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AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IS WATCHING DEVELOPMENTS AT SEA; IS STEADILY MAKING READY FOR EVENTUALITIES

Wilson Adheres to His Determination to Take Action After Some Act by German Submarine Makes It Necessary; Officials Hoping Austria Will Not Give Formal Sanction to Germany's Scheme

Washington, Feb. 19.—The German submarine situation seemed at a standstill to-day, with the Government apparently closely watching developments, steadily preparing itself for eventualities and adhering to its plans for taking action to protect American rights when the moment arrives. The slackening of the ruthless campaign in the last three or four days is regarded as reducing the chances of an attack on any American ship or loss of life, but with the coming of warmer weather the campaign is expected to increase in intensity.

There was no further indication to-day of the President's plans for going before Congress to ask for additional authority.

Through the Spanish Embassy the State Department has been informed that the American sailors taken as prisoners to Germany on the Yarrowdale "would be released shortly." The State Department, through the Swiss Minister, forwarded to Berlin on Saturday a request for their immediate release. A previous message inquired as to the reason the men were being kept as prisoners and insisting upon their release.

Because of the slow and uncertain communication between Washington and Berlin, State Department officials were unable to decide whether to-day's dispatches were in answer to its last request or the previous one. State Department officials are watching the situation with some impatience.

Austria's real attitude perplexes officials here, but there is hope that Ambassador Penfield will find some way to influence the Vienna Government not to sanction formally the extreme position taken by Germany. No answer has been received to a direct inquiry as to whether Austria intended to follow Germany's lead.

It was authoritatively stated at the State Department that so far nothing had been heard from the Central Powers as to what course they would take in the event that the United States authorized the arming of American merchantmen.

ROOSEVELT WOULD TAKE FORCE ACROSS

Might Raise 200,000 Should States Fight; to Canada Perhaps

New York, Feb. 19.—The World states it has been informed on excellent authority that Col. Roosevelt is planning to raise an expeditionary force in the event of war with Germany and to sail to Europe with it just as soon as possible.

"It is his intention," the World says, "to place this force at the disposal of the entente generals who have charge of the fighting scheme, and to lead it in accordance with their ideas."

"Those who are acquainted with the Colonel's plans say that he is making them with the idea of joining directly with those who are fighting Germany now, any idea which the army and navy officials of the United States may have for conducting a distinctive American campaign to the contrary notwithstanding."

"It is declared that Col. Roosevelt feels that the sending of an expeditionary force to Europe would give additional zest to the struggle of the allies and convince them, as nothing else could, that the United States is wholeheartedly devoted to the cause which they are fighting."

Up to 200,000

"How large a force he would raise would depend entirely upon the conditions obtaining at the particular time at which the United States entered the war. He is known to have obtained pledges from a sufficient number of trained men at the time the Mexican situation was critical to make the formation of a division possible within a very short time."

"His present plans are known to cover the possible raising of an army corps, or even of an army of 200,000 men."

"One of the matters which Col. Roosevelt has under consideration, according to the World's informant, is to go to Canada and organize his force there in the event his plans would interfere with those of the general staff to such an extent as to make the organization of his command here too difficult. It is said that he would not do this except with the tacit consent of the President and the army chiefs, but he feels that Canada's experience during the last two years in organizing and training expeditionary forces within a short time would be of invaluable assistance to him."

AMERICAN VESSELS LEAVING NEW YORK

Thirteen, Including American and Other Steamships, Got Away Yesterday

WAR BONUSES FOR ONE AMERICAN CREW

New York, Feb. 19.—Five American ships from this port are now on the high seas exposed to the dangers of the German submarine warfare, and several others are ready for immediate departure. Three of the vessels, the Orleans and the Rochester, for Bordeaux, and the Owego, for Genoa, now are approaching the so-called "blockade" lines in the Bay of Biscay and the Mediterranean.

The City of Puebla, a freighter of 2,242 tons gross, owned by the Sarrey Steamship Company, got away yesterday for Havre. Her captain and 12 other officers are Americans. The members of the crew are to receive a war bonus of 50 per cent of their pay at the end of the voyage.

Among the American ships ready to sail to-day are the Algonquin, a freighter, and the Mongolia, which is equipped to carry passengers.

In addition to the City of Puebla, 12 steamships sailed from New York yesterday, presumably by routes that will carry them through the German "zones." Three vessels, one of them an American, arrived after passage through the "zones."

COUNT SUSPENDED UNTIL WEDNESDAY

Taking of Soldiers' Vote on Prohibition Not Success, Say B. C. Officers

Montreal, Feb. 19.—The correspondent in London of the Montreal Gazette cables that he has been informed that the criticisms with regard to the counting of the British Columbia soldiers' votes on the question of prohibition "are incorrect as to facts, particularly the allegation that Bayley, the 'dry' scrutineer, was absent in France during the counting."

He was in London at the time, "according to the statement of an official of the United Kingdom Alliance, an organization somewhat similar to the Dominion Alliance in Canada," the correspondent says.

"The counting here by the staff of the British Columbia office has been suspended until Wednesday to clear up some legal points," the correspondent says. "Until Saturday the staff has been continuously on the work."

"British Columbia officers and others in London and the provinces are of the opinion that the experiment of taking the soldiers' vote on the battlefield will not prove a success. The labor, inconvenience and expense involved are out of proportion to the benefits or results. Neither in France nor in England did the correspondent find any responsible officer who approved of battlefield electioneering."

NATIONAL CABINET NOW IN AUSTRALIA

Hughes is Prime Minister and Cook Minister of Navy

THE NEW HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS SWORN

Formation of Coalition Cabinet Followed Resignation of Hughes Ministry

London, Feb. 19.—Reuter's Melbourne correspondent says the Australian ministry, headed by Rt. Hon. William H. Hughes, tendered its resignation and that the Governor-General commanded Mr. Hughes to form another, which now has been sworn in. The new ministry is a coalition and will be known as the Commonwealth Government.

Mr. Hughes will retain the post of Prime Minister and Attorney-General. Joseph H. Cook, leader of the Opposition, has been given the portfolio of Minister of the Navy.

GERMANS MUST GROAN UNDER NEW TAXES

Government Finds Revenue From Existing Taxes is Not Sufficient

Amsterdam, Feb. 19.—An explanatory note respecting the German budget for 1917, issued in Berlin on Saturday, says:

"The necessary means for carrying on the war will be raised by special war credits. The ordinary expenses of state debt require 3,560,000,000 marks. The revenue from hitherto existing war taxes is not sufficient and the deficit of 1,250,000,000 marks will be covered by new war taxes. It is intended to impose an ad valorem tax on coal on the output at the collieries, and as an extraordinary war tax to impose a surtax on all internal passenger and goods traffic."

"In the extraordinary budget the amount of 31,000,000 marks will be devoted to the redemption of the debt by purchase."

"After Peace Comes."

"With regard to the redemption of the war loans, this will be decided after peace has been concluded."

"The credit for exchequer bills is increased to 3,000,000,000 marks, and the uncovered contributions of the federal states are estimated at 52,000,000 marks."

"On February 1 the relatives' insurance fund amounted to 21,000,000 marks."

"The increase in customs is estimated at 41,000,000 marks; total receipts 74,000,000 marks; increase in tobacco 2,200,000 marks; war surtax 37,000,000 marks; increase in stamps on bills of lading 65,000,000 marks, and the stamp on Dutch goods trade, 225,000,000 marks."

"The tax on wealth is expected to produce 90,000,000 marks and the shares of the state in post and telegraphs 225,000,000 marks."

"The estimated revenue from all war taxes, namely, 1,250,000,000 marks, is 77,000,000 marks in excess of the previous year."

"The ordinary budget amounts to 4,941,000,000 marks, or 1,252,000,000 marks more than the previous year."

"In the extraordinary budget the sum of 7,200,000 marks is yet to be covered by loan."

SIR ARTHUR LEE, M. P., IS DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FOOD PRODUCTION

London, Feb. 19.—Sir Arthur Lee, M. P. for the Fareham division of Hampshire, has been appointed Director-General of Food Production. Sir Arthur will be responsible to the President of the Board of Agriculture for the co-ordination and executive control of those sections of the board which deal with the supply and distribution of seed, fertilizers, food-stuffs, labor and work, and the war and agriculture committees in England and Wales.

Sir Arthur Lee was the British military attaché with the United States army during the Spanish-American War.

WHAT RUST COST WESTERN CANADA

Winnipeg, Feb. 19.—Professor Buller, botanist of the Manitoba University, calculates the loss to Western Canada from rust on grain in last year's crop at \$100,000,000.

BRAZIL IS HOLDING BERLIN RESPONSIBLE; STEAMSHIPS AT SEA

Paris, Feb. 19.—A wireless dispatch from Bern, Switzerland, says the Brazilian Minister in Berlin, by order of his government, has warned Germany that Brazil will hold her responsible for the fate of the Brazilian vessels now approaching the war zone. These vessels left Brazil for entente countries since the declaration by Germany of unrestricted submarine warfare.

FIVE MORE SHIPS REACH NEW YORK

Belgian, French, Dutch and Two British Craft in Port

ALL PASSED THROUGH U BOAT DANGER AREAS

New York, Feb. 19.—Five steamships from war zone ports arrived here today, including the British steamships Folla, from Bristol, and Sebastian, from Rouen, both of which left after Germany's new submarine campaign commenced. The Folla, a Cunard freighter, came by way of Halifax. The other arrivals were the Belgian steamship Escourt, from Cardiff; the French steamship Guyane, from Bordeaux, and the Dutch steamship Noordwijk, from Rotterdam.

The Standard Oil steamship Wyco sailed from here to-day for an unnamed European port, the first vessel of the Standard Oil fleet to leave an American port since the new U boat campaign was inaugurated. The Wyco is not armed.

GERMANS IN MEXICO MENACE TO STATES

Should Carranza and Villa Join Germans Would Operate Against States

Portland, Ore., Feb. 19.—The Washington correspondent of the Oregonian writes:

German officers are serving with the armies of Carranza and Villa in Mexico. Information to this effect has reached the State Department. As Carranza and Villa are enemies, it would seem that the Germans would offset each other. If, however, the anti-American sentiment should force co-operation between Carranza and Villa—the situation the German agents desire—the German officers would act together in operations against the United States.

New Revolt.

The State Department also has been informed that a new revolt is making headway in Mexico. The Tampico oil fields are "protected" by 4,000 men, whose chief is well paid by the foreigners owning and producing the oil. This is in addition to the export tax paid to Carranza.

Should the Tampico chief be supplied with ammunition, it would be a comparatively easy matter for him and his men to capture Vera Cruz. He needs cartridges, but the embargo applied by the United States prevents him from getting them.

There is another revolutionary force in the state of Oaxaca which is arranging to co-operate with that in the Tampico district should the junction take place. Carranza would be faced by a large body of men in addition to Villa's army and the troops under General Zapata. Railroad connection between Vera Cruz and Mexico City frequently is cut by the Zapatistas, and it is no longer safe to go from one point to the other.

The administration strongly desires to avoid being drawn into Mexico again, but it is realized here that there is a grave danger which may become menacing as a result of the activities of the German agents.

STATES THERE ARE 100,000 SPIES IN THE UNITED STATES

Washington, Feb. 19.—Opposing amendments by Senator Cummins to temper some of the stringent provisions of the espionage bill which is pending in the Senate, Senator Overman, of North Carolina, to-day stated he had been told there were 100,000 spies in the country and that it was absolutely essential that drastic laws be enacted to protect the naval stations, submarine bases and other national defenses.

FRENCH STEAMSHIP SANK A SUBMARINE

Freighter Sent Down German Craft Off Coast of France

GUN ON STERN OF FREIGHTER DID TRICK

U Boat Collapsed When Gunner on the Guyane Hit It Squarely

New York, Feb. 19.—In a 40-minute battle between the French liner Guyane and a German submarine off the coast of France on January 22, the submarine was sunk, according to officers of the freighter, which arrived here to-day from Bordeaux.

The Guyane was one day out from port. At 1.30 p.m., Captain Rousselot said, the U boat was sighted some distance to port and apparently endeavoring to cross the freighter's bow to stop her. The submarine fired a shot which fell short and the Guyane then turned sharply to starboard so that her big 65-millimetre gun, mounted at the stern, could be trained on the approaching craft.

The submarine fired a second shot, which fell considerably short, and a third, which struck the water close by the freighter.

Hit U Boat Squarely.

Meanwhile the Guyane's gunner had sent one shot which failed to hit, but struck very near its mark. A second shot from the Guyane, Captain Rousselot said, hit the U boat squarely and the underwater craft was seen to collapse.

During the next 30 minutes the craft seemed to be struggling for existence. No one appeared on deck and no further attempt to shell the freighter was made, and the Guyane refrained from firing any more shots. At the end of the half-hour the submarine disappeared. The freighter's officers said they had no doubt that the U boat was lost.

The Guyane is a steel vessel of 2,068 tons net and carried 37 men. There were no Americans aboard. She brought a general cargo of about 1,000 tons.

SHIPS USE SMOKE TO MASK MOVEMENTS

Donaldson Line Freighter, Fitted With New Device, Reaches Baltimore

Baltimore, Feb. 19.—The Donaldson Line freighter Lakonia, of Glasgow, provided with the new smoke device of the British Admiralty to render ships immune from submarine attacks, arrived at this port yesterday. The ship also carries a 3-inch gun mounted stern and several trained gunners to man it.

According to one of the gunners, who talked to a representative of the Associated Press to-day, the new device, perfected by British chemists and scientists, can generate enough smoke in several minutes to mask a vessel from the enemy's view for several hours.

The Lakonia encountered no enemy craft on the trip to this port, but she was twice chased for several hours on the last outward trip, first by a ship thought to be the commerce raider Vineta, and again by a submarine in the Bay of Biscay. The Lakonia escaped because of her superior speed.

TOTAL CASUALTIES ADMITTED BY GERMAN LEADERS 4,087,692

London, Feb. 19.—Casualties in the German army, exclusive of colonial troops, reported in the German casualty lists in the month of January totaled 77,534 officers and men killed, wounded, prisoners or missing. The totals are as follows: Killed and died, 15,908; prisoners, 1,645; missing, 11,574; wounded, 48,109. Total, 77,534.

These casualties bring the official German lists of killed and those who died of wounds or sickness to 988,229 and the total casualties since the war began to 4,087,692.

LINER PHILADELPHIA REPORTS HER POSITION

New York, Feb. 19.—The American liner Philadelphia, which left Liverpool February 14 for New York with passengers, reported her position by wireless to-day at 1,238 miles east of New York at 10 a.m. She is expected to dock Thursday.

NEW MONEY FOR BIG VICTORY LOAN MORE THAN WAS EXPECTED

But Not More Than Bonar Law Hoped for; Without Direct Contributions From the Banks, Total of New Money Given British Government Is at Least \$3,500,000,000, Chancellor Says

London, Feb. 19.—The new money subscribed to the "Victory Loan" is at least £700,000,000 exclusive of contributions from the banks, Rt. Hon. Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, stated in the House of Commons to-day.

He said the number of applications received for the war loan on the last day was so large that 200,000 or 300,000 had not been dealt with as yet, and the result would not be known until next week.

"I am glad, however," the Chancellor said, "to be able to say that the loan has succeeded to a greater extent than I expected, but not greater than I hoped. I hope, however, that what I have just said will not encourage exaggerated estimates which might create a danger of what I consider the amazing financial efforts of this country being minimized when the actual figures are known."

"When I was asked what amount of new money I considered necessary to make the loan a success, I stated a figure which was larger than the expected, but no more than I hoped. That figure was £600,000,000. Without taking into account direct contributions from the banks, which it is desirable to avoid, that figure already has been exceeded. The excess certainly will amount to £100,000,000."

BRITISH ARE READY FOR FINAL BLOW

Forces in France Thoroughly Trained and Equipped, Says American

GREAT MACHINE PREPARED WHEN GERMANY WEAKENED

Washington, Feb. 19.—An American military authority here to-day expressed the belief that Germany will not be able to prosecute any further offensives with the vigor and dash which characterized her first military efforts. He said:

"Only two European powers engaged in the war have kept their first line troops. Those of all the other belligerents have been destroyed. Britain and Italy—the latter because she has done comparatively little important fighting—have preserved their first line troops."

"Germany can afford to hurt the best of her remaining troops against French soldiers, because France has lost her first line forces also, but Germany must fight on the defensive against the British, for just now, after two and one-half years, have they put their first line composed of the best product of the British races, into the field. They are thoroughly trained, hardened and equipped. They are prepared for every kind of work, and are in a mood for testing their fighting qualities against the enemy."

Great Battle.

"The opportunity will soon come when the fresh British forces collide with the Germans. The battle that will be developed is expected to be one of the greatest, if not the greatest, of the war and through it the fortunes of the allies will be revealed. This battle, which will take months in the fighting, will decide whether the German line can be broken through by sheer shock and force, or whether the allies must compose themselves to the knowledge that attrition, slow but formidable and constant, must effect the necessary end. But the problem of the allies is to break through, and whether they can do it will be decided by the new British army; and in all likelihood it will be the British army that must make the breach."

ZEPPELIN GOT NEAR BOULOGNE; DROPPED BOMBS; NO RESULTS

Paris, Feb. 19.—The following report was issued at the War Office this afternoon:

"Patrols were active in the region of Barnhaupt le Haut. The night was calm everywhere else."

"On Saturday night a zeppelin flew over the French coast in the Department of Pas de Calais as far as the environs of Boulogne and dropped a number of bombs without result."

ANOTHER PRECAUTION AT PANAMA CANAL

Panama, Feb. 19.—The canal zone authorities to-day ceased making public information concerning the movements of traffic through the canal.

The British are now on the southern foot of Serre Hill, and have the summit above the Ballescourt Farm. They have their line several hundred yards along the railway east of Grandcourt and have not more footing on the hill south of Miramont, the key position.

4,538 JOINED FROM FEB. 1 TO FEB. 15

Toronto Military District in Lead; Total 395,722 Since Beginning

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—The recruiting during the first fortnight of the present month is considered to be very satisfactory. Since the war commenced a total of 395,722 men have been enlisted for overseas service. It is safe to place the total recruitments at 200,000, but despite the rejections, the Dominion, on the basis of the last fortnight's figures, still is recruiting at the rate of eight battalions per month. During the fortnight 4,538 men were recruited, against 4,139 during the preceding fortnight.

The Toronto military district again forged to the front, with an enlistment during the two weeks of 1,310 men. The enrollments in the districts were as follows: Toronto, 1,310; Ottawa and Kingston, 825; Maritime Provinces, 690; Montreal, 478; London, 270; British Columbia and the Yukon, 248; Manitoba, 235; Alberta, 157; Saskatchewan, 184; Quebec, 104.

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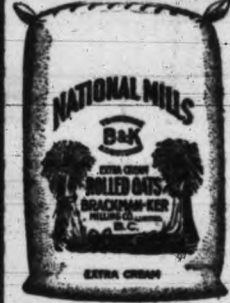
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MR. GERARD HONORED IN FRENCH CAPITAL

Guest at Luncheon Given by Briand; Cheered by Crowds

Paris, Feb. 19.—James W. Gerard, the former American Ambassador to Germany, was the guest of honor at a luncheon given by Premier Briand yesterday. A distinguished company was present, including the diplomatic representatives of all the entente powers having ambassadors here.

Mr. Gerard was accompanied by the American Ambassador to France, William G. Sharp, and both were recipients of many marks of cordiality. Ambassador and Mrs. Gerard later attended a performance at the Trocadero for the benefit of the Canadian hospital at St. Cloud. Shouts of "Bravo," greeted their arrival, and as soon as their presence became generally known the immense audience renewed the cheering. Both ambassadors bowed their acknowledgments and the orchestra ceased playing in order to give way to the band of the Republic which immediately marched on the stage and played the Star Spangled Banner, at the close of which there was another outburst of enthusiasm.

Mr. Gerard, on leaving the Trocadero, became the object of most friendly demonstrations on the part of the crowds that lined the streets.

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ELECTION SATURDAY IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Electors Will Vote for Legislature at End of This Week

St. John, N. B., Feb. 19.—Ninety-six candidates were officially nominated on Saturday in New Brunswick's seventeen provincial constituencies. Of these, 48 will be elected as members of the Legislature on Saturday next, Feb. 24.

The election takes place in consequence of the retirement, about a fortnight ago, owing to ill-health of Premier George J. Clarke. Hon. James A. Murray succeeded Mr. Clarke in the premiership and formed a cabinet, after which writs were issued for a general election. It was stated that the Government had decided, in view of the number of vacancies in the representation of constituencies already in existence, and the necessity for an election on account of the cabinet formation, that it would be well to elect an entirely new Legislature.

There will be full representation of both parties in the field. The Conservative (Government) party and the Liberal (Opposition) each has 48 candidates in the field.

DRIVE GERMANS BACK FROM NEW POSITIONS

On Ancre Front British Troops Inflicted Heavy Losses Yesterday

London, Feb. 19.—The following official report was issued last night: "The prisoners we took in yesterday's operations on the Ancre now number 12 officers and 761 men. We also captured a number of machine guns and trench mortars.

