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GERMANY SUGGESTS PEACE CONFERENCE

BRITISH TROOPS ARE CONFIDENT THE COMING YEAR WILL BRING COMPLETE VICTORY TO ENTENTE ALLIES' CAUSE

Christmas Day Brings Good Cheer to Armies in the Field; Men Serving Big Guns Chalk Salutary Greetings on Shells Before Firing Them; All Eager for New Offensive

With the British armies in France, Dec. 26.—Christmas sent a throb of good cheer to all the British armies in the battle lines of France, and wherever a British soldier ate his Christmas dinner yesterday, whether in the front line trenches or in the secluded security of the reserve camps, enthusiastic toasts were offered to King and the empire and the coming new year, which Britons confidently believe will bring victory to the entente allies' cause.

The soldiers from overseas, the Canadians, Australians, New Zealanders and South Africans, drank somewhat wistfully to the folks at home, but soon shook away any tendency to homesickness in the sturdy work of war; for war, grim and determined, went forward as relentlessly as yesterday, and as it will to-morrow.

The Christmas carols which rose up from all parts of the world were not far-reaching enough this year to muffle the roar of angry guns or shut out the unceasing sound of flying shells.

Members of various companies pooled their assets, both edible and monetary, and the cantens and small French cups which persist and prosper in the war zone were called on for all their sweets and delicacies. Mess halls were splendidly decorated, in many instances with holly and mistletoe and paper flowers made by the soldiers themselves, many of the flowers being worked into Christmas mottoes.

Amid Roar of Guns

At various places along the lines bands visited the mess halls, giving concerts for the soldiers. The Young Men's Christian Association and other organizations arranged entertainments and special programmes prevailed in the movie halls and the soldiers' theatres, most of the latter being battered French barns, with the shells holed barbed against the wintry blasts and the noises of battle waging not far away.

Every British soldier had his individual plum pudding, this particularly indispensable item of the Christmas bill of fare having been looked after by the London newspapers, which raised in the neighborhood of \$100,000 for their purchase.

Where conditions permitted, as many of the men as possible were relieved from front line duty for dinner, but in the mid-ditches of the Somme and in other sectors, Christmas dinner, steaming hot, was served through the communicating trenches, sometimes under the petting shots, to the men held by duty at the outposts of the war.

Some of the men serving the big guns chalked salutary greetings on the shells before firing them. "If it's a dead shell and does not explode," explained a gunner, "brother Boche can read what we think of him. On the

other hand, if it does its duty, he'll know without reading."

Third Christmas in France

This third Christmas of the British armies in France was vastly different from its two predecessors, especially the first, when only a pitiful handful of the original expeditionary force was left to form a thin khaki line against the gray-clad enemy. The field army was then so small that King George personally sent a Christmas package to everyone. The multiplication of that army of tens of thousands into the present force of so many millions has somewhat altered the situation.

The news of President Wilson's peace note has percolated throughout the army, but it can not be said to have been favorably received. While it can truthfully be said that officers and men alike realize the hardships of the coming winter, all appear eager for a new offensive in the spring and say they can make that offensive decisive.

Confidence in Future

Alsace, via Chantilly, Dec. 25.—(From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press).—Never in the history of Alsace, reconquered by the French, has Christmas been celebrated with such fervor and hopefulness this year. Every village church and chapel was filled to overflowing for midnight masses—services at which the clergy in some instances offered up prayers that the national councilors might be guided right in considering the situation.

The religious exercises were preceded and followed by Sabbath school and family assemblies around Christmas trees, which local custom this year carried out apparently with a feeling of growing security in the changed form of government.

The Associated Press correspondent attended several of these public and private functions during the day and night and found everywhere the highest expressions of confidence in the future.

AN APPROPRIATE TITLE

London, Dec. 26.—A good deal of talk in political circles is arising from a half-humorous suggestion prominently published in the Morning Post that Sir Max Aitken will take the title of Lord Buntly, after Barrie's play, "Buntly pulls the strings."

PORTUGUESE WAR COMMITTEE

Lisbon, Dec. 25.—The cabinet has decided to create a war committee and a public economy committee. Both will have extensive powers.

BRITISH FORCES, AFTER OCCUPYING EL ARISH, HAVE CAPTURED STRONG POSITION FROM TURKS AT MAGDHARA

More Than Eleven Hundred Prisoners Taken; Enemy, Who Suffer Heavy Casualties, Harrassed by Aeroplanes; Move on Beersheba May Detach Turkish Troops From the European Front

London, Dec. 26.—Following up their victory against the Turks in the capture of El Arish, 90 miles east of the Suez canal, the British forces in Egypt have captured a strong Turkish position at Magdhara, 20 miles to the southeast of El Arish, taking some 1,100 prisoners, two guns and quantities of war material, the war office announced yesterday.

The official statement reads: "On Friday afternoon British mounted troops, carrying a strong machine gun fire from a low altitude. A later official statement says: 'A full report from Magdhara is not yet at hand. The total captures are now 1,130 prisoners, at least two guns and a large quantity of army and war material. The enemy's casualties were considerable. Our aeroplanes continue to harass the enemy.'"

The taking of El Arish, followed immediately by extended reconnaissance to Beersheba and beyond to the railway connecting Turkey with Arabia, and now by the capture of El Arish, Magdhara would seem to mean the invasion of Syria by the British and the cutting off of rebellious Arabia from the Ottoman dominions.

The shereef of Mecca, a descendant of the prophet Mohammed and therefore eligible as priest and monarch of Islam, is in possession of Mecca, Medina and the seaport of Jeddah. A railway runs north-west from Medina into Syria, passing forty miles to the east of Akaba, at the head of the easternmost of the two northern forks of the Red Sea. Here the line turns north and runs along the eastern border of Palestine to Damascus and thence to Aleppo, there connecting with the Baghdad line, under construction. It passes Beersheba about thirty miles to the east, but since the war a connection has been made between Beersheba and the Medina line.

The shereef of Mecca is believed to be supported by the British in the establishment of an independent Arabia. Hence the possession of Beersheba by the British would tend to cut off the body-places of Islam from their putative guardian, the sultan of Turkey. It is therefore thought probable Turkey will send a considerable army to prevent a British advance into Syria. At the same time the British are reported to have masked Kut el Amara and to have pushed their outposts twenty-five miles west, within seventy miles of Baghdad. The capture of Baghdad by the British would isolate the Turkish army operating in Persia at Hamadan and elsewhere against the Russians as the main line of communications runs through Baghdad. Hence, if a large British army is operating in Mesopotamia, the Turks would be forced to detach several divisions for the defence of the ancient capital. On this occasion the British have built light railways behind them and are no longer dependent upon the shallow Tigris for supplies.

Considerable forces sent by Turkey into Syria and Mesopotamia is expected by the British to mean the depletion of Turkish troops at present helping their allies in Galicia, the Dobruja and Macedonia, and possibly thus prevent further combinations of Teutonic forces to complete the conquest of Roumania, thence to invade Bessarabia.

How the British are equipped for an advance across the 150 miles of Sinai desert separating Syria from the Suez canal has been kept a profound secret.

COL. FLACK INVALIDED FROM MESOPOTAMIA

Montreal, Dec. 25.—A special cable from the Gazette's London correspondent says:

"Col. Charles Flack, who organized the British Columbia Horse at the outbreak of the war and was decorated with the C. M. G. last week, was invalided from Mesopotamia, where he suffered a sunstroke. Since leaving the Canadian division he has had many varied experiences. He commanded an Essex regiment at Gallipoli and in Egypt, being wounded at Gallipoli just before the evacuation. He expects to return to Mesopotamia next month. Col. R. Ward has left the Canadian pay office to be accountant-general."

PROPOSES AN IMMEDIATE MEETING OF DELEGATES OF ALL BELLIGERENT NATIONS

ALLIES MUST NOT MORTGAGE FUTURE

Arthur Henderson Speaks at Congress of French Socialist Party

POINTS OUT DANGERS OF PREMATURE PEACE

National Right and Liberty Must Be Vindicated and Militarism Destroyed

Paris, Dec. 26.—In addresses at the national congress of the French Socialist party, Arthur Henderson, a member of the British war council, and G. H. Roberts, M.P., both affirmed amidst enthusiastic cheers that the war must be fought out until full guarantees have been obtained for a lasting peace.

"In my opinion," said Mr. Henderson, "if France and ourselves were to enter into negotiations under existing conditions, we should be nations in bondage. Nothing less than that in price our enemies would accept for peace to-day."

Emile Vandervelder, the Belgian Socialist leader, said: "Our comrades who have remained in invaded Belgium endure German dominion with admirable firmness. Nothing but encouragement reaches us from them. So that it would seem that the persons most hostile to war are those farthest from it."

M. Vandervelder also declared that the struggle must be carried on until Belgium and Serbia are delivered and "Caesarianism is laid low."

POSITION RETAKEN BY ROUMANIANS

Russian Official Report Tells of Fighting on Moldavian Frontier

Petrograd, Dec. 26.—Recapture by Rumanian forces of one of the heights they recently lost in the fighting along the Moldavian frontier is announced by the war office to-day. The statement reads: "The enemy is bombarding with an intense artillery fire the regions of the villages of Planaki, Manduff and Gukalovae forest. South of Brzesany the enemy is directing his fire along the heights occupied by us east of the villages of Lipnicadolina and Svistelnik."

"On the Moldavian frontier in the valley of the River Kasimo Rumanian troops by a daring attack regained one of the heights lost by them yesterday."

German Report.
Berlin, Dec. 26.—In Roumania 5,500 more prisoners have been taken by the Teutonic allies, the war office announced. The town of Filipchit, on the railroad between Buzeu and Erailia, was captured at the point of the bayonet. Strongly entrenched Russian positions on both sides of the village were stormed, the statement adds.

To-day's statement by army headquarters says: "Front of Prince Leopold.—On the lower Stockhold the Russian artillery was more active than usual. Northwest of Lutsk an enterprise conducted by German detachments resulted in the bringing in of sixteen prisoners."
"Macedonian front.—Successful patrol advances were made by Bulgarian infantry northwest of Monastir. In the bend of the Cerna there has been artillery firing of varied violence."

Central Powers Have Replied to Note Sent by President Wilson; Imperial Government Believes Exchange of Views Most Appropriate Road in Order to Achieve Desired Result

Berlin, Dec. 26.—Germany and her allies—Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey—to-day replied to the note of President Wilson in which he asked that the belligerent nations state the aims for which they are fighting. The proposal is made by the central powers that a conference of the delegates of all the belligerents be held immediately in a neutral city. The task of preventing future wars, the official statement says, can be begun only after the end of the present war.

The text of Germany's answer to President Wilson's note was transmitted to-day to James W. Gerard, the American ambassador. The answer, which also contains the reply of Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey, says:

"The high-minded suggestion made by the president of the United States of America to create a basis for the establishment of a lasting peace, has been received and considered by the imperial government in the friendly spirit which was expressed in the president's communication. The president points out that which he has at heart and leaves open the choice of roads.

"To the imperial government an immediate exchange of views seems to be the most appropriate road in order to reach the desired result.

"It begs therefore in the sense of the declaration made on December 12, which offered a hand for peace negotiations, to propose an immediate meeting of delegates of the belligerent states at a neutral place.

"The imperial government is also of the opinion that the great work of preventing further wars can be begun only after the end of the present struggle of the nations.

"It will, when this moment shall have come, be ready with pleasure to collaborate entirely with the United States in this exalted task."

The answer of the central powers concludes with the usual diplomatic terms of politeness.

Officials Surprised.
Washington, Dec. 26.—Officials here are surprised that Germany's answer to President Wilson's peace note was given out in Berlin before it reached this country in official form. They pointed out that in sending his note President Wilson allowed two days between the time of its dispatch and making it public that it might first reach the German government.

In the absence of an official reply, formal comment was withheld at the White House and the state department.

The direct proposal for a conference of delegates at a neutral place was regarded as a further step in Germany's proposal, although officials considered it as having been definitely forecast in the first proposal. Such a formal offer has repeatedly been mentioned in authorized statements in the German embassy here, where the opinion freely has been expressed that if the delegates once be gathered round a table for the purpose of discussing peace the result surely would be an arrangement of terms.

The Berlin dispatches containing the German reply were read by President Wilson and Secretary Lansing with the greatest interest. Some officials who compared the reply with President Wilson's note professed to read some conflict between the German statement that the work of securing the future of the world would be delayed until the end of the present struggle, while others were of the opinion that it was not entirely out of harmony.

The Swiss Note.
London, Dec. 26.—Interest in the receipt of President Wilson's note remains unabated. Newspaper discussion was renewed with a new impetus administered by the issue of the Swiss note, with its disclosure of a Swiss-American consultation weeks ago, and by long cable dispatches recording the discussions, speculations and criticisms in America. On the main question as to how President Wilson's note and similar communications should be treated by the allies opinions remain as already recorded.

Russia's Attitude.
Petrograd, Dec. 26.—The first expression of Russia's official attitude toward President Wilson's note was obtained by the Associated Press in the following statement emanating

from a high official source and approved by the foreign office. "We pay tribute to the humanitarian motives which actuated President Wilson in turning to the warring nations with the wish to conclude peace. These motives are not foreign to us."

"The initiative of Russia in the domain of peace conferences which would have placed a limitation upon destructive wars has always met with opposition from Germany. We were the defenders of peace in 1914 to the very last moment, when Germany declared war on us."

"We also understand to what extent war reacts on neutrals, principally in the manner in which it is being conducted by our enemies. But we cannot help keeping in view the fact that the American declaration was made almost simultaneously with the German one."

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NAVAL COMBAT IN STRAIT OF OTRANTO

Austrian War Vessels Routed by French and Italian Ships

Rome, Dec. 26.—A naval engagement between French, Italian and Austrian warships in the Strait of Otranto is announced in an official statement issued by the admiralty. The statement says: "Several enemy ships attacked our patrol vessels in Otranto channel on the night of Dec. 23. French and Italian warships came to the rescue and the enemy fled under cover of darkness after a sharp engagement. What damage he suffered is unknown. Two French destroyers and one patrol boat were hit and slightly damaged."

Austrian Report.
Berlin, Dec. 26.—Two allied patrol boats were sunk and four other allied warships were damaged in the recent naval engagement in the Strait of Otranto, the Austrian admiralty announces. Two Austrian destroyers were hit.

The Austrian announcement says: "On the night of Dec. 23-24, four Austro-Hungarian destroyers made a raid in the Otranto strait and, after an engagement, sank two armed patrol boats. On their way at least six hostile destroyers of greater size and speed, evidently of the Indomito class, blocked their way. A violent combat with guns ensued. One hostile destroyer was set on fire and three others were hit several times at short range. The enemy's sea forces, among which was one vessel of a more powerful and unknown type, were routed."

"One of our destroyers was hit twice in the funnel and another was hit in the superstructure. One man was killed. There were no wounded."

The Indomito class consists of ten Italian destroyers, 239 feet long, armed with one 4.7-inch gun and four 12-pounders.

The Italian official account of this engagement says two French destroyers and one Italian patrol boat were damaged slightly.

BRITISH LINERS WILL CARRY ARMS

Government's New Policy in Connection With Control of Shipping

WILL PLY TO HALIFAX INSTEAD OF NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 26.—The New York Times says: "It is understood that under the new Lloyd George plan for controlling British shipping the White Star and Cunard liners will operate between Liverpool and Halifax, instead of coming to New York, and will be armed with six-inch guns fore and aft. In addition to the protection afforded by the guns, there will be fast cruisers in certain positions, which will be known to the commanders of the liners, who will be provided with special signals to enable them to call for assistance if they are attacked.

"The cargoes will be taken from New York and Boston in small steamers to Halifax, where the freight will be transhipped on board the big steamships waiting to convey them to Liverpool or London. Travelers will travel by train.

"The expense of transhipping the freight and conveying it to Halifax will be very heavy, but it will have to be done in order to make certain the government will get sufficient provisions

for the people of Great Britain and for the British forces in France and Flanders."

GERMANY'S REPLY NOT SATISFACTORY

Dutch Government Requests Amended Answer Regarding Belgium Deportations

Amsterdam, Dec. 25.—The Telegraaf says it has reason to believe that Germany's reply to Holland's note regarding the deportation of Belgian workmen is framed in such terms that it was inadvisable to communicate to the Dutch parliament, and that the government has requested Berlin to alter the reply in such a manner that it may be presented to the parliament.

The Dutch government last month instructed its Berlin representative to notify Germany that the Belgian deportations had caused a painful impression in Holland. A Rotterdam dispatch to the London Times on December 5 said Germany had responded in words which were tantamount to saying "Mind your own business."

FOUR STEAMERS SUNK

Washington, Dec. 25.—Lloyd's reports in dispatches received by the state department from London tell of the sinking of the Norwegian barque Ansangar and the British steamships Istar, Lincoln, Llangos and Murex, not previously reported from other sources.

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SENDS GREETINGS TO SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

His Majesty's Christmas Message to Land and Sea Forces

London, Dec. 26.—The king sent to the British land and sea forces the following Christmas greeting: "I send you, my sailors and soldiers, hearty good wishes for Christmas and the New Year. My grateful thoughts are ever with you for victories gained, for hardships endured and for your unflinching cheeriness. Another Christmas has come around and we are still at war. But this empire, confident in you, remains determined to win. May God bless and protect you."

The king sent the following to the sick and wounded: "At this Christmas the queen and I are thinking more than ever of the sick and wounded among my sailors and soldiers. From our hearts we wish them strength to bear their suffering, speedy restoration of health, a peaceful Christmas and many happier years to come."

SWITZERLAND ISSUES NOTE.

Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 26.—The Swiss government has issued a note in which it says President Wilson's peace initiative will not fail to arouse a profound echo in Switzerland and that Switzerland is ready to aid in any way toward the reconciliation of the nations at war and the establishment of durable peace.

FRANCE HAS NATIONAL MERCHANT FLEET

Minister Says It Was Created in Accord With Great Britain

Paris, Dec. 26.—During the debate in the Chamber of Deputies on the cultivation of unutilized lands, M. Clemenceau, minister of commerce and agriculture, announced that France now had a national merchant fleet which she had created in accord with Great Britain. The only change made by Great Britain, he said, was that there should be joint consideration of the situation once a month so as to judge what restrictions were necessary.

Regarding the land question, M. Clemenceau said that if the soil were allowed to lie fallow it might be necessary next year to restrict the consumption of wheat. He proposed organizing a system of cultivation with motor machinery and between now and March hoped to have over 1,000 machines in operation. A bill providing for this was passed unanimously.

BRITISH RETAIN SUPREMACY OF AIR

Day of Sunshine Results in Revival of Activity Among Aviators

With the British Armies in France, Dec. 24, via London. (From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press.)—A day of sunshine—a rarity in December on the British front—recently caused a temporary revival of activity among the aviators, presenting a spectacle which a few years ago could have lived only in imagination.

Out of the distance there came early in the day a series of black specks which gradually grew until they took the form of German airplanes. From points of telescopic observations their approach had been signalled long before the tiny dots were visible to the naked eye. British guns were ready and British airplanes were already climbing above the ruins of the shell-torn Flemish town to challenge the invaders.

While the German machines were still over their own lines, the British anti-aircraft cannon, known as "Archie's," began to speak.

A moment later, a shrapnel shell burst into a white puff-ball just in the path of the oncoming airplane. At first, the white fleck of smoke seemed no larger than a pinhead, but it soon spread until it appeared as an exaggerated toy balloon and floated as lazily against the sky.

Then there was another puff and then another, until it seemed that a half hundred of "Archie's" must be going and the sky became pierced with white smoke balls, each one marking a spot where a breaking shell had showered its leaden bullets upon the fast traveling Germans. Plunging in and out among the exploding shrapnel, the approaching airplanes left a trail of these flecks and powder puffs in their wake.

British Open Fire.

Up and up, through the danger zone of their own guns, the British aviators climbed eagerly to the fight. The distant hum of the hostile motors now could be heard, mingled with the louder, bee-like drone of the English machines and between the scarcely perceptible intervals of the "Archie's" fire came the staccato notes of the machine guns. The British aviators had opened fire.

Now, the British machines began to close in and the invaders turned suddenly and started for their own lines. Their retreat was marked by the same trail of shell fire as had been their approach. The British aviators pursued but, having in this instance the distinct advantage of height and a diving start for home, the Germans temporarily got away.

This was the first phase of the day's battle in the air, a prelude to the later fighting, when two German machines came crashing to earth in swirling nose-dives. Airplanes are never so much like birds as when they meet in an aerial combat. They dart, dash, circle, turn and swoop like so many feathered warriors, and often the battles rage at such high altitudes that the machines become all but invisible.

Fight Among the Clouds.

