Council, stated that it was anticipated that the report would cause discussion and difference of opinion, but the resolution was open for amendments.

Mrs. Torrington was nominated again for the office of president.

NO NURSES AVAILABLE

Trained Women Ask \$4 a Day and School Board Cannot Pay That.

The Board of Management of the Saanich Branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses up to the present has been unable to announce that they have secured a nurse. This is not due to any lack of effort on their part. Miss Ad Mackenzie, superintendent of the Order in Canada, writes:

"I have several in view, but not one available at the present moment. As soon as I can get one she will be sent. In the meantime you will have to be patient."

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who has had anything to do with hospital management since the beginning of the war. The nurses, when approached, stated that they could make more money at private nursing and would not consider district nursing at less than \$4 a day and expenses. This fee, of course, the Saanich Board of Management is not in a position to pay. When the war is over and nurses are released the chances are that there will be several willing to take the opening in the Saanich district.

The WEATHER

Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, March 26—5 a. m.—An ocean storm area now approaching this coast is causing a southeasterly gale there and the same may become general on the Straits of Fuca and Georgia. Snow or sleet are reported over parts of Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland and rain has been general southward to Oregon. Moderate temperatures prevail in the prairie provinces, and light snow has fallen in Manitoba.

Forecasts.

For 26 hours ending 5 p. m. Tuesday. Victoria and vicinity—High winds or gales, mostly southerly and easterly, unsettled, with sleet or rain.

Lower Mainland—High winds or gales on the Gulf, mostly southerly and easterly, unsettled, with sleet or rain.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.27; temperature, maximum yesterday, 45; minimum, 35; wind, 8 miles E. E.; sleet, 30; weather, clearing.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.25; temperature, maximum yesterday, 41; minimum, 35; wind, 5 miles E. E.; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.25; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 28; wind, 4 miles N. E.; weather, clear.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.06; temperature, maximum yesterday, 31; minimum, 19; wind, 12 miles E. W.; weather, fair.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.72; temperature, maximum yesterday, 26; minimum, 34; wind, 24 miles S. E.; rain, 48; weather, raining.

Tatoush—Barometer, 30.18; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 36; wind, 21 miles E.; rain, 50; weather, raining.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.28; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 38; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.18; temperature, maximum yesterday, 68; minimum, 48; wind, 4 miles S.; weather, clear.

Temperature.

Victoria—Max. Min. Pentlton

Nelson

Prince George

Calgary

Edmonton

Qu'Appelle

Winnipeg

Toronto

Ottawa

Montreal

Halifax

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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

Mrs. Westendale, of Tacoma, is at the Dominion.

A. B. McLean, of Cawston, B. C., is at the Dominion.

O. C. Williams, of Nanton, Alta., is at the Dominion Hotel.

H. Tweedie, of Keremecos, is a guest at the Empress Hotel.

Mrs. A. L. Craig, of New York, is a guest at the Empress Hotel.

G. Larrabee, of Wilmer, B. C., is a guest of the Dominion Hotel.

H. H. Scarff, of Montreal, arrived at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

J. M. Laurie and family, of Vancouver, are at the Dominion Hotel.

C. W. Austin, of Toronto, registered at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

W. D. I. Wright, of London, registered at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

Mrs. J. Walters is down from Merritt and is a guest of the Dominion Hotel.

Dr. C. N. Field and family, of Edmonton, are staying at the Dominion Hotel.

V. Barrister and family, of Sidney Island, are registered at the Dominion Hotel.

Robert G. Patterson, of Kamloops, is a new arrival at the Dominion Hotel.

J. McFadyre and Mrs. McFadyre, of Golden, are registered at the Dominion Hotel.

B. F. Lundy and Mrs. Lundy, of Calgary, are stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

Mrs. A. W. Hanhain is down from Duncan and is staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

Miss M. Layard is down from Duncan and has registered at the Strathcona Hotel.

Mrs. L. D. Hauera and family, of Port Townsend, are registered at the Dominion Hotel.

Mrs. Wm. Dunsmuir is in from Cloverdale and has registered at the Strathcona Hotel.

W. Rodgers and Ritchie Quinn have arrived from New York and are staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

Sergt. and Mrs. A. M. Davies are down from Prince Rupert and are staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

W. F. Porter and Mrs. Porter, of Puyallup, Wash., are visiting Victoria and staying at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Maxfield have arrived from Lincoln, Nebraska, and are staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

W. C. Capron and J. K. Murphy, of Anacosta, and R. J. Cobban, of Butte, arrived at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

C. J. O'Connell, of Winnipeg, and J. J. Barrett are making a leisurely tour of the west and are staying at the Dominion Hotel.

Mrs. Sprague, Miss K. Brydone-Jack, Mack Eastman and Mrs. W. T. Hanhain are among the Vancouver registrars at the Strathcona Hotel.

Mrs. P. A. Sargent and children, of Calgary, Alta., have arrived in Victoria for the summer, and have taken up their residence at 1529 Crescent Road, Fowl Bay.

A mass meeting will be held on Tuesday evening in the Labor Temple, Vancouver, when R. M. Winslow and several representative fruit growers will tell of the need of the support of the women of the cities as well as of country districts in increasing production.

Miss Stevenson, formerly of Ganges, Salt Spring Island, who left last autumn for Scotland to enter the V. A. D. Hospital in Stirling, is not the only member of the family engaged in war work, a brother, Mr. James Stevenson, being on the committee in the Ministry of Munitions and also Assistant Director of National Service. He has just had conferred on him a Baronetcy. Miss Stevenson was a very capable worker in the Ganges I.O.D.E.

PRESENTED WITH WATCH

J. A. Lemm Receives Token of Remembrance From Members of St. Andrew's Choir.

J. A. Lemm, the oldest member of St. Andrew's Church choir was, last evening, the recipient of a token of appreciation from the other members of the organization. Mr. Lemm leaves tomorrow for Vancouver to join a draft of dispatch riders which is going to France.

The gift was in the form of an illuminated wrist watch, suitably engraved. The presentation took place last evening immediately following the regular service. An address was read by Jesse Longfield, after which Mrs. C. Conyers presented the choir's gift.

Mr. Lemm has been a member of the choir of St. Andrew's Church for a period of thirteen years, having joined only a short time after Mr. Longfield, the organist. Although at the time of leaving Mr. Lemm was not the holder of any office, in previous years he had officiated in the capacity of secretary-treasurer.

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PANTAGES OFFERS SPECIAL FEATURES

Screamingly Funny Comedy is Headliner on Bill of Varied Interest

Five big vaudeville features and the fourth chapter of the popular "Pearl of the Army" serial, comprise an interesting programme which was inaugurated at the Pantages Theatre with the matinee this afternoon.

The headliner this week is a change from the spectacular variety with the presentation of "The Bachelor Dinner," a big screamingly funny musical comedy offering. Jack Henry and Rose Gardner are featured in the cast and are supported by a group of pretty girls who sing and dance entertainingly. This is a novel comedy, presented by thirteen people as a distinctly popular offering. The comedy element is new and refreshing and the musical numbers are all of the more recent vintage. Special scenery further adds to the effectiveness of the presentation.

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adds to the effectiveness of the presentation. Patricola, the queen of song, is a popular favorite in her repertoire of instrumental and singing numbers. She is a charming woman with an attractive personality who wins her audience from the moment she steps on the stage.

Billy "Swede" Hall, assisted by Jennie Colborn and Georgia Milligan, present a protean revue entitled "The Black Sheep." It gives ample opportunity for Mr. Hall to display his histrionic talent in a clever presentation of protean art.

Samayoa, a Barcelonian of repute, presents his original sensational swing in the clouds which is the latest word in thrills and midair acrobatics. It is accounted a daredevil act with few equals in vaudeville.

Monroe Tabor and Fred Green are known as the disciples of Nicodemus in songland. Their offering is a song and comedy patter number which is the height of cleverness and very amusing.

The shroud of mystery is drawn closer about the strange figure of the Silent Menace in the fourth chapter of the "Pearl of the Army" serial, which is an added feature of the present Pantages offering, and Pearl White, as Pearl Dare, is given further opportunities to reveal those qualities of reckless courage and resourcefulness which equip her admirably for the role of daughter of the army.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN

AND OTHER FEATURES

Majestic Has Fine Programme Including Story of "Myrtle the Manicurist"

"Shanghaied," the most famous of Charlie Chaplin's successes, will be the big drawing card at the Majestic the first three days of this week. The film is in two acts, and no doubt many who have seen it before will renew acquaintance, for it is a picture worth seeing over and over again.

"Myrtle the Manicurist" is the title of a three-reel farce by the Vitagraph Company, and with Jewel Hunt taking the part of Myrtle some real fun can be looked for. Millionaires don't grow on trees, but Myrtle, the manicurist, drew one in her nail-clipping euphorium and found a young fortune in her palm after he had gone.

"Myrt" wasn't a bit slow in using up the dough, either, and her trim form, swathed in glad rags, looks "classy." In fact so classy that wealthy Mr. Gay engages himself to her and seals the pact with a diamond ring, purchased for the five and ten-cent store. Myrtle's blessed dream of a happy married life in her mansion on Fifth Avenue is rudely shattered when Jimmy, the bell-hop, informs her that there already is one Mrs. Gay.

The complications that ensue are intensely interesting. Eventually Myrtle goes into the movies. She makes a hit, but balks at the prospect of jumping from the top of the Woolworth Building. The director, in a quandary, tries to push her off, but the camera goes off instead. Wisely deciding that the climate in that region is rather unhealthy for her, Myrtle returns to the more genial labor of trimming the digits of the idle rich.

The Young Customer—Please, I want a haddock. The Fishmonger—A finnan? The Young Customer—No, a fiek. 'un.—London Sketch.

MAJESTIC CHARLIE CHAPLIN



To-night in "Shanghaied"

Continuous Performance 1.30 to 11 p.m.

Admission 10c. Children 5c

"HER LIFE AND HIS"

DRAMA OF PRISONS

Co-Operation Between Man and Woman. Followed by Blackmailing Scandal

The world was stirred at Thomas Mott Osborne's fight to better conditions at Sing-Sing prison. Everyone wondered what unseen forces were working against him, with what powers of evil he had to contend.

That is why Manager Robertson expects the Pathé Gold Reoster play, "Her Life and His," to be a big success at the Dominion. He is presenting it to-day, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Here are the facts: The title itself has a strong appeal. The story to a great extent parallels Osborne's experiences. It is dramatic and fast moving. The climax with the scene laid not in a courtroom but at a secret hearing in the District Attorney's office, is unusual.

The star is Florence LaBadie, supported by H. E. Herbert, Billie Burke's leading man in Charles Frohman's stage production of Sir J. M. Barrie's "Mind the Paint Girl." Her leading man is one of the foremost younger actors England has produced. He is widely known in Broadway and by legitimate theatre-goers for his work with William Faversham, Mrs. Blanche Bates and Martha Hedman.

The picture was written by Philip Lonergan and produced at the studios of the Thanhouser Film Corporation, under the direction of Frederick Sullivan, a nephew of the famous co-author of the Oller and Sullivan operas.

"Her Life and His" has the approval of organizations interested in social improvement and prison reform. To the man who wanted to die, the girl who wanted to live makes a proposition—to use his fortune to better prison conditions and lend those with a prison record a helping hand.

She offers her own intimate knowledge as her half of the partnership. He accepts and the plan proves so successful that Howard is appointed warden of a large prison. But matters fall along too smooth and cleanly to suit the corrupt political ring and they start a blackmailing scheme against Howard. How he is tricked into a scandal and how Mary matches wits with the adventuress who lures him to her apartment, makes a thrilling story that moves fast and surely to a strong climax.

WILD DESTRUCTION

FOLLOWS CHARLIE

"Behind the Screen" at Columbia is Funniest of Chaplin Films

Charlie Chaplin is the feature at the Columbia to-day, Tuesday and Wednesday in his latest comedy. Set down in the midst of a thoroughly equipped motion picture studio, with the real director tearing his hair and shouting through his megaphone, with dramas and comedies under way, pretty actresses being picked, settings being put up and torn down—there is unlimited opportunity for the wild destruction that follows in Charlie's wake. He gets in bad with the director and does everything that he shouldn't do with the pathetic seriousness that makes his work so peculiarly human. Every one picks on him. Big Campbell, the lazy head carpenter, makes him wait on him like a slave; the director catches him every time he sits down to draw a breath after his vigorous labors and thinks he is loafing; even the stage properties that he is handling fall on him. However, Edna, an awkward country girl, the butt of ridicule of the other applicants for work, who manages to disguise herself in the overalls and cap, cast off by a striking carpenter, understands him and is kind.