"This morning strong enemy forces attacked our new positions on the spur above the Ballescourt farm. The enemy infantry, advancing in three waves with support troops in the rear, came under the heavy concentrated fire of our artillery and were driven back with heavy losses. Our lines were not reached at any point and we suffered no casualties.

"We entered German positions during the night southwest and northwest of Arras, south of Fauquissart and north of Ypres. We inflicted many casualties on the enemy, destroyed a machine gun and took numerous prisoners.

"Hostile raiding parties were repulsed in the night south of Ypres. We took prisoners and inflicted a number of casualties.

"There was considerable artillery activity on both sides to-day in the neighborhood of Bouchavesnes, in the Ancre area and in the Ypres sector."

French Report.

Paris, Feb. 19.—The following official report was issued last night: "There was intermittent cannonading on the greater part of the front; the fighting was more pronounced in the direction of Ribemont. An enemy surprise attack on one of our small posts northwest of Bezonvaux failed."

A Belgian report said: "The German batteries were only slightly active."

British Are Pleased.

British Headquarters in France, Feb. 19, via London, Feb. 19.—(From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press.) The number of prisoners taken by the British yesterday in their advance on both sides of the Ancre toward Miraumont and Pys is estimated to-night at approximately 800, although all the battalions engaged have not yet sent in final reports. All the prisoners are Prussians. They include 12 commissioned and more than a score of non-commissioned officers.

The fog which shut in yesterday, bringing operations to a standstill, lifted partly to-day; and the Germans made counter-attacks, which were repulsed with heavy casualties among the attackers. Some German companies opposed to the British were completely wiped out during the attack, all those not dead or not wounded being made prisoners. The highest total was 85 prisoners from one company.

Some of the prisoners belonged to the famous 8th Grenadier Guards. All the captured Germans were taken down with picture postcards and pencils. They had scarcely anything else. The postcards generally were sentimental, most of them portraying soldiers' homecomings.

The British troops are greatly pleased with the success of the attack, in view of the fact that the Germans had anticipated some such forward movement and prepared what the prisoners say was believed to be an unbreakable defence.

At one point on the British front to-day a German was seen running across No Man's Land with his hands above his head. He was fired on from his own line and killed as he reached the British wire.

For a Mound.

London, Feb. 19.—Reuters' correspondent at British headquarters in France, telegraphing Sunday, said: "In the battle which began in the neighborhood of Miraumont Saturday morning and has continued intermittently ever since, the fiercest struggle was to the left of the centre, where British troops tried to get the mastery of a mound rising about 40 feet, with a sunken road across it.

"The Germans realized the great tactical value of the mound and had it fringed with machine guns and ribbed with trenches, and strenuously disputed the British advance up the slope. It was deadly fighting, but the British steadily pressed forward until they had gained the crest. Shortly after sunrise, however, the Germans launched a strong counter-attack with fresh troops. The British were forced to yield ground under weight of numbers, but supports were rushed to them and the withdrawal ceased. The Germans had regained part of the mound, but nevertheless the British line ran well up the slope.

"The German losses are known to have been very considerable, and it would be useless to pretend that the British did not have to pay the price of victory, but the success attained is a very important one."

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REVENTLOW ATTACKS JAMES W. GERARD

Fire-Eating German Says Ambassador Sent Information to Allies

Amsterdam, Feb. 19.—Count von Reventlow devoted the leading editorial in the Berlin Tages Zeitung on Saturday to an attack on James W. Gerard, former American Ambassador to Germany, whom he accuses of having used his official position deliberately to transmit important war information to the entente by way of the United States.

"Many indications," he writes, "have continually pointed to the theory that the uncontrolled cable service and letter service to the United States permitted to the American Embassy had also been an uncontrolled method of communication with London and Paris. This was best illustrated in the events which led to the capture and execution of Sir Roger Casement. Thus London learned in good time of the enterprise which led Casement to the Irish coast and his capture resulted. American Ambassador Gerard and his personnel were the ones who delivered the honorable Irishman to the hangman."

An attack on American newspaper service from Berlin is appended and the article closes with an expression of hearty thankfulness that Mr. Gerard has left Berlin.

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CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—The following casualties have been announced:

Infantry.

Killed in action—Pte. J. Cardwell, Maywood, B. C.

Dangerously ill—Pte. K. Sangster, New Westminster.

Wounded—Pte. G. Anderson, Kitimat, B. C.; Pte. A. Cameron, 611 Hamilton Street, Vancouver; Pte. C. Clark, Ladner, B. C.; Pte. G. Cowan, Kingsway Road, Vancouver; Pte. C. O. Wood, 1160 Davie Street, Vancouver; Pte. C. Goyer, Millardville, B. C.; Pte. A. Wainright, 182 Twenty-seventh Avenue, Vancouver; Pte. J. Waldon, Duncan, B. C.

Reported killed in action—Pte. H. Sabiston, Victoria.

Died—Pte. H. Stuits, Telkwa, B. C.

Seriously ill—Pte. H. Clarke, Vancouver.

Wounded—Cpl. G. Foulston, Columbia Gardens, B. C.

APPEAL IN CASE OF KITSILANO RESERVE

Ottawa Thinks Vancouver Harbor Board Not Required to Pay Enough

Vancouver, Feb. 19.—The Dominion Government, through its counsel, Stuart Livingstone, K. C., has entered an appeal to the Supreme Court against the award of \$665,200, which the Kitsilano Reserve arbitration commission recently decided that the Vancouver Harbor Commissioners must pay to the Dominion Government for the Kitsilano property.

It appears that the arbitrators, A. M. Fould, C. E. Mahon and James Borland, although they held sittings for several weeks and heard numerous expert witnesses advance ideas as to the proper value of the reserve, did not give any reasons nor lay down any basis of valuation in their findings. The amount awarded, \$665,200, is much higher than any of the values tendered by the Harbor Board witnesses and away below the lowest of the valuations made by the witnesses for the Dominion Government. It is believed by government counsel that the arbitrators merely made a compromise award, instead of proceeding on some settled basis of valuation.

URGES CONGRESS OF AMERICAN NATIONS

Plan Suggested by Ecuador is Outgrowth of the War

Washington, Feb. 19.—Some interest was manifested here to-day in Ecuador's proposal for a congress of American nations to meet immediately and take up the necessary measures for securing a continental expression, principally for the guarantee of rights of neutrality and, if it be possible, for the alleviation of the rigors of war.

Tobar Bergona, Ecuadorean Minister of Foreign Relations, made the suggestion in a note to the Mexican Minister of Foreign Relations, responding to General Carranza's note to the United States and all neutral nations suggesting an embargo on foodstuffs and ammunition exports as a means of bringing the war to an end.

Bergona's communication, dated at Quito, February 17, says joint action of all American nations is needed to produce results, as "the labor of one, separate from the others, it has been demonstrated, is unfruitful." Ecuador therefore "believes it essential that there should be an immediate session of an American congress, which could meet, for example, in Uruguay."

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THREE FIREMEN WERE KILLED IN QUEBEC

Quebec, Feb. 19.—Falling walls of buildings wrecked by flames crushed three firemen to death and badly injured five others to-day. The fire was Quebec's seventh serious one within a month and a searching investigation is under way. Six business houses were destroyed.

An English militant crusader strode into a bar where a young man was making a cow. With a snort she asked: "How is it that you are not at the front, you're a man?" "Because, ma'am," answered the milkster, "there ain't no milk at that end."

NO PEACE DISCUSSION WITH GERMAN JUNKERS

London, Feb. 19.—The Speaker of the House of Commons, Right Hon. James William Lowther, declared here last night that it would be impossible for British statesmen to make any agreement with the German Government as now constituted. It would be necessary before signing any peace terms or any agreement, he said, to insist that it must be a government different in essence and constitution from the present one.

RELIEF WORK BY AMERICAN HEBREWS

New York, Feb. 19.—The provisional Zionist committee announced here to-day that the break in diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany had not interfered with its distribution of relief funds in Palestine, Poland and Lithuania.

With the approval of the Danish Government and the support of Minister Egan, at Copenhagen; it was said, Danish Jews have taken over the committee's work in the three districts, to which more than \$1,000,000 already has been sent.

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CALIFORNIANS STILL AIDING THE BELGIANS

San Francisco, Feb. 19.—Continuance of American relief work in Belgium by Americans was assured today by Herbert C. Hoover, head of the Belgian Relief Commission, in a telegram made public to-day by Dr. Wm. Palmer Lucas, chairman of the committee handling California relief contributions. Mr. Hoover said there was sufficient food in Belgium to allay all fears of famine pending the arrival of food ships on their way now. The California committee will continue its active support.

TOOK POSITION ON ROUMANIAN FRONT

Russians Captured a Point Southwest of Okna Without Firing a Shot

Petrograd, Feb. 19.—The following official report was issued last night: "Western front—After heavy artillery preparation, German troops, clad in white overalls, assumed the offensive in the sector of our front east of Korchava, southwest of Dwinsk. A party of attacking Germans succeeded in penetrating one of our foremost trenches, but almost immediately was driven out by our reserves.

Roumanian front—Our detachments, as a result of a surprise attack, captured without firing a shot a strongly fortified enemy point of support on an enemy height two-thirds of a mile southwest of the village of Okna. All counter-attacks were repulsed and we took a number of prisoners.

Caucasus front—A snowstorm prevails.

RUSSIAN REPORT.

Petrograd, Feb. 19.—Except for scouting operations, there has been little activity along the fronts in Russia, Galicia, Roumania and the Caucasus, according to an official report issued here to-day.

A GLARING RECORD OF INCOMPETENCE

Story of Government's Attachment to Ross Rifle After It Was Condemned

THOUGH NOT USED IS STILL BEING ORDERED

(From the Toronto Star.)

The Ross rifle is not now in use by the Canadian army in the war. It has been condemned, as a war weapon, by the men in the ranks who used it in battle and by the generals in the field who handled our army divisions.

Why was this rifle so long used in the war before being discarded? The answer is supplied by the speech of Sir Sam Hughes in Parliament the other night, in which he defended the Ross rifle, and declared it to be superior to the Lee-Enfield. He kept the Ross rifle in use and the Government kept him in office.

In the spring of 1915 Canadian soldiers in action began throwing away their Ross rifles whenever they got a chance to pick up Lee-Enfields. It appears that under general war conditions there grew up a very general dissatisfaction with the weapon throughout the troops of the First Division. Yet the Second and Third Divisions were armed with the Ross rifle, and even as late as August, 1916, the Fourth Division crossed to France armed with it, although not carrying it into action. Yet as long ago as June, 1915, one year and eight months ago, Sir John French had, after the battle of St. Julian, reported against the use of the Ross rifle and recommended the re-arming of the First Division with the Lee-Enfield. He suggested that the discarded weapons should be re-bored in England to prevent jamming, and that work was proceeded with. It was not until after Sir Douglas Haig's adverse report in June, 1916, that the total disuse of the Canadian weapon at the front was put into general effect.

In June, 1915, sensational stories were being told in Toronto by returned soldiers about the ineffectiveness of the rifle with which Canada was arming her soldiers and sending them into battle, and a yellow journal attempt to make capital out of sensational charges of this kind was launched. The Star, in an editorial entitled "The Men at the Front Will Decide," discussed these sensational charges on June 30, 1915. In that article, and in all others on the subject, we assumed it to be unthinkable that the Canadian Government and the Canadian and British generals in the field would allow our soldiers to go into battle armed with a weapon that would place them at a fatal disadvantage. We assumed that it was impossible of belief that in such a life-and-death matter any blunder could be possible, or if a mistake had been made, would be allowed to continue for a day beyond the first discovery of it. The Star said, June 30, 1915:

"Gen. Hughes is going to England. Sir Robert Borden is going over also. If the rifle used by the Canadians is not what it ought to be, the fighting men at the front will say so, and the weapon will be scrapped. No other result is possible if the gun is the failure it is said to be by some who have criticized it. . . . The question as to this rifle is one for the fighting men and the men in authority at the front to decide. It ought to be, and will be, decided on the opinions and recommendations of the men who stake their lives on the weapon they carry; not by men who stay at home shedding ink with great violence."

That was the Star's position throughout as regards the Ross rifle, and it has been the attitude of tens of thousands of people whose sons, brothers, and husbands left this country carrying that rifle into war. There appears to have been a greater degree of confidence in this than the Government was entitled to. Everybody relied upon the Government of Canada, the Canadian generals, the British generals, to see that men's lives were not sacrificed by sending them into battle with a defective rifle. It is a scandal surpassing anything in this country's history that a weapon which had, so early in the war, proved unreliable, should have been continued in use for more than a year thereafter at a cost in men's lives which cannot be estimated.

When the Prime Minister of Canada stands up in Parliament and seeks to excuse the blunders that have been made and are continuing in connection with the Ross rifle, he cuts a figure that is so weak as to be pitiful. His excuse for everything is that the Laurier Government in 1902 made a contract "in perpetuity" for Ross rifles, and that the blame therefore rests on the Government of 1902. The contract was in perpetuity, unless terminated on a year's notice. The present Government came into office in 1911, and if Sir Robert Borden did not approve of the contract, if he did not wish to assume it, take it over and keep it up in perpetuity, he had but to give a year's notice and terminate it in 1912. Or he could have terminated it in 1913 or again in 1914. But his Government did not terminate it, but accepted and continued it. Not only so, but it was a Ross rifle of the present Government's special authorization that the troops carried overseas from Canada, which they tried in war and threw away on the battlefield to grab up something in which they had more confidence.

Nor was it until after the war had been two years in progress and the Ross rifle finally discarded, and the evils done by the persistence of its use were known, that this plea was invented that "a contract" bound the Government in the matter of rifles. A contract! Imagine the Prime Minister of a country at war for two years, with

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BRITAIN'S NAVAL MIGHT.

Discussing the prospect of a fight between the British and German navies, forecasted by Admiral Fiske, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer says: "There is this further consideration, not referred to by Admiral Fiske, but suggesting an early sea fight, and that is that Germany, recognizing the practical certainty of war with the United States, may elect to make the attack upon the British fleet before there is a chance that to it might be added the entire strength of the American navy."

Should the German High Seas fleet decide to give battle to the British fleet, the odds against it in any case would be so heavy that it would not regard with any apprehension the presence of several navies the size of Uncle Sam's. Since the war began, the British fleet has been practically doubled in striking power; in other words, within the last thirty months there has been added to Britain's seapower a fleet larger than the whole American navy of to-day and more powerful than the German navy was when the struggle broke out.

A GREAT PROBLEM.

The war and the problems arising from it will leave Canada with a debt ranging between \$1,500,000,000 and \$2,000,000,000. This will be between five and six times the debt of the Dominion before the war. The annual interest charges will be \$50,000,000 at least, and possibly \$90,000,000, against \$13,000,000 required for this purpose prior to 1914.

Canada thus may have to raise annually as much as \$150,000,000 for fixed charges, which means roughly that she will have to double the amount of her ante-bellum revenue. How is this to be done? Not, certainly, through any further increase in the tariff. That would stifle the country's development and create serious domestic difficulties.

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WHAT WE MISSED.

The action of the Cunard Steamship Company in letting a contract to a Seattle shipbuilding company for the construction of six freighters at an aggregate cost of \$6,000,000 affords an unpleasant commentary on the lack of foresight of the Dominion Government in its attitude towards the shipbuilding industry.

The Toronto-Globe comments as follows upon the death of Hon. Ralph Smith: "The sudden calling away of Mr. Ralph Smith, of Vancouver Island, in the very meridian of his usefulness as a Canadian statesman, will be the cause of widespread regret."

The soldiers' vote measure was a farce to begin with and has culminated in a burlesque. Sir Richard McBride has capped the matter by retaining Sir John Simon, one of the leading and most highly remunerated lawyers in Great Britain, to do something or other in connection with the situation that has developed.

Geneva, Feb. 19.—(From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press.)—The zeppelin campaign against London has been found to be unprofitable. The cessation of German air attacks on the British metropolises after the latest of the dirigibles had been brought down near the city last fall has been due not to fortuitous circumstances, but to the deliberate determination of the German leaders to abandon these attacks, as was done long ago in the case of Paris.

Bro. Bryan advocates a vote of all the people before engaging in a war of any kind, even a defensive war. What a picnic the Huns of the All-Highest would have had if the republic of France had decided upon a referendum of the electorate before taking defensive measures.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY
Victoria Times, Feb. 18, 1892.

News has been received here of the death at his old home in Nova Scotia of Mr. A. V. Stronach, one of the pioneer mining operators of this province, who resided here for some years. He was 53 years of age, and made a periodical visit to Rock Creek, where his interests lay. He had also considerable town property here.

A splendid deposit of quick silver has been discovered on Barclay Sound near the new townsite of Barclay. It is the intention to work the deposit to the utmost capacity.

Hon. D. W. Higgins and Mr. Wilmot, members of the Fishery Commission went over to New Westminster to-day in connection with the fisheries.

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To the Members of the Lady Douglas Chapter, I. O. O. E.—Owing to the fact that the Provincial Conference of the Council of Women is being held on the 27 and 28 instant, the meeting of the Lady Douglas Chapter will take place at the King's Daughters' room, on Wednesday, the 21st instant, instead of Wednesday, 25th. Tea will be served and all members are requested to make a special effort to be present as many matters of importance will be brought up for discussion.

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Pythian Club.—The Pythian Club will hold their dance to-night, commencing 8.30.

Shaw Bros. Commercial Photographers, have moved to their new premises, 904 Government St. next to P. Burns' Meat Market.

Demand Phoenix Beer. Home product.

Case Remanded.—The case of Cameron & Calwell, accused of driving a motor on the right hand side of Fort Street, was remanded till to-morrow morning.

For Military Hospitals.—Any magazines or books left at the Temple Building, Fort Street, will be gladly received for distribution among the returned soldiers at Esquimaux and Resthaven.

Gets One Month.—George Sangster, whose case of a week ago for assaulting Dr. Ernest Hall was dismissed with a warning, was again in the prisoners' box at the police court this morning on a charge of vagrancy. He was sentenced by Magistrate Jay to one month hard labor.

Fletcher's Advertisement.—An error occurred in an advertisement of Fletcher Brothers in the "Times" of Friday, by which "Genuine Hawaiian Clocks, worth \$7.00 each, were stated to be selling at the sacrifice price of \$1.00. As a matter of fact the notice should have read that the reduction was from \$7 to \$5. The articles that were rated at \$5 were an assortment of piano-player rolls which regularly sell at \$1.00 each, but which were offered at the reduced rate of two for that sum.

Play is Repeated.—The presentation of the "Merchant of Venice" by the High School students, which was repeated on Saturday evening, in aid of the Fernwood Red Cross, was not without interest to a large audience as the worthiness of the cause to which 49 per cent. of the proceeds are to be devoted merited. The small house may perhaps be accounted for by the large number of counter attractions of the same evening. The play was presented in a very creditable manner, some of the characters being better portrayed than at the first performance. At the close of the entertainment J. L. Beckwith on behalf of the Fernwood Red Cross thanked the students for the whole-hearted spirit which they had shown by repeating the play for a cause which he felt sure was dear to the hearts of all.

Fifth Regiment Band.—The Fifth Regiment Band played last night to a well-filled house, their greatest successes being the overture, "Le Roi d'Yvetot," by Adolphe Adam; the soldiers' chorus from "Faust," and "Reminiscences of England." These were all very warmly applauded, as was also, "Kalinka." Assisting the band were Mr. John Hunter, a baritone soloist, who sang "The Veteran" (Stephen Adams) and "Wait" (d'Hardelot) very well indeed. This singer was very heartily encored, adding "The Long Trail" as his supplement to the second number. Mrs. Andros Taylor was given perhaps the heartiest applause of the evening after her recital of Tennyson's immortal "Charge of the Light Brigade." She responded by reciting Robert Service's "Carry On." Mrs. A. J. Gibson and Bandmaster Smith very admirably fulfilled their respective roles of accompanist and conductor.

SEEKS LOWER RATES FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

Joint Deputation Waits on Workmen's Compensation Board To-day

Following the statement in Saturday's Times with regard to the high premiums payable under the Workmen's Compensation Act for municipal employees, particularly police and firemen; a deputation from the City Hall waited on the board this morning, to urge lower rates.

It was composed of Alderman Cameron, Chairman of the Finance Committee; City Comptroller Raymur, and from the Vancouver City Solicitor's office, J. B. Williams, who has specialized in this subject, and has explained the high expense to the Vancouver Council, and to the intermunicipal committee of the lower mainland.

The five per cent. rating is the bone of contention, the charges accordingly being high to the city municipalities, when necessary employ a considerable number of men.

Some inquiries as to taking up delinquent taxes owing to the city have been received from bond houses, the city not having hitherto borrowed any part of its assets in this respect.

Official intimation is given that the city balance sheet for 1916 will be completed some time this week, and by that period it will be possible to proceed with the printing of the annual report. Inquiries are already being received for the report. Victoria's statement is later than most cities owing to the delayed period of receiving taxes, which of course prevents closing up the books.

Since the publication of the statement in Saturday's Times with regard to the proposal of Estimates Committee to investigate the feasibility of combining the offices of sanitary and plumbing inspectors, gossip at the City Hall has been directed to the situation, in view of certain statutory obligations which these officials have to perform under provincial law.

