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A BROAD RESOLUTION GIVING MORE POWER MR. WILSON'S DESIRE

Mind Almost Made Up to Appear Before Congress Prior to Adjournment to Ask for Additional Authority to Protect American Seamen and Ships Against German Submarines

Washington, Feb. 21.—President Wilson has practically decided to appear before Congress prior to adjournment on March 4 to ask for additional authority to protect American seamen and ships against the German submarine menace.

While officials said to-day there was a bare chance that he will not carry out the plan, there was every indication that he would make his address either late this week or early next week.

The President's position, as outlined authoritatively, is that Congress before adjourning should pass a broad resolution giving him additional authority. He has definitely decided what he will say to Congress, but that has not been made public. Officials generally expect that sooner or later arms will be furnished to American ships.

In spite of the statement of the British Government that only a small percentage of vessels going to and from the war zone were being sunk by German submarines, officials pointed out to-day that most of the American ships in the trans-Atlantic trade were still being held up.

It was emphasized that when the President appears before Congress he will not do so with the purpose of asking for a declaration of war. While it is realized that pacifist element in Congress has some strength, the President is known to believe that the situation is such that when action is needed there will be little division.

Not Without Emergency.

The President has decided not to call an extra session of Congress unless it should be for an unusual emergency and it was generally accepted to-day that he will not call the Senate in special session after March 4.

While general reticence on the Austrian situation was observed to-day, it is understood that the administration believes the negotiations so far have been unsuccessful. Ultimately a break is expected unless Austria should change her position.

The sinking by gunfire from a German submarine of the Norwegian steamship Dalabattle with two Americans aboard was added to-day to the State Department's list of Germany's illegal acts which are slowly accumulating and testing the patience of the Government.

Consul Frost reported from Queens-town that after the ship had been sunk last Saturday the men were rescued but their lives were endangered by shell fire before the crew had got away in boats and by drifting about at sea for nearly 18 hours.

LARGER NAVAL AND MILITARY FORCES

Navy and Army Discussed at Meeting of American Cabinet

Portland, Ore., Feb. 21.—The Washington correspondent of the Oregonian wires:

It is learned that at the meeting of the cabinet yesterday afternoon the situation of the land and naval forces of the United States was considered with the utmost care. As a result the President, Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy will ask before the adjournment of Congress for a large increase in the personnel of both services.

The enlisted force of the navy will have to be more than doubled. The President contemplates calling out and putting under training 500,000 volunteers. Instead of taking this action, however, he may favor universal training, and it is said he may even favor universal service for young men, say, between 20 and 24 years old. Secretary Baker has completed a careful study of the question of the best way to provide soldiers, and he is inclined to believe that a modified form of universal service will be the most desirable plan to adopt.

Whatever method is determined upon there is no question in the minds of the President and his cabinet that the nation must prepare to train men for field service. Not that there is now a European, but it is realized that German agents may become active in Mexico, Cuba, Panama, Nicaragua and elsewhere, and that conditions may arise in the future which will compel the use of an efficient army.

17,000 WORKERS AT KRUPP PLANT STRIKE; MANY SENT TO FRONT

Amsterdam, Feb. 21.—The frontier correspondent of the Telegraf says that a strike in the Krupp works at Essen involving 17,000 workmen has been in progress for a fortnight.

The men, the correspondent declares, are demanding higher wages and increased food rations. Many of the strikers, he adds, have been sent to the front.

PLANNING TO SEND BELGIANS IN CITIES TO COUNTRY PARTS

Amsterdam, Feb. 21.—The Berlin Vorwaerts says that a mass deportation of Berlin citizens to the country is planned, adding that it is believed that this step will relieve the food difficulties in the cities and enable the children to be better fed.

SAYS ANTI-U-BOAT DEPARTMENT WORKING; SIR EDWARD CARSON



BEST MEN WORKING AGAINST U-BOATS

Anti-Submarine Department is Now in Existence, Carson Tells Commons

MENACE WILL BE ENDED BY DEGREES

Many Merchant Ships Were Armed During Last Two Months

London, Feb. 21.—In a speech in the Commons to-day Sir Edward Carson, First Lord of the Admiralty, said the German submarine menace recently had grown until it had become grave and serious. The menace had not yet been solved, but measures which had been adopted would mitigate it by degrees.

Sir Edward informed the House that an anti-submarine department had been established in the Admiralty composed of the most experienced and capable men in the navy. The number of armed merchant ships had been increased 47.5 per cent. in the last two months.

In the first 18 days of February, the First Lord announced, 89 Entente and neutral steamships of more than 1,000 tons each had been lost; their total tonnage aggregating 268,000. This was compared with the loss of 69 vessels of 201,000 tons in the first 18 days of December and of 65 vessels of 182,000 tons in the first 18 days of January.

ENTENTE BLOCKADE BEING TIGHTENED

British Government Publishes Order-in-Council as Answer to Germany

London, Feb. 21.—The London Gazette to-day contains an order-in-council dated Feb. 16 for tightening the blockade of the countries with which Great Britain is at war as a result of the German submarine memorandum of Jan. 31 and similar enactments of other hostile countries.

"Whereas these enemy orders," the order reads, "are a flagrant contradiction of the rules of international law, the dictates of humanity and treaty obligations of the enemy and render it necessary for further measures to be adopted in order to maintain the efficiency of those previously taken to prevent commodities reaching or leaving enemy countries, His Majesty has ordered that the following directions shall be observed respecting all vessels which sail from their ports of departure after the date of this order:

"First—A vessel which is encountered at sea on the way to or from a port in any neutral country affording means of access to enemy territory without calling at a port in British or allied territory shall, until the contrary is established, be deemed to be carrying goods with enemy destination or of enemy origin and shall be brought in for examination, and, if necessary, for adjudication before a prize court.

"Second—Any vessel carrying goods with enemy destination or of enemy origin shall be liable to capture and condemnation in respect of carriage of such goods, provided that in the case of any vessel which calls at an approved British or allied port for examination of her cargo no sentence of condemnation shall be pronounced except on carriage of goods of enemy origin or destination and no such presumption shall be laid down in Article 1 shall arise.

"Third—Goods which are found on examination of any vessel to be goods of enemy origin or destination shall be liable to condemnation."

THE LEGISLATURE OF NOVA SCOTIA TO MEET

Halifax, Feb. 21.—The Legislature of Nova Scotia will be opened to-morrow, when Lieutenant-Governor Grant will deliver his first address from the Throne. The first speech in reply will be moved by R. H. Graham and seconded by John C. Bourinot, of Port Hawkesbury, both new members. A new Speaker will be elected, Dr. Ellis, the Speaker of the former House, being overseas. This will be the first meeting of the Legislature since the recent election.

WAS QUIET ALONG FRONT IN FRANCE

Paris, Feb. 21.—An official statement issued this afternoon says there were no developments of importance during the night along the front in France.

SITUATION GROWING WORSE IN NEW YORK; POOR DEMONSTRATE

Mayor Will Ask Council to Spend \$1,000,000 for Food to Distribute at Reasonable Prices; Monster Parade Planned; President of the Chicago Board of Trade Fears Anarchy

New York, Feb. 21.—Policemen guarding the city hall prevented to-day another demonstration by East Side women intent upon personally calling to Mayor Mitchell's attention the increased cost of food. About 200 of the women approached the building to find patrolmen blocking their entrance at every doorway. Reserves went among them informing them that if they would disperse quietly the Mayor would talk with a committee. The women scattered, some of them weeping.

Earlier in the day groups of women attempted to gather in an East Side public square, but the police forced them to move on. They assembled later, however, near the city hall, led by Marie Ganz, a member of the Industrial Workers of the World. Miss Ganz was arrested yesterday for addressing the hundreds of housewives who made the first demonstration at the city hall.

She was released on her plea that she urged the women not to resort to violence.

After Mayor Mitchell had been informed by representatives of the housewives that their children were "starving to death by hundreds" because of the high cost of food, he promised to place before the board of estimates on Friday their plea that \$1,000,000 be appropriated by the city to buy food for distribution at reasonable prices.

Monster Parade. The women of the tenements, having taken the food situation into their own hands, are planning a series of public demonstrations to convince the mayor and city officials that something must be done to reduce prices. One of the wildest protest meetings the city has ever known broke up early to-day after making arrangements for a great parade of women and children to march all one day through Wall Street and at night through Fifth Avenue. As yet no date has been set for the parade. The organizers say they expect to have several hundred thousand women and children in the line.

An appeal was sent to President Wilson and imprisoned speakers called upon the poor of the East Side to organize and pledged the financial support of the Hebrews' trade union. The capitalists were blamed for the high cost of food on the ground that they are amassing wealth by sending it to Europe.

More Demonstrations. Mass meetings and demonstrations continued to-day. The police were on the alert to prevent a fresh outbreak of rioting such as put many pushcarts out of business on Monday and Tuesday.

A thousand or more women attended last night's meeting and at least 5,000 more fought to get into the hall. A movement has been started to call a strike of school children living in the tenements on the ground that the high cost of living makes it necessary for all children old enough to go to work.

Fears Anarchy. Chicago, Feb. 21.—J. P. Griffin, president of the Chicago Board of Trade, to-day telegraphed to the Interstate Commerce Commission and to the presidents of railroads insisting that unless an immediate embargo be placed on all products eastbound out of Chicago except fuel and foodstuffs, the country will face the danger of anarchy and rioting.

In his telegram to the railroad presidents, Mr. Griffin said: "Despite all your assurances, no relief has been afforded to move grain and other food products out of Chicago. The present scarcity of supplies borders on famine in many communities, with the consequent inflation of values directly chargeable to the failure of the railroads to meet this national emergency.

"I request that instructions be issued by you forthwith prohibiting the movement of any freight at this time excepting foodstuffs, coal and other commodities necessary to sustain human and animal existence. "Unless this is done there is great danger of riot and anarchy throughout this land. The present situation is largely caused by the railroads giving preference to commodities other than those necessary to maintain life. Failure to meet the situation is squarely up to the railroads."

After Revenue. In his communication to the Interstate Commerce Commission Mr. Griffin gives a synopsis of the one sent to the railroad presidents, and adds: "None of the cures offered by the Commission or the railroads themselves

has been or can be effective. It is a fact that industrial concerns generally are operating at from 200 to 250 per cent. above normal and securing such equipment as they need. It is very apparent, therefore, that preference is given to freight paying the greatest revenue.

"We are confronted with a national emergency. I request in behalf of the people of this country that the Commission forthwith issue an order in line with the requests I have made of eastern railroads.

Riot and Anarchy. "Failure to secure such an order as indicated is likely to result in a state of riot and anarchy throughout this country, and the consequences of the same will be directly chargeable to the Interstate Commerce Commission and the railroads."

A meeting of the directors of the Board of Trade, lawyers and traffic experts was held this afternoon to ascertain if legal means can be found to force the railroads and the Interstate Commerce Commission to clear up the situation, particularly as it affects Chicago.

"The Commission and the railroads have failed in the crisis," said Mr. Griffin. "We are trying to ascertain if the courts offer a solution."

By the Throat. Washington, Feb. 21.—The bread riot in New York yesterday claimed attention in the Senate to-day during the debate on increases in salary for Government clerks. Senator Thomas, Democrat of Colorado, expressed the opinion that increases in salary were no cure for the increasing cost of living, because those who control the food prices would raise them to keep pace with the salaries.

"That is not the way to remedy bread riots such as we are having in the metropolis of this country," said Senator Thomas. "The way to deal with the situation is to take those who corner food supplies by the throat. I dislike to see food riots in the free United States, but I can see that it might be the first step toward relief."

GERMANS ON THE S.S. FREDERIK VIII. WILL HAVE TO LEAVE RECORDS FOR GRAMAPHONES BEHIND IN DOMINION

Laid in Large Supply Before Embarking at New York, but Officials at Halifax Decide They Must Be Confiscated; Package of Documents Discovered in Lining of a Passenger's Coat

Halifax, Feb. 21.—The members of the German party on board the Scandinavian-American liner Frederik VIII, held here on order of the Imperial Government for examination, seem to have a singular love for gramophone music. They laid in a very representative stock of records ranging from grand opera to ragtime before embarking.

They will not be allowed to take these records to Germany, as the authorities regard them as contraband. The Germans contend that they want the records for the music in them, but officials of the Immigration Department who discovered them think that perhaps they like them quite as much for the rubber from which they are partly manufactured and which is badly needed in Germany just now.

The records will be played to determine whether they contain messages. The officials think it possible that some noted singer in the United States might have given a touching description in German of the movements of Entente warships to a setting from "Aida," for instance.

The records will be confiscated and a receipt given for them, so that if the German owners have the same passion for this kind of music at home they can re-purchase them, though it is likely they will have to wait until the end of the war.

The search of the passengers continues. Yesterday one man was made unhappy by the vigilance of the officials. They suspected that his coat contained something inside besides the lining. A tailor was brought from the shore and he took out the lining. It is understood that a package of documents was found. These papers will be examined to determine if they contain matters of interest.

The liner is expected to sail at the week-end.

UNLOADING CARGO OF S.S. ST. LOUIS

American Line Has No Immediate Intention of Resuming Sailings

New York, Feb. 21.—Shippers who had hoped to send goods to Europe by the big steamships of the American Line sailing from this port received definite assurance to-day that the company had no immediate intention of sending out its ships. This information was derived from a notice that the owners had begun to discharge the cargo in the hold of the steamship St. Louis, which has been lying here loaded since the beginning of the new German submarine warfare.

The greater part of the crews of the St. Louis and of the three other American liners, New York, St. Paul and Kronland, have been paid off.

CONFESSION OF ERROR.

San Francisco, Feb. 21.—The United States Department of Justice to-day notified Timothy H. Healy, an attorney here, that on March 6 it would file with the Supreme Court a confession of error in its stand that 23 Hindus ordered deported four years ago when they arrived here from Manila had no right to enter the United States.

AMERICAN CONSULS ARRIVE IN ZURICH

Twenty Representatives, Accompanied by Families, in Switzerland From Germany

CROSSED THE BORDER IN TWO PARTIES

Zurich, Feb. 21.—A score of United States consuls and government agents, with their families, reached Zurich last night after having waited a week for permission to leave Germany. The arrivals consisted of 46 persons who had gradually assembled in Munich, from which town they departed yesterday morning after the bulk of their baggage and papers had been examined.

The party arrived in two sections, the first warmly praising their treatment by the Germans and the second containing members who complained bitterly over the enforced delay in their departure and also of having had to leave behind them papers which the German authorities decided to submit to a more rigid censorship.

The majority of the travellers, however, reported that they had received unusually courteous treatment and declared that the stringent regulations enforced were nothing more than what was to be expected.

The minority of the consuls who have arrived here will go to Berne to-morrow or soon thereafter to await instructions from Washington.

BLIND COLONEL IS ON WAY TO COAST

Winnipeg, Feb. 21.—Chief Justice Mathers, head of the Winnipeg recruiting league, to-day expressed himself heartily in accord with the "win the war" plan outlined by Blind Col. L. Mulloy and Arthur Hawkes. The plan is to hold a national convention in Montreal in April of delegates from every organization in Canada.

The blind colonel and Mr. Hawkes left for Vancouver and Victoria to-day.

MAJ.-GEN. PERSHING SUCCEEDS FUNSTON

El Paso, Feb. 21.—Major-General Pershing received a message to-day from Major-General Scott, Chief of Staff of the United States Army, announcing the appointment of Maj.-General Pershing to be Commander of the Southern Department, taking the place made vacant by Major-General Funston's death.

OTTAWA INTERESTED IN POSTPONEMENT

Australia Causes Putting Off of Date of Imperial Conference

EFFECT ON SESSION OF CANADIAN PARLIAMENT

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—The intimation in cable messages from England that the Imperial Conference has been postponed on account of the political crisis in Australia has created considerable interest here. It is stated in news dispatches that if the Senate of the Commonwealth, controlled by the Labor party, should continue to block Mr. Hughes's legislation there will be a general election. In any case both Mr. Hughes and the Prime Minister, and Right-Hon. Joseph Cook, leader of the Opposition and now a member of the new coalition government, are still in Australia.

News of the rumored postponement has not been communicated officially to the Government here, though under the circumstances it is not considered unlikely to be true.

Any postponement of the conference might involve a radical change in the parliamentary plans here. The adjournment until April 19 was fixed as giving ample time, but not much more than necessary, for Sir Robert Borden and his colleagues to take part and return to Canada. Should any considerable postponement be decided upon a further adjournment might be required here unless it were decided to carry on the session of Parliament for a time without the presence of the Prime Minister. It is suggested that the Imperial Conference may proceed without the Australian delegates, but that no finality of decision will be reached until they are present. In the event, however, of a general election being called in the Commonwealth six weeks at least would elapse before Australia's representatives could reach the English shores.

NO MORE WOMEN AND CHILDREN FROM HERE TO BRITISH ISLES

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—Canadian women and children desiring to visit Great Britain and France have been absolutely prohibited from doing so. An order-in-council has been passed by the cabinet which forbids all such travel through the submarine danger zone. The order, it is understood, is without qualification and has been made at the instance of the Imperial authorities. Similar action has been taken by Australia and India.

AMERICAN EDITORS COMING TO VICTORIA

Winnipeg, Feb. 21.—To cement the friendship between the United States and Canada, 500 American newspaper editors and publishers, with their wives and families, will tour Western Canada in July, traveling in four sections of trains. They will proceed westward as far as Victoria, visiting many places of importance en route. In the party will be representative newspapermen from 48 states and Alaska.

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HOW CONSTANTINE HAS MADE GREEKS SUFFER

Letter Describing Conditions Prevailing Under Blockade Reaches New York

New York, Feb. 21.—The Associated Press has just received the following letter, dated January 25, from its correspondent at Athens: This message is sent by hand on the first ship carrying passengers for America which has left Greece since the declaration of the Entente blockade of Greece on December 8.

Meeting Demands. The demands of the Entente Powers for repatriation and guarantees made in their ultimatum of December 14, are being fulfilled with all possible speed, according to the Entente military attaches.

PROOF PIRACY OF GERMANS FAILING

Less Than One Ship in 100 to and From Britain Sunk

Washington, Feb. 21.—The British Embassy issued a statement last night announcing that Germany's "widely advertised campaign of ruthless murder on the high seas" resulted in the loss of less than one ship in every hundred plying in or out of British ports between February 1 and February 14.

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS Ottawa, Feb. 21.—The following casualties have been announced: Infantry. Killed in action—Pte. A. Alderstedt, Sweden; Pte. D. Ryal, Ireland; Cpl. F. Donovan, Montreal; Sgt. S. Stack, Galt, Ont.; Pte. C. Franko, Paris, Ont.; Pte. W. Boucher, Quebec; Pte. E. S. Etomov, Russia; Pte. C. Kerr, Massey, Ont.; Pte. S. Sullivan, Richmond, Ont.

