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FRENCH COMMISSION GREETED ON ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON CITY

Rousing Cheers for Group Headed by Viviani; Marshal Joffre Centre of Interest; French Colors Displayed Along With American Colors at Wharf

Washington, April 25.—The French Commission, headed by Marshal Joffre and former Premier Viviani, landed safely at the Washington navy yard to-day soon after noon.

The reception of the Mission transcended the usual diplomatic courtesies. Rousing cheers and hand-clapping greeted the Frenchmen. Marshal Joffre, hero of the Marne, was the centre of interest, although Rene Viviani, head of the Commission, was warmly received. Headed by Secretary Lansing, American officials paid the visiting Frenchmen every honor.

As the Mayflower came to her wharf marines and sailors kept back all but those directly connected with the reception ceremonies. Attaches of the French Embassy and of the State Department waited, carrying French and American flags.

Marshal Joffre, M. Viviani and the other members of the party lined the rails of the Mayflower. With them were Ambassador Jusserand, Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary Long, Major-General Scott, Rear-Admiral Huse and other officials who had gone to Hampton Roads to welcome the visitors.

As soon as the gangplank was run out, Secretary Lansing boarded the vessel, and warmly clasped the hands of M. Viviani and Marshal Joffre and other members of the Mission. During the brief ceremony the ship's band played the Marseillaise.

Greetings at Richmond, Richmond, Va., April 25.—Members of the French Commission on their way to Washington were warmly greeted by crowds during an automobile tour of the city to-day.

"You look as peaceful and as quiet here," said one of the party, "as France did a few years ago. Let us all hope the conditions here will never change."

More Arrive. New York, April 25.—Seven additional members of the British Commission and one additional member of the French Commission, sent here to confer with American officials on the conduct of the war against Germany, arrived at an American port to-day on a passenger liner. The members of the British party are: Messrs. Goodwin, Heron, Longhorn, Leeming, McGowan, Puckle and Vigor. Captain M. E. D. Jarny, of the French artillery, arrived to join the French delegation.

BALTIC FLEET IS FOR FREE RUSSIA

Will Fight to the Last, Entente Navies Will Be Informed

London, April 25.—The council of army and navy delegates at Sveaborg has decided to send a wireless message to the allied fleets, saying that the Russian Baltic fleet and the army defending its base are in complete readiness to fight to the last in the defence of free Russia, according to a Helsinki dispatch.

The message adds that the soldiers and sailors are in perfect union with their officers. This action is intended as a reply to reports that the Baltic fleet was disorganized and incapable of fighting.

Dispatches from Petrograd during the last few days have reported great activity on the part of the German fleet in the Baltic. A dispatch on Monday said that German transports had left Libau for an unknown destination. Other reports declared that the Germans were planning a land and sea attack on the rear of the Russian line above Riga, with the hope of isolating and capturing Petrograd.

Sveaborg is the great Russian fortress defending the Gulf of Finland. Prior to the war it ranked with Cronstadt, being held to be an impregnable stronghold.

Petrograd dispatches received here yesterday reported an exodus of civilians from the Russian capital because of fear of a German attack.

A GOVERNMENT COAL MONOPOLY IN RUSSIA

Petrograd, April 25.—At a conference at the office of the Minister of Commerce, a Government coal monopoly was proposed and it is believed that the scheme will be put into effect about the middle of May.

Sum of \$200,000,000 Advanced to Britain by the United States

Washington, April 25.—Secretary McAdoo to-day handed the British Ambassador a Treasury war note for \$200,000,000, the first loan made to any Entente Government by the United States under the \$7,000,000,000 war finance measure.

It is likely that most of this sum will be spent in this country for food-stuffs, munitions and supplies.

A similar loan may be made to Italy soon and other sums will be credited to Great Britain or her allies periodically in the near future.

CONSERVATIVE CAUCUS.

Ottawa, April 25.—The first caucus since the session re-opened was held by the Conservatives this forenoon, but no announcement was given out. It is understood the discussion was confined to consideration of the sessional programme.

SAYS SPAIN OUGHT TO JOIN ENTENTE; COUNT ROMANONES



STATES DRAWS FIRST BLOOD; U BOAT SUNK BY AMERICAN LINER MONGOLIA IN WATERS OFF THE BRITISH ISLES

London, April 25.—Captain Rice, master of the American steamship Mongolia, which has arrived at a British port, told a representative of the Associated Press to-day that the Mongolia had fired the first gun of the war for the United States and sunk a German submarine. The naval gunners on board made a clean hit at 1,000 yards. The periscope was seen to be shattered.

Even more pertinent a fact as regards the ultimate fate of the submarine was that the shell disappeared immediately after the hit was made. The captain stated that a shell always ricochets in the water and can be seen again unless it finds the mark. Oil also was seen on the water after the submarine had disappeared.

The Mongolia was going at full speed and was a long distance away when the spray and foam subsided, but from the bridge the officers observed the shot through their glasses, and they are confident the submarine was sunk.

About to Attack. The submarine, Capt. Rice said, was about to attack the liner in British waters on April 19. He declared there was absolutely no doubt that the U boat was hit, and that there was every reason to believe it was destroyed.

The periscope was sighted dead ahead on the last afternoon of the voyage. The captain gave the order for full speed ahead with the intention of ramming the submarine. The periscope disappeared and a few minutes later reappeared ahead of the ship. The gunners fired, hitting the periscope squarely and throwing up a fountain of water.

Capt. Rice paid a high tribute to the gunners and to the manner in which they are handled by their officer. "For five days and nights," he said, "I had not had my clothes off, and we

kept a big force of lookouts on duty all the time. It was 5.20 o'clock in the afternoon of the 19th that we sighted the submarine. The officer commanding the gunners was with me on the bridge, where in fact we had been the most of the time throughout the voyage.

"There was a haze over the sea at the time. We had just taken a sounding, for we were getting near shallow water, and we were looking at the lead when the first mate cried: 'There's a submarine off the port bow.'"

"The submarine was close to us, too close in fact for her purpose, and she was submerging again in order to manoeuvre to a better position for torpedoing us when we sighted her."

Periscope Shattered. "We saw the periscope go down and the swirl of the water. I quickly ordered the man at the wheel to put it hard to starboard and we swung the nose of the ship toward the spot where the submarine had been seen. We were going at full speed ahead and two minutes after we first had sighted the U boat it emerged again about 1,000 yards off. Its intention probably had been to catch us broadside on, but when it appeared we had the ship's stern gun trained full on it. The lieutenant gave the command and the

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ROMANONES HOLDS SPAIN'S PROPER COURSE TO JOIN ENTENTE; THAT IS WHY HE RESIGNED; NOTE TO GERMANY

Paris, April 25.—Count Romanones, in an interview granted to the Madrid correspondent of the Petit Parisien, declared unequivocally that his resignation as Premier of Spain was due to his conviction that Spain should join the Allies. The former Premier is quoted as saying:

"I was convinced that the era of notes had passed. We are more closely blockaded, we are neutral, than Britain. Our ships stay in ports, our business is paralyzed and exports are impossible. It is ruin, and while they ruin us the Germans are carrying on an unbridled propaganda here. They are trying to frighten the people by emphasizing the horrors of war in the newspapers. They pose as the champions of world peace. It is absurd but adroit. Nevertheless the South American nations, issued from our blood, our Latin languages, are preparing for the noble task. They raise their eyes toward their mother with anguish and surprise. The situation is poignant. Well, we shall see."

Note to Germany. Amsterdam, April 25.—The text of the note yesterday sent by the Spanish Government to Germany, as given in a Berlin dispatch, while conveying a grave warning that the end of Spanish patience is in sight as a result of the German submarine operations, also contains a suggestion that a crisis may be avoided through negotiation. The note is quoted as saying in part:

"All the repeated attempts of the Spanish Government, undertaken with the intention of safeguarding its sea traffic and the lives of its sailors, have failed in the face of the imperturbable resolution of the Imperial German Government to employ unusual and violent war measures."

"If the Imperial German Government persists in declaring that it adheres to its determination in order to defend its life, it must not be astonished if Spain for the same reason must emphasize her right to defend her own life. Despite negative replies to its previous note, the Spanish Government still trusts that the German Government will be guided by regard for the lives of Spanish seamen and the safety of Spanish ships."

"The Spanish Government also hopes that the Imperial German Government, fully appreciating the difficult economic situation in Spain, will enter into a discussion regarding measures which may be taken for a mitigation of the difficulties which have arisen in Spain."

BRITISH GAIN MORE GROUND TO EAST AND SOUTHEAST OF ARRAS; 3,029 GERMANS TAKEN

REICHSTAG ADJOURNED TO GREAT ANNOYANCE OF THE SOCIALISTS

London, April 25.—The adjournment of the German Reichstag until May 2 after a brief session yesterday is reported in a Central News dispatch from Amsterdam.

Philip Scheidemann, Socialist leader, expressed regret that the Reichstag should be convoked and then adjourned almost immediately.

George Ledebour, leader of the Social Democrats, said that regret was not enough. He demanded that the Reichstag should meet to-day for discussion of the food problem.

"Thousands of workmen," he said, "have been forced to abandon work owing to their distress."

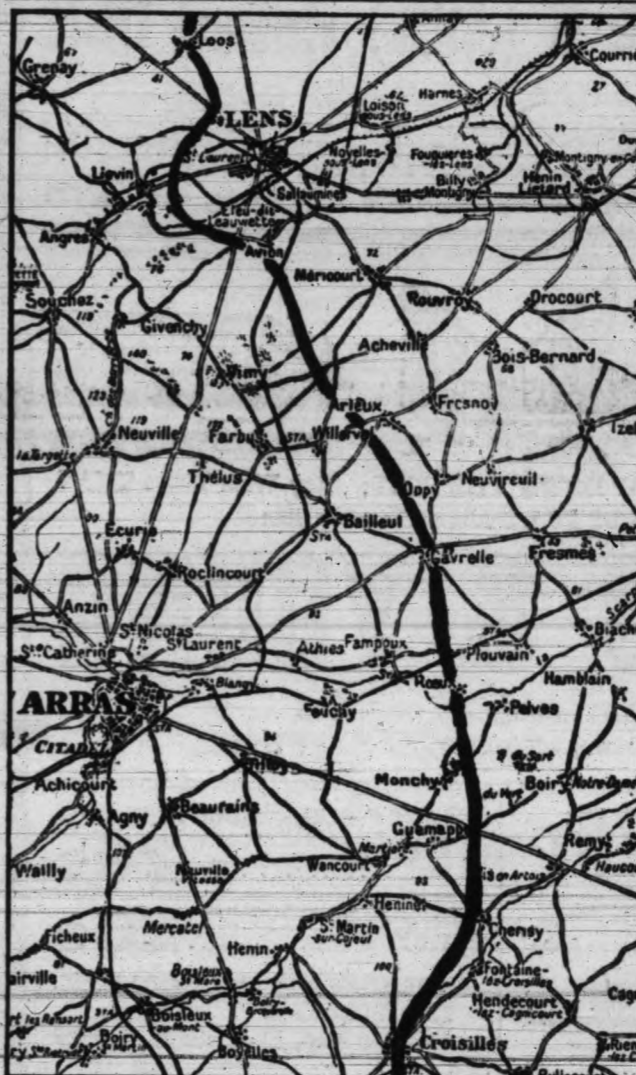
Hamlet of Bilhem Captured, Haig Reports; Progress Between Cojeul and Scarpe; Positions Taken Secured; Gains Made by French Troops in the Champagne

London, April 25.—In pushing the British offensive in Northern France to-day Field-Marshal Haig directed an attack along the three-mile front between the Cojeul and Scarpe Rivers, where further gains have been scored.

South of the Arras battlefield the British forces are eating bit by bit into the German lines between Cambrai and St. Quentin. More than 3,000 prisoners have been taken by the British forces since Monday morning.

With the French armies along the Aisne front and in the Champagne the battle is confined mainly to the artillery, although the French continue to make progress in local fighting.

TITANIC BATTLE IN PROGRESS



The battle on what is called the Arras front in France has grown steadily more intense since the British launched their great offensive until now the fighting is of the most violent nature.

ADMINISTRATION OF LUXEMBURG RESIGNS; CONFIDENCE LACKING

Amsterdam, April 25.—A telegram from Luxembourg says that the Administration has placed its resignation in the hands of the Grand Duchess. The action was based on the ground that the Government no longer enjoys the confidence of the people and that neither the producers nor consumers are doing their duty.

VAN STRAUBENZEE IS ARTILLERY INSPECTOR

London, April 25.—The following Canadian appointments are gazetted: Brig.-Gen. C. T. Van Straubenzee, to be Inspector-General of the Royal Canadian Artillery and temporary Major-General.

Appointed to the Royal Flying Corps—Lieut. J. A. Menzies, to be flying officer; Lieut. J. S. Ferguson, of the Pioneer and H. S. Whiteside, of the machine gun corps, to be observers.

Quartermaster J. H. Rothery, of the Strathcona Horse, to be honorary captain; Maj. J. B. Donnelly, of the Forestry Corps, to be temporary Lieutenant-Colonel; Major S. H. McFordie, general list, to hold the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel while commanding the railway troops depot.

GAULT APPLICATIONS FOR DIVORCE DROPPED

Ottawa, April 25.—At a conference this forenoon between representatives of Major Hamilton Gault and Mrs. Hamilton Gault it was agreed that their applications for divorce should be withdrawn. Both Major Gault and Mrs. Gault had applied again this session for legal dissolution of their marriage. A separation and allowance recently were granted Mrs. Gault in Montreal.