Again there will be a fight among the clouds, when the more daring aviators, make their startling plunges through the intervening mist to catch their opponent unawares, always there is great manoeuvring for position, and the spectators are filled with wonder at what the modern airplane can do, even to flying upside down. Most of the fighting aviators endeavor to "get in" the fellow's tail. This means a position above and slightly behind the adversary, where one can fire down into him. Others, however, prefer to attack from a position almost directly underneath, thinking they have a sturdier platform in climbing than in diving.

The latter-day machines have such wonderful stability that they can only be brought down by direct hits, killing the pilot or piercing the petrol tank, in which latter event the airplane generally catches fire and falls in a blazing spiral.

When the history of aviation in the present war is written, it will contain some of the most thrilling chapters of the strange world conflict. The British Flying Corps, which grew from almost nothing at the beginning of the war, has already established records of daring and attainment which even in the colorless official reports of the corps read like fiction. Recently there have been fights on the British front in which from sixty to eighty machines were engaged.

Ninety-six Fights.

There have been as high as ninety-six separate fights in a single day on this front alone. Near the point where the British and French line join there have been fights in which the French have come to the assistance of the British and the British have gone to the assistance of the French to help defeat the Germans. There have been both British and French instances of aviators, as a last resort, deliberately crashing into a German and sending him down. After one instance of that sort a British aviator brought his machine down with only one wing. He could only effect a landing with his engine going and had deliberately collided with a tree, seriously injuring himself.

There was one memorable occasion when three British machines deliberately dived into a formation of seventeen German machines, destroying two of the hostile planes and themselves escaping unhurt. Another time two British aviators attacked eleven Germans and one, a second lieutenant of the British corps, attacked five hostile machines. He, in turn, was attacked from behind, but turned and got in

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NOTE ILL-TIMED AND IMPRACTICABLE

How President Wilson's Proposal is Received in Russian Capital

Petrograd, Dec. 26.—Prominent members of the Duma and all the political leaders from whom an expression of opinion could be obtained concerning President Wilson's note were united in the conviction that the American peace suggestions were ill-timed and impracticable.

Professor Paul M. Mitukoff, leader of the constitutional Democrats said: "President Wilson's offer makes an odd impression. The president said at the time the German proposal was presented that he would consider comment harmful and that the United States would take part in peace mediation only if it received a definite offer or a hint from the allies that they would find American interference acceptable.

"Quite the opposite is the case. The allies definitely rejected Germany's proposals. In such a case it seems that President Wilson's offer of assistance is futile. The note can only make a negative impression.

"The lack of definite terms was not the only obstacle to the allies' consideration of Germany's proposal. We can guess what the central powers will offer and if they offered much more than was expected, even then the time would not be ripe for mediation."

M. Rodzianko, president of the Duma said: "My attitude toward the note is negative. It is not time for us or our allies to conclude peace. There would not be peace for any length of time, and then the war would have

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France Determined to Continue Struggle Until Lasting Peace is Assured

Paris, Dec. 26.—(By Fred J. Pitney)—France expects soon to achieve such a victory in the field that will enable the allies to make certain that Germany will keep the peace treaty that will end the war, to make certain that the peace will be fair and lasting. The French doubt that Germany could give to-day any pledges that would assure peace. If the war should end with the German military power still in being, what guarantee could she give for the future that anyone could accept? German policy is directed by a clique, a caste, and public opinion there, however much it might wish to observe the new treaty or to avoid a new war, could have nothing to say.

It will be difficult for France to reply to Wilson's note. She is fighting for the idea of justice and for liberty. It is very hard to put into current terms the things of the spirit. The terms which France demands are not territory or money—it is Germany that is fighting for material things. And it is difficult to name exact conditions which will assure peace with a nation whose pledges have proved worthless, and whose future will depend far more on the mind of her rulers than on any concrete facts.

France believes that only victory in the field—a victory that will destroy the German machine and teach the German people and their kaiser the folly of their past course—will bring such a peace, and France expects that victory soon.

Wilson's note continues to be almost the sole topic of conversation here. The thing that causes the most resentment is that his first attempt to influence the war as a whole comes just after the German peace note. While the French do not doubt the president's intent to be neutral, they cannot help connecting the two documents. This gives it a most unfortunate effect.

Recognition of American help especially in charitable work, has been the dominant note in French thought of America since the war began. The people freely recognize Wilson's intention to be neutral in his latest note, as in his previous utterances, but they do not think that this desire for impartiality demands that he go so far as to put on the same footing the nation that sank the Lusitania and gloried in the act, and France, of all nations.

It is very hard to explain to the French why Wilson insisted so strongly and so many times on his desire to know what caused the war. They cannot believe it possible for a doubt, to exist in anyone's mind on this point. How can anyone think, they ask, that France had any part in beginning the conflict when she was obviously unprepared?

They say that the president, in putting the two groups of belligerents on the same footing, has set aside entirely the German treatment of Serbia and Belgium. Before an American can offer to make peace, they declare, he must first be able to enter into the spirit of France.

France seeks in this war the establishment of a permanent peace, but she has had actual experience with German cruelty and faithlessness. She feels that she can best judge for herself when she has made permanent peace secure—better than Americans, even with the best intentions in the world, can when so far removed from the actualities of the war.

PROPOSAL REJECTED BY FRENCH SENATE

Paris, Dec. 26.—The unanimous vote of the senate affirming that France cannot conclude peace with an enemy who occupies French territory, coming at the same time as the peace note of the Swiss government, has stirred anew the French press and public. The action of the senate gave further indication of the attitude of the entente allies toward President Wilson's proposals while confidence voted in the Briand ministry was regarded most favorably.

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INFANTRY ATTACK IS REVOLUTIONIZED

Companies in France Now Operate as Separate Units and in Open Order

French Front, Dec. 26.—The result of 45 years infantry training has been thrown on to the scrap heap by the French army. At the beginning of the war the French infantry, like that of all other continental nations, marched shoulder to shoulder to the attack. Soon, however, the power of the very numerous machine guns with which the Germans were provided—outnumbering at least four times those of other armies—brought about the adoption of more open formation and recalled the lessons of the South African war, which had been neglected.

After the battle of the Marne, when the Germans dug themselves into deep trenches, the French found it impossible to carry out successfully any infantry attack in the formations until then in use without losing a number of men disproportionate to the advantage gained. They increased the number of their machine guns, but those of the Germans were placed in position which enabled them to sweep away any frontal attack even before it had been properly developed.

At the present no infantry officer of the old school would recognize an infantry unit going into action, so much has everything been changed.

The Associated Press correspondent was present recently at a demonstration of the new infantry attack formation at a school. Instead of a formerly a battalion of infantry being composed of so many hundreds of men armed merely with rifles and bayonets and entrenching tools and dependent on artillery to clear the way for it during an advance, the battalion is now a little army perfectly equipped for offence and defence and able at all times to take care of itself without any assistance except in the case of an attack on a fortress or strongly fortified field work.

Not only the battalion, but each company, is able to act independently, and the various smaller units are so composed that when acting together they form a complete whole without any confusion.

Hand grenades, rifle grenades, gas masks with automatic rifles, bombardiers with bombs and ordinary infantrymen with rifle and bayonet compose each unit. The specialists have companions in action to carry their ammunition and able to replace them in case they sustain a casualty, while every man in the section, even the simple rifleman, is trained to do one of the special tasks.

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STOCKHOLM'S PLAN TO CURB DRINKING

Council Renews Monopoly to System Company for Three Years

Stockholm, Dec. 26.—The city council has renewed for three years to the Stockholm System Company the monopoly in the sale of liquors which that company has held the last three years. Another organization contested for the franchise, but the council could see no reason for making a change.

By renewing the franchise the city authorities have set the stamp of their approval on a novel plan of controlling liquor consumption which was first introduced by the Stockholm company and in the beginning gave the company a unique position among the many "distilled management" companies that have been in existence under the so-called "Gothenberg system." This plan, briefly stated, involves a system by which those controlling the sale of liquor are enabled to say to the consumers: "Be good or you'll get no liquor."

Dr. Ivan Bratt, a former physician, a sociologist and student of the drink question, is the father of the idea, whose outstanding feature is the regulation of the retail trade by means of a passbook, called in Swedish "mot-bok."

The old method of controlling the sale of liquor, already referred to as the "Gothenberg system," dates from 1855. It had as its specifically Swedish feature the monopoly in the trade which it entrusted to quasi-private companies. The whole business in a definite area was placed in the hands of such a company, whose profits were limited to a small amount and which was, in the words of the old law, to sell liquor "in the interests of morality." Apart from their power to restrict the total sales, however, these companies had no way of getting at the individual who used liquor to excess.

Secured Monopoly. Dr. Bratt, after long study of the matter, conceived the idea of the passbook as the best method of selling liquor "in the interests of morality," a thing which he felt was not being achieved under the old system. So he organized the Stockholm System Company—the Stockholm System Joint Stock Company, to give it its full name—and secured the monopoly for the capital city three years ago.

The company has authority to conduct all retail establishments for the sale of liquor to be drunk off the premises, but many also delegate this authority to private persons or companies. Some forty of these so-called "off" licenses are thus held by persons other than the system company, but these will not be extended after the deaths of the present holders.

Control of sales at the "off" places is effected by means of the passbook referred to. A passbook is issued to an adult resident of the city upon application, provided his or her record justifies it. The company maintains an elaborate card index, in which are listed not only all persons to whom books have been issued, but also all persons to whom, if they apply, books will not be issued.

Books are not issued to habitual drunkards, to persons who have been arrested for drunkenness within a year last past, to paupers or to persons who have figured unpleasantly in police court records. A man who has been a participant in a public brawl, for example, is pretty sure to find, on applying for a passbook, that his record is contained in the index and that he can get no book, for the system company, co-operating with the police, watches the newspapers regularly for criminal news.

Conviction of serious crimes or of drunkenness results in the withdrawal of the passbook. Care also has to be taken to note all deaths in the city. Though America pays no royal honor to her president, his office is hedged about by many strict though unwritten laws. Not only may he not leave the United States, but he is forbidden even to enter the embassy of a foreign power, because that, by legal fiction, is "foreign soil." There was much criticism when President Roosevelt broke through the restriction and went in person to the British embassy to offer condolences on the death of the ambassador, Lord Pauncefoot. No President, also, may make intimate friends of foreign diplomats or officials, nor may he dine at private houses, save at those of relations or of members of his cabinet. It is considered improper for him even to attend a reception at a private house.—London Chronicle.

AVIATORS BOMBARD AMMUNITION DEPOTS

French Airmen Bring Down Three More German Aeroplanes

Paris, Dec. 26.—The bulletin issued by the war office last night says: "The day was relatively calm along the whole front. On the Somme front three German aeroplanes were brought down by our pilots on December 24. The first machine fell in flames south of Eponancourt; the second crashed to the earth near Omcourt; the third fell in the direction of Lencourt. On the night of December 24-25 one of our air squadrons bombarded the enemy aviation ground at Vraignes, as well as ammunition depots at Athies, Enchemain and Mons-en-Chaussée. Eastern theatre.—A violent artillery struggle took place in the region north of Monastir. Belgian.—There is nothing to report."

SERBIA WILL NOT CONSIDER PEACE

Acceptance of Germany's Proposal Would End Her National Existence

Salonica, Dec. 26, via London.—(By Gordon Gordon-Smith.)—Nowhere have Germany's so-called peace proposals been felt to be so absolutely unacceptable as in Serbian circles, both military and governmental. Therein it is pointed out that the German chancellor, in his address and note completely ignores the fact that the war has called into being a score of questions which did not exist when the first gun was fired. Additional reports which have reached here of the terms which Germany plans to propose indicate that the extinction of Serbia as a nation is involved. In the politico-military gathering along the allied battle line here, and the equally diversified crowd of diplomats and agents behind it, the distinctly Balkan and eastern questions have largely overshadowed those which centre on the western front, and all the indications are that Germany plans to trade her western victories for assurances of complete success in the east.

The Slav powers naturally are even more bitter than those of the west. To them the Pan-Slav movement, and the questions of Roumanian expansion, the disposition of Transylvania, of Poland, of Italia Irgentia, are fully as acute as those of Alsace-Lorraine or the liberation of Belgium. It is considered that even the most liberal terms which Germany could be expected to offer now, and those which the chancellor is credited with desiring—the return to the status quo ante bellum—are impossible. That it should be suggested is declared to prove either that the German statesmen are incapable of learning the lessons of the war, or that they underrate the strength and intelligence of their adversaries.

Serbia would not consider any peace proposals at present for a moment, as they would sound the death-knell of her national existence. Torn, wounded, bled almost to death, she would not only be incapable for at least a generation of rebuilding the dream of national unity which has animated her leaders for half a century, but she would not even be able to maintain more than a semblance of independence from the Austrian power which has been so steadily reaching into the Balkan territories.

The fact that the proposals, as they are understood here, contain a bribe for each of Germany's allies to continue the struggle—that Germany suggests that Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey should each pay a price for peace—makes it seem to the men here, long experienced in the diplomacy of the Balkans, as if the Kaiser were trying to inspire, to spur, his allies to fight on rather than his own hope of inducing his foes to accept peace. In Serbian government circles the proposals are regarded as a purely political manoeuvre by which it is hoped to sow dissension among the entente allies and to revive the flagging courage of the lesser members of the Kaiser's following.

The real fact—it is recognized here perhaps better than anywhere else—is that Germany realizes that she has reached the apogee of her military effort and success, and that she recognizes that with ever increasing efforts she can hope only to delay and not to stop the decadence and defeat which are assured.

When one hears of rich business men offering their services to the government under the conviction that they can do in one day what an expert can barely manage in three, one must not think the delusion a modern product. Perhaps the most amazing example is Alexander Cruden of "Concordance" fame. He offered his services to the government over a century and a half ago as "corrector of morals," and actually stood as a candidate for parliament on that platform. He cited his zeal for the public good as his justification, and claimed that the king in council or a special act of legislature might put him in the position of checking evil in high places. But the electors of the city would have nothing to do with "Alexander the Corrector."—London Chronicle.

GERMANY NEARING BREAKING POINT

Reports Indicate Peace Moves Are Result of Growing Troubles

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE CENTRAL POWERS

Paris, Dec. 26.—(By Fred B. Pitney.)—General Lyautey has become war dictator of France, and there is a growing conviction that the various peace moves can have no other reason than German necessity. France is preparing herself for the final drive which she feels sure will be victory.

The passing of the supreme power into Gen. Lyautey's hands was simple and not attended with any of the agitation which marked the recent ministerial crisis. At a meeting of the new war council Gen. Lyautey, who had been called from Morocco to become minister of war, attended for the first time. The council decided "that all questions concerning the preparation and carrying on of the war will be under the direction of the war minister, and that he will notify the interested ministers and the generals-in-chief of the decisions taken and assure the co-ordination necessary to their execution."

This action is expected to end the agitation which has been disturbing France for months. The demand has been for a dictator, a man who could insure the focussing of the whole power of the nation on the battlefield, and it is believed that in this action and in the choice of Lyautey, who is regarded the ablest minister in France, the demand will be satisfied.

Evidence of this came also in the unanimous vote of the Senate of confidence in the Briand ministry. The Senate also voted unanimously that France could not discuss peace with an enemy so long as it had a soldier on French territory.

France for a long time refused to take much stock in the stories of German internal troubles, economic difficulties, starvation and that kind of thing. The information here, which was very carefully gathered, did not lead us to believe them. But now it is different. There is no doubt to-day that Germany is in serious difficulties. Of course, it is not probable that anything can come directly from the present peace moves, but they show unquestionably how things are going. No one here fails to draw the inference that the time for Germany to break is rapidly approaching. No one believes that so many moves—German, American and Swiss—would have been made simultaneously unless inspired by Germany.

There is more direct evidence. In the first place, there is the direct statement of the Papal nuncio in Vienna that the Austrian emperor asked the Pope to intercede for peace. Then there are the disorganization and recent rapid changes in the Austrian cabinet, all pointing directly to divisions in Austria-Hungary on the question of Germanophile policy. These divisions and the request to the Pope unmistakably indicate differences between the central empires.

Need Peace Now. Beyond that are the German, American and Swiss notes. The conclusion to be drawn from these is that there are serious international difficulties in Germany as well as between the members of the alliance. Everyone knows that President Wilson has most trustworthy information from all the capitals. A year ago he sent Colonel House around Europe. The colonel made most careful investigations, particularly examining conditions in Germany. Wilson put forward no peace proposal at that time, but now, just after he has had a long visit from Ambassador Gerard, he does make his move. It is hard to believe that this is merely a "feeler." Wilson must have had some information or he would never have sent the note.

Finally, as to German conditions, Switzerland is one of the best places from which to observe Germany, and reports from Switzerland all say one thing: "Germany is in deep trouble; Germany is surely breaking. She needs peace now and needs it in a hurry." The German peace note is merely an additional proof of this, and when a note also comes from Switzerland, so near to Germany and with such intimate relations with Germany, what more could you ask. I have reason to believe that the replies to both the German and Wilson note are ready. The foreign affairs committee of the chamber devoted a large part of its time on Saturday to the American note and the reply to the Kaiser was well advanced some days ago.

The tone of the reply to Germany will be different from that to Wilson. It will unmistakably make Germany responsible for the war. That must be established as a point of departure before there can be any question of discussions. Germany cannot come into court except on that basis. It may seem simple to Americans just to begin to talk about peace, but France is at war, which makes her position different from any that Americans are now likely to be able to understand. France requires as a preliminary that Germany admit that she began the war. The note to Germany will leave no doubt on this point. The reply to Wilson, in a different tone, will probably be quite long. A draft of the note has already been sent to the allies for consultation. This is unquestionably a good time to discuss these questions.

RUSSIANS REPORT HEAVY FIGHTING

Counter-Attacks by Enemy in the Carpathians and on Moldavian Frontier

Petrograd, Dec. 26.—The following official statement was issued yesterday: "Western front.—On the Bystritsa our scouts made some successful reconnaissances in the region of Stary-Lisc, capturing a number of prisoners, rifles and hand grenades.

"In the wooded Carpathians and on the Moldavian frontier, in the region north of the Gazi valley, the enemy, by several repeated attacks, following artillery preparations, attempted to recapture the heights occupied by us yesterday. Our troops allowed the enemy to approach our trenches and then fired at almost point blank range, and also threw hand grenades upon them. All counter-attacks were repulsed and the enemy suffered heavy losses. The slopes of the heights are covered with dead. In the course of the day we took 3 officers and 215 men prisoners and captured 2 guns and 1 trench mortar.

"In the region of the Kasina river and in the Vrachea mountains the enemy pushed back the Roumanian troops in some places.

"From 11 a.m. the enemy bombarded our troops on both sides of the Buseu-Rinnik road and in the region of Saharychouli and Balenechouli. The enemy fire was particularly heavy north of the road, where he made attacks and captured a height south of Rakovacheu. Our troops counter-attacked and dislodged the enemy from this height, but our detachments soon abandoned it again as the enemy was sweeping it with shells.

"All enemy attacks in other regions of the left bank of the Danube which were extremely fierce in the neighborhood of Drogu were repelled. "In Dobruja the left wing of our troops abandoned Isaktcha and Tuitcha, which places were occupied by the enemy. "On the right flank an artillery duel took place throughout the day. It was especially violent in the region of the Danube village of Grechu. "Caucasus front.—There was an exchange of fire with reconnaissances by our scouts."

John Drew was congratulated at the Players in Grammarly park on the abundant hair with which despite his years he is still blessed. "Thank goodness," said Drew, complacently, "I'm not like Tree. "Tree went into a Los Angeles barber shop the other day and said: "Can you cut my hair without my taking off my collar?" "The barber, with a loud laugh, slapped Tree's pink and polished dome jocularly. "Why, bless your heart, Sir Herbert," he said, "I could cut it without your taking off your hat."

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THE PEACE PROCESSION.

A review of Germany's diplomatic manoeuvres of which the present peace overture and the Wilson note form the climax may be of interest at this stage. They have been characterized by all the low cunning, hypocritical pretence and guile prescribed by the Prussian War Book for just such a military situation as that which they are now designed to help. How anybody can be so "neutral" as to be blind to the record and the lessons it teaches is beyond our comprehension. The mere fact that the producers of the climax are also the authors of the whole series, as well as of the war itself, ought to be enough to convince any neutral honestly concerned for the future of civilization. Certainly it is enough for the entente powers, who, having been burned once, have no mind to be burned again. For, after all, the present move is the latest of state military expedients. An eastern contemporary reminds us that it, with the succession of intrigues which are following it, was a favorite manoeuvre of Frederick the Great, whom it saved from annihilation when, exhausted by seven years of conflict, he was confronted with a coalition of superior power. We know, of course, that it was Napoleon's star play, played by Talleyrand, a rare genius of crooked diplomacy—and of conspiracy.