REPORTS AT MINERS' MEETING AT FERNIE

Fernie, Feb. 21.—The first day's proceedings of the miners' fourteenth convention here were of a routine nature, the reports of the district officers, the international board members, the auditor and the scrutineer occupying the whole day.

MINOR OPERATIONS ON WESTERN FRONT London, Feb. 21.—The following official report was issued last night: "Under cover of a heavy bombardment which completely destroyed our trench, strong enemy detachments yesterday evening rushed one of our small advanced posts south of Le Transloy.

ONLY ENTENTE VESSELS MAY ENTER PLYMOUTH London, Feb. 21.—It is officially announced that the port of Plymouth has been closed until further notice to all ships except those of the Entente.

ON SINAI PENINSULA London, Feb. 21.—The following official report was issued last night: "British troops by a surprise attack captured the entire garrison of three officers and 21 men of a post which the Turks had re-established at Bir-el-Hassana on the Sinai peninsula; while the garrison of a similar post at Nekhi fled, leaving prisoners in the hands of the British."

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COMMITTEE URGES IMPERIAL PREFERENCE London, Feb. 21.—The committee on commercial and industrial policy of Great Britain issued a report yesterday in which a recommendation is made for an Imperial preference in customs duties hereafter imposed on imports.

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REPORTS AT MINERS' MEETING AT FERNIE (Continued) President Graham's report was lengthy and went into details regarding the celebrated relations between the miners and the operators at Calgary, and his visit to Ottawa to intercede with the Government in behalf of the mine workers in their demand for a war bonus.

GREECE MUST MEET ALL DEMANDS FULLY Athens, Feb. 21.—The legations of Britain, France and Russia have issued a note calling the Greek Government's attention to the hostile attitude of a large part of the Greek press and the persistence with which the newspapers maintain that the Government has completely satisfied the Entente Powers' demands, and consequently the blockade is unjustly continued.

FRENCH PEASANTS URGED TO DO BEST Paris, Feb. 21.—To help solve the food problem French peasants have been urged by the Minister of Agriculture to sow as much grain as possible so that "the sowings of the spring of 1917 may prepare the harvest of victory."

Believes She Was Saved From Stroke of Paralysis All One Side Was Cold and Powerless When She Began Using Dr. Chase's Nerve Food

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Believes She Was Saved From Stroke of Paralysis (Continued) I have derived from the use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. I was so nervous I could not sleep, and found it hard to get my work done at all, but, having no help at the time, had to do the best I could.

COUGHS, COLDS, and LA GRIPPE (Continued) The usual artillery fighting occurred to-day.

Believes She Was Saved From Stroke of Paralysis (Continued) Dr. Chase's Nerve Food cures in nature's way by nourishing the feeble, wasted nerves back to health and vigor.

COUGHS, COLDS, and LA GRIPPE (Continued) What passes for oratory sometimes merely demonstrates the superiority of lungs over logic.

Believes She Was Saved From Stroke of Paralysis (Continued) Mrs. Merritt Nichols, R. R. No. 3, Dundalk, Ont., writes: "I take pleasure in writing to tell you the great benefit

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PEACE THIS YEAR, SAYS MAETERLINCK

Belgian Author Says Beast is in His Death Struggle Now

(New York Tribune.) Nice, Feb. 6.—Peace will come this year, but it will come through a victory of the Allies.

This is the opinion that Maurice Maeterlinck gave me to-day in the study of his villa Les Abeilles, on the hills overlooking Nice. The last time I saw him he had come to Paris to give me a message for America on the German deportation of Belgians.

"It is good news for the whole world if peace is to come this year," I said in reply to his remark.

"Oh, yes," he replied. "This is the year of peace. It is bound to come after the big battles now being prepared. The Germans will be beaten and will have to give in."

"When you don't believe in peace by negotiation?" I asked.

"No," he said. "It is impossible. The Germans must be beaten to their knees. Their militarism must be crushed. Then there can be real peace, permanent peace. When Germany has been forced by armed strength to acknowledge herself wrong, then only negotiation between the two sides can take place."

"That is the fundamental condition of peace. Germany must first acknowledge herself wrong; then, starting from that basis, peace can be discussed, negotiation exacted, guarantees established. Germany at present is a wild beast and must be tamed as the first step toward arriving at a permanent basis for the future."

"Do you think the German reply to President Wilson's speech has done anything for peace?" I asked.

"No," he responded. "On the contrary, it shows the futility of negotiations at the present time. The Allies' reply to Wilson's note and the German reply to Wilson's speech, put side by side, show how far apart the opponents are for the German reply breathes in every word pride of arms, brutal pride of victory and power."

"It is evident that there can be no peace, no negotiations for peace, until that spirit is broken. The great struggle will come this year. It is being pre-

pared for now by both sides, and as a result of that struggle peace will come and Allied victory.

"Germany has shown in her latest note that she is still animated by the pride and vainglory of the Hohenzollerns. What does she say of Belgium in that note? The brief reference to Belgium means only German superiority. There can be no other reading—better after annihilation, better that Belgium and the Belgian people be lost to the world forever than made subjects of German tyranny, as Alsace-Lorraine has been enslaved by Germany for nearly half a century."

"And what does she say of Serbia? What of the countries at war? What of little Montenegro? Not a word. Only slavery for Belgium and for all neutrals a threat of the terrors of piracy. Does one need more than that to understand Germany's wild haste? Now she has threatened with murder and sudden death all neutrals, who venture on the seas."

"There can be no peace without liberty for all nations, reparation for all misdeeds and guarantees of a chastened Germany. Belgium and Serbia must be restored. There must be a reparation to Belgium for all she has suffered."

"Serbia must be enlarged in accordance with her legitimate ambitions and at the expense of those who tried to destroy her. Subject peoples must be freed. There must be a new Poland and new nations of all the peoples now subject to Germany who do not want German rule."

"There must be a new Bohemia. One sees a separate kingdom of Hungary and beside it new nations of peoples now subject to German domination."

"The Allies' note to President Wilson outlined the conditions of peace they seek, and Germany must be beaten into accepting those terms. But first and most important of all, German military power must be utterly and finally broken."

"In this," I asked, "what do you see of the Hohenzollern dynasty?"

"It is the end of the Hohenzollerns," he replied. "One way or another the Hohenzollern dynasty must come to an end and the German peoples, like all others, be released from the tyranny of a race thirsty for blood."

His eyes burned with a blazing light as he concluded: "The beast is in its death-struggle now. The hands of justice and freedom are at its throat. A few last convulsive efforts and the end will come!"

His own hands reached out, the fingers working convulsively, as if he himself would throttle the beast and avenge his country.

RUSSIAN REPORT.

Petrograd, Feb. 21.—Scouting reconnaissance and infantry firing are proceeding on the western, Roumanian and Caucasian fronts, the War Office reports.

WHAT "PEACE WITHOUT VICTORY" WOULD MEAN



—Brooklyn Daily Eagle.

POSTPONEMENT DUE TO CRISIS IN AUSTRALIA

Putting Off of Imperial Conference Attributed to That Cause

London, Feb. 21.—(By Francis W. Higgin.) Chancellor Bonar Law's statement in the House of Commons has given great satisfaction. This city is curious to learn how much new money is represented by treasury bill conversion in connection with the great new war loan.

Public attention now has switched from the loan to the man-power controversy and the national service scheme. Arthur Neville Chamberlain has just told the stock exchange that he expects the war to be finished this summer. There has been little business on the stock exchange, gilt-edged securities being dull. The bank shares are recovering, now that the loan has been successfully carried through. Chinese bonds have been firmer, but Japanese bonds have weakened, owing to the cessation of sinking fund purchases.

The Chronicle refers to-day to the American paper shortage. The people here did not suspect it, comparing the size of the American newspapers with those here, which have grown small by degrees and are now beautifully less.

Imperial Conference. The postponement of the Imperial

Conference is attributed to the continued political crisis in Australia, which will involve a general election, as the Senate, dominated by the Labor caucus, continues to checkmate the Hughes measures.

Private letters and newspaper reports from Holland indicate severe suffering among the poor there and high mortality from famine among the civilian population of Germany.

Shipping critics in the House of Commons are attributing Britain's shortage of transport to the expeditionary policy. The peers are complaining about the multiplication of bureaucrats in Whitehall.

The potato difficulties continue. The Irish crop, it is stated, is one-third less than last year.

The importation of silks and waxes may be stopped to make room for necessities.

In well-informed circles there appears to be increasing confidence that the German submarine menace is gradually being mastered.

SAY THEY WILL LET AMERICANS DEPART

Turkish Authorities Waive the Restrictions Holding Refugees at Beirut

Washington, Feb. 21.—Turkey has assured Ambassador Elkus of its willingness to waive all restrictions of quarantine and otherwise upon immediate departure of the thousand Americans gathered in the neighborhood of Beirut. It also guarantees the American relief ships against interference by Turkish submarines.

The State Department before directing the collier Caesar and the cruiser Des Moines to proceed from Alexandria to Beirut to land relief stores and embark the Americans, has asked further information as to the measure of security that will be afforded the ships by Austrian and German submarines.

BONAR LAW REBUKES PEACE PRATTLERS

London, Feb. 21.—In the House of Commons yesterday addresses were made by Arthur Ponsonby, Charles P. Trevelyan, Philip Snowden and other pacifists. The tenor of their speeches was that the Entente Powers were pursuing a war of conquest. They reproached the Government for its failure to respond to the German peace overtures.

Mr. Hon. Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said that in no other country would such speeches have been listened to patiently. Throughout the conflict the Germans had acted on the principle that they would win the war by terrorizing civilian populations and neutral countries. He was astonished at the suggestion of peace at a time when the greatest of the neutral nations had recognized the difference between right and wrong. Germany's excesses had passed the limit which could be tolerated by neutral countries.

THREE WERE KILLED.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Feb. 21.—Three men were killed and nine injured, two seriously, when a northbound freight train on the Great Northern Railway crashed into the rear end of another freight train as it rounded a curve one and a half miles west of Garretson, S. D., 25 miles northeast of here, early to-day. The injured were rushed to a hospital here on a special train.

Many a woman can't even make up her mind without a certain amount of paint and powder.

WILSON'S POLICY IS TO WAIT AND SEE

Expected He Will Get From Congress What Power He Can

New York, Feb. 21.—The Tribune prints the following from its Washington correspondent:

What comes out of cabinet meetings here is always speculative, but it has become increasingly apparent that the President and his immediate entourage are more and more bent upon a policy of "wait and see" as far as Germany is concerned.

On every side one hears rejoicing at the apparent failure of the U boat campaign. This, after the British Embassy gave out a statement which has been received with unalloyed joy, goes to show that out of every hundred vessels arriving at and departing from British ports from Feb. 1 to Feb. 14, not including vessels of under 100 tons, less than one was sunk by the German undersea boats. If the German policy of frightfulness is "falling down" as badly as this would indicate there is every reason to hope that this country may escape after all.

Warnings Given.

Many days have elapsed since the infamous German note of last January. Many, too, have elapsed since diplomatic relations were broken off. Although the great bulk of American shipping has remained in port, there have been, after all, a fair number of vessels of American registry which have passed safely through the danger zone. Perhaps Germany did not mean it, and the whole thing may be avoided. Thus the man in the street reasons, but officialdom, or that part of it that keeps an eye on things and has been studying the German modus operandi for the last two years, takes a different view of it. Among these the unwisdom of a fool's paradise is well recognized. Consequently there have been one or two warnings of late not to be deceived by outward calm and assurance that things are in quite a dangerous state as ever.

Before Congress.

There is nothing new to add as to Mr. Wilson's intention with regard to armed ships. It is altogether unlikely that he will let the present Congress die without getting from it what power he can to enable him to deal with a crisis that might arise with Congress not in session. For this reason it seems most likely that he either will appeal to the Houses direct or else have a firm understanding with them before March 4. There is a disposition to believe that he is prepared to let the armed ship question go by the board for the moment and to have the power necessary to take the step conferred in a wider measure of authority under which he could act in the absence of Congress. As already pointed out, he does not actually need to ask Congress for power to arm ships, and he might be glad to circumnavigate several dangerous shoals that have been discovered lurking underneath the surface of this tricky matter by leaving the whole thing to settle itself later.

At Alexandria.

Just how far the administration is prepared to go to avoid running into trouble is indicated by orders which are going to the two American war vessels now near a zone of trouble, the cruiser Des Moines and the collier Caesar, now at Alexandria with supplies for the destitute of Asia Minor. These vessels have been lying almost within touch of their goal for some weeks. It is now understood that they are to be allowed to proceed to Jaffa and from there to Beirut upon receipt of assurances that they will not be molested by submarines. This is a long way from the days of the men who put an end to the barbaric corsair, but conditions have changed, and it would not be fair to criticize unduly what is in reality a wise move.

In the first place, there are a lot of Americans in the Near East whose position would be seriously endangered by precipitate action, and the Government is prudently trying to assure itself of their safety before anything else. Again it is pointed out at that a time like the present neutral powers should not send their warships into positions which might be interpreted as provocative.

Relations With Vienna.

A final move is under way to clear up the Austro-American relations and to discover once and for all just where the two nations stand toward each other. Communication is difficult and slow, and the instructions sent to Ambassador Poppe at Vienna to discover and report on Austria's intentions may not be replied to for several days.

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Wilson Endeavoring to Find Some Plan He Can Support

Washington, Feb. 21.—President Wilson is studying measures aimed to bring about universal military training and is understood to be anxious to find some plan he can support. It was learned to-day that while the President has endorsed neither the Senate military committee's bill nor the one prepared by the War Department, he believes in the general principle involved. Mr. Wilson conferred with Secretary Baker to-day. Both have been studying the physical effects of service in the army and are understood to agree that some methods should be adopted for extending this service to all men.

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THE PENSION SCALE.

Of the numerous particulars in which the pension scale is unjust and inadequate there is none more readily apparent than the provision for women dependents of soldiers. It would be interesting to learn upon what the Pensions Committee of Parliament based its recommendations in this respect, not to speak of the scale as a whole. It could not have been upon the cost of living in Canada in normal times. As far as we have been able to discover in the Hansard record of the discussion of the report—a discussion which was deferred until the very last day of the session of 1914—the Hon. Frank Oliver was the only member who appreciated the inadequacy of the provision for soldiers' wives and mothers in the pension scale.

Under the scale thus adopted a soldier's widow receives \$32 per month and a widowed mother \$28.50 per month. A widow with three children receives \$50 per month, \$5 per month being allowed for each child up to the age of sixteen, if a boy, and up to seventeen, if a girl. We submit that these allowances are entirely inadequate and we shall prove our contention by reference to an authority which was more accessible to the committee than it is to us.

According to the January number of "The Labor Gazette," issued by the Department of Labor, Ottawa, the cost per week of an average family budget of staple foods, fuel and lighting, based upon an investigation of the prices in sixty Canadian cities, was \$16.32 last December. This, however, is war time, and economic conditions are abnormal, so we shall be content with the budget estimate before the struggle. In 1914 the weekly budget per family was \$14.50, in 1913 it was \$14.92, in 1912 it was \$13.78. This budget, it will be observed, deals with food, fuel and lighting. It does not include clothing, an item which must substantially raise the weekly cost. Thus it is clear that according to the pension scale, families of soldiers killed in their country's service cannot avoid a serious monthly deficit.

There should be no deficit nor the slightest danger of one for these dependents if this country desires to escape everlasting reproach and shame. For the moment we are not considering the other glaring defects in the scale—the inequalities between ranks, the unique discovery that the child of a captain in this democratic country is worth a dollar a month more than the child of the various grades below him; these are all bad enough. What is most pressing at this juncture is the need of such a readjustment of that outrageous schedule as will absolutely safeguard families of soldiers who die in their country's service against poverty.

indeed, they were expected not to do so. Now it is the duty of the country to show an equal disregard of this factor in providing for the dependents of those who, though not counting the cost, have paid it to the last full measure, as well as those who have been maimed and otherwise incapacitated in the war. This should have priority of consideration over every other demand upon the country's financial resources. If it called for \$56,000,000 instead of \$28,000,000, which, of course it will not do, it should be cheerfully paid. In any case this pension scale should be thoroughly overhauled. In its readjustment the schedules and regulations of other countries should be forgotten and our men should be rewarded and their dependents provided for solely in conformity with the conditions prevalent here, not those of Australia, New Zealand or the United Kingdom.

THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

In appointing a Royal Commission to inquire into the charges of perjury in connection with the by-election in Vancouver last February, the Government is carrying out another of its pre-election pledges. The personnel of the body is a guarantee that the investigation will be as thorough as it can be made within the four corners of its commission and that it will be strictly impartial. We may take it for granted that the widest latitude will be allowed and that every allegation that has been made in connection with this case will be probed to the bottom. We may expect, also, that no effort will be spared by the authorities to bring the man Scott here to testify. As the star of the piece—hero or villain, whichever it may be—his presence would seem to be indispensable to the fullest investigation. If necessary he should be guaranteed immunity from prosecution, assuming there is no other way to bring him here. It is hard to see how an inquiry without him can complete the record of the Vancouver by-election case.

HE KNEW HIS PRUSSIA.

An ex-Tammany judge, the former United States Ambassador to Germany was not the product of the school of diplomacy in which the representatives of many of the other Great Powers gain their knowledge and experience, but he undoubtedly was the right man in the right place in Berlin. Judging by the fusillade of the yelping pan-Germanic press which sped him on his way, he seems to have sized up Prussian statecraft very thoroughly and accurately. However, Germany was able to fool the Washington Government through the expert machinations of von Bernstorff it could not fool Gerard. It could neither overawe nor cheat him. When under instructions from his Government he undertook to investigate the treatment of prisoners of war in Germany the Hun authorities placed all sorts of obstacles in his path. The effect of this was to convince him that the allegations which were brought to his attention regarding Germany's black inhumanity were well-founded, and to strengthen his determination to inquire into them. He told the German officials that he intended to carry out his instructions at all hazards and that their interference convinced him as well as the American people that they were afraid to allow him to proceed. Gerard undoubtedly brought about a marked improvement in the treatment of prisoners, and in recognition of his services he has been formally thanked by the Entente nations.

When he asked for his passports he demanded passports for American consular representatives as well. The German Foreign Office demurred to the second part of his request. Thereupon he declared that he would sit there till doomsday until he received what he wanted. Germany then asked him to reaffirm the Prussian Treaty of 1799 and 1828 with a joker providing that the United States would agree that German vessels interned in American ports should be afforded safe conduct to a German port. Gerard bluntly told the Foreign Minister that he would not even consider the matter. Thereupon the German Government tried its ancient, exploded expedient of intimidation. It virtually kept the Ambassador a prisoner for forty-eight hours, while its press bureau, the Overseas News Agency, sent broadcast the lying statement that Gerard's departure was delayed by the difficulty in making out so many passports in such a short time.