The offices were a number of years ago combined, but owing to the amount of work required to be carried out the Council was forced to divide the duties. Sanitary work is largely a health preventive, whereas the plumbing department is rightly classed with construction. In some parts of the world the offices are combined, but generally with a considerable staff of subordinates, some of whom are plumbers and some sanitary officers. It is assumed that should such a course be adopted it would eliminate most of the candidates for the present position. At any rate there is no prospect now of an appointment being made to the vacancy at this evening's meeting of the council.

OLD-TIMER DIES

Alexander Galloway Came to British Columbia Round the Horn in 1856.

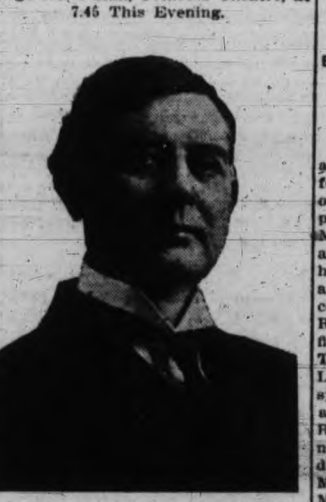
The funeral took place on Saturday last of Alexander Galloway at Nanaimo, who died on the 14th instant. The deceased came to Nanaimo from Horn in a sailing ship round the world in 1856 and has been engaged in the mining business until his retirement some years ago. Archie Galloway and James Galloway, two sons, passed through the city yesterday afternoon on their way to the mainland, leaving on the afternoon boat. The former is the leading druggist of Kamloops and was president of the Liberal Association last year, while James Galloway is the Vancouver manager of the McClary Manufacturing Company.

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HELD CONCERT

Enjoyable Programme Given on Saturday for Benefit of St. James' Church.

A most enjoyable concert took place at the Connaught Seamen's Institute, for the benefit of the St. James' Church on Saturday evening last. The varied programme arranged by Mrs. Ross and Mrs. F. R. Steele was greatly appreciated by a very fair audience, and the heartiest thanks are due to all who so ably helped to make the concert a success. The vocal solos, taken by Mrs. R. G. Morrison and Miss Lotus Griffiths, delighted their audience. Mr. Thomas was best in his song, "The Land of Erin," which was sung with sympathy. The quartettes were admirably rendered by Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Ross, Mr. Wilders and Mr. Shaw. Quite novel features of the evening were the dialogues rendered by Mrs. Lake and Miss Pearson, and the banjo duets by Messrs. Heister and Foxwell, these well meriting the hearty applause accorded them. The pretty dances by Miss Kate and Miss Marjorie Renwick, in costume, delighted all. Mrs. Ross and Miss Griffiths ably accompanied the performers in their several numbers.

NOTICE

Estate of Kate Williams, Late of Victoria, B. C., Deceased.

All persons having any claims against the Estate of the late Kate Williams, who died intestate on or about the 15th day of August, 1916, are required to send particulars of their claims, duly verified, to the undersigned on or before the 23rd day of March, 1917, after which date the Administrator will distribute the assets, having regard only to the claims of which he then has notice.

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LOOKING AHEAD AT SPRING STYLES

Straw Hats Begin to Put in an Appearance; Jersey Cloth Still on the Horizon

New York, Feb. 17.—The temptation to rush the seasons is very strong at this time of the year when in every window we see displays of straw hats and spring frocks and suits. One must be very strong-minded to refrain from blossoming forth into a spring hat with so many on show, but the weather is forbidding and those of us who are endowed with a sense of the fitness of things will abstain yet a while, guided by our better judgment.

Some of the hats combine straw and fine felt, or straw and satin, others are entirely of straw trimmed with flowers or ribbon, and a great many are of crepe. An almost brilliant, rather high-crowned little hat was fashioned, entirely of narrow ribbon interlaced, giving the impression of straw, at a distance. It was of narrow blue ribbon with a tiny red border on either side. The trimming was a bunch of red cher-



Box Coat of Green Jersey Cloth With White Pleated Skirt

ries placed on the left side of the crown. Another hat with a small up-turned brim was of white silk covered entirely with machine stitching worked in a close allover design. Machine stitching is also very popular just now as a decoration for suits and dresses, therefore it is not surprising to find it on hats.

Some New Suits.
Very snappy are the new suits with their hip-length coats. The box coat in the sketch is one of the new models. The pleated pockets and cuffs tell at once that this is a 1917 design, for box coats have never before had such frivolous pockets. Coats of bright colors such as green, rose, marigold, citron or purple accompany white skirts which are either plain, or else spotted or striped with the color of the coat. Some of the skirts are made from bordered material with the border at the lower edge and the top laid in pleats. In some of these, the designs are embroidered instead of printed. The designs are generally large dots or squares worked in two or three striking colors or in a solid color with black or a contrasting shade used to outline the motif.

Jersey, and Still More Jersey.
Jersey keeps at the height of popularity and is now combined with other materials. A suit of citron-colored wool jersey was made with a white pique collar. The collar was, of course, detachable so that it could be removed and laundered with ease. In another instance, wool jersey was combined with gabardine very pleasingly. The suit was of purple jersey, and tan gabardine fashioned the large collar and revers that went the length of the coat. The cuffs and pocket-laps were also of the tan gabardine.

Irish crochet as a dress trimming has been revived again. The idea was brought from Paris very recently. On a dress of white Georgette there were large pockets of Irish crocheted lace, and an edging to match finished the large bertha on the waist.

Dresses of white serge also begin to make their appearance. Some very attractive models are seen, brightened here and there with touches of Oriental embroideries.

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the order of the favored Russian blouses. The accompanying sketch shows one of these jumpers developed in the new dotted fabrics. The jumper is worn over a plain blouse and a box-pleated skirt. It has new U-shaped pockets and the waistline is defined by a narrow belt.

Clothes for Small Children.
Clothes for very little tots show some very interesting points. For the tiny girl's party frocks there are the daintiest of white net frocks all fluffy with frills and narrow-pink and blue ribbons. Alternate rows of pale pink and blue used around the bottom of a pleated white net frock give a most fascinating effect. There are frocks of

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silk, voile and fine linen, too, for the little ones. These are trimmed with fine hand embroidery, Irish crochet lace or smocking, which is often developed in colors. The combination of white soutache braid with hand embroidery on a fine white linen dress is quite novel and very effective.

The small boy is not forgotten while dainty things are being prepared for his little sister. For his social duties there are little-suits of white moire with short jackets and colored vests. The vest and collar may be of pink, green, blue or yellow moire. These suits of silk are all very well for parties, but for school they are made of colored linens, poplin, rep and chambray. With slip-on middie jackets or many little Norfolk coats are the suits of this type.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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

N. H. Smedley, of Nelson, is at the Dominion.

Geo. L. Anderson, of Kitimat, is at the Dominion.

J. F. Clark is at the Metropolis Hotel from Vancouver.

Thos. F. Gold is at the Metropolis Hotel from Sidney.

S. Trachel, from James Island, is at the Metropolis Hotel.

Geo. L. Douglas, of Clooose, is a guest at the Strathcona Hotel.

James Henderson, of Vancouver, is a guest at the Metropolis Hotel.

T. B. Hudson, of Skagway, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

Jas. A. Riggs is a guest at the Metropolis Hotel from Vancouver.

Miss Johnstone-Kennedy, of Seattle, is staying at the Empress hotel.

J. A. Fairbairn, of Fairbanks, Alaska, is stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

Fred Morgan, of Everett, Wash., is registered at the Strathcona Hotel.

W. A. Williscroft, of Telkwa, is a new arrival at the Dominion Hotel.

Rev. J. M. Innis, of Granum, Alberta, is a guest at the Metropolis Hotel.

W. W. Wright, of Prince Rupert, is registered at the Strathcona Hotel.

J. G. Kirkwood, of Deloraine, Man., is a new arrival at the Dominion Hotel.

E. H. Evans, of San Francisco, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

E. G. McTaggart, of Benbridge, Man., is registered at the Dominion Hotel.

G. Cumming and Mrs. Cumming, of Winnipeg, are staying at the Dominion Hotel.

R. Geddes has arrived from Calgary and has registered at the Strathcona Hotel.

Mr. D. Currie and family, of Saskatoon, are new arrivals at the Dominion Hotel.

S. F. McGowan is over from Portland and has registered at the Strathcona Hotel.

J. M. Lacey has arrived from Saskatoon and is staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

E. H. Mobley, M.P.P., and Mrs. Mobley have arrived in the city from Prince Rupert.

Mrs. Jesse Longfield and Mrs. Stringer left last Saturday for a visit to Seattle.

D. Stewart is down from Cowichan Lake and has registered at the Strathcona Hotel.

A. M. Nelson, of Saskatoon, is a prairie visitor staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

Roy D. Parker, of Harris, Sask., is a prairie visitor staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

J. H. Campbell and Mrs. Campbell, of High Bluff, Manitoba, are guests of the Dominion Hotel.

F. C. Lloyd and Mrs. Lloyd are down from Crofton and are stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

J. S. Rae and Mrs. Rae are here from Wetaskiwin, Alta., and are registered at the Dominion.

A. Hunter and family have arrived from Moose Jaw and are staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Turnbull are down from Prince Rupert and are staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

J. Morris and family, of Broderick, Sask., are visiting Victoria and are staying at the Dominion.

Mrs. T. F. Rixon and Miss Rixon are over from Port Angeles and are guests at the Strathcona Hotel.

W. A. Miller, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Chas. E. Ball, of Saskatoon, are new arrivals at the Dominion.

N. E. Cullum, Miss A. Cullum, and Miss A. Lauder, are here from Regina and are registered at the Dominion.

J. G. McGowan and children, of Treherne, Man., are visiting the coast and are staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

Joseph Guichenon, of Quilchena, and H. Guichenon, of Ladner, are amongst yesterday's registrations at the Dominion Hotel.

The Vancouver arrivals at the Strathcona Hotel include Miss Scott, Miss Gardley, Capt. T. Rogers, Mack Eastman and Mrs. Flinott.

Gordon Head as a community entered into the fun of a Valentine party on Wednesday evening last, and turned over the proceeds therefrom (amounting to \$50) to the Red Cross.

The plans were in the hands of the dance committee of the Gordon Head Athletic Club, under the convener'ship of G. A. Pearson, of Seabrook Heights, and the music furnished by the three-piece Victoria orchestra was of a kind guaranteed to stimulate the most "tactant" of feet. The supper was excellent, and the effectiveness of the Valentine decorations was lost on no one. Those who had charge of the arrangements very much appreciated the generous assistance which they received from the



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A miscellaneous "Shower" was held last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Duncah, Pembroke Street, in honor of Miss Stark, of Begbie Street, who is to be married in the near future. The evening was passed very enjoyably and dainty refreshments served.

A very enjoyable tea was held by Miss Etta B. Andrews at her home, 1358 Pandora Avenue, on Saturday afternoon, for the purpose of benefiting the comfort-bag fund of the Fernwood Branch Red Cross.

The arrangements were very attractive, the reception rooms and tea-table being decorated with carnations, sword ferns, and pussy willows. Mrs. M. J. Hopkins poured tea, and was assisted by Miss Flossie Wood and Miss May Wood. Very dainty refreshments were served, and a delightful programme of piano and vocal numbers was furnished.

H. Charlesworth and Miss Cutler providing the former and Miss Gladys Watson and Miss Christie the latter.

A very young artist was Master Vernon Smith, who contributed much appreciated violin selections. A large number of Miss Andrews' friends were present, and the silver collection taken up for the Fernwood Branch Red Cross in aid of their comfort-bag fund amounted to \$12.50. There were in addition 1 pr. socks and 2 towels contributed, while \$2 for annual membership-fee was paid in.

On Friday evening last, Mr. and Mrs. D. MacLeod, Shaughnessy Heights, Vancouver, opened their home to a number of invited guests and treated them with the hospitality proverbial of the Scottish Highlands. It was a reunion of friends—a gathering of clans. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jameson, Victoria; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Lachlan MacLean, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Crombie, Mr. and Mrs. A. MacRae, Mr. and Mrs. D. MacLeod, Mrs. S. H. Brown, Mrs. Robert Weir, Spokane; Mrs. Allan Cameron, the Rev. J. L. Campbell, Abbotsford; Mrs. Joseph Campbell, Abbotsford; Mr. John MacLeod, Col. Donald MacGregor. After the dinner many of the party enjoyed the time in recalling reminiscences of earlier days, while Mrs. Jameson, Mr. John MacLeod and Mrs. Weir delighted their hearers with their Scottish, Gaelic and English songs. Refreshments were served at a late hour and the proceedings closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," followed by the British National Anthem.

FAVOR WOMEN VOTING

Conservatives of South Vancouver Would Have Them Given Dominion Franchise.

The Conservatives of South Vancouver would have the women of the province extended the privilege of the franchise at the next and all other Dominion elections, and have adopted a resolution to urge H. H. Stevens, M. P., for Vancouver, to do all in his power to have the Elections Act amended, if this is necessary, to enable women to vote federally.

C. M. Woodworth, barrister, expressed the opinion that as the Dominion Elections Act specifically stated that the provincial voters list in force at the time of a federal election shall be the Dominion list if the election did not take place until after July 20, by which time the women of British Columbia would be on the list, they would have a legal right to vote.

In this opinion Mr. Woodworth said he was supported by several well-known Vancouver barristers; but it was stated, on the other hand, that in

the opinion of the Solicitor-General, women will not have the right to vote at the federal election.

It was the unanimous opinion of the meeting that the women of the province should have the right to vote at federal elections.

COUNCILS OF WOMEN

Provincial Conference is to Be Held Here Next Week; Interesting Discussions.

Members of the Council of Women from all over the Province will be present at the Provincial Conference of Councils which is to be held in Victoria on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, Feb. 27 and 28. A very interesting programme has been prepared, and addresses will be delivered on important questions. The discussions will be general and a hearty invitation is extended to everyone. The following is an outline of the programme:

Tuesday morning, Feb. 27, 10 o'clock, registration of delegates, address of welcome and business.

Other sessions: Subjects for addresses and discussion: Citizenship, Problems of Emigration, Social and Moral Reform, Conservation of Labor and Resources, Conservation of Life, Preparation for Motherhood, Conservation of Child-Life, Woman Prepared for Home Life, Woman Prepared for Public Service, the Province as the Guardian of Childhood, Health in the Home, Health in the School, Health in the Street, Our Boys and Girls, and the New Spirit in the World.

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SHYLOCK.

To the Editor.—Having perused for several days now, various articles dealing with the production of the "Merchant of Venice" by the High School students, I fail to see why certain super-sensitive individuals wish this play to be abolished on the plea of its encouraging race hatred.

In these enlightened times, and more so in this highly democratic country, man is judged not so much by who his forbears were, but by what he himself by his own efforts has accomplished or is accomplishing for the uplifting of humanity.

Play-acting generally is only after all the contrasting of light and shade, and if perchance one does recognize an old acquaintance during a performance to my mind the same is more human and realistic.

"The immortal bard" may or may not have drawn his character from actual experience, of course in a more or less exaggerated form, nevertheless even to-day it might not be impossible to sketch such a type from life.

As a contrast to aiming criticism at Shakespeare's masterpieces, if those thin-skinned ones would stop feteing raucous artists who bring their race into ridicule almost daily, and keep themselves busy on their motto of "Brotherly Love and Harshness," they will find they will have their spare time fully occupied and gain rightfully the respect they crave.

To my mind race-hatred is an exploded myth ancient the Jew, and I should know for I am

MR. BEGBIE'S INSULARITY.

To the Editor:—In yesterday's Column an article appears from Mr. Harold Begbie, of which the following paragraph is a portion:

"There is nothing so beautiful as youth, and I feel that it is not insularity which makes me think English youth to be the finest and most beautiful of all. The young, clean-souled Englishman, born and bred in the country, born of cultured and virtuous parents, bred in the noblest traditions of our race, how near he is to his best to me a great thing; we were all born at twenty; but his chivalry, his charity, his modesty, his tenderness, his silence, how heavenly are these things!"

Very eloquently put, and interesting, it true. Mr. Begbie's dictum makes virtue, chivalry, modesty, etc., in their highest phases, a question of geography, and confines the geographical limits to England.

It reminds one of "Sir Galahad." "My good sword carves the casques of men, My touch lance thrusteth sure; My strength is as the strength of ten, Because my heart is pure."

"Sir Galahad." It is well to remember, was an English, not simply a British knight.

The sentiments contained in this paragraph should be read by all Canadian, Irish, Scotch, Welsh, Cornish, and Australian boys who are now in the war. They will realize that the great only fighting for the right in the great in their humble way, they are also helping to perpetuate those "angelic" qualities enumerated in Mr. Begbie's "English youth" which they could not reasonably expect to find in themselves.

The fable of the Hebrew race being the chosen race must be relegated to the "scrap-heap" after this discovery of Mr. Begbie's. It is just as well to know these things, after all.

Here in Canada it may come as a shock to a host of mourning mothers and fathers to know that their boys, however pure and manly, could not hope to touch those favored heights of "heavenly" seclusion reached by other and possibly more gently-nurtured lads such as the boys Mr. Begbie pictures.

It is written, "faithful are the wounds of a friend"; and Mr. Begbie issues his ultimatum in such a friendly, and even encouraging tone, that no one would dream of accusing him of "insularity." His attitude, at once self-conscious and deprecatory, is suggestive of two lines of an old chorus:

"Of course, you could never be like us, But be as like us as you're able to be."

Of the tact, the diplomacy, and the timeliness of Mr. Begbie's assertions at the present day much could be written. His paragraph might be a vital stimulus to recruiting—from his standpoint. And then again, it might not be.

However, after such a proposition has been written, read, considered, and duly and deliberately printed, an author must accept the responsibility for the good or the evil which is contained therein.

The moving finger writes, and having writ Moves on; nor all our piety or wit Shall lure it back to cancel half a line, Nor all your tears wash out a word of it."

ERNEST MCGAFFEY.

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

To the Editor.—As long as the human family have prejudices or want to carry out some little scheme they will build men of straw and knock them down and think they have made a great big fight for something or other. It is an easy matter to make out a plausible or dreadful case if facts and figures are not truthful statements, and such I believe is the case of the Children's Aid Society which has of late been condemned by the press without a hearing, the entire society being accused of mismanagement and extravagance, while two of Victoria's good citizens have been held up to bitter and unfair criticism.

Are the facts as stated in the press true? Let us consider them. The Children's Aid Society was formed some 12 or 15 years ago for the protection of neglected and dependent children, and has had on its board of management such men as Mr. Chas. Hayward, Rev. Dr. Clay and Mr. R. J. Porter. Surely these men ought to be a guarantee to the public against both charges of mismanagement and extravagance. Two Aldermen were appointed each year by the city, so that it could keep in touch and in a measure supervise the work of the committee.

I also learn that no bills are allowed to be paid by the treasurer unless passed by the Society and signed by the secretary, and that vouchers are given for all money paid. This is the same method which is taken by every progressive-minded society. In studying the report by the treasurer to the Aldermen, I find it difficult to fathom. His method of obtaining the cost per child to be \$27.49 is beyond my comprehension. The figures show the total cost for the year to be \$5,920. There are, I believe, 28 children under the care of the Society, which makes a cost per child of \$212.99 monthly. The court work and cost of secretary should not, however, be counted as maintenance of the child, so after deducting the amount of \$919 for officer and office, it leaves the maintenance, including salaries and all other expenses, at \$10.98 per child, which is a most reasonable amount, considering the quality of the work and the difficulties surrounding it.

For a long time Victoria's citizens have been grateful that a juvenile court has been established here, so that when boys get into trouble or mischief they do not have to associate with thieves and drunkards, and are, pending their trial, placed in a detention home while the case is being investigated. The child is then brought before the Juvenile Court and tried by the judge of that court. This work, however, requires an officer, an office, telephone and other small expenses. But, I ask, is it not worth spending this money for the sake of our boys—our future citizens? There is also the work of looking into the cases of neglect, cruelty and of abandoned children, that is also done by the secretary and entails the cost of carriages and car fare, as every child has to be taken to court before an order can be made giving the Society the custody of the child. It has also been intimated that those engaged in this work should give their services free to the city. I wonder if there is a single man who gives his entire time to the city without remuneration, from the Mayor to the janitor. The Children's Aid Society and Juvenile Court is a civic institution, and should be placed on the same basis as any other civic expense. Its work and officers are open to public criticism, but in the name of justice and honesty let that criticism be founded on facts and on true figures, and give the Society an opportunity to explain the objections raised before condemning it. Let not our "British fair play" be only a boast; let it be a reality.

M. HEATHFIELD.

Feb. 17.

PSYCHOLOGICAL FACTS.