Wednesday night the management of the Columbia theatre will hold a country store, when some very valuable prizes will be given away free. "My old doctor wouldn't take my mfyady seriously. He says it's only headache." "He said that to a woman with your money?" "He did." "I am astounded. You suffer from migraine."

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HOME

UNIQUE STORY AT VICTORIA THEATRE

Foibles of Newly Rich Shown Up by Younger Sister of Family

The attraction at the Royal Victoria to-night is Bessie Barriscale, Charles Ray and Louise Glaum in the comedy drama "Home." As will be seen by the short synopsis below, this play adapts itself very readily to a motion picture play, there being action from beginning to end. The settings and photography are of the highest order, and the two-reel Keystone comedy entitled "The Mummy," featuring the well-known comedian De Wolfe Hopper, makes in all a very attractive entertainment. The story of "Home" is as follows:

The Wheaton family are among the "new rich," and their sudden prosperity has turned their heads—that is, the heads of all but Bessie, who has gone abroad and comes home more sensible than ever and thoroughly disgusted with all her people. Young Alcen Shelby is greatly attracted by Bessie. He is unprepared, however, for the change that takes place in the supposedly sensible Bessie, when she, out of patience with her people, determines to teach them all a lesson. Her brother has engaged himself to a chorus girl. Bessie cultivates the girl's acquaintance and stimulates her way of acting, much to her brother's shame and to the astonishment of Shelby. Her sister is setting her cap for an impecunious nobleman and Bessie flirts so astomishingly with him that he transfers his affections, only to be sent on his way, when his sister finally turns from him herself. In such fashion Bessie proceeds to reform the entire household, and when the family finally determined to take her to account for her ways, she turns on them and flings at their feet a diary she has kept in which she sets out their faults in plain language.

When Bessie finally attempts to run away from home that is so distasteful to her, Shelby meets her and forcibly compels her to return. The family has had an awakening in the meantime and receive Bessie back with open arms.

HUMOR AND PATHOS

"The War Bride's Secret" is Romantic Story That is Coming Soon.

The humor and pathos of Scotch life on the plains has its part in the unfolding of the story of "The War Bride's Secret," the new William Fox picture in which Virginia Pearson is starred.

The story of the film tells how Jean MacDougal, a dairy maid on the extensive farm of Robin Gray, is loved by Gray and by Colin Douglas, Jean's father, encourages the love of Gray, and tries to force his daughter to marry him.

At the outbreak of war, Colin enlists. Before he leaves, he marries Jean secretly. Later the girl hears that Colin has been killed. She realizes that she must have a father for the child for whom she has already begun to make clothes, so she marries Robin Gray.

When the child is born, the wealthy farmer thinks it is his own. He does not realize the truth until the end, when Colin Douglas returns to the village. He had been merely wounded in the war, and as soon as he can get away, he returns to Jean.

Gray discovers the truth of Jean's relationship with Colin, and he leaves her with her real husband.

"I've made provision that the farm goes to the barn," he says. "God bless ye all."

"The War Bride's Secret" will be seen on Thursday at the Dominion Theatre.

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HIGH SCHOOL LEVY

How State of Washington Has Met Situation of Non-Resident Pupils at High Schools.

The school authorities in the neighboring state of Washington have felt the necessity of regulating the question of contributions by non-High School districts to those possessing High Schools, where the pupils from the outlying districts are taught. Since the Victoria case in 1915, the sections of the Pacific Northwest have all more or less been dealing with this question. An Act passed by the Washington

Legislature, which has just adjourned, provided for the levying of a tax upon all non-High School districts, not to exceed two mills, for the purpose of creating a fund out of which the districts possessing High Schools are to be reimbursed for the actual cost of educating pupils from non-High School districts. To arrive at the cost, the High School district is authorized to consider only items of current expenses, which are specifically set out in the Act. Grants earned on a per capita basis are to be apportioned according to the number of non-resident pupils attending a High School.

SPORTING NEWS

LACROSSE THIS YEAR TO THRIVE IN EAST

N. L. U. Moguls Are Ready for Coming Season on Same System

The Eastern lacrosse moguls aren't worrying about the recruiters. The N. L. U. is ready to continue this summer with Ottawa in the league, according to the following from Montreal:

"A four club league again next season," says Harry McLaughlin, Shipping Master and Surveyor of the Port of Montreal, and President of the Shamrock Amateur Athletic Association.

"I have had a talk with President Carn, of the N.A.A.A., and gentlemen representing the other clubs, and I feel justified in believing that lacrosse played upon somewhat the same principle as it was played last season will boom again.

The Nationals will virtually have the same team as last year. Ottawa is already strengthening up, and Cornwall has promised to have a good aggregation in the field.

CHURCH BASKETBALL LEAGUE GAMES PLAYED

The following is the present standing of the Intermediate and Ladies' Divisions of the Sunday School Basketball League:

Intermediate Division				
Team	P.	W.	L.	Pct.
James Hays	10	9	1	.90
Presbyterian A	11	8	2	.818
Metropolitans	10	7	3	.700
Congregational	11	3	8	.273
Presbyterian B	10	2	8	.200

Ladies' Division				
Team	P.	W.	L.	Pct.
Presbyterian A	11	11	0	1.000
Ref. Episcopal	11	9	2	.818
Presbyterian B	11	4	7	.455
Congregational	12	3	9	.250
Belmonts	11	1	10	.091

Two ladies games and one senior game were played in the Sunday School League on Saturday night. The Belmonts were defeated by the Congregational ladies by a score of 23-5 in the Congregational gymnasium. Miss E. Grant scored 13 points for the winners and Miss M. Charlton was the one who scored all 5 points for the losers.

In the Presbyterian gymnasium 21-19 was the result of the game between the two Presbyterian ladies' teams, the (A) team being the successful one. Miss M. Hanson retained her lead as individual scorer by netting 19 points in the game and Miss A. Weston and Miss M. Dunn scored 4 each for the losers.

The game of the senior division between the Presbyterians and the Congregationalists resulted in a win for the former by 6-13. Teddy Hopkins was high man for the winners with 23, while E. Locke got 8 for the losers.

CALIFORNIA BASEBALL TEAM THE WINNER

Stanford University, Cal., March 26.—The University of California defeated Stanford University here Saturday in the first of a baseball series of five games. The score:

Team	R.	H.	E.
California	5	4	0
Stanford	2	6	5

Batteries: Amnock and Gimball; Mattel and Campbell.

SCOTTISH FOOTBALL

Glasgow, March 26.—Following are results of Scottish League games, played Saturday:

St. Mirren 0, Morton 0
Queen's 0, Airdrie 5
Clyde 2, Dundee 0
Motherwell 0, Third Lanark 2
Rangers 4, Raith Rovers 3
Aberdeen 0, Celtic 0
Hibernians 1, Partick 0
Kilmarnock 0, Dumfries 0
Falkirk 2, Hearts 1

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KING EDWARD GIRLS WIN M'DONALD CUP

Defeat Victoria High School Ladies in Fast Basketball Game

Vancouver, March 26.—After a close, hard-fought game of basketball at the King Edward High School gymnasium Saturday night, the girls' basketball team of the King Edward High School won from the team of the Victoria High School by the score of 13 to 11 and took possession of the McDonald Cup, emblematic of the girls' high school basketball championship of the province for the coming year.

The low scores of both teams indicate the game was played by two hard checking teams with strong defences, and although the Victoria girls were apparently somewhat nervous at first in their strange surroundings, toward the end of the game they recovered their nerve and gave the King Edward ladies a royal battle.

In the first period the Vancouver girls had a distinct edge on the play. Their combination was better, their checking was better, and their weight told to some extent, so that the period ended with the score 8 to 2 in their favor. They still maintained their superiority in the first half of the second period and within a few minutes of the end of the game the score stood 13 to 7.

By this time the Victoria girls had found their feet and got down to work, with the result that their passing improved and they came close to tying up the game. Taken all round they showed speed and good passing.

The Victoria girls held the McDonald Cup for the past two years, having kept possession of it last year, when they drew with the Britannia High School girls of this city in Victoria.

The line-ups of the teams were as follows:

Team	Forward	Centre	Guard	Spares
Vancouver	Ella Stewart	Margaret McVittie	Hazel Lewis	Beatrice Pearce
Victoria	Lella Woolton	Eileen Grubb	Evelyn Bell	Eleanor Haddow, Norah Drury

DATES ARRANGED FOR CHESS SERIES

The annual tournament for the chess championship of the province will be held in Vancouver April 6, 7 and 8, according to an announcement by officials of the B. C. Chess Federation Saturday. The games are to be played in the rooms of the Vancouver Chess Club, 41 Fairfield Building. Play each day will commence at 10 a. m. and conclude at 10 p. m., with an interval from 2 until 6 o'clock daily.

It is expected that a minor championship will be staged this year, as several players have already announced their intention of competing in this event.

BOWLING NEWS.

Following are the present standings of the clubs playing in the Commercial and Junior Indoor Bowling Leagues at the Arcade Alleys:

Commercial League			
Team	Played	Won	Lost
Dressmen's Union	17	14	3
Garrison's	17	14	3
Pirates	17	13	4
Outlaws	17	13	4
Fairall's, Limited	17	10	7
Cameron's	17	9	8
Wilson	17	5	12
B. C. Electric	17	4	13
Silver Springs	17	3	14

Junior League			
Team	Played	Won	Lost
Quality Press	13	12	1
Cameron's	13	12	1
Meters	12	7	5
Togery Shop	12	8	4
Navy	11	3	8
Volunteers	10	3	7
Dentals	8	3	5
Silver Springs	12	2	10

The next match in the Commercial League will be played to-night between the B. C. Electric and the Camerons; and in the Junior League between the Togery Shop and the Mets.

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To handle this Clothing deal \$5,000 spot cash is necessary. The raising of this sum in so short a time necessitates revolutionary selling methods, therefore, commencing Tuesday morning, we will begin the most sensational outpouring of Men's Merchandise the city of Victoria has ever witnessed.

In the face of our previous announcements of a "No-Sales" merchandizing policy this step may seem incongruous. We admit it, but this drastic step is necessary if we are to continue to offer the men of Victoria the utmost value for every dollar spent on clothing.

During the few days it will take to raise the needed cash we are going to sacrifice certain divisions of our stock regardless of cost! We are going to offer snappy, well-cut Suits for men and young men at prices unheard-of since the beginning of the war. We are going to offer bargains in furnishings which no man should attempt to resist.