Major Gault, who was responsible for the raising of the battalion known as the Princess Pats, was wounded three times, and the last time lost a leg. His wife is a sister of George Washington Stevens, of Montreal.

MESSAGE TO PEASANTS AT RUSSIAN FRONT

Petrograd, April 25.—The Grand Committee of the Alliance of Peasants has addressed the following petition to the peasants at the front:

"Do your duty. Do not fear that the lands will be divided without you. This division can not be made by isolated villages, for that would provoke internal quarrels by which the enemy might profit. Only the Constituent Assembly, wherein you will be represented, will decide this important question."

London, April 25.—The British have taken 3,029 prisoners in the new attack on the front in Northern France since Monday morning, including 56 officers, it was officially reported to-day, and have captured the hamlet of Bilhem, east of Havrincourt Wood.

The text of the report follows: "In the area east of Havrincourt Wood during the night we captured the hamlet of Bilhem, northeast of Trescault village."

"Fighting took place early this morning along our front between the Cojeul and Scarpe Rivers. Further progress has been made by us and the ground gained has been secured."

"The numbers of prisoners captured by us since Monday morning is 3,029, including 56 officers."

French Gained. Paris, April 25.—French troops gained ground last night in the Champagne, the War Office announced this afternoon. A German attack near Hurbise was repulsed.

The German troops made several futile efforts to raid French trenches near Thure and Maisons-de-Champagne, leaving many dead in the wire entanglements.

The text of the report follows: "The enemy began a bombardment of our trenches near La Fore, which was checked quickly by the counterfire of our artillery."

"We made some progress southeast of Cerney-en-Laonnois and took prisoners. A German attack this morning near Hurbise and on the Vaucleur plateau was checked by our fire."

"In the Champagne, near the mountain without a name, we made progress, taking prisoners and one cannon. "Near Thure and Maisons-de-Champagne enemy troops made several fruitless attacks."

German Statement.

Berlin, April 25.—Since yesterday and this morning, says the official statement issued to-day, fighting has continued for possession of the village of Gavrelle, six miles northeast of Arras. On Monday, the statement adds, 650 British soldiers were taken prisoner. Twenty aeroplanes were brought down by the Germans on Monday and 19 Entente machines were accounted for yesterday on the western front.

Heavy artillery fighting is again in progress over the front of the French offensive. Attacks by the French near Hurbise, in the vicinity of Brimont and west of Sulpes are said to have been unsuccessful.

SCOTTISH LIBERALS WELCOME THE STATES

Edinburgh, April 25.—The executive council of the Scottish Liberal Association at a meeting yesterday presided over by Sir William Robertson, passed a resolution welcoming "with enthusiasm the entry of the great American republic of its own free will into this mighty struggle for freedom and civilization."

THE VIENNA EXCHANGE AND PEACE RUMORS

Copenhagen, April 25.—Vienna dispatches report that an official warning has been posted on the Vienna Stock Exchange against the dangers of a speculative bull movement based on peace rumors. The warning declares that while the military and political situations undoubtedly justify confidence, a greater reserve is advisable.

MAJ.-GENERAL HUGHES GOING TO ENGLAND

Winnipeg, April 25.—Major-General John Hughes, Inspector-General of Western Forces, will leave shortly to inspect the Canadian military camps and training operations in England and France. During his absence Major J. W. Sifton, a staff officer, will be in charge of Maj.-Gen. Hughes's department.

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URGES FREE WHEAT BY ACT OF PARLIAMENT

Turriff Moves Amendment in Commons; A. K. Maclean on Government's Financing

Ottawa, April 25.—A. K. Maclean, Liberal, Halifax, said in the House of Commons yesterday, after Sir Thomas White had delivered the budget speech, that the Canadian people had been borrowing too much and paying too little. The expenses of government had been too high. If patronage and party considerations were disregarded the surplus applicable to war payments would exceed \$100,000,000.

Mr. Maclean criticized the Government for its proposal to introduce the highways bill again. This was a political dodge, because the \$100,000,000 it was proposed to spend could not be secured for that purpose otherwise under present conditions.

Dealing with the free wheat order-in-council, Mr. Maclean declared that free wheat should have been introduced as a budget measure. The order-in-council under the "War Measures Act" was only a temporary measure. It would expire when the war was over.

Sir Thomas White produced a legal opinion by the Deputy Minister of Justice to the effect that the order-in-council had all the permanency of an act of Parliament.

The other speakers were Dr. Michael Clark, Sir Herbert Ames, and J. G. Turriff, who moved an amendment to the effect that free wheat should be ratified by parliamentary enactment this session.

AGRICULTURAL BILL HANDLED IN DEBATE

Runciman Says in Imperial House of Commons It is Controversial

London, April 25.—Rt. Hon. Walter Runciman, former President of the Board of Trade, alluding to the admission by Rowland Prothero, President of the Board of Agriculture, yesterday in the House of Commons, that the bill under which minimum prices for wheat and oats for six years and minimum wages for agricultural laborers are fixed is bristling with controversial points, complained that the Government, by introducing the measure, had departed from the rule that no controversial bills should be put forward during the war. It was necessary, he added, to face frankly the fact that the real reason for the deficiency in wheat cultivation was deficiency in labor, and that to increase food production during the war the skilled laborer taken from the land for the army must be restored.

The bill, he asserted, was a post-war measure and not a real substitute for more effective naval action against the German submarines. Mr. Runciman criticized the bill, objecting particularly to the bounty system being applied to agriculture, which was to be regarded as of a protectionist character. The bill was not really a war measure, but would apply largely after the war and create vested interests, paving the way to a permanent subsidy to agriculture.

George Roberts, Labor member and a Lord Commissioner of the Treasury, replying to the criticism, said on behalf of the Government that the problem had arisen through past neglect and now was so urgent that natural development of industry could not be solely relied upon. He believed the country as a whole desired that agriculture should be made more prosperous and secure and would resent the action of any party which endeavored to frustrate its development.

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ADVANTAGE STEADILY LIES WITH BRITISH

Fighting Monday Was Fierce; Progress Yesterday; German Falsehoods Exposed

London, April 25.—The War Office last night gave out the following report from the British front in Northern France:

"Further information received regarding Monday's battle shows that the fighting was of an exceptionally fierce nature. Several German divisions were engaged on the front from Croisilles to Gavrelle. Several points of tactical importance changed hands more than once, but eventually all these remained in our possession, except a few buildings north of Rouex.

"Not only were frequent hostile counter-attacks shattered by our artillery fire, but those of the enemy who succeeded in penetrating our barbed wire were cut down by our rifle or machine gun fire.

"One British corps took prisoners no fewer than four German divisions. Our troops advanced along the whole front.

"To-day there has again been considerable fighting, though somewhat less here. Between the Senese River and Monchy-le-Freux our progress has been continuous, and our line has been advanced to within a few hundred yards of Fontaine-les-Croisilles and Cherisy.

"During the afternoon near Gavrelle a hostile counter-attack by strong forces was broken up by our artillery and driven back in disorder.

"More than 2,000 prisoners have passed through our collecting stations since Monday morning, and there are others yet to come.

"There was a greater amount of fighting in the air on Monday than had taken place before in a single day. Fifteen German machines were brought down destroyed and 24 others were driven down out of control, a majority of which probably were crashed. A large twin-engine three-seater was brought down inside our lines. Its occupants were made prisoner. Only two of our machines are missing."

French Report.

Paris, April 25.—The following official report was issued last night: "The day was marked chiefly by artillery actions along the whole front. We continued to shell the enemy batteries and organizations in the region of St. Quentin, the Oise, Corbigny, Juvincourt and the Champagne. Explosions were observed in a number of batteries.

"We have brought in four German howitzers of 105 millimetres, captured during the recent engagements on the plateau of Chemin des Dames which were not included in the previous inventory made public.

"Near Monroville our light forces penetrated German trenches and found them filled with German dead."

A Belgian communication said: "There was intense artillery activity this morning."

German Falsehoods.

London, April 25.—The War Office issued the following statement last night: "A German official statement received by wireless to-day affords a remarkable instance of the methods the enemy now is adopting to explain away his defeat and encourage the German people. These methods consist in attributing to us designs we have never entertained, thus proving that they have failed completely.

"Neither on the 9th of April nor on the 23rd did we attempt to break through the German lines in the sense conveyed in the German communications. Our objective in each case was limited. On both occasions we gained the objectives assigned to the attacking troops.

"The German message states that the western suburbs of Lens, Gavrelle, Rouex and Guemappe were the hottest places in the fierce struggle. This obviously is intended to give the impression that all these places were included in our objectives. As a matter of fact we made no attacks at the first three-named places, which are at a considerable distance from our lines. The attack did not take place on a 30-kilometre front, but on a front of 14 kilometres. On this front we were successful in securing Gavrelle and Guemappe and in establishing ourselves on the western outskirts of Rouex. These villages alone formed our objectives."

The text of the German official statement referred to above follows: "On the Arras battlefield British troops, standing on French territory, yesterday delivered a second great thrust to break through the German lines.

"The heaviest batteries for days had been hurling masses of shells against our positions. Early Monday morning the artillery battle increased to a very strong drumfire. Soon afterwards British attacking troops, often preceded by their tanks, broke forward on a front of 30 kilometres to the attack behind this wall of fire.

"Our destructive fire received them, and in many places forced them to withdraw with heavy losses. At other points the battle ebbed and flowed with great bitterness. Wherever the enemy gained ground our infantry drove him back again by strong counter-attacks. The western suburbs of Lens, Gavrelle, Rouex and Guemappe were the hottest places in the fierce struggle.

"After the breakdown of the first attack, a further attack with new masses followed toward evening on both sides of the river across the field of death before our lines. This attack also broke down after hand-to-hand fighting. Only on the Cambrai-Arras road did the enemy gain a few hun-



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TURKISH TROOPS WERE DEFEATED NEAR GAZA

London, April 25.—An official communication dated April 22, referring to the operations against the Turks, reports the withdrawal for some kilometers of a Turkish detachment on the left bank of the Tigris and of the Turks on the Sinai front. The report says: "The enemy, defeated near Gaza, Southern Palestine, withdrew his right wing. He is constructing new positions with the object of protecting his flank. The small number of prisoners taken in this fighting proves that the struggle was a desperate one. We captured a large number of rifles and some automatic guns. Three armored cars which the enemy sent into the fight were destroyed."

The Turkish forces in Southern Palestine, who have been reinforced, occupy a strongly entrenched position extending from Gaza in the direction of Beerseba according to a report from the commander-in-chief of the British forces in Egypt made public last evening. The organization of positions gained on the front of the Turkish main line is proceeding satisfactorily, says the report, which adds in conclusion that "our artillery, assisted by aircraft, exploded a munitions dump in Gaza."

MAJOR MORAHT AGAIN EXPRESSES SOME VIEWS

Amsterdam, April 25.—Major Morah, writing in the Tages Zeitung, says that the results of the French offensive hitherto are unimportant. Major Morah writes: "The aim of the German defence is, even at the cost of abandoning the dead together with war materials and portions of positions, to maintain our own strength while destroying that of the enemy and preventing him from attaining his strategic aim, which is to break through."

The writer considers that by yielding at some points the Germans may force their opponents to fight without the support of their heavy artillery and consequently expose them to destruction by the German infantry and artillery fire. He continues: "Tactical success in modern battles is not judged by the gain of single portions of terrain or the amount of booty, but depends on the complete physical and moral disorganization of the enemy owing to his loss of strength."

PATRIOTIC FUND UP TO END OF 1916

Ottawa, April 25.—A return tabled in the Commons yesterday by the Minister of Finance gives details of the receipts and expenditures of the National Patriotic Fund up to the end of 1916. The total contributions up to December 31 last amounted to \$12,943,023, while the amount expended for relief totalled \$12,661,688. The number of families in receipt of relief is given as 81,874, and the number of individuals as 144,322.

GERMAN DESTROYER BELIEVED SUNK BY BRITISH AVIATORS

London, April 25.—A statement issued by the Admiralty reports an attack by three British naval aeroplanes on five enemy destroyers, which were seen at 4.30 Monday steaming between Blankenberghe and Zeebrugge, in a northeasterly direction, five miles off the coast.

"The leading machine," says the statement, "attacked, dropping sixteen bombs, one of which was seen to make a direct hit. The remaining four destroyers scattered, and were attacked by the two remaining machines, thirty-two bombs being dropped. The leading destroyer was observed to take a list to port and remain stationary after all the bombs had been dropped.

"The other destroyers closed in on the disabled craft. A hostile machine attacked our machines, but was easily driven off.

"At 6.20 the four destroyers were reported by a reconnaissance machine as entering Zeebrugge harbor. It is considered most probable that one destroyer was sunk."

A GERMAN INTERVIEW.

London, April 25.—The Berlin papers publish an interview with Alfred Lehmann, president of the Ocean Navigation Company, which operated the German merchant submarine Deutschland, in which he declared that the Anglo-Saxon races were plotting the economic domination of the world. After asserting that the United States already was contemplating a post-bellum economic war, Lehmann continued: "This fact shows that a combination of the Anglo-Saxon races has laid down a new world economic foundation—an Anglo-Saxon economic bloc against which Europe must arm herself in time. If President Wilson finally has dropped the Monroe Doctrine we must create such a doctrine for Europe.

"The English Channel marks the future economic division between Europe and America. There are no longer two hostile economic world groups but three, namely, the European continent, the Anglo-Saxon world and the Far East, with Japan. The European bloc, with over 200,000,000 inhabitants, will be able to withstand Anglo-Saxon domination."

LANDED IN FRENCH LINES.