Gerard had a difficult part to play throughout, much more difficult than von Bernstorff had to play at Washington. The United States Ambassador had to deal with a Government controlled absolutely by a gang of cut-throats; von Bernstorff dealt with a lot of amiable, inexperienced visionaries who for a long time were clay in his hands. Gerard, however, had certain advantages. As a former New York judge he was familiar with the criminal mind and he understood its impulses and processes. That knowledge, applied to his negotiations with the authors of this war, must have been of immense value to him. The

attacks now being made upon him by the Tirpitz-Reventlow press will convince him that the methods he employed during his term in Berlin were right. Their praise would have been damning, for they would have implied that he had betrayed his country.

Doubtless influenced by and conforming with the attitude adopted by nearly all the big and influential newspapers of the United States, a correspondent of the New York Tribune writes: "It is to England that the Entente Allies look to secure the victory that is to bring relief from German arrogance and brutality. It is England that Germany looks upon as her chief enemy. The English navy up to now, the English army from now on, and England's wealth all the time, are the mainstays of the Entente's defence. Magnificent as the French have been and are, brave as are the Italians, effective as have been—even more effective as will be—the Russians, without the power of England's navy and storehouses at their backs they could not have held out as they have done. Whether, then, we believe that blood is thicker than water, or we love France, admire Italy, wish to encourage progress in Russia, pity Belgium and Serbia or merely desire the defeat of the Central Powers—lest their triumph should mean trouble hereafter for us, is it not time that we should come out strong and clear for England, cease carping at her, cease ignorantly asking what she has done and save our own influence by supporting her and her allies? England and our well-loved France—perhaps Russia and Italy, too—are now firm friends, their friendship being based on correct understanding of each other's aims and desires. Shall we not join them, forgetting old ancient prejudices, as they, too, have done?"

The morning paper thinks our publication of the report that Sir William Mackenzie had come West to announce that the company was going to default the interest on the bonds guaranteed by British Columbia is calculated to undermine the Provincial Government. This is, indeed, a far cry from those halcyon days when our contemporary gloated in the delusion that the larger our liability on behalf of Sir William and Sir Donald the stronger the position of the province and the Provincial Government. Nor is the report of the company's intention wholly unfounded as our contemporary finally will discover. Sir William Mackenzie's return to the Government's refusal to set further bond guarantees has not yet been made. We may add, also, that the quickest way in which the Provincial Government could be undermined would be in the continuation of the crazy railroad policy of the late administration, so enthusiastically and decoratively endorsed by the Colonist.

Liberal and Conservative newspapers in London are charging one another's party with being the greater sinner in trafficking in titles. As a matter of fact both sides have engaged in this practice ever since a political party has had anything to do with the award of honors of the kind, and before that the sovereign kept his private purse filled from the same source. At the same time it must be admitted that this method of raising election funds is not so injurious as giving whole domains away to railroad and other corporations, although it is just as sordid.

A Berlin dispatch says the result of submarine piracy cannot be definitely ascertained because a number of the undersea craft have not yet reported. There may be very substantial reasons for that. Numbers of the pirates never will report—at least not to an earthly authority.

The consequences of this war are nearly as broad as the earth. There have been food riots in Greece, Turkey, Austria and Germany, and also in the United States. The ramifications of the war profiteer are unbounded.

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In Lyons Hospital. Up to August, 1915, Mons. Maffey was engaged as a chef at the Empress, and although he was exempted from the customary period of military training in the French army in Cairo in 1898 as being blind, he said his blood would not have been French had he not gone to his native country in his hour of need. He arrived at Lyons in the early days of September in 1915 and underwent four months of hard training in the Fort de la Duchère upon the completion of which he was appointed chief cook in the Hospital Boileau, an institution capable of taking care of two hundred and fifty cases. In speaking of the thoroughness of the hospital work Mons. Maffey stated that cases of blindness, whether temporary or permanent, were subjects of especial treatment both from the medical sense and in the provision of assistance that would be of the most help to the patient. To illustrate one of the details of the institution in this regard, he described the military watch with its raised dial by which the patient soon became able to know the time from his sense of touch.

Work for the Blind.

The natural spirit of cheerfulness in the hospital was added to immensely by the devotion of the women of Lyons, who gave all their leisure to the amusement of the wounded with always more sympathy for the helpless blind Tommy. Permanent cases of blindness were placed under special instruction and one of the most popular occupations of such unfortunates was the assistance rendered to the medical men in the way of massage work, some of the patients applying the art to their fellow patients, whose wounds required it, with remarkable success. Many of the men who will be totally blind said Mons. Maffey announce their intention of taking it up as a profession after the war.

Recovering Speech.

Men coming from Verdun after some of the terrific bombardments in the early days of the Crown Prince's onslaughts, were regularly stricken, both deaf and dumb from shell-shock. In one instance a sergeant and four men arrived, all denied hearing and speech. After a few days when they were recovering from the general effect of their experiences and minor wounds, two of the men began to wrestle as a means of passing the time. A hold on one of the combatants caused him to fall to the ground and in the same instant he was able to tell his adversary that his fall had hurt him, he was likewise able to hear his own voice. On the subject of the actual opera-

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Motion to Add Notes to Appeal Book in Dominion Trust Case Denied

At the Court of Appeal in Vancouver on November 7th last, there was an appeal in connection with the Dominion Trust. Mr. Justice Martin and Mr. Justice Gallihier would allow the appeal in part while Mr. Justice McPhillips would allow the appeal and dismiss the cross appeal. Joseph Martin, K.C., on behalf of the liquidator, at the sitting of the Court now concluded, made an application for the admission of certain stenographic notes which had not been extended and included in the appeal book. Judgment on that application was reserved. Mr. Justice Macdonald presiding at the special sitting of the Court this morning, together with Mr. Justice Martin and Mr. Justice McPhillips, delivered the following oral judgment on the application:

"An application was made to the Court on behalf of the liquidator to admit some notes taken by the official stenographer, which had not been extended and included in the appeal case. After considering the application, and the alleged admission contained in these notes, and having regard to the extraordinary nature of the application, namely, one to add to the appeal book after the Court has delivered its judgment, I think the application should be refused.

"We are all agreed on this course, including my brother Gallihier, who asked me to announce his concurrence in what I have said."

MEASLES SPREADING

More Cases Are Reported in City; Neglect in Early Stages of Disease.

To judge by the reports of the medical men in the city, the epidemic of measles is spreading, more cases being reported, and it seems that the cause has been from sending children to school, particularly in the southeastern districts, in the early stages of disease. The initial symptoms are slight and through the child being allowed to associate with others at a time when the contagion of the disease is most active the disease easily spreads.

Medical authorities agree that the disease is most prevalent after a long spell of dull weather, when the human vitality is lowered, such as in the case of a family at the end of a winter.

There is a good deal of misapprehension about the disease, the impression that adults are immune being due to the reason that most persons have undergone an attack in early life. It is essentially a disease of early childhood, and many mothers are so careless of the symptoms that an epidemic generally follows a single case, should the patient be allowed contact with others.

In countries remote from civilization, such as the Paopoe Islands in 1846, and the Fiji Islands, as they were in 1875, the attacks have been very malignant, accompanied by a large loss of life, this being the general experience in virgin soil, particularly if overcrowding, insanitary surroundings, and the absence of proper nourishment occur.

No instructions have been issued yet as to whether the two schools chiefly affected will be closed. The Junior classes, however, have had the attendance largely reduced on account of the outbreak.

EARTHQUAKE RECORDED

Local Seismographic Instruments Estimate Epicentre at 3,600 Miles Distant.

A revised estimate of the distance of the centre of the seismographic disturbances recorded yesterday on the instruments at the Gonzales Heights observatory places it 3,600 miles distant. Mr. Denison and his assistant were at the instrument at the time that the record was being made by the seismograph at 11.45 a. m. yesterday. The second big (or surface) wave, took place at 12.33 p. m., just eighteen minutes later. The difference in time is the basis of the computation of distance and direction, and the fact that nothing was reported from the South by Mr. Denison to estimate the source as in a northerly direction. Spokane later reported that their seismographic instruments there had reported the epicentre as 3,800 miles distant. This seems to deduce the fact that Victoria must be nearer the seat of the earth movement by 200 miles, placing it therefore in a northerly direction.

Pruning School.—A pruning school is being conducted by the Department of Agriculture this week in the Rocky Point section of Metcheson District, where the fruit growing industry is an important one. Pruning schools are also in progress at the present time at Peachland, Summerland, Penticton, Passmore and Harrup, in the Okanagan District.

Ladymith Chapter Elects Officers.—At its last meeting Ladymith Chapter, I. O. O. F., elected the following officers: Honorary regent, Mrs. A. C. Frost; regent, Mrs. B. M. Carley; first vice-regent, Mrs. W. Akenhead; second vice-regent, Mrs. R. G. Jessup; secretary, Mrs. Coll; treasurer, Mrs. R. Weaver; standard bearer, Mrs. G. O. Ross; echoes secretary, Mrs. W. Akenhead. The reports of the secretary and treasurer showed the total receipts for the year as \$646.25, and the total expenditures \$565.49, leaving a credit of \$80.76.

Bureau for Research.—A request for the establishment of a bureau for scientific research in British Columbia has been made by wire to Sir George Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, by the B. C. Manufacturers' Association. It is pointed out to the Minister that this province is the third in the Dominion in manufacturing and that the prairie provinces are being given a bureau for scientific research such as is asked for. As this province has many problems which are peculiar to itself it is felt by the association that there should be a man on the spot to study its conditions.

Tea and Cards.—The Fairfield branch of Canadian Red Cross announces a silver tea and card party to be held at the rooms, May and Linden, on Saturday afternoon, February 24th, beginning at 5 o'clock. Tables for bridge and five hundred will be provided for those desiring to play, the management of the tables being under Mr. Bellby. Those wishing to reserve places at the tables should communicate immediately with Mr. Bellby, telephone 5465Y. There will be a prize for each table. It is earnestly hoped that a large number of guests will be in attendance, as the branch is in great need of funds, especially for the field comfort bags, which carry such cheer to the men at the front. Tea will be served at 4 o'clock. The ladies in charge of the entertainment are sparing no pains to make the affair most enjoyable.

Case Remanded.—The case of Joe Jim and Joe Poy (the two Chinese who were implicated in the dispute over \$255 in a gambling game, the early part of the week in which the former is accused of unlawfully pointing a firearm at Lim Duck Que, was remanded by Magistrate Jay in the police court until Friday.

Alberni By-Election.—While a large section of the Conservatives of Alberni district are favorable to the candidature of Capt. J. G. C. Wood as an independent Conservative there is another section of that party which is supporting the candidature of A. W. Neill, who is in the field as an independent.

Seed Potatoes.—A motion is to be put in the Vancouver City Council next week, asking the Government to see that there is a sufficient supply of seed potatoes at a moderate price to meet the increased demand for seed expected this year. It is claimed that speculators have secured control of the stocks of potatoes and that clean seed potatoes are being held at \$60 a ton. In some parts of the province there is a shortage of seed.

Vacant Lots.—Since the publication of the letter of G. W. Allison, chairman of the vacant lot cultivation committee of the Affiliated Friendly Societies' Association recently in the Times, there have been only a limited number of additional applications for lots, the number now being 57. Mr. Allison stated this morning that if applications were made to him for unoccupied lots in any district suitable to the applicant, every effort would be made to secure the use of the lots suggested, and in several instances applications of this character had been satisfactorily filled.

A Further Explanation.—With regard to the statement of Alderman Johns to the Tax Delinquency Committee on his property on the north side of Pandora Avenue, between Douglas Street and Blanshard Avenue, he wishes to state that the money received from the city, \$32,500, was added to the sums amounting to \$19,000 already paid to the vendor, and neither he nor Mr. Turpel received any direct benefit from the transaction. In other words it was part of the purchase money, and therefore they had no opportunity of speculating with it. Mr. Johns' interest in the transaction is as owner of four-tenths of the property.

POSTED AT CITY HALL

Willy Estate Resolution Ready; First Meeting of Police Commission To-morrow.

To pass the Willy estate redemption it will be necessary to obtain a two-thirds majority of the council, but although the last council tied on the matter twice, it is believed that seven members will be found willing to vote for the resolution, which is posted in the name of Alderman Walker, a strong supporter of the sale. The solicitors for the beneficiaries are pressing for a settlement, and not without reason when it is borne in mind that the amount to be paid is steadily growing in interest charges. The amount set out in the motion is declared to be \$2,170.20 up to March 31.

A formal resolution will have to be passed at the next council meeting confirming the appointments to the health department made by council on Monday.

Considerable interest is felt in one department of the city in the first meeting of the police commission set for to-morrow afternoon. Pledges of police reform were made at the last election, but just how it is going to be inaugurated is a matter yet to be determined. There is a general impression in the city that the commissioners will have public support behind them in any general policy which may be adopted for the purpose of reorganization.

THE WEATHER

Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Feb. 21, 3 a. m.—The ocean storm area is slowly moving southward and snow has extended to Southern Oregon, while in California heavy rains are reported. Considerable snow has fallen on the Lower Mainland, and intense cold is reported in Northern B. C. The temperature is below zero in Cariboo and Kootenay and is 30 below in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Forecasts.
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Thursday. Victoria and vicinity—Northern winds, mostly cloudy and cold with occasional snow, clearing and colder on Thursday.
Lower Mainland—Easterly and northerly winds, cloudy and cold with snow, clearing and colder on Thursday.

Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 29.8; temperature, maximum yesterday, 29; minimum, 20; wind, 4 miles N.; snow, 0; weather, fair.
Vancouver—Barometer, 29.9; temperature, maximum yesterday, 30; minimum, 20; wind, 8 miles E.; snow, 0; weather, snowing.
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.8; temperature, maximum yesterday, 19; minimum, 2 below; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, cloudy.
Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.8; temperature, maximum yesterday, 15; minimum, 8; wind, 10 miles E.; weather, clear.
Tatoosh—Barometer, 29.4; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 22; wind, 24 miles S. W.; snow, 24; weather, cloudy.
Seattle—Barometer, 29.5; temperature, maximum yesterday, 49; minimum, 34; wind, 16 miles S.; snow, 12; weather, snowing.
San Francisco—Barometer, 29.76; temperature, maximum yesterday, 52; minimum, 45; wind, 22 miles S.; rain, 1; weather, raining.

Temperature.

Max.	Min.
Barkerville	4
Grand Forks	27
Penticton	27
Cranbrook	15
Nelson	24
Prince George	4
Calgary	10
Edmonton	12
Qu'Appelle	2
Winnipeg	2
Toronto	27
Ottawa	20
Montreal	22
St. John	26
Halifax	30

Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Tuesday.

Temperature.

Highest	36
Lowest	28
Average	31
Minimum on grass yesterday	25
Minimum on grass today	25
Maximum in sun	101
Snow, 7 inch.	
Bright sunshine, 5 hours, 12 minutes.	
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W. D. Wolfe, of Everett, is staying at the Empress hotel.

Capt. G. W. Barr, of San Francisco, is at the Dominion.

J. K. Freesen, of Toronto, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday.

H. C. Stockton, of Calgary, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday.

Capt. D. Mackenzie, of the Prince John, is at the Dominion hotel.

D. E. Gellatly, of Gellatly, B. C., is stopping at the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. Berry, and family, of Alert Bay, is stopping at the Dominion hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. John Keen, of Kaslo, have arrived at the Empress hotel.

J. A. Stimpington, of Moose Jaw, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

W. A. Astle, of Revelstoke, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

S. A. Mahoney and family, of Edmonton, are guests of the Dominion hotel.

E. Howard Baker and W. J. McAteir, of Toronto, are staying at the Empress hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Crowe, of Vancouver, are staying at the Empress hotel.

W. Thompson and Mrs. Thompson, of Roblin, Man., are at the Dominion hotel.

D. McKinnon is down from Ladysmith and is staying at the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. F. Yedulin and family, of Marquette, B. C., are registered at the Dominion hotel.

Frank Clement and Mrs. Clement, of Binscarth, Man., are new arrivals at the Dominion.

E. F. Cowan and Mrs. Cowan and Miss Cowan, of Carlyle, Sask., are stopping at the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. Halliday, and Miss E. N. Halliday, of Alert Bay, are amongst yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion hotel.

F. W. Brown and Mrs. Brown, of Portage la Prairie, Man., are visiting Victoria and staying at the Dominion hotel.

C. C. Jermyn, of Vancouver, and Misses M. E. and A. E. Jermyn, of Ancaster, Ont., are guests of the Dominion hotel.

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DROWNED AT SAVONA

Wife of Rancher Loses Her Life While Crossing Kamloops Lake on the Ice.

The provincial police have received news of the accidental drowning on Kamloops Lake of Mrs. Pope, wife of J. Pope, a Copper Creek rancher. Mrs. Pope and her ten-year-old son had left the ranch to cross the lake on the ice to Savona, where her husband was. When they were a short distance from the shore the ice began to break under them and with great presence of mind and coolness Mrs. Pope pushed her son on firm ice and told him to go ashore and get a plank. He did so, and then went across the lake to get help, leaving his mother clinging to the plank. When aid arrived, however, there was no sign of the woman, who was probably overcome by the cold and slipped from the support.

The dead woman was about thirty-five, and the family had been in the interior from the Coast for about eighteen months.

PING-PONG CONTEST FOR RED CROSS FUND

Oak Bay Branch Calling for Entries for Forthcoming Event

Entries for the Oak Bay Red Cross ping-pong tournament to be held on Friday and Saturday of this week at 308 Pemberton Building, kindly lent free of charge for the occasion, continue to come in, and it is anticipated that a very interesting two days' play will be afforded. Onlookers will be charged a small admission fee and tea will be served by the ladies in charge. The entire proceeds will be turned over to the Red Cross. The play will begin at 3 o'clock on Friday afternoon, and to-morrow the tables will be moved from the Oak Bay ping-pong rooms to the Pemberton Block in readiness for the tournament. Mr. Rickaby, organ of the Oak Bay committee members, will be glad to receive the names of intending competitors up to to-morrow night.

The Oak Bay branch is making various efforts to increase its funds. Through the efforts of Mrs. Robert Gibson, York Place, who held a bridge tea last Friday afternoon, the funds of the branch will benefit to the extent of \$102. Prizes were awarded to Miss Arrowsmith, first; Mrs. Newton Burdick, second; Mrs. Taylor, third, Mrs. Goulding-Watson won the five hundred prize and Mrs. Umber the rum prize. There were over eighty players.

James Bay Branch. James Bay Red Cross is turning out an astonishing amount of work. Last night the rooms were filled with workers whom Mrs. Simpson and two other ladies had gathered together for evening work. The rooms will be open hereafter at least once a week nightly on Tuesday evening. In order that those who are unable to attend during the day may do so at night. The ladies individually are making some splendid records. One lady over seventy years of age turns out three shirts each day. Another, working a motor machine makes from five to six daily. In the near future the James Bay District will be the object of a house to house canvass for workers and subscriptions in aid of the Red Cross.