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<h3>Shirts</h3> <p>Twenty-five dozen Shirts, including the new brand stripe effects so popular this spring; \$1.15</p>	<h3>Serge or Tweed Suits</h3> <p>Blue serges, guaranteed all-wool and fast dye; also new worsted and tweed suits in smartly cut 2 and 3-button models. Worth \$40.00 and \$45.00. \$30.00</p>	<h3>Underwear</h3> <p>Odd lines of Underwear in separate garment or combination styles. Worth to \$2.50, per garment \$1.00</p>	
<h3>New Hats</h3> <p>New Felt Hats, in fashionable spring shades and shapes. Worth \$3.50 each. To clear \$2.75</p>	<h3>Pajamas</h3> <p>Odd lines of Pyjamas, in French flannel, flannelette and soisettes. Reg. \$4.00 values \$2.75</p>	<h3>A Chance to Win This \$650 Columbia "Grand" Grafonola With Every Dollar You Spend</h3> <p>For every dollar you spend we give you a coupon on which to estimate the number of shot in the bottle displayed in our window. During this selling event we will hold Concerts Every Day</p> <p>In order that you may hear the superb tones of this instrument. On Tuesday the programme will include selections from Carmen, Celeste, Aida, Lucia di Lammermoor, etc., and among the artists will be heard Lazaro, the world's greatest tenor; Pablo Casals, Kathleen Parlow and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.</p>	
<h3>Tweed Caps</h3> <p>Ten dozen Men's Tweed Caps, fine quality brands, most of them worth \$1.50 each. Only 75c</p>	<h3>Taffeta Collars</h3> <p>A few sizes only in Wool Taffeta Collars. Reg. at 50c each. To clear 15c</p>	<h3>Concerts Every Day</h3>	
<h3>Flannel Shirts</h3> <p>Grey Flannel Working Shirts, with collar attached. Reg. \$1.95 \$2.50 garment, for... \$1.95</p>	<h3>Cashmere Hose</h3> <p>Fifty dozen Cashmere Socks for men. Reg. at 65c a pair. Our price 45c</p>	<h3>BASEBALL RESULTS.</h3> <p>At San Antonio—New York Nationals 6, San Antonio 2. At Little Rock—Cincinnati Nationals 4, Little Rock Southern Association, 0. At Houston, Texas—Chicago Americans 6, Houston, Texas League, 3. At Fort Worth, Texas—Fort Worth, Texas League, 4; St. Louis Nationals 1. At Dallas, Texas—Detroit Americans 4, Dallas, Texas League, 0.</p>	

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M'BRIDE SHIELD GAME POSSIBLY THIS WEEK

At present there is every prospect that the soccer game between the Garrison and the 231st for the Provincial championship and the McBride Shield will be played in this city on Saturday next. Word has been received from the mainland suggesting either Saturday or the following Wednesday. The latter date would be a poor day, how-

ever, from the fact that few Victorians would be able to witness the match. A meeting of the Victoria and District Football Association is being held this evening, and unless some obstacles which have not as yet been discovered appear it is very likely that the match will be set for the end of this week. The fact that the 231st Battalion is about to leave very shortly for overseas necessitates that the game be played as soon as possible. To-night's meeting will have the arranging of the whole affair, so that

U. S. TENNIS BODY MAY CANCEL TOURNEYS

New York, March 26.—The executive committee of the United States Lawn Tennis Association in session here Saturday considered the schedule for 1917 and the possibility of its cancellation if the United States becomes a

belligerent. The schedule contained 200 dates, for which sanction was required. The association announced its disapproval of invitation tournaments and adopted resolutions instructing sectional delegates to urge clubs in their sections to hold tournaments for boys and juniors, for which standardized trophies will be offered. The organization of a national umpires' association was discussed favorably.

Hudson's Bay "Imperial" Lager Beer, quarts, 3 for 50c.

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GUNNER A. F. EATON DIES AT ALDERSHOT

Young Soldier Had Been Suffering From Measles and Pneumonia for Weeks

Cable advices have been received this morning by Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Eaton, of 2847 Washington Avenue, to the effect that their son, Gunner Archibald Fenton Eaton, died of measles and pneumonia at the Isolation Hospital, Aldershot, on Thursday last, March 22. The deceased soldier was the fourth son, and had he lived to May next would have reached the age of nineteen years.

Two telegrams were received by the parents a little over a week ago giving the first indication that Gunner Eaton was ill, and on Sunday last an uncle, resident in London, journeyed to Aldershot and immediately cabled the facts to Victoria. He was at that time seriously ill and very little hope was entertained for his recovery, regrettably too well founded.

Gunner Eaton joined the artillery branch of the service in May of last year, immediately following his eighteenth birthday, finally going overseas, where he became attached to the Canadian Field Artillery under the command of Lt.-Col. Ogilvie. For some time past the brigade has been undergoing training at Witley Camp, expecting to go to France at any moment. Before enlisting for active service Gunner Eaton was in the employ of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company. He was born at Somenos, was well-known in the city, and a popular favorite with all his folks.

DEMAND FOR FORESTER BECOMES INSISTENT

Lieut. Vigor in Charge of Recruiting; Percy Beech, of Salt Spring, Joins

In the office on Government Street recently vacated by Captain Sargison and his recruiting staff similar work is still being carried on. The appeal is the same. The terms are the same. The class of man required is the same. Enlistees in large numbers are wanted to go to that office and get their uniforms, undergo a short period of training, and then away to the forests of England and France to assist in providing the supply of the ever-increasing demand for lumber at the front.

The new unit is under the command of Major V. L. Marsh, a New Westminster officer who a month or so ago commenced to raise a Railway Construction Corps, the designation of which was changed recently on account of the pressing need for increased forestry units. Fifty men enlisted by Major Marsh left the mainland for overseas with the Yukon Company.

Regulations Relaxed.
Lieut. E. R. Vigor and Sergeant Lindsay are in charge of the local recruiting office. In the event of a similar rate of enlistment as that characterizing other units now being enrolled for the forestry service, Lieut. Vigor should not find it necessary to remain in Victoria very long before reaching full company strength. As soon as such numbers have been finally passed by the medical board for service overseas he is expecting that orders for Europe will await.

It should be noted by intending recruits that regulations governing enlistment qualifications are by no means as stringent as those demanded by infantry regiments. Many minor defects which debar a man from service in the trench, or other equally exacting branches of the service, would be no hindrance to attestation in a forestry unit.

Fighting Family.
One of the latest recruits to the Foresters is Percy Beech, of Salt Spring Island, one of the five sons of Colonel Beech, of Ganges, serving the colors. Capt. Alvin Beech, the Islands' doctor, who has recently had pleurisy, has now sufficiently recovered to return to duty in France. Dr. Stuart Beech, of Parksville, is also in France.

Indigestion Resulted From an Inactive Liver

The Bowels Became Constipated and the Whole Digestive System Upset

With many people constipation becomes a habit. And it is a dangerous habit which is certain sooner or later to cause serious disease.

"Daily movement of the bowels" is the first and most important rule of health. When the liver becomes torpid the flow of bile into the intestines is stopped and the bowels become constipated. But you can readily overcome this condition by using Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. There is no treatment obtainable which so promptly awakens the activity of the liver and bowels and thereby corrects derangements of the digestive system.

Mrs. Herbert Doherty, of Beaver Brook, Albert Co., N. B., writes: "I can truthfully say that Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills are a great medicine for constipation. I have suffered from constipation ever since I can re-

Pte. Gerard Beech has returned to Canada invalided home as the result of serious wounds sustained last autumn in the fighting. Lieut. Roy Beech is in the navy.

VICTORIAN TELLS OF NEW POWERFUL TANK

Lieut. J. U. Mann Now in Command of Eight Monsters of a New Type

The tanks have been filmed. They have been seen going into action and returning. Their proportions and diabolical possibilities have been the subject of riotous imagination. Their achievements on the morning of September 22, last, when the astonished Fritz even gave way to the belief that a decadent race had been "born again," are well known. Much speculation has been indulged in as to what nature of a reply to this weird engine of war Germany would make. Not a little apprehension was exhibited as to whether it would give them an opportunity to provide an effective counter monster. So far none has appeared. On the other hand there has been no mention of number one, two or three model in referring to the tanks.

Now a Tank Officer.
A former Victoria policeman gives a little information on the point in a letter just received under date of February 24. J. Urwin Mann left British Columbia with the original 16th Battalion and remained with that unit until he was wounded some months ago. Since then he has kept up the record, already magnificent, of British Columbia's soldiers. He writes in part as follows: "You will be glad to know that I secured my commission in the Liverpool Scottish. I transferred, however, and commenced a period of varied and interesting study involving the passing of many examinations. I have been successful, am glad to say, and my duties are now with the celebrated Tanks, of which you have doubtless heard so much. I am attached to the headquarters staff as a fully qualified Tank officer, which means I have charge of eight of these monsters instead of one.

Tank Corps is Senior.
The course of study has been an extremely interesting one. It is necessary to pass in theory and practice a most exacting test in the driving and intricate mechanism of the Tank—about which I may not relate—not forgetting also an expert knowledge of the various kinds of machine guns employed, six-pounders and so forth. So you see an officer in the Tank Corps has quite enough to occupy his time. The Tank Corps is now the senior corps in the British army, so that one may be pardoned the little pride felt in belonging to it. The thought oftentimes comes, however, that I would like to be back with the Canadians.

Tanks of New Type.
"It is a difficult matter to attempt a description of the Tanks. It is to my mind the greatest invention of the war. As you see them approach, coming nearer and nearer, one is reminded of a great animal and you wonder, as it takes all before it, is there anything capable of stopping it. Houses, walls, trees and such like all succumb to its uncanny power. These, however, are of the old type and the old type only have been used at the front so far. There are more surprises in store for the wily Teuton yet. People talk of the Germans outdoing us in this line. Double Capacity.

"While I dare not give you anything in the way of definite details, I can tell you that there is nothing in the world to beat the new type, and what is more they are now ready for service. They have a tremendous engine power, their speed is considerably greater, and the capacity for men and guns doubled. With these brief particulars you can let your imagination run loose on the possibilities and the amount of damage of which they are capable."
Lieutenant Mann is stationed at Bovington Camp, Dorset, at present and is expecting to make his return to the front with his fleet of landships at an early date. He is a native of England, where his relatives still reside. He joined the Victoria police force on May 27, 1911, and resigned in April, 1912, to join the firm of Fricksell & Douglas, now Mackay & Douglas.

"Is dis where dey wants a boy?" "It is; but it must be a boy who never lies, swears, or uses slang." "Well, me brudder's a deaf-mute; I'll send him round."

VICTORIAN ENTRIES FOR SEATTLE SHOW

Many Vancouver Island Dogs to Be Entered in Big Exhibit

Victoria and Vancouver Island generally will be well represented at the coming dog show in Seattle which opens on Thursday of this week. The following entries from this city have been announced and it is expected that more will be added before the middle of the week: Two collies belonging to Mr. Waterhouse, an Irish setter belonging to Mr. Hadwin, of Esquimalt, a pointer belonging to Mr. Millington, and two St. Bernards of Mr. Wolfenden's.
Duncan fanciers will also be conspicuous as it is known that at least fourteen entries from that district will pass through this city on Wednesday on their way to Seattle.
Many Blue Bloods.
With the largest collection of "Blue Bloods" that has ever graced any Seattle benches, the Seattle Kennel Club will present to the dog loving public its annual show which will open on Thursday of this week for a three days' run. This year's entries from the stately St. Bernards to the tiny Maltese Terriers represent in money value many thousands of dollars. Several Northwestern fanciers have recently returned from New York, where they have purchased New York and other eastern winners.
Vancouver Judge.
Judge William Coats, of Vancouver, B. C., will start the work of picking the best dogs in the various breeds and classes at 1.30 o'clock Thursday afternoon, working on this interesting part of the exhibit until 5.30. Thursday night will be known as the opening and women's night, the special feature being the judging of all toy breeds. Judge Coats starting the work at 7.30 o'clock. Inasmuch as the toy breeds constitute the large part of the show and there are some strong claimants for high honors among the small dogs, the opening night should prove an interesting one.
The judging will be resumed Friday morning, starting at 10.30 o'clock, Friday evening's judging will start at 7.30 o'clock, the feature being the scrappy little Irish Terriers, Irish Setters and Irish Water Spaniels.
Saturday afternoon will see the finish of judging all unfinished classes and will take in the "trick dog" competition. Saturday will be known as Children's Day, the accomplished animals which will be placed in the ring to show off their stunts furnishing considerable amusement for the school children as well as the grown up.
Saturday night the fanciers and breeders will have their innings when the specials will be judged, starting at 7.30 o'clock, for the "best dog in the show," to which will be awarded the Bon Marche cup, the Challenge cup for the best four dogs in the show and for the general distribution of prizes.

KENNEDY CONTESTING LAST FRIDAY'S MATCH

Claims Mummery Was Sent Off Ice When No Substitutes Were on Hand

Seattle, March 25.—Basing his action on the allegation that Harry Mummery was banished from the game for ten minutes, but that no substitute was allowed to take his place on the ice, Manager George Kennedy, of the Canadians Hockey Club, Saturday made formal protest of the third world's series game, which was won by Seattle Friday four goals to one.