Germany's declaration of war against Russia was only a few hours old when Potsdam played the first card of the hand of which it has now exhibited the trump. It tried to purchase Great Britain's neutrality in the contemplated onslaughts upon Belgium and France by proposing a division of French and Belgian colonies. That damnable proposition was made by the very same clique which is now protesting its love of peace and disarmament and the purity of its motives. It at once revealed the black soul and the perverted mind of its progenitor and was a fitting forerunner of the invasion of Belgium over the fragments of the "scrap of paper," and the monstrous cruelties which followed it. The whole world knew about it. Sir Edward Grey and Mr. Asquith appropriately described it in the House of Commons at the time. It was, however, the first desperate move designed to ensure an easy and rapid march to world domination, the first attempt to insert a wedge into the cordial entente.

The first manoeuvre failed disastrously. Great Britain went to war; the German navy was looked up and a British expeditionary force passed across the Channel, France, with her seacoast secure, won the battle of the Marne and decided the campaign for Paris. Germany then played her second card. She tried to make terms with France in the hope of gaining a free hand to deal with Great Britain and Russia. She was quite prepared to enter into the same kind of arrangement with France in respect of Britain's colonies as she offered to Britain in regard to the colonies of France. France's reply

was the redoubling of her efforts—the creation of new armies and the extension of the front from the Aisne to the Belgian coast, thereby firmly hanging, bolting and barring the gate of Germany in the west. The Huns tried to batter their way through that barrier at Ypres and along the Yser and lost half a million men in their operations. Germany thus had made two attempts to gain by diplomacy what she could not achieve by force of arms—two short cuts to her "place in the sun." She wanted both Great Britain and France to commit hari-kari for her benefit, undertaking to make the operation painless. Incidental to these she tried by other means to separate Belgium from her protectors. She instituted a reign of terror, but this failed as signally as her experiments with Great Britain and France.

Germany then turned to Petrograd and there all her well-organized machinery operated on double shift. The Russian capital was full of her emissaries, who had established themselves in the highest circles. But Russia was aroused and this way out was barred. Thereupon Germany struck heavily on the eastern front. Overwhelming superiority in transportation and munitionment enabled von Mackensen to throw Russia's armies beyond Poland and to reconquer Galicia. Again the separate peace machinery was set in motion, and again it failed, the Czar answering it by placing himself at the head of his forces. Thus Germany's three peace cards had been trumped by her three main adversaries. She was unable to bribe, bribe or terrorize a solitary member of the entente alliance. She was learning something about psychology hitherto undreamed of in the philosophy of Treitschke and Bernhardi. She was beginning to learn something about war which was not taught in the school of 1870, that while armies might make conquests, the nation to which they belong might still be overthrown.

Then came the Serbian campaign and the absurd intimations that unless Great Britain "stopped the war" von Mackensen would advance upon Egypt, and cut the empire's artery, the Suez Canal. This imposed upon nobody, whereupon a very weak card, a two-spot, was played in the case of Montenegro. When the capital of the little mountain kingdom was occupied a silly, childish intrigue with two or three Montenegrin officers, or Austrians masquerading as Montenegrin officers, resulted in the flamboyant announcement from Berlin that Montenegro had sued for peace. Even this attempt to penetrate the circle of steel was a failure. The king of Montenegro and his government indignantly repudiated the German announcement. Prince von Bulow thereupon repaired to Berne, Switzerland, where he employed all his ingenuity and set in motion all his machinery to close the gap between Italy and Austria. Italy's answer was an increase of the pressure she was exercising on the Isontina, in the Carnic Alps and in the Trentino. More recently the intrigue was renewed at Petrograd and the overthrow of the Sturmer ministry was the significant sequel to it.

Now, having failed to intrigue her way to a separate peace which would facilitate her military operations at vital points, Germany plays her last card, an attempt to obtain peace all-round before defeat in the field forces Prussia to confess the failure of that militarism by which she has been able to maintain her ascendancy over the other states of the Germanic confederation as well as over Austria, Hungary and Turkey. Rather than suffer that she would come into the open as a suppliant, and that really is what she is doing now. She has been paving the way for this play for months. The exploits of U-53 off the American coast were designed merely to reinforce the activities directed by Bernstorff and Muensterberg and others towards President Wilson. The same measures that had failed in every entente capital were applied with slight outward variation at Washington. While the German diplomatists and their followers developed the aureole of a Great Pacificator around the President's head, appealing to his vanity, as Muensterberg himself has said, the submarine service threatened murder and a stoppage of American trade. Similar methods are being brought to bear upon the European neutrals. There the intrigues and cajoleries of the Hun diplomatists will be accompanied by reference to the fate of Roumania, rather than to the submarine menace. This will be particularly the case with Switzerland, which is oppressed with the fear of German invasion. The Wilson note, therefore, with the notes of other neutrals inspired by it must be regarded merely as phases of Germany's last and most desperate effort to gain a respite from the fate she challenged when she drew the sword. It is entitled to consideration only to the extent that the direct Ger-

man overtures are entitled to consideration. It is part and parcel of the German game forecasted several weeks before the fall of Bucharest in the announcements of German newspapers that "good news was coming to the German people before Christmas."

WHY NOT MEXICO?

Meanwhile the war in Mexico continues to develop lively and sensational episodes. The latest of these is the capture of Torreon by Villa. Torreon is an important railway junction about 250 miles southeast of Chihuahua and is near the boundary between Durango and Coahuila states. Villa, therefore, must have obtained control of the Mexican National railway after leaving Chihuahua, for he would not have been able to concentrate at Torreon so swiftly without it. Thus within the last few weeks he has gained notable successes, each of which has given him the spoil of two important places and unquestionably greatly enhanced his prestige. The Carranza general, Gonzales, has left Juarez with his forces in the hope of stopping Villa's alarming progress. The army of the third belligerent, commanded by General Pershing, is still motionless at Namsaquipa.

This perpetual war in Mexico is deplorable. It is playing havoc with the country's development, impoverishing millions of people and causing much loss to Great Britain and France, which are heavily interested there. Canada also has been a sufferer in this respect. Now would seem to be the time for the entente powers to address a note to each of the belligerents, that is, to Carranza, Villa and Wilson, suggesting, in the friendliest way, that the different sides state what they are fighting for. So far they all appear to have the same object in view, namely, to keep the country in a state of turmoil. Villa dispatched a note to Washington the other day inviting the United States to discuss terms, but no notice has been taken of the overture. This is a mistake. Washington should not have rejected Villa's olive branch. It should hear what he has to say. There should be a conference. Besides, the entente powers may be drawn into the conflict if it is prolonged, and it is very desirable in their interests, therefore, that there should be peace in Mexico as soon as possible.

The light in which Germans see themselves is revealed in the following-lyingly in the Berliner Borsen Zeitung: The ideal of Christianity is warring against all that is unholly and coarse, against humbug and lies, greediness, selfishness. Whoever engages in a conflict to root all this out, is fighting for his own peace. . . . Lies, greediness, selfishness and sham, these are the enemies against which our fathers and brothers have been fighting so long.

The Kaiser may have had something more toothsome than horse meat at 75 cents a pound (the ordinary flesh fare of Berliners these days), but we cannot be far wrong in our guess that his Christmas dinner was about the most doleful repast of which he has partaken since he became the militant and official head of the Hohenzollern dynasty.

If the Cunard and other big trans-Atlantic lines transfer their steamers from New York to Halifax, the shipping interests of the great port may argue that the arrangement is only temporary, but there may be a dread at the back of their minds that the ships might "stay put." Destinies sometimes are shaped by current events.

Toronto Globe: Germany is now apologizing for the "Lustania" medal saying that it was "purely for private circulation." There is only one thing more despicable than an arrogant, defiant, hate-breathing Hun and that is an apologetic, cowardly and fear-filled one.

Nearly everybody is trying to explain the meaning of Woodrow Wilson's peace overture. Probably, if the truth were known, there is nothing more to it than the desire of a vain man to pose as a big figure in momentous affairs.

Thus far President Wilson's peace propaganda has all the appearance of an exchange of polite commonplaces between the eminently neutral United States and another state whose thoughts ever have been of "peace."

Well, Turkey escaped this time, but the fire under the oven is burning.

NO LUXURIES IN AUSTRIA.

Vienna, Dec. 26.—A law prohibiting the importation into Austria-Hungary of all articles of luxury has been put into force. The intent of the law is to prevent the outgo of money to foreign countries. Travelers to Austria-Hungary are warned not to wear jewelry which will be confiscated at the border.

SNOW AT LOS ANGELES.

Los Angeles, Dec. 26.—Heavy snow fell over the northern part of the city for the sixth time in the 49 years the weather bureau has been established here. It melted as rapidly as it fell.

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WOULD CALL OUT ALL SINGLE MEN
 Lieut.-Gen. Sir Sam Hughes Advocates Prompt Action by Authorities
 Lindsay, Ont., Dec. 26.—The immediate calling out of all single men from 18 to 45 years of age not exempted under the military law, for active service training under the Canadian Militia act, was the recruiting policy advocated by Lieut.-General Sir Sam Hughes at a large meeting here. He declared that the national service commission was more or less of a failure. Four months of valuable time had already been lost and four months more at least must elapse before the return of eligibles would be in. It would be a year before the commission could begin to operate with any effect, and even then action would be chaotic. One good thing, however, was that the public was interested. Prompt and decisive action, however, must now be the mandate.
 The calling out of single men could now be done under the act, but in order to remove all doubt regarding compulsory service for overseas, the act should be amended that the militia might be sent abroad for the defence of the empire. Under this plan he would undertake to have at least two to three hundred thousand ready for the front within four months from the inception of the scheme.
 He praised the work of the Canadians at the front, giving a review of what he had seen there, and stated that he had found the British government and the war office in accord with the policy he had advocated, namely, that as far as possible promotion should be made from the ranks on the sole basis of merit.
 Sir Sam did not touch on political questions and made no reference to the events which led to his retirement from the cabinet.

RETURNED SOLDIERS REACH ST. JOHN
 Party Includes Captain Father O'Gorman, "The Fighting Priest"
 St. John, N. B., Dec. 26.—The C. P. R. liner Metagama docked at West St. John yesterday. She brought a large military party, quite a number of civil passengers and a heavy mail. The mail consisted of 4,600 bags for Canada, 4,000 parcels post for Canada, 325 bags for Russia and 160 for Japan. Several distinguished passengers were included in the list, including Auditor General Fraser, Major Rev.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY
 Victoria Times, Dec. 26, 1891.

The first Chanuka dedication festival will be celebrated by the children of Temple Emmanuel Sunday school on Dec. 27. A programme has been arranged by Rabbi S. Philo.

Messrs. Robert Ward & Co., the well known Wharf street merchants, have been incorporated as a joint stock company with a capital of \$300,000. Mr. Ward remains at the head of the business, the other trustees being Messrs. W. Ward and J. C. MacIure.

The provincial parliament has been summoned to meet on Jan. 23, 1892.

Mr. Michael Hart one of the pioneers of British Columbia, died at his residence in this city this morning. He mined on the Fraser in the early days, and later established a salmon cannery at Rivers Inlet.

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POLICE PROTECTED MAN FROM SOLDIERS

Peculiar Case of Irritating Uniformed Men, which Might Have Been Serious

While one case is still on trial with regard to inducing soldiers to desert, another case of a less flagrant nature has just occurred. The man is stated to be an Italian, and for obvious purposes, since the police do not prefer a charge, his name is withheld.

This man owes his life doubtless to the fact that the police put him into the cells on Saturday evening for safe-keeping. Two soldiers of the 12th Battalion would have liked to "clean him up," and while he was being examined in the station, a third came forward there to testify to a similar set of circumstances.

It is alleged for several days past the man has been producing a picture of the Kaiser to various men in uniform and using objectionable language to them, which would easily produce trouble.

Very little is known of the antecedents of the man, but the intention is to turn him over to the military authorities, probably to the registry of alien enemies, for internment. The man claims to be an Italian, but at any rate his nationality is to be investigated, also his sanity, since he has been taking long chances of an assault from some of the soldiers he has taunted.

This is the first case of its kind which has occurred here, although similar occurrences are reported elsewhere in the Dominion.

A QUIET CHRISTMAS

No Call of Fire: Two Minor Casualties Reported; Light List at City Jail.

There was no outbreak of fire in the city yesterday. Fire Chief Davis is thankful to record, which is unparalleled at the Christmas season for some years past. Evidently more care is being taken in the dressing of the Christmas trees. One doctor is suffering from burns when playing Santa Claus, otherwise the roll of casualties is small.

The Ward-holidaying from Vancouver, required first aid for a cut on the head and Robert Hunter, Western hotel, for a head wound. The latter was attended by Dr. Lennox.

Four drunks were run in but all secured bail, and therefore did not require the jailer's attentions for a Christmas dinner. The police report a singularly quiet holiday this year.

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Diagnosis of Insanity.—The jury which sat on the case of the Italian workman who was found drowned at Sidney last week added a rider to its verdict of found drowned, to the effect that policemen and provincial constables should be instructed in methods of detecting insanity so that, in a case like this, a demented man would be held for examination and treatment instead of being allowed to wander about.

New Post Offices.—Point Cowan post office, in the federal constituency of Comox-Atlin, has been reopened, with R. T. Cowan, as postmaster, Vancouver sub-office. No. 19, has been opened at the corner of Hastings avenue and Abbott street, with Charles Woodward as postmaster. Willow park post office has been created a sub-office of Victoria from November 1. Garsvold post office, in Comox-Atlin, mentioned two months ago as having been opened, is not yet doing business. Port Guichon office, in New Westminster district, and Rogers Pass office in Kootenay district, have been closed.

Spedy Trial.—The reform element of the Chinese, eight in number, who have been committed for trial on a charge of rioting, this morning went to the court house for the purpose of electing for speedy trial before Judge Lammman. As the depositions were not yet ready it was impossible for them to formally elect but they intimated their intention to take speedy trial and they will be ready to elect and be tried on January 10th. J. S. Brandon is looking after their interests.

Fifth Regiment Band.—The Fifth Regiment band played to a full house on Sunday night, the audience being thoroughly appreciative of the addition to the usual weekly programme of a number of special Christmas carols and anthems suitable to the season. These were beautifully played, and among other outstanding numbers on a programme which was good throughout were "Zampa" and "Sons of Britannia." The trombone solo by Ed Whittingham, "Holy City" was endorsed, the player repeating the well-stayed number. Mrs. Robin Dunsmuir was the soloist, and of the four numbers which she contributed the favorite proved to be her second encore, "The Sweetest Flower That Blows," which was thunderously applauded. Mrs. A. J. Gibson acted as her accompanist.

Successful Raffle.—The doll displayed at Williams's Drug Store and raffled by Mrs. Max Leiser for the Oak Bay Red Cross, netted \$50. It was won by little Mary Walsh, the winning number being 33.

Music for Rotarians.—The entertainment at the weekly lunch of the Rotary Club to be held at the Empress hotel on Thursday, will be musical throughout. There will be vocal and instrumental selections as well as choruses. As a large number of the members of the club are musically inclined, the entertainment promises to be of especial merit, and suitable to the Christmas season.

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ANOTHER APPEAL HAS BEEN LODGED

Pandora Avenue Expropriation Case to Go to Judges of Appeal Court

The court of revision on local improvements set for Thursday to consider the confirmation of the assessment on Pandora Avenue, from Fernwood to Oak Bay junction, has no prospect of carrying out the object scheduled.

Another adjournment will be necessary, since the city solicitor was today served with notice of an appeal from the judgment of Mr. Justice Clement with regard to the issue raised in supreme court last week. The B. C. Electric Railway Co., as owners of the property at the corner of Pandora Avenue and Douglas Street, where the intersecting depot is situated, is assessed like other owners throughout the avenue for the expropriation of the right-of-way for the street, although it is a mile away from the work. Last week it was argued that the legal procedure regarding notice to owners had not been complied with, and the court was asked to reject the assessment by law due to come up for confirmation at this court.

Mr. Justice Clement dismissed the appeal, stating that his reasons would follow. The notice now served indicated that the opinion of the court of appeal will be taken at the January sitting. However, although the court is timed to open here on the eleventh of next month, it is the intention to adjourn again formally, since the judges are not through the Vancouver list of December, and have to return there immediately after formally adjourning proceedings here.

Thus there is no prospect that the Pandora Avenue by-law can be dealt with in the immediate future. It is understood that apart from the company's appeal, numerous owners will lodge objections when the case comes before the court of revision.

CAROL SINGERS COLLECT

Belgian Relief Fund Benefiting by Methodist Church Choir Undertaking.

Carol singers from the choir of the naval and military Methodist church paid a visit to several homes in Esquimalt after the services on Sunday evening, much to the delight and appreciation of the residents. The Belgian Relief Fund is to benefit from the undertaking, the sum of \$23.20 having been forwarded to the head office as the result of the collection made.

The Sunday school pupils and their friends are sending their Christmas offering to the Armenian Relief Fund, the sum amounting to over \$20, and representing the offerings in the Sunday school during December. The Prisoners-of-War Fund is to be helped by self-denial among the members, the total in the boxes not yet having been made up.

The services throughout Sunday were well attended and the choir rendered an unusually fine programme of Christmas music. The church was prettily decorated with holly and chrysanthemums. T. Young, the choir leader, was presented at the close of the evening service with an umbrella, the gift of the trustees, R. W. Driver, who made the presentation, expressing the gratitude of all for the very fine services which had been given by Mr. Young. Mr. and Mrs. John Blackadder, who recently removed to Portland, Ore., were among the visitors at the church on Sunday.

SOLDIERS CELEBRATE

Very Few Officers or Men Remained in Camp Yesterday.

Practically all the soldiers in the different local units had general leave yesterday and the officers and men all took advantage of it. Not a dozen remained in the Bantams' camp, and the same state of things existed in all the others. Half the men were away on Christmas leave for several days, and those that remained were off for the afternoon and evening.

In many cases people invited the soldiers into their homes and entertained them as members of the family. Others went to town and attended the shows and picture theatres or other places of amusement. The same story is told at every barracks and there seems to be no doubt but that all enjoyed themselves.

The 142d Battalion gets back to work as usual to-day. Owing to the fact that this unit expects to get away soon it is necessary for the men to keep in good shape, so the half battalion that is left in camp is at its ordinary duties. When the other half returns there will be a big Christmas-New Year celebration, probably on Thursday. An extra dinner will be served and it will be the real battalion celebration.

The Army Medical Corps is also having a "time" when the first batch of holiday keepers return. There are about one hundred men in this unit and nearly half of them have stand-by orders.

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J. Hume, of Wellington, is staying at the Dominion hotel.

G. D. Crisp, of Elma, Wash., is staying at the Dominion.

Miss Weir, of Seattle, has registered at the Strathcona hotel.

L. Walsh and Mrs. Walsh, of Moose Jaw, are at the Dominion.

Miss Purdhaile, of San Diego, is a guest at the Empress hotel.

S. P. Loomis, of Genoa Bay, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

C. S. Pigeon, of Seattle, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

Geo. F. Harvey, of Courtney, B. C., is stopping at the Dominion.

G. W. Baker, of Cle Elum, Wash., is a guest at the Empress hotel.

Walter C. Hitchcock, of this city, is a guest at the Strathcona hotel.

W. G. Down, of Esquimalt, is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Norman A. Watt, of this city, is a guest at the Strathcona hotel.

P. D. Busche, of Work Point, is a guest at the Strathcona hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Knox, of Duncan, are staying at the Strathcona hotel.

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Mrs. E. Skelly, of Cowichan Lake, is staying at the Dominion hotel.

G. A. Cheek, of Cobble Hill, has registered at the Strathcona hotel.

N. C. Noble, of Beaumont, Cal., is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Geo. Wallace, of New Westminster, is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

H. A. McMillan, of Cleveland, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday.

P. Glaholm and Mrs. Glaholm, of Qualicum Beach, are at the Dominion.

S. M. Scraton, of Winnipeg, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

H. Williams, of New Westminster, has registered at the Strathcona hotel.

W. S. Wrigley and Paul Swift, of Seattle, are staying at the Strathcona hotel.

T. V. Freeze and Mrs. Freeze, of Regina, are guests of the Dominion hotel.

H. Johnston and Geo. Johnston, of Seattle, are guests at the Strathcona hotel.

Miss S. Brown and Mrs. Brown, of Seattle, are staying at the Strathcona hotel.

M. E. Coe and E. Wadsworth, of Goward, are staying at the Strathcona hotel.

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Mrs. O'Sullivan and Miss O'Sullivan, of Deep Cove, are guests at the Strathcona hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Kosmussen, of Cobble Hill, are guests at the Strathcona hotel.

John Barrows and Miss Barrows, of Enford, Sask., are staying at the Dominion hotel.

W. J. H. Vigors and Mrs. Vigors, of Wiwa Hill, Sask., are guests of the Dominion hotel.

C. C. Ketchum and Mrs. Ketchum, of Prince Rupert, are new arrivals at the Dominion hotel.

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Jno. Frederick, of Edmonton, is visiting the coast and has registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Mrs. Murphy, of Quesnel, is visiting the coast cities and is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

J. M. Atkinson and Mrs. Atkinson, of Milk River, Sask., are new arrivals at the Dominion hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Gardner Smith and children, of Cobble Hill, are guests at the Strathcona hotel.