North Ward. North Ward branch held a five hundred tournament last week when the sum of \$24 was taken for the branch funds.

AT THE THEATRES

ROYAL VICTORIA.

For the last time to-night, the Royal Victoria will present a double attraction. The first being Bessie Barriscale in "The Payment," a play that is of special interest to women. The second being "Little Loo," supported by the seven little boys in a comedy dealing with circus life, entitled "A Favorite Fool," the whole making a most acceptable programme.

DOMINION THEATRE.

"The Upheaval," a highly entertaining five-part Metro wonderplay, with Lionel Barrymore, the gifted stage and screen artist in the stellar role, is the feature attraction at the Dominion Theatre to-night for the last time. Mr. Barrymore is supported by Marguerite Skirvin, a young woman of much talent and rare beauty, who was seen with him in "The Quitter," a recent Metro feature production. Others in a notable cast include Edgar L. Davenport, Howard Truesdell, Franklin Hanna, John H. Smiley, Paul Lawrence, James Malady, George Stevens, Frank Lyons and Myra Brook. Mr. Barrymore will be welcomed here by all who were fortunate in seeing his mastery performance in "A Yellow Streak," the Metro production declared by critics to be the best five-part feature produced last year. Miss Skirvin only recently went into motion pictures, and she is more than repeating her success upon the speaking stage. She was seen on Broadway in "Eugene O'Neil," "Rolling Stones" and with Julian Eltinge in "The Fascinating Widow."

PANTAGES THEATRE.

The Australian "Woodchoppers," the big feature act which opens the Pantages bill this week, is one of the acts which were booked personally by Mr. Alexander Pantages during his recent visit to New York. The three men in the offering present one of the few really outstanding novelties in present day vaudeville. Harry Jackson and Peter McLaren, born in that country famous for its strong men in both body and character, are perfect types of strength and their exhibition of sawing through a log 60 inches in circumference and their contest in felling a tree of same size in two minutes has to be seen to be appreciated. They throw and embed axes into a plank with accuracy and strength that would enable a body of such men with a good supply of axes to cut their way through to Berlin in short time. These men have appeared at the New York Hippodrome for thirty consecutive weeks and have toured in three continents during 10 years, appearing before royalty many times. They have made the humble work of wood chopping a fine art. To the uninitiated, the phenomenal strength and endurance of these men cannot be apparent. It is only by constant training and strengthening of the muscles that such feats can be accomplished. No scientific manoeuvres, no bluffing, just plain honest work. Their act, in which they conduct a tree cutting contest, is very exciting and interesting.

A Telephone Tangle is the title of a

bright novel number which is worked out to perfection, and gives much enjoyment; it represents the possibilities of cross wires, and the funny conversations that would ensue. This little novelty is very much liked and appreciated by vaudeville patrons, who are always keen for something out of the ordinary.

The Belclair Brothers offer the latest sensation in vaudeville, that is looping the loop to a hand-to-hand stand, and also some really remarkable hand and head work that denotes unusual strength and skill; these boys are considered five years ahead of any other acrobatic act in the business.

Bobbie and Nelson offer a line of comedy patter and some variations that are really funny; these boys are born comedians and prove so at every performance.

Elizabeth Cutty offers a refined instrumental and singing entertainment that is much appreciated by everyone; Miss Cutty is an artiste without pretension, but who entertains during every minute that she is before the footlights.

The fourteenth chapter of the "Shielding Shadow" produces increased interest as the story nears its close. There are several thrilling scenes which prepare the way for the disclosure of the identity of the Shielding Shadow. This will take place in next week's installment. The new serial, "Pearl of the Army," in which the delightful Pearl White is the feature, will begin its first installment immediately at the close of "The Shielding Shadow."

FIGHTING WITH ALLIES

Directors of Superfluties Saw Pictures in Vancouver; Six Performances Daily

The Superfluties directors, who are arranging to show the war pictures at the Royal Victoria Theatre next week, have just returned from Vancouver, where they went to personally inspect the "Fighting With the Allies" film, which is this week being shown in the interest of the Red Cross Society in that city.

The pictures are very interesting; about half of them were taken quite recently in the firing line, and the other half have been made up of war pictures of peculiar interest to loyal Victorians. There is a very clear picture of King George and the Prince of Wales at the front, and a most charming picture of the Dowager Queen Alexandra continuing her untrusting work, helping and comforting the men who are protecting the Empire.

The pictures are different to the ordinary war pictures we have seen with interminable marches past, or uninteresting camp life. They are just real pictures of the war without any attempt to make them gruesome, and of course chiefly show the work of our glorious Allies. There is no attempt at spectacular work, although it is obvious that they have been taken under fire.

Unfortunately it was impossible to obtain the interesting pictures of King George's official visit to the front, but a most wonderful "cartoon picture" was obtained of the Zeppelins, which has been spoken of so highly during the last month. It is a cartoon drawing of what could have been seen in London at 2 o'clock in the morning in September last, when Flight-Commander Robinson attacked the Zeppelin that was dropping bombs over the city of London, and shows his wonder-

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Ceremony of Induction and Installation of Very Rev. C. S. Quainton-Held Yesterday

The ceremony of induction and installation of the Rev. Cecil Samuel Quainton as Dean of Columbia and Rector of Christ Church Cathedral took place last evening. The Rev. the Bishop of Columbia officiating. The service, which commenced at 7:45 with Evensong, was after the order of the revised Prayer Book. The Bishop delivered a short address, in which he referred to the history of the selection of a new dean and rector. The choice had ultimately fallen on Rev. C. S. Quainton, and it was with the greatest pleasure that he set about the work of inducing him into the office. He hoped that the bonds of understanding between the Dean and the people would steadily grow stronger in the months to come.

The ceremony of induction took place first, Rev. Mr. Quainton, who occupied a place in one of the front pews during the first part of the service, was called by the Bishop to the chancel, where, after the reading by Chancellor Lindley Grease of the declaration regarding the taking by the new Dean of the necessary oaths, the deed of institution, and other memorials, the new Rector received from the churchwarden, Mr. John Harvey, the keys of the church.

Led by the Bishop the new Rector was conducted round the church and various places connected with his new duties were pointed out to him. First he was taken to the Baptismal font and there adjured by the Bishop to observe the Scriptural instructions re baptisms. He was then conducted back to the Rector's seat, the lectern and the pulpit, accepting the charge imposed upon him faithfully to carry out his duties in connection with the church. The final charge by the Bishop was to the congregation, which was reminded of its duties toward the new pastor.

The deed of institution was next read by the Chancellor, and the new Rector now admitted to and instituted in all the rights and dignities pertaining to his office received the office of Dean of the Diocese of Columbia, promising faithfully to discharge his duties. As Dean of the Cathedral he was then conducted by the Bishop to his seat at the east of the choir.

The Bishop was assisted in the service by the following clergy: Reverends E. A. Knight, F. H. Fatt, and C. R. Little, acting chaplain to the Bishop. Venerable Archdeacon Sweet read the lesson, and others who occupied seats in the choir were Rev. L. A. Todd, of the West Coast Mission; Rev. Robt. Connell, Rev. Mr. Taplow, and Rev. Mackenzie Naughton.

The reception which was held immediately afterwards at the Cathedral schoolroom was attended by a very large gathering. Anglican clergy present beside the Bishop and those above-mentioned who took part in the service of induction and installation included Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, Rev. W. Baugh Allen, Rev. W. Cook, Rev. H. Payne, Rev. E. W. Filinton. There were also present Rev. Capt. Campbell, chaplain of the forces; Rev. Joseph McCoy, pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church; Rev. A. de B. Owen, rector of the Reformed Episcopal Church; Rev. William Stevenson, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Everyone went forward and shook hands with Dean Quainton and Mrs. Quainton, and for half an hour the time was passed in a social way, refreshments being passed round by the ladies of the church. The last part of the evening was taken up with addresses of welcome, first, from the Bishop, who expressed, amid the applause of those present, the pleasure which it gave him to welcome to the Diocese of Columbia the new Dean and his wife. It was a big task which Dean Quainton was shouldering, a task which would challenge his very heart and soul. But it was also one of the best fields of work in the whole Dominion, and they felt confident they had chosen the right man to carry it on.

It was an augury of the happy relations which they were to experience, said Dean Quainton in replying, that they had been given so hearty a welcome by the Bishop of the Diocese and the people of Victoria. Both he and Mrs. Quainton felt that they were coming home in taking up their residence here, so numerous had been his discoveries of links with his other homes.

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COUNCIL OF WOMEN DISCUSSES FRANCHISE

One of Speakers Thinks Women Not Much Better Than Men

"I have been hot after that vote for nearly twenty-five years and I should have been the most disappointed woman in the Dominion if I had had to turn into my grave without it." The possession of the franchise, however, and its attendant responsibilities presented to the mind of Mrs. H. C. Hannington, whose sentiments are above quoted, the need for information as to the value of its full exercise by a co-operation with parties existing, and represented by the opposite sex, or as a means and groundwork for the creation of an organization foreign to the accepted accessory to the election of party government. In other words the chief object of the meeting of the Council of Women at the Headquarters of the Y. W. C. A. yesterday afternoon was to discuss frankly and broadly the subject of whether women in possession of the franchise could best wield their power to secure legislation that should represent the needs of the people, or energetically labored, by joining existing organizations representing the two political forces, or whether or not greater service would be rendered to the state by a separate woman's organization as a third party. Not a little support was given to the plea that party affiliation was not necessary for the women folk, who could, on vital subjects affecting the general welfare of the people, marshal a silent vote capable of determining a yea or nay at any time.

"Machine" Politics Undiminished. For nearly two hours fully a score of speakers exchanged views on party government, scathing condemnation from some was speedily followed by appreciative sentiments—not a few apologetically in the absence of a workable alternative—from others. One of the words in the pre-election vocabulary was not even taboo. One lady indeed was apprehensive lest the men ensnare the women into the meshes of the alleged "machine." The same speaker was inclined to the belief that the men did not want the women to know too much about the "delicate mechanism of the machine" of party government.

"The women have been exercising all their talents for so long in the hope of obtaining the franchise," said Mrs. Andrews, "that sufficient thought has not been given to a sense of the preparation necessary to ensure its use in the manner most beneficial. In other words, the women are scarcely ready for it." Mention of the "machine," declared the same speaker, should be beneath the dignity of politics, while the idea of a separate party for the fair sex was in her opinion a retrograde step of serious magnitude. "The men are ready for the help of the women," she continued, "and as evidence of this the question of succession for the Minister of Finance, in the person of the Hon. Ralph Smith's widow, is even now being meditated upon. It is not for us to stand up and criticize the men, but to join hands with them and work just as hard in double harness for the welfare of the people, as husband and wife did for the peace and harmony of the domestic circle."

Learn From Lords of Creation. Mrs. Hannington declared that the more she heard of the discussion the more assistance was given to her decision, and although inclining somewhat to a seat on the fence, with always the privilege of completely scaling it at the opportune time, the fact that they had watched through the ages the world governed by the men, kind, the added missionary work of the woman should be reflected in the quality of any measure put before the public by either party for its endorsement. Men and women working together, she declared, would point a way

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A feature of this club is that there is no president, the chairman of each meeting being chosen from the members present at the meeting. Any visitors are cordially invited to be present at any meeting. Any person interested in Graham Island is especially invited to communicate with the secretary, A. B. Mathers, who will give all communications prompt attention.

Any person anticipating a trip to the Island by notifying the secretary will find on arrival a committee or member of the club on hand to furnish information or assist in any possible manner.

Knowing the great future in store for Graham Island the club has for its aim the furnishing of information that is reliable and states that it has no speculative wildcat schemes to advance.

CERTIFICATES GRANTED. District Orders Contain List of Those Who Have Qualified for Promotion.

By authority of Col. J. Duff Stuart, Officer Administering Military District No. 11, the following certificates in army signalling have been granted: First-class—Gnr. F. R. Butler, Gnr. E. Leach, Gnr. T. Ralph, Gnr. R. W. Whidden, 5th Regiment, C.G.A.; Pte. W. E. Clarke, Pte. H. L. T. Martin, Pte. W. B. Smith, 21st Battalion, C.E.F.; Pte. H. C. Bray, Pte. A. A. Clapp, Pte. D. Fearns, Pte. J. W. Gray, Pte. H. Hastie, Pte. F. J. Jossop, Pte. D. W. Mathers, 143rd Battalion, C.E.F.

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Entertainment Given Last Night at Military Y. M. C. A. "Hut," Willows.

The Army Medical Corps, the Canadian Field Artillery, and the 5th Gordon Highlanders were responsible for a very novel and entertaining programme last night at the Y. M. C. A. "Hut" at the Willows, the guests being the members of the thirteen young people's societies of the city which from time to time have entertained the soldiers.

The entertainment consisted of a mock athletic tournament, a pie-cutting contest, a hundred yards race (the principle of which was nibbling a set length of string at the terminus of which was a plump marshmallow), putting the shot (also in miniature), a three-legged race which actually was contested by the arms, and other burlesque athletics. The hosts served refreshments before the guests left, and Sgt. Shoultice, on behalf of the Army Medical Corps, thanked the Young People's organizations for what they had been doing. His remarks were endorsed by Gnr. Crowther, of the Canadian Field Artillery; and Lt. Courtney, of the 5th, each of whom referred to the appreciation of their respective units. Before the visitors departed cheers were given for the Artillery unit, which is expected to leave the city within the next few days.

It is notified in District Orders that a complaint has been received that the enlistment of telegraph operators in Canada is becoming a very serious handicap to the efficient work of telegraph companies. In future no telegraph operator is to be enlisted without his name being first submitted to the company by which he is employed, and information obtained as to whether his services can be spared, and he is not to be taken on the strength of the Canadian Expeditionary Force without the approval of his employer.

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Col. Hodgins states that Major Macdonnell, who left here as second in command, is now in England. The Colonel now ranks as Assistant Director of Light Railways with the Third Division, and the men, most of whom were trained railway construction men, are engaged in building light lines. At present the work is by day, but as soon as operations commence, the shifts will be split up into day and night work. He reports the men contented, and well satisfied, with plenty to do, and a cheerful spirit in doing it.

Intimation is contained in the letter that the former engineer who installed the asphalt plant for the city here, Mr. Beaven, has secured his commission, for which it was known he was training.

Col. Hodgins was for about a year with the Provincial Department of Public Works, coming here from Cowichan district, where he formerly resided. For a considerable time he was employed by the Dominion Government as an engineer on the construction of the National Transcontinental Railway.

In the South African War he was with the Second Battalion, R. C. R., and saw operations in the Orange Free State, including the Paardeberg engagements. He also participated in May and June, 1900, in the Transvaal operations, and served on the staff of the Imperial Military Railways. From June

1900, to the end of the war he was officer commanding the new construction work of the railways in the Transvaal and Orange River colony, so that his present work is particularly appropriate.

Casualty lists this morning include the name of Private Gordon Anderson as having died of his wounds. As stated in Monday's issue of the Times, the deceased soldier was posted as wounded, although the nature of his hurts were not indicated in the formal announcement received by his father, who is at present in town.

Private Anderson went overseas with the 62nd Battalion, transferring to the 47th in France, and it was with this unit that he was serving, when he was killed. He was the son of George L. Anderson, of Kitimat, and is just 29 years old. His sister, Miss Muriel Anderson, is a member of this year's graduating class at the Jubilee Hospital.

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O.S.K. PLANS GREAT INCREASE OF TONNAGE

Building Steamships Representing an Aggregate Tonnage of 380,000

With the departure of the Japanese liner Hawaii Maru for the Orient last night, it was learned that the Osaka Shosen Kaisha has determined to build a number of new steamships representing an aggregate tonnage of 380,000 tons, the estimated cost being \$52,500,000. Of this programme orders for the construction of 74,000 tons have been placed already, leaving 306,000 tons to be contracted for.

Included in the tonnage already placed are the two 10,000-ton steamships which upon completion, as previously announced, will be operated in the trans-Pacific trade between Hongkong, Yokohama, Victoria and Seattle. These ships are building at the Mitsui Bishi and Kawasaki shipyards at Kobe and Nagasaki, and additional tonnage for the same company is being constructed at the same yards. A number of contracts have also been placed with the Osaka, Iron Works, Osaka, which concerns has turned out a number of fine freighters for the O. S. K., one of the latest type being the Siam Maru.

Much of the steel used in the vessels under construction was ordered in the United States and for several months past large shipments of shipbuilding material has been transported across the Pacific in the company's own bottoms. Steel for shipbuilding formed the principal item of the Hawaii Maru's cargo, the remainder of the space being taken up by consignments of cotton, canned salmon, sewing machines, machinery, industrial and agricultural, cigarettes and a number of automobiles of well-known make.

The liner also took out 11 cabin passengers and 47 in the steerage, six of the total embarking here. A large shipment of mail was dispatched for the Orient aboard the Hawaii Maru.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Seattle, Feb. 20.—Arrived: Str Chicago Maru, Hongkong, via way ports; str Al-Ki, Southeastern Alaska; str President, San Diego, via San Francisco and Victoria, B. C.; str Senator, Tacoma; str Morning Star, Vancouver, B. C.; str Curzon, Honolulu, thence by way of Portland, in tow of tug Wanderer. Sailed: Str Senator, San Francisco; str Hawaii Maru, Hongkong, via way ports; str Admiral Watson, Tacoma; U. S. C. S. Burnside, Cordova; str Albert Meyer, Port Ludlow, towing.

San Francisco, Feb. 20.—Arrived: Str Admiral Dewey, from Seattle; str Despatch, from Astoria; str Col. E. L. Drake, from Port Angeles; str Snow & Burgess, from Melbourne. Sailed: Str Santiam, for Astoria; str Sierra, for Sydney; str Queen, for Seattle.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 20.—Arrived: Str Atlas, from San Francisco. Sailed: Strs F. A. Kilburn, Western and Atlas, for San Francisco; str J. B. Stetson, for San Pedro.

Flavel, Ore., Feb. 20.—Sailed: Str Northern Pacific, for San Francisco.

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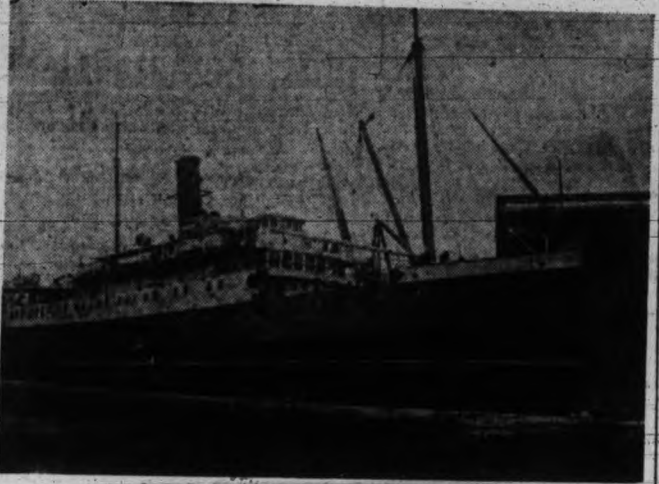
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RETURNS FROM EAST

C. J. V. Spratt Has Nothing to Say Regarding Shipbuilding Development.

C. J. V. Spratt, of the Victoria Machinery Dept, returned here by the Princess Victoria yesterday afternoon, after spending the past three months in the east. Questioned regarding possible shipbuilding developments here as the outcome of his visit to Ottawa, Mr. Spratt stated that nothing had materialized. He spent some time in Ottawa and New York and made his way back to the coast over American lines to Seattle. Mrs. Spratt accompanied her husband on the tour.