Wired to Major Robinson.
Kennedy submitted his protest to President Frank Patrick, of the P. C. H. A., and wired to President Robinson, of the National Hockey Association, for instructions as to the proper procedure under the circumstances.
President Patrick, of the Pacific Coast League, took the matter under advisement and announced that he would make public his decision not later than to-day, so that, if the game Friday is thrown out, arrangements may be made for an added game if one is needed.
Took Crack at Foyston.
Mummery was penalized ten minutes in the second period of Friday night's game for taking a crack at Frank Foyston, captain of the Seattle team, after an unsuccessful attempt to check Foyston. Because of the fact that all the available Montreal men either were in the game or serving time on the penalty bench, the penalty was deferred and Mummery was required to serve his time off the ice in the third period.
Lavolette was on the penalty bench when Mummery was punished and when he went on the ice, Mummery came off. The impression was that Lavolette substituted for Mummery, but as a matter of fact Lavolette was merely returning to the game after his own penalty time had expired, and the Canadians were playing with but six men on the ice.
Should Have Been Deferred.
Couture was on the bench serving a 20-minute penalty. Manager Kennedy contends that Mummery should have been allowed to play until Couture's penalty time elapsed in order that the

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In the light of the difficulties, our present spring stocks of Men's Suits, Men's Top Coats, Young Men's Clothing, and College Clothes for Youths stands as evidence that the years which have passed have built for this Men's Store a regard in the Clothing trade, which is meaning dollars in security and satisfaction to those hundreds of men and young men who rely upon us for their Clothing requirements.

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GOVERNMENT AND YATES STREET FIT-RITE

Canadiens would have seven men on the ice, as the rules allow.
Under the rules, when a major penalty—meaning a punishment of five minutes or more—is inflicted, the team penalized is allowed a substitute. Mummery's punishment constituted a major penalty.
Muldoon Kicks.
Manager Pete Muldoon, of the Seattle club, admits that the Canadiens were playing with six men only on the ice, but declares that inasmuch as the manager of the Flying Frenchmen did not insist upon a substitution at the time the penalty was imposed, his protest the day after the game is ill-timed. Muldoon asserts that Kennedy knew that he was short one man and could have halted the game and insisted upon the proper substitution being made.
"I do not believe that Kennedy's protest has any just foundation," said Muldoon, "and I cannot conceive of the president of the league allowing the game to be thrown out. If Kennedy had asserted his rights at the time the alleged error was made the officials, no doubt, would have adjusted the matter."
Kennedy declares that he did call the attention of Judge of Play George Irvine to the matter, but that Irvine refused to listen to him. He decided, Kennedy declares, to let the matter rest until after the game rather

than delay the play by an argument while the game was in progress.
Kennedy Not Squealing.
"I am not squealing over the loss of the game, and I do not want to be regarded as acting capriciously because my team was beaten," said Kennedy. "We have been treated fine since we came to Seattle, but I do not feel that Irvine has been always accurate in his rulings on the ice. I think we are justified in our protest, but I will abide by the decision of the officials, whose duty it is to decide disputes."
The Seattle team was leading, one goal to nothing, when Mummery was banished from the ice. The remaining three goals scored by Seattle were scored while the Canadiens had but six men on the ice, Manager Kennedy declares.
May Be Five Games.
In the event that the protest filed by Manager Kennedy is allowed, three more games may be necessary to decide the series. If the Mets win to-night, however, and the protest is not allowed, the series will end there. Should the protest be denied and the Canadiens win to-night's game, a fifth and deciding game will be played Wednesday.
There is some talk of arrangements being made for a fifth game, even though the championship is decided at the end of the fourth battle. The game will be played in the Arena here, if definite arrangements are made.

TROUT SEASON GETS A POOR BEGINNING

Present weather conditions are not at all favorable for an early period of trout fishing. To-day sees the opening of the season for this fish, but owing to the very severe conditions which have existed for some time past there is very little prospect that much will be caught for some time. Much will depend on the moderating of the weather. If April ushers in real spring conditions the fishing will rapidly improve.
Grise fishing in the Saanich Arm has also been poor of late. Quits a large number of fishermen were trying their luck with the spoon on Saturday and Sunday, but the bait seemed to hold no attractions for the fish, who find no trouble in getting plenty of food.

INTERMEDIATE SOCCER GAME ENDS IN A DRAW

Only one soccer game was played on Saturday afternoon. The match was in the Intermediate League and was contested at Beacon Hill between the Retainers and the Centrals. Although the day was very unsettled a fairly large crowd gathered to witness the match which developed into a very good game. One goal each was the final score. The win, which was fairly strong, obtained

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MORE CONTRACTS OFFERED TO SOUND SHIPYARDS

Seattle, March 25.—An offer of contracts to construct either two or four steel cargo steamships of 5,000 tons dead weight cargo capacity was received Saturday by Capt. J. L. Anderson, head of the Anderson Shipbuilding Company. While Capt. Anderson did not make the price public he stated that the tender was the largest figure for tonnage ever received here. The Anderson Shipbuilding Company recently received an offer to build six 3,800-ton steamships, at a total price of over \$2,000,000. It has not been decided whether or not either or both of the tenders will be accepted.

WIRELESS DISPUTE

Ottawa, March 25.—A board of conciliation has been appointed by the Department of Labor to adjust the differences which have arisen between the Marconi Wireless Company and employees on the Pacific Coast. E. R. Maitland, of Vancouver, is chairman; M. G. Barr represents the company and James H. McVety the men.

SPAIN SEIZES SHIPS.

Paris, March 25.—The Spanish Government, says a Havas dispatch from Madrid to-day, has ordered the sequestration of the ships of several owners because they have refused to pay the tax of three per cent (about 55 cents) per ton imposed by the Minister of Finance.

TUG NITINAT IS LEAVING FOR OCOS

C. P. R. Craft Chartered by
Salvage Company to Re-
place Lost Pilot

VESSEL EQUIPPED WITH POWERFUL WIRELESS

Will Leave for Scene of Ses-
ostris Stranding To-night;
Capt. Cooper in Command

The powerful Canadian Pacific tugboat Nitinat has been chartered by the British Columbia Salvage Company to assist in the salvage of the former Kosmos liner Sesostris at the Guatemalan port of Ocos, and active preparations are under way to-day for her immediate dispatch south.

With the signing of the charter a start was made in equipping the Nitinat with wireless, and early this afternoon the aerials had been installed. The present indications are that the tugboat will get away from port to-night on her long voyage to Guatemala. The vessel will go out under the command of Capt. Cooper, R.N.R., one of the officers of the British Columbia Coast Steamship Service, who, it will be remembered, navigated the steamer Princess Ena across the Pacific to Vladivostok last year. He is taking out with him the original crew of the Nitinat.

Suitable for Work.
The Nitinat is the handiest craft on this coast to undertake the work which will be required of her, in fact she is the most suitable tug that could be secured anywhere for a salvage operation of this particular calibre. She is a vessel of 322 tons gross and was built in 1895 at South Shields by J. Readhead & Co., being launched as the William Jolliffe.

The tug acquired a big reputation in long towing jobs out of the Mersey during her career as one of the famous Jolliffe fleet. She was subsequently purchased by the B. C. Salvage Company and brought out to this coast about nine years ago by way of the Straits of Magellan. Capt. John D. Macpherson, now wreck commissioner for British Columbia, having navigated the vessel out to Victoria from Liver-

pool. The tug was later purchased by the C.P.R. from the salvage company and fitted with new boilers.
To Replace the Pilot.

The Nitinat has now been chartered by her former owners to take the place of the tug Pilot which, through the action of chartering the Nitinat, is now admitted to have been lost while on passage from Salina Cruz to Ocos at the beginning of last month. The Pilot had been sent to the Mexican port to load supplies and a consignment of rubber hose, to be utilized in connection with the dredging operations at Ocos. Almost immediately after putting to sea from Salina Cruz on February 1 the little steamer ran into a terrific gale, which assumed the velocity of an Oriental typhoon and lasting for five days.

Search Made.
When no word was received of the vessel at Ocos, where she should have arrived within 24 hours, a number of steamers were dispatched in search of her, one of which was the ocean-going dredge Mexico, but all vessels put back without finding any trace of the missing craft. The Pilot was under the command of Capt. Bliss, other local men aboard being Second Engineer Paterson and Fireman McLoughlin. The rest of the crew was made up of Guatemalans.

Successfully Escaped.
Capt. F. C. Stratford, chief salvage officer of the company, who went south from Victoria in command of the Pilot, Chief Engineer Allan, Wireless Operator Sawyer, Capt. R. Ridley and others of the crew who comprised the original complement, were not aboard the ill-fated vessel at the time she disappeared.

WAR RISKS ASSUMED BY SPANISH GOVERNMENT

Madrid, March 25.—Under a decree issued to-day the Spanish Government takes over all maritime war risks. The state Turulias insurance up to 50 per cent of maximum value against the capture or seizure of cargoes, accidents, wrecks or any losses whatsoever due to the war sustained by shipping under the Spanish flag destined for Spanish ports. The protection is extended also to crews of Spanish ships. Eighty-five per cent of the insurance money will be paid within eight days after verification and the remainder upon the owner of the lost or seized vessel buying or arranging to construct a vessel replacing that lost.

HILONIAN AGAIN SOLD.

The freighter Hilonian, for the second time in two months, has changed hands. The vessel, which was operated by the Matson Navigation Company between the Golden Gate and Hawaii, was sold to the Pacific Freighters Company recently, and on Saturday her new owners sold her to Eastern interests on private terms.

LINER SESOSTRIS IS NOW AFLOAT

Hauled From Sandy Bed on
Saturday and is Now Steam-
ing for Balboa

GREATEST SALVAGE FEAT IN PACIFIC HISTORY

Steamship Was Ashore at
Ocos, Guatemala, for the
Past Nine Years

With the floating of the former German steamship Sesostris at Ocos, Guatemala, news of which was received here to-day, the most important salvage feat ever accomplished on the Pacific was brought to a successful conclusion.

H. F. Bullen, of the British Columbia Salvage Company, announced to-day that the Sesostris, which has been embedded in the sand for the past nine years, was hauled into deep water, presumably on Saturday, and the vessel, under her own steam, is now south-bound from Ocos for Balboa, where she will be overhauled preparatory to being brought to this port.

Brilliant Achievement.
The Sesostris has been a problem to upset the calculations of numerous salvage organizations from time to time, and her reclamation after nine years of inactivity, in almost as good shape as when she went out of commission, is a striking tribute to the British Columbia Salvage Company and a brilliant achievement on the part of Capt. F. C. Stratford, the well-known local salvage expert, who has been in charge of the salvage operations, and who is chiefly responsible for the solving of the problem which has defeated the ingenuity of the best salvage operators in the past.

Success Marred.
Unfortunately, the success of the latest salvage operations was marred by the loss of the tugboat Pilot with all hands off Salina Cruz early in February last, when three Victorians lost their lives.

It was feared that the loss of the Pilot, with lamentable loss of life, would have the effect of seriously hindering the salvage work at Ocos, as she was transporting an important shipment of rubber hose from Salina Cruz for the purpose of replacing the dredging hose which had been eaten through. The salvage operations had reached such a stage that a sudden adverse gale might have completely undone the work of the previous months.

Eight Months' Work.
Capt. F. C. Stratford and his salvors have been engaged in floating the Sesostris for the past eight months, the expedition having left here last July for Guatemala. Subsequent to the abandonment of the steamship Bear off Point Mendocino last fall, Capt. W. H. Logan, representative of the London Salvage Association at Victoria, proceeded south to Ocos. The plan adopted for the floating of the Sesostris was a unique one in every respect.

When the expedition arrived at Ocos the Sesostris was partly afloat in an artificial lake about half a mile inshore, the sand having been dug out from around her by natives.

Method of Salvage.
The preliminary work of the B. C. Salvage Company's expedition centred in the dredging out of a channel by means of powerful pumps and when the vessel had been slewed into the desired position she was gradually worked seawards by means of stout wire hawsers tightening on heavy kedge anchors. Gradually the sand was dredged away from the ship's stern and as the excavation proceeded more strain was put on the hawsers and the big craft was that much nearer her native element.

Slow Work.
It was terribly slow work, but the salvors never deviated for a moment from their purpose. As the great hull was worked nearer the beach a temporary breakwater was built to windward to break the force of the high surf. Some weeks ago the steamship was reported to be above high-water mark, and when the Pilot was reported missing the critical point in the salvage operations had been reached. During the recent equinoctial gales the tides along the Guatemalan coast were high, and the strenuous efforts to get the steamer afloat were finally crowned with success. A tremendous strain was kept on the heavy sea anchors, and with a favorable tide the long marooned ship floated into the waters of the Pacific.