James Thirk and Mrs. Thirk, of Banff, Alta., are visiting Victoria and staying at the Dominion.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Houson, of Loreburn, Sask., are prairie visitors staying at the Strathcona hotel.

M. Mearns and daughter, F. V. Hornbrook and K. Dodson, of Duncan, are guests of the Dominion.

Miss K. Edwards and Miss V. Edwards, of Seattle, Wash., are registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Westgate and daughter, of Regina, Sask., are prairie visitors staying at the Strathcona hotel.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. R. John, of Saanichton, and Wilfrid Stephen, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Harrison, of North Saanich. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a beautiful robe of white satin with pearl trimming and veil and orange blossoms. Her bouquet was of white chrysanthemums and ferns. Her cousin, Miss Edith John, acted as bridesmaid, wearing a lace frock and black velvet picture hat. The best man was Mr. A. Thomas. A reception was held after the wedding at the home of the bride's parents, the dining room, where supper was served, being gay with Christmas decorations. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, who are making a brief-honeymoon tour, will make their home in Victoria.

The WEATHER

Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 26—5 a. m.—The barometer remains low over California and rain continues on that coast, while in this province falls, decidedly cold weather is general, and sharp frosts have extended to Oregon and moderate easterly winds are reported on the Coast. Zero temperatures continue in Cariboo, Kootenay and eastward to Manitoba.

Forecasts: For 36 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday, Victoria and vicinity—Northern and easterly winds, generally fair and cold. Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and cold.

Reports: Victoria—Barometer, 29.5; temperature, maximum yesterday, 35; minimum, 25; wind, 18 miles N. E.; weather, cloudy.

Vancouver—Barometer, 29.8; temperature, maximum yesterday, 32; minimum, 22; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

Nanaimo (Entrance Is.)—Barometer, 29.8; temperature, minimum yesterday, 30; wind, 14 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.12; temperature, maximum yesterday, 31; minimum, 19 below; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.8; temperature, maximum yesterday, 24; minimum, 20; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Talooch—Barometer, 29.30; temperature, maximum yesterday, 28; minimum, 24; wind, 14 miles E.; weather, clear.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 29.1; temperature, maximum yesterday, 30; minimum, 22; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, fair.

Seattle—Barometer, 29.8; temperature, maximum yesterday, 30; minimum, 20; wind, 4 miles N. E.; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.8; temperature, maximum yesterday, 50; minimum, 38; wind, 19 miles N. E.; rain, 34; weather, cloudy.

Temperature. —Max. Min.
Barkerville 10 ..
Pentleton 28 ..
Cranbrook 30 ..
Nelson 19 ..
Prince George 36 ..
Calgary 36 ..
Edmonton 5 ..
Qu'Appelle 2 ..
Winnipeg 3 ..
Toronto 30 ..
Ottawa 18 ..
Montreal 18 ..
St. John 21 ..
Halifax 30 ..

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

Temperature. Highest 44 ..
Lowest 25 ..
Average 35 ..
Minimum on grass 21 ..
Maximum in sun 47 ..

Rain, 0.4 inch.
Bright sunshine, 2 hours.
General state of weather, fair.
Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Sunday.

Temperature. Highest 37 ..
Lowest 27 ..
Average 32 ..
Minimum on grass 19 ..
Maximum in sun 47 ..

Rain, 0.4 inch.
Bright sunshine, 3 hours 42 minutes.
General state of weather, fair.
Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Monday.

Temperature. Highest 35 ..
Lowest 20 ..
Average 27 ..
Minimum on grass 15 ..
Maximum in sun 47 ..

General state of weather, fair.

STRIKING PICTURES

Illustrations of Life of Christ at First Presbyterian Church.

The feature of the Christmas services at the First Presbyterian church was the showing of the Harold Copping picture illustrating the early life of Christ, which the Rev. J. G. Inker brought from Portland, Oregon. The latest and best attempt to tell the life of Christ are the water-color drawings of this famous English artist. The reproduction of these pictures in color, as seen last Sunday night, was striking. They are faithful and impressive conceptions of the scenes, the incidents and the people that clustered around the life of our Lord. The pictures are artistic and spiritual and clearly illustrate the lessons of the Bible. They are not crowded with figures, inartistically grouped, but have in each case just enough to illustrate the particular scene. As one critical observer has said of Copping's pictures: "Taking it all in all there never has been before such beautiful and helpful illustrations of the life of Christ."

The second group will be shown next Sunday, illustrating "Our Lord's Ministry of Teaching."

CHRISTMAS AT JAIL

Prisoners Given Opportunity to Enjoy Holiday in British Fashion.

Discipline was relaxed at the provincial jail on Wilkeson road yesterday and the men who ordinarily are under restraint and who work on the farm gave themselves up to the joys of the holiday season. Tobacco in plenty was provided for them, and there was also roast beef and plum pudding served in English style at the noonday dinner.

In the course of the afternoon a concert was given by the choir of the Wilkeson Road Methodist church. The principal soloists were Messrs. Middleton and Redman, and the Misses Barr, Jones and Kinnaird. Mr. Morrison gave a short reading and Miss Eilers recited, William Marchant pre-

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**THRILLING SCENES
IN CIRCUS PLAY**

Ann Pennington in "The Rainbow Princess" at Dominion Theatre

Have you ever counted the number of motion picture stories which dealt with the accidentally discovered granddaughter after her mother had run away from home and had been disowned by the wealthy head of the house? When you see Ann Pennington in "The Rainbow Princess," in which she is being starred by the Famous Players, you will think that this is another of those stories—but you will be greatly mistaken. There is a twist to this Paramount picture, which is the feature at the Dominion this week, and the photoplay is one that holds your interest without interruption.

The author of the play required that Miss Pennington make a balloon ascension, that she drop in a parachute, that she do her celebrated Hula Hula dance with which she has made such a sensation in the current "Ziegfeld Folies," and that she perform many other clever feats on the screen during the course of this picture. Nothing daunted, J. Seale Dawley, into whose capable hands the direction of

the picture was placed, proceeded to arrange for his star to do each and every stunt which the author requested.

Of course you have guessed the fact that "The Rainbow Princess" is a circus story. And since it is a circus tale, these celebrated producers immediately determined to obtain the services of an entire circus in staging the "canvas atmosphere" necessary to give the picture realism. Accordingly one finds a complete show in operation when the play begins, with the vast crowd watching the side-shows and all the attractions which make the circus dear to the heart of every child.

It soon develops that Hope, "The Rainbow Princess," is really in terror of old "Pop" Blodgett, the owner of the circus, and of his two disreputable sons. The poor girl is terrorized into doing her acts before the crowd and is finally forced to go up in a balloon during a bad storm. The balloon gets beyond her control and she crashes to the ground in a parachute, falling upon the estate of old Judge Daingerfield into whose house she is carried. The lovely old Judge manifested such an interest in Hope that the Blodgett's decide to play a little game upon him, with a view to separating him from some of his wealth. They pass off Hope upon the old gentleman as his long-lost granddaughter, receiving a thousand dollars' reward for their kindness in caring for the child. Then they decide to rob the Judge's safe but are interrupted in their work by Hope, whose identity has just been learned, and who is about to leave the Judge's house as an impostor. There is a big struggle

in the house during the course of which one of the Blodgett boys is killed, the other brother and the father escaping. Of course Hope is finally exonerated of all complicity in the scheme to rob the judge and is proven to be innocent of any intended deception in posing as his granddaughter.

But what of the love story? That is a very delightful romance which concerns Hope and Warren, the real heir to the Daingerfield estate. There is still another romance in which Hope plays a rather unconscious role, but perhaps the best love story of all is that between the old Judge and Hope, who wins his lonely heart—and nearly breaks it.

Among the players assembled in support of Miss Pennington by Director Dawley are: William Courtleigh, Jr., Edwin Sturgis, Charles Sutton, Harry Lee, Clifford Gray and Augusta Anderson.

A record in temperance reform has been established by Rosalind Countess of Carlisle, who has emptied over a thousand bottles of wine from the cellar at Castle Howard into the ground. This beats the total cereal man who was giving a dinner to select parishioners. One of the invited guests sent a present of wine to the rectory before-hand, in hope of providing thereby for his prospective wants. To his discomfiture, however, the clergyman received the donor of the wine in the hall on his arrival, and thanked him profusely for the wine, adding that it would be most useful in cases of sickness in the parish, for which purpose the kind gift would be held in reserve.—London Chronicle.

**HOLIDAY FEATURES AT
VAUDEVILLE THEATRE**

Bill at Pantages Was Popular Yesterday With Large Crowds

With two extra special features and four other acts which were voted as unusually good, as well as the sixth chapter of the interesting "Shielding Shadow" serial, it is little wonder that the Pantages theatre was crowded at every one of the four special holiday performances yesterday.

Herbert Brooks probably made the strongest appeal for popularity on account of the novelty and cleverness of his act. His work, which enters into the fields of the magician, the card manipulator and the parlor entertainer, displays exceptional originality and ability, and not the least interesting feature of it is the degree of dispatch he maintains throughout his offering.

The Imperial Military Octette is another exceptional turn, featuring eight musicians and songsters whose unusual ability in both lines of entertaining endears them to the variety of selections presented, with both methods, and the act gets over to big approval. It is dainty and neatly presented. A drum solo by the drummer of the company presents an admirable chance for a little comedy and a display of unusual dexterity on his part, and serves for an excellent encore number.

Correll and Gillette have a nice little acrobatic and comic turn which abounds in entertainment of novel nature. The Millard Brothers also entertain with an assortment of bicycle tricks and comedy which is pleasing. The "Whott Four" lassies are the only feminine members of the bill. They please with song and dance. William Brown, "The Ukulele King," strums on both ukulele and banjo with an ability which is exceptional. He shows that real music can be coerced from these two instruments.

The sixth episode of "The Shielding Shadow" is on a par with the previous chapters.

**ANNA PAVLOVA AT
COLUMBIA TO-NIGHT**

Russia's Great Dancer is Feature of "Movie" Play in Local Theatre

One of the greatest events in the history of the motion picture art will be seen at the Columbia theatre to-night and to-morrow, when Russia's dancer, Anna Pavlova, will appear on the screen in a massive spectacle entitled "The Dumb Girl of Porticia."

It is a remarkable illustration of modern advancement in the amusement field when one of the public's idols absolutely refuses to make public the money which she will find in her pay envelope at the end of each week. There is nothing the great opera so delights in as to see in the newspaper the grossly exaggerated statements of her weekly honorarium, but in the case of Anna Pavlova one may look in vain for any statement of the reasons which induced her to capitulate to the cameraman. All that is known, even to the officials of the Universal Film Company, is that the amount Pavlova will receive for spending one month in Los Angeles is saved to provide the capital which will finance the tour with the Boston Opera Company. Furthermore it is believed that Pavlova's great incentive to appear before the camera in "The Dumb Girl of Porticia" was that it would enable her to achieve the goal of having a full-fledged impresario and the first of her sex to back and direct a great opera company comprising over two hundred persons and entailing an expenditure of nearly \$20,000 a week.

One may therefore no longer marvel at the tremendous strides of the motion picture art.

HAS MORE THRILLS

Sixth Chapter of "Shielding Shadow" Serial Intensely Interesting.

In the sixth chapter of the "Shielding Shadow" serial, which is showing at the Pantages theatre in addition to the regular vaudeville bill, the mercenary Bianca to her surprise finds her former calculating heart is capable of holding an honest love. Ravengar, kept a prisoner in her gambling house, is the unwilling object of her affections. While deep in thought over a means of winning his love she has a visitation from the Shielding Shadow and a message appears on the wall. "To win Ravengar's love, lure a confession from Sebastian concerning a crime committed by him." Hopeful, and her superstitious nature aroused by the weird visitation, she entices Sebastian to a lonely shack where her men put him through a grilling third degree.

Leontine, her suspicions fully aroused by Sebastian's absence, finds a clue and follows him. Two of the men on guard before the shack seize her and block her interference by locking her in a gypsy wagon nearby. Ravengar makes his timely appearance, overcomes the gypsy set on guard and enters the wagon. The door is locked on them by two of Bianca's lieutenants who fiendishly start the wagon rolling down the steep incline towards the cliff with its dizzy drop. In the wagon Ravengar finds a sledge hammer, and working feverishly against the seconds between their instant death, breaks the door and jumps with Leontine as it

goes dashing to pieces on the rocks below.

Bianca, on being informed of Ravengar's reappearance, rushes to his prison room, unlocks the multi-locked door and finds Ravengar calmly sitting there.

**"PUSS IN BOOTS" SEEN
BY CROWDED THEATRE**

Big Audience Present at First Night Pantomime Performance

Judging by the hearty childish laughter which punctuated the harlequinade that succeeded the pantomime proper last night at the Royal Victoria theatre there were even at that late hour very few of the small folk who would not have willingly waited much longer to see something more of the entertainment if need be. The entertainment was a huge success from every standpoint. Even anti-cat folk were delighted, and there should be brimful houses for each succeeding performance this week, provided, that is, there remains the necessary number of people in Victoria to fill the house so many times.

From the first moment, when the demon submarine, "Frightfulness," commanded by a towering giant of forbidding aspect, came into view, until the exit of clown, pantaloons, columbine, and harlequin there was not a moment when anticipation lagged. And for those who wanted something in the way of a problem to work upon between acts, there was the consideration of the vast problem of where they found the gorgeous costumes to dress such an army of performers, who arranged the beautiful dances, who composed the catchy new music, who created the stage properties, and a score of other things.

Novelty to Little Ones.

Everything came as a novelty to the small people, who made up a very big part of the audience, as well as to the big ones. Nobody was quite sure just what Puss in Boots did, although the condensed story within the programme covers just the fact that it killed an ogre whose castle and riches came to a poor miller's son who loved a princess. In the manner of fairy tales the beautiful lady designed to look with favor upon her now rich young suitor, and the twin lived happily ever after. But there was a great deal more than this in the story when it came down to the actual version. Just to let the public have a little advance glimpse into the borderland where demons and fairies become mixed up with common events there is a prologue which shows the "Demon King" and "His" flag ship, "Frightfulness," quite obviously one of those sea-raiders sent out from Germany by his imperial majesty the wicked Emperor William. The Fairy Queen comes in at this point and indicates that no matter how bad the demon's purposes she will frustrate them. Subsequent acts show the system of checkmating, Gabriel, the penniless but handsome and courtly son of the poor miller, meets the ill-humor of the Demon King at many turns, but ultimately, through the agency of the good fairy, overcomes them all. And amongst the "All" are the King of Utopia, a loquacious and very entertaining individual with a big and very cranky comor, father and mother respectively of the fair princess; Lord Loekemp and Baron Holdemast, who argue and contend and do funny things

just to fill up the time; Marmaduke, a bright young page for whom the queen shows becoming affection; a jester, a very fascinating donkey, a towering ogre who made the awful mistake of appearing simultaneously on the stage with his own "change"; two jealous persons, "Vancouver" and "Victoria," who persist in biffing each other in very ill spirit; and a host of courtiers, dancers, dolls, fairies, heralds and guards who all help to delay, in quite an interesting way it is true, the happy ending.

Gabriel and the Princess are two perfectly delightful young people, Miss Peggy Pearce, a most accomplished young actress, taking the former and Miss Mona Misener the latter part. Miss Pearce astonished everyone by her inimitable acting, her ease and unaffectedness, clearly spoken lines, faultless gestures and movements, making her as fine a "Principal Boy" as Drury Lane has ever produced. Very well deserved applause, which she took in the manner of one long accustomed to such recognition, heralded her appearance. Miss Mona Misener was a charming princess, although some of her spoken lines were inaudible. The dances which these two principals had together were done with grace and ease.

The King and Queen.

The King and Queen were acted by H. J. Davis and J. Graham-Graham respectively. The former's powers as a comedian are already well known, and were never better demonstrated than in this role. Whenever he appeared on the stage he was the life and soul of the scene, very ably supported on several occasions by R. Mackenzie, a troubadour Lord-in-waiting from somewhere north of the Tweed judging by the accent, and by Capt. Turnbull, (Baron Holdemast) of lugubrious voice and expression, and very wobbly nethers which amused the small folk immensely. The Queen was a trifle too bland and amiable in view of the error which she was supposed to inspire in her spouse's heart. Otherwise she filled the bill, in a really literal sense, and by sheer natural burlesque of queenly qualities sent the house into paroxysms of laughter. One of the funniest scenes was when she sat with large satisfaction to listen to the really clever sentimental singing of Lord Loekemp.

**PUSS IN
BOOTS
Christmas Pantomime**

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SPORTING NEWS

MAINLAND HOCKEY TEAMS PLAY TO-NIGHT

Vancouver Will Meet Seattle 'Metropolitans' in Contest at Sound City

Every time the Vancouver Millionaires invade Seattle and attack the Metropolitan squad, or when Pete Muldoon leads his cohorts in an expedition to British Columbia for return engagements the fans are furnished with a brand of hockey that is not excelled in any rink where the sticks are wielded and the disc is pursued. Tradition doubtless will prevail when the old rivals clash at the Seattle Arena to-night in their third battle of the season in the Pacific Coast Hockey Association. Seattle has been vanquished twice by Vancouver this season, but those defeats were administered before the Metropolitans had awakened to the fact that they were not playing their best game. Muldoon's crew is now showing its most radiant colors and has launched a campaign for the championship honors that will be hard to interrupt.

The last time Seattle and Vancouver met in the Sound city Frank Patrick's squad won only after fourteen minutes overtime had been played. Things looked pretty wan for the Seattle team at the start of the season, but with the first round of the schedule completed the Metropolitans loom as a strong contender for top laurels, and the honor of playing for the Stanley cup, which is emblematic of the world's professional hockey championship.

"Cyclone" Groaty Missed. Vancouver's team is greatly weakened by the absence of "Cyclone" Taylor, the most sensational player in the association, who recently suffered an attack of appendicitis. Moynes, who was obtained by Patrick to fill Taylor's shoes, is showing great form for his first year in the professional ranks but it is almost impossible to patch up the gap left by "Cyclone." Vancouver has a remarkable defence. Lehman at goal is a regular stone wall

VANCOUVER TAKES FAST HOCKEY GAME

Seven to Four Final Score in Saturday's Match on Mainland

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 26.—Presenting a defence without a flaw, and outplaying the champion Rosebuds in every department, Vancouver drew away to a clear lead in the Pacific Coast Hockey Association race at the Arena rink Saturday, when they outscored the Portland representatives seven to four in one of the most strenuous games seen around here for a long time. A victory for the champions would have tied up the series, with all four contenders for the title even, but the Millionaires took the ice in perfect condition after a well-earned rest, and as a consequence displayed sparkling hockey throughout the session. Summary: First period—Vancouver, Roberts, 15, 22. Second period—Vancouver, Patrick, 25. Vancouver, Mackay, 45. Vancouver, Patrick, 5, 65. Portland, Harris 7, 49. Portland, Johnson, 36. Vancouver, Stanley from Moynes, 26. Third period—Vancouver, Stanley from Mackay, 4, 3. Portland, Johnson, 12, 37. Vancouver, Patrick from Roberts, 1, 36. Portland, Irwin, 1, 11.

COMES TO STATES AS PATRIOT NOT BOXER

George Carpenter, the French hero of the rim-and-air, will come to America to fight for France, not for himself. He will come as a patriot, not as a boxer. Carpenter will give all of his share of the purse received for meeting Willard, Darcy or anyone else to the French Relief Fund, whether the war ends or not. Carpenter is a hero. He has been decorated three times for courageous acts of war. In France he is an idol. And above all he is a Frenchman.

INTER-CITY SOCCER TEAM IS SELECTED

The following team was selected last Saturday to play for Victoria in the inter-city soccer match which will be contested in Vancouver on New Year's Day: Long (Navy); Whyte (Victoria Wests) and Taylor (V. I. A. A.); Hornsby (Bantams), Petticrew (Victoria Wests) and Allen (Victoria Wests); Sherratt (Victoria Wests); Merrifield (Navy); Youson (Bantams); Muir (Victoria Wests) and Wilkie (Bantams). Reserves: Bromley, Vincent, Frankish and Douglas.