INAUGURATES ACCELERATED MAIL SERVICE TO ALASKA



C. P. R. STEAMER PRINCESS SOPHIA

NEW SCHEDULE TO POINTS IN ALASKA

C. P. R. Steamer Princess Sophia Maintaining Ten-Day Service to Skagway

Under the terms of its mail contract with the government the C.P.R. has inaugurated a 10-day schedule to points in Alaska. This service will be maintained until June, when the regular weekly service will go into effect. The steamer Princess Sophia is plying on the Alaska route and will continue to sail North from this port every 10 days pending further notice. In former years the Princess May has plied in the northern service at this season, but as this vessel has been out of commission for several months, the Princess Sophia, which has kept up the fortnightly schedule throughout the winter, has been assigned to maintain the accelerated service.

It was announced at the offices of the B. C. Coast Service this morning that the repairs to the steamer Princess Patricia will be completed at the end of the week, when the vessel will be turned over to her owners by the Victoria Machinery Dept. The damage sustained when the Patricia grounded off Point Grey proved more extensive than was at first supposed, several additional plates having to be renewed.

At the beginning of next week the Princess Patricia will resume her regular run between Nanaimo and Vancouver. While she has been out of commission she has been out of commission since the trans-gulf service connecting up Nanaimo with the mainland, has been maintained by the night steamers plying between Victoria and Vancouver. This arrangement proved quite satisfactory and shippers suffered no inconvenience.

MARINE DEPARTMENT PLANS ERECTION OF BUILDING ON RESERVE

Extension of facilities on the Dominion Government wharves on the Old Reserve is foreshadowed in a query from the marine agent as to how the city would view the construction of a brick, on concrete foundation, building on the western boundary of the Reserve for the storage of oil and carbide, used in departmental requirements, the structure to be fireproof. Favorable recommendation to the department, it is gathered from the communication. The city met the request of the Marine Department in modifying its by-laws when the present structures on the wharf were built. The building will be 30 ft. x 90 ft. Upon a satisfactory arrangement being reached covering the type of structure, the recommendation for the construction of the storage building will be forwarded by the local agent to the department at Ottawa. It is proposed to erect the building on the extreme western boundary of the Government property on the Songhees Reserve. All the facilities for handling bays and beacons, and also lighthouse stores, together with repair plants, etc., are now located on the Reserve site.

STEAMER IN DISTRESS

Assistance Sent to Sagona Reported in Difficulties Off Louisburg, N. B. Halifax, N. S., Feb. 21.—The steamer Sagona is ashore near Louisburg, C.B., and is sending out S. O. S. signals. Assistance is being sent from Louisburg. The Sagona is in the passenger and freight service between Port Aux Basques, Newfoundland, and North Sydney.

The wireless calls from the Sagona were first picked up at 10 o'clock, and went still being sent out this afternoon. The steamer reported that a strong north wind was blowing. It is not known here whether the Sagona has any passengers on board, though it is thought likely.

Hudson's Bay "Imperial" Lager Beer, price 3 for 25¢.

INTERESTING TALK ON NAUTICAL ASTRONOMY

Commander J. T. Shenton Addresses Local Centre of Astronomical Society

"Nautical Astronomy" was the subject of a most interesting address delivered by Commander J. T. Shenton, R. C. N., in the auditorium of the Girls' Central School last night, before the meeting of the Royal Astronomical Society.

Commander Shenton spoke of the debt the world owes to the astronomer. When fixing a position at sea by celestial methods they referred to the astronomer's tables of the Sun's Right Ascension or Declination, and the Equation of Time.

He pointed out that the early history of the rise and progress of nautical astronomy was somewhat obscure. That the Phoenicians had navigated practically the whole coastline of Africa, there was no reason to doubt, but in order to do so they must have had some knowledge of astronomy. A steady improvement in the methods of navigation was initiated by Prince Henry of Portugal early in the fifteenth century, and to these methods were due many of the important geographical discoveries of the period.

The American-Hawaiian Steamship Company has returned two of its big liners, the Montanan and Texan, to the San Francisco-Honolulu service, although the greater part of the big fleet is engaged on the more profitable Atlantic routes. The Montanan is the first of the fleet to arrive on the Pacific in nearly a year. She, together with the Texan, will continue in the Hawaiian service until the sugar crop of the islands is moved.

A number of the American-Hawaiian freighters have been disposed of since the outbreak of war and at a phenomenal profit.

WIRELESS REPORTS

Point Grey—Cloudy; S. W. fresh; 29.41; 29; thick. Cape Lazo—Overcast; calm; 29.35; 29; sea smooth. Pachaena—Cloudy; N. W.; 29.27; 34; sea moderate. Estevan—Clear; N. fresh; 29.09; 21; sea moderate. Alert Bay—Snow; N. W.; 29.19; 27; sea smooth. Triangle—Clear; calm; 29.46; 19; sea moderate. Leadtree Point—Overcast; N. E. fresh; 29.51; 12; sea rough. Ikeda Bay—Cloudy; N. W.; strong gale; 29.06; 13; sea rough. Prince Rupert—Clear; N. E. fresh; 29.51; 09; sea moderate. Passed out: str Chelohsin, 7 p.m., southbound; spoke str Norwood, 8.15 p.m. off Point Gardner, 6 p.m., northbound; spoke str Victoria, 8.20 p.m., 430 miles from Cape Flattery at 4 p.m., northbound.

Noon. Point Grey—Snow; calm; 29.40; 28; dense. Cape Lazo—Snow; N. light; 29.35; 24; sea smooth. Spoke str Windber, 11.35 a.m., 35 miles south of Seymour Narrows, northbound; spoke str Camouan, 11.40 a.m., leaving Union Bay, northbound; spoke str Mariposa, noon, north of Seymour Narrows, southbound.

Pachaena—Cloudy; N. W.; 29.26; 40; sea moderate. Estevan—Cloudy; N. fresh; 30.05; 29; sea moderate. Alert Bay—Cloudy; N. W.; 29.11; 28; sea smooth. Triangle—Snow; N. E.; 29.39; 19; light swell. Spoke str Chelohsin, 9.30 a.m., Millbank Sound, southbound; spoke str Valdez, 9.30 a.m., Millbank Sound, southbound; spoke str Spokane, 10.35 a.m., Millbank Sound, southbound. Dead Tree Point—Clear; N. E. strong; 29.60; 16; sea moderate. Ikeda Bay—Cloudy; N. E. gale; 29.10; 12; sea rough. Prince Rupert—Clear; N. E. fresh; 29.50; 20; sea moderate. Spoke str Santa Ana, 11.15 a.m., abeam Digby Island, 11 a.m., northbound; spoke str Jefferson, 11.15 a.m., off Lucy Island, 11 a.m., northbound; passed in, str Prince George, 10.30 a.m., northbound.

CANADA MARU REPORTED

O. S. K. Boat Bringing 500 Tons of Cargo for Victoria. Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., local agents for the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, have been advised that the Japanese liner Canada Maru, Capt. Suruga, left Yokohama February 15 for this port. She is expected about March 1. The Canada Maru has 500 tons of general Oriental freight for Victoria. Her passengers number 46 all told, there being seven cabin, thirty-nine steerage, eleven of the latter being routed here.

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Blossom Time in the Golden State A friend just back from Southern California says: "The weather was fine, in fact too warm for heavy clothes. Many were bathing at the beaches. Oranges were ripe in the valleys, while the mountains nearby were covered with snow." With warm sunny weather it will not be long before the blossoms on the trees will be everywhere announcing that spring time is here. Take a vacation trip now where life is different; where climate surroundings and amusements are out of the ordinary. Spend a different February. Three Trains Daily Portland to San Francisco will take you there in comfort. Ask your local agent or write to C. M. Andrews, D. F. & P. A., Seattle, Wash. John M. Scott, Gen. Pass. Agt.

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TRUE SONS OF SEA ARE VISITING PORT

Large Percentage of Island Fishermen Are Serving in Royal Naval Reserve

Included in the complement of one of the ships in the harbor at Esquimalt are fifty Newfoundlanders serving in the Royal Naval Reserve. This party of bluejackets is but a small percentage of seasoned Newfoundland seamen who are now serving with the British forces afloat in the North Sea and elsewhere. It is estimated that some 2,000 Newfoundlanders are now serving the Empire in the R. N. R.

In view of the fact that a large number of residents here originally hailed from the Island off the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the presence of a considerable body of Newfoundlanders in the city is of especial interest. One thing is assured, the men will get a hearty reception wherever they go. They are a husky looking lot of good fellows with a swing and a roll that smacks of the Atlantic fishing banks. Reared in this environment from childhood these men are true sailors.

With a view to inducing the fishermen of the island to join the R. N. R., the Newfoundland Government offered a bonus to all eligible men willing to take a course of naval training, and the response was beyond all expectations. It is safe to assume that the large majority of the Newfoundland fishermen are now serving under the British flag.

VESSELS COMING ON

Several Big Steamers Are Expected Early in March. Among the steamers due to reach here during the early part of March are two Canadian-Australian ships, the Makura and the freighter Walmarino, the latter being routed direct to Vancouver.

Other vessels, expected early next month include the C. P. O. S. liner Empress of Asia, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Sado Maru, the Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner Canada Maru and the Harrison Direct freighter Engineer. The Engineer is replacing the Sculptor in the Harrison service.

SEAWALL LIGHT TO FLASH ON APRIL 1

The Marine Department announces that the lantern which will surmount the concrete tower now in course of erection at the end of the Ogden Point breakwater, will show a white light of the quick-flashing Aga type. This light is expected to be put in operation on or about April 1. The tower, which is being erected by Parfitt Bros. of this city, is expected to be completed by the middle of March.

COMING TO LOAD LUMBER

The American schooner Snow & Burgess has arrived at Saik, Francisco, 34 days out from Melbourne. She carried 1,600 tons of wheat to order, this being the first cargo of wheat to reach the Golden Gate from Australia. The Snow & Burgess is under charter to load lumber in British Columbia for an offshore destination.

Arrivals and Departures

Table with columns for COASTWISE SERVICES, For Vancouver, For Prince Rupert, For Comox, For Skagway, For Holberg, For Heiberg, For Clayoquot, For Port Angeles, From Port Angeles.

SPORTING NEWS

VANCOUVER DEFEATED SIX GOALS TO FOUR

Tommy Dunderdale Was in Old-Time Form; Moose Johnson Star

Portland, Feb. 20.—The golden opportunity of getting into a tie for the lead of the P.C.H.A. was lost here to-night by the Vancouver Millionaires, after one of the most terrific struggles ever seen in the ice-palace. The Uncle Sams won 6 to 4, but it was only after the most sensational kind of hockey that was ever dished up to the fans.

The locals counted twice in succession in the first period, and but for that the Millionaires might have won. After Portland made the first goal, the score ran Portland, Vancouver, Portland, Vancouver and so on until the final whistle was sounded.

Dr. Gordon Roberts hopped up three notches in individual scoring averages by virtue of sagging the net three times, all goals coming in the last period. The big star for the Portlanders was Captain Moose Johnson. He netted the rubber disc twice and, on both occasions, it was after he had made his famous dash down the surface. Once he found that he was sliding along on his stomach, and he simply poked it in past Lehman, who was coming out to get him.

In the third period Harris and Moyne were penalized ten minutes each, and Harris was given a three-minute penalty besides in that same canto. There were six penalties dished up, and Harris was in three of them.

The score at the end of the first period was 2 to 1 and in the second stanza the only tally recorded was made by Harris on a pass from Dunderdale. Then the septettes came back for the final twenty minutes of play. How they battled and registered markers will be long remembered by those who were in attendance.

Tommy Dunderdale, former Victoria star, staged a real comeback, scoring two goals and assisting in another. He was once more in his old-time form, and his shots were those which used to make the Victoria fans climb up on their seats in days past.

E. H. Savage, manager of the local club, who was injured in a jitney-street car accident last December, in which two lives were lost, was in attendance to-night for the first time since the accident, and he was greeted warmly by many of his admirers. His friends are hoping that he will be able to take the reins of the team by next week.

BOWLING NEWS.

In a Commercial League bowling match at the Arcade Bowling Alley last night the Pirates met the Camerons with the following result:

Pirates	154	149	153
Heathcote	117	154	162
Davison	123	200	177
Williams	119	154	143
Total pins—1,888.			
Camerons			
McDonald	176	144	134
Wilson	130	128	133
Mitchell	201	136	126
Morrison	129	169	129
Total pins—1,682.			

To-night in the Commercial League the Outlaws will play Fairbairns and Capital City Bakery.

In the Junior League last night the Camerons played the Volunteers. The scores were:

Volunteers	134	143	140
Leighton	103	122	128
Major	114	111	119
Gray	171	126	127
Olson	111	118	121
Total pins—1,563.			
Camerons			
L. Simpson	134	143	140
Dickson	103	122	128
Cameron	114	111	119
J. Simpson	171	126	127
Mitchell	111	118	121
Total pins—2,048.			

To-night the Meters will meet the Dentals in the Junior League.

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

SWIMMING GALA TO BE GREAT SUCCESS

Interesting Events Will Be Featured at Y. M. C. A. Tank on Saturday

By the sanction of the Canadian Amateur Swimming Association the Boy's Division of the local Y. M. C. A. expect to hold the most successful swimming gala on Saturday evening next at the institution's tank which has ever been put on by the members of the organization. The leading event announced in these columns last Saturday will be the attempt by Miss Audrey Griffin to lower the existing 100 yards ladies' indoor record for Canada. Several notable officials will be on hand for the judging of this event. The timekeepers will be A. Cotter, of Vancouver, secretary of the B. C. section of the Canadian Amateur Swimming Association; C. H. Hopper, secretary of the Royal Life Saving Society; Capt. A. J. Dallin and John Wenger; surveyor of swimming bath, E. Dundas Todd; starter, R. E. Crompton.

Besides this event there will be several other very interesting features. The younger boys will give the sketch entitled "The Old Swimmer's Tale." Three relay races between the boys' clubs provide lots of excitement for the spectators. The races will be in three grades—(1) Juniors, between the Roman, Trojan and Spartan Clubs; (2) between the Town-a-leek, A-chu-coos, Presbyterian and Business Boys' Clubs, and (3) between the senior clubs from Metropolitan, Centennial, St. John's and Baptist Churches and Y. M. C. A. Clubs, Chi Rhos and Hi Y.

There will also be several events for girls by the Victoria Ladies' Swimming Club; Mrs. Hibberson, the instructor of the Girls' Saturday morning class, will also be in charge of two of these items in connection with the girls' entries. The "Learn to Swim" demonstration will prove to be of a very interesting nature. The best way to get confidence in the water will be shown as well as to make the first attempts to swim and to perfect the stroke.

The gala programme will commence sharp at 8 o'clock. A large number of seats by the accommodation of spectators are being provided and a nominal fee to cover this expense will be charged.

SPORT SIDELIGHTS

Here and There in the Sporting World.

They have been talking of using pitchers for hand-grenade throwers in case the United States goes to war. Bob Brown suggests that if they went up in the air they could be transferred to the aviation corps.

Freddie Welsh has been denied the privilege of engaging in boxing contests in Wisconsin. However, the folks say he can still engage in dancing or footracing there, and these performances, after all, look better elsewhere than in the ring.

Les Darcy, who stowed away to get away from his native land to avoid military duty, must think that bad luck is chasing him when he finds the United States on the verge of war and contemplating universal military training and service.

Jess Willard wants \$50,000 to fight Fred Fulton, and Grover Alexander wants \$15,000 before he will meet Philadelphia, Pa., well, guess there's nothing to stop 'em wanting it. But will they get it? We think not.

It's so long since Seattle boxing promoters have put a championship on the block that the fans are sticking to fust about. The heavyweight crown is the only one that has not yet been wished on one of Washington's native sons.

No wonder the N. H. A. decided to drop Toronto from the circuit if the Queen City fans only supported the game as well as they do the amateur brand.

MAY BAR OATMAN FROM PRO. LEAGUES

Officials of Hockey Clubs Express Views on Recent Developments

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—The Ottawa Hockey Club will demand that the N.H.A. take action immediately in connection with the situation that has developed over the return of Eddie Oatman, Gordon Meeking and other members of the 228th Battalion. The local club's directors discussed the situation to-day and are now waiting word from President Robinson, pending action.

"We intend to have the whole thing sifted to the bottom," said Secretary Rosenthal, of the Ottawas. "Personally, I did not like the way the 228th officers were conducting things, and I so expressed myself on several occasions at the N.H.A. meeting. In the first place I did not like the way they treated Mr. Livingston, of the Toronto club. They accused him of causing all the trouble at Toronto, whereas conditions appear to have been the reverse. Obviously the N.H.A. and the P.C.H.A. have been humbugged and the regrettable part is that officers whom we considered above that sort of thing have been a party to it."

Montreal, Feb. 20.—One of the results of the latest developments in the N.H.A. may be an unprofitable turn in the situation of Eddie Oatman, whose services are the property of the P.C.H.A., but who played in the first half of the N.H.A. schedule with the 228th Battalion of Toronto. Besides receiving, according to the best information, only \$400 of the \$1,200 for which he is said to have contracted to play for the soldiers, he may be barred from hockey throughout Canada if local initiative can achieve that result.

When the next meeting of the N.H.A. takes place, it is understood a local representative will urge that he be barred from playing anywhere in Canada for an indefinite period. It is also stated that President Robinson, of the N.H.A. told Oatman at a conference yesterday that he had placed himself in a serious position.

Toronto, Feb. 20.—Disclosures of the 228th methods in connection with Oatman and Meeking were no surprise to E. J. Livingston, of the Toronto Hockey Club, who declares that he was fully aware of the state of affairs. "It is a complete vindication of my stand in the matter," he said.

Portland, Feb. 20.—"I have nothing to say regarding the reported scandal of the N.H.A.," said President Frank Patrick here to-night. "I received a telegram to-day from the east asking me to withhold all explanations to the press as there was a letter with complete details being sent. It further stated that everything had been sent to Vancouver."

IN HOCKEY CIRCLES

News and Views of the Ice Game and Its Players.