To the Editor:—I feel impelled to trespass upon your courtesy and space with reference to the recent psychic case in the County Court. The individuals concerned are unknown to me; it is the attitude of the law with regard to psychological facts which constitutes its significance to an important and rapidly increasing section of the community. The prosecution and penalizing of an

individual vouched for by prominent citizens from amongst the leaders of progressive thought, though doubtless a correct administration of the act has created amongst fair-minded people a very painful impression. It is an incident which seems to carry one back into the manifold darkness of the Middle Ages and toavor rather of the intolerance of the Holy Inquisition than of the dawning light of the twentieth century in this "land of freedom" under the alleged dispensation of the Christ. The one—I had almost written column—rests, not upon the courts, but indeed upon the police, though why this lone woman should have been singled out from others whose name is legion does not adequately appear. It rests rather upon the law, whose half forgotten phrases men seem to implement "as articles of faith" for other-direction bids. But, as Swedenborg well said: "It is no proof of a man's understanding to be able to affirm whatever he pleases, but to be able to discern what is true is true, and what is false is false." The work and character of intelligence. Moreover, processes of the law should not be liable to the suspicion of persecution, but as in this case, all the disciples of progressive thought should be included in one and the same condemnation and partial "justice" meted out independently to all who aspire to the higher life and regard death as merely a station on the eternal way.

In this age of higher education, introduction, and knowledge the masses are awakening to a sense of the "oneness of being"—the union of the soul with its Infinite Source—and the limitless power of development of the human mind. Old creeds are changing in the course of the great spiritual awakening and already the lives of the people are greater far than the religious teachings they affect to profess. Formerly callous and uninterested, they are becoming alive to both the practical and spiritual value and importance of man's psychic heritage; for as Emerson says: "The greater there is a door which is never closed, through which the Creator enters; and if, as in common fairness, the law were enforced equally, against all who should be moderate convictions, and every creed retain its votaries—whilst it suffices them. "New Thought," which embraces the whole psychic situation, needs no creed, for it is simply the same eternal truth, but seen from another angle, producing new attitudes of mind, yet one in no wise antagonistic to what it has left behind. My plea, therefore, is for a fair freedom to all, and, doubly, at this direful juncture, to any such rational and accepted forms of spiritualism, however immature, which may afford to the grief-stricken and bereaved the hope, however slender, of that one sure solace which may come to them by the thought of communion with those they have loved and lost awhile in the earth shadows which obscure a brighter day.

Feb. 17.

APPEAL FOR HIGHLANDERS

Splendid Work of Men Who Wear Tartan to Be Recognized.

"Wherever the battle raged hottest, wherever Britain's need was greatest, there were the men of the Highlands to be found. The Black Watch, the Cameron, the Seaforth, the Gordons, the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, the Highland Light Infantry—these are names to conjure with. We remember Sir John Moore, and his Highlanders at Corunna, and Havelock and his Seaforth Highlanders, whose hands women and children gratefully clasped as the tartan kilts swung to the martial music of the pipes into the midst of the beleaguered garrison of Lucknow. Pride of blood, devotion to their leaders, refusal to accept defeat—these are the characteristics that have made these regiments famous throughout the whole world for all time. No wonder, therefore, that when the King's call went forth in the early days of August, 1914, the ranks of these regiments soon filled to overflowing.

"There is weeping to-day among the children of Gael for fathers, sons and brothers who will never more return. Those who have passed through the Gate of Shadows are beyond our aid, but what of those who are daily returning to their homes, broken in limb or in health and in great need of rest. "We ask not of your charity. We appeal to the love we know you have for our Highland Hills and glens and for our Highland people."

The above is an extract from an appeal which is being made on behalf of

the war-sufferers from the Highlands of Scotland by the National Allied Relief Committee, 209 Fifth Avenue, Room 512, New York City, who will forward remittances intact to the committee in Edinburgh.

The officers of the National Allied Relief Committee are: Charles W. Elliot, Honorary President; Norman Appog, President; Frederick H. Allen, August Belmont, Mrs. J. Borden Harriman and others, Vice-Presidents; Edwin G. Merrill, of the Union Trust Company, Chairman of Executive Committee; John Moffat, Vice-Chairman; Augustus W. Kelley, Secretary; Jas. A. Blair, Jr., Treasurer, and James Marwick, of Marwick, Mitchell, Peat & Co., Auditor.

As is known, this Committee co-operates very closely with the War Relief Clearing House, and also with some thirty other committees representing the best known war relief organizations in America.

VICTORIA BOY SAYS HOME AT CHRISTMAS

Private Menzies, of Lacrosse Fame, Tells of Good Times at Salonica

Letters from Salonica are more often than not confined to the social amenities of that cosmopolitan military base. Quite a number of epistles have described the visit of the zeppelin raider, while others have gone in for a diatribe on the rascality of the Greek Jew. Private J. G. Menzies, with Dr. Hart's No. 5 Canadian General Hospital stationed at the Greek port, in a letter to his mother received on Saturday last, endeavored to make his letter unusually interesting. He was rewarded, however, by an uncommonly liberal use of the censor's shears. Interesting as his is, for it records good health and spirits, uncompleted sentences suggest new themes, unapproved officially.

Dinner and Dance.

Private Menzies, whose skill as a sportsman needs no emphasis, particularly as an exponent of lacrosse, baseball and football. Lacrosse, however, was his star predilection, and he describes a Christmas day game. Conditions, he says, were not as agreeable as Victoria, since soon after the game had got well under way, a cold wind sprang up and forced the players under cover. "We did not mind this, however, for on arrival at our quarters we found the nurses had prepared a real Christmas dinner, when possession of healthy appetites rapidly accounted for the good things so thoughtfully prepared. Not to be outdone by war conditions, the Festive Day was wound up with a jolly dance."

Helped to Win Mann Cup.

Sporting circles, particularly of the North-end Ward, will recall the fact that Menzies was one of the three Victoria senior lacrosse players selected to go to Winnipeg and take his place in the team of the 90th Regiment, who met all comers to the prairie city in 1914 and carried off the Mann Cup.

Eulogizes Doctor and Nurses.

Private Menzies cannot find too high praise for the work of Dr. Hart, whose consideration for the boys under his charge he characterizes as "great." The nurses, he says, do their level best to give the home touch to the strange surroundings and their unstinted kindness to the boys is thoroughly appreciated. Born in Victoria twenty-five years ago, Menzies has been with No. 5 Hospital since its departure from the city, and although he says Christmas "went off well" he states that the belief exists there that next December 25th "will be spent in good old Victoria."

Leonard Mackenzie, another Victoria-born soldier, and a son of Mrs. Mackenzie, of 2440 Quadra Street, is with

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DENTIST

Menzies and is the standing figure in the photograph reproduced on this page. Robert Roff, of the Immigration Department, is an uncle of Private Menzies.

"What is daughter up to?" "Writing a letter to Santa Claus." "Um, I fear she is in for a disappointment." "Why so?" "She asked me how to spell limousine."—New Haven Register.

Letters for Party Line Numbers Are Adopted After Having Been Proven the Best

One day a writer in a local paper suggested that the Telephone Company should use other letters than "L" and "R" for party lines. He was an expert at English, and he declared that these letters were confusing.

Letters used in cases like these are decided upon only after extensive telephone practice has proved that they are the best letters for the purpose. Not only are they less liable to be confused with other letters, because of similar sound, but they are different, too, from any figures.

"B" and "D," for instance, might be mistaken for "3," "4" for 8, and so forth. When a telephone company seeks to give service, it naturally uses the call system that has been proven to be the best.

Some telephone numbers have "X" and "Y" as suffixes. When an "L" party line has been discontinued and another party is put on the line between the issue of directories, the new subscriber cannot be given the same letter. Obviously the number cannot be changed, since it is a party line, so "X" is given in place of "L" and "Y" in place of "R." In course of time these letters may change back by the same process to the original "L" or "R."

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"The Telephone Tangle" is a bit of real comedy taken from real life, and, judging by the applause and laughter which greets this clever act one might judge it the most popular on the big bill. Joe Bennett, the original "Abe Kabbille," is the bright particular star of the act and his comedy is irresistible. The playlet is enacted by a company of eight, all clever, and the comic novelty adds to the enjoyment by cleverly disclosing the speakers on the phone and the mixups made by the central office.

The Australian woodchoppers give a novel exhibition of woodchopping and axe dexterity which amazes and calls forth much applause.

Hubert Dyer and company have an act which is sure to be the talk of the town all week, as he out Chaplins Charlie Chaplin with his comical antics and keeps his audience in screams of laughter from his first appearance till the end of his hilarious offering. Dyer's partner is a clever Roman ring performer.

Bobbe and Nelson possess excellent voices and the comedian is of the eccentric order and very clever. In the parlance of vaudeville, they "stop" the show at every performance and are a hit. Elizabeth Cutty is a violinist and singer, beautiful to observe and clever and talented.

In the fourteenth chapter of the "Shielding Shadow" serial, which is entitled "Absolute Black," Revenger and Leontine again clash with Sebastian and his accomplices in a spectacular scene which closes with the destruction of the mysterious pellets which produce invisibility and the book which holds the secret formula from which they are made. Just previous to this incident, while Leontine is alone, Jerry Carson appears to her in a vision which greatly mystifies her. At the close of the episode, however, Revenger reveals his identity to her and this is an even greater surprise. Next week's episode will mark the close of the serial and the secret of the whole plot will be then disclosed to the audience.

Popular Pearl White will return to the Pantages screen following the close of "The Shielding Shadow" in one of her very best stories in motion pictures called "Pearl of the Army."

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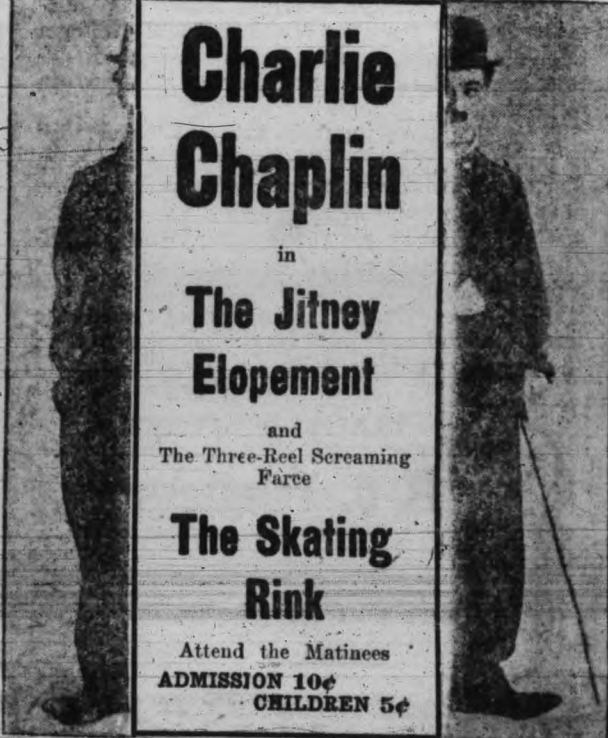
Exhibitors and the motion picture public all over the country will see Clara Kimball Young in the forthcoming World Film Corporation release, "Camille," which will be shown at the Columbia Theatre to-night and all week. In this picture, Miss Young puts

forth what she herself has said is to be the effort of her career, so far, under the World Film banner. Her "Trilby," which was released by the Equitable, was judged to be a very beautiful piece of work. It has delighted millions, by its pathos, beauty and sentiment.

In "Camille" you have the same fine dramatic art; but Camille is very vicious, very beautiful, and a very celebrated member of the French underworld, with a string of wealthy lovers, and all the usual ways of a woman of her class. Still she is woman enough to really fall in love once and for all. But at the end of it all she dies a tragic death, leaving only the remembrance of her brilliant if unpleasant reputation and her love for Armand. The renowned French director, Albert Capellani, makes the picture, and his brother, Paul Capellani, plays the part of Armand.

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Five Reels of Comedy and Two of Drama Seen There

Charlie Chaplin is again the chief attraction at the Majestic the first three days of this week. The popular comedian is seen at his best in the "Jitney Elopement." The "Skating Rink" film which was advertised to be shown last week did not arrive in time, so will form part of the programme. Five reels of good comedy is an unusual offering to movie fans, and no doubt big crowds will take advantage of the chance to enjoy such an attraction. The show concludes with a fine drama entitled "Out of the Shadows," presented by the Selig Company. The story is in two acts and is played by an all-star cast.

BESSIE BARRISCALE
IN THE PAYMENT

Feature Attraction at Royal Victoria is One of Finest Stories

The management of the Royal Victoria predict that the feature attractions at the Royal Victoria for to-night, Tuesday and Wednesday will well repay a visit. There might be said to be two features on the same programme, the first being Bessie Barriscale in "The Payment," and Eddie Foy with the seven Little Boys in a comedy entitled "A Favorite Fool." With regard to "The Payment," it is credited with being one of the finest stories ever produced under Ince supervision and a credit to all concerned in its production.

This feature is first of all a well-constructed play of intense interest. A talented girl turned bitter, almost cynical, by a wretched environment of home life decides that poverty is closely allied to a lack of ambition. She is not unscrupulous. She does not run away from home, nor does she avoid hard work when she leaves home and earns a living in the city that she may study at night and push on to success in an artistic career. Deeply in earnest, in many respects a fine character, clean in conduct, she finds that she must study abroad for two years in order to perfect herself as a miniature painter, and there is but one road open to that end. The story from this on must be seen to be appreciated. The action is quick and intense, and the photography of the usual high-class order.



MR. S. E. DEAN

Of Vancouver, who is appearing at the Elton boy in the Elks' big vaudeville show at the Princess Theatre, Feb. 20 and 21, full proceeds in aid of the Patriotic Fund.



MISS ELIZABETH CUTTY

Miss Cutty is a talented violinist and vocalist who will be a delight to Pantages patrons this week.

MOTOR PICTURES AT
MAJESTIC THEATRE

Arrangements Made for Special Attraction on Wednesday Next

Great interest is being shown in the announcement that on Wednesday next there will be an automobile motion picture lecture at the Majestic

this country, and wherein it differs from the automobile motor as the average motorist knows it.



Victoria, Feb. 19-5 a. m.—An ocean storm area now centred off Vancouver Island is causing high winds on the Coast and easterly gales prevail on the Straits and Sound. A pronounced cold wave is spreading southward over this province and snow is reported on the Lower Mainland and in Kootenay.

Forecasts.
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Tuesday, Victoria and vicinity—Strong winds or



CLARA KIMBALL YOUNG

At the Columbia Theatre all this week.

Theatre, especially designed for the owners of cars who would like to know more about motors. This is the first time that a picture of this kind has been shown in Victoria, and as every second man in the city knows how to drive a car, a large audience is assured. The lecture is not, as might be construed, in any way technical, nor have the pictures been made from any engineering standpoint. The lecture has been developed for automobile owners, and tells in the language of the layman the history of the sleeve valve motor, its progress in Europe and in

gales, mostly easterly, unsettled, with sleet or snow, turning colder.

Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, increasing to gales on the Gulf, unsettled, with snow, turning colder.

Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 29.35; temperature, maximum yesterday, 29; minimum, 25; wind, 12 miles S. E.; weather, cloudy.
Vancouver—Barometer, 29.42; temperature, maximum yesterday, 24; minimum, 22; wind, 6 miles E.; snow, 14; weather, snowing.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.68; temperature, maximum yesterday, 18; minimum, 14; wind, calm; snow, 14; weather, snowing.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.67; temperature, maximum yesterday, 26; minimum, 16; wind, 20 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

Tatoosh—Barometer, 29.32; temperature, maximum yesterday, 28; minimum, 24; wind, 11 miles S. E.; rain, 32; weather, cloudy.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 29.48; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 26; wind, 14 miles S.; snow, 10; weather, snowing.

Seattle—Barometer, 29.46; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 24; wind, 12 miles S. E.; rain, 32; weather, raining.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.50; temperature, maximum yesterday, 59; mini-

mum, 44; wind, 18 miles S. W.; rain, 10; weather, raining.

Temperature.	Max.	Min.
Barkerville	10	2
Penticton	24	14
Nelson	24	14
Calgary	8	2
Edmonton	0	-14
Qu'Appelle	-6	-23
Winnipeg	-6	-29
Toronto	19	11
Ottawa	19	11
Montreal	14	8
Halifax	44	34

Victoria Daily Weather.
Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Saturday:

Temperature.	Max.	Min.
Highest	46	34
Lowest	34	24
Average	39	29
Minimum on grass	26	16
Maximum in sun	103	93

Bright sunshine, 8 hours 45 minutes.
General state of weather, clear.
Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Sunday:

Temperature.	Max.	Min.
Highest	39	29
Lowest	31	21
Average	35	25
Minimum on grass	25	15

Big Wind.—A strong wind from the southeast sprang up this morning, this being part of the evidence of the fact that a big storm centre is off the coast of Vancouver Island. The storm area, however, extends over quite a large area, which includes the whole of the Straits of Georgia. Despite the fact that the wind was high the mercury stood at 39 locally this morning, this being considerably higher than it is reported from other points. Yesterday it was snowing on the lower mainland, and in the interior of the province it is quite cold. At Prince Rupert there were sixteen degrees of frost this morning. At Cariboo it was 6 below zero last night, and at Kamloops just 14 above. The barometer is very high in the Far North and is lowest just off Cape Flattery, where it is reported to be 29.20. Triangle Island this morning reported the temperature at freezing point.

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PRINCE RUPERT TO MAKE SPECIAL TRIP

Sailings of G. T. P. Ships Arranged to Avoid Disruption of Service

It is announced by C. F. Earle, local G. T. P. ticket and passenger agent, that in order to accommodate the movements of the steamers Prince Rupert and Prince George to enable the latter steamer to be dry-docked and overhauled at Prince Rupert, the steamer Prince George will continue on her present schedule until her arrival at Prince Rupert from Anyox on Thursday, March 1, when she will be withdrawn from service.

The steamer Prince Rupert, which was recently overhauled at Esquimalt and is now fitting out at her berth in the inner harbor, will make a special trip from Victoria and Vancouver to Prince Rupert, with passengers and freight, leaving Victoria at 10 a. m. on Wednesday, February 28, and Vancouver at 9 p. m. same day, arriving at Prince Rupert at 6 a. m. Friday March 2, and returning, will leave at once on the Prince George's schedule, calling at Ocean Falls.

The steamer Prince John, which is now completing repairs at Vancouver, made necessary by her standing on Rocky Point, Wrangell Narrows, will resume the Alaska and Queen Charlotte Islands service commencing from Prince Rupert on Wednesday, March 7. This arrangement will necessitate her leaving Vancouver on or about March 3 in order to pick up her schedule at Prince Rupert.

The steamer Prince George, Capt. D. Donald, left here at 10 o'clock this morning on her last trip but one prior to being withdrawn for her annual overhaul. She will carry a large number of passengers on leaving Vancouver to the north, the amount of travel to the north keeping up remarkably well. Among those embarking here this morning were the following: Robert Cleville, S. Thresher, W. H. Wake & wife, L. E. Thompson, W. R. Bishop, B. E. Tarsches, Bryce Young, B. W. Young and wife, A. W. Steamer, J. J. Chever, A. H. Giddings and J. W. Bothwell.

Arrivals and Departures

Table with columns for COASTWISE SERVICES, listing ship names, destinations, and departure/arrival times for various routes like Victoria to Seattle, Victoria to Port Angeles, etc.

LINER CHICAGO MARU ARRIVES FROM ORIENT

Pratique Granted Following Arrival at Outer Docks; Sado Maru Crossing Pacific

The Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner Chicago Maru reached port about 3 o'clock this afternoon after a good passage from Hongkong and Yokohama, bringing in a full cargo of general freight and 42 passengers. On arrival off the quarantine station at William Head the liner was ordered to steam direct to her berth at the Outer Docks, where she was passed by Dr. Hunter, Dr. Rundis Nelson having other important duties which prevented him from being on hand to grant the ship pratique.

The Chicago Maru is discharging about 200 tons of cargo at this port, and is expected to get away this evening for Seattle via Diamond Point. W. R. Dale, local agent for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, has been advised that the liner Sado Maru, one of the Kobe ships, sailed from Yokohama February 13, and is expected here February 28. The Sado has aboard a total of 183 passengers, including 30 steerage for Victoria, the balance being routed through to the United States. The liner's cargo includes 378 tons for discharge at this port.

The Japanese steamer Tosan Maru, which formerly was operated to Victoria and Seattle in the service of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, has been chartered by the recently organized Seattle shipping concern, the Thorndyke-Trenholme Company, Inc., who will dispatch her from Seattle in April for ports in Japan. The Tosan Maru, a freighter of 5,800 tons cargo capacity, is the first vessel to be chartered by the new organization. The company plans to operate a number of vessels between this coast and the Far East.