BANTAMS WIN SOCCER FROM WILLOWS CAMP

West and Garrison Play Draw Game at Work Point; V. I. A. Score First Win

The 143rd Battalion and the Willows Camp teams enjoyed playing on a field that was in good condition in their game at Beacon Hill on Saturday afternoon. A fairly large crowd gathered to witness this match and the players were continually encouraged by the cheering of their various supporters. With the slope in their favor the Willows Camp men started to play strong. Their forwards made a good rush and headed by Townsend they carried the ball straight to the bantams' goal, where it was netted, but owing to the fact that the positions of the players was clearly offside, the point was not allowed. After this the Bantams took the lead and the combined work of their forwards soon brought the ball within dangerous distance of the Willows goal, and as a result of repeated shots Youson at length scored the Bantams' first point. Again the play reverted to the 143rd net, but although repeated attempts were made to score, it seemed impossible to get the ball past the bantams' custodian, Johnson, who defended his goal in splendid fashion. Just before half time the Bantams had an opportunity to swell their score from a corner kick, but the good defence work of the Willows men saved the situation and no further points were made before the interval.

HERE IS CASE OF TOO MUCH SPEED

"Speed is a handicap in baseball sometimes," remarked Arthur Irwin, former Yankee scout, lapsing into a reminiscent mood. And then he recounted the famous "bomber" in which Harry Niles figured as the nifty. It happened a number of years ago when Niles, a feet-footed person, and Babe Danzig, a piano-mover on the bases, both were on the Red Sox roster, with the team batting against the Senators. Danzig was on first base when Niles came to bat. He poled a terrific drive to centre, and like a madman raced around to third base, beating the throw ten feet. Imagine Niles' amazement when, upon arising to his toes, the umpire said to him: "You're out." "Out? Out?" he shrieked. "Waateha mean, out? I was safe by a mile, you horse thief?" "Oh, I'm not disputing the fact that you beat the throw, little one," returned the umpire sweetly, "but rules is rules, and so you're out. The rules specifically state that one runner cannot pass another in circling the bases. And, my dear sir, if you'll take a look over there at second you'll see Mr. Danzig, whom you passed en route to this bag. So you're out. Gitt!"

EGG AND DUPUY WIN SIX-DAY CYCLE RACE

New York, Dec. 26.—Oscar Egg and Marcel Dupuy won the 24th annual six-day bicycle race in Madison Square garden, which closed at 11 o'clock Saturday. The second half was really more favorable for the Wests. They commenced a hard attack soon after the whistle and maintained the assault during most of the period. Muir and

WINNERS IN SPORT FOR PRESENT YEAR

Pacific Northwest and National Champions for 1916; Many Well Known Names

A list of the champions in the various lines of sport for 1916 has been issued as follows: PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAMPIONS Professional Baseball. Northwest League champions—Spokane. Football. Intercollegiate champions—University of Washington. Hockey. Pacific coast champions—Portland. Professional Boxing. Northwest featherweight champion—Open. Northwestern lightweight champion—Lloyd Madden, Seattle. Northwest welterweight champion—Open. Northwest middleweight champion—Sid Mitchell, Seattle. Northwest heavyweight champion—Willie Meehan, California. P. N. A. CHAMPIONS Amateur Boxing. 108-pound class—Open. 115-pound class—Ralph Underwood, Portland. 125-pound class—Earl Baird, Seattle. 135-pound class—Earl Baird, Seattle. 145-pound class—Open. 165-pound class—Open. Heavyweight class—Open. Tennis. Northwestern singles champion—John Strachan, San Francisco. Northwestern women's singles champion—Miss Anita Meyers, California. Billiards. Northwestern three-cushion champion—Charley Jordan, Seattle. Northwest balk line champion—Mac Bissell, Portland. Bowling. Northwest Bowling congress champion—Moffett, Seattle. Northwest bowling congress team champion—Pope-Sibley, Seattle. Rowing. Pacific coast intercollegiate champions—University of Washington. Golf. Northwest champion—Forrest Watson, Portland. Northwest women's champion—Miss Agnes Ford, Seattle. NATIONAL CHAMPIONS. Professional Baseball. World's champions—Boston Americans. National League champions—Brooklyn. American League champions—Boston. Football. Leading eastern team—Pittsburg. Western conference champion—Ohio State University. Leading Pacific coast team—University of Washington. Leading southern teams—Georgia Institute of Technology and University of Tennessee. Golf. National amateur champion—Charles Evans, Jr., Edgewater Golf Club, Chicago. National open champion—Charles Evans, Jr., Edgewater Golf Club, Chicago. National women's champion—Miss Alexa Stirling, Atlanta, Ga.

CHICAGO CLUB MAKES PLANS FOR SPRING

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Tentative plans announced indicate that the Chicago Nationals' squad will leave here for spring training in Pasadena, Cal., on February 20. The plans contemplate eight days' work for the entire squad at Pasadena and then a division, after which two teams will be sent into various sections to play the minor leagues.

CANADIAN CURLERS WILL BE INVITED

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 26.—An offer to Canadian curlers to attend the Northwestern Bouspiel at Duluth, January 22 and 27, will shortly be made by officers of the curling association. The international play-off for the Louis Hill trophy will be made a benefit to the Canadian Red Cross Fund. While plans have not yet been completed fully, it has been decided to make this event a benefit whether a Canadian rink can come or not. What method will be taken to raise the money will be determined at a meeting of the association to-day.

Week-end victories, like the capture of Monastir, have been common in the history of warfare, and Sunday has always been, either by accident or design, a notable day for battles. It was on Easter Day, 1512, that the battle of Ravenna was fought between the Dutch, French and Spaniards, and there are two instances of Sunday battles in the Wars of the Roses. The most important victory in this contest was won by the Yorkists at Towton, on Palm Sunday, March 29, 1461; and ten years later, on Easter Sunday, 1471, the Yorkists were again victorious at Barnet. The Peninsular War was fruitful in Sunday fighting, and Waterloo itself was decided on Sunday, June 18, 1815.—London Chronicle.

SOME OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL RESULTS

London, Dec. 26.—The following are the results of the English league football games played Saturday on the grounds of the first-named club: Lancashire Section. Blackburn Trojans, 1; Burnley, 3. Preston North End, 1; Burnley, 1. Rochdale, 2; Liverpool 5. Burnley, 3; Port Vale, 1. Manchester United, 4; Oldham Athletics, 2. Southport Central, 6; Manchester City, 0. Stockport County, 6; Stoke, 6. Vernon, 3; Blackpool, 2. Midland Section. Bradford, 6; Chesterfield Town, 0. Grimsby Town, 2; Sheffield United, 0. Huddersfield Town, 1; Notts Forest, 2. Leicester Fosse, 6; Bradford City, 6. Lincoln City, 1; Hull City, 1. Notts County, 1; Leeds City, 0. Rotherham, 3; Barnsley, 3. Sheffield Wednesday, 6; Birmingham, 2. London Combination. Millwall, 3; Tottenham Hotspur, 3. Watford, 1; West Ham United, 2. Arsenal, 2; Chelsea, 1. Portsmouth, 3; Crystal Palace, 2. Clapton Orient, 2; Queen's Park Rangers, 1. Luton Town, 5; Brentford, 2. Scottish League. Glasgow, Dec. 27.—The following are the results of the games played in the Scottish League to-day on the grounds of the first-named club: Motherwell, 2; Rangers, 1. Falkirk, 0; St. Mirren, 2. Hearts, 1; Ayr United, 2. Queens, 4; Hibernians 1. Clyde, 2; Dumbarton, 2. Morton, 2; Hamilton Academical, 0. Aberdeen, 0; Third Lanark, 1. Kilmarnock, 3; Raith Rovers, 0.

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CLARION CALL OF SERVICE - NO. III.

To the Editor.—One of the next great social reforms and one in which the medical profession can materially advance, is health insurance. The amount of distress arising from sickness is greater than the casual observer has any idea of, and when added to the disability and the cessation of income, is the bill for medical attendance at a time when the individual is least able to pay any bills, the unfortunate invalid too often realizes that his working capacity is mortgaged for some time in the future. A man with a family of six children, earning from \$2 to \$3 per day, falls a victim to typhoid fever, with his income stopped, with nursing and medical attendance to be paid for and the necessary family expenses piling up, how does his ledger balance? Is not a large proportion of our industrial population living in dread of such a calamity? The expenditure of the New York Association for the improvement of the condition of the poor is from 60 to 80 per cent. for relief made necessary through sickness. The Boston District Nursing Association reports nearly 50 per cent. of those applying for relief are those who are unable to pay for nursing. The British Charity Organization Society reports that more than 78 per cent. of the poverty is due to sickness. The U. S. Public Health Service estimates that workers spend annually \$180,000,000 for medical care and lose on account of sickness annually \$50,000,000 more in wages. Wage earners in New York paid to four private insurance companies in 1914 over \$29,000,000 for industrial insurance, which practically amounted to mere burial benefits. Universal health insurance would without greater expense to the workers provide burial insurance and also medical, nursing and hospital care and two-thirds of wages during sickness up to a maximum of 26 weeks a year. Not only would this system of national health insurance take the business out of the hands of sharks, but would tend to prolong life. In one European country the average duration of life has increased from 38 to 48 years for males and from 42 to 54 for females, owing to, according to a world-famed expert, the results of health insurance. In several of the American states deaths of adults from degenerative diseases have increased 100 per cent. in the last 30 years. One half of these deaths could be prevented or postponed.

Sickness is a factor in six and one-half times as much dependency as in industrial accident. We have legislated against industrial accident, but not yet against a more urgent need. We must remember that disease is largely due to ignorance, and generally speaking we have just as much of it as we want. For it does not come unaided. It grows upon our ignorance, feeds upon our stupidity and revels in our laziness. We are not yet awake to our responsibility in preventive activity. Our boards of health are yet playing with the problem. Our sanitary inspectors are "fiddling while Rome is burning." The call of national service will not fall upon deaf ears. The medical profession will respond and ultimately take their place as leaders in the fight for conservation of an efficiency in human life.

ERNEST HALL.

CIVIC ECONOMY.

To the Editor: There are a good many people in this city who will heartily endorse everything said by Mayor Stewart about the so-called Civic Retrenchment Association. Neither retraction nor apology for any of his statements is necessary on the part of the mayor. It would not be at all difficult to prove that many of the leading spirits of that self-constituted organization were real estate men who plunged heavily at the time of the boom—in fact, helped materially to bring it about—and, having lost out in the gamble, are now proving themselves very bad losers. It is also a matter of common knowledge, and it can easily be proved, that one at least, if not more of these gentlemen went to the city hall and asked to have the assessment on a certain portion of his property largely increased as an aid to its sale at a value greatly in excess of its assessed figure. Now he wants the working men and other city employees punished by having their wages cut even below a decent living wage in order to lessen his taxes.

When the Civic Retrenchment Association met the school board on a certain occasion, to plead for a reduction in school expenditures, one of the speakers for the former organization said: "There are men in this delegation (he) was a real estate speculator) who, until recently had incomes of \$20,000 a year. Now they have no incomes at all." This he was giving as a reason why everything should be cut to the bone in the shape of school expenses. In other words, these men had gathered in from the community incomes of \$20,000 a year by buying real estate at one price and selling it at a speculative price greatly in advance of its cost. The merest tyro will readily see that these men added no real value to the property they handled and they performed no useful service to the community. On the other hand, they were placing an additional burden upon the back of every man who sought to purchase a home for himself or had upon which to establish one. As Bryan would express it, they were placing a "crown of

thorns upon the brow of labor," they were "crucifying labor upon a cross of gold."

Every well-wisher of our city ought to rejoice that conditions have so changed that such men cannot any longer gather in \$20,000 a year from the toil of honest industry. Neither is an apology necessary from those who fail to sympathize with the present clamors of these gentlemen.

It might interest the members of this body to know that last year when they endorsed certain aldermanic candidates, several of the latter kept the wires hot telephoning to their friends to say that this endorsement was wholly unsolicited and was given without the previous knowledge or consent of the candidates. My own opinion is that the public endorsement of any candidate by the Civic Retrenchment Association will hurt more than it will help his chances of election.

It is my conviction also that the activities of this body are largely misdirected and in certain instances mischievous. Our civic financial ills cannot be wholly removed by any process of cheese-paring. The great volume of unpaid taxes is largely caused by the excessive local improvement taxes, amounting in many instances to practical confiscation of the property. No person will keep on paying the general taxes on his property after he finds that the local improvement taxes amount to more than it is worth. If the members of the Civic Retrenchment Association would devote their energies to assisting Alderman Todd in solving our local improvement middle they will be performing some useful service to the city.

Again, the activities of this body have been mischievous because they have seriously impaired the efficiency of our schools. By withholding the scheduled increases and making a further reduction of 10 per cent. in the salaries of our teachers, the city has lost several of its most successful and most experienced instructors, whose places have had to be filled by young and inexperienced teachers. Just now I know of one of our best lady teachers who is offered an advance of \$22 a month to go elsewhere.

In another school a young teacher is experimenting with 60 pupils, just double the number to whom justice can be done, to save, not the full salary of an extra teacher, but the difference between the government grant of \$460 a year and what the city would pay a teacher of that grade, \$560, or just \$100 a year. Scores of instances of such false economies, made to satisfy the impurities of these gentlemen could be given. It is not by such piggishness economies as these, however, that the present difficulties can be met, but by some constructive action such as that proposed by the committee of which Alderman Todd is chairman.

F. ANDREWS.

Victoria, Dec. 23.

RETRENCHMENT.

To the Editor:—The executive of the City Retrenchment Association were surprised in reading the statement by Mayor Stewart, published in the Times of Thursday, claiming to be an answer to criticisms by the members of this association.

Mayor Stewart is quoted as follows: "A great many members of the association are responsible for the conditions which exist to-day. They are themselves to blame for the heavy expenditure which the city council incurred. Many of them were always urging the advance in the assessment roll, in order to make money for themselves, and when they can no longer make money they come back and criticize everything in every shape and form."

This statement forms a serious charge against the members of this association, and the executive publicly demands that the mayor shall be man enough to either retract or furnish the names of the members of this association that he accuses, so that they may individually have the opportunity to make him prove his words. Failing this, the executive must conclude that the mayor's statement was made without due consideration and for the purpose of bringing this association into disrepute.

With respect to the question of an audit, the fact that the statement furnished by the city controller shows that apparently something over one and a quarter million dollars has been withdrawn from the pockets of the willing taxpayers in order to make up the deficiency caused by other taxpayers either unable or unwilling to pay their taxes would in itself warrant an investigation.

The association acknowledges that the present city auditor is a good man, but after all he is an appointee of the council and is subject to dismissal should he take any action of which they might disapprove; and this association believes that the only way for the taxpayers to get a statement that will make the exact position of the city finances clear is to have an audit and statement of affairs made by an independent firm of chartered accountants.

FRANCIS G. O'REILLY, President.

VALIDATING LEGISLATION.

To the Editor: The new Liberal government has put out a suggestion, once in the Times and twice in the Colonist, regarding an application to the Imperial parliament for legislation to validate all of the acts of the Bowser administration passed after the 14th of March. There has been no editorial comment in the Times, but the Colonist of December 12 said, "This has always been the view of the Colonist" and "it was impressed upon Mr. Bowser that in the event of his return to power he should ask for a validating act from the Imperial parliament."

The claims of Mr. Brewster and Mr. Macdonald after the by-elections last February were that the result expressed want of confidence in the Bowser administration and that further legislation would not be in accord with the wishes of the people. Upon March 14 there was the memorable

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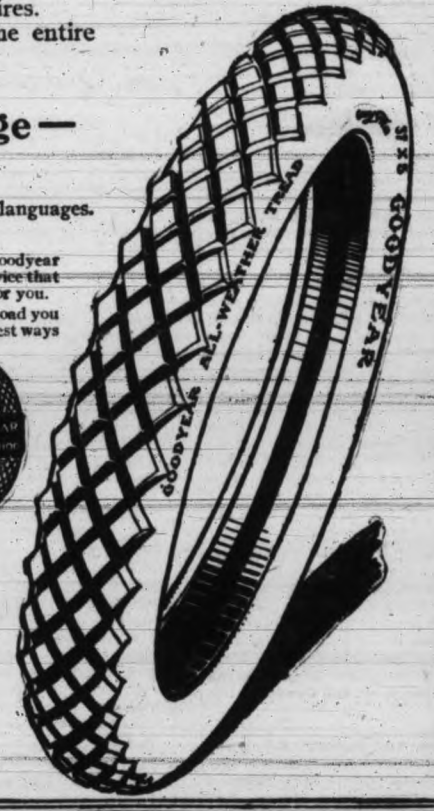
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fight against the extension of the life of the assembly, but Mr. Bowser held on in spite of opposition until June 1, passing such legislation as the McEride-Bowser-Turner deal adding \$16,000 to the cost of running the agent-general's office for this year; the P. G. E. legislation to hand over \$600,000 to that company without investigation regarding the expenditure of money already handed over without proper authorization; and the Military Forces Voting Act, against which the claim was advanced that it was made in order that the soldiers' vote could be manipulated in the interests of the Bowser party, as indeed has since been proved to be the case.

Against this act many of the Conservatives themselves declaimed. Sir Charles Tupper said: "The provisions of the act are exceedingly unfair, and place it in the power of anyone instructed to carry them out to abuse the trust for party-purposes without fear of detection." The result of the voting under this act was that three Conservatives, Bowser, of Vancouver, McKenzie, of the Delta, and Pooley, of Esquimalt, were declared elected who would not have been elected under the General Elections Act, and three Liberals, Donnelly, of Vancouver, Patterson, of Delta and McCurdy, of Esquimalt were declared defeated.

Mr. Brewster in his writ issued in the supreme court June 1, 1916, claims: "(1) That the last elected legislative assembly of the province expired by effluxion of time on or before the 15th day of March, A.D. 1916; and in a signed statement issued June 30 he says: "I have brought an action in the supreme court of British Columbia to prevent the carrying out of unlawful

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Seattle, Dec. 25.—Arrived: Str President, San Diego, via San Francisco and Victoria, B. C.; str Admiral Farragut, San Francisco; str Tensho Maru, Manila, via way ports; str Ravalli, San Francisco; tug Hercules, San Francisco; tug Defiance, Port San Francisco, via Port Angeles, str Cordova, Tacoma. Sailed: str Umalla, San Francisco; str Lyman, Stewart, Port San Francisco; bge William H. Smith, San Francisco, in tow of tug Hercules; tug Defiance, San Francisco, via Port Angeles.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 25.—Arrived: Str Lansing, from Port San Luis; str Imperial, from Callao; str Kelsom, from Halifax; str Grace Dollar, from San Francisco via Portland; str Capt. A. E. Lygas, from San Francisco via Port Angeles.

Port Townsend, Dec. 25.—Passed in: Str Admiral Farragut, for Seattle, at 12.30 p.m.; passed out: str Juneau, at 2 p.m.; tug Hercules, towing bge William H. Smith, at 2 p.m.

Richmond Beach, Dec. 25.—Arrived: Motor bge Nuanaru, from San Francisco.

Point Wells, Dec. 25.—Sailed: Str Col. T. L. Drake, towing bge No. 31, for San Francisco.

Tacoma, Dec. 25.—Sailed: str Cordova, for Seattle.

Dupont, Dec. 25.—Sailed: Str Juneau, for Southwestern Alaska.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 25.—Arrived: Strs Wapama, W. F. Herrin, Oleum and La Primera, from San Francisco. Sailed: Str Navigator, towing bge Monterey, and str Oleum, for San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—Arrived: Strs Chehalis and Svea, from Grays Harbor; str Breakwater and Klamath, from Portland; str Eureka, from Seattle; str Brooklyn, from Haddon. Sailed: Str Coronado, for Grays Harbor; str P. S. Loop, for Puget Sound.

Br. str Winamac, for Yokohama; schr Philippine, for Vancouver, B. C.

Aberdeen, Dec. 25.—Arrived: Schr Alvena, from San Francisco. Sailed: Strs Grays Harbor and Avalon, for San Pedro.

San Pedro, Dec. 25.—Lumber carriers arriving to-day were the str Stanwood, from Tacoma, with 1,200,000 feet of lumber for the L. W. Blinn Lumber Company, and the str Raymond, from Willapa Harbor, with 700,000 feet of lumber for the Hammond Lumber Co.

PRESIDENT CALLS HERE.

The only vessel to touch at the outer docks yesterday was the Pacific Steamship Company's liner President, which brought north a fair list of passengers and a full cargo from southern California ports. After disembarking her local complement, the President left for Seattle.

TO RE-RIG SCHOONER.

The two-masted schooner Harold Blekum is being towed from Port Angeles to Seattle for new rigging and sails fitted. The Blekum on her recent northbound voyage from San Francisco ran into a succession of gales which stripped her sails.

MAKING ANOTHER TRIP.

The steamer Admiral Goodrich, of the Pacific Steamship Company, will make another trip between Nanaimo and San Francisco with coal for the Western Fuel Company. She is now on her way south from the B. C. coal port.

TANKERS PASS UP.

Making her first appearance in the British Columbia oil trade, the tanker Imperoyal, of the Standard Oil fleet, passed up to Vancouver yesterday with a cargo of crude oil from Lobitos, Peru. Another oil steamer passing up to the mainland yesterday was the Lansing, from Port San Luis.

NAVIGATION CLOSED.