The Wanderers are so far behind in the National Hockey Association race that the attendance in Montreal has fallen off. Only the doorkeeper and the club's trainer are turning out nowadays when the Red Bards play.

Clint Benedict must be playing a great game in goal for the Ottawa Senators this season. When in form Benedict is a veritable stonewall, according to opposing forwards. Clint tried to play goal for Vancouver in lacrosse once but couldn't make good.

Spokane Canaries have been decidedly poor voice all season. They showed well for a game or two and then fell away. Players who were expected to start with that club this season failed to deliver at any time.

The dates now suggested by the N. H. A. for Stanley cup games, announced in these columns, will probably be accepted by the Coast body, although late dates for play will work an unnecessary hardship on the Coast champions. The P. C. H. A. season closes March 2 and it will be necessary for the champions to remain idle until March 15, the date of the first world series clash.

ALEXANDER OFFERED BERTH WITH CIRCUS

Chicago, Feb. 21.—An unnamed circus corporation has wired Grover Alexander, pitcher with the Philadelphia Nationals, an offer of \$1,000 a week for thirty-five weeks to stage a baseball "stunt" in the tent, according to local papers to-day. Alexander is said to be holding out on the Philadelphia team for a salary of \$15,000.

DEFEATS DUNDEE.

New York, Feb. 21.—Frankie Callahan outboxed Johnny Dundee in a ten-round match in Brooklyn last night. Callahan weighed 132½ pounds and Dundee 130.

Dave Dugdale, of Seattle, explains his failure to claim the 1917 pennant at this stage is due to Pete Muldoon having secured a corner on championships.

SATISFACTORY SHOTS BY FRANCIS OUMET

Former Golf Champion Speaks of Incidents on the Links

In all games that are played, there are some certain periods that produce unusual thrills to the one who successfully accomplishes his object. The pitcher in baseball who can strike out the slugger with the bases full enjoys a wonderful sensation, while that same slugger, if he happens to connect with the ball, clearing the bases, has a thrill which he cannot forget. The hockey player who can skate through the opposition with a wonderful display of stick handling, and then "shoot" perhaps the deciding goal, is as satisfied for the evening as any human being could be.

So, too, the game of golf has its little thrills and features which go down in the golfer's memory never to be erased. Golfers may not all agree on the shot that gives the most satisfaction, owing, probably, to the great difference in skill. I have seen players practice an hour at a time with a masher, endeavoring to acquire, if possible, the art of imparting the mysterious "back spin" to the ball. This shot, when played accurately, is certainly most satisfactory to the player.

I remember watching MacDonald Smith at Pinehurst two years ago play shots that were the last thing in skill and quality. Where every other golfer would play a shot with considerable overspin, "Mack" would take his masher or masher-niblick and smash his ball all the way to the pin, figuring on the back spin to hold it there. And the remarkable part about this was that he succeeded in doing so. He might be expected to do such a thing on a grass green, but in a sand green—never. He was an exception, however—but how he must have enjoyed pitching them on to the sand greens and having them stay there.

The Back Spin. I have also noticed his brother, "Alec," plays shots with the old, pneumatic ball that made the gallery fairly gasp for breath. His pitch shots had so much back spin on them that, aside from stopping dead, they frequently hopped back a foot or more. This may sound like a wild fairy tale but it is a fact nevertheless. When he was winning championships, his chip, short and approaches were really uncanny. I could name other masters who might specialize in other strokes, but these two examples may furnish an idea of the thrills that are sometimes obtained in masher play.

"Ted" Ray can hit a golf ball a mile, it seems. Nothing is more thrilling than to see one of those long hitters slama a ball for extraordinary distances. Many will recall Jesse Gillford at Ekwanok in the summer of 1914. About 280 yards from the first tee is a bunker which stretches directly across the fairway. The object of this hazard is to catch a topped or half-topped second shot. "Gillford" stepped onto that tee in full view of more than a hundred onlookers, took one preliminary swing, and then connected for one of the longest shots I have ever had the pleasure of seeing.

His ball started quite high, and, straightening out, kept boring ahead, through the air, finally dropping about eight feet from the hazard. This shot was not assisted by a run, either, for the ground at that place was unusually soft. Jesse must have felt that stroke in every bone in his body.

It is thrilling indeed to drive the ball for great distances, and it is probably the ambition of every golfer to increase his driving as much as possible.

Fred Stone's Patience. Fred Stone, the noted actor, was telling me only the other day that he liked nothing better than to take about thirty old balls out onto a tee and just drive them for hours. He can hit them quite far, too, and he has a system of practice that is strictly in keeping with everything he undertakes. If he takes a liking to anything he attempts he is never satisfied until he becomes really proficient, and the same is true of his golf.

Armed with these thirty old balls and a pair of caddies, Fred will practice for hours with his driver, noting carefully on a piece of paper each individual shot. He is enabled therefore to see which of his faults is the most conspicuous, and can go to work remedying this fault accordingly. This appears to me to be one of the most sensible methods of practice I have ever heard of, but it would take a real genius to do this.

Oumet's Best Shot.

The shot that I personally consider the most satisfying is the brassie shot to the green. It is by no means the easiest thing in the world to get a brassie shot away well, always. Sometimes the lie is close. Sometimes the ball is lying in very soft grass, and then again, a brassie is used only when the maximum amount of distance is necessary, excepting, of course, the tee shot. The ball must be gotten away cleanly and accurately. The long distance leaves greater opportunities for wildness than an iron shot. Combining accuracy and direction with judgment and distance, you have four reasons why a ball hit with the brassie and stopping on the putting green should give untold satisfaction.

A long putt-to-save-or-win a match is a delightful thing. W. P. Seeley, of Brookline, and a chap named Horton Pushee, a young Massachusetts golfer of great promise, had been having a terrific battle—for seventeen holes, at which point they were all even. Both were on the last green in three strokes, and Pushee, playing his

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- if instead of reading of Belgian sufferings we heard the pitiful tales from the lips of escaped victims
- if we could see the long and hungry bread-lines of people as intelligent and once as prosperous and comfortable as ourselves
- if we could watch the thousands of emaciated children who are fed at the schools by the Belgian Relief Commission
- if what they are enduring, and their desperate need, were clear and vivid to us, instead of unreal aid overseas
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fourth, placed his ball a foot from the hole. Seeley was at least forty feet from the hole, shooting the like, and, in order to obtain a half, he must play a carefully conceived putt over a very undulating putting green. So well did he figure out that putt that, instead of stopping dead to the hole, his ball went in, and he won a very fine match by a single hole.

CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE DECIDED HERE

Butts and Leighton Will Meet at Princess Theatre on March 3

As a successful sport promoter as well as an all-around athlete, W. H. Davies, of this city, needs no introduction to Victoria fans. His past experience has fitted him in every way for the staging of such an event in the ring as a bout for the heavyweight "Naval Championship of the British Pacific Fleet," which will be held in the Princess Theatre on Saturday evening, March 3.

The two contestants for the above mentioned title are Tom Butts and Russ Leighton, of H. M. S. S. Rainbow. A bout between these men alone should be sufficient to draw a full house on the night in question. Those who attend will have the opportunity of witnessing two of the heaviest fighting men of the Pacific Coast in a six-round bout for the heavyweight championship. It is probable that Butts will weigh 230 pounds and Leighton 210 when they enter the ring. Men of such weight are very exceptional, and interest in the event is bound therefore to be very keen.

It should be stated at this point that the bout is the outcome of a challenge which was issued by Butts and accepted by Leighton.

It is fully expected that there will be several other events on the cards of the evening by which the Army and Navy Championship of British Columbia may be settled. Mr. Davies has sent entry forms to all the naval and military units, inviting entries in the fol-

FEED HUNGRY DUCKS.

Auburn, N. Y., Feb. 21.—Feeding of thousands of hungry canvasback ducks that have taken refuge in the marshes of the foot of Cayuga Lake, along the Seneca River, has been commenced by Willard A. Hoagland, State game protector. Acres of the frozen lake are covered with ducks. As there is no food for them in the few spots of open water, they are suffering from hunger.

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Electrical Supplies

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 4 p. m. on Monday, March 5, 1917, for the following electrical supplies: 5,000 Carbons, solid; 5,000 Carbons, coated; 5,000 Nitrogen Lamps, Tungsten Lamps. Specifications may be obtained from the City Purchasing Agent, to whom all tenders must be addressed and marked on outside of envelope "Tender for Electrical Supplies." A marked cheque for 5 per cent. of the amount of the tender, made payable to the City Treasurer, must accompany each tender. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

W. GALT,
City Purchasing Agent.

CEDAR POLES WANTED

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 4 p. m. on Monday, Feb. 26, 1917, for 150 Cedar Poles. Specifications may be obtained from the City Purchasing Agent, to whom all tenders must be addressed, and marked on outside of envelope "Tender for Cedar Poles." The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

W. GALT,
City Purchasing Agent.

Saanich Prison Farm

Tenders, in duplicate, sealed and marked "Gaul Supplies," for the supply of bread, beef, groceries, hardware, drugs, coal (per ton of 2,240 lbs.), lime, etc., in quantities as required, and delivered without extra charge, at the Prison Farm, Wilkinson Road, Saanich, from April 1, 1917, to March 31, 1918, will be received by the undersigned up till the hour of noon on the 1st day of March, proximo. All supplies to be of Provincial manufacture, as far as practicable. Forms of tender will be supplied on application to the Warden, and samples of supplies required may be examined.

JOHN MUNRO,
Warden.
Victoria, B. C., February 15, 1917.

NOTICE

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

All persons having any claims against the Estate of the late Kate Williams, who died intestate on or about the 14th day of August, 1916, are required to send particulars of their claims, duly verified, to the undersigned on or before the 3rd day of March, 1917, after which date the Administrator will distribute the assets, having regard only to the claims of which he then has notice.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 1917.

CREASE & CREASE,
Solicitors for Administrator,
416 Central Building, Victoria, B. C.

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH

WEEKLY HALF-HOLIDAY ACT

Notice is hereby given that every shop within the Municipal District of Saanich shall be closed for the serving of customers not later than 1 o'clock every Wednesday afternoon after February 1, 1917.

By order,
P. N. BORDEN,
Reeve.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

Notice is hereby given that a Court of Revision for the purpose of hearing complaints against the assessment for the year 1917, as made by the Assessor, and for revising, equalizing and correcting the Assessment Roll, will be held in the Municipal Hall on Thursday, February 22, 1917, at 10 a. m.

All complaints or objections to the said Assessment Roll must be made in writing and delivered to the Assessor at least five days before the date of the first sitting of the Court, namely, the 22nd day of February, 1917.

Dated at the Township of Esquimalt this eighteenth day of January, 1917.

G. H. PULLEN,
C. M. C.

To Owners of Dogs

Notice is hereby given that proceedings will be taken against all owners of dogs who shall have failed to pay by Feb. 23, 1917, the annual tax on license for the current year. No further notice will be given delinquents.

L. E. GOWER,
Collector.

WON'T YOU HELP US

Save the starving and distressed old women, old men, children and babes in Russian Poland by sending a contribution to the Victoria Branch, Russian Polish Jewish Relief Society. Their need is very urgent. Headquarters, Fred Landsberg, 641 Fort St., and I. Waxstock, 1211 Broad St.

Demand Phoenix Beer. Home product.

Two Returned Soldiers

Will Buy Your Empty

BOTTLES

BEER, WHISKY OR WINE

HAERLE & TOMLINSON

Two Returned Soldiers of H. M. Forces.

Phone 144 1313 Blanshard St.

Answers to Times Want Ads.

The following replies are waiting to be answered for you:

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

WAGONERS—Fun isn't happiness because fun often leaves us empty and high. And it costs money. Diggon Printing Co., 706 Yates Street. Your calling cards printed this week for 50¢.

WHY GO HOME TO EAT when you can get a nice, tasty lunch of four courses at the Vernon Cafe, 706 Yates Street. Tables and you will keep on trying it. Tables for ladies.

BEFORE SELLING your furniture, livestock or merchandise, Phone 248, City Market, or write Arthur Hamilton, City Market, and I will call. Distance no object.

WANTED—Small house, with barn for 2 or 3 cows, must be close in and cheap. Answer immediately to Box 718, Times.

WANTED—Second-hand furniture. Phone 100X.

WANTED—Small bungalow, fully modern, no children. Write Box 71, Phone 443.

OR SALE—Bakery and pastry business. Apply Oak Bay Bakery, Newport Ave.

OR SALE—Good driving horse, worth \$75. What offer? Phone 425.

CANADIAN ENGINEERS WANT EVERY FIT MAN

Local Recruiting Good, but Plenty of Room for All Comers

"There is a place for every fit man in the Canadian Engineers," said Corporal V. F. Dunn, in charge of the Recruiting Office in Truncheon Alley, this morning. Corporal Dunn says there are numbers of young men in town who are eligible for service and fail to realize their responsibility.

LOCAL NEWS

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

Soldiers' Hospital—A permit for the erection of a new hospital for wounded soldiers has been issued in Vancouver. The building has to be complete in eighty days, and a large force of men are already at work excavating for the foundations.

Beaver Lake Dams—As soon as the weather is improved, and the civic estimates have been passed, the water commissioner intends to carry out the repairs to the earth dams at Beaver Lake, to which allusion has been made.

FLIERS LEAVE TO-MORROW

Four More Victorians for the Royal Flying Corps Start for the East To-morrow

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

WANTED—Timber limits' listings wanted at once. Dalby & Lawson, 65 Fort St.

ROYAL COMMISSION IN ELECTION CASE

Three Judges Will Inquire Into Charges of Personation in Vancouver

WILL HAVE THE FULLEST SCOPE IN INVESTIGATION

Commissioners Will Serve Without Fee; Douglas Armstrong, K. C., as Counsel

A full, complete and searching inquiry into the charges made in connection with the by-election held in Vancouver on February 26, 1916, when Hon. M. A. Macdonald was elected by an overwhelming majority over Hon. C. E. Tisdall, Minister of Public Works in the Bower ministry, will be made by a royal commission.

OBITUARY RECORD

The death occurred last night at the Jubilee Hospital of Jinhachi Hashiguchi, a petty officer on H. L. J. M. S. Iyate, who was injured the previous day in an accident while the vessel was coaling.

PUBLIC MARKET

The mid-week market was better attended by stallholders than was expected this morning, weather conditions and roads being very bad.

PERSONAL

The "silver" tea held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. G. A. McTavish, Heywood avenue, in aid of the Red Cross funds, was a very successful function, both socially and financially.

FRENCH HOSPITAL MENU

Plenty of Good Food Served to Soldiers While Invalids

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WANTED—Wanted, small parcel containing bank book and business cards near Prior Street. Please return to 133 Bay Street.

ANOTHER SCHEME OF TAXATION RELIEF

Proposal to Segregate Local Improvement Holders According to By-laws

Interest at the City Hall continues to be centred in the various proposals for tax delinquency relief. Opinion with regard to the Landsberg proposals is divided, some stating that it would lead to chaos in taxation, others that it would give relief of the character required. It is only fair to Mr. Landsberg to state that he has worked very hard on the proposal, and his scheme is based on the extensive statistical returns made from time to time since December 12.

SAANICH COUNCIL

D. W. Jones is Forced to Resign Position as Councillor as a Result of Illness

At the meeting of the Saanich Council which was held yesterday afternoon it was finally decided to accept with regret the resignation of Councillor D. W. Jones, who has now been ill for some weeks past.

SAANICH MUNICIPALITY BY-ELECTION FOR COUNCILLOR FOR WARD FOUR

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the Electors of Ward Four (4) in the Municipality of Saanich, that I require the presence of said electors at the Council Chamber, Municipal Hall, Royal Oak, B. C., on Wednesday, the 28th day of February, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing a person to represent them in the Municipal Council as Councillor for Ward Four (4).

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MAJOR A. C. SUTTON WOUNDED IN FRANCE

Official Advises State He is Remaining on Duty; is With the 67th

Advices by telegram from the Records Office at Ottawa reached Mrs. A. C. Sutton, of 1534 Eford Street, this morning to the effect that her husband Major Arthur Christopher Sutton of the 67th Battalion had been officially reported as wounded on Feb. 12, but was remaining on duty. It will be recalled that in a recent issue of the Times mention was made of the brilliant career of Major Sutton. When war broke out he was a police constable on the city force, leaving to join for overseas service immediately.

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"PREPAREDNESS" Is the Order of the Day!

Fortify Your Home Against Dull Days and Evenings With

The NEW EDISON Diamond Amberola

Will you step in and let us tell you how you can have one of these wonderful instruments? Prices Range From \$40.00 to \$100.00 Terms to suit yourself.

FRENCH AND SPANISH SPROTT-SHAW INSTITUTE

NEW CLASS FORMING FRIDAY, FEB. 23 Phone 28 or call at 404 Pemberton Bldg. for particulars.

Poultney Bigelow, the well-known American author, has been using some strong language about his country to the members of the Toronto Canadian Club. Bigelow declared that the consular service of his country was composed of "broken-down, wheezy, political bums," and attacked the neutrality of the United States and its weak-kneed foreign policies in language that could hardly be more forceful.

TENDERS

SEPARATE TENDERS will be received at the office of the undersigned, until Monday, the 5th day of March next, at 4 p.m. for the purchase and removal from Beacon Hill Park of: 1. All stoves and stove piping in the buildings known as the "Bantams' Barracks."

Probably nobody was more steeped in Gaelic lore, and especially in the history of Murray's, than their chief, who has just died. A curious result of this passion for research occurred some 15 years ago. Until then visitors to the little village on the edge of the Highlands knew it as Blair Athole. One year on arrival at the railway station they found it transformed to Atholl. It seemed that the Duke, in the course

Stationed at Willows Camp, Victoria, B. C. Reinforcements for Overseas Service

The 50th Regiment (Gordon) Highlanders of Canada

More men are urgently required by this well-known Vancouver Island Regiment to reinforce the Canadian Scottish Battalion at the front. Men must be physically sound and between the ages of 18 and 40.

PAY Single Men—\$1.10 per day, and all clothing and living expenses found. Married Men—Wife receives each month cash direct from Government, as follows: Half husband's pay, say \$17.00 Separation allowance 20.00

If necessary this amount will be supplemented from the Canadian Patriotic Fund with sufficient to comfortably maintain your family. Those living in country places wishing to join should communicate with the Recruiting Officer, 50th Regt. Highlanders of Canada, Willows Camp, Victoria, B. C.

Transportation will be arranged to Victoria for suitable persons. Should applicants from a distance be found medically unfit they will be boarded while in Victoria, and returned to their homes free of charge. They will also be provided with a medical certificate stating why they have been refused. Join up NOW—while you can do so with the honor which attaches to the Volunteer.