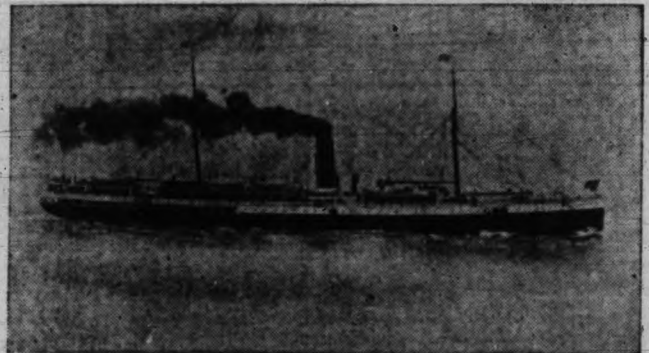
WIRELESS REPORTS

Point Grey—Snow; S. E.; 29.40; 32; thick seaward. Cape Lazo—Rain; S. E. strong; 29.31; 34; sea rough. Pacheña—Rain; S. E.; 29.20; 36; light swell. Estevan—Overcast; calm; 29.03; 39; light swell. Alert Bay—Snow; E.; 29.19; 29; sea smooth. Passed out, str Camosun, 7.45 p. m., southbound. Spoke, str Admiral Watson, 6.45 p. m., str Queen Charlotte Sound, 4 p. m., southbound. Triangle—Snow; N. E.; 29.27; 33; dense seaward. Dead Tree Point—Snow; N. E. fresh; 29.54; 12; sea rough. Ikeda Bay—Snow; N. E. gale; 29.06; 22; sea rough. Prince Rupert—Clear; N. E. fresh; 29.50; 17; sea moderate. Spoke str Camosun, aboard (Diety) Island, 6.30 p. m., northbound. str Helohsin, in 4.40 a. m., and out again, 1.15 a. m., northbound. Noon. Point Grey—Snow; calm; 29.40; 35; dense seaward. Cape Lazo—Overcast; S. E. strong; 29.32; 36; sea rough. Spoke str Alki, 9 a. m., north of Seymour Narrows, southbound; str Princess Ena, 9.20 a. m., off Cape Mudge, northbound; str Camosun, 10.15 a. m., abeam Cape Lazo, 9 a. m., southbound; str Admiral Watson, 10.45 a. m., due off Entrance Island, 11 a. m., southbound; str La-Touche, noon, south of Seymour Narrows, southbound; str Santa Ana anchored in Duncan Bay. Pacheña—Overcast; E.; 29.18; 37; light swell. Estevan—Snow; calm; 29.03; 33; sea moderate. Passed out str Princess Ena, 9.40 a. m., southbound. Triangle—Snow; W. E. fresh; 29.24; 30; dense seaward. Spoke str Princess Marjorie, 7.40 a. m., off Ivory Island, southbound. Dead Tree Point—Overcast; N. E. strong; 29.61; 32; sea rough. Ikeda Bay—Snow; N. W. strong gale; 29.18; 22; sea rough. Prince Rupert—Clear; calm; 29.55; 21; sea smooth.

SCHOONER IS MISSING

According to advices from Honolulu, the schooner Allie Alger, which sailed from Puget Sound last September, is believed to have foundered while on a voyage from Honolulu to Japan. She carried lumber from Seattle to Honolulu and at the Hawaiian port loaded scrap iron for Japan. The Alger sailed from Honolulu Dec. 16, and since then has not been reported.

HEADING FOR WAR ZONE



S. S. CITY OF PUEBLA

A telegraphic dispatch from New York states that the City of Puebla sailed from the Hudson yesterday, one of a fleet of American ships bound for European ports. The Puebla is a well-known craft in these waters, having for a number of years plied between San Francisco and Victoria in the passenger and freight service of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company. About the time the Pacific Coast Steamship Company merged interests with the Admiral Line, the Puebla was sold to the Sarrey Steamship Company, of New York, and proceeded to the Atlantic coast by way of the Panama Canal. She is a vessel of 2,624 tons gross and 1,712 tons net. For some time she was commanded by Capt. George Zeh, who afterwards was given the command of the liner President.

DECIDE AGAINST ARMING OF SHIPS

N. Y. K. Will Send Fastest Boats to Europe and No Guns Will Be Carried

Officers of the liner Kamakura Maru, in port yesterday from the Orient, state that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha has decided not to arm its ships. The N. Y. K. has been collecting information and opinions on the question of arming merchant ships, and the directors of the Japanese company reason that even if only one gun was placed aboard a ship, it would not be sufficient to scare the enemy and protect the vessel. This was the decision reached at a recent meeting of the N. Y. K. directors. The majority were of the opinion that the presence of a gun on board a ship would endanger the life on board and the safety of the ship, and therefore decided against the arming of company ships. The company will select the speediest ships for the European route, and exercising the most careful precautions, will continue the service by way of South Africa. It is contended that such a method is much better and safer than arming ships. It is reported that the N. Y. K. has submitted the decision of the directors not to arm its ships to the Japanese government.

The verdict of the authorities is awaited with some interest in Japan, in view of the German U-boat commanders' action with regard to unarmed ships in the past.

TUG CHANGED OWNERS

Buster B. Sold by Capt. Brown to Dick Marpole.

Vancouver, Feb. 19.—The tug market has been active during the last month. The Young and Tose Company sold the Superior and St. Clair to the B. C. Sulphite & Fibre Company, and the latter concern sold the Superior to the Canadian Robert Dollar Company. Now comes the announcement from Captain Brown that he has sold his tug, the Buster B. to Dick Marpole. The Buster B. is 55 feet long, 14 feet beam and 7 feet six inches in depth. She has a speed of 8 knots an hour. Captain Brown has disposed of his vessel as he has offered his services to the Inland Water Transport Service.

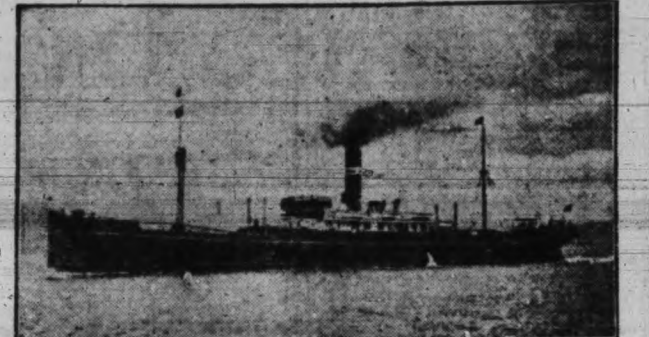
CONTRACTED ANTHRAX.

Chief Justice Hunter has appointed Judge McInnes to act as arbitrator under the Workmen's Compensation Act in the case of George Fowler, who died from anthrax poisoning alleged to have been contracted while handling hides from an Australian steamer. The question arose in Supreme Court chambers as to whether the old act was in force as dealing with accidents prior to this year. It was ruled by Chief Justice Hunter that the clauses of the Interpretation Act applied to the situation and the case could be tried under the old act.

JOHN ENA'S FAST RUN.

The three-masted barque Guaytecas, now discharging 2,000 tons of Chilean nitrates at the wharf of the Victoria Chemical Works, is expected to get away about Wednesday or Thursday for Bellingham to load lumber for Antofagasta.

REACHES PORT FROM ORIENT



O. S. K. LINER CHICAGO MARU

STEAMER WAS SOLD AT HUGE PROFIT

Capt. G. E. Berg Reached Japan Only to Find His Vessel Had Changed Hands

Another illustration of the great demand for tonnage and the phenomenal advance in ship values was furnished yesterday following the arrival of the N. Y. K. liner Kamakura Maru from the Far East. Capt. G. E. Berg, one of the Kamakura's cabin passengers, who left Victoria by the liner, Inakos Maru, November 23 last, accompanied by a party of officers, with a view to taking over the steamer Thorford, in his way back to Norway without the ship he was commissioned to navigate to Bergen.

Following his arrival at Kobe, Capt. Berg, who represents Rostrup & Eriksen, of Bergen, learned that the steamer he had been commissioned to take over from the Japanese had been sold to French interests at an enormous profit. On the final details in connection with the transfer being completed and the steamer was on her way to Europe via Saigon, Capt. Berg was instructed to return home, and took passage here by the Kamakura Maru. Capt. Berg says that Capt. Olaf Nielsen, of Wilhelmshaven, Bergen, and Capt. E. Ballestad, representing Jens Folkman, Skien, Norway, who accompanied him to Japan, took over the steamers Vakland and Vindeggen respectively. Capt. Berg was the only one of the party to lose his ship. Accompanying him were L. G. Lassen, H. Johannsen and J. Andersen. Another passenger returning to Norway is G. Sorenson, who for a number of years past has served as chief engineer with the China Merchant Steamship Company, operating a fleet of coasting steamers in the Far East. He is on extended leave of absence and expects to return to China after spending a holiday in his native land. N. Rasmussen arrived on the Kamakura Maru to take over the berth of chief steward on the Norwegian steamer Strinda, one of the vessels under charter to the C. P. R. in the trans-Pacific service. M. Saoustinsky is a Russian business man whose itinerary will take him to the principal cities of the United States. Y. Tamura, an official of the N. Y. K., is touring the big ports of America with a view to studying the shipping situation.

Other passengers on the Kamakura Maru were A. Hudson, bound for New York; Mrs. R. Mazor, Mrs. H. Baril, Mrs. M. Girshewitz, Miss R. Russell, R. D. Taylor, Mrs. S. Rothchild, L. Lonie, Miss G. Rosentwig, Mrs. G. Lawen, Mrs. L. Karagstsky, Mrs. K. Kagan, Mrs. E. Kaplan and D. Lonie. The liner brought in a total list of 158 passengers, including 22 first class and 19 second class. One Canadian and two Japanese steerage were landed at William Head.

On her present trip the Kamakura Maru is under the command of Capt. R. Oskaki, who has been in command of the liner since having been placed on the reserve list pending transfer to the European service. Capt. Ozaki was formerly mate on the Shidzuka Maru, but for a number of years has been engaged in the N. Y. K. coasting steamers.

Good weather marked the passage of the Kamakura across the Pacific and but little fog was experienced. She made the run in fifteen days. Her cargo amounted to 5,464 tons, including 770 tons for this port. The silk cargo for overland shipment totalled 1,872 bales and cases of raw silk and silk goods, valued at \$1,125,000.

VESSEL SHANGHAIED IN GULF OF MEXICO

Galveston, Texas, Feb. 18.—Word was received here yesterday that the 50-ton schooner Galatea has been stolen from her owners at Pensacola and had secretly departed into the gulf. Unconfirmed reports said she was filled with war supplies, which, according to one rumor, were for Cuban revolutionists. Another rumor was that she is to get into communication with German submarines which are reported to have been sighted in gulf waters. Broad cast orders have gone forth to United States vessels and land authorities to apprehend the boat.

TIDE TABLE.

Tide table for February 1917, showing high and low water times for various dates from Feb 1 to Feb 28.

The time used in Pacific standard, for the 12th meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water. Where blanks occur in the table, the tide rises or falls continuously during two successive tidal periods without turning. Equivalent—To find the depth of water on the sill of the dry dock at any time, add 19.0 feet to the height of high water as above given.

TRANSPORTATION

Canadian Pacific Railway B. C. COAST SERVICE VANCOUVER, daily at 2 and 11.45 p.m. SEATTLE, daily at 4.30 p.m. ALASKA, from Victoria, Feb. 19, at 11 p.m. PRINCE RUPERT and ANYOX (Granby Bay) from Vancouver every Wednesday at 11 p.m. OCEAN FALLS and SWANSON BAY, from Vancouver every Thursday at 11 p.m. HOBBERG and way ports, from Victoria, Feb. 20, at 11 p.m. CLAYOQUET and way ports, 11 p.m. March 19; UNION BAY and COMOX, from Victoria, every Tuesday at midnight; from Vancouver, every Wednesday and Friday, at 9 a.m. POWELL RIVER, UNION BAY and COMOX, from Vancouver, every Saturday at 11.45 p.m. Full particulars, rates and reservations from L. D. CHETHAM 1102 Government Street Phone 174

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RUSSIA PLANS TO CREATE BIG MERCANTILE FLEET London, Feb. 19.—A dispatch to Reuters' Telegram Company from Petrograd says the Russian Minister of Commerce has introduced in the Duma a bill under the terms of which the Government will devote 100,000,000 rubles toward the creation of a Russian mercantile fleet. The money is to be employed in advances to shipbuilders to encourage the construction of new shipyards and to provide equipment for them. ALL MASTS WILL BE STEPPED BY WEDNESDAY Good progress is being made in stepping the masts aboard the new schooner Margaret Haney. The fore and mainmasts are in position, and the mizzen is being lowered and fixed to the keel to-day. At the present rate of progress the five masts will have been stepped by Wednesday of this week. The pilot house has been practically completed on the Laurel Whalen, and a large force of workmen are now engaged in caulking the deck seams. March 19 is the tentative date for the launching of the Laurel Whalen. SUNRISE AND SUNSET. Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific standard) at Victoria, B.C., for the month of February, 1917:

Table showing sunrise and sunset times for February 1917, with columns for date, sunrise hour/minute, and sunset hour/minute.

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SPORTING NEWS

VANCOUVER TAKES FAST HOCKEY GAME

Seattle Now Has Lead by Only Half a Game in Coast Race

By their victory Saturday night over the Seattle Mets the Vancouver Millionaires made themselves dangerous contenders for the P. C. H. A. championship. Vancouver has one game on foreign ice coming, on Tuesday at Portland, and three at Vancouver; while Seattle has one away, at Portland on March 2. Should Seattle lose to Spokane on Tuesday at Seattle, while Vancouver is winning at Portland, the positions of the teams would be exactly reversed. Seattle, however, looks to have the easiest game, that with Spokane, while the Vancouverians have some tough opposition ahead when they meet the Buds in their home city.

Solving Seattle's defence in the first period of the fastest and most thrilling hockey match played in Vancouver this season, Frank Patrick's fast climbing Millionaires secured a three-goal lead on the league leaders, which they were able to maintain through the remaining two periods, sending the invaders down to defeat by a score of 4 to 2 at the Terminal City arena Saturday night. Upwards of 6,000 wildly enthusiastic fans witnessed the contest and from the first tot of the whistle until St. Griffis slammed the rubber against the boards back of the Seattle goal there was not a moment when the play was not scintillating with brilliant work.

Lehman Stars as Usual. Much was expected of Hugh Lehman, the premier net guardian of the coast, and probably the world, and from one standpoint he won the game for Vancouver. The exhibition which he put up during the final period of play has seldom been equalled anywhere. He made many stops which were tagged for sure goals with any other goalie but Huggie between the posts. He picked the disc out of the air off the goal post and occasionally resorted to the gentler game of baseball in his effort to keep the rubber away from the danger zone. His showing in this regard would surely have made Ty Cobb green with envy had he been a spectator.

Seattle Defence, Asleep. After securing the lead, which was filled up when the Metropolitan defence was temporarily demoralized, the Millionaires played a seven-man defence, seldom more than two or three men rushing to the attack. The result was that when the Metropolitan forward line invaded Vancouver territory there was a willing and large delegation of Patrick's boys acting as a reception committee. The attack was broken up with great regularity and these tactics proved the undoing of the Sound city aggregation. Occasionally the Vancouver representatives would engineer a determined

V.I.A.A. FIFTEEN WINS RUGBY GAME

University Boys Defeated in Closely Contested Match

Conditions generally were very favorable to the University and V. I. A. A. Rugby players who met at Oak Bay on Saturday afternoon to play their return match, having drawn in the previous week's contest. The afternoon was clear and sunny, the ground in first class condition and an enthusiastic crowd of rooters were present to cheer on the players.

From the standpoint of the spectators for the game was a very interesting one. The teams were almost evenly matched in every respect, both in weight and staying power. The V. I. A. A. Club, however, was superior in a very slight degree to the opposing fifteen, or rather fourteen, for the University players were a man short, and this fact served to stimulate the interest of the spectators who were at all times expecting to see a score recorded.

The first half commenced with a rush by the V. I. A. A. men who were able to carry the ball nearly over the line. They were checked, however, and the play returned to the centre of the field where some excellent tackling was shown by both sides. It was at this early part of the play that Lieut. Robertson, on the half-back line of the V. I. A. A. team began to do some star playing in getting the ball from the scrum and breaking away. A fault at this point was quite noticeable, for although several of the individual players did good work the half-backs generally were not quick enough in getting the ball away when it came from the scrum.

The play following this was rather uninteresting, for although both teams were working hard they failed to break open for any rushes or to indulge in any cross play. At last, however, Staples got away on a good run and carried the ball well down toward the opponent line but was stopped just as all were confident that he had crossed the boundary.

This was followed by several good attempts by both teams to break away in a determined rush, but many excellent opportunities were lost by the fact that the players would throw the ball too soon; before their opponents were anywhere within tackling distance.

The work in the second half was also marked by the same fault that was noticeable in the first, namely, that the player in getting the ball from the scrum had a tendency to endeavor to break right through the wreck instead of getting away for more open play. The V. I. A. A. men at several periods when the ball was on their own territory attempted to rush, passing the ball instead of using their feet to set it well on their opponents' ground. Robertson and Staples again came into prominence about the middle of the second half by making some very good getaways in which they came dangerously close to the line but failed to cross.

The spectators by this time were beginning to think that it was high time for one or other of the teams to score and their cheering was becoming loud and long. It was encouraged too by the fact that the ball was now being held in a position of the field not at all favorable to the University boys, and had it not been for the good defence work of the University backs the attackers would have undoubtedly crossed the line. At this point it might be said that the V. I. A. A. players lost some excellent opportunities by failing to get the ball from the scrums which were set almost on the touch line.

Finally Lieut. Robertson got away, and in a dashing rush crossed the line and scored the first touch. Huxtable, who took the kick, failed to convert, owing to the unfavorable position from which it was necessary for him to make the attempt. This success seemed to encourage the V. I. A. A. team and they again went to work with increased vigor and after considerable desultory play Robertson and Brendorf again got away, breaking their way through the defence, the latter crossed the line and added three more points to the score. The kick again failed and play was just about to be resumed when the whistle sounded for time.

The game was refereed by Mr. Spalding in a very capable manner. The teams were as follows: V. I. A. A.—Full-back, Huxtable; three-quarters, Hall, Thompson, Brendorf and Staples; half-backs, Lieut. Robertson and Grubb; forwards, Lieut. Henderson, Johnson, Lieut. Magann, Harwood, McCrae, Lieut. Gerrard, McQuade and Davies. University School—Full-back, Pelly (L.); three-quarters, Dunn, Helmcken, Jackson and Fraser (L.); half-backs, Lennie (L.) and Lennie (R.); forwards, Green, Tolmie, Thurburn, Bate, Alexander, Harvey, Wheatley and Belson.

DARCY IS GETTING TO BE UNPOPULAR

Trouble Over Managers Causes Australian to Lose Favor With Public

New York, Feb. 19.—Les Darcy is beginning to be about as unpopular with the sport loving public in New York as it is possible for a man who has been placed upon a pedestal.

Following his announcement that he did not intend to live up to a contract signed for him by Tim O'Sullivan, his manager, calling for bouts in Milwaukee with Jeff Smith and Mike Gibbons, Darcy declared O'Sullivan had been dismissed as his manager last Tuesday. He apparently forgot that on his trip up New York Bay from the Standard Oil tank ship Cushing he had told several persons aboard a tug, including Tex Rickard, Tom O'Rourke and Char. Harvey, that O'Sullivan and no one else would act in this country as his manager. To-day he declares O'Sullivan never had been his manager, but had been employed as agent, and never had been authorized to make matches.

Promoters in Struggle. Meanwhile Tom Andrews, Frank Mulkey, John Weismantel and Grant Hugh Browne are locked in the throes of a desperate struggle over the prospect of Darcy fighting this or that man. Weismantel claims to have signed McCoy some time ago to a set of articles calling for a bout with Jack Dillon, and has protested against his being allowed to meet Darcy until he has gone through with the Dillon bout. Browne also has filed protest, claiming the fact that he has spent a large sum on the bout should protect him. He has arranged to stage a bout between Frank Moran and Carl Morris should the Darcy-McCoy affair fall.

Mulhern and Andrews are at odds over a Milwaukee bout. Mulhern has a contract calling for a bout between Darcy and Gibbons. Andrews wants one the same date with Smith as Darcy's opponent. Each declares the Milwaukee auditorium will shelter his show.

The second half saw some strenuous work on the part of both clubs, but the sailors had the advantage and were able to score twice by Cozier and Davis. The Wests at the same time did not give in at all to their opponents, but played the game right to the finish. Both teams played extremely well. The game throughout was free from rough play and the goals were clean, undisputable shots. The teams were as follows:

Navy—Long; Bußer and Smith; Bridgewater, Lacey and Cronin; Liffon, Jenkins, Davis, Johnston and Crozier. Wests—Mickelson; Whyte and Campbell; Thackeray, Allan and Hill; Thomas, McLeod, J. Peden and Sherratt. Referee, Sergt. B. Robinson. Willows Team Wins.

The friendly soccer game which was played Saturday at the Willows camp between the Retailers and Willows team proved to be a very even contest. The civilians were in good form during the first half of the game and made some very determined attacks on the opposing team, but the soldiers were prepared for them with a strong defence line which it was impossible for the visitors to break. Lomas and Christian worked hard to reach the net, but their efforts were in vain. Fletcher and Payne were also in good form and showed some capable combination work. The former in fact nearly notched a point for his team by a shot which only missed its intended destination by a very few inches.

The second half started with the soldiers taking the offensive, and before long a corner kick resulted which, however, had no effect. The most of the work then continued to be mid-way

NAVY AND GARRISON WILL PLAY FOR CUP

Wests Are Defeated; Garrison Win From V. I. A. A. in League Match

A fairly large crowd was present at Beacon Hill on Saturday afternoon to witness the semi-final round for the Peden Cup. The Navy defeated the Victoria Wests 3-2, and as a result the former team will meet the Garrison in the near future in the cup final. The Garrison having drawn a bye was not figuring in the semi-finals.