Everything in Good Shape.
The ship's machinery is in the best of condition. For years her engines were utilized for various power purposes, the chief of which was the gen-

erating of electric light for the little town of Ocos.
With the salvage of the steamer the inhabitants of the place have been deprived of their excellent lighting facilities.

Worth Two Million.
The floating of the vessel means a big thing for the owners and the salvage company. In these days of scarce tonnage the Sesostris will soon be snapped up at a fancy price, her value being estimated at about \$2,000,000.

SCHOONER RACED INTO WATER AHEAD OF TIME

Launching of Laurel Whalen
on Saturday Was Pro-
nounced Success

Complete success attended the launching on Saturday afternoon of the hull of the auxiliary schooner Laurel Whalen at the yards of the Cameron Genoa Mills Shipbuilders, Ltd. In the presence of several hundred interested spectators, Miss Marjorie Brewster, eleven-year-old daughter of the Hon. Harlan Carey Brewster, Premier of British Columbia, gracefully performed the christening rites, and simultaneously with the removal of the detaining wedges, the pretty sponsor dashed the suspended bottle of champagne against the looming bows, and to the accompaniment of cheers from the assembled throng and the shrieking of sirens, the big hull raced from the cradle of timbers into the waters of the upper harbor fully ten minutes prior to the time originally set for the launching.

The management of the Cameron Genoa Mills Shipbuilders, Ltd., established a reputation for promptitude when the Margaret Haney took her maiden dip, but, doubtless eager to take advantage of the brilliant burst of sunshine, they took time by the forelock on Saturday and the craft was sent down the ways at 4:20 p.m.

A bank of cloud was hovering in the vicinity and the opportunity presented by the flood of sunshine was too good to miss. Gathering momentum every minute the schooner just raced down the steep ways, and when her stern plunged into the water there was a marine commotion, the duplicate of which has seldom been witnessed in the upper harbor. Stern first, the graceful hull sped out across the harbor, but as she left the cradle kedge anchors were dropped from the bows, which helped to break the momentum. The strain on the hawsers was so great that the manila rope broke into flame as a result of the friction on the bits as the lines were being paid out.

The tug Tartar and Respond were immediately on the scene and towed the newly-completed hull to the fitting-out wharf, where she was moored alongside the sister ship Margaret Haney.

The presence of a large American flag and the exclusion of the Union Jack in the decorations on the launching platform was adversely commented upon by many of the people who attended the ceremony. The Stars and Stripes was distinctly out of place at the launching of a British vessel, the construction of which, among others, is alleged to have been fostered by the late Provincial Government.

The builders expect to fit out the Laurel Whalen with the same facility that marked the completion of the sister vessel. The masts are about ready for stepping, and just as soon as the big sticks have been installed the rigging will be proceeded with. Now that the No. 2 ways have been vacated, preparations have already been made for the laying of the fifth keel.

The schooner Margaret Haney, which is now ready for sea, will be given her trial and engine trials in the Gulf on Wednesday.

VANCOUVER FIRM TO BUILD VESSEL FOR DELIVERY AT TALARA

Vancouver, March 25.—The Taylor Engineering Company has commenced work on a vessel for the International Petroleum Company, of Talara, Peru, and has laid the keel at the Vandyeke Shipyard. The craft will be 32 feet long, 18 feet 6-inch beam and 6 feet deep, and will be used by the oil company on the Peruvian coast for company purposes. The vessel is to be finished by August 1, and the builders have contracted to deliver her at Talara. They will secure a local crew to take the vessel south, and she will leave Vancouver about August 15.

ROCKS HAVE PIERCED RUPERT'S ENGINE ROOM

The engine room of the steamship Prince Rupert, ashore on Genn Island, has been pierced by the rocks which are protruding through her sides. It is expected that at least three weeks will elapse before the vessel is released. With the passengers of the Prince Rupert aboard the steamship Prince George is due at Vancouver this afternoon, this vessel having been rushed into service to maintain the northern route.

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WHALERS ARE LEAVING FOR COAST STATIONS

Brown Will Sail in Morning for
Kyuquot; Sechart to Be
Opened This Year

Inaugurating the 1917 whaling season the steam whaler Brown will get away from Point Ellice headquarters early to-morrow morning for the west coast of Vancouver Island. The season is opening several weeks earlier than was the case last year and by the end of the month it is expected that the whole fleet will be en route to the respective stations to be on hand in readiness to start active whaling operations by the first week in April. The crew of the Brown and William Grant have already signed articles and the other crews will be signed up within the next day or two.
The station at Kyuquot is now ready and this will be the first plant to get down to business.
The Victoria Whaling Company will operate four plants this year. Last season the Kyuquot, Naden Harbor and Rose Harbor stations were run at full blast throughout the summer and over 400 mammals were harpooned by the eight steam whalers engaged.
This year the company proposes to operate the additional plant at Sechart, on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Two whalers will operate out of each station. The Sechart plant is not expected to be ready for about three weeks, and in the meantime the vessels will hunt the whale from Kyuquot. In the Queen Charlottes the stations at Naden Harbor and Rose Harbor are almost ready for the arrival of the hunters.
The whaling tender Gray has returned from a trip to the West Coast and is now laid up for overhaul. When the work of overhauling this vessel is completed she will immediately be sent north with further supplies.

ST. LAWRENCE NAVIGATION RESUMES NEXT MONTH

Ottawa, March 25.—Although the winter conditions have been unusually severe officials of the Marine Department are hopeful that navigation on the St. Lawrence and the Great Lakes will be opened practically as early as last year, when traffic commenced about April 25. At the present time the ice is thicker than usual at this period of the year, but with favorable April weather conditions it would move out about the usual time.

AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAW AND CANADIANS

Ottawa, March 25.—In the new United States immigration regulations which go into effect May 1 has been discovered a joker which will occasion much annoyance to Canadians visiting the United States. Under the present immigration law of the republic, citizens of Canada are specially exempted from head-tax, but the new law which

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Describes Operations in German East Africa and Tells of Hardships

WILD BEES DISORGANIZE TWO WHOLE COMPANIES

Except for an occasional reference and now and then a small collection of illustrations in the Old Country weeklies the operations in German East Africa have been almost lost to view. The more spectacular events of the western front, to the exclusion of practically all else, have been and will be more in the public mind. Some of the unchronicled happenings of the swampy battlefields of this obscure theatre of war are told in a letter received in the city on Saturday last. The writer is Corporal Duffus of the Johannesburg Athletic Company attached to the South African Rifles.

Job Nearly Over. In a recital of the hardships with which the British white troops have had to contend he has the following to say, sufficiently eloquent in itself to suggest that the operations, necessary to bring the Hun to subjection in this remote scene of action, were not of a kind the average citizen soldier would be able to survive for any very lengthy period: "You will be almost as relieved as I am with your knowledge of the country to learn that I am back in Johannesburg. It has been a melancholy job with few compensations, save of course the full satisfaction of knowing that the Kaiser's remaining scrap of territory in Africa is now almost enveloped in the Union Jack.

Fought the Askaris. "You will be horrified to hear that fully sixty per cent. of the South African troops have either gone through or are still suffering from tropical diseases. The remaining work has now been left almost entirely to native troops, that is the King's Own South African Rifles and Indian troops. As you know in the earlier part of the advance we were up against the German native troops, the Askari tribes, who are just about as fleet of foot as anything on earth. The consequence was that while he was not a very formidable foe, his craft in drawing us through the worst parts of an absolutely virgin country must have given him some satisfaction, inasmuch as it tantalized our British propensities for having a strict regard for the inner man in all circumstances.

Roots for Food. "For many days it was necessary for us to depend upon our skill as marksmen in order to secure a sufficient supply of grub, 'the birds of the air and the beasts of the forest' dropping to common realities via the cook pot. You may be aware that the Askari has no occasion to worry himself with any very elaborate culinary arrangements, whether he is in his native element or shouldering a Teuton gun on active service. He will extract as much satisfaction from wild honey and the various roots as the average European will derive from a rump steak. He was cunning enough to gauge the value of his virgin country when he was retreating and seemed to double his pace accordingly.

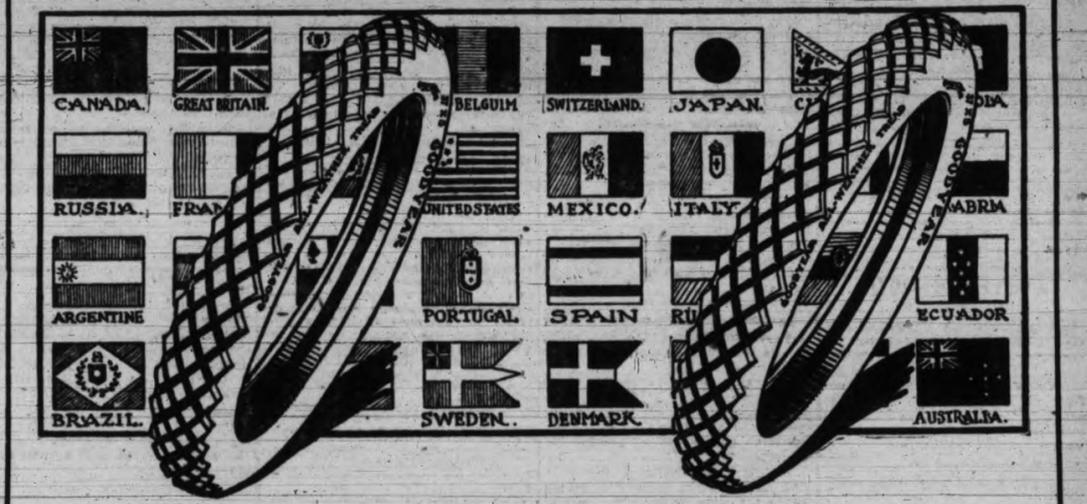
Exciting Encounter. "One incident, which, in spite of its seriousness, appeals to my sense of humor, came under my own personal observation, or at least the effects of it, which were duplicated, I believe, with a degree of similarity in many parts of this field. We were entrenched one side of a river with the enemy fairly strong on the other. Our instructions were to cross the river, advance, and attack with the bayonet. A nice little swim to a bullet accompaniment. Preparatory to the movement, however, was a spirited bombardment by our mule batteries, which were ordered to continue the peppering until our reserves had arrived to assist in the protection of our passage of the river.

Attacked by Bees. "Three hours after the appointed time for our immersion had elapsed no reserves had appeared. It was not until the following afternoon that two very bedraggled companies arrived. Mules, horses, and men alike had been attacked by a veritable cloud of wild bees. The whole column had become thoroughly disorganized and many of the mules and horses were lost in the general stampede which followed. It was a fortunate thing for us that our persistent bombardment by the mule batteries of our foe across a stream—increased on the failure of the reserves—had so unnerved him that he withdrew and gave us breathing space." Corporal Duffus states that his latest advices from Cape Town indicate that there are no less than sixteen thousand cases there undergoing treatment for the various phases of tropical maladies.

U. S. FOLLOWS LEAD

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Appeals to Farmers and Household-ers to Increase Production. Evidently the United States federal authorities realize the advantage of vacant lot cultivation, for, following the example of the Canadian Minister of Agriculture, an appeal is just published in the American newspapers from the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture (Carl Vrooman). In an appeal to the farmers and others to increase production Mr. Vrooman says: "In view of the apparent world-wide wheat shortage and present and prospective high prices in those parts of the country where

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I am authorized by the City Council to accept payments by instalments or by payments from time to time, on account, of the rates and taxes due by any person, or due in respect of any parcel of land. This authority is extended to include unpaid special assessments and special rates imposed in respect of works of local improvement as provided by Section 43 of the Local Improvement Act.

Motor Cycle Wanted

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 4 p.m. on Monday, April 2, 1917, for one motor cycle, new or second-hand, in good condition. Tenders must state price and make and give full particulars of the machines they offer for sale. All tenders must be addressed to the City Purchasing Agent and marked on outside of envelope "Tender for Motor Cycle." The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

The Salvation Army Industrial Store

At 2211 Douglas, will be pleased to send to your home for any cast-off clothing. Phone 3973.

CATARRH OF THE BLADDER. Santal Midy. 24 Hours Relief. Berry-Bearing Hollies, Analeas, Rhododendrons, large stock of Evergreens and Herbaceous Plants at greatly reduced prices. This is the best time to plant.