GERMAN SPIES NOW IN TOILS IN STATES

Sander and Wunnenberg Plead Not Guilty but Officials Have Facts

New York, Feb. 21.—Albert A. Sander and Charles W. Wunnenberg, arrested as heads of an extensive and amazing German espionage system which compromised the neutrality of the United States, pleaded not guilty to a charge of conspiracy to-day in the United States District Court here. Their plea was made in the face of assertions by federal officials that men who had been their agents or tools had turned against them and would be witnesses at the trial. Bail was fixed at \$25,000.

George Vaux Bacon, one of those who is alleged to have done service as a spy in the guise of a newspaper correspondent, is one who already has made a statement of his relations with Sander and Wunnenberg. Another, the one who is said to have given the clue that led to the arrests, is Robert Davis, who is serving time in Sing Sing for stealing money belonging to the Central Bankers' Exchange, operated by Sander and Wunnenberg. Federal agents still are working on a lead given to them by Davis, whose statements were corroborated by Mrs. Ada Fisher, his housekeeper. They both declared that they had broken with Wunnenberg when they found in his room a suitcase containing what looked like explosives.

Davis's story. When Davis was seen in Sing Sing he added: "I accidentally discovered that Wunnenberg had dynamite and fuses in my house and I decided that if I kept along with him I undoubtedly would land in Atlanta. I was willing to help in what I supposed was legitimate, easy work, for which I was being well paid. After I quit they caused my arrest for alleged grand larceny of money that Wunnenberg had given me. On the advice of counsel, as the earliest way out, I pleaded guilty to an attempt at larceny and received a two-year sentence here. Then I let the Government know what had been going on. That was back in the late fall.

"I am a marine engineer, and for years had a rooming house at 414 1/2 Clinton Street, Brooklyn. Last summer I left on the steamship Teledar, supposedly for a Swedish port. In the engine room crew with me was Wunnenberg, who told me it had been his plan to jump ship and go to Germany to enter the Kaiser's service.

"The ship was torpedoed off the Orkneys on August 25 last. We were picked up by the German submarine which had sunk her, staying on board it six hours, finally landing in Kirkwall and coming home through the help of the American consul at Liverpool. When we landed here I took Wunnenberg to my place, where he stayed for ten days.

"To Germany. There he told me of another plan he had to go to Germany. He took my name and, sailing under it, went to Holland on the pretence that he was going over to get married. It was arranged that he was to return to us to buy when he came back. He came back soon after and explained to those that asked that his wife was not able to travel. He told us that he had gone through to Germany, and that it was easy once a person landed in Holland.

"After that, while I was in the Raymond Street jail, a man came to my cell and represented himself as being from the office of the British consul. He wanted my story and I told him some things. Soon after I saw him in the jail again, this time a week later. I then found out that instead of being an attaché of the consulate, he was a court officer. He did not see me that time. Neither Wunnenberg nor Sander saw me either.

Developed Writing. Sander was the only visitor with Wunnenberg at my house. I knew Sander and used to take the mail that would come addressed to me to his

office when Wunnenberg was away, and he would open it and develop the invisible ink that was on it.

"Some of this mail came postmarked Copenhagen, and some of it came marked from Hoboken. The latter was stuff brought over by members of the crews of neutral vessels. There was an engineer on one boat that used to do a lot of business. It might be best not to use the name.

"He stayed with us this time for a couple of months, and then went to Germany again, this time on the pretence that he was going to Holland to bring his wife back. While he was gone a letter came addressed to me from Copenhagen, enclosing a draft for \$2,150 in my name on a New York bank. I cashed it and put the proceeds in the bank in my own name.

"When he came back this time he told me he had entered the service of the German Government, that I was in it too, and that I need not worry about working any more.

No More Work. "You never need work any more," he said. "I've got you fixed. I told him about the draft and he said that was all right. He said he had arranged to have it sent me when I told him that I had used \$15 of it. 'It's all right,' he said. 'It's yours. Use it as you see fit.' Put this in the same place you did that, and he handed me another draft for \$2,000. I cashed and banked it.

"Use it as you please," he again told me. "When it is gone there is plenty more in Germany and I know how to get it.

"To develop the unseen stuff Wunnenberg would take a tablet and dissolve it in a whiskey glass of apple vinegar and apply it with a swab of cotton. Then it would stick right out as clear as day. I used to ask Sander if there was anything in the letters. He would answer: 'Well, nothing very much.' To apply the stuff, you made it by dropping a little bit of this liquid into water which would become smoke-colored like, and with a new pen write what you wished to. When it dried it would not show a thing. I believe my housekeeper has some of the stuff now.

"I also have some letters that came addressed to Wunnenberg in my name since we parted company. Those are in a safe place. All other letters I received I either gave to him or to Sander. If Wunnenberg happened to be out of town or in Europe.

Was Afraid. "The idea was to get the names over to Holland on one of the passenger ships which would arrive days before the slower freight boats could. I do not know that he got anybody else to do it or not, I was afraid of that and kept out.

"Wunnenberg always had plenty of money. He brought back with him the time he gave me \$3,000 a letter of credit for \$10,000. There was a big man over in Jersey who was in on this. He used to telephone to him a great deal. His mail came for the most part through men on neutral ships. On one occasion he nearly had a flat fight on a dock because a friend of mine told him he was doing wrong using my name. The Government knows about this. That was where a member of a ship's crew wanted more than \$15 to take a change and lug some letters over for him.

In London. Bacon's statements will be sent to the United States Department of Justice soon. He is a prisoner in the Tower of London, and with two others, who are alleged to have been employed by Sander and Wunnenberg, was saved from the death of a spy only by the intervention of the United States. The other two are in Holland, and probably will come to the United States to testify under a safe conduct.

A high federal official asserted that the case against Sander and his alleged partner was virtually complete, that it was a most amazing plot and while some American citizens had entered into the project willingly, others had been dupes from start to finish. "If it is necessary it is believed that corroborating testimony can be obtained from the dupes. Those who engaged to travel through England for France or Ireland on their American passports to risk their necks to pack up military information for Germany were paid \$50 a week or more, according to their ability and daring, it is said. Incidental to the main plot, federal officials assert, are many others, including a scheme by which passports were obtained by fraud for those who might have difficulty in obtaining them honestly.

Some reforms, admirable in themselves, are not easy of attainment. If it were made illegal to sell bread until 24 hours after baking, the baker would have to store it, and how many bakeries in London have room enough to do that? Moreover, stale bread weighs less than new bread, particularly that steaming from the oven, and the baker would certainly raise his price? Those who believe in the superiority of stale bread can have it by the simple process of keeping it for a day.—London Chronicle.

IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF AMERICANS HELD BY GERMANS ASKED

Washington, Feb. 21.—The United States Government in a note transmitted to the Berlin Foreign Office through the Spanish Ambassador there, has again demanded the release of the Americans made prisoners on the prize ship Yarrowdale. In the absence of a satisfactory response to an inquiry sent recently it was decided to demand their immediate release.

CARSON SPEAKS OF NAVY'S GREAT WORK

Had Forty Encounters With German Submarines in Eighteen Days

London, Feb. 21.—In the Commons to-day Sir Edward Carson stated that on the whole Great Britain had suffered less privation than any other of the belligerents.

The total number of the personnel carried across the seas by the naval forces up to the end of last October was 8,000,000, he added. Up to the end of October also the naval forces had moved more than 9,000,000 tons of explosives and other materials; 1,000,000 sick and wounded; more than 1,000,000 horses; and more than 4,000,000 gallons of petrol.

They had examined on high seas or in harbors 15,150 ships. In January last alone in British ports they had examined 1,751 ships and the total for February would not be less than that for January. The figures, Sir Edward stated, showed that 75 per cent of armed ships escaped after a submarine attack, while only 24 per cent of unarmed vessels escaped.

While not giving the number of submarines destroyed, Sir Edward said he had a record of 40 encounters with them during the last eighteen days.

TWO MONTHS GIVEN FOR LUCAS CASE

Ruling of Court in His Action Against Ministerial Union

Vancouver, Feb. 21.—Unless Alex Lucas, former M. P. for Yale, proceeds with his libel action against the Ministerial Association of the Lower Mainland and Moses Cotsworth, and has the case set down for trial within two months from to-day, the case is to be dismissed with costs amounting to \$2,300 assessed against Mr. Lucas. This announcement was made by Chief Justice Hunter this forenoon after the matter had been argued out before him by counsel.

The matter was brought up by C. M. Woodworth, counsel for the defendants, who asked that the action be dismissed for want of prosecution. Mr. Woodworth pointed out that the action, which arose out of a paragraph in the pamphlet "The Crisis in B. C." had been tried by Mr. Justice Morrison and a jury in November, 1915, and that under a judgment of the Court of Appeal had been quashed and a new trial ordered on Oct. 3 last.

"Our costs for the appeal have been taxed at \$1,900," said Mr. Woodworth, "and there also is a bill of \$1,200 for the first trial. We have incurred expenses of \$3,300 so far and have not had a cent, except the return of \$1,200 costs which we had paid the solicitors for the plaintiff following the first trial."

Mr. Woodworth intimated that Alex Lucas had been trying to settle up the case since, but upon a basis of neither party having any claim on the other. E. A. Lucas, who appeared as solicitor for his father, the plaintiff, admitted the efforts at settlement.

"Incredible as it may appear, my client has no assets," said Mr. Lucas, Jr. "My firm has returned the \$1,200 costs which we obtained after the first trial, but our client has no money at all with which to pay the \$1,900 cost of action in the Court of Appeal or to prosecute this suit. My client's financial disability is the reason for delay."

VESSELS SUNK BY ENEMY SUBMARINES

Reports by Lloyds' Agency; List From Paris; "Over-seas" Claims

London, Feb. 21.—Lloyds' Shipping Agency announces that the British sailing ship Centurion has been sunk. Her crew was landed. The Centurion was a vessel of 1,823 tons.

Lloyds' also announces that the British steamer Brigade, of 425 tons gross, has been sunk.

The Brigade was built at Hailey in 1914 and was owned in Glasgow. She was 149 feet long.

Paris, Feb. 21.—The sinking of the following vessels was announced officially to-day: Miffaa, on Feb. 16; Skogland, on Feb. 18; Gluseppe, on Feb. 18; Guido, on Feb. 19; Rosalie, on Feb. 20.

Maritime records list two steamships named Minas, one Italian, of 2,854 tons gross, and the other Greek, of 2,595 tons gross.

The Norwegian steamship Skogland, of 2,941 tons gross, sailed from New York on Jan. 13 for Kirkwall. The Swedish steamship Skogland, of 3,264 tons gross, sailed from Norfolk on Jan. 25 for Baginoli.

There are two Italian steamships Giuseppe, one of 1,856 tons gross and the other of 1,221 tons.

The British steamship of that name, of 2,093 tons gross. Two Russian sailing ships, of 371 tons and 67 tons, are named Guido. There also is an Italian vessel of 224 tons of this name.

The steamship Rosalie referred to probably was the British ship of that name, of 4,243 tons gross, which sailed from New York on Jan. 28 for Salonica. There is also an American Rosalie, of 223 tons, owned in San Francisco.

Landed at Lisbon. St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 21.—Captain Bradbury, of the Newfoundland schooner Rose Dorothea, reported to the owners to-day that the vessel had been sunk by a German submarine and the crew landed at Lisbon. The message, sent from Lisbon, gave no other details. London dispatches yesterday gave the schooner's name as Dorothy.

The Rose Dorothea, which was returning from Oporto, Portugal, with fishery salt, formerly was owned at Provincetown, Mass., but was bought last year by Campbell & McKay, of this city, to engage in the fish-carrying trade between St. John's and European ports.

"Overseas" Claims. Berlin, Feb. 21.—A large number of hostile vessels, among them an Italian transport crowded with men, have been sunk in the barred zone in the Mediterranean during the past few days, the Overseas News Agency announces.

Other ships sunk by submarines are enumerated as follows: Two armed steamships of 3,000 and 4,500 tons, respectively, with important cargoes for Salonica; Italian steamship Oceana, 4,200 tons; French sailing vessel Aphrodite, 600 tons, with iron for Italy.

"The newspapers," observes the agency, "note that the real submarine success undoubtedly has been much larger, as the majority of the submarines have not yet reported. In addition the paralysis of neutral navigation must be taken into consideration."

New York, Feb. 21.—The Italian steamship Oceana, of 4,217 tons gross, one of the ships reported by Berlin as having been sunk, left here on Jan. 27 with a cargo of grain for Genoa. She was cleared by Benham and Boyesen, agents for P. P. Pittagora, the owners, since the beginning of the war all Italian ships have been under control of the Italian Government. The Oceana was commanded by Capt. Massa. So far as local agents of the line know there were no Americans among her crew.

The French steamship Mont Ventoux, of 3,233 tons gross (probably the vessel the Overseas Agency wishes to indicate by referring to a vessel of 3,000 tons) was last reported leaving Cardiff on Dec. 8 for a port not stated.

CONGRESS TO CONSIDER UNIVERSAL TRAINING

Washington, Feb. 21.—After a conference with President Wilson, Secretary Baker said to-day that he would send to Congress this week the universal military training bill drawn up by the army general staff.

The secretary would not say what recommendations he would make, but it is understood the President favors the principle of military training if it can be worked out in a practical way.

HOW TO GET RELIEF FROM CATARRH

If you have catarrh, catarrhal deafness, or head noises go to your druggist and get 1 oz. of Parolint (double strength), take this home, add to it 1 pint of hot water and 4 oz. of granulated sugar. Take 1 tablespoonful 4 times a day.

This will often bring quick relief from the distressing head noises. Clogged nostrils should open, breathing become easy and the mucous stop dripping into the throat.

SAYS CURE EXISTS FOR TUBERCULOSIS

San Francisco Doctor Has Experimented With Secretion of Liver

Berkeley, Cal., Feb. 21.—Successful experiments in the cure of tuberculosis in animals and a prospect of similar results in treatment of human beings with a newly discovered anti-toxin will be announced in the University of California within a few days in a bulletin by Dr. Frederick E. Gay, head of the department of pathology.

D. M. Takeoka, a member of the staff of the medical school of the university, has succeeded in isolating a secretion of the liver, which, according to an announcement made by him to a seminary last week, has effected complete cures in the cases of guinea pigs at the point of death from tuberculosis.

Dr. Takeoka succeeded in isolating the anti-toxin when working on the theory that the liver must secrete its own anti-toxin for the germs of tuberculosis, in as much as it is the only organ unaffected when all the others are tubercular.

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WANTS STATEMENT ABOUT MR. GERARD

Frankfurter Zeitung Makes Demand Berlin Government Deal With Charges

London, Feb. 21.—The correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph at The Hague quotes the Frankfurter Zeitung as demanding that German Government make a prompt statement regarding the charges against James W. Gerard, the former American Ambassador, of using his official position to obtain information useful to the Entente, particularly in the specific case of the late Roger Casement.

"These charges ought promptly to be denied or affirmed," says the newspaper. "They lie heavily on Mr. Gerard, but even more on the government officials for permitting the leakage."

In the Berlin Tages Zeitung on Feb. 19 Count von Reventlow made a charge against Mr. Gerard of using his official position to transmit important war information to the Entente, alluding specifically to the Casement episode.

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TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, Feb. 21.—Wheat closed higher for May, 1c, down for July and 1c lower for October. Oats closed 1c lower for May and 1c lower for July. Barley closed 1c higher for May. Flax closed with May 1c higher and July 1c higher. As a result of the continued restriction on export and the holidays to-morrow south of the line the market was confined to narrow limits and was very dull. The cash situation, unlike the futures, showed an active demand for everything from New York to New Orleans. Lower grades were not much wanted. Premiums were 1c better than Tuesday and quite a number of round lots were sold. Ontario millers were the principal purchasers. There was some increased activity in May barley and a slight advance in prices.

What	Open	Close
May	178 1/2	178 1/2
July	176 1/2	176 1/2
Oct.	141	141
Flax	60 1/2	60 1/2
May	60 1/2	60 1/2
July	60 1/2	60 1/2
Oct.	60 1/2	60 1/2
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McGillivray Coal	14 14
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March	16.12	16.22	16.12
April	16.20	16.42	16.20
May	16.30	16.42	16.30
June	16.41	16.50	16.41
July	16.41	16.50	16.41
Aug.	16.41	16.50	16.41
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Brazilian Traction	40 1/2	40 1/2
B. C. Fish	57 1/2	57 1/2
C. P. E.	69 1/2	69 1/2
Can. Consol.	99 1/2	99 1/2
Can. Car. Fwy. com.	29 1/2	29 1/2
Do., pref.	74 1/2	74 1/2
Can. S. S. com.	34 1/2	34 1/2
Do., pref.	89 1/2	89 1/2
Can. Locomotive	89 1/2	89 1/2
Can. Gen. Elec.	102 1/2	102 1/2
Civ. Inv. & Ind.	82 1/2	82 1/2
Cons. M. & S.	314 1/2	314 1/2
Det. Mot.	115 1/2	115 1/2
Dom. Trade	62 1/2	62 1/2
Dom. I. & S.	62 1/2	62 1/2
Dom. Textile	62 1/2	62 1/2
Montreal Tram	125 1/2	125 1/2
Montreal Cotton	125 1/2	125 1/2
Macdonald Co.	125 1/2	125 1/2
MacKay Co.	8 1/2	8 1/2
N. S. Steel, com.	134 1/2	134 1/2
Ogilvie Milling Co.	67 1/2	67 1/2

High	Low	Close
Alaska Gold	81 1/2	81 1/2
Cuba Consol. Sugar	42 1/2	42 1/2
Denver, pref.	31 1/2	31 1/2
Amn. Beet Sugar	88 1/2	88 1/2
Amn. Can.	154 1/2	154 1/2
Amn. C. & F.	254 1/2	254 1/2
Amn. Locomotive	72 1/2	72 1/2
Amn. Smelting	104 1/2	104 1/2
Amn. Steel Foundry	62 1/2	62 1/2
Amn. Sugar	152 1/2	152 1/2
Amn. Woolen	152 1/2	152 1/2
Amn. Tel. & Tel.	152 1/2	152 1/2
Amn. Zinc	29 1/2	29 1/2
Anacosta	81 1/2	81 1/2
Atchafalaya	102 1/2	102 1/2
Atlantic Gulf	92 1/2	92 1/2

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FOLLOW-UP WORK
RE CHILD WELFARE

Committee of Recent Exhibit
Report to Social Service
Commission

At the regular monthly meeting of the Social Service Commission held last Monday the feature was the report of the Commission's committee which dealt with the recent Child Welfare Exhibit held in the Congregational Church on February 12, 13 and 14.

Too much could not be said of the way in which the committee had been assisted by every organization to which they appealed for help, stated the committee, this body being represented by Rev. J. G. Inkster, convenor, and Revs. Robt. Connell, A. S. Colwell, and H. T. Archbold.

The exhibit had been held under the auspices of the Social Service Commission, and had had the endorsement of His Worship Mayor Todd and the City Council; the Board of School Trustees, the City Board of Health, the Medical Association, and the Local Council of Women. The committee suggested that each of these public bodies be written to and thanked for their support, and special thanks were proffered in behalf of the City Council, which had made a grant of \$125, this sum more than clearing all the expenses.