Paris, April 25.—Sergeant William Dunsan, one of the American aviators with the French army yesterday was reported missing, escaped death in an engagement with a German pilot and succeeded in landing inside the French lines, according to word received to-day.

The Folly of Taking Digestive Pills

A Warning to Dyspeptics.

The habit of taking digestive pills after meals makes chronic dyspepsia of many thousands of men and women because artificial digestants, drugs and medicines have practically no influence upon the excessively acid condition of the stomach contents which is the cause of most forms of indigestion and dyspepsia.

The after dinner pill merely lessens the sensitiveness of the stomach to acid and thus gives a false sense of freedom from pain. If those who are subject to indigestion, gas, flatulence, belching, bloat, heartburn, etc., after eating would get about an ounce of pure bleached magnesia from their druggist and take a teaspoonful in a little water after meals there would be no further necessity for drugs or medicines because bleached magnesia instantly neutralizes stomach acidity, stops food fermentation and thus insures normal, painless digestion by enabling the stomach to do its work without hindrance.

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ANZAC ANNIVERSARY CAUSE OF MESSAGES

Rt. Hon. Arthur Henderson and General Robertson to Australasians

London, April 25.—(Through Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—Rt. Hon. Arthur Henderson, a member of the War Cabinet, has sent the following message to Australasia and New Zealand:

"The second anniversary of the memorable landing of the Anzacs on the Gallipoli Peninsula recalls to our minds an achievement unsurpassed in the annals of the great war and which deserves to live throughout the history of the Empire. A tradition so magnificently founded will be carried on I doubt not, in a manner worthy of those who freely offered their lives when they stormed a position which the enemy thought to be impregnable.

"As the conflict progresses we see the enemy's strength weaken, has recourse to greater intemperate, the shameful devastation of the territory evacuated in France, the deportation of women and non-combatants, and above all the shameful slaughter of wounded heroes by attacks delivered on hospital ships, are signs that the enemy is lost to all sense of humanity and the meaning of civilization.

"To uphold the glorious tradition of the Anzacs' landing, to avenge the wrongs done by the enemy to the innocent and to re-establish the rights of smaller nations to freedom and justice, are the noble aims which I feel confident will inspire all the Australasians, together with their comrades in every theatre of the war and further efforts in bringing the conflict to a victorious conclusion."

Robertson's Message. Gen. Sir William Robertson, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, sent the following message:

"We all recognize with pride and gratitude the fine work done by the troops of the Dominions for the Empire in every theatre of the war and look with every confidence to a supreme effort being made by all at home and abroad in order that we may finish the business we have in hand and in such a way as shall prevent for generations to come a recurrence of the horrors and hardships of the last two and a half years."

GERMAN SOCIALISTS ATTACKED BY WESTARP

Amsterdam, April 25.—The recent strike movement in Germany was discussed at a meeting of the Auxiliary Service Committee of the Reichstag, at which Count Westarp, leader of the Conservatives, welcomed General Groner's declaration that further attempts to interfere with munitions work would be ruthlessly suppressed. Count Westarp insinuated that money had played a part in the strike and accused the Socialist minority of playing the game of Germany's enemies. He denied that the trouble has been caused by lack of food.

The Socialists indignantly denied the insinuation that bribes had been used and placed the blame for the strike on the administration of the Spandau works, the fact that the bread ration had been decreased and on the agrarian policy. One speaker declared that the agrarians, owing to the high price of cattle, fed them with bread and corn, which the munitions workers could not obtain.

GERMAN DISTURBERS BUSY IN BRAZIL

Rio de Janeiro, April 25.—Deputy João Nabuco de Gouveia, of Rio Grande do Sul, returned to Rio de Janeiro today and said he was able to confirm the reports that the recent disturbances in Porto Alegre were caused by Germans. He declared that the native population was determined to crush the Germans if they did not desist from their efforts to make trouble.

LONDON EXCHANGE CLOSES SATURDAYS

London, April 25.—Announcement was made today that the London Stock Exchange will be closed Saturdays until further notice to permit members and employees to take up work of national importance.

MILLIONS OF EGGS HELD AT CHICAGO

Chicago, April 25.—Herbert A. Emerson, who has been to the Pacific Coast investigating food conditions for John J. Dillon, commissioner of the State of New York, says there are between 30,000,000 and 35,000,000 eggs on the tracks in Chicago, held by speculators to keep up the high prices.

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CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, April 25.—The following casualties have been announced:

Infantry. Died of wounds—Pte. H. Moore, Montreal; Pte. R. Cicero, Fortiata, Idaho; Pte. H. Hardin, Longwood, Alta.

Presumed to have died—Pte. W. Lacau, Sudbury, Ont.; Pte. T. J. Swift, England; Pte. W. Stokes, Cobalt, Ont.; Pte. T. Stewart, England; Pte. W. Manley, England; Pte. A. Colquhoun, Toronto; Pte. H. Goodyear, England; Pte. A. Maclean, Scotland; Pte. A. Shurbrook, England; Pte. R. Scott, Scotland; Cpl. H. Powell, Quebec; Pte. G. Pickle, England; Pte. I. Pickell, Belleville, Ont.; Pte. J. H. Jones, Wales; Pte. T. Mackinnon, Scotland; Pte. J. Wilson, England; Pte. T. Martin, England.

Wounded—Pte. R. Williams, Montreal; Pte. G. W. Kennedy, Quebec; Pte. S. Halton, Pincher Creek, Alta.; Cpl. A. Burke, Silver Springs, Sask.; Pte. R. Muir, Quebec; Pte. R. Walton, Port Saskatchewan, Alta.; Pte. J. Dewitt, Woodstock, N. B.; Cpl. A. Ramage, Scotland; Pte. J. Murray, Montreal; Pte. J. Dickson, Calgary; Pte. D. McMan, Godolphin, Ont.; Pte. M. Slemmon, Salmon Arm, B. C.; Pte. L. Bond, England; Pte. T. Mack, Toronto; Pte. J. McIntyre, Riverstone, Sask.; Pte. H. Gaylor, Winnipeg; Pte. J. Rain, Winnipeg; Pte. T. E. Smith, Winnipeg; Pte. R. McLeod, West Selkirk, Man.; Pte. G. Clarkson, Toronto; Pte. W. Wessels, Winnipeg; Pte. W. Henderson, Scotland; Pte. G. Glenday, Burnside, Man.; Cpl. N. Campbell, Scotland; Pte. R. Myers, Gravenhurst, Ont.; Pte. J. Mallabar, Winnipeg; Pte. E. Grant, Portsmouth, Ont.; Pte. J. Vance, Scotland; Pte. A. Watling, England; Pte. A. Bissett, Winnipeg; Pte. A. Diller, Quebec; Pte. D. Edwards, Brandon, Man.; Pte. J. Ford, England; Pte. D. Martin, Winnipeg; Pte. J. Provis, Winnipeg; Pte. J. Roberts, Wales; Pte. O. Somerset, Carroll, Man.; Pte. E. Lawrence, Mexico; Pte. M. Brown, Russia; Pte. H. Dick, Pnoka, Alta.; Pte. W. Thompson, England; Pte. F. K. Dubuley, Toronto; Pte. G. Mitchell, Toronto; Pte. G. McCarthy, Montreal; Pte. J. Olsen, Denmark; Pte. C. Smith, England; Pte. C. Brady, Oakville, Ont.; Pte. A. Brooks, Ireland; Pte. C. Johnson, St. John, N. B.; Pte. E. O'Loughlin, Ireland; Pte. H. Baker, England; Pte. J. Harding, Niagara Falls; Pte. J. Sanderson, Toronto; Pte. J. Russell, Quebec; Pte. A. O'Brien, Milltown, N. B.; Pte. F. Woodward, St. John, N. B.; Pte. C. Sandells, Winnipeg; Pte. J. Maysfield, Douglas, Ont.; Pte. C. Cooper, Toronto; Cpl. A. Ferguson, England; Pte. W. Halliday, Montreal; Pte. T. Garrastrang, Montreal; Pte. J. Laramie, United States; Pte. Z. McKee, Quebec; Pte. W. Kelleher, Fairville, N. B.; Pte. E. Finn, Elmbridge, Ont.; Pte. T. Wiggins, The Pas, Man.; Pte. C. Palmer, England; Sgt. J. Kidd, Scotland; Pte. W. Dunn, Ireland; Pte. H. Pelat, France; Pte. S. Sykes, Winnipeg; Pte. N. S. Neddin, Crystal City, Man.; Cpl. J. Gamble, England; Pte. P. McConachy, Shoal Lake, Man.; Pte. J. Gray, St. Pierre, Man.; Pte. T. Roberts, England; Pte. W. Black, Toronto; Pte. S. Nye, England; Pte. W. Payne, Huntville, Ont.; Pte. G. Roseco, Regina; Pte. W. Moore, Detroit; Pte. P. Collyer, Scotland; Pte. L. Morris, Jersey City, N. J.; Pte. W. Hobson, Toronto; Pte. J. Shaw, Hamilton; Pte. H. Armstrong, Kingston; Pte. A. Massingham, England; Pte. H. Fuller, Ridgeway, Ont.; Pte. J. Davis, Toronto; Pte. R. Darby, Toronto; Pte. J. Moran, Hamilton; Pte. W. Turner, Hamilton; Sgt. C. Stephenson, Toronto; Cpl. J. Bowmer, Brantford, Man.; Pte. G. Budd, England; Pte. A. Nordgren, Bowman, N. B.; Pte. E. Tribe, Regina; Pte. A. McMurchy, Arden, Man.; Cpl. N. Campbell, Scotland; Pte. F. Costello, Winnipeg; Sgt. T. E. Helps, Winnipeg; Pte. C. Crook, England; Pte. L. Dolmont, England; Pte. E. Pearson, Winnipeg; Pte. J. McKee, Scotland; Pte. J. Webbsdale, Jenner, Alta.; Cpl. A. Wootto, England; Pte. P. Palmer, Winnipeg; Pte. B. Webb, England; Pte. A. Lakevoid, Vermillion, Alta.; Pte. W. A. Towlan, Mount Lehman, B. C.; Pte. A. Perry, Quebec; Pte. P. Jourdanis, Quebec; Pte. C. Barry, Simeon, Ont.; Cpl. F. Pickup, Quebec; Cpl. C. Chappell, Hamilton; Cpl. B. Freeman, Millarville, Alta.; Pte. F. Stevenson, North River, P. E. I.; Pte. J. Watson, Medicine Hat; Pte. U. Nurse, Vancouver; Cpl. R. McDonnell, Ireland; Pte. J. Debow, Cornhill, N. B.; Pte. E. Garrod, Calgary; Pte. J. Wilson, Dodson, Mont.; Pte. B. Buck, Calgary.

Services. Died—Pte. G. Parnell, Yarmouth, N. S.

Seriously ill—Pte. A. Houghland, Timmins, Ont.

London, April 25.—The following reports have been received from hospitals concerning wounded Canadian officers: Removed from the list of seriously ill—Lieutenants C. W. Topping, W. T. Alexander, T. C. Urquhart. Previously seriously ill—Lieut. W. Kift, suffering from multiple wounds. Seriously wounded—Lieut. C. B. Hamm, wounded in the head. Discharged as fit for duty—Lieutenants J. A. Mavor, C. W. Watt, T. A. Major, S. G. Penny and C. W. Cowper. The following officers have arrived at the various hospitals at Boulogne—Lieut. C. O. Hutchison, wounded in the shoulder, slight; Lieut. M. E. Newman, shot in the chest, slight; Lieut. L. M. Sinclair, wounded in the legs; Lieut. S. D. Johnson, wounded in the chest, abdomen and head, severe; Lieut. E. R. Morgan, slightly wounded in the hip; Lieut. H. A. Johnson, slightly wounded in the thigh; Lieut. B. O. Mills, slightly wounded in the body.

At Etaples—Lieut. S. P. Sester, slightly wounded in the thigh; Lieut. C. Stevenson, slightly wounded in the neck; Lieut. D. Colville, slightly wounded in the hand. At Cambes—Lieut. F. A. Harman, shell wound in the thigh. At Denmark Hill—Lieut.-Col. T. V. Anderson, wounded in the wrist; Lieut. C. E. Murray, wounded in leg; Capt. L. Gauvreau, wounded in arm; Lieut. R. McL. Koswick, wounded in the face. At Camberwell—Lieut. E. G. Rietchel, wounded in thigh; Lieut. E. C. Corbett, wounded in thigh; Lieut. C. H. Kerr, gassed.

At Wansworth—Lieut. T. B. Johnson. At Weymouth—Lieut. J. Carvoso, wounded in chest; Lieut. J. E. Tait, wounded in knee; Capt. Costigan, wounded in abdomen. At Roland Gardens—Lieut. D. Guthrie. At Reading—Lieut. S. J. M. Massey, wounded in the chest, severe; Lieut. E. A. Burns, slightly wounded in body; Lieut. C. Morris, slightly wounded. At Hyde Park—Capt. H. E. Hartney, contusions of face; Lieut. E. P. Cloran, wounded in face, hands, and knee.

Winnipeg, April 25.—Among the casualties listed is the name of Pte. S. W. Carley, whose address is given as 592 Pine Street, Seattle. He is reported killed in action, previously having been reported missing. He formerly lived in Winnipeg and was a son of the late James A. and Mrs. Carley and a brother of Mrs. F. A. Drummond and Mrs. Claude Nash, of Winnipeg. Private Carley enlisted with a Victoria battalion.

GERMANY NOW BACKING DOWN BEFORE NEUTRALS

Christiania, April 25.—The Norwegians Handels Sionarts Tidende says that as a result of reports by German ministers and consuls in neutral countries to the German Government the latter probably will draft new regulations governing the ruthless submarine warfare upon neutral shipping. Spain, the newspaper adds, already has obtained concessions.