The Navy lost the toss and started to play against the slope, and it at once became evident that the work was to be of a very even nature. From the spectators' standpoint the match was a very satisfactory one; both teams commenced in earnest right at the start and continued to put forth their best efforts throughout the entire contest. Neither side appeared to have at all the advantage over the other, and as a result the play was of a very interesting nature, no one venturing to predict which team would win until within a few minutes of the time.

The first goal of the game was made by Sherritt, who put through a shot which defeated the efforts of Long, the crack custodian of the sailors' team. From this on the Navy worked under considerable disadvantage until Lacey, who had received a nasty cut over the eye, was able to return to the field. Their work then became more untidied, and with a fine rally the play reverted to the Wests' end of the field, where Jenkins succeeded in placing it between the posts, thus evening the score. This stirred up the Wests again, and just before time a shot from Peden gave them the lead by one goal.

The V.I.A.A. and Garrison soccer teams met at Work Point on Saturday afternoon in a postponed league game. The former team was working under difficulties and lost the game by a score of 6-1. Owing to accidents during the week several of the club's best players were not able to appear on the field, nor were all the players who did appear in their best form. Taylor, for instance, was not at all up to his usual standard, so the final result was not at all surprising.

INTERMEDIATE CHURCH BASKETBALL GAMES. In the gymnasium of the First Presbyterian Church two interesting basketball games were played in the intermediate division of the Sunday School League on Saturday evening. The first was between the Presbyterian (A) team and the James Bay, the latter team winning by a score of 30 points to 20. McFadden and Copas each scored 11 points for the winners, while Forbes made 10 for the losing team.

This game was followed by one between the Congos and the Presbyterian (B) team, and it proved to be one of the best contests that has been played in the league during the present season. The final result was 18-16 in favor of the Congos, but the spectators were kept guessing from start to finish as to which team would eventually win. Two minutes from the end the Presbyterians were leading by 16-14, but the Congos managed to put through a couple more baskets, thus winning the contest. At half-time the Presbyterians were ahead by 9-8, which gives some idea of the closeness of the game throughout. L. Wyles made 8 points

Who broke out greatest number of times during the 1916 season with a bunch of base hits? Right you are—it was the mighty Tyros Cobb. The great Tiger star was foiled in his efforts to lead the American League in batting, but contented himself with most of the other honors.

And among them was the "big day" swatting honors. Cobb probably set a major league mark last season when he got four hits in a single game on eight different occasions. Tris Speaker, who romped in ahead of the "Georgia Peach" in league hitting, had to be satisfied with runner-up to Ty in the subject of "big day" clubbing. Once in the season—on June 10, against Sheehan, of Philadelphia—Tris got five hits out of five times at bat. This was his best work for the year. On four occasions during the year he got a quartet of singles in a game.

TY COBB GETS MOST HITS IN THE GAME

Tris Speaker Stands in the Second Place; Work of George Peach

Three Are Tied. Joe Jackson, George Sisler and Bobby Veach are tied for third place in the ranking in the "big day" league. Each got four hits four different times. "Zack" Wheat annexed the "big day" championship in the National League in 1916. The star of the Dodger outfield made four hits in a game four times during the season, compared with eight "big days" by Ty Cobb, who snatched the "big day" laurels in the American League.

Wheat hit Chalmers, of the Phillies, for four singles in five times up on May 27. On July 16, he banged out four in five trips to the plate with Tom Seaton working for the Cubs. On August 12 he met Allen of the Braves and laced him for two singles and two doubles in five trials. Wheat won the "big day" title when he performed his fourth "four-hit-per-game" trick on August 23, against Jimmy Lavender, of the Cubs, who was found for two singles and two doubles in five trials.

Roger Hornsby, the sensational Cardinal infielder, landed in second place by making five hits in one game and four hits in two other combats.

BOWLING NEWS. The Dentists had the better of the argument with the Silver Springs Saturday night on the Arcade Bowling Alleys in their Junior League match, the score being as follows:

Dentists.	
Dr. Hare	129 112 145-290
Dr. Tamm	147 152 149-438
Dr. P. B. S.	113 116 124-353
Dr. N. E. McKean	157 169 205-522
Dr. Lennox	136 141 123-400
Total	2194
Silver Springs.	
Moulton	121 123 196-430
Bodie	146 128 128-402
Crossman	149 148 144-441
McHugh	114 87 85-286
Crossman	129 89 102-290
Total	1583

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for the losers, while A. Hole was high man for the Congos with 6 points, although Ernie Cull, of the winners, was possibly the best all round man on the floor. E. D. Todd refereed both games in a very satisfactory manner.

GOOD BASKETBALL SEEN AT Y. M. C. A.

The basketball game played on Saturday night in the gymnasium of the Y. M. C. A. between the Centennial and Metropolitan teams in the Standard Efficiency League proved a very fine contest. It ended in favor of the Metropolitan by 14-14. The entire results of the games were as follows:

Senior League.	
Metropolitans, 15; Centennial, 14.	
Chi. Rho, 19; St. John's, 6.	
Intermediate League.	
Tom-a-lee, 26; Presbyterians, 6.	
Business Boys, 2; A-chi-coos, 9.	
Junior League.	
Junior Employed, 3; Roman B., 2.	
Trojan B., 2; Wideawakes, 6.	
St. John's (Tigers), 8; Spartan B., 4.	
Trojan A., 5; Spartan A., 1.	
Roman A., 4; Trojan B., 2.	

The scores of the junior games this week-end were much closer, caused by the boys checking better. Many boys are improving rapidly in their play. The league standing of the senior series for the boys is as follows:

Played. Won. Lost. Pts.	
Metropolitans	4 4 0 8
Centennial	4 3 1 6
Chi. Y.	2 1 1 3
Chi. Rho	2 1 2 3
Boy Allies	2 1 2 3
St. John's	4 0 4 0

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Believed Sir William Mackenzie is Here To-day to Throw Up His Hands

It is believed that the province is confronted with another instalment of the paying of the pip for the time played by the McBride government and its railway friends a few years ago. Sir William Mackenzie, president of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company and the system generally, is in the city to-day, and at half-past 2 o'clock this afternoon he had an interview with the Premier and Minister of Railways.

It is reported from here that Sir William has come out to inform the Government of British Columbia that from this forward the province will have to look after the payment of the interest charges on the company's bonds which it has guaranteed. It is generally being thought that heretofore the company has been meeting the interest charge every six months out of the money it has borrowed from the Dominion Government. Apparently it has either run out of money from that source or has decided to let the province face the music.

The annual amount which is called for in the interest payment on the bonds guaranteed by the province is \$2,058,875. This is a good deal more than one-third of the total estimated revenue of the province for the current year. For the other railway guarantees lightly undertaken by the late Government those for the Pacific Great Eastern railway, the province has already paid out over \$1,000,000 in the past twelve months.

It is claimed that the line on the mainland is doing better than it is expected to do, but even then every mile of line the company has contracted to build on the mainland and on Vancouver Island, would have to be in operation and earning \$2,150 over and above operating expenses before it could meet the interest bill.

STOCKBREEDERS RESOLVE: Directors Draw Up Series of Resolutions Calling Out Discussions at Convention.

A series of resolutions have been adopted by the new board of directors of the B. C. Stock-Breeders' Association, acting on the instructions of the annual convention and following the line of discussion taken at the sessions held last week. The directors urge upon the provincial Government that in order to fight the white plague so far as its communication in milk is concerned the systematic testing of cows for tuberculosis be prosecuted.

The Live Stock Commissioner is asked to advise the establishment of Wool-Growers' Associations, so as to take advantage of the aid given by the Dominion Government. The Minister of Agriculture's attitude in regard to increased production is heartily endorsed.

UNITED FARMERS: Officers and Directors Elected by New Organization of Agricultural Interests.

The organization of the United Farmers of British Columbia was completed late on Saturday afternoon by the election of officers and directors. A meeting of these will be held on the next fortnight to take further steps to perfect the running of the new body.

The following were the officers chosen: President: C. G. Palmer, Duncan. Vice-presidents: J. W. Perry, Langley; R. A. Coupland, Kelowna; P. H. Moore, Saanich. Directors: J. Johnston, Nelson; R. N. Hurford, Courtenay; Leslie Dunworth, Kelowna; R. H. Helmer, Summerland; W. E. Smith, Revelstoke.

Secretary (pro tem.): George Sangster, Victoria. The United Farmers will endeavor to bring into the organization every portion of the province, and local and district bodies will be formed, the districts to be represented on the directorate and every local to send delegates to the annual conventions of the central body. The membership will consist of men and women on equal terms.

IRRIGATION IN SAANICH: Lower Rate for Water is Expected to Be Fixed for Cultivators This Summer.

A rearrangement of the water rates in Saanich to encourage irrigation has been under consideration of the water and services committee for some time, and it will now be recommended that the consumption per thousand gallons over ten thousand gallons should be paid at a rate of seven and one-half cents, the present rate being ten cents straight per thousand. The City doubts would be only too glad to welcome the increased consumption by Saanich consumers, since the loss of revenue by the withdrawal of services is monthly one of the greatest of the City Market authorities. In addition increased production cannot fail to help the City Market materially. Of course at present it is not possible to deliver water in the districts of Saanich where irrigation is wanted, but it will stimulate irrigation in some of the market gardens near the city.

The committee has also under consideration the long standing and acute difficulty with regard to the water frontage rate, which pressed heavily last year on acreage property, and it is expected some reduction from the eight cents per front foot will be offered when the rate is struck this summer.

A short meeting of the Council is expected to-morrow afternoon, and if the proceedings are over promptly it is expected a works committee session will be held, since there are several subjects to be discussed in private that are wanting attention. It is improbable however that consideration of the estimates will be completed at this meeting.

LOCAL NEWS: Have You Seen the seven-jeweled wrist-watches, with unbreakable frames, sold for \$5.00 each, by F. L. Haynes, 1124 Government street? They're unequalled.

Supreme Court Chambers.—In the absence of Mr. Justice W. A. Macdonald, through indisposition, Mr. Justice Gregory took Supreme Court Chambers applications this morning.

Armenian Tag Day.—The committee in charge of the funds—which were collected on the Armenian Tag Day announced this afternoon that a total of \$2,296.27 had been received. A meeting of the committee will be held in the near future, after which an itemized account of the collections will be made.

IS IMPRESSED WITH THE "MOVIE" INDUSTRY

Victorian Returns From Visit to Moving Picturedom Round Los Angeles

The wonderful equipment of the moving picture studios around Los Angeles has greatly impressed J. L. Noble, secretary of the Vancouver Island and Fire Underwriters Association, who returned this morning from a visit to California. Mr. Noble visited them in order to study them from the fire hazard standpoint, in view of the expectation of one or more schemes being promoted here with moving pictures. He has had an opportunity of examining the production of "movies" from every point of view, and says the amount of money invested in buildings, "properties," etc., is remarkable. Much of the best work is done indoors, he states, although the beautiful natural scenery around is used to the fullest extent. Muffin is used to assist light effects in open-air scenes. On account of the special photographic apparatus used, some of the make-ups present an unusual appearance, articles which are to be white being colored yellow in order to harmonize. The curious vagaries of the face paints offer a strange comparison with sights in the dressing rooms of the "legitimate," everything and every costume and face having to be treated with ultimate regard to final color combinations true to nature.

Mr. Noble says there is no exaggeration of the extent of the industry, and the thoroughness with which the work is organized by experts, nor the efforts taken with the finished film before it is marketed, but states that owing to the duplication of studios efforts are now being made to pool the equipment, so that heavy operating expenses may be saved, and the best talent of the various companies used in big productions. He went South to attend the Pacific Coast Underwriters' Convention, an annual gathering, at which all phases of insurance policy were discussed, and at which he read a paper on the Vitality of the Insurance Industry, a summary of which appeared on February 7 last, the date of his delivery. At Del Monte he found a number of Victorians in residence at the hotel.

CAME BACK YESTERDAY: Two Returned Soldiers Arrived on Night Boat From Vancouver.

Two returned soldiers were on the night boat from Vancouver on Saturday night. One, Pte. George Woolsey, of the 2nd C. M. R., reported during the morning at the Military Convalescent Hospital, Esquimalt. He is suffering with gunshot wound in the right knee and leg.

WOUNDED IN ACTION: Pte. Gordon Anderson is Reported as Injured Second Time at Front.

Pte. Gordon Anderson, reported wounded, is 23 years of age, son of George L. Anderson, of Kitimat, who is now in the city. He enlisted with the 62nd Battalion, and transferred in the Old Country to the 47th Battalion, reaching the front in September last. The following month he sustained a gunshot wound in the leg for which he was treated in hospital. His father has received no notice of his wound and casualty. Pte. Anderson was brought up in the Kitimat district, where his father farms. Miss Anderson, a sister, is engaged on the Jubilee Hospital nursing staff.

NEW DEAN ARRIVES: Rev. Dr. Samuel Quantin Welcomed by Clergy and Future Parishioners This Afternoon.

Quite a number of Church of England clergy from the city and members of Christ Church parish were at the boat this afternoon to meet Rev. Dr. Samuel Quantin, who is to take over almost immediately his duties as Dean of British Columbia and Rector of Christ Church Cathedral. Dr. Quantin is to be inducted to-morrow evening at the Cathedral, the services to be held at 7.45 o'clock. Later there will be a reception at the schoolroom to the new dean and his family. He is accompanied by his wife and two boys, 13 and 12 years of age. The rectory, which up to the present has been occupied by the Bishop of Columbia, has been vacated by the removal of Bishop and Mrs. Schofield to Bishop's Close, and Dean Quantin and his family will take up their residence there almost immediately.

OBITUARY RECORD: Miss Elizabeth Roskamp, wife of Louis Roskamp, of 128 Ladymith Street, died at St. Joseph's Hospital this morning at the age of 41. She was born in Alaska and had been a resident of Victoria for six years. She is survived by her husband and a young family. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock Wednesday from the B. C. Funeral Chapel.

Miss Bridget Donlan died Saturday night at St. Joseph's Hospital at the age of 55 years. She was a native of King's County, Ireland, and was a late resident of Royal Oak, having resided in the city and vicinity for some 27 years. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Walsh, who is at present living at Royal Oak. The remains will be taken to the Roman Catholic Cathedral to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, at which hour the services will be held.

The funeral of the late Miss May Pitter will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 2.15 o'clock from the B. C. Funeral Parlors and at 2.30 from St. John's Church. The Rev. F. A. P. Chahidwick will have charge of the services.

The funeral of the late Miss Isabella Hagan, daughter of Mrs. James Hagan, took place this morning from the residence, South Saanich, solemn High Requiem Mass being celebrated at the Catholic Church at 10.30. The celebrant was Father Reddin, assisted by Fathers Schelland, Deacon of Duncan; Father McDonnell, Sub-Deacon of Victoria; Father Cortenraad, Father Lemmon (Cowper Island). Mass was sung by Father Cortenraad, assisted by Frank Sehl, of Victoria, and a choir. Miss Gilchrist presided at the organ. The remains were interred in the cemetery at South Saanich. The following were the pallbearers: A. Rey, H. Guichen, L. Moren, I. Talbot, W. Zirbes, R. Glendonning, P. Thomson, W. Butler, C. Macklenoyl.

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SIR WM. MACKENZIE VISITOR IN THE CITY

Prairie Crops Will Surpass Other Years; Railway Equipment Difficult to Secure

genuinely optimistic, there was money in plenty everywhere, while the general sense of hopefulness was reflected in civil and military communities. Were it not for the straggling darkness of London at night, Sir William says that the metropolis has altered but little although when he saw it last, two years of war had elapsed.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. J. Rowbotham (nee Miss Irene Eickhoff), who have been spending their honeymoon in Victoria, guests at the Metropolis Hotel, returned on Sunday to Vancouver, where they will make their home at 3429 First Avenue west.

W. Turnbull assumed his duties as private secretary to Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands, this morning. Mr. Turnbull is an Old Countryman, who has been in this country for several years. For the past couple of years he has been editor and manager of the Prince Rupert News, of which he made an exceedingly bright, new and influential paper.

Will Meet Shippers. — In a letter from the district freight and passenger agent of the Canadian Northern Railway, A. Brosted, writing to the secretary of the Victoria Board of Trade, states that he will be glad to meet a deputation of Victoria shippers to discuss with them the subject of freight rates over the Canadian Northern Railway. This is in reply to a communication from the Board of Trade dealing with the subject generally. The date of the meeting will be duly announced as soon as arrangements are completed for the conference.

Big Crops for 1917. — "There will be more acreage on the prairies this year than ever before," was the opinion of Sir William when the Times representative suggested the possibility of labor shortage affecting the 1917 yield. "The farmers have always been successful in getting in their crops and, come what may, this year will be no exception. In fact," he continued, "the incessant demand for increased production must be listened to and that means that the prairies will see to it that every possible acre will do full duty to the state."

Of railway development on the Island, and the inauguration of the daily service between Vancouver and Edmonton, now being operated three days each week, Sir William stated that the question of securing the necessary equipment was the drawback to be contemplated with in each case. The Pacific Bay line was nearing completion, but as to its operation Sir William was not in a position to discuss it.

Plenty of Money in England. — Touching Sir William's visit to London during the late fall, he stated that it was remarkable how difficult it became at times to believe that a war was in progress. The people were

To Owners of Dogs: Notice is hereby given that proceedings will be taken against all owners of dogs who shall have failed to pay by Feb. 25, 1917, the annual tax on same for the current year. No further notice will be given delinquents.

Permanent Cure Guaranteed: Miss Hanman qualified London specialist will give any lady a treatment free of charge to demonstrate her method of removing the disfigurement of superfluous hair. Absolutely permanent cure guaranteed. L. E. GOWER, Collector, 28 Campbell Building, Phone 262X.

SEVEN MORE VESSELS SUNK BY GERMANS

One Norwegian, One Spanish and Five British Merchant Ships

London, Feb. 19.—The British steamship Lolo, of 3,993 tons gross, has been sunk, Lloyd's Shipping Agency announced today.

Eleven men of the crew of the British steamship Romsdalen reported sunk, are missing, Lloyd's also announced. The Romsdalen was of 2,548 tons gross.

New York, Feb. 18.—Two steamships out of New York under charter to the Kerr Steamship Company, one Norwegian and the other Spanish, have been sunk in the submarine "zones," according to advices received by the company today. They were the Dalmatia, Norwegian, Jan. 24, for Havre, and the Mar Adriatico, Spanish, Jan. 16, for Bordeaux.

The Dalmatia was sunk Feb. 9, and the Mar Adriatico Feb. 11. The latter arrived at Lisbon Feb. 2 and probably was proceeding for Bordeaux when sunk. Some of the Kerr Steamship Company officials say they did not believe either ship had Americans aboard.

The Dalmatia, of 1,773 tons gross, was 245 feet long. The Mar Adriatico, of 2,419 tons gross, was 295 feet long.

London, Feb. 18.—The loss is reported of the British steamship Worcester-shire, 3,175 tons gross, and Valdes, 2,285 tons gross. Two of the crew of the Valdes were killed and nine are missing. The Worcester-shire was a Bibby liner on the Burma run.

London, Feb. 19.—The British steamship Okiemont, of 4,335 tons gross, has been sunk, Lloyd's shipping agency says.

The Okiemont was last reported on her departure from Rio de Janeiro December 1 for St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands.

NO OVERT ACT LIKELY TILL BERNSTORFF HOME

London, Feb. 19.—The suggestion is made in the Birmingham Post that with Count von Bernstorff and his retinue are on the high seas Germany will continue to avoid the overt act which will transform the diplomatic breach with the United States into a condition of war.

His ship has to pass through the British lines, and the Germans, the Post says, probably would argue that the allies would seize the opportunity of cancelling their safe conduct if the United States were at war.

STATE OF WASHINGTON WILL BE "BONE DRY"

Olympia, Wash., Feb. 19.—Governor Lister signed the "bone dry" prohibition bill this afternoon.

RELEASED ON BAIL.—Philadelphia, Feb. 19.—Charles A. (Chief) Bender, the Indian pitcher, who accidentally killed a man with his automobile here Saturday night, was today held without bail by a police magistrate to await action by the coroner. Later counsel for Bender secured a writ of habeas corpus in common pleas court, and he was released on bail pending the coroner's action.

COLLISION; NO DEATHS.—Quebec, Feb. 19.—Heavy material damage but no loss of life or personal injury was caused on Saturday at St. Leonard, Nicolet County, when two inter-colonial freight trains collided.

GERMAN STATEMENT.—Berlin, Feb. 19.—British attacks today near Messines and Armentieres, on the Franco-Belgian front, were unsuccessful, the War Office announces.

EASTERN HOCKEY.—Saturday's Games. At Quebec—Quebec 3, Ottawa 2 (overtime). At Montreal—Canadiens 4, Wanderers 2.