Wanted-Property. Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply at the next sitting of the Board of Commissioners for a transfer of the license held by me to sell spirituous and fermented liquors on the premises known as the Panama Hotel, situated at the corner of "Cook" Street and the Province of British Columbia, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All debts owing to the said partnership are to be paid to Albert Ernest Hasenratz at 1045 Yates Street, Victoria, and Province aforesaid, and the said partnership is hereby dissolved as from the date of the said Albert Ernest Hasenratz, by whom the same will be settled. Dated at Victoria this 19th day of March, 1917.

TO LET

- FURNISHED**
- 1265 Wilnot Place, 5 rooms \$25
 - 1729 N. Hampshire Rd., 6 rooms, garage \$25
 - 1218 Broughton St., 3 rooms \$20
 - 5551 Beach Drive, 9 rooms \$30
 - 325 Richmond Ave., 7 rooms furnished, and 2 unfurnished \$20
 - Beach Drive, 4 rooms \$20
 - 1334 Burleigh Drive, 7 rooms \$20
 - 1043 Clare St., 6 rooms \$20
 - Cor. Arm and Selkirk Aves., 7 rooms \$20
- UNFURNISHED**
- 251 Government St., 6 rooms \$12
 - 1018 Pizarro St., 6 rooms \$12
 - Cor. Craigflower and Belton Aves., 4 rooms \$10
 - 277 Asquith St., 5 rooms \$12
 - 413 Broughton St., 5 rooms \$12
 - Patricia Ave., off Highland Drive, 5 rooms \$12.50
 - 387 Cook St., 11 rooms \$20
 - 2025 Crescent Rd., 2 rooms \$10
 - 124 Ladysmith St., 3 rooms \$12
 - 1850 Oak Bay Ave., 3 rooms, cottage \$15
 - 204 Burraside Rd., 6 rooms, cotage \$15
 - 1820 Byron St., 5 rooms, modern \$12
 - 1822 "Armadale," 241 Niagara St., 11 rooms \$20
 - 407 Inverness St., 4 roomed cottage \$12
 - 778 Rodrick St., 4 rooms \$12
 - 1975 Lee Ave., 6 rooms \$10
 - 428 Vicker St., 4 rooms \$12
 - 1213 Quad-a-St., 5 rooms \$12
 - 2110 Dunlavy St., 3 rooms \$12
 - 1018 Pizarro St., 6 rooms \$12
 - 1169 View St., 7 rooms \$12
 - 1043 Byron St., 5 rooms \$12
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 - 1911 Nautika St., 4 rooms \$12
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- DOUGLAS, MACKAY & CO.**
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Answers to Times Want Ads.

The following replies are waiting to be called for:

64, 92, 157, 195, 207, 209, 221, 324, 365, 419, 481, 545, 549, 633, 637, 678, 681, 683, 684, 694, 696, 729, 730, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

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- WANTED**—To rent, 3-room house, with orchard, close to car line. Apply Box 726, Times.
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- WANTED**—10 used automobiles, in good order, for shipment to prairies. Leave particulars Jensen's Garage, 1912 Yates Street. m35
- DIED**
WHITSTONE—On March 24, 1917, at the family residence, 416 Springfield Avenue, Abraham Whitstone, a native of England, aged 67 years and 5 months, and a resident of this city, periodically, since 1883.
Funeral will take place on Tuesday at 2.30 from the B. C. Funeral Chapel, 124 Broughton Street. Interment at Ross Bay Cemetery. m35
- CARD OF THANKS.**
Mrs. Isabella Worth and family wish to express their sincere thanks to the many friends for the kind words of sympathy and the many beautiful flowers during their recent sad bereavement.

WERE "ACCIDENTS" ENGINEER STATES

Welch Sent Timber Structure Specifications Not Meant to Apply to Him

CONTRACTOR ALLOWED IMPROPER PAYMENTS

Considerable Probing Brings Out Facts as to Specifications in Force

Legislative Press Gallery, March 24.

The evidence adduced in the P.G.E. inquiry this morning all goes to demonstrate that when Patrick Welch was paid for timber alleged to have gone into the erection of timber bridges it was in direct violation of the specifications.

There are at least two sets of specifications before the committee dealing with timber structures, one known as Exhibit 8 and the other as Exhibit 74, the former put in by D'Arcy Tate, K.C., vice-president, and the latter by John Callaghan, chief engineer of the P.G.E.

Exhibit 8 would appear to be an incomplete document, inasmuch as it commences at paragraph 13, Exhibit 74, on the other hand, is complete from paragraph one, and the sixth paragraph sets out that the quantities to be paid for shall be the quantities left in the work. Another provision is that the contractor must pay the haulage.

All along Mr. Callaghan has insisted, as did Mr. Tate, that Exhibit 8 is the one applying to the work, under which Welch, or rather, Foley, Welch & Stewart—would be paid for false work and the haulage. Even when to-day's evidence brought out that the contrary was the case Mr. Callaghan stuck to his story that Exhibit 74 was never intended to apply to Welch's contract.

Veracity of Witnesses.

Unfortunately for the position taken by the witness the correspondence put in this morning, from himself to the contractor and others, and from his own subordinates to himself, proves that Exhibit 74 did apply to the Welch contract, and that just four years ago copies were sent to Patrick Welch with specific instructions to return all others.

It was this that made G. S. Hanes (North Vancouver) such this morning call the attention of the committee to the propriety of questioning the veracity of the oral testimony being given. Several Times for Same Work.

The amount of timber which Welch was paid for in excess of what he had allowed the sub-contractors, Culliton Brothers, for as being put into bridges is now put at 493,000 feet. At \$55 per M. this means that Welch was paid over \$27,000 in that one instance in direct violation of the specification provision. It was claimed by E. S. Taylor, K.C., counsel for the Department of Railways, that the contractor not only was paid for the false work contrary to the specifications, but that he was paid several times over for the same timbers, used in the building of one bridge after another.

Chief Engineer John Callaghan told counsel that the enclosure of the Exhibit 74 specifications to Welch by himself was "an accident." In spite of the magnitude of the contract, and the fact that the Government was supplying the money the witness, according to the evidence which he gave, was not very careful with his correspondence. He signed letters without care and clerks dispatched letters out of his office which were unauthorized, according to his sworn statement to the committee.

Timber Structures.

Mr. Taylor put a question to the witness as to the specifications for timber structures. In Exhibit 4, produced by the Department of Railways, and Exhibit 5, produced by Mr. Callaghan during Mr. Tate's evidence, both general specifications, sections 74-80 dealt with timber structures. Exhibit 8, also put in by the engineer during Mr. Tate's examination, general specifications, had sections devoted to timber structures. Exhibit 74, put in by Mr. Callaghan the other day, dealt with timber structures only, but was, the chief engineer said, never used. Referring to the first three, counsel asked whether there were any other specifications authorized or used throughout the work, or any memoranda or letters, dealing with timber structures.

Mr. Callaghan—"I really don't know; I could not say. My belief is that there were none."

Mr. Taylor had Exhibit 81 looked up, this being a letter from Mr. Callaghan to C. R. Crysdale, assistant engineer at Cheakamus, stating that timber structures were to be estimated to the nearest foot, but witness stated that this was not followed because the timbers could not be got to the lengths.

True Specifications.

Mr. Callaghan produced some papers which he found in the engineer's office in Vancouver yesterday. These were dated September 25, 1913, revised December 1, 1913, "timber structure specifications being printed." Counsel suggested that these, which corresponded with Exhibit 74, were the true timber specifications, and were practically quite different to Exhibit 8.

"It isn't reason to suppose that any reasonable man would think these were to be adopted," said Mr. Callaghan, "as this takes away even the right to haulage. The amount of timber in a structure, that you are getting after, would be a small affair to some of these things."

Mr. Taylor pointed out that Exhibit 8,

said to be the true timber specifications, began with paragraph 13, and that apparently the twelve missing paragraphs were to be found in Exhibit 74, since paragraph 13 was the same in both.

Witness's only explanation was that the man who compiled Exhibit 8 must have started in there.

A Revelation.

As the witness had stated that the only papers in reference to timber structures were those to which Mr. Taylor had referred, counsel asked him to produce a letter of about March 20, 1913, which he had written to P. Welch and which, counsel promised, would be an "eye-opener" to him. While at it counsel asked witness to produce an other letter dated June 8, 1914, also relating to timber structures.

The first letter was dug up from the files and handed to Mr. Callaghan, who read it with a grave face, and then remarked: "It is certainly a revelation to me that I ever sent that letter out."

Counsel read the letter, from Callaghan to "P. Welch, contractor, city," dated March 20, 1913, and attaching typewritten sheets of specifications which the contractor was told were to take the place of those he had for Howe truss bridges. The enclosure was dated March 4, 1913, and referred to timbers having to be of the best description, specified certain requirements and continued: "It must be understood that contractor's schedule of rates for Howe truss bridges includes cost of providing and removing such false-work as engineer considers necessary to erection."

Mr. Taylor called upon P. Welch to produce the original of this letter and enclosures.

E. P. Davis, K. C., counsel for the contractors, Foley, Welch & Stewart, alias P. Welch—said they were being looked up.

Signed Unauthorized Letters.

Further correspondence between Mr. Callaghan and Contractor Welch of the latter's chief engineer were put in. One of Dec. 25, 1913, enclosed a copy of specifications which were identical with Exhibit 8, except that these contain a paragraph 12 at the top of what is pagged as sheet 2, the same as paragraph 12 of Exhibit 74. Mr. Taylor argued that this showed that the first sheet of Exhibit 8 was really page 2 and that the missing twelve paragraphs were to be found at the beginning of Exhibit 74. Other letters enclosed "revised" copies of "page 2."

Mr. Callaghan declared that it was never intended that these specifications should be applied to Pat Welch's contract.

The witness admitted that he had signed letters put before him which he had not closely read and had not authorized. Lots of letters went in and out of the office by clerks which were never authorized, he stated. These and the Exhibit 74 specifications sent to Welch were "accidents."

Too Strict.

On March 13, 1914, Callaghan sent Welch "rules to be followed in conforming with specifications for timber structures."

Mr. Taylor—Do you think this an accident also?

No. We had trouble in getting timber of quality required. Hanbury appealed to Gen. Stewart and said we were too strict. We made rules and gave the inspector some little leeway. Hanbury claimed the timber didn't grow that we were asking for.

The letter of June 8, 1914, referred to was next reached in order. This was from John Callaghan, chief engineer, P.G.E. Ry. Co., to Patrick Welch, contractor, Vancouver, and read:

Specifications Not Intended.

"I enclose twelve copies of our specifications for timber structures, revised December 1, 1913. These will supersede all specifications for timber structures previously sent you. Please return any copies of the latter you may hold."

Mr. Taylor—You say that is an accident?

I say these specifications have been reversed by accident. They were never meant for use.

You will admit with me that the set of specifications of which you sent Welch twelve copies is identically the same as Exhibit 74?

Teaming Free.

It is likely, but I say these specifications were never considered and these were printed without consideration of the effect it would have on P. Welch's contract. There is actually a section in there that he was to teaming free and lots of this timber had to be teamed a hundred miles, and it is not sense that would be done. There are certain rules that would be of use to a man afterwards but you would not apply it to P. Welch's contract. The thing was entirely premature and should not have been printed.

Excess Payment.

Mr. Taylor referred to the matter dealt with on Friday, where Welch was allowed for at least 493,000 feet of timber said to have gone into bridges more than he allowed the sub-contractors, Culliton Bros., for putting in the sum thus received by Welch for work which was never done by his sub-contractor, calculated at \$45 a M., came to something over \$22,000. Mr. Callaghan gave the excess of timber to the Minister of Railways recently as over half a million feet. Mr. Taylor now pointed out that the figure of excess payment was more than calculated last week, since the price paid was \$55 and \$60 a M.

Honesty and Justice?

"You not only allowed Welch the waste on the timber at the mill and the haulage, but you allowed him at \$60 a M. on this timber as if it had been built into the bridge?" Mr. Taylor asked.

"Certainly," witness replied.

"On what principle of honesty or justice?"

"That is the practice in estimating timber in bridges."

Self-Evident.

Chairman Farris—"If this timber went into the bridges Welch would get paid so much a thousand, less what he paid Culliton Bros. for putting it

in, but if it did not go in he got the full sum, so that as a matter of fact Welch got paid two or three times as much for timber that was not used as he got for what went into the structures?"