IN GERMANY.

Amsterdam, April 25.—The General Anzeiger, of Dusseldorf, publishes a dispatch that at a reception to foreign journalists in Berlin the most "reassuring" declarations were given concerning the democratic character of the new orientation as evidenced by proposed legislation. In fact, it was said, "democracy is on the march." Regarding Germany's war aims, it was declared that the world will be astonished by the moderation of the German peace terms.

HOLLAND'S NEUTRALITY.

The Hague, April 25.—Discussing foreign affairs in the first Chamber of Parliament yesterday, Jonkers-Lodon, the Foreign Minister, said that no matter what the pressure might be, the Dutch Government would not deviate from the neutral course it had hitherto pursued.

SENATOR CORBY DEAD.

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les Croisilles, near the southern end of the eight-mile front.

On the rest of the British front and along the French front things are comparatively quiet, although the steady progress of the British north of St. Quentin has brought them to the canal of that name which was used by the Germans as one of their communications with Cambrai.

The German peace machine is again hard at work. The recent conferences between the various members of the Teutonic combination unquestionably have to do with a brand new offer from Berlin. One German paper says Germany's terms will "astound the world" by their moderation.

British War Office bulletins are never extravagantly phrased. Hence, we may be sure the description "exceedingly fierce" which was applied to the fighting near Arras in last night's report does not overstate the case.

What this would mean to the enemy may be gathered from the manner in which he has reacted to the British pressure. Von Hindenburg has thrown into that locality reserve division after reserve division—the "strategic reserves" he was mobilizing for an offensive of his own—with heavy reinforcements of artillery. German officers can be heard commanding and appealing to their soldiers and standing firm. The enemy is even resisting in the open with the bayonet, something he avoids as often as he can.

SIR RICHARD THE GOAT. According to his evidence before the P. G. E. committee Mr. Taylor, the late Minister of Railways, knew virtually nothing of the relations between the railway company and the Government.

The German line from St. Quentin northward follows the eastern ridges of the great French watershed. Between Lens and the Scarpe (the latter east of Arras) the enemy has been thrown from the heights to the open country. He is now trying to avert an extension of this process between the Scarpe and Croisilles, for he realizes that the wider the front on which he is forced into the line, the greater the danger to his whole line.

pulling the strings. As a matter of fact, as far as their accessibility to the treasury was concerned, the company might as well have been the Government.

But Mr. Bowser did not exhibit such ignorance of the P. G. E. situation either last session or on the platform in the recent election, while in the election of 1912 he devoted a considerable part of his last rally speech in this city to an exposition of the contract with a special eulogy of the provisions protecting the treasury against overpayments.

But while Mr. Bowser was unable to shed the slightest illumination upon the P. G. E. scandal he was ready with a little statement regarding campaign funds. This is what he said on that subject: "If any evidence is brought before this committee more direct than Mr. Tate's I intend to tell what I know, and it may be very interesting to the Liberals of the province what I have to tell."

ANOTHER BUDGET. In his budget speech yesterday Sir Thomas White said Canada's debt, which was \$236,000,000 when the war began, now stood at \$990,000,000, and predicted that it would reach \$1,300,000,000 at the end of the current fiscal year, that is, on March 31, 1918.

According to Sir Thomas White our current and capital expenditure, that is expenditure apart from the war, calls for \$172,000,000. Obviously if Canada has to keep raising this sum besides the enormous amount required to meet charges arising from the war, she will have a financial problem of extraordinary magnitude on her hands.

The Government is spending now about \$50,000,000 more than its predecessors expended in 1910-11, their last year in office. Why should that be? There is less demand for ordinary expenditure than there was then. Why should the immigration service, for instance, cost much more to-day when there is comparatively no immigration than it did then when 400,000 people were coming to the country annually?

When the war began Germany's future was to be upon the seas. The progress of the war has demonstrated that Germany's future is not to be upon the seas. And the valiant British airmen have proved that it is not to be in the air either. Neither is it to be overseas, for the Germans have lost all their overseas possessions. Evi-

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Mr. Brewster's first budget speech has been favorably commented upon by the press of the province almost without exception. The Vancouver News-Advertiser, however, indulges itself to the extent of expressing a vain hope that time may reveal some loophole through which to launch an attack.

A bitter cry for peace is arising from all the allies of Germany, even from a large section of Germany itself. This is an indication that at last the eyes of the inhabitants of all enemy countries have been opened to the truth that there now can be no "peace based upon victory."

The Vancouver Province notes another boost in the high cost of living. The price of golf balls has been increased. But devotees of the royal pastime in this country have not been reduced yet to the dire straits of certain clubs in Britain which have cut their links to nine holes.

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The Huns are being exhorted by their despairing leaders to hold on yet a little while and their enemies will be content to consider terms of peace. But it is the other fellow who has the hold and will not let go.

Again Vorwaerts, which expresses German popular opinion, exhorts the Junkers to forget all about annexations and indemnities.

THE BUDGET SPEECH.

Premier Brewster's review of the larger affairs of British Columbia in the Legislature yesterday was welcome after the pickering that have marked the sessions of that body of late. There will naturally be some division of opinion regarding the proposals to increase taxation. But the Premier's suggestions and the manner of his delivery of them constituted a frank appeal to the business sense of the community and show not only that he has British Columbia's problems at heart, but that he is making a real effort to solve them.

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struction of a German submarine by the steamship Mongolia at this time. Second Voyage. New York, April 25.—The American steamship Mongolia, a vessel of 13,638 tons gross, owned by the International Mercantile Marine Company, left an American port for London April 7 on her second trip since Germany's submarine declaration of February 1. She carried a crew of United States navy gunners in charge of a lieutenant. She is one of the largest vessels under the American flag. The Mongolia was built at Camden, N. J.; in 1904 for the Pacific Mail Steamship Company and for a number of years was engaged in the California-Oriental trade. She was purchased by the International Mercantile Marine Company in 1894 and brought to the Atlantic, carrying freight only.

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V. & S. Railway Employees will hold a dance in Agricultural Hall, Saanichton, on May 2, in aid of Saanichton Red Cross. Tickets, 50c including train fare. Train leaves Victoria at 7.45 p. m.

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BRIEF NEWS OF THE CITY

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Case Remanded.—The hearing of the case against Harry Morton, was remanded in the Saanich Police Court this morning. The case will again be brought for hearing on Friday of this week when it is expected that Mrs. Cash, one of the witnesses, will be here from Vancouver, where she is at present being held.

Snow on Prairies.—The official weather report issued this morning says: "The barometer is comparatively low over this province and except on the northern coast rain has been general extending to Kootenay and to the State of Oregon. A light snowfall is reported in Northern Alberta and a heavier fall in Manitoba. Minnesota reports five inches."

Failed to Report.—Two charges were laid against Samuel Flash, a second-hand dealer of this city in the Police Court this morning and the case was laid over until to-morrow. The first charge was that he failed to report to the authorities, the goods which he purchased and secondly that he did not himself keep a proper record of such goods in accordance with the law.

Customs and Notaries.—At the weekly luncheon of the Rotary Club to-morrow at the Empress Hotel, F. W. Davey, Surveyor of Customs, will speak on the work of his department and has signified his intention and willingness to answer any questions the members care to address to him. The notice issued to the members suggests that attendance at this meeting will enable them to "get the other fellow's point of view" on a subject which is usually a fruitful ground for criticism.

No Arrangements Yet.—Commissioner Cuthbert, of the Victoria and Island Development Association stated this morning that while it was probable he would transfer to Seattle in the near future nothing definite would be done until the next meeting of the local association. No arrangements have yet been made, he said. It is generally understood, however, that with the financing of the Pacific Northwest Tourist Association he will be freed from his duties here and take up the larger work of the Tourist Association.

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A large number of Odd Fellows left by the City of Kingston last evening for Seattle to attend the celebration of the 73rd anniversary of the I. O. O. F. Another contingent will follow to-morrow.

Mr. G. E. W. Gleadowe, of the Imperial Treasury Department, and Mr. A. J. Rose, Assistant Secretary of the National Marine Insurance Association, are in the city. They are the gentlemen appointed by the British Government to inquire into the claims for compensation made by the sealing schooner owners, and will soon commence work.

Tenders are being opened to-day for the new Board of Trade building. A number of contractors have bid upon them.

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Con-a-Mora Assemblies Tuesday evenings at Alexandra Ballroom, under management of Mrs. J. J. Boyd. Music by Osard. Phone 2234L.

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New Arrival—English Socks and Stockings at the Beehive, Douglas St.; try a pair of the fleece-lined hose at 25c; it wears splendidly.

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Entertainment—"Snapshots" huge success—Come to-night—presented by over sixty characters. Metropolitan lecture room—eight sharp. Tickets, 25c; Children under 10 years, 15c.

Weather Forecasts.—Light to moderate winds, mostly cloudy and mild with showers, is the forecast of the Meteorological office this morning, covering the period up to 5 p. m. to-morrow.

LIBERAL RALLY

Three Members of Provincial House Will Address Public Meeting on May 3.

Under the auspices of the Victoria Liberal Association in the K. of P. Hall on Thursday, May 3, a Liberal rally will be held, when at least three speakers representing outside constituencies will be heard.

G. McGeer, of Richmond; C. F. Nelson, representing Skeena; and Alec Manson, of Omineca, will deliver addresses and give Victorians an opportunity of learning something about the political situation in their several sections. Dr. Lewis Hall, president of the local association, will preside. The proceedings are timed to commence at 8 o'clock and a particularly hearty invitation is extended to the ladies, who now share equal franchise rights with the male voters.

VACANT LOT CULTIVATION

Number of People Are Applying for Land; Will Extend Planting Season.

Moralists deprecate eleven hour repentances, but whether it was the Mayor's appeal last week, the advocacy of the press, or a sudden realization of the crisis in food supplies, which have proved effective, the fact remains that the last two days have seen a real awakening in the Vacant Lot Cultivation movement. A number of orders have been filed with the Secretary of the Committee and the Garbage Superintendent, who has general oversight of the work, has been warranted in increasing the staff employed.

Planting may be seasonable until the middle of May. Of course late planting assures late crops, but by the time the majority of the crop now being planted is ripe for harvest, the public will fully understand what the food shortage really means.

A reply has been received from the Secretary of State for Washington, in answer to information sent by Mayor Todd as to what is being done here, stating that his report will be given as wide publicity as possible in the adjacent state.

PUBLIC PERFORMANCE

Interesting Exhibition at North Ward Park Friday Morning.

Mrs. Parker, who is well-known as one of the best horsewomen on the continent, has very kindly consented to repeat the performance which she gave last year in aid of the Canadian Red Cross funds. Mrs. Parker will be assisted by the whole company which is now showing on the Pantages circuit, including Delmar, one of the best known performing horses. Mrs. Parker rides Delmar, and a great treat is in store for all those who attend the exhibition at 11 o'clock Friday morning at North Ward Park. The 5th Regiment Band have kindly offered their services and also Chief Davis, of the Fire Brigade, and Mr. Rice, manager of the Pantages, want to settle an old argument about their respective baseball teams. This match will also be played at 11 o'clock. A number of Victoria's charming young ladies will look after the collections and will have charge of the Red Cross boxes.

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Savira Lodge, Shawanigan Lake, will be opened for guests May 1. Mrs. H. H. Molony. Make your reservations.

Chimney Fires.—Two chimney fires have occurred, one at 912 Pandora Avenue, last evening, and another this morning at 821 Johnson Street.

Fined \$10.—H. Friburgh was fined \$10 by Magistrate Jay in the Police Court this morning for driving a motor at a faster rate of speed than permitted by law.

Saanich Works Committee.—Considerable time was spent on the estimates last evening by the Works Committee of the Saanich Council. It is believed that as a result of the work of the committee, some \$10,000 less than the amount previously named will be saved on the aggregate appropriation after the work of the committee is concluded.

Kendrick Sharp Arbitration.—The arbitration of the Kendrick Sharp claim continued this morning, City Engineer Rust giving evidence as to the re-grading of Pandora Avenue when the improvement was carried out last year. Evidence of city witnesses occupied yesterday afternoon, the tenor of their argument being that the land had been improved rather than damaged by the new grade.

Tillicum Meeting.—Over two hundred notices have been sent out to residents of the Gorge District asking them to attend a meeting for organization purposes in the Presbyterian Church, Tillicum Road, Thursday evening, April 26, at 8 o'clock. At this meeting a committee will be appointed to take charge of the branch, also a Secretary and Treasurer. An invitation is extended to everyone whether they live in the District or not, if interested in Red Cross work, to attend the meeting.

Hudson's Bay "Imperial" Lager Beer, pints, 3 for 25c.

COMMISSIONERS ARE WORKING DILIGENTLY

Eighteen Women Voters Enrolled in Two Hours Yesterday by Energetic Worker

The commissioners appointed by the Women's Liberal Association for the registration of women voters are conducting a very successful campaign. One lady yesterday reported for two hours work the enrolment of no less a number than eighteen names, while other members of the band of forty workers tell of increased enthusiasm among the womenfolk generally. The tendency met with earlier, to regard the extension of the franchise with more or less indifference, has largely disappeared with the better understanding of the power which goes with the proper use of the vote.

It should be understood by all who possess the required qualifications for admission to the voters' list that application must be made, and the form properly filled up, on or before May 14 next. It will be quite out of the question to receive consideration at the June Court of Revision unless applications are in by the time stipulated. The office opened in the old Quebec Bank building by the Government is available all day, so that in the event of the ladies who are making the rounds of the various wards missing any eligible for the franchise, affidavits may be sworn to by the official in charge of the office referred to.