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CHOICE OF MARTIN CANCELLED TO-DAY

Mr. Justice Murphy's Decision Regarding Dominion Trust Insurance Case

Yancouver, Feb. 19.—After a searching inquiry this forenoon into the circumstances under which Joseph Martin, K. C., recently obtained an order naming himself as counsel in the Dominion Trust Insurance case before the Privy Council at a minimum fee of \$5,000, Mr. Justice Murphy cancelled the entire former proceedings and appointment and ordered that any further proceedings in the matter must be brought in open court.

The Judge was in a very severe mood. In an application in the suit of Hop Charles Dalton against the Dominion Trust mortgage debenture holders, where the representatives of the Dominion Trust were on hand to attend the settling of the terms of judgment, he adjourned the case for attendance, saying:

"I want to make sure that I am not again distributing largesse at the expense of the unfortunate people who have been swindled in the Dominion Trust," and when the question of the counsel fee in the Dominion Trust case was called, he stated that he was going to demand "a full and frank statement of all the parties interested."

The inquiry to-day was the outcome of the publication of an article in the Vancouver Province and the Victoria Times of Wednesday, Feb. 7, under the headline "Who Will Get Appeal Fee?" The article was read aloud by Mr. Justice Murphy who said that he had no fault to find with the article, which was a proper article to be written if the writer, as turned out to be the case, was satisfied that the facts were substantially correct. But he said that he wanted to relieve his court of any suggestion of jobbery in connection with the fixing of Mr. Martin's fee.

In Chambers. The article in question set out that Mr. Martin had gone before His Lordship in private chambers and had received the consent of the court to his appointment as counsel in the forthcoming appeal to the Privy Council at a fee of \$5,000 if the Dominion Trust lost and \$10,000 if the Dominion Trust won, at a time when the liquidation had under retainer the services of eminent English counsel who would take the appeal for a sum of \$1,000.

The article stated further that the appointment had been made against the wishes of the liquidator and the fee fixed at a time when the liquidator was unable to pay the overdue salaries of the Dominion Trust staff because he was not yet in a position to state positively that the assets of the liquidation would do more than meet the cost of the liquidation.

His Lordship stated that he had made an order fixing Mr. Martin's fee at \$5,000 on the understanding that he was applying on behalf of the liquidator and that the fees paid to counsel appearing in Vancouver cases before the Privy Council averaged from \$8,000 to \$10,000. At the time he had fixed the fee at \$5,000 and consented to allowing a fee of \$10,000 in the event of Mr. Martin's success, his Lordship had not been advised that there was already an English counsel under a general retainer to appear in Dominion Trust matters.

A letter written by the liquidator to his solicitors two days before the article appeared was read by his Lordship, in which the liquidator stated that he had been informed that his Lordship would not consent to the employment of English counsel in the payment of that amount, and that he had been informed that the employment of English counsel in the hearing this forenoon that Mr. Martin had intended to engage English counsel to assist him, whose fees would be additional to the \$5,000 fee for himself, although both the statement of Mr. Justice Murphy and the entries in the day book of George A. Grant, of the liquidator's solicitors, agreed that the Judge had stipulated that no assisting counsel was to be engaged in England.

At the conclusion of the hearing Mr. Justice Murphy said he wanted it clearly understood by all parties that there was nothing in the Dominion Trust liquidation that was to be regarded as "confidential" knowledge; that the liquidation was a public one and that the courts depended upon publicity to ensure that the confidence of the public is deserved and retained in the conduct of public business.

DAYLIGHT SAVING.—New York, Feb. 19.—Marcus M. Marks, president of the National Daylight Saving Association, announced today that he had written to President Wilson urging him to expedite for passage the Gallinger-Borland bill, now in the hands of a committee, providing for turning the clock forward one hour during the summer months. Reports received by the association indicate, Mr. Marks said, that should the United States adopt the plan, it will then be submitted by Canadian business organizations to the Dominion Government for consideration.

F. L. Maynes, 1124 Government St. The store for reliable watch and jewelry repairs.

BRITISH CAPTURED TURKISH POSITIONS IN MESOPOTAMIA

London, Feb. 19.—British troops on the left bank of the Tigris River in Iraq took the offensive on Saturday afternoon against the Turkish positions at Sannayat, says an official statement issued today, and occupied two Turkish front lines on a frontage of 350 yards and 640 yards respectively.

BERNSTORFF LEFT FULL INSTRUCTIONS

Told German Agents in States How to Act Before He Went

New York, Feb. 19.—The Washington correspondent of the New York Tribune writes:

Before leaving Washington last Tuesday, ex-Ambassador von Bernstorff drew up a set of explicit instructions to be carried out by his confidential agents in the event of any conceivable emergency. The representative of the Tribune here was given this information to-day by a man known to be in the confidence of informed diplomats.

One of the confidential agents who will execute the instructions is understood to be Dr. George Barthelme, correspondent of the Cologne Gazette, who with the aid of William J. Bryan, Secretary Daniels and Dr. Kirchwey, sent the peace instructions to the Berlin Foreign Office for Count von Bernstorff three days after the break.

The directions which Bernstorff left behind apply particularly to the steps that are to be taken by German agents here in the event of an overt act. They are divided into two general categories, official and unofficial steps. The unofficial steps are chiefly concerned with newspaper publicity. Such steps are to be taken whenever the moment seems opportune. It is assumed that this is Dr. Barthelme's principal role. He is known to have inspired at least two pro-German news reports since the dismissal of Count von Bernstorff.

The official steps include certain overtures that are to be made to the State Department to bring the issue in case of an overt act. It is understood that Germany's plan of action in any conceivable case already is determined, and it is regarded as certain that the Swiss Government has been furnished with directions for action, and that these are now in the hands of Dr. Paul Ritter, the Swiss Minister here.

The general purpose is to obtain delay after an overt act until the authorities at Berlin, working in conjunction with the pacifists here, can bring pressure on President Wilson to avoid actual hostilities. The press propaganda of Dr. Barthelme will be co-ordinated with the diplomatic effort.

Under Surveillance. Barthelme is under close surveillance by agents of the United States Government, as are the other German agents concerned in the Bernstorff plan. It was intended to make him an attaché of the Swiss legation to take charge of the German embassy business, but this plan was thwarted by the State Department.

Among the other agents concerned is at least one of the "clerks" who the State Department permitted Bernstorff to leave in the embassy when he went. One of these clerks is said to have been trained by Bernstorff for more than a year for the very duty which now has been assigned to him. He has had the entire confidence of the ex-ambassador, it is declared, during the whole series of controversies between the United States and Germany and is in a position to give the information concerning the American Government and people as Bernstorff himself.

Bernstorff's Successor. This clerk, it is said, is in constant communication with the Berlin Foreign Office and is, in fact, the successor of Bernstorff in every way except official relations with the United States Government.

It is further said, on excellent authority, that Count Bernstorff on his arrival in Berlin will place himself at the other end of this line of communication, and unless war ensues in the meantime will personally direct the German propaganda in this country through his confidential agents here.

ALL THE RESOURCES OF INDIA NOW ARE TO BE ORGANIZED

London, Feb. 19.—A Reuter dispatch from Delhi says that among the new war measures adopted by the Indian Government are a severe curtailment of railway services and the organization of India's industrial and natural resources with a view to increasing the output of munitions. In addition, an order has been issued forbidding women and children to sail for England except for the most urgent reasons.

A DRASTIC CUTTING DOWN OF IMPORTS. A. BONAR LAW SAYS

London, Feb. 19.—Rt. Hon. Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, stated today that the Government had decided upon drastic import restrictions. The new measures, he said, would affect the allies of Great Britain and the Overseas Dominions.

BERLIN GOING TO YIELD TO STATES

Best Informed People in London Are of That Opinion

London, Feb. 19.—Germany gradually is edging away from war with the United States. The best-informed men here believe that the new concessions which she is making almost daily are intended to appease the American Government, at the same time delaying the abandonment of the indiscriminate submarine warfare.

Von Hindenburg, as supreme lord of the German war council, may be expected to spar as long as possible, for every day he can get the maximum of results from his submarines without becoming involved in war with the United States, so much so that it is impossible to delay longer he will start his offensive and the minds of the German people will be turned from the submarine campaign to the field of battle. Then the abandonment of the submarine campaign can be made safely with little protest from German public opinion.

It is believed here that it is very probable Germany will commit the "overt act" which President Wilson likely eventually, to yield to his advantage, but when best seen that it is impossible to delay longer he will start his offensive and the minds of the German people will be turned from the submarine campaign to the field of battle. Then the abandonment of the submarine campaign can be made safely with little protest from German public opinion.

Does It Pay? Germany is playing the game from a "war is a business" point of view. The only question with Hindenburg is "Does it pay?" Upon the outcome of the submarine campaign depends the date of the opening of the German offensive, provided, of course, that the allies have not launched their mighty offensive by that time. Hindenburg knows that the economic life of the Central Powers is deteriorating far more rapidly than is that of the Entente. The allies are piling up munitions higher than Germany can. He knows, too, that the submarine campaign is more likely to slacken than to improve, and that the fulfillment, through destruction of an American ship, of the "sink at sight" threat, would mean one more added to the list of Germany's enemies, not only now, but after the war.

With Wilson's Patience. He is gambling on President Wilson's patience—seeking to extract the last possible benefit from his forbearance without pushing it to the breaking point. He must lay his hand down soon, but he considers it a fair gamble either way.

So, in preparation for the inevitable end, he already is turning the attention of the German people away from the United States towards which they have been looking since the first of the month, and pointing it toward the field of battle, where he, even as his predecessors have always done, can make new promises to replace those which have failed.

STOCKS OF FOOD AT LONDON HAVE GROWN

London, Feb. 19.—By countries, the tonnage sunk by enemy submarines since February 1 is as follows: British, 162,962; Norwegian, 29,378; Spanish, 9,317; Greek, 5,168; Dutch, 4,409; Swedish, 3,232; French, 3,200; American, 2,997; Italian, 2,192; Peruvian, 1,500; and Danish, 1,460. The tonnage sunk last week last year for the corresponding week last year.

The Port of London authorities have issued an announcement that during the past year the stocks of foodstuffs in public warehouses have increased 22 per cent., being 687,000 tons, as against 564,000 tons. The present stocks are the largest in the history of the docks of London. In 1913 that traffic of the port was 1,549,000 tons, compared with 1,325,000 tons for last year.

FREDERIK VIII. WILL LEAVE HALIFAX SOON

Halifax, Feb. 19.—The examination of the papers and effects of Count von Bernstorff, former German Ambassador at Washington, and his suite on board the liner Frederik VIII. is nearing an end, it was announced today. The ship has been detained three days. No irregularities have been detected in connection with the former ambassador's papers, and the cargo has been found free of contraband.

AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO.

Washington, Feb. 19.—One of the first official acts of Henry P. Fletcher, the new American Ambassador to Mexico, will be to protest against confiscation of mines not in operation on Feb. 14. Mr. Fletcher's arrival at the Mexican capital yesterday was reported today to the State Department. His formal presentation to General Carranza probably will not be later than Thursday, and immediately afterward he will begin making representations on various questions at issue between the two governments.

BADLY FROZEN.

Winnipeg, Feb. 19.—Edward M. Robinson, of the firm of Robinson & Black, wealthy real estate brokers, lost his way in the storm Saturday and when found on the prairie was badly frozen. Surgeons deem it necessary to amputate portions of both legs and arms and it is feared he will not survive the shock.

Haynes Repairs Jewelry satisfactorily and reasonably.

RECRUITS COMING SLOWLY AT WINNIPEG

Twenty-Three Units Calling for Men; Recruiting Officers Discouraged

Winnipeg, Feb. 19.—Absolute discouragement has overtaken the recruiting officers in Winnipeg. It is taking every local unit three days to get two recruits on the average. There are 23 military establishments here, all of them energetically seeking men in all parts of the district, and all so efficiently organized so that no town or hamlet is overlooked in the appeal for men. The recruiting officers are unanimous in stating that the voluntary system has broken down, and an earnest appeal is being made for some form of conscription.

During the last two weeks in February the local units secured only 210 men, a much worse showing than has been made since the war began. This averages up to only nine men per unit. The showing of outside organizations has been even poorer than this.

FIRE LED TO THREE DEATHS IN QUEBEC

Quebec, Feb. 19.—Three firemen were killed early to-day and five were badly injured under the crumbling walls of the Sinaud and Carmichael drygoods store on St. Joseph Street. The dead: Capt. Edmond Lamontagne and Firemen L. Meunier and St. Hilaire. The fire broke out shortly before 1 a. m. and a general alarm quickly sounded because the fire already had taken the proportions of a conflagration. As it is, at least half a dozen places were lit, and only the walls stand, where was the firm of Sinaud & Carmichael. This is Quebec's seventh large fire in the business section within a month and a searching inquiry was started today.

STEADY ADVANCE ON MARKET AT CHICAGO

Chicago, Feb. 19.—The wheat market opened with a point advance for May and during the day there was some fairly good buying by commission houses, and shorts covering advanced the market two points above the high of the opening range for May of 174 to 174, the latter being its low level for the day. May finally closed at 176, a gain of 14. Corn and oats both were decidedly strong, closing with three-quarters of a point advance. Broom-hill, Liverpool; Wheat hull and steady; world's shipments fair, but inadequate. Corn strong with light arrivals and good demand. Oats very firm.

Wheat—Open, High, Low, Close
May 174.00 176.00 174.00 176.00
July 150.00 151.00 150.00 151.00
Sept. 125.00 126.00 125.00 126.00
Oats—
May 90.00 91.00 90.00 91.00
July 80.00 81.00 80.00 81.00
Corn—
May 110.00 111.00 110.00 111.00
July 100.00 101.00 100.00 101.00

NEW YORK CURB PRICES

Table of New York Curb Prices including items like Copper, Tin, Lead, Zinc, and other metals.

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METAL MARKET.

New York, Feb. 19.—Lead steady, \$109.50. Spelter quiet, spot, East St. Louis delivery, 104. Electrolytic copper showed quotations more or less nominal at \$22.50. Leading agencies reported a letter demand for third quarter at \$102.12. Iron steady: No. 1 Nor., \$25.63; No. 2, \$25.00; No. 1 Sou., \$25.98; No. 2, \$25.00. Tin steady, spot, \$196.50. At London: Spot copper, \$1.19; futures, \$1.18; electrolytic, \$1.19; spot tin, \$215.00; futures, \$215.50.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

Table of New York Cotton Market prices for various grades of cotton.

NEW YORK SUGAR.

New York, Feb. 19.—Raw sugar nominal; centrifugal, \$5.25; 64; molasses, \$4.69. \$4.75; refined, firm, 25 points higher; cut (No. 1), \$4.85; crushed, \$4.25; milled, \$4.75; cubes, \$7.75; XXXX powdered, \$7.40; powdered, \$7.35; fine granulated, \$7.25; diamond A, \$7.25; confectioners' A, \$7.15; No. 1, \$7.10.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

MONTREAL STOCKS

Montreal, Feb. 19.—There was a little more activity in the local market to-day, but trading still continued fairly light. The steel market was stronger, about one point higher, except Scotia, which sold three points above its last sale. Civic Power and Consolidated Smelters also were in good demand and offerings were light. The earnings of the steel companies, according to latest reports, are very good and higher quotations are predicted when the market becomes active.

Table of Montreal Stock prices including items like Ames Holden, Bell Telephone, and various industrial stocks.

MARKET ADVANCES ON GOOD BUYING

New York, Feb. 19.—The reaction of Saturday's market indicated an overextended short interest and a return of confidence and during this morning the market presented a very good tone and the class of buying was much better than for some time. The steel issues and copper were being the most prominent. The latter on recent sales of metal at 25 cents have confirmed predictions that copper companies will average at least 25 cents for six months this year against 20 last. The rails were quiet and somewhat neglected. Call money was at 1/4%.

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VICTORIA STOCK EXCHANGE.

Table of Victoria Stock Exchange prices for various stocks and bonds.



Pte. J. G. Menzies (sitting) and Pte. Leonard Mackenzie (standing), both of whom are with Dr. Hart's No. 5 Canadian General Hospital stationed at Salonica.

MERITED HONOR FOR VICTORIAN OFFICER

Captain Moorhead's Executive Ability Recognized; Now D. A. A. and Q. M. G.

With the announcements received from London during the week end comes one of considerable interest to Victorians, in that Captain C. A. Moorhead, in consequence of valuable executive work has been confirmed in the position of Divisional Assistant Adjutant with an additional title of Quarter-Master General.

Captain Moorhead has seen a good deal of military life and was in South Africa at the time of the Natal Rebellion, through which he served with the Scottish Horse, winning a commission for his valuable services.

Leaving Victoria in command of reinforcements of the Princess Patricia's Light Infantry in the early days of 1915, Captain Moorhead saw a good deal of the furious fighting on the western front in which the Princess Pats were engaged, and was twice invalided across Channel on account of ill health.

As soon as the Captain went overseas his wife and two children went home to Ireland and at present are residing at Trim in County Meath.

On Visit Here.—Inspector A. L. Bell, in charge of the White Horse division of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police in the Yukon, is in the city to-day.

YOUNG VICTORIA SOLDIER KILLED

Reported as Missing, Private P. D. Sabiston Now Officially Posted Died in Action

Just over 18 years of age when he donned the uniform of the 50th Gordon Highlanders immediately hostilities commenced, two years in the service of his King, closed on his death in action of Private P. D. Sabiston, son of D. C. Sabiston, of 1315 George Street.

Reported in the first place as missing, the official notification received by his father yesterday has snapped the slender hope that the young soldier still lived, for he was killed in action on the western front on September 15 last.

In addition to suffering from shrapnel wounds, he underwent a hospital term for acute bronchitis and an operation for appendicitis. At Bojougne he was a patient of No. 2 General Hospital, and was later removed to the Royal Victoria at Netley. He had been on the Somme front with a detachment of the Canadian Mounted Rifles from August of last year until the time of his death.

Private Sabiston left here with the 48th Battalion in June of 1915, crossing to France with a draft of 200 men, finally merged into the 5th Battalion, attached to the second Canadian division. It was with this unit that he spent his first period, prior to illness and wounds, in the trenches.

Call of Fire.—The fire department was called to 757 Pandora Avenue on Saturday evening, to put out a fire in a mattress. The house is owned by L. G. Quagliotti.

Fire Preventive Work.—Chief Davis reports satisfactory progress with the fire preventive work to which allusion was recently made, and that only one objection has been lodged, however, that was withdrawn when the object of the inspection was fully explained.

He attributes some of the success to the prosecution recently carried to city police court. It has acted as a deterrent to others.

TOURNAMENT FOR RED CROSS FUNDS

Entries for Ping-Pong Contest Should Be in by Thursday

The big thing of the week in connection with the Oak Bay Red Cross is the ping-pong tournament which is to be held on Friday and Saturday, February 23 and 24, in aid of their funds. The tournament is to be held in room 208, Pemberton Building, and it is hoped, in view of the central position of the place, that the public will avail itself of the opportunity to take part in the contest.

PAARDEBERG HEROES HONORED YESTERDAY

The Campaigners' Association Place Floral Tribute on Tablet in Drill Hall

A quiet but impressive ceremony was performed at the New Drill Hall at noon yesterday, when about a dozen members of the British Columbia Campaigners' Association assembled for the purpose of paying silent tribute to the memory of the members of the Fifth Regiment of Victoria, who made the supreme sacrifice at Paardeberg seven years ago.

The floral token, to which was attached a card bearing the inscription, "Let us not forget: From the B. C. Campaigners' Association," was placed upon the tablet by Lieutenant-Colonel R. Cartwright, C. M. G., who met the members of the Association at the Drill Hall. In performing the ceremony the Colonel said that the occasion was not one of celebration for the downfall of a one-time enemy, who was now fighting side by side with the forces of the Empire, but to keep alive the memory that the spirit of Canada and the Empire were united in the same cause.

He rejoined to think that so many of the Dominion's brave sons have gone forth, leaving their homes, and their wives and all that they held most dear, to do battle for the cause of right and justice against the oppression of Prussian militarism. The names on the tablet are Capt. M. J. Blanchard, Sergt. W. J. Scott, Pte. J. Todd, Pte. A. Maundrell and Pte. J. H. Somers. As the last post was sounded by a bugler of the overseas company of the 5th Regiment the silent flag, presented to the Campaigners' Association by the Daughters of the Empire, was dipped.

- 1. Duet (cello obligato)..... Miss Long and Mr. Long
2. Song—Selected.....Capt. Craddock
3. Song—Selected.....Miss Mona Misener
4. Dance.....Miss Mary Renwick
5. Song—"The Star," "The Birth of Morn".....D. C. Hughes
6. Duet—"A Dutch Courting".....Mrs. Lake, Miss Pearson
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8. Dance.....Miss Renwick
9. Song—"Somewhere a Voice is Calling".....D. C. Hughes
10. Song—Selected.....Miss Misener
11. Dialogue—"Saving Samuel".....Miss Sylvia Seylly, Miss Pearson, Miss Patricia Prankis, Mrs. Lake

Hollywood Branch. Hollywood and Shoal Bay Branch, whose headquarters are in the Margaret-Jenkins School, will be closed until further notice owing to the epidemic of measles which has broken out in the district.