Mr. Callaghan was understood to assent to this self-evident proposition.

Mr. Taylor—"Do you justify that now or do you say it was a mistake?"

"No, it was not a mistake. I gave my consent to have it done that way."

"On what principle of honesty or justice?"

"Because it is the practice to do it that way."

Knew Nothing About It.

"Instead of the \$19,000 which we figured for this excess, if you paid \$60 and \$55 it would amount to very much more which you gave Welch for timber which did not go into bridges?"

"I did not know what it would amount to till Crysdale undertook to give Culliton Bros. what actually went into the structure and Welch what he had bought. I said he might do that; Welch had bought at poor times; and finally I thought it would be no more than fair to do that."

Matter of Interpretation.

"If you followed Exhibit 74 you could not allow for timber that never went into bridges?"

"Oh, yes, I could."

"Then how do you interpret section 6 of Exhibit 74: 'Quantities to be paid shall in all cases be the quantities of material left in the work?'"

I stand by it that this specification that was printed was never considered as to the effect it would have on the contract. It was not submitted to me.

Against His Wishes.

Is it not a fact that in paying for the false work used, contrary to this section of the specifications, you not only went contrary to them but paid for the same false work three and four times over as it was used in one bridge after another?"

I never had any intention of that. If it was done it was against my wishes.

To the chairman Mr. Callaghan said the government depended on his certificate as to quantities and work done.

Never Followed Specifications.

Mr. Hanes asked if Welch had ever been paid on a higher classification, and witness replied that such a thing never occurred to his knowledge. There had never been a railway built where the specifications could be strictly followed.

Question of Veracity.

Mr. Hanes called the attention of the committee to what he considered the necessity of considering the class of evidence given by the witness on Friday of this morning. As in dealing with further details evidence would be based on the specifications there might be a doubt whether the committee was getting fair answers or not. The veracity of this evidence had been questioned, because that given on Friday and this morning was altogether different. If the committee had let the matter go at the evidence given on Friday the facts adduced this morning would not have been brought out.

Welch's Bills.

Mr. Callaghan told counsel that the railway company had taken Welch's bills for timber as being the quantities that went into the work. Timbers coming in two-foot lengths, the contractor would have to buy, say, 16-foot timbers where 15-foot timbers were called for. Welch would be paid for the foot of waste on each piece. Asked why 30-foot timbers were not purchased and sawn in two, witness said it was easier to do the other way.

Subsequent questioning on the point of the Culliton sub-contract brought out that he had been allowed at the merchantable lengths, "in the nearest lineal foot," as one of Crysdale's letters put it, so that, as counsel pointed out, even on the less quantity Welch allowed him for he was getting paid for labor on a greater quantity of timber than had actually gone into bridges.

According to what Mr. Callaghan told Hon. John Oliver, Welch was allowed for 493,794 feet of timber more than he had paid his sub-contractor for building in. On Friday he told the committee the excess was really 425,000 feet.

Quoted Specifications.

In further examination of Crysdale's letters Mr. Taylor found one to Mr. Callaghan of April 30, 1914, which proved that Exhibit 74 contained the actual specifications in force for bridge work. Mr. Crysdale, who was Mr. Callaghan's assistant at Cheakamus, writes that he notices the provision in the specifications for timber structures that quantities to be paid for shall be those left in the work; that this is common to all bridge specifications, and that he would be glad to know if estimates of quantities are intended to be framed on that.

Mr. Taylor—"Your reply to that does not dispute that your assistant engineer quoted the specifications properly?"

Not Meant For Welch.

"I say that those specifications were never considered in relation to Welch. It was never meant to be in it so far as the price Welch was to have for this bridge work. I intended to pay for the false work."

Mr. Hanes—"Since I spoke before some further correspondence has been put in and I would urge on the committee that the veracity of this evidence should be taken in question."

At this point Mr. Callaghan said he was informed that the total amount of false-work was 493,000 feet odd, which, at \$50 a M., would amount to about \$24,650.

Seldom Inspected.

To the chairman Mr. Callaghan said he had seldom seen the Government engineer inspecting work. He did not think the engineer had ever gone over every foot of the grade, and from Clinton to Port George it was seldom he ever saw the grade at all.

From further evidence it was apparent that there was a good deal of "going it blind" on everyone's part, except, perhaps, that of the contractor.

Mr. Taylor was very anxious to get from witness what his estimate as an engineer was of the proportionate amount of false-work as compared with the amount of timber in the structures connected with which the

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OBITUARY RECORD

The funeral of the late Gideon Cory Gerow took place Saturday afternoon from the B. C. Funeral Chapel, Rev. Dr. Maclean officiating. Many were present at the services of the esteemed pioneer, and beautiful flowers formed a pall over the casket. The pallbearers were: Messrs. R. J. Porter, Otto Weber, John Collier, Fred Adams, B. E. Temple and Frank Patwell. Interment was at Ross Bay Cemetery.

The funeral of the late James T. Robertson was held on Saturday afternoon from the B. C. Funeral Chapel, services at this place being conducted by Rev. Dr. Campbell. A very large representation of Masons attended the rites both here and at the cemetery, where the fraternity took charge of the services. W. M. Bro. A. A. Beibek, of Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1, A. F. and A. M., conducted the service at the graveside. A delegation was also present from the Bartenders' Union. Interment was at Ross Bay Cemetery. The following were the pallbearers: Messrs. R. Collic, Dan Davidson, James Angus, W. G. Brown, George Tibbitts and Thomas Hastings.

SOLDIERS RETURNING

Four Men Arrive in the City This Afternoon From the Mainland.

Four soldiers returned to the city on this afternoon's boat from England and proceeded to the Military Convalescent Hospital at Esquimalt. The names of the men follow: Sapper Alley, Sergeant Hope and Private Satri. Lieutenant Holmes was also one of the party.

VICTORIA AVIATORS

Lieut. Jos. MacKinnon Made Several Trips Across Enemy's Lines.

Lieut. Jos. MacKinnon, who left for England a little over a year ago and joined the Royal Flying Corps, is now serving with that important branch in France. He has made a number of trips across the enemy lines and his machine bears abundant testimony to the fact that his visits were resented by the Huns, who decorated it with a number of holes. The little army of Canadian aviators now in France includes quite a number of Victorians. Sub-Lieutenants Beasley and Macdonald, of the Royal Naval Air Service, have been in eastern France for some months and have made several trips over German territory. They were recently joined by Sub-Lieutenant Norton to Port George it was seldom he ever saw the grade at all.

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CHALLENGES LEVY ON ROCK BAY FRONT

John Dean Objects to Millowners' Assessment in View of Their Tenancies

IS PROPERTY OVER WATER REALLY "LAND"?

Court of Revision Gives Some Adjustments in Semi-Business Section

Riparian rights on Rock Bay have already led to considerable litigation. For a long time correspondence has been passing between the City Council and John Dean with regard to the standing of the mill companies which have leases of water frontage on the property. The specific object of Mr. Dean's protest has been the confirmation of the leases of two pieces of land transferred to the Lemop, Gonnason Company, and the Taylor Mill Company late last fall, after nearly a decade of negotiation.

Mr. Dean is the owner of land on Government Street, facing the mill property, and when the Court of Revision on the assessment roll again met to-day, he took the opportunity to speak strongly on the subject.

The Situation. According to what Mr. Gonnason stated, the land occupied by his mill is really tidal flats covered by wharves, and partly filled in, but the whole of the area occupied is over water.

The mill company acquired a lease (Mr. Dean insisted that it was a grant) from the Finlayson estate, in which they accepted a covenant undertaken in the conveyance of 1886 to Roderick Finlayson to pay, inter alia, such dues and taxes as the municipality might impose. The company is assessed, according to the improvement by-law produced, for 42 feet frontage, and the balance of the land occupied is part of the Finlayson lease, or else the land conveyed, non-taxable, by the City last year to the lumber company. The situation with regard to the Taylor Mill Company is substantially the same, except that Mr. Dean maintained that the Lemop, Gonnason Company had to pay less taxes proportionately than the Taylor Company.

"It is not right, and I will not stand for it so long as there is breath in my body; it is wrong, positively wrong," Mr. Dean declared, in arguing that the Lemop, Gonnason Company was obligated to pay taxes as the successors of the Finlayson grant, instead of a merely nominal sum to keep the water privilege alive. He argued from Mr. McDiarmid's written opinion to the City Council that a lease from the Crown should be taxed, and said that with regard to the City's agreement with the mill companies, unless the solicitor had struck out the covenant expressly exempting the companies from taxation, he would have proceeded by injunction to stop the City carrying out the agreement.

Another Reason. In addition to this question of principle, as to the right of taxation, upon which the Mayor stated the court would take further counsel's opinion, Mr. Dean also argued the case from the standpoint of under-valuation, as compared with his own lots across the street.

Mr. Gonnason asked for a ruling whether "land" over tide water, in other words an industry on wharves, was to be treated as land subject to assessment, instead of as at present as improvements?

The court stated an opinion would be taken on that point as well as on the other.

Alderman Walker—Is "land" filled in to a bulkhead assessable as land?

Mr. Gonnason said there were no bulkheads, the mill property being over wharves.

A preliminary objection was filed by the assessor against the appeals being heard, on the ground that the statement contained in Mr. Dean's letter did not disclose a complaint within the meaning of section 216 of the Municipal Act.

Expensive Cultivation. It transpired in hearing James For-

man with regard to an appeal in the Oaklands District that a man last spring spent \$100 in cultivating and seeding the lots in question, which raised a \$30 crop of oats. Mr. Forman secured a small reduction on the assessments.

Mr. Forman also made out a strong case for a revision of the assessment on Johnson Street, east of Douglas Street, where he showed fluctuating assessments which he declared ought to be re-adjusted. He particularly protested the assessment on the B. C. Telephone Co.'s Exchange, as compared with a lot in the neighboring block, for which he appeared, and in allowing a percentage reduction, the court went on record to advise a re-adjustment of the Telephone Exchange property. This cannot be done immediately, since notice has not been filed this year.

Brickyard. For some considerable time the court was occupied in hearing an argument with regard to the brickyard at the corner of Douglas Street and Tolmie Avenue. The assessments were on 5.44 acres, \$18,840 on lot six; 5.65 acres, \$19,570 on lot seven, and 6.30 acres, \$27,720 on lot eight. Mr. Forman argued that they compared unfavorably with the Gonzales estate, facing on St. Charles Street, at \$2,700 an acre, and with North Quadra Street, at about \$4,000 an acre, in the same locality as the appeal. The court fixed a five per cent. reduction on six and seven, and a ten per cent. cut on eight.

Chinatown Property. A plea for the revision of Chatham Street assessment was made by E. U. Conyers, who appealed on the Borde property, two lots on the north side of Chatham Street, between Government Street and Douglas Street, and secured a ten per cent. reduction. He pointed out the depreciating value of that part of Chinatown now, and the court expressed sympathy in making the cut.

View Street Traffic.

The decline in traffic on View Street was the reason advanced by Richard Hall for the Odd Fellows' Order protesting the assessments on land held by them on View Street, on the ground that it has not the possibilities of Johnson Street, and did not bear a sufficiently low proportion to corresponding parts of Yates and Fort Streets. The court reserved an opinion on the application.

DOUBTS SET AT REST RE UNIVERSITY UNIT

Minister of Militia Says Boys Will Join Comrades in England

So many contradictory rumors have been in circulation with regard to the fortunes of the 196th Western Universities Battalion, in consequence of which direct inquiry was made of the Minister of Militia, President Tory, of the University of Alberta, who is chairman of the organizing committee of the battalion, has just received the following reply from Major E. Bristol, private secretary to the Minister:

"I am directed to advise that the 196th Battalion and 22nd Battalion from Western Canada have been converted into the 19th Reserve Battalion. The platoons now being raised by the Western Universities will join their comrades of the 196th Battalion, who are still with the 19th Reserve Battalion, and there is, therefore, no reason to fear that drafts now being raised will be sent forward to any other battalion."

"Will you be good enough to advise the presidents of the other three universities that they may rest assured that the recruits now being obtained by them will join their comrades in England."

Friends of some of the boys have heard that the company raised by the University of British Columbia last spring is now somewhere along the Somme front. The reinforcing platoon now being raised by the provincial university is attracting men of the best type.