Forms may be obtained, filled up, and handed in, at the Court House on Bastion Street, while a commissioner is always in attendance at the Liberal rooms in the Arcade Building. The main thing to remember is that the franchise is useless to the woman who fails to gain admission to the voters' list. That may only be ensured by application on or before May 14, when all lists for the June Court of Revision will be finally closed.

"TAG DAY" RECEIPTS

Women's Canadian Club Executive This Morning Hears Convener's Statement.

A statement of receipts and expenses in connection with the Women's Canadian Club "Tag Day" on Monday in behalf of the Y.M.C.A. military work in France and elsewhere was submitted by Mrs. Burdick, convener on arrangements, at a meeting of the executive committee of the club held this morning at the Y.W.C.A. Mrs. H. C. Hanington presided.

The total receipts reported by Mrs. Burdick as the result of the collection were \$2,072. Expenses reported by the convener totalled only \$15.25, as follows:

For 150 boxes, \$7.50; for tags (Colonist Printing Co.), \$6; for cheese-cotton and pins, \$1.25; washing window, 50 cents. This left a balance of \$2,067.75.

The total number of boxes used in collecting was 125, about two hundred taggers being employed on the 22 stations established about the city and outlying districts. The biggest collection in a single box was in that carried by "Muggins," Mrs. Woodward's pomegranate. The amount in this was \$167.43, including a cheque for \$100. Excluding the canine taggers the largest collection was made by Miss Vera Rider, who held box No. 53 at The Times' corner and collected \$59.98. The total amount was made up chiefly of small coins—ten and five-cent pieces, and more a few five-dollar bills, and more dollar bills, but the accountants' statement showed that the great bulk of the proceeds was made up by the smaller amounts.

The convener expressed thanks to the many willing helpers who had assisted in making the undertaking such a success. Never had so many volunteer taggers come forward, the number actually being in excess of the requirements almost for the first time in the history of tag days in the city. Very great help was given by Mr. David Spencer, Weller Bros., the G.N.W. Telegraph Company, the Y.W.C.A. and Mrs. Hanington and those who assisted her in getting out the arm-bands and banners. In the outlying districts the collections were splendidly organized under the convener's of Mrs. Sidney Heald, at Esquimalt; Mrs. Mainroad, Victoria West (where Mrs. Troupe very kindly served tea to the taggers); and Mrs. Rathorn, Fernwood. The last-mentioned district established a new record for itself in tag-day returns.

After Mrs. Burdick's report had been read, in her absence, by Mrs. Hyndman, the Women's Canadian Club executive this morning passed a resolution of thanks to her for the wonderfully able manner in which she had organized the undertaking, embodying an expression of appreciation of the efficiency she had shown in mapping out the work and allotting the workers.

The committee further considered the coming meetings of the club at which Mrs. Van Ogle, of Seattle, and Mrs. Ralph Smith, of Vancouver, are to speak.

VIMY RIDGE TRIBUTE.

The following additional subscriptions to the Vimy Ridge Tribute Fund have been received by the secretary:


George A. Parsons \$25.00
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Young People's Society 25.00
E. T. Hanson 25.00
George Jay 25.00
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Military Man Fined.—A fine of \$5 was imposed upon Capt. Sidney Williams in the Police Court to-day for failing to have the light on the rear of his motor burning after the hour of dark while the car was on a public highway.

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Fair Customer: "Well, send me two sacks."
Clerk: "I am sorry, madam, we cannot do that as we have no delivery automobiles. We have done away with our expensive delivery system. That is the reason why we are able to sell our goods at such extremely low prices."
Fair Customer: "But I cannot carry two sacks of Flour home. What ever would people say if they saw me struggling with a huge sack of Flour. Oh! I know! I will take the two sacks, and pay you for them now, and my son, Bert, will call with his little waggon immediately after school. He won't mind at all, and it will save me such a lot of money. Would that be all right?"
Clerk: "Yes, certainly, madam."

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AT THE THEATRES

THE VARIETY.

"The Unpardonable Sin" is the feature photodrama at the Variety Theatre for the last time, with Holbrook Blinn playing the leading role. As an actor in the truest sense of the word, one who sinks his own personality in that of his role and successfully impersonates a series of characterizations of the wildest possible range, Mr. Blinn, above any other player on the stage or screen, has earned the right to wear the histrionic toga of the late Richard Mansfield.

Mr. Blinn is universally recognized as a master-artist in the presentation of plays in which the central figure is one of marked personality and vivid characterization. Through the many years of his dramatic achievements Mr. Blinn has become known both in this country and abroad as the greatest character actor alive.

ROYAL VICTORIA.

In "Fots and Pans Peggy" in which Gladys Hulette is starred at the Royal Victoria Theatre for the last time today, little Helen Badgley, aged five, is supposed to weep bitterly while peeling onions. Helen has done all kinds of conventional picture stunts, such as falling overboard from a sinking ship in "A Modern Monte Cristo," but the high tragedy stuff had never come her way before.

"Spank her," said Director W. Eugene Moore, after Helen had miserably failed to weep with proper gusto. He hoped the threat would work. Helen's mother moved forward to make it more realistic.

"No, no; just let her go on with the onions," suggested Miss Hulette. "I think she'll cry nicely for us in a few minutes."

By the time she was on her third onion Helen had an attack of weepy hysteria such as Mme. Sara Bernhardt herself would have been proud of.

THE COLUMBIA.

In "The Cure," the tenth Mutual-Chaplin, Charlie at the Columbia this week appears as one who has loved conviviality "not wisely, but too well," and when the genius of the screen makes his appearance wearing the preternaturally grave expression which contrasts so vividly with the pervasive Chaplin grin, there is irresistible comicality in the introduction.

Concomitantly humorous is the behavior of the Chaplin feet which refuse to answer their steering wheel and convey the comedian involuntarily into a series of extraordinary situations.

"The Cure" is a hospital resort, dedicated to the elimination of human ills and pervertities, populated, as such resorts usually are, by human freaks bent on physical regeneration and mental relaxation. This crowd furnishes a comedy caste never before equalled even in the vivid imaginings of the screen comedy king.

Of course pretty Edna Purviance, in the role of a dashing widow, is one of the patients, taking a cure for "nerves," and equally, of course, Charlie has his eye on the young woman before he is out-of-the-bus.

THE MAJESTIC.

All elements of a smashing adventure story are involved in the second chapter of "The Sequel to The Diamond From the Sky," a new American-Mutual special feature now running at the Majestic.

Pursuit of the heirloom gem of the Stanley family, a diamond as big as the Koh-i-noor, and as troublesome, is characterized by kidnapping, attempted assassination, desperate encounters, diplomatic intrigue and exciting complications of innumerable sorts.

From the moment that the small heir to the Stanley earldom, little Arthur Stanley, is discovered in the gypsy camp under the care of Quabba, our old friend the burly-gurdy man, in "A Diamond From the Sky," until the conspirators, Blair and De Vaux, make their night entrance to the van and overpower the gypsy, binding him to a chair and leaving him helpless, there is a succession of thrilling episodes that keeps the audience constantly on the qui vive. Many new elements complicate the situation with which the young heir's protectors are confronted in the action of the second chapter.

THE DOMINION.

The first of the De Luxe series in which Miss Bara will be seen will be "The Darling of Paris," founded upon Victor Hugo's famous tragic romance, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," will open at the Dominion Theatre to-morrow. This unquestionably the finest production in which Miss Bara has ever been seen. The story itself is one of tremendous interest, appealing to all classes of photoplay patrons.

There are some large and exciting scenes in "The Darling of Paris." There are more than a thousand people shown in some of them. This production will go down to history as one of the most absorbing in which Miss Theda Bara has ever been identified. Many of the episodes are stronger, forceful and gripping—the character that makes patrons rise from their seats when witnessing it.

The scenes are all located in Paris. The story upon which the production is based was written by one of the most illustrious writers of France. It has a conspicuous place in French literature. There is not a scene in it that is not filled with great dramatic action.

LOCAL STORY

"Passing of a Race," by D. W. Higgins, to be shown here this week.

A local story will be shown for the last three days of the week at the Variety Theatre. It will be "The Passing of a Race," by D. W. Higgins. The tale has been adapted for photoplay purposes by Mr. Higgins's daughter,

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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

D. W. Higgins, who has been ill for some weeks, is gradually improving. He is staying with his daughter, Mrs. J. L. Raymur.

Rt. Rev. A. U. de Pencier, Bishop of New Westminster, who has been serving overseas for the past years as chaplain to the forces, arrived in Ottawa on Monday from England, and is expected back in his diocese about the end of the present week.

Miss Ada Ward, who has been for two years entertaining the soldiers in the Y. M. C. A. huts near the firing line in France, and who is unusually clever as a crayon artist, is expected to visit Victoria soon, and possibly arrangements may be made for her to lecture here.

In connection with the Vancouver Carnival to be held May 1 to 4, the head of the University of Washington, President Suzzillo, will deliver the oration at the joint luncheon to be given on "American" Day by the American and Rotary Club members. Mrs. Suzzillo is to be the guest the same day of the American Women's Club at a luncheon to be given by this ladies' organization.

R. M. Winslow, provincial horticulturist, passed through Vancouver on Monday en route to the Mission-Hastie district and the Walthachin and Okanagan regions. Mr. Winslow's purpose in making the trip is to discuss with fruit-growers and officers of the Provincial Fruit-Growers' Association the proposed measures to ensure the picking and packing of the forthcoming fruit crop in the absence of the agricultural labor hitherto available.

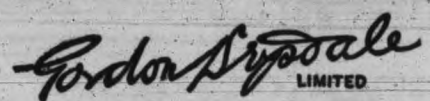
Canadians who have recently registered at the Government Office in London include Capt. H. G. Foster, Vancouver; Mrs. W. B. Hunter, Vancouver; Mrs. H. L. McPherson, Vancouver; Mrs. C. Milne, Vancouver; Major Stanley Cecil Pantin, C. A. M. C. Vancouver; F. G. Fell, Victoria; H. W. Phillips, Cowichan Station; J. D. Purchess, Victoria; F. H. Sexsmith, Vancouver; Lieut. W. J. Sturgeon, Vancouver; Major-Berillie T. Thomas, Vancouver; Mrs. J. N. F. Verner, Vancouver.

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AT THE HOTELS

E. P. Hearn, of Trail, B. C., is at the Dominion.
W. F. Semyon, of Seattle, is staying at the Dominion Hotel.
W. M. MacPhail, of Winnipeg, is a guest at the Empress Hotel.
J. W. Whiteley, of Vancouver, is a guest of the Dominion Hotel.
G. E. Gilley, of New Westminster, is a guest at the Dominion Hotel.
L. Frankenburg, of Toronto, arrived at the Empress Hotel yesterday.
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Egan, of Toronto, are staying at the Empress Hotel.
Miss E. Gago, of Ladysmith, is a new arrival at the Dominion Hotel.
W. C. George, of this city, registered at the Strathcona Hotel yesterday.
Miss L. Sugden, of Cobble Hill, is a new arrival at the Strathcona Hotel.
Mrs. W. W. Sawyer, of Rockford, Ill., is registered at the Empress Hotel.
Reginald F. Smithers, of Vernon, arrived at the Empress Hotel yesterday.
Mrs. Barry is down from Cobble Hill and is stopping at the Dominion Hotel.
James Greig, H. F. Prevost and M. K. MacMillan motored down from



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R. J. Watson, of London, Ont., registered at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

Mrs. N. Bawlf and Miss R. Bawlf, of Winnipeg, are guests at the Empress Hotel.

Mrs. K. H. Carew and family, of Calgary, are registered at the Dominion Hotel.

Mrs. C. G. Clute and family of this city, are registered at the Strathcona Hotel.

W. T. Wenborne, Thos. H. Tall, Robert Bell, Thomas Young and Walter Perkins are visitors from Vancouver

who registered at the Dominion Hotel yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. George P. Watt, Jr., of Montreal, are registered at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Clark, of North Vancouver, B. C., are guests at the Strathcona Hotel.

V. Larson, of New Westminster, is amongst yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion Hotel.

Mrs. Harry B. Strong and Miss Elizabeth Strong, of Cleveland, Ohio, are guests at the Empress Hotel.

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EXAMINATION WILL BE AS TO DUTIES

Civil Service Need Not Fear That They Will Have Any Unfair Treatment

Legislative Press Gallery, April 24.

There seems to be some misgiving among civil servants that they will be called upon to pass the same nature of competitive examination as those who seek to enter the service. This was mentioned in the House to-day by Captain Hayward, who desired that the faithful civil servant, forming the great bulk of the service, should be assured that this was not so.

It was explained by the Premier that what was intended was that those now in the service should be required to satisfy the commission as to their fitness to perform the duties falling to them, and that the whole spirit of the Act was to do justice to those public servants who do their duty and who had not been getting fair treatment from the late administrations.

As soon as practicable after the Act has gone into force the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council will have to determine the organization of the service and the number of clerkships of each grade in each department. The Civil Service Commission will then regrade the service, in which work the members of the service must not be prejudicially affected as to their present salaries. They will then become entitled to the yearly increases of salary and to promotion from grade to grade as opportunity offers. The higher grades of the service are to be reserved for promotion from the lower.

Competitive Examinations. The civil service bill was again taken up in committee, A. M. Manson (Omineca) in the chair. The first section to come under consideration was that regarding appointments to positions in the civil service being by competitive examination.

Captain Hayward (Cowichan) referred to a general idea that those now in the service will have to pass a competitive examination, and asked if this was the idea that was in the Premier's mind.