Quebec, Que., Dec. 25.—With the arrival here of the steamers Montcalm, Rouville and Lord Strathcona Sunday navigation was officially closed on the St. Lawrence between Quebec and the sea. This is one day later than last year.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific standard time) at Victoria, B. C., for the month of December, 1916.

Hour Min. Sunrise Sunset

Dec. 11 7 55 4 21

Dec. 12 7 56 4 20

Dec. 13 7 57 4 19

Dec. 14 7 58 4 18

Dec. 15 7 59 4 17

Dec. 16 8 00 4 16

Dec. 17 8 01 4 15

Dec. 18 8 02 4 14

Dec. 19 8 03 4 13

Dec. 20 8 04 4 12

Dec. 21 8 05 4 11

Dec. 22 8 06 4 10

Dec. 23 8 07 4 09

Dec. 24 8 08 4 08

Dec. 25 8 09 4 07

Dec. 26 8 10 4 06

Dec. 27 8 11 4 05

Dec. 28 8 12 4 04

Dec. 29 8 13 4 03

Dec. 30 8 14 4 02

Dec. 31 8 15 4 01

The Observatory, Gonzales Heights, Victoria, B. C.

ADRIFT MANY DAYS ON HATCH COVER

Survivors Sustained Life by Snaring Seagulls and Drinking Rain Water.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Like the tale of "Robinson Crusoe" is the report reaching Acting Secretary of Commerce Sweet on the shipwreck and rescue of Gustave Nelson, an American sailor, one of three survivors of the steamer Edward L. Hines, which went down in a storm in the Caribbean Sea Friday, October 13.

After floating nine days on a piece of wreckage, aided by an improvised sail, with nothing to eat and only a little water collected during showers to drink, Nelson reached Honduras. There he lived in the wilds for eight days, eating berries and small fruits until three Indians took him to the American consul at Tela, J. Rivers, who reported the story. Nelson has been sent back to New Orleans and expects to join his family in Boston.

Another sailor, Frederick Troutman, who was with Nelson on the wreckage, drank salt water, became crazed, and when they sighted land he jumped into the water to swim, but was too weak and drowned.

The other members of the crew, a Norwegian and a Spaniard, were adrift at sea on a high cover for thirteen days, with rain water to drink and two gulls caught with their bare hands, to eat raw. They landed on Utilia Island and were reported by F. J. Dwyer, American consul at Cuba. The Edward L. Hines sailed from New Orleans for Colon and foundered in the storm when seven days out.

WIRELESS REPORTS

8 a. m., Dec. 26.
Point Grey—Cloudy; calm; 29.99; 24; sea smooth.
Cape Lazo—Overcast; calm; 29.42; 27; sea smooth.

Pachena—Cloudy; S. E.; 29.85; 24; light swell.

Estevan—Cloudy; S. E.; light; 29.65; 39; sea smooth. Spoke str. Tees abeam, 5 p. m., southbound.

Alert Bay—Gloomy; south; fresh; 29.90; 21; light swell.

Triangle—Cloudy; S.; 29.62; 35; sea moderate.

Dead Tree Point—Overcast; S. E.; fresh; 29.76; 18; sea smooth.

Ikedu Bay—Variable S.; 29.70; 24; sea moderate.

Prince Rupert—Snow; calm; 29.76; 22; sea smooth. Spoke str. Chelohsin, str. Prince Albert, 3 p. m.; spoke str. Prince Rupert, 3 p. m.; Brown's Passage, northbound; spoke str. Cordova, 1.30 a. m., due Prince Rupert, 3.40 a. m., southbound.

Noon.
Point Grey—Overcast; calm; 29.97; 26; thick.

Cape Lazo—Cloudy; N. W.; light; 29.99; 37; sea smooth. Spoke str. Juneau, 10.59 a. m., off Cape Mudge, northbound; spoke str. Princess Marquina, 10.50 a. m., leaving Campbell River, southbound.

Pachena—Cloudy; E.; 29.90; 33; light swell.

Estevan—Cloudy; S. E.; light; 29.63; 29; sea smooth.

Alert Bay—Cloudy; N. E.; 29.74; 23; sea smooth.

Triangle—Gloomy; S.; fresh; 29.90; 36; sea rough. Spoke str. Spokane, 10.39 a. m., through Millbank Sound, 8.40 a. m., southbound; spoke str. Prince George, 11 a. m., due Queen Charlotte Sound 1 p. m., northbound.

Dead Tree Point—Rain; S. E.; strong; 29.70; 33; sea rough.

Ikedu Bay—Rain; S. E.; strong; 29.65; 37; sea rough.

Prince Rupert—Overcast; N. E.; fresh; 29.75; 26; sea smooth. Passed out, str. City of Seattle, 9.15 a. m., southbound.

FOR ALASKA TRADE

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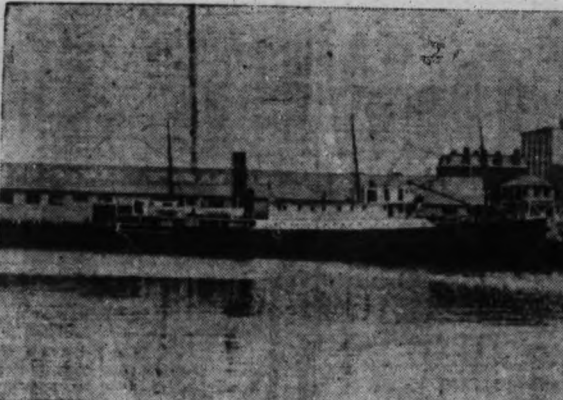
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To Maintain Skagway Run



G. T. P. STEAMER PRINCE JOHN

ATLANTIC GALES PLAY HAVOC WITH SHIPPING

Steamers Banan and Oruro Put Back to Halifax; Others Sunk and Disabled.

Halifax, Dec. 26.—The steamer Banan, which sailed from here on Friday morning for Jamaica, returned to port to-day in a badly-battered condition. She encountered a gale off the coast on Saturday had her boats smashed and decks damaged, and there is eight feet of water in the hold. The cargo has been ruined.

The British steamer Oruro, which left Hull on Dec. 9 for New York, put in here to-day with her steering gear carried away. The disabled Belgian tug Emmanuel Nobel was still at anchor off Sober Island last night. Tugs were standing by and may attempt to tow her to this port to-day.

The Emmanuel Nobel, Rouen, France, for Newport News, Va., put in at St. John's, Nfld., on Dec. 3 with engine trouble.

A dispatch to the marine and fisheries department from Sheet Harbour, Sober Island, said the sea was so high that it was impossible to go out to the Emmanuel Nobel, but that the crew had been successful in sending ashore a bottle containing a message asking for assistance.

The message said there was trouble with the machinery but that the anchors were holding, and that if the wind continued in the northwest the ship probably will be in no danger. A shift to the eastward, however, it was feared, would send her on the rocks.

Nantucket, Mass., Dec. 26.—The schooner Roger Drury was sunk off Great Point, the schooner Daniel McLeod was stranded on the northern end of the Rip in a northwest gale to-day.

When the Roger Drury struck, her crew launched a small boat and landed safely. The crews of the Ravola and McLeod were brought ashore by coast guards.

Both the Ravola and McLeod were coal-laden, bound from New Jersey points to the eastward. Little hope of saving either was expressed.

New York, Dec. 26.—The coastwise steamship City of Savannah and the coastguard cutter Acushnet to-day hurried to the assistance of the Maryland, which shortly after midnight sent out messages stating that she was sinking and asking for immediate aid. The Maryland gave her position as about 350 miles east of Sandy Hook.

Nantucket, Dec. 26.—The Maryland's wireless was out of commission this morning because of flooding of her engine room, according to word received by wireless operators on the coast. It was not expected that the cutter Acushnet could reach the Maryland's position before late this afternoon, but the steamer City of Savannah was thought to be able to get there soon after noon.

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PRESENTATION TO DEPARTING OFFICIAL

W. S. Stewart, C. P. R. Ticket Agent, Guest of Honor at Empress Dinner

W. S. Stewart, for the past ten years attached to the ticket staff of the local C.P.R. offices, who is leaving the city this week to take up the duties of ticket agent in charge of the new office opened by the company in the Hotel Vancouver, was the guest of honor at a dinner held at the Empress hotel on Saturday night.

The dinner, which was served in a private dining room at the Empress, was arranged by Lee Mong Kow, the well-known Chinese resident of this city, who for a number of years past has been closely associated with Mr. Stewart in the capacity of Chinese immigration agent. Those present were: W. S. Stewart and wife, Lee Mong Kow, wife and daughter; Dr. Milne and wife, W. R. Dale and wife, J. Burford, American immigration officer; L. D. Chetham, local C.P.R. ticket agent; Miss La Franz, E. S. Brennan and wife, C. E. Jenkins and daughter, Elsie Jenkins, J. Hodge and Miss Smallwood.

As a mark of the esteem in which Mr. Stewart was held by his former business associates during his long years of service in Victoria, a presentation in the shape of a handsomely mounted umbrella was made to the departing C.P.R. official by Lee Mong Kow on behalf of the C.P.R. ticket staff. In a few well chosen remarks, Lee Mong Kow made the presentation and Mr. Stewart suitably replied. Others who spoke during the evening were L. D. Chetham and Dr. Milne, local immigration officer. The pleasure of the transportation community as a whole at the promotion of Mr. Stewart was the keynote of the remarks of the various speakers.

Mr. Stewart is taking up his new duties at Vancouver on January 1.

IS EMERGENCY BOAT

Newington Being Held With Steam Up in Case of Accident.

The Dominion lighthouse tender Newington, which reached port on Friday with H. F. Garden and T. Buran, two of the men rescued from Storm Island, is being held as emergency ship over the holiday period. This precaution is being taken in case of mishap at sea. The vessel, the Estevan and Leebro, are blowing down boilers. All the vessels of the fleet will get away on buoy duty early in the new year.

NEW PACIFIC SERVICE

Waterhouse & Co. Appointed Agents for Norwegian Line of Motorships.

Frank Waterhouse & Co. have been appointed agents for the Norway-Pacific line, which is inaugurating a regular motorship service between Scandinavian ports and the North Pacific coast. The first vessel due on the coast in this service is the big motorship George Washington, which is expected on her maiden voyage about the middle of next month.

ORMISTON BOUND HERE FROM BRITISH PORTS

Harold S. Cove, local agent for Balfour, Guthrie & Co., has been advised that the British steamer Ormiston, which is following the Crown of Leon, on the Harrison Direct service, sailed from Glasgow on December 16 en route to North Pacific ports via the Panama canal and Santa Rosalia. The vessel is expected to reach here about February 5.

The Ormiston is coming out under the command of Capt. McKillop, who was master of the Crown of Castle when that vessel was sunk by a German submarine earlier in the war.

The steamer Suctor, which is following the Ormiston, is now posted to sail from London, Jan. 2; Glasgow, Jan. 11, and Liverpool, Jan. 15.

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Portland, Ore.

Corporation of the District of Saanich ELECTION OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipal School District of Saanich, that I require the presence of said electors at the Council Chamber, Municipal Hall, Royal Oak, B. C., on Monday, the 8th day of January, 1917, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of electing two (2) persons as members of the Board of School Trustees.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows: The candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p. m. of the day of the nomination, and in the event of a poll being necessary, such poll shall be opened on the 13th day of January, 1917, at the following places: For the First Ward, at Cedar Hill School House, Cedar Hill Cross Road; for the Second Ward, at Tolmie School House, Boleskine Road; for the Third Ward, at the Hall, Tyndall Avenue, Gordon Head; for the Fourth Ward, at McKenzie Avenue School, corner McKenzie Avenue, Carey Road and Raymond Street; for the Fifth Ward, at Royal Oak School, near the junction of the East and West Saanich Roads; for the Sixth Ward, at the Temperance Hall, East Saanich Road; for the Seventh Ward, at the Store, corner of Tillicum Road and Obed Avenue; and such polling places will be open from 9 o'clock a. m. to 7 p. m., at which time and place each elector who is duly qualified to vote for Reeve will be entitled to cast his vote for two (2) candidates for members of the Board of School Trustees, but may only cast one vote for each candidate, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The qualifications for a School Trustee shall be any person being a British subject of the full age of twenty-one years actually residing within the district, and having been for the three months next preceding the day of his or her nomination the registered owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property situate within the Municipality of the assessed value, on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, of five hundred dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge; or being a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor who has resided within the Municipality for the space of one year or more immediately preceding the day of nomination, and is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll over and above any registered judgment or charge; or being a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor who has resided within the Municipality for a portion of one year immediately preceding the nomination, and during the remainder of said year has been the owner of said land, of which he formerly was a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor, and is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll over and above any registered judgment or charge; or being otherwise duly qualified as a school trustee in such district municipality school district.

Given under my hand at Royal Oak, British Columbia, this 21st day of December, 1916.

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RETURNED SOLDIERS GUESTS OF I.O.D.E.

Christmas Banquet Served to Big Gathering on Saturday Night

Returned soldiers in the city and district were the guests of the Camosun Chapter, I. O. D. E., at Christmas dinner on Saturday night. The banquet took place at the Alexandra club, the tables being arranged along three sides of the big hall, and looked very pretty with their sprigs of holly, Christmas crackers, and flowers. In the centre of the hall stood an enormous plum pudding. This, when cut, revealed unexpected richness in the form of smokes for each of the hundred or more men present, and added to the completeness of the enjoyment of all.

Wives were invited to be the guests of the chapter together with their husbands, but the number of ladies present was much in the minority. Members of Camosun chapter, however, were present in full force, Mrs. Henry Croft, the honorary regent, presiding at the head of the table with his wife. The mayor and Lieut.-Col. Bruce Powley at her right and left hand. Other officers of the chapter included Mrs. Andrew Wright, regent, and also at the head table were Major and Mrs. Harvey, Major Wollaston, Captain Wallis, Lieut. Meredith, Mrs. Love and Mrs. H. Bevan. Members of the chapter did the serving, and came in for their due share of praise when the returned-soldier guests stood up and gave three cheers for the ladies who had provided the treat.

Mrs. Barnard, wife of the lieutenant-governor, was present, and spoke personally to practically all the men present, a gracious act which was much appreciated.

All manner of good things were provided on the menu, and toward the end of the feast there were brief speeches. Lieut.-Col. Bruce Powley, O. C. 143rd Battalion, himself a returned soldier, referred to the kindness of the women of Victoria, and thanked them for the magnificent repast which they had provided. In England the women did everything possible to make the Canadian soldier feel as little as possible his absence from his own home, and lack here in Victoria he found the ladies just as anxious to show kindness. H. W. Hart, secretary of the returned soldiers' association, suggested that the gathering stand for a moment in silence in honor of the men who had given their lives fighting for their country. This was done. In a short address Mr. Hart explained the objects of the association, which he recommended, should be joined by all returned soldiers.

The good things provided at the feast were supplemented with generous gifts from many of the city merchants, and among those to whom the ladies wish to express special thanks for assistance are Messrs. Goodacre, Burns, Victoria-Prince Rupert Market, Stanley's, Kirkham's, Simon Leiser, Mr. and Mrs. Locke, Pither & Leiser, Hanbury, Gray and Western Grocery Co., besides the Camosun chapter members and friends.

A programme of pianoforte and vocal numbers enlivened the proceedings, which concluded about 9 o'clock. Miss Main very generously provided the piano numbers. Mr. Dunford, Miss Gladys Watson, Captain Craddock, J. H. Waites providing the vocal selections. The men themselves joined in some of the popular soldier songs which were started by the soloists, these being very much enjoyed also. An exchange of the season's greetings occupied the last half hour of the proceedings.

REFERENDUM

Notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of Saanich that a vote will be taken on Saturday, January 13th, 1917, on the question: "ON WHICH DAY ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF A HALF HOLIDAY." The poll will be open from 9 a. m. to 7 p. m. on the 13th day of January, at the following places: For the First Ward, at Cedar Hill School House, Cedar Hill Cross Road; for the Second Ward, at Tolmie School House, Boleskine Road; for the Third Ward, at the Hall, Tyndall Avenue, Gordon Head; for the Fourth Ward, at McKenzie Avenue School, corner McKenzie Avenue, Carey Road and Raymond Street; for the Fifth Ward, at Royal Oak School, near the junction of the East and West Saanich Roads; for the Sixth Ward, at the Temperance Hall, East Saanich Road; for the Seventh Ward, at the Store, corner of Tillicum Road and Obed Avenue; and such polling places will be open from 9 o'clock a. m. to 7 p. m., of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The Form of Ballot will be as follows: On which day are you in favor of a Half Holiday? Mark X opposite the day you are in favor of.

Wednesday Saturday Voter must mark Ballot for ONE Day Only.

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GREETINGS FROM KING AND QUEEN TO ARMY AND NAVY

Col. Duff Stuart, D. O. C., has received instructions to communicate to all the troops under his command the following message: "I send you, my sailors and soldiers, hearty good wishes for Christmas and the New Year. My grateful thoughts are ever with you for victories gained, for hardships endured, and for your unflinching cheeriness. Another Christmas has come round and we are still at war, but the empire, confident in you, remains determined to win. May God bless and protect you."

"GEORGE R. I." He also has a cable from their majesties to the sick and wounded: "At this Christmas time the queen and I are thinking more than ever of the sick and wounded among my sailors and soldiers. From our hearts we wish them speedy restoration to health, a peaceful Christmas and many happy years to come."

"GEORGE R. I."

INVALID SOLDIERS ON WAY TO VICTORIA

Party of Fourteen En Route Here Reached Winnipeg on Christmas

Fourteen returned invalid soldiers are en route to Victoria, having reached Winnipeg on Christmas night. With them were thirty others, twelve of whom were bound for Saskatchewan and Alberta. The entire party was warmly welcomed, special pains being taken to see that the men enjoyed something of the season's joys. The names of those who are coming through to this city follow: Sapper G. G. Wilson, C. E. T. D.; Ptes. P. Bowers, 32nd Battalion; G. Fisher, 30th Battalion; B. Fry, C. A. S. C.; J. C. Maher, C. P. T. D.; J. McCaffrey, 30th Battalion; J. A. McGregor, C. P. T. D.; D. McLennan, 32nd Battalion; R. Paton, 30th Battalion; W. J. Preston, 30th Battalion; C. W. Sweetser, C. E. White, 30th Battalion; C. T. Whitehead, 30th Battalion and W. A. Fleming, 30th Battalion.

APPLES FOR SOLDIERS

Five Carloads of British Columbia Fruit Shipped for Western Men-at-Arms

The five carloads of apples for the British Columbia men who are fighting for the empire in the trenches are now on their way. This is one car less than was sent last year. The shipments are going forward under the auspices of the Red Cross and are consigned to the Red Cross headquarters, 17 Cockspur street, London. One full carload was contributed by the Okanagan Valley growers. This was sent direct. The other cars were gathered in Vancouver and were assembled and loaded by the staffs of the houses on wholesale fruit and produce row. In this connection the C. P. R., the C. N. E., the G. N. R. and the B. C. E. R. carried donations free of charge. The Johnston Cartage Co. did the hauling free and the railways interested guaranteed to place the cars at the seaship sidings at St. John, N. B., without cost.

FALLS ON SERVICE

Lieut. H. M. S. Brickman, of Westholme, Killed by Bursting Shell.

Lieut. H. M. G. Brickman, of Westholme, has died of wounds received as the result of a shell bursting right over his head. He was sitting on the steps of a captured German dugout along with some other officers. Suddenly a whizz-bang came right down the dugout stairs, passing two officers and bursting right over the heads of Lieuts. Brickman and Mylon. Both were seriously wounded. Lieut. Brickman dying a fortnight later. Capt. Noel Brickman, of the Cameronians, a brother of Lieut. H. M. G. Brickman, was killed while leading a charge.

Military Items

It is announced that Capt. O. Morris, M.D., will have charge of the draft of 35 men from the Army Medical corps which has orders to be ready to proceed overseas.

The 231st Seaforth Highlanders, which spent the summer at Sidney Camp and which at present is stationed at New Westminster, has received a full equipment of kilts. This unit is commanded by Lieut.-Col. Leach.

Capt. P. Richardson, who was one of Victoria's best marksmen and who won many honors before the war, is said to have invented a new rifle which has proved effective and practicable. He is a musketry officer for the field artillery at Hythe.

Authorization has been received by the 30th B. C. Horse, Vernon, to proceed with the mobilization of an overseas reinforcing company. It will be made up as are the forces being raised by the 88th and 50th Regiments, no officers having permanent rank over that of Lieutenant. Lieut.-Col. Perry is the C.O. of the Vernon unit.