Private Mack Eastman will remain at the Strathcona Hotel until Tuesday afternoon in order to meet men who have indicated their desire to enroll in the University unit.

Esquimalt Council.—The regular meeting of the Esquimalt Council will be held this evening at 8 o'clock.

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LEADING RATEPAYERS PETITION EXECUTIVE

Advocate Charter for Victoria; Amendments of Act Are Requested

A number of the largest ratepayers in the city have signed the petition to the Executive Council, asking for a special charter for the City of Victoria, and pending the preparation of such, to have the Municipal Act amended covering certain points which are of great importance affecting assessment, and powers of taxation.

Some of the leading firms who have joined the appeal already are the B. C. Land and Investment Agency, Ltd. (the largest individual taxpayers), Pemberton & Sons, R. V. Winch & Co., Ltd.; Heisterman, Forman & Co.; A. W. Jones, Ltd.; P. R. Brown, Arthur Coles, R. B. Funnett, R. A. Power, Richard Hall & Sons, Cross & Co., L. U. Conyers, E. Harrison, B. S. Oddy and F. Landberg, all of whom sign for themselves and clients; Swinerton & Muirgrave, R. T. Elliott, K. C.; John Dean, Michael Young and others.

Having set out a statement in which it is alleged that "ninety per cent. of the people affected know nothing of the legislation which it is proposed to enact in consequence of the action of

the Union of Municipalities," the petition submits:

1. The desirability of inhabitants of a city becoming property owners therein.
2. A limit on expenditure for all corporate purposes, since at present ratepayers find themselves "burdened with excessive taxation until the situation is intolerable."

Pending a special charter, amendment of the Municipal Act is sought to (a) limit the total rate of taxation to two per cent. on a reasonable assessed value, (b) that local improvements shall be made a charge hereafter only against the property affected, and shall not be more than 50 per cent. of the assessed value of the property concerned, exclusive of improvements, such costs to be ascertained before the work is commenced, (c) powers to initiate works shall be eliminated so far as local improvements are concerned, (d) notice of courts of revision shall be given by public advertisement, and (e) that civic leases and time contracts of all kinds shall terminate at time of expiration, without notice.

The petition concludes: "Because of the fact that so many provisions in the Municipal Act are intended solely for the benefit of rural municipalities, and therefore cannot apply to a city the size of Victoria—the capital of the province and a seaport—the Municipal Act has become very cumbersome and unworkable. We therefore deem it of the utmost importance that the City of Victoria be governed under a special charter."

The question of endorsing the charter will be taken up at the Civic Re-employment Association meeting this evening.

VICTORIA OFFICERS WIN DISTINCTION

And Are Mentioned in Dispatches for "Meritorious War Services"

Information received in the city during the week-end indicates that Capt. Fred Richardson and Major James Chechester Harris have been mentioned in dispatches for "meritorious war services." Prior to the outbreak of war Capt. Richardson, was a resident of the city for a number of years and was one of the old members of the 5th Regiment, C.G.A. He is the possessor of many trophies which bear testimony to his marksmanship. But a very little time had elapsed before he volunteered for overseas service with the Forty-seventh, with which unit he went overseas.

Major J. C. Harris was born in this city in the year 1882, and is a great grandson of the late Sir James Douglas. He joined the 5th Regiment as a trumpeter many years ago and obtained his lieutenantcy in the year 1904. Promotion to the rank of major followed two years before the war broke out. In 1914 he was awarded the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal. On February 28, 1915, he transferred from

the 5th Regiment to the 47th, and went overseas with that battalion.

DECREE ABSOLUTE

Granted by Mr. Justice Morrison in Case of Winter vs. Winter and Jones.

Decree absolute was granted by Mr. Justice Morrison in the Supreme Court this morning to George Arthur Winter, a janitor, and petitioner in the divorce case of Winter versus Beatrice Winter and Thomas Sutton Jones. The action was undefended. Evidence adduced went to show that Jones had boarded with the Winter family and became the frequent companion of the wife, taking her out on many occasions.

Mrs. Winter left the petitioner in May, 1914, in company with Jones, who deposited a note on the dining-room table imparting that information. The couple went to Calgary and Medicine Hat and finally reached Toronto, where they are at the present time. There was one child of the marriage, which is to remain in the custody of the father, and costs of the action go against the co-respondent.

Pacific Northwest Association.—Mayor Todd, as President of the Pacific Northwest Tourist Association, has received numerous letters from the American side with regard to the participation of British Columbia in the work of publicity contemplated over the next biennial period, and notably one to-day from the Port Angeles Commercial Club, which puts the case very strongly for British Columbia joining in the campaign.

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GREAT SINGER IS ARDENT WESTERNER

Madame Jeanne Jomelli, Who Returned Here Yesterday is Stock Fancier

Madame Jeanne Jomelli, the great cantatrice who is appearing in concert at the Empress Hotel on Wednesday evening under Ladies' Musical Club auspices, returned to the city yesterday afternoon after a week's absence in Vancouver.

Went to See Pigs. The guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Green, Uplands, during their visit here, she and her husband were taken for a motor drive yesterday afternoon to Mr. Taylor's beautiful ranch at the north end of the Peninsula.

Was Seriously Ill. Since Madame Jomelli was here some years ago, an occasion which many recall with pleasant memories, she arranged for a concert tour of the United States under the direction of Messrs. Hansen and Jones.

Lost Everything. Just previous to the outbreak of the war the famous singer had closed a contract as leading prima donna of the Vienna Grand Opera Company.

Unforgettable Scene. "I was in London when war was declared," said Madame this morning when recalling what followed.

Money for Belgians. Captain Dow, of the Lusitania, was a great friend of the singer's. Madame Jomelli came over on the last voyage of this ship to New York.

PROPERTY NO HINDRANCE

Christ's Socialism Not Communism but Collectivism, Says Rev. J. G. Inkster.

At the First Presbyterian Church yesterday morning, Rev. J. G. Inkster, in continuing his series of Lenten discourses on the Sermon on the Mount, stated that Christianity had often been charged with making its followers selfish.

BEING BURIED HERE

Mrs. Kate Hardaker Succumbs in England Three Months After Her Husband.

Within just three months of her husband's death Mrs. Kate Hardaker, widow of William Hardaker, has passed away.

Stop Run Hose Loops

These positively prevent the disastrous runs and ripping in hose. Card of 4. Reg. 50c for 29c

Reg. to \$3.50 Fibre Rugs. Tuesday, Each \$2.69

Only a limited quantity for Tuesday, selling at the above special price. Most of these Rugs are superior to the common grass rugs.

New Arrivals at the Art Needlework Dept.

Linen Runners, stamped for working and finished with hemstitched or scalloped edges, many pretty designs to choose from. Prices up to \$1.25

36-inch Linen Squares, stamped for working and finished with hemstitched border; also Tea Serviettes to match, in the newest designs. \$2.75

Stamped Laundry Bags, to be worked, in blue, pink and white. Easy designs for working. Price 75c

Linen Muckback Guest Towels, with hemstitched borders or scalloped edges. Many effective designs. Prices up to \$1.50

Small Rep Centres in easy designs, suitable for children to work. Price 10c

New Sweaters for Spring

These come in plain and fancy knit, with large sailor collars, sash to match. Colors are Paddy and white, melon and white, sage and white and white and Paddy. Price (wool) \$10.75

Silk Sweaters, shown in many styles and colors. Prices \$9.75 to \$25.00

Fibre Silk Sweater Coats and Jerseys for children, in melon and white; sizes 1 to 4 years. Price \$3.25 and \$4.00

Tuesday's News From the Staple Dept.

News of importance to the housewife and the prospective bride. Our Household Linen Section is crowded with a choice stock of the necessary items for household use, at prices fully 25 per cent. below to-day's market.

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Pillow Tubings, in similar grades to the sheetings, quite pure, 40-inch, 42-inch, 44-inch, 46-inch wide. Prices, per yd., 22 1-2c, 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c and 45c

MOVEMENT SPREADS

Seattle to Take Up Vacant Lot Cultivation; Prince George Mayor Inquires.

The cultivation of vacant lots is proving so popular that Seattle is now to follow suit, and a motion is being introduced into the Seattle Council this evening for the city to undertake the enterprise along very similar lines to those adopted here.

Secretary J. B. Tights has had a call from Mayor Perry, of Prince George, who collected all the available data on the subject, and indicated attention to increasing production on his return to the interior.

TELLS ABOUT CANADA

Rev. William J. Hindley, of Winnipeg, former mayor of Spokane, spoke before the Central Council of Social Agencies in Seattle on "War Changes in the Social and Economic Life of Canada."



Hosiery Week

TUESDAY'S SPECIAL Penman's Hosiery Seconds—Radical Saving in Price Women's Fine Silk Lisle Hose, extra quality, with wide garter top, double heel and toe. Regular and out sizes. 60 and 70 qualities Special Tuesday 49c

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Women's Fibre Silk Hose, in sky and pink; sizes 8 1/4 to 10. Price 50c

Women's "Gordon" Hose, hard to wear out, in fine silk lisle, 4-thread heel and toe, deep garter top, black only; sizes 8 1/4 to 10 1/2. Price 50c

Women's Cotton Hose, in medium weight, seamless, with double heel and toes; size 8 1/4 to 10. Regular 20c. Special Tuesday 15c

Women's Silk Lisle Hose, fashioned, double soles, high spliced heels, black only. Price 50c

Women's Hose, in fibre silk. This Hose is well-known for its wearing qualities, wide garter top and reinforced in wearing parts, to be had in black, tan and white; all sizes. Price, pair 60c

"Phoenix" Silk Hose for women, a splendid quality, wide elastic top, double heel and toes, to be had in suede, taupe, silver, sand, putty, battleship grey, purple, emerald, bronze, champagne, delf blue, lavender, navy, sky, pink, flesh, white, and black. Price, pair \$1.25

Novelty Silk Hose, white with black stripes, cloths and embroidered designs. Price \$1.25 and \$1.75

Buster Brown's Sister's Hose, a fine mercerized hose in 1-1 rib, black and white; sizes 8 to 15. Price 25c

Buster Brown Ribbed Hose, a strong, durable hose for boys; sizes 8, 9 1/2, 10. Price 25c

Children's Ribbed Cotton Hose, superior quality, fast dye; sizes 7 to 9 1/2, black only. Pair 25c

Women's Artificial Silk Hose, a splendid quality, with 20-inch silk boot, finished with lisle wide garter top, and reinforced in wearing parts, black only; sizes 8 1/4 to 10. Reg. \$1 pair. Special Tuesday 79c

"Hercules" Ribbed Hose, for children, a strong hose, suitable for school wear; sizes 8 1/4 to 10. Price 29c

Plain Silk Lisle Hose, in fine 1-1 rib, black and white; sizes 7 to 10. Price, pair 60c

Plain Artificial Silk Hose, a fine 1-1 rib in black, white and tan; off-size only. Price, pair 65c

Women's Fibre Silk Hose, in shades of light and dark grey, sand, putty, Delf blue, sky, pink, white, tan and black. Values to \$1.99. Price 69c

Children's Lisle Thread Hose, 1-1 rib, black and white; size 5 to 10. Regular 35c. Special Tuesday 23c

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There Are Many New Spring Dresses Here

The showing is large and is featured by models that are especially smart and charming; included are such popular styles as Billie Burke and Betty Wales, also the new Coat Dress which is so comfortable and stylish.

Ladies' and Gents' Handkerchiefs

Ladies Initial Handkerchiefs, in sheer linen, white and colors. Price 25c

Ladies' Fancy Handkerchiefs, in pretty designs, lace trimmed and lace motif corners; also hand embroidered corners. Price 35c, or \$1.00 for 3

Ladies' Crepe de Chine Handkerchiefs, in a wide range of colors. Price 25c

Ladies' Hand Embroidered Handkerchiefs, with colored cord edges. Special at 12 1/2c

Lisane Handkerchiefs, with colored borders and white. Price 20c, 50c or 3 for \$1.00

Plain White Mercerized Handkerchiefs. Very special. 4 for 25c

Gents' Mercerized Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, with wide border. Special 15c

Another range of Mercerized Handkerchiefs, hemstitched with narrow hem. Splendid value at 12 1/2c

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