Hon. Mr. Brewster took the view that all those who were retained in the service would be appointments to the civil service as it would be reconstituted, and that they would have to pass an examination in order to continue, this examination to be along the lines of the duties which they had to fulfil.

Capt. Hayward agreed that if the examination was to be as to duties it was all right, but if those in the ser-

vice were to be forced into a competitive examination he reminded the House that many a brilliant university graduate at fifty could not undertake to face competition with a high school student.

Many Capable Officials.

The honorable gentleman referred to his own long legislative experience, during which he had become acquainted with a large number of civil servants who were doing their work uncommonly well. No one denied that there were a few here and there who were incompetent, and if an examination as to duties revealed this then they should be replaced. But for the hard-working and capable officials he would not like to see them subjected to competition with younger men at an age when they would be quite unable to pass the examination the other could although possessed of ability and years of experience which the younger men could not lay claim to. These men of faithful service and fine abilities as public servants should not have to suffer any injustice.

The Premier replied that the whole spirit of the bill was not to do injustice to those who did their duty or had done so in past years.

Explicit Declaration. David Whiteside (New Westminster) agreed somewhat with Captain Hayward, and considered that there should be a clear and explicit declaration that present members of the service, doing their work well and faithfully, should not be required to pass a competitive examination or any examination except as to the duties in which they are engaged. He thought that the passing of some educational test as a matriculation examination should be accepted as qualifying a candidate, subject to their special fitness for the work concerned.

Wants No Revision. Mr. Bowser renewed his protest against what he considered was a proposal to organize old employees out of the service by empowering the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, as soon as practicable after the passing of the Act, to determine the organization of the service, the sections of it to be included in each department, the nature of the more important branches and the number of clerkships of each grade in each department. He contended that those in the service could not be spoken of as being appointed a second time. They were now civil servants and had rights as already appointed under the old Act. It would be quite unfair to ask them at their age to pass another examination. The honorable gentleman mentioned one case of a most efficient official in his late department, whose qualifications, he said, were admitted by his successor, who possibly could not pass an examination of a scholastic character if put to it. The proposal of the member for New Westminster of acceptance of matriculation was hardly fair, as the man or woman who could pass with a very high percentage was not necessarily fitted for the work of a

public official. The examination ought to be on the accomplishments required in the vacancy to be filled.

Left to Commission.

The Premier remarked that reorganization might involve some change in personnel and the moving of an official from the present duties to others which he could perform more efficiently, and it would be for an independent commission to have the say as to who was best fitted for this or that position and who would be most capable of carrying on the duties. The Government would welcome amendments which would strengthen the spirit of the Act and improve it, but there should be no tying of the hands of the commission.

Mr. Jackson Speaks.

M. B. Jackson (Islands) said that there was no intention that the present officials were to be thrown into the melting pot with the general public and the entire service be reappointed to it. It might be that some would be found who were incapable in their present positions, but even in those cases he would like to see them protected by being placed in some office for which they were competent. Mr. Jackson hoped that the competitive examinations to be held would not be of a stereotyped style, such as a matriculation examination would be, but would develop that a man was reasonably fit, had fertility of mind and aptitude. As an instance of what he meant he mentioned a couple of typical questions which a candidate for the navy would be asked, designed rather to bring out his activity of mind and possession of initiative than to test his knowledge of stock educational subjects. How many university graduates could to-day take twenty per cent. on papers for which they had once won medals? he asked the House.

G. G. McGeer (Richmond) coincided with these remarks.

The section was allowed to stand.

Maximum Age.

On the point of the maximum age of the fourth class, including constables, jail guards, fire rangers, game wardens, messengers and janitors, J. E. W. Thompson (Grand Forks) would raise the limit from forty to fifty. He held that many fit men could be found at that age and that the lower figure would exclude these.

Mr. Jackson would have been in favor of cutting out the limit altogether if it were not for the matter of superannuation, and the unfairness to the Government and other officials to have a man retiring after a few years.

Dr. McIntosh (Vancouver) suggested that the maximum limit be left out and men given the option of waiving any right to superannuation.

C. F. Neelon (Slocan) wanted the commission not to forget the returned soldier in making appointments to this class.

Mr. Bowser reminded the House that there was now an age limit for the provincial police of thirty-five, which had been established in the time of Theodore Davie on the advice of

the then superintendent, F. S. Hussey. It was desirable that men appointed as constables or jail guards should be young and physically fit, and the same thing applied to fire rangers and game wardens who had to be out in all sorts of weather and endure fatigue.

Superannuation Bill Coming.

The Premier explained that the reason for the inclusion of the limit was that a Civil Service Bill was usually accompanied by a superannuation measure, which would fix the age for retirement at fifty. The Government was not able just now to bring the superannuation bill down, but hoped to have one as nearly scientifically perfect as possible.

George Bell would reduce the minimum limit from sixteen to fourteen and remove the maximum altogether.

Mr. McGeer considered that there was a great deal in what the Leader of the Opposition had said as to the necessity for younger men in the duties he had named.

This section also was left over for further discussion, and the committee rose to permit of the House adjourning.

JOHN KEEN COMMENCES DEBATE ON THE BUDGET

Congratulates Premier on His Statement; Routine Proceedings of Day

Legislative Press Gallery, April 24.

The debate on the budget commenced this afternoon, when Deputy Speaker John Keen, member for Kaslo, made a short but excellent speech in support of the Government proposals. He praised the courage of the Government, and complimented it on the bringing about of an approach between revenue and expenditure, even if it was at the cost of adding taxation in order that borrowing could be avoided.

In addition to the Civil Service Bill the bill revising the Brand Act was further considered, and other matters were considered.

On motion of the Premier it was resolved that from and after to-morrow there shall be two sittings each day, afternoon and evening. When Mr. Bowser expressed fear that the business in hand would be exhausted before long with night sittings, Mr. Brewster assured him the Government would see to it that there was work enough. It did not follow that night sittings would begin at once.

Businesslike System.

Mr. Keen congratulated the Premier on the clearness and courage of his budget statement, which foreshadowed a bringing of revenue and expenditure closer together than they had been for years. It was an unpleasant task which the Government had to face, because on the one side it meant cutting down expenditure in the country, and on the other taxed the people considerably higher in the future than in the past. The province had been too long spending more than income, and it was high time that the businesslike system of keeping expenditure within revenue came into force once more.

Members Smile.

Supporting the proposal for the re-imposition of the poll-tax, Mr. Keen stated that he had letters from three or four organizations in his district asking that this tax should be imposed. There were hundreds of men through the province who were paying nothing whatever and getting all the protection and conveniences of civil government. Citing one case of many in Kaslo riding, Mr. Keen told of a man with 12 children who paid not one cent in taxes, and was getting all his children educated at the expense of those who did pay taxes.

Mr. Keen interpreted the smile of some of his colleagues to imply a suggestion that he would tax a man for having a large family, which was far from his idea. He went on to speak optimistically of the future, and expressed his belief that through the development of mining, if properly taken care of, the millions of public debt would be paid off. The Government, he insisted, must build up the country first, when the growth of the cities would follow naturally. Heretofore the policy had been to build up the cities at the expense of the Upper Country. Patience and care would be required, and these could be expected from the present Government.

It might be thought that there had been delay, but it had not been the fault of the Government. There had been unwarrantable delay on the other side in not accepting the verdict of the people on September 14, but in holding on to office until November 23. This constituted a gross injustice to the people and placed a handicap on the Government, which practically was not in the saddle until after New Year.

Government Agents' Status.

In the reorganization of the public service more work should be thrown on the Government agents, who were now merely first-class clerks and left without any power of initiative. In the absence of proper centralization in Victoria these officials were not in the position they ought to be to help the Government. He gave the instance of a creek being on the rampage in Kaslo district where, for lack of a keg of powder or of authority in the Government agent to act on his own responsibility, two farms had been ruined and a loss of \$5,000 inflicted which the department had no power to compensate for.

Mr. Keen voiced the opinion that if the Civil Service Commission was to consist of more than one member the extra members could be found in the present public service, which included men splendidly able to handle part of the duties. He had made complaints of the civil service, not because of its capacity or personnel but because of the manner in which the service was han-



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The honorable gentleman closed with an appeal to the Opposition to drop politics, get down to business and let members be off about their own business.

Capt. Hayward secured the floor for to-morrow.

Sense of Proportion.

On the Brand Act F. W. Anderson (Kamloops) moved to increase the penalty from \$200 or six months in default to \$500 and two years in default. He held that interference with a man's stock or the brands upon them should be sternly visited.

"Have some reason," the Minister of Agriculture advised. "We do not wish it to go out that this is a province where cattle-stealing is more severely punished than the stealing of millions of dollars. There should be a sense of proportion in the legislation which passes this House."

R. H. Fooley supported the amendment as necessary to put down cattle-stealing.

The Minister pointed out that this Act only dealt with offences connected with brands. The Criminal Code already dealt with cattle-stealing.

On the question being put there was a tie, several members not voting. The chairman voted for the affirmative.

Far Reaching and Draconic.

One of the provisions of the bill which in the original was not to apply west of the Cascades, compels all persons who are not licensed as dealers, before slaughtering cattle, to obtain from the owner a declaration signed by two persons or an inspector's certificate as to their ownership, a copy of which must be supplied to all who purchase the carcass or any part of it.

The Minister proposed that these regulations, which were far-reaching and drastic and might cause much inconvenience if applied to the province generally, should be put in force only within such areas as were prescribed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, which action, he stated, would only be taken upon request of the people within the area.

The amendment was made and progress reported.

Referred to Public Accounts. Frank H. Mobley (Atlin) moved, seconded by John Keen (Kaslo): "That all letters, papers, vouchers,

and documents relating to the collection or alleged collection of timber royalties in the Province of British Columbia by A. Carney be referred to the Public Accounts Committee, with instructions to inquire into all circumstances attending said collections or alleged collections, and to ascertain the disposition of the moneys (if any) collected; and with further instructions to report to this House their findings in the matter."

In doing so Mr. Mobley stated that in or about 1912 certain payments were said to have been made. There appeared to have arisen a great deal of confusion in the matter, and this confusion led to a great deal of comment, adverse and otherwise, involving and implicating a great many people. Whether these were just or unjust it was fitting that the Public Accounts Committee should look into this matter, so that no undue reflections should be cast upon those who were not at fault and that those at fault, if any, should be saddled with the blame.

The motion was carried without discussion.

Not Administration Matters.

Mr. Speaker Weart, ruling on questions put by Mr. Bowser to the Attorney-General on matters affecting the Workmen's Compensation Board, reviewed the procedure in the British and Canadian parliaments and held that as the matters to which the series of questions referred were under the jurisdiction of the board and were not matters of administration which the Attorney-General was responsible for, the Minister was not obliged to answer the questions.

To another series put by Mr. Bowser's junior colleague from Vancouver, Mr. Speaker applied the same ruling. Prayers were read to-day by Rev. Walter G. Latham.

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PEARY'S FLAGSHIP ARRIVES ON SOUND Vessel Which Made Famous Dash to North Pole is Taking Supplies to Pribilofs Seattle, April 25.—Again on her way to the 'Fair North,' the steamship Roosevelt, flagship of Rear Admiral Peary during his history-making expedition to the north pole, has arrived in Seattle after a voyage from Norfolk, Va., via the Panama Canal and San Francisco. The vessel will load a cargo of supplies for the Pribilof Islands of Bering Sea, discharging her shipments on St. Paul and St. George Islands. The Roosevelt is commanded by Capt. H. Bied, a Seattle shipmaster. Capt. Bied left Seattle two years ago for the East Coast, taking command of the Roosevelt in Norfolk. He has made his home in this city since 1913. 'Yes this is the ship in which Peary made his dash to the north pole and she is able to do it again,' said Capt. Bied. 'She is now in the service of the United States bureau of fisheries and will perform the humble duty of carrying supplies to the Pribilofs. We made a leisurely trip from Norfolk, through the canal to San Francisco and Seattle, with numerous stops en route.'

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THIRD VESSEL WILL SOON BE LAUNCHED Schooner Esquimalt Will Take Her Maiden Dip About the Middle of May While no actual date has been set for the launching of the auxiliary schooner Esquimalt, the work on this vessel is progressing so satisfactorily that J. H. Price, president of the Cameron Genoa Mills Shipbuilders, Ltd., states that the craft which will carry the name of British Columbia's naval station to all parts of the globe, will take her maiden plunge about the middle of May. The Esquimalt will be the sixth vessel completed to the order of the Canadian West Coast Navigation Company, the Margaret Haney and Laurel Whalen having already been launched here, while the schooners Mabel Brown, Geraldine Wolvin and Jesse Norcross have been launched at the Wallace Shipyards, North Vancouver. An exception may possibly be made in the case of the schooner Esquimalt in view of the fact that she will be the first of the fleet to be registered at Victoria. Moreover, the fact that ceremony marked the laying of the keel of this vessel may influence the company in its plans regarding the launching of the Esquimalt. The schooner Malahat is in frame on the adjacent building slip and this contract is now well in hand. The rigging of the Laurel Whalen will shortly be completed and then a start will be made in fitting the engines. It is expected that this vessel will be ready to undergo her trials about the time the Esquimalt is launched.