PRIVATE PETER D. SABISTON Previously reported missing, now officially reported killed in action on September 15 last.

AWARDED D. C. M.

Parkville Boy With Tobin's Tigers Wins Decoration for Brilliant Service on Western Front

Corpl. Charles Hardy, son of C. R. and Mrs. Hardy, of Parkville, who at the time of enlisting with the 29th Battalion, Tobin's Tigers, barely tipped the age scale, has just been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal in recognition of brilliant service on the western front.

Hardy has spent many months in the trenches, and on two occasions was badly wounded, one of which would doubtless have proved fatal but for the protection afforded by his shrapnel helmet. Corpl. Hardy is a member of A company, and during the early days of the Tigers in the trenches he was one of only five who came out of an engagement without injury. He is a grandson of the late Alexander Galloway, of Naanimo.

Demand Phoenix Beer. Home product.

KILLED IN ACTION AFTER MANY BATTLES

Lt. Grestlock, of Strathcona's Horse, Was Boer War Veteran; Well-Known Here

Through the Boer war, surviving many of the memorable engagements in which the Canadians won untold glory on the western front: the orchard fight at Festubert, Givanchy, the battles for the craters at St. Eloi, and finally at the Somme, Lieut. Howard Grestlock has fought the good fight and died in the cause of humanity. Personal merit alone secured advancement from the ranks to a commission in Strathcona's Horse, and it was with this famous regiment that he was in action on February 4, after which he was posted missing. Cabled advices received in the city during the week-end, however, state that he was killed in action that day on the Somme front.

Although Lieut. Grestlock has no relatives here, he is well-known in the city. He had been in the Yukon for 11 years prior to the outbreak of war—making several visits to Victoria during that time—and it was from northern climes at his own expense that he made his journey to Ottawa to join the forces to "do his bit."

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He rejoined to think that so many of the Dominion's brave sons have gone forth, leaving their homes, and their wives and all that they held most dear, to do battle for the cause of right and justice against the oppression of Prussian militarism. The names on the tablet are Capt. M. J. Blanchard, Sergt. W. J. Scott, Pte. J. Todd, Pte. A. Maundrell and Pte. J. H. Somers. As the last post was sounded by a bugler of the overseas company of the 5th Regiment the silent flag, presented to the Campaigners' Association by the Daughters of the Empire, was dipped.

- 1. Duet (cello obligato)..... Miss Long and Mr. Long
2. Song—Selected.....Capt. Craddock
3. Song—Selected.....Miss Mona Misener
4. Dance.....Miss Mary Renwick
5. Song—"The Star," "The Birth of Morn".....D. C. Hughes
6. Duet—"A Dutch Courting".....Mrs. Lake, Miss Pearson
7. Duet—Selected.....Miss Long, Mr. Long
8. Dance.....Miss Renwick
9. Song—"Somewhere a Voice is Calling".....D. C. Hughes
10. Song—Selected.....Miss Misener
11. Dialogue—"Saving Samuel".....Miss Sylvia Seylly, Miss Pearson, Miss Patricia Prankis, Mrs. Lake

Hollywood Branch. Hollywood and Shoal Bay Branch, whose headquarters are in the Margaret-Jenkins School, will be closed until further notice owing to the epidemic of measles which has broken out in the district.



PRIVATE PETER D. SABISTON Previously reported missing, now officially reported killed in action on September 15 last.

AWARDED D. C. M.

Parkville Boy With Tobin's Tigers Wins Decoration for Brilliant Service on Western Front

Corpl. Charles Hardy, son of C. R. and Mrs. Hardy, of Parkville, who at the time of enlisting with the 29th Battalion, Tobin's Tigers, barely tipped the age scale, has just been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal in recognition of brilliant service on the western front.

Hardy has spent many months in the trenches, and on two occasions was badly wounded, one of which would doubtless have proved fatal but for the protection afforded by his shrapnel helmet. Corpl. Hardy is a member of A company, and during the early days of the Tigers in the trenches he was one of only five who came out of an engagement without injury. He is a grandson of the late Alexander Galloway, of Naanimo.

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MEDICAL CORPS MEN LEAVE FOR ENGLAND

More Recruits Wanted to Make Up Another Draft

Number thirteen draft of the Canadian Army Medical Corps left Victoria this afternoon for their long journey overseas.

Captain Cuzner is in command and it is expected that other drafts will join the party in Vancouver. The previous draft went to England on the 17th of January, and it is expected that the same procedure will be carried out on arrival on the other side as that obtaining hitherto, namely, the assignment of the men to the various medical units in need of qualified men.

The departure of this draft creates a very urgent need for recruits for this branch of the service, for the existing order at the Willows is to continue the process of sending drafts as often as arrangements can be made for their transportation. As has been repeatedly said in these columns, the nature of the training these men get here is generally sufficient to equip them for actual service in the field. It is, moreover, not only knowledge that serves the recruit while in the army, but the nature of the study is such that, on his return to civil life, will be of inestimable value.

Full information will be given to incoming recruits at any recruiting office, or at the headquarters of the corps at the Willows.

DIOCESAN BOARD

Quarterly Meeting of the W. A. to Missions Addressed by Alerit Bay Missionary

The quarterly meeting of the Diocesan Board of the W. A. was held at the Christ Church Schoolroom on Feb. 16. Miss Turner presiding.

The session opened at 4 p.m. A welcome was extended to the Board by Mrs. Hiscocks, and to the newly organized branch of St. James by the President. The Junior Superintendent reported a new branch at Oaklands, and reports from 13 senior branches given in most cases showed progress.

A resolution of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mrs. Bompas was passed. Letters were sent to Miss Nixon and Mrs. Clarke. An interesting letter from the Rev. J. Manoel, a native clergyman of South India, giving an account of his work there, was read by Mr. Vincent. Rev. C. R. Littler gave a short address on missionary work.

At the evening session Rev. Mr. Corker, of Alerit Bay, kindly gave an account of the work there, showing the improvement in the Indians during the past 20 years, and the good work being done by the Industrial Schools.

The Treasurer reported receipts \$318.70, expended \$20.45. The Dorcas Secretary asked for hospital supplies, sheets, blankets, towels, etc., also bedding for Alerit Bay. The Literature Secretary proposed that a letter of greeting be sent to Mrs. Toller, late organizing Secretary, and gave notice that a meeting of the Literature Committee would be held at her house on Friday afternoon. Miss Orwin spoke of the work in the Chinese kindergarten, and asked for more assistance. Nine girls and junior branches submitted reports, all showing progress. Miss Turner then addressed the girls and told that one of their number had offered herself for missionary work. A reading by Miss Hill and letters from Miss Spencer and Miss Stevens brought the session to a close.

The next meeting will be held at St. Saviours, Victoria West.

Building Permit.—A building permit has been issued to Martin Moser for a private garage at 3184 Carroll Street.



Victoria Rotary Club Basketball Team delegates to convention at Vancouver, Feb. 24. The names from left to right are: Sue Nason, Reggie Colbert, George T. Warren, J. H. Beattie, A. M. Fraser and Jimmie Adam.

GOVERNMENT AGENCY DESTROYED BY FIRE

Offices and Dwelling at 150-Mile House Totally Consumed; Some Records Lost

On Wednesday evening last the offices of the government agent at 150-Mile House were totally destroyed by fire, and the dwelling of the government agent, which is in a connected building, also went.

Word to this effect came in by this morning's mail from Government Agent W. Sampson, together with a statement of the records saved and those lost. The fire occurred through the accidental upsetting of a lamp in the kitchen of the dwelling by Miss Sampson, about 5.25 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. Within fifteen minutes the whole place was ablaze and it was impossible to enter the house, from which practically nothing was saved.

The offices were the last portion of the building to be caught by the flames, and this gave an opportunity to save some of the records and contents. Help was available from the neighboring houses in the hamlet which makes up what is known as 150-Mile House, and men worked under the direction of Mr. Sampson getting out everything possible until the flames drove them back.

A number of the records of the government agent, who is also mining recorder, registrar of the County Court and registrar of vital statistics, were lost, together with the office furniture.

Mr. Sampson and his family lost all their belongings, to the value of some \$5,000, upon which they had no insurance, it being impossible to insure against fire so far from any means of fighting a blaze. The province will be the loser of the building and office contents, and the records which have been destroyed.

The building was a single-storey frame structure, standing in grounds on the east side of the Cariboo Road, which contained it, the court-house and the school-house. It was prettily situated and the grounds were well kept.

The agent's family have found temporary refuge in the home of Dr. W. K. Fearey, and the papers saved have been housed in the court-house for the present.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sons and Daughters of England Attend Special Worship at Metropolitan Church

A large congregation of Sons and Daughters of England, each of the two lodges of each of which were very largely represented, attended the special memorial service yesterday in honor of those of their members who had fallen in action. The service was at the Metropolitan Methodist Church, which was specially decorated for the

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MOCK PARLIAMENT

Speech From the Throne Will Be Further Considered To-morrow Evening

The Liberal mock parliament will meet to-morrow evening in the board-room of Belmont House, when a large attendance of members and of men and women friends is looked for. The business before the "House" is the further consideration of the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. The debate will be resumed by the leader of the Opposition, Dr. Lewis Hall, and the leader of the Government, H. E. A. Courtney, will reply. It is the intention to finish this debate early in the evening.

The Government has some legislation ready for consideration, one item of which deals with land settlement. There are several answers to be given to questions, in the putting of which the members of the Opposition are showing themselves quite adept.

ADJOURNED FOR A WEEK

Mr. Justice Macdonald Indisposed and Unable to Proceed With Railway Case

The indisposition of Mr. Justice W. A. Macdonald has caused the trial, which has been before him in the Supreme Court for the past six days of its sitting, to be adjourned for the period of one week. This is the case of Grant Smith & Co. versus the Kettle Valley Railway Company in connection with the construction of a railway line from Fenticton to Hydrault Summit in which the plaintiff railway company is suing for the payment of \$899,000 in respect of work done and material supplied.

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MERRITT'S PROSPECTS AS A MINING CENTRE

Considerable Developments Are Looked for in That Section of Country

That Merritt is destined to become a great mining centre is predicted by Murdoch McIntyre, proprietor of the Coldwater Hotel, Merritt, who was in the city for a day or two last week on mining business. Mr. McIntyre has prospected all through the Boundary and Similkameen districts and knows its riches.

Mr. McIntyre is interested in the Hidden Treasure and Merritt group of claims, which embrace some twenty in all, and there are negotiations on at present for the acquisition of these by an English syndicate. The surface indications are excellent, and it is believed that as soon as development work is undertaken by the prospective purchasers the richness of the property will be demonstrated.

These claims are in proximity to the Highland Valley properties, from which many tons of concentrates daily are being sent down to Ashcroft for shipment. Other valuable claims are in the neighborhood.

Merritt is ideally situated for the establishment of a smelter, having the ore, lime and fluxing rock and abundance of coal from which coke can be obtained for use in a smelter. The coal measures in and about Merritt are largely under option at present to Baron Rhondda (D. A. Thomas), Minister of Munitions, and it is probable that after the war development of these will take place on a considerable scale. Their value is more in the by-products which can be obtained from the coal than from the sale of it as fuel. Tests were made a few years ago at Swans on five tons which were sent over, and the results showed that the value of the by-products which could be obtained was from \$15 to \$20 a ton, while the value of the same coal for fuel at Merritt is about \$2.50.

Mr. McIntyre is a strong advocate of the interprovincial highway going by way of Merritt instead of by way of Princeton. To continue on from where it at present ends on the Hope side of the Coquihalla summit it would have to be carried up over the snowline, through a country where it would be impassable for four or five months in the year.

"Why, the Kettle Valley Railway now has to abandon its line during the winter," Mr. McIntyre says, "and has to go by way of Spences Bridge and Merritt for the winter. If a railway cannot go over the summit, how can a motor highway be used twelve months in the year? The natural route for it is by Merritt, and there is the advantage that this route gives the traveller the option of going northward to the Cariboo, eastward to the Kootenay and Alberta, or southward to the Boundary and the United States.

"The natural route for the road to follow is from Yale along the Fraser Valley to Spences Bridge, and a considerable part of that is included in the portion of the old Cariboo trail which the C.P.R. and C.N.R. destroyed in the building of those lines, and which they have to replace. From Yale to Spences Bridge I believe that \$175,000 would cover the cost, while on the Princeton route there has been spent \$240,000 for the 25 miles built from Hope, and there are 40 miles yet to be built of the most expensive section."

Mr. McIntyre went back to Merritt at the week-end.

PATRIOTIC AID

Acknowledgements of Subscriptions From Employees in the City.

The following are some of the recent subscriptions received by the Victoria Patriotic Aid Society:

- Post Office employees, \$102; Yarrow's, Limited, and employees, \$150; Hudson's Bay Co., \$52.50; Victoria Police Department, \$53.50; some employees of the Union Club, \$10.50; employees Hickman-Tyde Hardware Co., \$15; staff, Imperial Bank, \$9.50; staff, Union Bank, \$21; employees B. C. Electric, \$45.64; employees Victoria Gas Co., \$4.96; employees V. L. Power Co., \$12.14; employees, Turner, Beeton & Co., \$9.75; anonymous, \$2; Ramsay's Machine Works and employees, \$11.50; Northwestern Creamery and employees, \$9; Messrs. P. Burns & Co. and employees, \$28.50; employees E. & N. Railway Co., \$29.55; Producers Rock & Gravel Co. and employees, \$65.80; employees W. & J. Wilson, \$29; Messrs. W. & J. Wilson, \$250; staff, Bank of Toronto, \$11; officers and crew C.G.S. Estevan, \$59.75; residents of Sidney, \$91.50; employees Victoria-Phoenix Brewing Co., \$69; employees V. & S. Railway Co., \$11.50.

AGAIN PROMOTED

Brigadier-General Garnet Hughes to Be Temporary Major-General.

Leaving Victoria as a major in the original draft from the 50th Gordon Highlanders under the command of Lieut. C.B. (now Major-General) A. W. Currie, C.B. Temporary Major-General Garnet E. Hughes, D.S.O., has again been promoted to assume the permanent command of the division, which has been temporarily under his wing during the last few months. Victoria will find considerable pride in this latest promotion in view of the fact that with Canada's army at the front of four divisions no less than two of them are under the divisional command of local officers. Major-General Hughes is raised since reaching the front has been rapid, and although only 37 years of age his work and executive ability has been characterized by the skill of a veteran.

BETTER SEASON FOR VICTORIA'S HOTELS

Various Circumstances Are Uniting to Improve Travel Conditions Affecting City

The registrations at the principal hotels, although the legislative session has not yet begun, are far better than at the corresponding period of 1915 and 1916. The mining activity, the advent of a new Government requiring financiers to consult with the Government officials, better publicity work, and the departure of the large Empresses on regular schedules again are the chief causes contributing to this desirable state of things.

The Empress hotel has improved in its bookings greatly in the past six weeks, and the manager has during the past week issued several thousand pamphlets to all the agencies of the C. P. R. system throughout the continent, and in Japan, dealing with the attractions of the hotel. There is also the publicity for the hotel obtained on the back of the folder issued by the company, to which allusion has been made. The determination to encourage the influential class of people who use the Empresses of Asia and Russia for trans-Pacific travel to stay over in the sharp contrast to the policy of the company up till last fall, when it seemed every obstacle was placed in the way of the passenger breaking his journey before he reached Vancouver. It is particularly desirable to look after the hotel guests in Japan, since an extensive and splendidly organized tourist bureau exists in that country reaching the class of people with leisure and means to travel, who can be influenced leaving the Oriental ports.

At the Dominion and other hotels the prairie travel has been very good this year, and while the bands of families are beginning to get anxious now to return for seeding operations—on their farms, the majority appear to be well satisfied with their Victoria experiences. The organization of the Prairie Club has been a useful factor in this respect, also in influencing location here.

The apartment and boarding house conditions are materially improving, which appears to indicate that many transient visitors are staying over for longer periods than was formerly the case.

IMPORTANT PLEA IS FORWARDED TO OTTAWA

Soldier to Civilian in Gradual Stages; Periods of Reaction Must Be Expected

F. A. Pauline, M. P. P., put forth an urgent plea for the welfare of the returned soldier at the meeting of the Council of the Board of Trade on Thursday last. It will be recalled from the report of the proceedings published in the Times the day following that Mr. Pauline desired to bring it home to the Government not merely the need for the moment, but of the absolute necessity for the future of the soldier to be provided against. He fully expected that there would be many cases when the returned man, believing himself quite capable of entering the commercial life of the community with equal chances of success with his fellows, after a few weeks of daily toil would possibly suffer a reactionary period. It was for that first or second breakdown, or even a third of fourth failure to stand the ordinary grind, that he believed should be prepared for by the Government.

Keep Him Till Fit.

Return from civil back to military discipline and proper medical care until recovery is complete and absolute, is one of the most important recommendations of Mr. Pauline's resolution which was drawn up and dispatched to Ottawa on Saturday evening. The terms of the memorial follow:

"Whereas the Dominion Government at great expense of time and money have trained and are training for military services all the man-power of Canada volunteering for overseas service in the maintenance of the highest traditions of the British Empire;

"Whereas these volunteer soldiers, the noblest of our manhood, on the various battle fronts have proved themselves worthy of our great expectations in efficiency and valor;

"Whereas many months and in some cases years of this national service have necessarily changed the whole current of their lives, it follows that variable periods of time will be required to restore these volunteers to a state of effectiveness such as will enable them to follow their pre-war occupations;

"Whereas such preparation for a return to civilian life of these volunteer soldiers is the sole duty of the Canadian Government and requires immediate attention;

"Therefore, be it resolved that no soldier should be discharged until he is physically fit and a position has been found for him, except by request, with proof of ability to maintain himself;

"That pending employment in civil occupations, all volunteer soldiers shall be housed and subject to suitable military discipline and medical supervision, the State to furnish productive employment and facilities for technical education as called for;

"That reasonable provision for a return to military discipline shall be made for any cases where it is found

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SEA SCOUTS BENEFIT BY ENTERTAINMENT

Princess Theatre Packed for Saturday Night Programme

An appeal in behalf of the interest of the public for the Sea Scout movement in Victoria was made by Commander Walter Hose, R. N., at the entertainment held at the Princess Theatre in behalf of this organization on Saturday evening last. Parents were urged to encourage their boys to join the body which does not in any sense bind its members, but trains them in coast-defence in the event of their services being volunteered at any time in this capacity. The speaker referred to the energetic and enthusiastic manager in which Lieut. McDonagh, R.N., who is directing the work of training the Scouts, had gone about this undertaking, and mentioned that not only did the organization have the endorsement of Rear-Admiral Story, but the promised support of the Navy League and of the Navy League Chapter, I. O. D. E. Bro. Ryan was congratulated on having established at St. Louis College the first patrol of Sea Scouts. Several others were being organized, and he hoped would make a good progress.

The entertainment was a very gratifying success. The theatre was packed, and every number was received with unqualified enthusiasm. The stage, with its artistic background of a rose-twined trellis, also bore suggestions of the purpose of the entertainment in the flags and naval pennants which were displayed elsewhere throughout the theatre. Prominent among those on the stage were an anchor and life-preserver, which fitted in particularly well with the "Sailor Dance," which was one of the popular acts of the evening.

The entertainment opened with a sea song by the Arion Club, which did full justice to its long-standing reputation as one of the best male choirs on the coast. The number was given a great ovation, and following up the spirit of the evening the characters gave "The Little Sea Scout" with very fine spirit.

The Misses Briggs, Bass, Tomlin and Simpson danced "The Sailor Dance," light feet and light hearts making the number go gaily. The same artists contributed a Spanish song, and dance in costume, their ranks supplemented by the Misses Manie Fraser—leading danseuse—Eng and Smith. This was a very spirited performance, and won a very hearty encore for the artists.

Mrs. D. B. McConnan also brought forward a chorus number, "Some Girls," in which she took the leading part supported by the Misses Robertson, Dumbleton, Rickaby and Healy. This was well-liked and very effective, both in point of costume and music. Mrs. McConnan sang in due with Mr. McKenzie in a selection from "San Toy," this being a musical feature which well-deserved the applause given.

The soloists of the evening were Miss Dorothy Kirk, a popular young singer whose "Mama's Little Coal Black Rose" won her merited applause, and the encore which she added was no less appreciated; Miss Lilian Haggerty, who sang "Bohemia, Happy Day," with good effect; D. C. Hughes, whose pleasing voice was very effectively used in "I Hear You Calling Me," and Mrs. J. R. Green, a talented musician whose violin selections won her an ovation.

An old favorite of the Victoria stage was seen in the musical sketch, "Notre Qui," the principals in which were Mrs. McDonagh and Mr. Norman Pearce, R.N.C.V.R., and another interesting turn was the tableau, "A Glimpse into the Past" and "A Rendezvous," very cleverly presented by Mrs. C. E. Wilson and Mr. Styles Sehl.

The programme concluded with "Suomis Song," given by the Arion Club under the direction of Mr. Frank Sehl. This made a very nice finishing touch to a thoroughly enjoyable evening entertainment, the fitness of which was greatly added to by the able manner in which Mrs. Gibson fulfilled her responsibilities as accompanist.

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