VANCOUVER UNIT LEAVING FOR FRONT

Battalion Breaks Up Into Two Companies Before Proceeding Overseas

The first of the units in this military district to come under the new ruling in regard to breaking up and going overseas as drafts, is to be the 225th of Vancouver. This battalion is 700 strong, but it is to be formed into two companies of 350 each and go overseas separately. They already have orders to stand by and will leave almost immediately. The corps was organized by Lieut.-Col. Mackay and on its departure will be under two captains and ten lieutenants. It now is established in winter quarters at New Westminster.

A short time ago it was announced that in future all units would be broken and that no officers above the rank of lieutenant would be allowed to proceed overseas. A number of companies have been authorized in connection with local regiments of militia and these will go in charge of an officer who will have the temporary rank of captain but who on reaching England will either have to revert to the rank of lieutenant or return to Canada.

No word has yet been received as to when the 143rd will leave. It is hoped that the unit will not have to come under the recent order, especially in view of the fact that no less than five of the officers have already seen service at the front and been wounded.

ALLIES MUST NOT MORTGAGE FUTURE

has been sealed by the blood of our heroic dead. We, in Britain, feel to make peace now, to think of peace at any time with less than full indemnity for the past and full security for the future, would be to desert our allies and betray the hopes of freedom throughout the world.

"We hate war. It is brutal; the negation of everything for which we stand. Therefore we must prevent its recurrence so far as in our power. We desire to see the democracies of the world free to progress in their highest ideals. To accomplish this we must stand together for the destruction of militarism, the vindication of national right and liberty, the punishment of national wrong. Be the nation large or small it must be freed."

PROPOSES AN IMMEDIATE MEETING OF DELEGATES OF ALL BELLIGERENTS

"In its true sense the German offer is now known to all. Germany considers herself a victor and thinks to dictate to us terms of peace. Under such conditions the beginning of peace negotiations with Germany would signify our acknowledgment of such a belief: We are not vanquished and cannot therefore make an acknowledgment of defeat. We deeply believe in the triumph of right and justice, for which we are fighting, and when this will prevail then will come the time for sincere peace negotiations."

Must Accept Allies' Terms

Discussing the forthcoming reply to the peace proposals, the Reich says: "The official reply cannot state the contents allies aim to bring the Turkish empire to an end in order to remove forever German aims of world domination, or that the allies will demand reorganization of Austria-Hungary, in order to make impossible the fulfilment of German ideas regarding central Europe which form the first step of their programme for world power. Diplomacy cannot suggest these terms until the allies have laid the firm foundation for success of their present military tasks. But by saying less, diplomacy would acknowledge a result of the war unsuccessful for the allies."

"Italy has not occupied Trieste, France has not created a firm frontier along the Rhine, England has not destroyed the German fleet, nor have the allies as a whole succeeded in crippling the German land forces, and therefore there are no guarantees for the future in national relations which will free the world from the oppression of militarism."

"The Reich says that even if Germany should make the unexpected concession of relinquishing territorial gain and restoring ante-bellum conditions, the aims of the allies would not be fulfilled, and that the only terms acceptable to Russia would be those dictated by herself and her allies."

Must Have Guarantees. Paris, Dec. 26.—Senator d'Estournelles de Constant, in a statement regarding President Wilson's peace suggestion, says: "I think the president is actuated by generous intentions, but since he speaks as a friend, he must permit us to respond as friends."

"Justifying his action, the president speaks of American interests. American interest is inseparable from French interest, which itself is inseparable from the interest of humanity. Free people can not exist except under the regime of right. "The president asks us our aims in the war. Will he ask Belgium that question? "Our aim is the defeating of vio-

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

Statement of the result of the business of the Bank for the year ending 30th November, 1916. Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account brought forward from last year... \$ 461,892 25. Net Profits for the year ending 30th November, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts... 2,439,415 17. Total... \$ 2,901,307 42.

GENERAL STATEMENT 30th NOVEMBER, 1916

LIABILITIES TO THE PUBLIC: Notes of the Bank in circulation... \$ 19,259,347 68. Deposits not bearing interest... \$ 62,484,072 27. Deposits bearing interest... 167,412,079 88. Total... \$ 229,896,152 15. TO THE SHAREHOLDERS: Dividends Unpaid... 2,084 12. Dividend No. 119 and bonus, payable 1st December... 525,000 00. Total... \$ 527,084 12.

B. E. WALKER, PRESIDENT. JOHN AIRD, GENERAL MANAGER.

Report of the Auditors to the Shareholders of The Canadian Bank of Commerce. In accordance with the provisions of sub-sections 19 and 20 of Section 56 of the Bank Act, 1913, we report as follows: We have audited the above Balance Sheet and compared it with the books and vouchers at Head Office and with the certified returns from the branches. We have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required, and are of the opinion that the transactions of the Bank which have come under our notice have been within the powers of the Bank.

T. HARRY WEBB, C. A. of Webb, Read, Hegan, Callaghan & Co. JAMES MARWICK, C. A. of Marwick, Mitchell, Peat & Co. AUDITORS

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FRENCH REPORT ARTILLERY FIGHTING

Paris, Dec. 26.—There was nothing to report last night, with the exception of rather lively artillery fighting in the region south of Libons, says to-day's official report from the French front.

OBITUARY RECORD

Mrs. A. S. Christie, of Bon Accord, Princess avenue, has just received a telegram telling of the death of her mother, Mrs. James Duncan, of Aberdeen, Scotland.

Pte. Joseph Joyal, a member of the Yukoners Overseas Company in training at the Willova, died on December 23 at the barracks. He was born at Montreal, Que. Deceased was an old-timer in the north, having been in the Klondike during the rush of 1898.

Charles Hooper passed away on December 24 at St. Joseph's hospital. He was born in England. For years he was employed as a member of the crew of the S. S. Maguinnia and other C. P. R. vessels. The funeral has not yet been arranged.

Taraji Yachuda, a Japanese merchant of Victoria, died on December 24. He was 33 years of age and had resided here for some years. The funeral will take place from the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Co.'s chapel on Wednesday, December 27, services being conducted by Rev. Osawa.

The death occurred on Sunday of Mrs. Chan Hing, wife of On Hing, a Chinese merchant of 552 Fisgard street. The deceased had lived in this city for the past ten years. The funeral has been arranged to take place at 1 o'clock to-morrow from the Thomson Funeral parlors, and the remains will be shipped to Hongkong for interment.

Word was received here on Saturday of the death of Rev. Samuel Maclean Forsyth, B. D., at his home in Golden-rod, Wash. He was born in Greenock, Scotland, 41 years ago. A minister of the Presbyterian church and well known to many in this city and other parts of the island, there are many who will deeply regret to hear of his demise. He was married here in 1903 to Miss A. C. Wier, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Wier, of this city, recently of Cumberland, B. C. He held important charges at different periods in the states of Washington and Nebraska, and later removed to Boston, Mass., where he was appointed superintendent of educational and Sunday school work for the New England states. After laboring successfully in this capacity for five years he returned with his family to Washington, and was actively engaged in the work of the church until two months ago, when he was forced to resign because of serious illness. Beside his widow he is survived by six young children. While on a vacation last spring the late Mr. Forsyth with his family spent several weeks here visiting relatives and renewing old acquaintances. Mr. Wier left on Saturday's boat to be present at the obsequies.

Japanese Consul Leaving.—Kahaichi Abe, who has been imperial Japanese consul at Vancouver for the past two years, is returning to his native land, sailing from here on Thursday on board the Empress of Asia. It is understood that a luncheon will be given here in his honor on Wednesday.

MEETS WITH ACCIDENT. While descending a flight of stairs in the Esplanade hotel, yesterday a sailor, belonging to the "Donvenuto," fell to the floor cutting his face rather severely. Medical aid was immediately summoned and the injured man was taken to the Jubilee hospital, where he is now undergoing treatment.

Mrs. Casey (with newspaper)—It says here that Mrs. Van Astor wore some lace at the ball last night that was two hundred years old. O'Brien—Two hundred years old? Think of it now, an' them with all that money.

SUCCESSFUL RAID MADE BY CANADIANS

Troops from the West Take 150 Prisoners, Including One Officer

GERMANS SURRENDER WITHOUT RESISTANCE

With the British armies in France, Dec. 22.—North of Arras, certain Canadian troops have just achieved what the British officers declare marks a new phase in modern trench warfare. In a raid which, however, was much more than a raid, they succeeded in putting out of action, temporarily at least, an entire battalion of German infantry.

They took 59 prisoners, including one commissioned officer, and killed 150 Germans in dugouts which were blown up after the men refused to surrender. The Canadian losses were extremely light.

The "raid" took place at 3 p. m. on a front of four hundred yards. The German prisoners admit that they were taken by surprise. The officer captured said he was convinced that something was about to happen, but believed that the attack was coming on Christmas Eve.

The Canadians, mostly men from Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, had successfully established themselves well forward, so that when the artillery had completed the preparatory fire they were in the German front line trenches in less than two minutes.

The officer in command, who was reporting the raid to the brigade headquarters by telephone, had hardly uttered the words "they're off," before he had to say "they're in." Consternation reigned among the Germans, who scrambled for the traps and dugouts leading to the rear trenches while the Canadians pelted them with hand grenades.

Caught unprepared, many Germans in the front line offered no resistance, but threw up their hands with cries of "kamarade." Others were taken as they fled for the second and third lines, for the Canadians pushed on quickly to the second trenches. About 20 dugouts were seized by the Canadians. Several bombs captured from the Germans were thrown with deadly effect. One of the officers engaged said:

"As we entered the trenches many Germans broke for the dugouts. All who did were subsequently well cared for. Each of our men was given definite instructions for his precise task and a map of the enemy trenches which proved absolutely correct. Each man knew every detail of the proposed position. They were delighted with this and entered the fight with great cheer. When they came out two hours later they were singing and as happy as schoolboys on a holiday. The neatness and dispatch with which the raid was carried out was unique.

The artillery co-operation of the British guns was perfect. Heavily placed curtains of fire prepared our advance and, creeping forward, protected us as they proceeded to absolutely demolish the enemy trenches and dugouts. The programme had given the men an hour and a half for this work, but the clean-up was finished in an hour and ten minutes, and the raiders started they were ready to return to their own trench."

No attempt was made at a counter-attack until the following night, when the Germans bombarded and raided their own first line, or what was left of it, thinking that the raiders were still there. As a matter of fact, the operations were miles away. They were not part of the fighting force by that time, but on rest and had gone forward for this particular piece of work, which was planned weeks ago.

HOW WASHINGTON REGARDS NEW NOTE Washington, Dec. 26.—In some quarters here to-day's note from the central powers was regarded more as a revision of the president's proposals than an acceptance, in that instead of bringing forward as suggested, Germany's terms, she proposes a conference. Allied statesmen have indicated opposition to that plan. The reference to the American note in connection with the original German proposals of Dec. 12 is one which the American government has taken its greatest pains to avoid. Such a connection has been declared officially to have been a source of the greatest embarrassment to the administration and is known to have occasioned hostility in the entente countries. Germany's purpose in emphasizing this is not clear.

It is felt that Germany is in an embarrassing position in replying to the president's note as the allies have not yet put themselves on record either toward that note, nor as to the original German proposals. This is the explanation advanced for the shortness of the reply and of its lack of details. Whether Germany's immediate publication of the reply was due to tactical considerations or to a desire to disclose it before the allies had made public either of their two expected answers is not known here.

AUSTRALIAN LOAN RATE. London, Dec. 26.—The interest rate on the new Australian war loan of £2,000,000 will be 4 1/2 per cent, Reuter's Melbourne correspondent telegraphs. The list closes on February 1. The loan will fall due in 1925. The daylight-saving plan will go into operation in the Australian commonwealth on January 1.

AUSTRIAN REPORT. Berlin, Dec. 26.—The artillery fire was more active, temporarily, on the Carso plateau, says the official Austrian report of Dec. 24 from the Italian front.

ALLIES ARE IN COMPLETE ACCORD

Will Continue Fight Until Ravaged Territories Are Restored

RUSSIAN MINISTER OUTLINES PROGRAMME

London, Dec. 26.—The Russian foreign minister, M. Pokrovski, invited the representatives of the press at Petrograd yesterday to an interview at which he outlined his programme and ideas in regard to the present political situation. Reuter's Petrograd correspondent says that in general this ministerial declaration, which seems to have been meant to take the place of the usual speech before parliament, consisted of a few clear propositions.

First, there had been no change in the relations between Russia and her allies.

Second, the minister declared with firm assurance that after the war the military alliance of France, England and Russia would be concentrated in a close, economic union.

Third, the war will be continued, according to this declaration until a decisive victory has been won.

M. Pokrovski then discussed the three great questions of the German peace proposals, President Wilson's note and the attitude of Greece. After recalling the recent duma declarations in regard to the German peace note, M. Pokrovski passed to the action of President Wilson, saying Russia appreciated highly the goodwill and the lofty, humane motives of the president's notes, but he declared it would alter in no way the political situation created by "the false and hypocritical moves of the Berlin government. The ideas of the Russian government in regard to Mr. Wilson's action were almost analogous with those which had been set forth by the Russian press, that is to say, the government's attitude in regard to both questions with complete refusal."

Nevertheless the allied governments would reply with all possible fullness. They would refrain for a moment any attitude on the part of that country that would affect their military interests seriously. He said measures had already been taken and that others of a military nature shortly would be carried out which would put an end once for all to all Greek vacillation.

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SWISS MINISTER EXPLAINS ACTION

Declares Government Issued Note Solely in Interest of Peace

Washington, Dec. 26.—Indications accumulated in official quarters here today that the action of Switzerland in supporting the recent peace movement of the United States may be followed by similar action on the part of European neutrals. Holland, Spain, the Scandinavian countries and the pope, it was said, are expected to take some action in the near future.

Dr. Paul Ritter, the Swiss minister, will see President Wilson within a few days to discuss the peace situation. He called at the White House today to gather information on how the Swiss peace-note had been received in this country in order to send a report to his government.

Dr. Ritter was concerned over newspaper reports that the action of the Swiss government was construed as support for the cause of the central powers. He told Secretary Tumulty the action of his country was solely in the interest of peace.

Messages from individuals and organizations in Holland and other neutral European nations continued to arrive at the White House today in large numbers. All commend the president for his recent note and indicated that strong pressure was being brought to bear on the governments of European neutrals to take action.

While the United States will continue to act alone, supporting action by other neutral powers, it is said, will be welcomed by President Wilson. Spanish Ambassador Riano conferred with Secretary Lansing today, but both officials refused to discuss the meeting beyond saying that the ambassador sought further information as to the peace situation. Spain, Mr. Riano said, had not yet sent a reply to President Wilson's note and there has been no indication yet as to whether she would follow Switzerland and the third intermediary entrusted with the forwarding of the central powers' proposals in endorsing the president's action. Nor has any word been received, it was said, as to when the allies would reply to the proposals.

GREETINGS FOR CANADIAN TROOPS

Text of Messages Sent by Sir Robert Borden on Christmas Day

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 26.—The following Christmas messages have passed between Sir Robert Borden and those in authority with Canadian troops overseas:

"General Turner, Commanding Canadian Expeditionary Forces in Great Britain, London: "On behalf of the Canadian people I send Christmas greetings to the Canadian Expeditionary Force in England, and earnestly wish that their efforts during the coming year may be crowned with the highest success. Those who are now completing their training in England may soon be called to the front, where their record will be as splendid and inspiring as that of the Canadians now in the battle line. The Canadian people are resolved to spare no effort and shrink from no sacrifice to support the cause for which you have taken up arms in behalf of your country. (Signed) "BORDEN."

"General Byng, Commanding Canadian Expeditionary Forces, France: "On behalf of the Canadian people I send to you and to all the Canadian expeditionary force in France, Christmas greetings and earnest wishes that in the coming year the highest success may crown their efforts. The notable achievements of the force under your command and their splendid valor which made them possible have thrilled Canada with just pride in her sons. I returned to-day from a tour through six provinces in support of national service and everywhere I received a most inspiring response. The Canadian people are animated by a firm resolve to spare no effort and shrink from no sacrifice until victory crowns the allies' arms. (Signed) "BORDEN."

"To the Right Hon. Sir Robert Borden, Ottawa: "All Canadians under my command in France will read with deep gratification the inspiring message which you have sent to them from their fellow-citizens in Canada. Nothing can be more encouraging or more calculated to assist them to perform with cheerfulness and fortitude their duties here than the consciousness that they have the entire sympathy and support of those at home. Will you in reply assure the people of Canada that the Canadian army in the field is full of hope and confidence and determined to the extent of their power to assist in the complete achievement of those high purposes for which they left their homes? We feel assured that the New Year will bring us fresh strength and new victories. (Signed) "GENERAL BYNG."

"Perley, London: "The following message is for Canadians in hospitals and convalescent homes: "On behalf of Canadian people I send Christmas greetings and every good wish for the coming year. Canada recognizes with pride and gratitude your fine service to the Dominion and to the empire, and it is our prayer that in the early future you may be restored in health and strength to your homes and families. (Signed) "BORDEN."

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RUSSIAN REPORT

Petrograd, Dec. 26.—To-day's official statement reads: "On the Rumanian front the enemy made fierce attacks at the source of the River Srishtza, in the region of Dragoslavoff. They were repulsed by Rumanian counter-attacks, which at the same time secured three machine guns. At the source of the River Rinnik, the enemy pressed back our advanced posts which withdrew to the main positions. "In the valley of the River Kilnau west of Rinnik-Sarak all enemy attacks were repelled by our fire."

QUET CHRISTMAS IN GREAT BRITAIN

Soldiers in the Camps and Hospitals Are Bountifully Entertained

London, Dec. 26.—Except in the camps and hospitals this Christmas was the quietest Great Britain ever has known. Economy was the watchword among the upper classes generally. Travel was unprecedentedly small because the newspapers and the government appealed to civilians to stay home and give up the trains for the soldiers on leave.

The majority of the civilian travelers who appeared everywhere were liberally entertained. The hospitals were decorated and supplied with dinners and presents for the patients. Private soldiers really received more attention than officers in the hospitals. Theatrical and musical hall artists gave their services for various kinds of entertainments.

The day in London was like Sunday in its quiet, although the principal streets were full of khaki-clad men and many sailors were about. The hotels and restaurants were filled with patrons, but the new regulations barred elaborate dinners.

RUSSO-ROUMANIAN FORCES REPULSED

Berlin, Dec. 26.—Russo-Romanian forces in Dobruja had been repulsed after a violent battle on the whole front from Lake Babadagh to Tuerkowitz, says an official statement issued at the Bulgarian army headquarters. The statement reads: "In Dobruja the enemy, after a violent struggle on the line of Lake Babadagh Washkos, Kamcoara and Tuerkoats, was repulsed on the whole front. Bulgarian, German and Turkish troops took prisoner 985 more Russians and captured three machine guns."

PREMIER REFUSES TO PLEDGE GOVERNMENT

Sir Robert Borden Cannot Promise There Will Not Be Conscription

Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—An Ottawa dispatch to the Winnipeg Telegram to-day says: "Robert Borden has flatly refused to promise to the labor representatives that there would be no conscription in Canada. He told them that the national service registration had not, as its ultimate object, compulsory service, but he refused to pledge himself or the government for the future. The labor representatives believe, however, that a satisfactory agreement will be reached with the government and that it will permit of their to assist in making national service a success."

Another meeting was held this afternoon and a statement by the labor representatives will be issued to-night. Interview: Satisfactory. Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Representatives of the Trades and Labor Congress waited upon Premier Borden this morning and held a further discussion upon the national service proposals.

At the conclusion of the conference the members of the deputation intimated that the interview was perfectly satisfactory. The co-operation of labor in the national service scheme had been requested and the purpose of the conference was to discover just what the scheme would lead to.

A memo. will be presented to the delegates by Sir Robert Borden and the representatives to-night will present their views on the question of co-operation. It is understood that they will indicate the intention of labor to give every assistance possible.

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TO-DAY'S TRADING IN THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—December wheat closed 2 1/2c higher and May 1 1/2c higher. Oats were 1/2c higher for December and 1/4c down for May. Barley was unchanged for December and dropped 1c for May. Winnipeg December fluctuated 6c, and May 4c.

A small trade caught the market in a healthy condition and swung it in wide fluctuations to-day. Wire trouble curtailed the trade, which was almost entirely speculative, with very few big local interests in the market. Buying on sentiment in the morning, the crowd put wheat up five cents before any considerable amount appeared on offer. Then prices steadied for some time. The break in the last hour was a natural speculative reaction due to profit taking.

The cash market was quiet. Contract wheat grades were unsalable through 70c and lower were fair. Oats, barley and flax were dull. Deliveries were heavy and offers light.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Unless Gen. Carranza returns a favorable answer to-day to the last communication made to his commissioners by the American representatives a week ago at Philadelphia, the negotiations will come to an end.

The Mexican commissioners will meet at New York to-day, and if Carranza has sent to them his answer it is expected Luis Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican delegation will forward it immediately to Secretary Lane, chairman of the American section.