NEW CUBAN SERVICE W. R. Grace & Co. Will Operate Steamer Cauto Between Seattle and Havana. Seattle, April 25.—News of the inauguration of a new direct service by water to Cuba which will move before the end of summer at least 20,000 tons of rice from Seattle to the Igladras and the return of the Seattle-built steamer Cauto to the port which has made her farewell a few short months ago, is announced by W. R. Robinson, agent for the big shipping firm of W. R. Grace & Co. The Cauto will load a consignment of 2,200 tons of the grain, and it is understood that other vessels will be secured for succeeding tonnage. While the information of the new trade developed by W. R. Grace & Co. did not come out until yesterday, approximately 5,000 tons of rice have already gone on to Cuba, and stored in Seattle waiting shipment is a consignment of 3,500 tons. The steamer Cauto was launched last fall from the plant of the Seattle Construction & Dry Dock Company. She was built for the Ward line, and officials of the company who were here to take her over stated that she was the best freighter in the fleet. She was 100 per cent, a Seattle-built ship, every bit of motive and auxiliary machinery and equipment being constructed here. The Cauto is now en route from New York to Seattle via San Francisco.

ALICE TO OVERHAUL With the resumption of the steamer Princess Adelaide in the triangular service to-morrow, the steamer Princess Alice will be temporarily withdrawn for purposes of overhaul. The tender Newington got away yesterday on a cruise in the Gulf of Georgia. The boys and beacons maintained by the Department of Marine on this coast are now being systematically overhauled.

GRAY FOR STATIONS Whaling Tender is About Ready to Leave for Rose Harbor. With coal and supplies for the whaling stations the tender Gray, of the Victoria Whaling Company, is due to leave port late to-night or first thing in the morning. She will proceed as far as Rose Harbor. The Gray has just completed an extensive overhaul and is now in good shape for the season's work. During the summer months she will take supplies for the stations and return with shipments of whale oil. One of the patients in a certain hospital was disposed to take a gloomy view of his chances of recovery. "Cheer up, old man!" admonished the youthful medic attached to the ward. "Your symptoms are identical with those of my own case four years ago. I was just as ill as you are. Look at me now!" The patient ran his eyes over the young man's stalwart frame. "Yes, but what doctor did you have?" he asked feebly.

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REPORTED TO HAVE SUNK ENEMY DIVER; S. S. MONGOLIA The steamship Mongolia was one of the first ships armed by the American Government under its policy of defending shipping against attacks by German submarines. She was formerly a Pacific Mail liner, and up to the time of her purchase, together with the Manchuria, by the International Mercantile Marine Corporation, was regularly operated between San Francisco and the Far East. For several months past the Mongolia and Manchuria have been plying in the trans-Atlantic trade. The British steamer Durley Chine has been sunk in collision off Sandy Hook, according to advices from New York. The freighter was bound from a Canadian to an American port when she was fouled by the British freighter Harlem, the vessels coming together 65 miles east of Sandy Hook. The Harlem was seriously damaged, but she remained afloat. No lives were lost in the collision. The Durley Chine was owned by the Dominion Government and about two years ago made a voyage here in the service of the Department of Railways and Canals. She arrived at Esquimalt on June 13, 1915, and was floated into the Esquimalt drydock for repairs to her propeller and stern bearings, in addition to being thoroughly overhauled. Capt. Davies, who was then in command, later took the Durley Chine to the Fraser River Mills, where she loaded a cargo of 1,250,000 feet of lumber to the order of the Government for shipment to Hudson's Bay. She passed out to sea from this port on July 1, 1915, and arrived at Port Nelson, her destination, toward the latter part of August of the same year. The trip to the Atlantic Coast was made by way of the Panama Canal. The lumber transported by the Durley Chine to the Atlantic was used in the construction of new railroad terminals at Port Nelson, the terminus of the Hudson's Bay Railway. Since that time but little has been heard of the movements of the freighter, and it is possible that she may have been sold in the meantime, particularly in view of the high prices offering for ocean tonnage. The Durley Chine was a vessel of 1,157 net tons. CREW PAID OFF Majority of Prince Rupert's Complement, However, Are Standing By. The crew of the G. T. P. steamship Prince Rupert have been paid off since the drydocking of the vessel at Esquimalt, but the majority of them, paid by the day, are standing by the vessel. Owing to the extensive nature of her injuries it is estimated that fully two months' will elapse before the Prince Rupert is ready to be recommissioned. The stripping of the damaged plates is now in progress.

STEAMER CORONADO IS BURNING HULK San Francisco, April 24.—The wooden steamer Coronado is a burning hulk of the northern California coast tonight, abandoned by her crew. The deckhouse and upper works of the vessel have been consumed by a fire which started at 11.45 a. m. today, and the deckload of lumber now is burning. The members of the crew were forced into the lifeboats shortly after noon, and were picked up at 1 p. m. by the steamer Hoquiam. The Hoquiam now is attempting to tow the Coronado into a California port, expecting to arrive at daybreak. The Coronado is of 578 gross tons, 186 feet long, 26 feet 2 inches beam and 12 feet 5 inches depth. The vessel was built in 1913 at Aberdeen, Wash. The Coronado is owned by the Polard Steamship Company, and for a number of years has been operated in the coastwise trade. On the trip which has ended so disastrously she was commanded by Capt. C. H. Bruum, and carried a crew of 23 men. A number of vessels were pushed to the assistance of the burning craft, but from the tenor of the above dispatch it seems evident that the Coronado is doomed.

MEN STILL NEEDED FOR WATER TRANSPORT Unit is Nearly at Strength and Recruiting Will Shortly Be Suspended Owing to the stringent medical test imposed on men now joining the Inland Water Transport there has been a considerable decrease of late in the number of recruits accepted for this branch of the Royal Engineers. According to Sergt. H. W. Fry, recruiting officer in charge of the local office, there are plenty of applicants seeking to join up, but the majority do not come up to the required physical standard, the consequence being that a number of men experienced in river work generally are barred from the service. It is understood that this unit has been practically recruited to strength and it is expected that by the end of the month the local recruiting depot at 1245 Broad Street will be closed and the final batch sent east for overseas duty. During the few months he has been angling for recruits here Sergt. Fry has been among the most active in the recruiting game and he has a large list of men on his roster. The original number of men authorized in Canada for the Inland Water Transport was 599, but more recently it was decided to call for an additional 250 men. Of the total number recruited for the unit throughout Canada, over one hundred have passed through the Victoria office. There are still a number of vacancies in this service and all those with a knowledge of river transport, and who are desirous of serving the Empire, should lose no time in making application to Sergt. Fry, who will willingly advance all the information required. Of the various branches of the service the most urgently required are master mariners, mates, marine engineers, dredgers and wireless operators.

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Answers to Times Want Ads.

The following replies are waiting to be sent... TO LET—Furnished, 5-room cottage... WANTED—Second-hand auto...

MAY 24 CELEBRATION

Meeting to be held in Union Bank Building Tomorrow Afternoon; Red Cross to Benefit.

The meeting called for to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock and to be held in the Union Bank Building, room 511, is for the purpose of discussing ways and means, and generally outlining the programme for the celebrations in Victoria on May 24. The main idea on this occasion is to have the various events contributory to the coffers of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

HOSPITAL W. A. MET

Reports of Standing Committees Heard; Payment of Bills Reported.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Auxiliary Society of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital took place on Tuesday afternoon last in the rear room of the Y. W. C. A. Mrs. C. W. Rhodes was in the chair, and there were present Mesdames Lee, Yorke, Green, McEllis, Collinson, Hasell, Hartman and Miss Tomlin.

For Tired School Children

Boys and girls who have been bending over their desks for weeks and months, and often studying at home late into the night, get into a weak, nervous, run-down condition, and wise mothers will take the advice of our local druggist, D. E. Campbell, and give such children Vinol, because it is a non-secret preparation which contains the oldest and best tonic known, and is guaranteed to strengthen and restore health to weak, overworked, run-down people, and to cure chronic coughs, colds and bronchitis, or you can get your money back.

Saxol Salve CURES SKIN AFFECTIONS. One package proves it. Sold and guaranteed by above Vinol druggist.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

TO REFRIG—422 Port Street, 5-room cottage... WANTED—Second-hand auto... WANTED—Furnished, 5-room cottage...

CONSIDERING REPORT ON P.G.E. INQUIRY

Committee of Legislature This Morning Began Review of the Evidence Taken

Legislative Press Gallery, April 25. The P.G.E. committee went into private session this morning to consider its report to the House on the matters referred to it for investigation and inquiry. This does not necessarily mean that the taking of evidence has been completed, but the only matter that is likely to be gone into further is that of the contribution of the railway and the contractor to campaign funds.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Plowman and Mrs. McAllister, of Vancouver, were visitors in the city this week. As a result of illness Noah Shakespeare, former postmaster, is confined to his home. Mrs. Spofford, the speaker at the Women's Mass Meeting at Nanaimo last night, was the guest of Mrs. T. W. Martindale while in the Coast City.

NINETY WOMEN SIGNED Meeting at Nanaimo Asks for Prohibition as War Measure.

The mass meeting of women, held last night in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Nanaimo, was largely attended, and interesting addresses were delivered by Mrs. West and Mrs. Spofford, of Victoria, the former dealing with the question of Woman's Franchise and the latter on Prohibition. The meeting adopted a resolution expressing the thanks of the women to the Government and to the male voters of the province for the granting of the franchise to women, and also a resolution calling upon the Government to pass a Prohibition Bill as a war measure and a referendum on the question after the war is ended.

OBITUARY RECORD

Mrs. Gertrude Garnett Doyle, wife of G. L. Doyle, manager of the Vancouver branch of P. Burns & Co., died on Sunday at the family apartments, Queen's Court. She was 27 years of age, a native daughter of Victoria, and had lived in Vancouver for the past few months.

BORN

DORMAN—On April 21, at Victoria Private Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Dorman, of 133 Joseph Street, a daughter.

DIED

HAMILTON—At the residence of Geo. M. Turner, 170 George Road, on April 23, 1917, Georgina Elizabeth Hamilton, widow of the late Arthur B. Hamilton, of Derby, England, and daughter of the late Sir John Stokes, K.C.B., R.E., aged 72 years.

GOES TO ARBITRATORS Ward-Hopp Mining Dispute is Left to a Board, the Decision of Which Will Be Final.

Legislative Press Gallery, April 25. The mining committee of the Legislature, after a lengthy consideration of the evidence adduced in regard to the dispute between R. A. Ward and John Hopp as to the ownership of certain valuable placer mining properties at Quessel Forks, in the heart of the Cariboo district, this morning announced its decision.

EXPENSIVE SPORT—Shooting deer out of season proved most expensive sport for Dan Sariand, of Ladysmith, who on Monday pleaded guilty when arraigned before Magistrate Stewart on a charge of killing game and carrying a gun without a license.

PREPARING FOR SEASON—H. H. Molony, of the Dominion Hotel Staff, has returned from Shawanigan Lake, where he has been for the past month with Mrs. Molony, getting Savina Lodge ready for the season. They will be ready for guests on May 1, and look forward to a very busy summer.

CELEBRATE MAY DAY—International Labor Day will be celebrated at South Wellington, on May 1, with a basket picnic and field sports, mostly for children.

NURSES PASS TESTS—The following are the names of successful Jubilee Hospital nurses, examined in First Aid to the Injured, by Dr. C. Denton-Holmes: Misses Lydia Anderson, Muriel Anderson, Maryon Arnold, Thelma Burrows, Amy Boyce, Louise Buckley, Rose Comer, Clara Gotthard, Emily Hobbs, Peat Hughes, Jess Harrison, Ellen Holdcroft, Georgia Hume, Bernice Johnson, Ella Martin, Ida Mercan, Eleanor Scott, Ida Shaw, Juanita Sears. The lecturer was Dr. A. E. Hudson.

ROYAL FLYING CORPS
BASE FOR VANCOUVER

Island Sites Said to Be Too Small for Purpose of Proper Tuition

As far as the establishment of aerodromes in the interior of British Columbia or in Vancouver Island is concerned the announcement made yesterday would seem to dispel any possibility of such being the case for the present at any rate.

The property in question, as stated at the time, belongs to ex-Rear Admiral Benson, and has now been leased for a period of one year with option to purchase.

180 Machines. The importance of this decision as far as the coast city is concerned will be best understood from the fact that provision is to be made for two "wing" headquarters representing no less than 180 machines.

Lack of Sites. It is learned that the objection to the various sites examined in this locality and at other points on the island, was the absence of any one stretch of suitable land measuring up to the required area of a hule square.

Colonel Hoare Expected. Colonel Hoare, the officer commanding the headquarters of the Royal Flying Corps in Canada, is expected out in British Columbia in the very near future, when the preliminary arrangements now completed near the Terminal City will be officially sanctioned.

GETS COMMISSION. Member of Original 7th Pronounced Unfit for Further Service Goes Back to Front.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sears have been advised that their youngest son, Clement, has secured a commission and returned to the front. It will be remembered that Private Clement Sears left Victoria with the original 30th Battalion and crossed to the front with the 7th.

SHELL CONCUSSION. Native Son Admitted to Hospital Somewhere in France; Was Also Wounded in December Last.

Mrs. W. Irvine, 1048 Pembroke Street, received telegraphic information yesterday afternoon to the effect that her son, Private Charles Irvine, has been admitted to hospital, somewhere in France, suffering from shell concussion.

To Vote on By-law.—Nanaimo rate-payers will vote on May 10 on the proposal to purchase the property of the Nanaimo Literary and Athletic Association, consisting of the building and lot on Chapel Street, and the cricket grounds, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

THE HINDENBURG LINE



Montreal Star.

VICTORIA OFFICERS
NOW IN HOSPITAL

Lieut. Robert Lees and Lieut. A. V. Macan Admitted to Le Touquet

Posted as having arrived at Le Touquet Hospital in France with a severe wound in the foot is Lieut. Robert Lees, of the Canadian Mounted Rifles. Lieut. Lees went away from Victoria with the 2nd C. M. R. in the spring of 1915, with the rank of Corporal, and was wounded in December of the same year while serving with his unit on the western front.