Other organizations thanked were the School Board, for their excellent exhibit of manual training, domestic science, art and needlework, sub-normal class work, etc.; the Board of Health, for its advice and assistance all through the exhibit; the Medical Association, for placing the aid of their members at the disposal of the committee to deal with subjects which required expert handling; the Local Council of Women, for constant assistance in preparing and carrying out the programme; Dr. Tanner, for his dental clinic; the musicians of the city, who gave their services so generously; the various public men and women, who graciously presided over and addressed the meetings.

The committee also reported its appreciation of the way in which the public co-operated in making the exhibit a success. A special letter of thanks is being forwarded to the public library for its exhibit of juvenile books, and to Miss Clay, who addressed one of the meetings and told a children's story. Miss Ash, who brought an exhibit of kindergarten work, was also specially mentioned.

In closing the report the committee recommended the following as follow-up work in connection with the exhibit:

1. That an effort be made to establish a department of health welfare, beginning with the city of Victoria, and seeking co-operation with the Province and Dominion, looking for the establishment of a similar department in the two wider spheres.
2. That an important branch of the above-suggested department might be a bureau of child welfare which would consider among other things (a) the establishment of kindergartens in all the public schools; and (b) the organization of baby clinics.
3. That this commission seek to co-operate with the Medical Association and any other public body which seeks to approach the Provincial Government to petition them for the establishment of a home for the care and education of mental defectives.

In conclusion the committee recorded its deep gratitude to the Rev. Hugh Dobson, of the Methodist Church, for bringing the exhibit to Victoria, as well as for his own services; and also to Rev. J. S. Henderson, of the Presbyterian Church, who so ably assisted during the sessions of the Institute. Some slight surprise has been expressed that the committee has been able to hand back to the city part of

the \$125 which was made as a grant. The original estimate of expenses was \$7.20 in excess of the amount required, this being due to the fact that services for which the committee anticipated paying were given free, and the Board of Education undertook to defray the expenses in connection with the transportation of their own exhibits. Mr. Dobson, secretary of the Social Service Department of the Methodist Church for Western Provinces, is paid exclusively by this organization.

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Captain Oliver is anxious that the home establishment be brought as quickly as possible to full battalion strength by the completion of B company and the subsequent formation of two other companies. That process, he states, is of secondary consideration, the work of the moment being to provide a full company for service at the front in accordance with the authorization of November last.

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Knifing Case is Brought Before Magistrate Jay in Police Court

In the Police Court this morning Magistrate Jay passed sentence on the five seamen of the Chilean barque Quaytecas, which is at present at the wharves of the Victoria Chemical Company. They were accused of attempting to harm a member of the crew Robert Lyons. The five men accused were Dasso, Meyer, Williams, Moysons and Seron. Owing to the fact that the two last named were not implicated to the extent that the others were they were fined only \$10 each, while the three first named were sentenced to \$29 each, or in default one month's imprisonment.

Evidence was given by A. S. Huxtable of the Customs Department, who was watching the ship on the night of February 19, that about 6.30 o'clock in the evening he had noticed that some members of the crew were acting in a suspicious manner by peering in at the windows of the captain's cabin. After some time they disappeared below deck and a great shouting commenced, followed by the appearing of Lyons, who went racing across the deck yelling that he was being knifed. He was able, however, to escape to the upper deck away from his pursuers.

Mr. Huxtable was then notified by the captain that some of the crew were attempting to kill one of their members and the police were called. On being searched by the constables the men were found to have knives in their possession, which were sharpened to a razor edge.

In giving their evidence in court this morning the accused, who are foreigners, mostly from South America, did not agree at all in their stories. Some said that they had heard nothing of the affair and that no shouting or disturbance had taken place. Others said that Lyons, who complained that they were attempting to knife him, had threatened to kill the watchman who had been on duty in the afternoon and that they had come to his rescue while Lyons was in the act of attempting violence against him.

Speaking to the Times representative, Capt. Raumbit, the master of the ship, said that actions of this nature are common occurrences among crews of men such as those which he has at present. "I find it necessary to prohibit forms of recreation among the men for the reason that they soon become excited and resort to the use of the knife."

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OPPOSES PLAN TO SUE DELINQUENTS

General Tax Delinquency Committee is Not Satisfied With Proposal

DEFERRED PAYMENTS ON GENERAL TAXES

Carries Resolution for City to Assume Added Portion of Public Improvements

Criticism of the action of the special sub-committee on tax delinquency for having sent on the resolution with reference to commencing suit against delinquent owners who received compensation under local improvement by-laws without consultation with the general committee was voiced at the meeting of the Tax Delinquency Committee yesterday afternoon.

The City Council had adopted the resolution without question on the sub-committee's recommendation, although the minute of appointment had required reference back to the general committee.

The sub-committee offered to resign, but although some opposition was directed against enforcing payment in the courts, eventually the general committee passed a motion of confidence, and also carried over the heads of the council members the motion contended for some time ago by the Real Estate Association that the council should be asked to assume the difference between the actual and estimated cost of local improvement work. This motion will go back to the sub-committee for consideration.

Several members, notably F. Landsberg, E. C. B. Bagshawe and Alderman Johns had voiced their objection to the procedure of the committee when John Day created surprise by asking if it was a fact that Alderman Johns was one of the interested owners on Pandora Avenue liable to suit by the council's resolution, as recommended by the sub-committee.

One of them, Alderman Johns explained the transaction by stating that the facts in his own case were a fair sample for many other people who have received money. In association with Mr. Turpel in November, 1911, he purchased a property on Pandora Avenue just east of the corner of Douglas Street, without any knowledge that Pandora Avenue was to be widened. The city secured 20 feet frontage of the 90 feet in the lot, for \$22,500, declining to take the whole of the property, for which there had been paid to date \$51,150. No arbitration occurred, and the best of the property was taken in the deal. The owners objected to the widening scheme. They had paid taxes up to the end of 1914, then had conditions prevented that situation continuing. He pointed out that the assignment of a company had also added to his financial problems, upon which he was called upon to make a monthly payment, preventing the taxes being paid for the past two years. "Like others," he said, "if you sue me, it will mean that you take my property." He expressed his belief that with the return of better times, others like himself would be able to pay their delinquencies.

"Do you mean to tell me," Alderman Johns declared, "that in order to relieve conditions, you must make things worse for the property owners?" He doubted the wisdom of the sub-committee's recommendations. He resented the suggestion that those taxpayers who were so caught ought to be punished by the city, and concluded: "It is not just, it is not fair, nor is it manly."

Andrew Wright joined in sympathetic protest with Alderman Johns, speaking on behalf of a syndicate which purchased property on Douglas Street, receiving a rental of \$50 a month for property taxed at \$2,000. People were misled, and he termed it ridiculous to propose such a thing.

Mr. Bagshawe said they could not but feel disappointed at the first recommendation of the sub-committee. Throughout the past the city government was coming to the rescue of people so caught. Since the responsibility for these improvements lay pri-

marily with the city, and should come from that direction.

Mr. Day renewed his objection against the proposal being added, since if he had made profits on his deals that money would not have come into the city coffers. Alderman Johns had played and lost.

Alderman Johns: "I do not come to the city asking any favors." He had proposed, he explained, to put stores on the site, but they did not promise to pay, and the scheme had been abandoned. He did not see why the city should penalize a man for using his brains to make money.

T. Edward Clark thought there was a good deal of truth in both arguments. Undoubtedly the purchase by the city had altered the whole situation.

Urges Withdrawal. Mr. Landsberg wanted the city to withdraw from the resolution to sue, but the Mayor and Alderman Sargent pointed out that a deputation from the general committee to the Council would come with very bad taste at this stage.

Eventually, it was agreed that the Council would be willing to receive a citizen's deputation, provided that it made no pretence to represent that organization on the question of rescinding the resolution.

Mr. Landsberg dealt at some length with the question of both general and local improvement taxes. For the general taxes in arrears, he recommended that the Council should agree to receive till 1920 interest at eight per cent, on delinquent general taxes, waiving the principle during that period to those who had not the money to pay, thereby giving considerable relief to property owners, and applying the interest so received to pay interest on money borrowed from the bank. He also urged the extension of the period of repayment on waterworks, sewers and schools over a longer period, so that posterity, which would benefit, would also pay the bills. Such a course would require arrangement with the debenture holders.

Doubtful of Value. The Mayor and Mr. Wolfenden doubted if the citizens would not be tempted under the plan to defer payments of principal till 1920, and thereby by the city would be worse off in the long run.

Alderman Andros, the chairman, thought that at the present time delinquents were borrowing money from the city because of the terms available, since eight per cent, was as cheap as any loan money. He did not think the delinquency money would be forthcoming unless pressure was brought to bear.

Mr. Cross defended the action of the sub-committee, and pointed out that the resolution to sue had been largely adopted because of the expressions of opinion in favor of it at earlier meetings of the general committee. The delinquent for local improvement taxes was also the delinquent for general taxes very largely, and one principle applied to the other. He doubted if Mr. Landsberg's suggestion of deferred tax-payment to 1920 was adopted, they would again collect sixty per cent, of general taxes, more likely it would be from fifteen to twenty per cent.

Mr. Wolfenden doubted if the delinquents could be recovered as suggested, and the comptroller said the majority were payable to bearer, and transferable, while the waterworks issue, being registered stock, could be more readily dealt with.

Are Pessimistic. Messrs. Cross and Wolfenden suggested that the committee should be discharged, and Alderman Cameron, another member of the sub-committee, was rather pessimistic of the future usefulness of the sub-committee, unless new suggestions were offered it to work upon. Allusion had been made to the efforts of other cities to cope successfully, but he would remind them that the circumstances of Victoria were exceptional.

James Maynard said the property owners on Pandora Avenue had been blindfolded and hoodwinked in giving assent to the widening scheme.

Mr. Clark favored absolute transfer of local improvements to general taxation.

Mr. Cross: "You had better put up something that is likely to carry." He had sufficient confidence in the citizens that if they put up a reasonable, fair scheme, it would command itself.

The general committee then carried the Cross-Wolfenden resolution which had been defeated by a majority in the sub-committee, recommending the city to assume the difference between the actual and estimated cost of all local improvement works, subject to a vote of the ratepayers.

A motion to discharge the sub-committee, favored only by its members, was then rejected, and the meeting adjourned.

EXTENSION TILL FOUR YEARS HENCE

F. Landsberg Has Scheme for Tax Delinquency Relief

In a statement filed with the civic general Tax Delinquency Committee yesterday on tax delinquency, F. Landsberg said in part:

Extension of Time. "In view of the fact that the delinquency on the general taxes is \$1,397,693.34, which is approximately 50 per cent. greater than the delinquency on the local improvements, it is of the utmost importance that some measure of relief must be provided for the delinquents of general taxes.

"We all agreed that it is inadvisable to borrow money at the present time to give them any relief, and we all

agreed that the relief they are attempting in the City of Vancouver and the State of Washington will not meet with the conditions existing in British Columbia. I would therefore suggest first, that the mayor and aldermen take up with the Provincial Government the question of reimbursing the city of any arrears of taxes owing to the city by those who have joined the forces for the defence of the country; secondly, as the chairman of the finance committee has stated in the presence of the delinquent tax committee that the city can get all the money it requires from the bank for the time being to enable it to carry the above burdens of the city, I would recommend that the delinquent taxes be extended to the year 1920, and that a committee from the council be appointed by the council to arrange with all those who are in arrears with general taxes and on any taxes that may accrue, between now and the year 1920, that the delinquents undertake and agree to pay at least the interest on all arrears at 8 per cent, per annum semi-annually or annually. They must, however, undertake to pay at least one year's interest yearly until the year 1920 in order to show their good faith that they intend to take care of their holdings."

Half Annual Levies. Mr. Landsberg then recommends application to be made to provide only 50 per cent, of this interest and sinking fund on all waterworks by-laws (\$4,419,000), sewers (\$2,425,000) and schools (\$1,509,782) per annum. New legislation would be necessary.

These reductions would save the city \$221,900 per annum in fixed charges. Fifty per cent, of the annual levies for surface drains, fire protection, streets and bridges and miscellaneous votes would further effect a cut of \$71,154.

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We have a large supply of our celebrated Washed Nut Coal, per ton, delivered. \$6.50 Lump Coal and Back Lump Coal, per ton, delivered. \$7.50

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New Neckwear Novelties

739 Yates St. Phone 5510

Showing of New Silk Sweaters for Spring Wear

Just received a shipment of new Silk Sweater Coats that are especially attractive new styles and offer particularly good values. We mention a few of the many styles.

One Smart Model is made in coarse knit, with collar, cuffs and belt of fine weave. Colors saxe, gold, rose, canary, pink, grey, navy and white. Price..... \$9.75

Another Model is made in fine weave, with square roll collar, finished at waist with wide belt and buckle. Shades of melon, trimmed with white; black, with white, and sky, with self. Price..... \$12.50

A Handsome Model, made of extra knit, in fine weave, with deep flared collar, wide cuffs, pouch pocket finished with straps and buttons; shades of coral, Nile green, orange, amethyst, canary, pink, rose, and black and white shot. Price..... \$25.00

An Attractive Model, made of fine weave, with square collar, turnback cuffs and raglan sleeves. Sash to match shades of rose, sky, gold and white. Price..... \$16.50

A Stylish Sweater, made in plain and fancy weave. Coat is cut full flare trimmed with large sailor collar, wide cuffs and sash. Shade of emerald with white stripes, pink with white, canary with canary and white, coral with white. Price..... \$19.00

In the Underwear Section

Women's Union Suits, made of fine cotton, in medium weight, with low or Dutch neck, elbow, short or no sleeve; knee or ankle length; all sizes. Price \$1.25 to \$2.00

Women's Vests, made of medium weight cotton, with Dutch or V-neck, short or elbow sleeves. Price 65c and 85c

Drawers to match. Price 65c and 85c

Women's Vests and Drawers. Special at 35c for 3..... \$1.00

Women's Fibre Silk Hose at 60c Pair

This Hose is well known for its wearing qualities, and is made with 16-inch silk boot and finished with wide hule garter tops, reinforced in heel and toe. Black, tan and white. Sizes 8 1/2 to 10 1/2. Price per pair..... 60c

Women's New Spring Coats

Women's New Spring Coats, made in attractive new styles, from serge, blanket cloth, broadcloth, fancy coatings, stripes and checks. Prices range from \$12.95 to \$20.00

Beautiful—Durable—Low-priced



CONGOLEUM ART-RUGS

The beautiful coloring and dainty designs found in Congoleum Art-Rugs will be a revelation to you. And when you see for yourself that they are washable, waterproof and sanitary, you will understand why they have made such a sensation throughout the country. In addition to their beauty, they have two features that make friends for them on sight. They lie flat on the floor without fastening and cannot be "kicked up" at the edges. Where can you buy a beautiful, waterproof, washable, durable rug like Congoleum for the small price we ask? Come in today.

Size 6 x 9 feet. Price \$6.50 Each
Size 9 x 10-6 Price \$11.75 Each
Size 9 x 12 feet. Price \$13.50 Each.

Sale of Manufacturers' Sample Handkerchiefs, Thursday

Sample Handkerchief in marquisette, linen and lawn; some have embroidered corners, others are hand worked, also lace edged. Regular values to 35c. Thursday, each..... 19c

Another lot of Sample Handkerchiefs in shamrock, lawn and linen finish, embroidered corners in colors and white. Regular values to 25c. Thursday, each..... 10c

Kiddies' Handkerchiefs in mercerized cotton with picture borders. Splendid value. 4 for..... 25c

Handkerchiefs, good strong quality, with hem-stitched edge. 5¢ each. Or 6 for..... 25c

Khaki Handkerchiefs, in good quality. 2 for..... 25c

Women's Suits Made to Measure \$15.00

Mr. Nicol will accept orders for plain Tailored Suits to be made to order for \$15. The only stipulation is that the materials are purchased here.

We mention below Fabrics that will make up into stylish suits for Spring. Gabardines, in black, navy and green. Per yard, \$4.75, \$3.00 and..... \$2.50

Cheviot, in apple green, rose, mustard, brown and saxe. Per yard, \$3.00 and..... \$2.50

Worsted, in navy, black and grey. Per yard \$4.25, \$3.50 and..... \$2.25

Broadcloths, Per yd. \$2.50 and..... \$2.00

Thursday's Specials From the Staple Section

The balance of our stock of Cotton Blankets will be cleared on Thursday. 16 Pairs Only, single bed size. Reg. \$1.65. Thursday..... \$1.19

10 Pairs Only, full bed size. Reg. \$1.95. Thursday..... \$1.49

White Damask Bed Spreads, single bed size. Reg. \$1.65. Thursday..... \$1.19

White Damask Bed Spreads, full bed size. Reg. \$2.25. Thursday..... \$1.95

Cotton Huckaback Towels, size 17x41. Reg. 17c. each. Thursday, each..... 15c

Heavy Linen Huckaback Towels, size 19x25. Reg. 50c. each. Thursday, each..... 25c

Extra Heavy Linen Huckaback Towels, size 20x42. Reg. 75c. each. Thursday, each..... 50c

Table Napkins, linen finish. Reg. \$1.50 per doz. Thursday, doz..... \$1.38

Table Napkins, linen finish, better quality. Reg. \$2.25 doz. Thursday, doz..... \$1.98

Table Napkins, Irish Linen Damask. Reg. \$3.50 doz. Thursday, doz..... \$3.06

Table Cloth, Linen Damask, size 62x78. Reg. \$1.75 each. Thursday, each..... \$1.59

Table Cloth, linen finish, size 68x88. Reg. \$2.25 each. Thursday, each..... \$1.98

Table Cloth, Linen Damask, size 72x72. Reg. \$3.50 each. Thursday, each..... \$3.06

FROZEN TO DEATH

Chilcote District Settler Loses His Way in Snowdrifts and Lies Down to Die.

According to reports which have reached the Superintendent of Provincial Police Frank Isnardy, a rancher of Gimney Creek, Chilcote, was found frozen to death near Sheep Creek early this month, during an extremely cold spell.

When found the arms were folded across the breast, as though Isnardy had realized that his end was near and he had composed himself to die. He had left Beecher's with a sleigh and team, called at Swanson's and driven about nine miles out on the old Chilcote road.

Apparently in the heavy drifts in the vicinity of the place where he was found he had got off the road and had driven around and around in a circle until he finally got back on his trail, but at that point some mishap seems to

have occurred with the team which left him stranded.

The man had burned brush and hay to keep up a fire as long as he could. He was a native of the province, about fifty-one years old, and an industrious man.

Newcastle Vacancy.—The Ladysmith Chronicle states that John C. McGregor, of South Wellington, has announced that he will be a candidate as an independent in Newcastle.