Lieut. A. V. Macan. Also among the wounded at Le Touquet, according to the latest dispatches from England, is Lieut. A. Vernon Macan, well-known as one of Victoria's most prominent golfers and a representative of this city in several tournaments on the Pacific Coast.

WOUNDED AT VIMY. Information from Nanaimo tells of C. J. Keighley, of Departure Bay, having received a cable from his brother indicating that he had visited Private Eric Keighley in hospital in Guildford, Surrey. He found that he was making satisfactory progress towards recovery from wounds received in thigh and both wrists at Vimy Ridge on April 10.

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NATIVE SON WOUNDED

Private Langpre and Private Godber Admitted to Hospitals in France for Treatment.

Suffering from wounds in the thigh, Private Jos. Langpre, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Langpre, of 229 Douglas Street, has been admitted to hospital at Etaples for treatment, according to telegraphic advice received yesterday.

Private Godber is serving in the army since he joined the Timber Wolves in May of last year, and went to England with that unit in July. He has since been drafted with reinforcements to France.

Private John Joseph Godber. According to a telegram received from Ottawa yesterday Mrs. J. Godber, Jr. of Swan Street, Saanich, has been advised that her husband was admitted to No. 1 Stationary Hospital, Boulogne, on April 13 suffering from shell shock and concussion.

NANAIMO CASUALTIES

Toll of Vimy Ridge Continues to Grow; Two Boys From Coal City Admitted to Hospital.

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VICTORIA FAMILY HAS
MAGNIFICENT RECORD

Seven Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Durham Donned Uniform; Pte. Robert Killed

Seven sons are in the family and seven sons went to war. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Durham, of 2612 Douglas Street, have reason to be proud of their magnificent gift to the Empire in her great fight for liberty.

Young Durham had just passed his twenty-second birthday and before joining for service overseas on the outbreak of war was engaged with the Victoria & Sidney Railway. He came out to British Columbia with his parents from his native town of Aberdeen, Scotland, a little over six years ago.

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FOUR BROTHERS SERVING. Private Cass, of the Highlanders, Severely Wounded in the Right Leg and in Hospital.

Information has been received by relatives in Nanaimo to the effect that Private William Cass has been severely wounded in the right leg and was admitted to No. 13 General Hospital, Boulogne, on April 12. Private Cass left for service overseas with the 72nd Battalion and has four brothers at the front, one of whom, however, has been missing since October, 1916.

RATIONING SCHEME
BEING PREPARED

British Food Controller Wishes to Be Ready if Necessary

London, April 25.—The British public was solemnly warned to-day by Lord Davenport, the British Food Controller, that the country's shipping was being depleted daily in large volume and that severe privations menaced the nation before the next harvest.

Who can say when the war will end? We must be prepared for all contingencies, even the failure of the present year's harvest. The continuance and increase of the enemy's submarine activities is another factor without which our outlook upon the future can not be complete.

SPENDING \$8,000,000
A DAY IN STATES

Washington, April 25.—For the \$200,000,000 treasury war note Secretary McAdoo handed to-day, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British Ambassador, handed the Secretary a receipt, completing the transaction.

The amount of the loan was deposited to-day in the Federal Reserve Banks by banks subscribing to the \$250,000,000 issue of Treasury certificates of indebtedness due June 30. The \$50,000,000 remaining of the issue will be disposed of in a manner yet to be announced.

Great Britain will save approximately \$3,000,000 annually in interest charges by obtaining the loan from the Government instead of from private institutions, as was contemplated.

DIED IN FRANCE.

Vancouver, April 25.—Mrs. J. H. Williams, of 1443 Tenth Avenue, East, formerly of Sidney, Vancouver Island, yesterday received the sad intelligence that her eldest son, Sergeant John C. Williams, died in France on April 15 as a result of complete breakdown after thirty months of constant service with the R. A. M. C. in France.

MORE VESSELS SUNK.

London, April 25.—A statement from the Norwegian Foreign Office as forwarded from Copenhagen by the Central News, reports the sinking of the following Norwegian vessels: Sailing ships—Vestelo, Ville de Dippe (1,254 tons gross), Shild. Steamships—Geroda, 797 tons; Gisko, 1,643 tons; Gode, 870 tons; Ellida, 1,124 tons; Valerie.

FATAL AUTO CRASH. Mission, B. C., April 25.—An automobile accident occurred on the Dewdney Road between Hatzel and Dewdney last evening, when George A. Watson, of the firm of Catherwood & Watson, was killed and two women slightly injured.

ATTEMPTING TO EXCUSE
SHELLING OF CATHEDRAL

Copenhagen, April 25.—German war correspondents on the western front again are excusing the bombardment of Rheims Cathedral on the ground that the venerable structure is being used for military purposes by the French. Dispatches from German headquarters assert that artillery observers are posted on both the cathedral towers, who direct the operations of batteries stationed near the edifice.

WINNIPEG AND JITNEYS.

Winnipeg, April 25.—The City of Winnipeg, on the advice of City Solicitor Hunt, will refuse to admit that the Winnipeg Street Railway has any ground for holding the civic corporation responsible for the losses which the company alleges it has sustained through licensed jitneys.

EXCHANGE PLEDGES.

London, April 25.—The Kings of Denmark and Sweden exchanged pledges of friendship at a banquet on Tuesday night, says a Stockholm dispatch.

BERNHARDT'S CONDITION.

New York, April 25.—A bulletin issued to-day by the physicians attending Sarah Bernhardt said there had been no change in her condition and that they were "satisfied with her progress thus far."

TO-DAY'S BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE. R. H. E. Washington 4 6 3 Boston 5 7 2 Batteries—Ayers and Henry; Ruth and Thomas; Agnew.

AMERICAN ARMY BILL.

Washington, April 25.—The House and Senate to-day continued debating the war army bill. House leaders hoped to reach a vote by Friday, but this appeared by no means certain, since more than 40 members still were to be heard, including Speaker Clark, who is to speak in opposition to the draft provision.

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Husband Says He Boxed Wife's Ears for Statement; German Was Third Party

Repeating that he had only struck her on the ears when she had called the British and Canadian soldiers cowards was a statement in the affidavit of Robert Hines LeRoy, of Savona, read out in Supreme Court Chambers before Mr. Justice Gregory yesterday morning. The case at issue is one under the "Infants Act," in which the above named is accused by his wife of beating her and using bad language.

Custody of Child.

J. S. Brandon presented a petition to the Court on behalf of the wife of LeRoy asking that she be permitted the custody of a three-year-old baby girl. Further, that her husband be restrained from removing the child out of the jurisdiction of the Court. The affidavit of the wife disclosed the fact that Mrs. LeRoy is at present living with her mother, Mrs. G. W. Gibbs at Work Point Barracks, Victoria, and for four years prior to that had been residing near Savona.

Conduct Wifely.

She declared that her conduct had always been such that would not warrant the least unkindness from her husband. She stated that during the Christmas of last year her husband had come home under the influence of liquor and had beaten her and had made her life unbearable generally. At the time of her marriage, four years ago, she was 18 and her husband 35. She left him in February, taking with her a baby boy a few months old.

Going to Alaska.

It was further alleged by petitioner that the three-year-old daughter is now in the custody of a woman ten miles from her former home with no facilities for proper attention or education. The petitioner further stated that if allowed to have the custody of the girl, she could be clothed, fed and educated by the wife's parents here in Victoria. It was also declared that her husband had written her to the effect that he was sending the child to Alaska in company with his mother, a woman said to be 81 years old.

German Third Party.

C. F. Davis, who appeared for the husband, argued that the mother should not be allowed the custody of the child as against the husband. LeRoy had stated that the only occasion upon which he had struck his wife was during an argument concerning the conflict with the hired man by the name of Miller, who is a German, during the course of which the wife was alleged to have allied herself in the verbal encounter with the gentleman from the Fatherland. He heated had the discussion become that, according to the affidavit of Mr. LeRoy, his wife had termed the British and Canadian troops cowards. Whereupon he had boxed her ears and told her not to talk in that fashion.

Not Suitable Place.

The Court was also informed that Mrs. LeRoy intended to bring the child to her mother's home, the husband alleging that in view of the fact that the lady in question had been thrice divorced it was not a fit environment for the daughter of three years. He further alleged that at the time Mrs. LeRoy had left him in February last it had been mutually agreed that the girl should remain with the husband. Mrs. LeRoy taking the baby boy with her to Victoria.

Judgment Reserved.

Mr. Davis argued that the taking of the girl to Alaska was for a holiday, and that she would be with relatives of the husband's mother. His Lordship was averse to the child being removed out of the jurisdiction of the Court, and reserved his judgment on the matter for the time being.

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Plea is Made for Attention to Important Section in Interests of Community

A plea for the fortification of the Alberni Canal in any scheme which may be devised for the protection of the western seaboard of Canada is advanced by J. F. Bledsoe, who is in the city from Alberni.

He mentioned certain conditions which are matters of confidence in war time, and went on to point out that the power which controls Barclay Sound controls Vancouver Island, certainly the entrance to the Straits of Juan de Fuca, and that without deprecating any effort to protect the urban interests of Victoria and district from Esquimalt, the provisions given by nature in the entrance to the Alberni Canal make them particularly suitable for fortification.

He points out that there is no place on the Island better suited to a base, and particularly since the shore end of a great imperial cable is located at the southern entrance to the Sound. The waterway approaches more closely to the East coast than any other, and would be of great value to an invader. A patrol for shipping coming from the Orient could be effectively carried on from the Sound, which is geographically so situated as to cover a wide range of seaboard. A glance at the map shows two or three points which are particularly adapted for protection, and where the entrance of the entrance would effectively prevent any raid on the valuable interests along the canal. The accessibility of the Alberni to the coal districts of the Island by rail makes it particularly necessary to protect this section from attack. There are many other reasons which can be advanced to emphasize the desirability of this coast being fully protected against invasion.

It is a curious commentary on history that the discoverer of the Sound, whose name it bears, should have discovered it in a ship under the Austrian colors, the Imperial Eagle, in 1787, and that when its value as a base is coming to be recognized, it should be at a time when Great Britain is at war with Austria. Of course Barclay was as good a British seaman as ever came to this Island, his reason of changing the name of the ship—and her colors—being to avoid the East Indian monopoly. Still another interest attaches to the expedition in that he brought with him the first Englishwoman to this coast, in the person of his young wife, who wrote the account of the voyage from which knowledge of his journey is derived. Incidentally it may be mentioned that the name of the Cape on the southern entrance, Cape Beale, is called after his pursuer.

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Club, and were successful in taking five Chinese who attempted to escape into a garret. A large amount of the total haul of opium was found in this building. Each of the inmates were fined \$11 by the magistrate.

Other raids were also made on suspected premises on Fisgard Street by some of the officers who participated in the above. Five Chinese were taken in the first and one in the second. The last mentioned was fined \$11, as were four of the five men taken in the second house. The fifth man was dismissed on evidence given by Charley Bo, the well-known merchant, who stated that the man was not a smoker and that he was only in the premises looking for workmen for the witness.

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MAY POSTPONE CONVENTION
Pacific Coast Fire Chiefs Propose to Cancel Engagements Because of War.

Numerous important annual gatherings of an international nature, in which the American delegates overwhelmingly predominate, have continued to operate during the war period, but a change of sentiment may be noticed across the line now. That feeling is reflected in the cancelling of engagements of leading organizations which move their place of meeting from place to place, making spectacular displays like the Mystic Shrine, or quieter intercourse like the bodies of professional men who meet from year to year to confer and exchange opinions. Announcement was made yesterday that the Mystic Shrine Convention funds will go to Red Cross work.

Influenced by this general trend of events, Fire Marshal Brighthouse, of Seattle, who is secretary of the Pacific Coast Fire Chiefs' Association, has written to Chief Davis, who is chairman of the executive committee of the association, asking his opinion with regard to the cancellation of the meeting, which is due at Anacosts, Mont., in the fall. The Chief is personally favorable to postponement.

Immediately recruiting commenced across the line, the same conditions at once applied that affected the departments on this side months ago. Firemen being men of courage, splendid physique and kept in the best of condition by physical training, naturally appeal to the recruiting officer, and the American departments are going to find the same difficulty in keeping their branches in efficiency as the Canadian chiefs did at the beginning of the war. In fact, Chief Davis has had several inquiries from brother chiefs asking him as to what steps have been taken on this side to maintain a reserve of men to take the places of the absent men. In Victoria 35 men or more are away on active service from the roll, half the department being substitutes, while in Vancouver 50 men are similarly absent on war service.

MUCH OPIUM TAKEN
Three Raids Made on Dens by Local Police Force Last Evening.

The activities of members of the local police force last evening resulted in the appearance in Court this morning of eleven Chinese accused of being the inmates of opium dens. A large amount of smoking paraphernalia, including about \$125 worth of opium, was produced. With one exception the accused were found guilty.

Three raids in all were made, the first two in the early part of the evening and the third about midnight. The last was the most effective so far as the taking of smoking material was concerned. Inspector Heatley, Sergt. Fry and Constable McEllan, Adamson, Cockburn, Stark, McPherson, and Shawhan entered premises on Fisgard Street known as the Dartoon

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Notice is hereby given that under an order granted by the Honorable Mr. Justice Gregory, dated 15th day of April, A.D. 1917, the undersigned, was appointed Administrator of the estate of the above deceased, with the will annexed. All parties having claims against the said estate are requested to forward particulars of same to me on or before the 15th day of May, A.D. 1917, and all persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.

Dated at Victoria, B. C. this 18th day of April, 1917.

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