TWO SECTIONMEN KILLED

Tofield, Alta., Dec. 26.—Two men were killed and a third so badly injured that his chances of recovery are slight, about 7 o'clock this morning in the local G. T. P. yards, when a hand-car being propelled by the trio was struck by a light switch engine which was returning from Edmonton. The men were all section hands, but as yet their names are not known.

MAY WHEAT DECLINES IN CHICAGO MARKET

Chicago, Dec. 26.—The wheat market opened up on Saturday's close and during the early trading was fairly strong, but towards the close May wheat declined about a point below the reopening. Corn was weak on good selling by commission houses. Oats was steady, and it was reported that there was good buying in oats futures, presumably for export.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

MONTREAL STOCKS GAINS RECORDED IN NEW YORK MARKET

Foreign Political Situation Does Not Encourage Bullish Tactics

Table with columns: Open High Low Close. Lists various stocks like Canadian National, Canadian Pacific, etc.

TO-DAY'S TRADING IN THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Table with columns: Bid, Asked. Lists various commodities like wheat, oats, barley, flax, etc.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Table with columns: Open, High, Low, Close. Lists cotton market data for various grades.

METAL MARKET

Table with columns: Bid, Asked. Lists metal prices for copper, silver, etc.

New York, Dec. 26.—Lead, \$20.91; tin, \$21.12; silver, \$1.12; copper, \$1.12; nickel, \$1.12; zinc, \$1.12.

Well-Known Jewelry Firm forced to vacate premises. Store occupied by F. L. Haynes, 1124 Government street, is to be pulled down. Stock must be disposed of regardless of cost. See windows for prices.

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MUCH WORK IS FACING PROVINCIAL CABINET

Lengthy Executive Sessions Will Commence To-morrow; Business Ahead

With the return of all the ministers to the city after the Christmas holidays there are several matters which the cabinet will take up and dispose of. It is probable that there will be a sitting of the provincial executive to-morrow of considerable length, and from this on there will be cabinet meetings every day.

The appointment of the three members of the workmen's compensation commission is practically made, the members of the cabinet having talked over the merits of the men whom they have had in view to fill these very important positions, and having pretty well made up their minds as to who will best fill them. The tenure of office of the three commissions being eight, nine and ten years, respectively. It is necessary that the very best men for the positions shall be found.

There is no doubt that the choice made by the government will be one that will commend itself to every citizen, and that the new system of compensation without litigation will go into effect under the happiest auspices. It is understood that one of the commissioners will be a representative of organized labor of weight and influence, a second a man who has been engaged in industrial enterprise and the third a member of the bar with experience in the compensation law. An important part of the commission's duties will have to do with the education of the whole public in the need of safety appliances, experiments and tests with appliances and the passing of such orders as are required to secure the installation of these wherever necessary.

Within the next day or two the cabinet will resume consideration of the matter of the legislation since March 14, on the legality of which a doubt was thrown by the late premier and his related action in bringing in a bill to extend the life of the legislature. It may be that the government will decide to ask the imperial parliament to validate all the legislation passed after the date in question by the passage of an imperial act. This is believed by many constitutional lawyers to be the most speedy and best way to effect what the government seeks to accomplish, the validation of all the good legislation of the late session, and the attorney-general has drafted a bill to that end, which will be discussed by the members of the executive.

Another matter which will call for early consideration will be that of civil service reform. Dr. Adam Shortt, C. M. G., who is here to advise the gov-

ernment on the subject, has already had several conferences with the premier, and this week will meet the other members of the administration and explain to them what his views are, and how the government may best proceed to abolish patronage in all branches of the public service of the province. Dr. Shortt is working on a draft act to replace the present one, which has been ignored utterly by the government rather than followed in its provisions, such as they are.

The audit of the provincial accounts is going forward steadily under the hands of the chartered accountants of Price, Waterhouse & Company, who are working under the general direction of E. W. Dudley. They are getting well into the accounts and making a very thorough examination of the whole system in which these have been kept.

The death occurred yesterday morning of Andrew Forbes, a well-known and highly respected railwayman who was well known in fraternal societies and highly popular everywhere. Up to the last year or two he had been conductor on the Sidney Railway and while occupying that position made himself popular with all the patrons of the line.

Andrew Forbes was born in Inverness, Scotland, August 30th, 1864. He arrived in British Columbia 33 years ago and worked for some time on railroads in the interior. In 1887 he joined Mainland Craft lodge No. 11 R. B. C., and in 1891 became a member of No. 13 R. B. C. at Armstrong B. C. In the autumn of 1893 he came to Victoria to help lay the steel on the Victoria and Sidney Railway on which road he worked for many years and during that time made many lasting friends.

He became a member of Victoria-Columbia lodge No. 1 A. F. & A. M., and was worshipful master in 1910. He also joined Columbia chapter, No. 129 G. R. S. As a member of Gate Preceptory, No. 39 G. R. C. he obtained the rank of Past Preceptor after having served two years as presiding preceptor. In 1908 he was appointed Provincial Grand Prior, Knights Templar, and was also a charter member of Gish Temple, A. O. N. M. S., and of that temple he became illustrious potentate in 1905.

In 1895, the late Mr. Forbes married Miss Catherine B. Thompson at Armstrong, the only daughter of the late John Thompson. He leaves five children, Bessie 20 years old, Gordon, Norman, Katherine and Thomas, the first named being only 5 years of age. Three brothers and one sister live in Scotland.

Speaking of his late employer, Ex-Governor T. W. Paterson, of the Uplands, said this morning that the late Mr. Forbes was a most reliable man. He was straight forward, and one of the best type of men that could be found. He worked under him both on the construction of the road and also as conductor for many years. Previous to that he was rairoading in the mountain section of the C. P. R. and where ever he went he was well spoken of.

The funeral will take place on Thursday at 2 p. m. from the residence, 2644 Work street, under the auspices of the Victoria-Columbia lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M.

MISSED THE BRANDY SAUCE YESTERDAY

An Oversight at the Aged Men's Home; Civic Fathers Visit Their Charges

Christmas at the Aged Men's Home was like Christmas in many of the city institutions, with richer fare than is customarily the case. Ham and eggs for breakfast, roast turkey and plum pudding with suitable vegetables for dinner, and mince pies and other delicacies in the evening were done justice to by appetites that had sampled many Christmas dinners under many skies in past Yuletides. One gentleman whose elderly palate had not lost the relish for brandy sauce surprised the company of 47 at the noon dinner-table by a request for that accompaniment, alas denied. However, a bottle of beer at each plate, from the Silver Spring brewery, helped to digest the viands of Cook Partridge, who with Manager J. W. McIntosh did the honors of the table.

Veterans welcomed the city fathers who visited the home, Mayor Stewart, Alderman Walker, chairman of the home committee, Alderman Johns, a member of the committee, and Alderman Porter. The chairman opened the proceedings with an ancient grace, sufficiently short to prevent the turkey getting chilled.

Each of the visitors made brief speeches appropriate to the occasion, and after food came smokes, cigars, tobacco, etc. In this connection the manager acknowledges the assistance of Alderman Porter, Mrs. J. H. Todd, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. B. W. Pearce, William Fernie, and for oranges, F. R. Stewart & Co. and Mrs. F. S. Barnard. The Christmas bells and evergreens appear to have generally produced, aided by the liquid refreshments and smokes, an air of general peace and goodwill, which was disturbed late in the evening by two inmates insisting on leaving the room by the same door simultaneously. It created a commotion, which was only stayed by the tact and diplomacy of the manager from developing trouble. Otherwise the calm was untroubled.

Beyond a strange epidemic to apply for "leave to go down town to see a friend" to-day, which has had to be tactfully deflected, Manager McIntosh says his charges are none the worse for the day's feasting.

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Andrew Forbes Ended Useful Career Yesterday Morning; Funeral Thursday

The death occurred yesterday morning of Andrew Forbes, a well-known and highly respected railwayman who was well known in fraternal societies and highly popular everywhere. Up to the last year or two he had been conductor on the Sidney Railway and while occupying that position made himself popular with all the patrons of the line.

Andrew Forbes was born in Inverness, Scotland, August 30th, 1864. He arrived in British Columbia 33 years ago and worked for some time on railroads in the interior. In 1887 he joined Mainland Craft lodge No. 11 R. B. C., and in 1891 became a member of No. 13 R. B. C. at Armstrong B. C. In the autumn of 1893 he came to Victoria to help lay the steel on the Victoria and Sidney Railway on which road he worked for many years and during that time made many lasting friends.

He became a member of Victoria-Columbia lodge No. 1 A. F. & A. M., and was worshipful master in 1910. He also joined Columbia chapter, No. 129 G. R. S. As a member of Gate Preceptory, No. 39 G. R. C. he obtained the rank of Past Preceptor after having served two years as presiding preceptor. In 1908 he was appointed Provincial Grand Prior, Knights Templar, and was also a charter member of Gish Temple, A. O. N. M. S., and of that temple he became illustrious potentate in 1905.

In 1895, the late Mr. Forbes married Miss Catherine B. Thompson at Armstrong, the only daughter of the late John Thompson. He leaves five children, Bessie 20 years old, Gordon, Norman, Katherine and Thomas, the first named being only 5 years of age. Three brothers and one sister live in Scotland.

Speaking of his late employer, Ex-Governor T. W. Paterson, of the Uplands, said this morning that the late Mr. Forbes was a most reliable man. He was straight forward, and one of the best type of men that could be found. He worked under him both on the construction of the road and also as conductor for many years. Previous to that he was rairoading in the mountain section of the C. P. R. and where ever he went he was well spoken of.

The funeral will take place on Thursday at 2 p. m. from the residence, 2644 Work street, under the auspices of the Victoria-Columbia lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M.

CHRISTMAS DAY HAPPY OCCASION

Children, Particularly, Enjoyed Visits of Santa Claus

Christmas festivities are being spread over the whole of this week in most of the places where there are many children, and the little people at the Protestant orphanage, the Children's aid, and the Victoria day nursery are to be no exception to the rule. Yesterday morning was quite an exciting time at all of these places, stockings having to be opened and the contents, where they were edible, sampled.

The children at the orphanage were up at 3 o'clock in the morning, and for once in a way breakfast was a meal of little importance, candies, oranges and nuts having taken possession of the usual vacuum some hours before the usual meal time.

At the Children's Aid the boys were permitted only to open their stockings after breakfast. Those who had homes in the city went there in the afternoon, the Christmas dinner a tree having been reserved for Thursday of this week. The latter is the gift of the Girls' Auxiliary of the Y. W. C. A. Last Friday, however, the boys enjoyed an entertainment of a similar kind at Albert Head, through the invitation of Miss Greenway and her pupils. Mr. Higgs and Mr. Homer drove the lads out in motors at 12 o'clock, and a feast of "good eats" and a Christmas tree and programme filled in one of the most enjoyable days of the year. Children at the orphanage are to have their Christmas tree and entertainment on Friday afternoon. On Thursday, at the invitation of Mrs. Barnard, the youngsters are to be guests at "Puss in Boots" matinee.

The Victoria day nursery programme went off as planned, the president and members of the committee being present at the unloading of the Christmas tree in the afternoon, when each of the kiddies got something good from Santa Claus.

At both hospitals yesterday the Fifth Regiment and Salvation Army bands played during the morning, to the delight of the nurses and patients alike. Nurses at the Jubilee hospital went round the wards early in the day, singing carols, forty-seven going two-by-two with candles in hand, starting the round at a quarter to six o'clock in the morning and visiting each ward in turn. At the big Christmas tree party on Saturday night, when nurses and juvenile patients received their gifts off the big tree put up in the children's ward, there were two telegrams read; one from Santa Claus, apologizing for his inability to be present in person and deputed R. S. Day to act in his stead; the other from Dr. W. E. Home, formerly pathologist at the hospital, now on an hospital ship in England, who sent the following characteristic greeting:

"Regret inability to be with you this evening, but hope you will all enjoy yourselves. I am sending by submarine a bottle of my special lockjaw culture, one gram of which injected in each nurse will make the home a haven of rest and quiet. Can strongly recommend Miss Mackenzie to try it on everyone but herself. Warranted to react favorably on all surgeons, even when things go wrong in the operating room. Sgd., W. E. Home."

Crowds of visitors were at both hospitals during the afternoon, the beauty of the decorations at both places exciting comment. At the Strangers' Rest, Government street, Christmas was a very quiet day, the usual Christmas Day programme having to be dispensed with almost for the first time in the history of the institution. Mrs. Field, however, had arranged for a special dinner to be served, and about forty men were in for this.

The Seamen's Institute served a sumptuous high tea to the seamen in port, about forty of whom, with their wives, were present. The hall was prettily decorated with ivy and holly and a very good time was enjoyed. At the Old Ladies' home there were quite a number of callers during the afternoon and early evening. Dinner was as sumptuous a meal as usual, and several of the old ladies who had not been out of their rooms for days made a special effort to be in their places at table when the banquet of good things commenced.

POLL TAX SUGGESTED FOR PATRIOTIC FUNDS

City Council Will Be Asked This Evening to Endorse Idea of Point Grey Body

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Formal notice has now been given with regard to the Mount Douglas park tax case, to which the Times has already referred. The municipality of Saanich is claiming the sum of \$1,462.42, being taxes due on the park for 1916. The intention, it has already been indicated, is for the lawyers of the municipalities to get together and submit a stated case for the decision of "the courts, finally settling the point whether the reserve, which is trust property from the crown, is taxable. The reason why this application has never hitherto been made is that the property being park lands was not assessed till the last two or three years, and up to this year the necessary resolution had been passed by the Saanich council for exemption, a course which was refused in the current year. The city paid the taxes on Gorge park under protest this year.

Apply for School Permits.—Notice is given to the city school board office that parents desiring to enter their children for the school term when the recess ends next month should make immediate application for permits.



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MAN

to live for more than 20 minutes without enduring the greatest of agony, owing to the cramped position and lack of air. Brooks says that

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addition to that, he will smoke during the whole time of his siege, and also keep busy supplying the onlookers with any playing card they may call for, writing

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description of the caller on each card. This sensational feat can be seen FREE at the window of FLETCHER BROS. MUSIC STORE, on THURSDAY MORNING, starting at 11 o'clock. The

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Two Members of Esquimalt School Board Will Not Run for Re-election; Possible Successors Mentioned.

The election for the Esquimalt school board will take place on the same date that the polling for the council is held. So far, it is known that at least two vacancies will have to be filled. Trustees Mestrop and Watson have already announced that they will not run for office in the coming contest. The following trustees, who are members of the board, will again be in the running: Leonard Tait, Capt. Muleahy and W. W. Wilson.

Mr. Graves and Mrs. Birch have been visited by members of a committee of ratepayers and urged by them to enter the field, and as far as is known they are ready to do so.

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VALUE OF TOURISTS TO PACIFIC COAST

Yakima Paper Boosts for New Northwest Association; Everyone Benefits

During his recent tour of Washington and Oregon, Commissioner Cuthbert received a good deal of publicity. The Yakima *Public* says:

"Mr. Cuthbert is generally acknowledged to be the publicity man of the Northwest, which explains his selection as the executive secretary of the Pacific Northwest Tourists' Association.

"The publicity agent of Mr. Cuthbert's mind is developed to the nth power. If a Pullman waiter is exceptionally polite, he sees in it a publicity asset for the road. If a community has a unique festival, it must be popularized through the proper publicity.

Association's Object.

"If the community doesn't have such an asset, Mr. Cuthbert can reel off dozens of unique publicity schemes with the ease and facility with which the prize third-grader spouts his two times two. Everything from a good breakfast to a glorious sunset, is publicity matter to him.

"The object of the Pacific Northwest Tourists' Association," explains Mr. Cuthbert, "is to put the Pacific Northwest of the North American continent on the map as a unit, and not as a place to be on the way from somewhere to somewhere. We believe the Pacific Northwest, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia has sufficient attractions and advantages to draw the American pleasure seekers to this territory alone. We believe that it is big enough so the tourist can spend his entire vacation, even if it is for four months, here, and then return home to tell his folks that he hasn't seen half of it.

Northwest's Advantages.

"There is no other territory on the continent with the climate we have, the natural scenery, the opportunities for sport and recreation and where the attractions are so diversified. We believe that we should secure a large proportion of the \$700,000,000 which is spent annually by American tourists, and that we can do so by doing as other vacation spots are doing it—by going after it.

"Since the Northwest Tourists' Association was organized the same plan has been adopted, almost in its entirety, by Southern California, where the promoters have collected \$25,000 for that purpose. The California association is now carrying on its campaign.

Value of Tourists.

"The principal point which I wish to make is that it is possible for us to draw out to this state and section, within the next year, tourists who will spend between \$15,000,000 and \$30,000,000, of which every dollar will remain in the state.

"It will be urged that the hotel proprietors will reap the principal benefit. The hotels are little more than collection agents. Not more than 10 or 12 per cent of the money will be profit for the hotel men, and of this profit, a large share must be paid out for city, county and state taxes. The rest of the money will go to the smaller producers. It will go to the farmers, the employees, the men in business.

Tourists' Money Spreads.

"Let me illustrate the point. When we opened the public market in Victoria, where we have a heavy tourist travel, I noticed a woman who came to the market to sell ducks. When I asked her what she thought of the market she said it was a godsend. She explained that, in the tourist season one Victoria hotel alone took seven dozen of her ducks weekly, but that after the tourist season closed, she could not sell any to the hotel men. Her feed bill for the ducks was \$500 monthly, most of which money came from the tourists of the hotel, from her to the feedmen, all parties retaining a small profit. That is the way the tourist business works.

"We are asking the support of the public for the Pacific Northwest Tourists' Association because we believe it will mean money for the state. We intend to ask the legislature for a special appropriation for 'publicity work, which we expect will come back many times."

Col. J. V. Campbell, of the Coldstream Guards, who won the D. S. O. in the South African war, has now been granted the Victoria Cross. In a recent charge Campbell not only led his men but carried out the true British idea of sportsmanship by carrying a hunting horn which he blew at intervals as he raced over No Man's Land to the German parapet. He led his men with such courage and dash that they wiped out the Germans and captured everything in sight. In a sense Campbell was following the bounds, as a good many of the Huns ran when they saw the burly figures of the Guards coming towards them.—Montreal *Journal of Commerce*.

TO ASK PROVINCE TO TAKE OVER TOWN

South Vancouver Cannot Pay Its Own Debts, and Wants Assistance

The municipality of South Vancouver, which for a long time ran its council as a sort of vaudeville show, when Reeve Gold was in office, is now suffering from indiscreet paying and local improvement schemes. It has tax arrears of over \$365,000, has to find \$240,000 to meet interest payments in April next, and will have to arrange during the year to redeem treasury certificates of a face value of \$700,000.

"South Vancouver's scheme is to ask the provincial government to take it over until such time as it can arrange to join Vancouver, which amalgamation would not appear to be a very likely thing, and also to take over the schools and the school debt, and to make an endeavor to protect the rights of property owners who lost their property at the tax sale last year.

On Friday Reeve Winram and several councillors met J. W. Weart, M. P. E., and Robert Baird, inspector of municipalities, and urged upon them that the government should act in the case. A meeting is being held to-day at the municipal hall at which the situation is being discussed and a delegation is to be appointed to wait upon the government here shortly.

WILL BE BULWARK OF BREWSTER GOVT.

Appreciation of Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands, by Northern Editor

G. R. T. Sawie, former editor of the *Omineca Herald*, writes from the east, to which he has returned, to that journal, the following appreciation of the minister of lands:

The selection of T. D. Pattullo for the important portfolio of minister of lands was a fortunate choice which places a competent man in a most important position. As a resident of the north country for many years, and a student of pioneer problems, he is amply qualified to take up the task of reorganizing the lands department, and speeding up the settlement of our agricultural areas. He has a keen intellect, youth, energy and a splendid physique to aid him in the undertaking.

T. D. Pattullo is a successful business man who has had experience in public service. He possesses a gift for public speaking and a facile pen—an inherited talent which has made the name Pattullo familiar to the newspaper and magazine world. His clear and copious diction, together with an apt phraseology, will place him among the first debaters in the legislature. Socially he is a good mixer, but never seeks the crowd. Affable, thoughtful, broad-minded, sympathetic and generous—all these attributes of a politician are his—yet he is not a politician, but something bigger. He has the reserve of sterling honesty, an aloofness which is merely a contempt for the superficial vanities utilized by the average politician. T. D. Pattullo's type of honor and honesty does not ease over a difficulty with a soft answer, or evade an issue with petty deceit.

Few public men have the courage to express a candid opinion, but put a question to the new minister of lands and the answer will be ready before you are. Moreover, the reply will be a positive or a negative which permits of no misunderstanding. Honesty is not popular, but it breeds faith which will outwear the blandishments of any politician. A dependable word is greater than a million "glad-hands."

T. D. Pattullo will not only be the best minister of lands we have yet had, but he will be a bulwark of the Brewster government.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC MAY FURNISH TRACKS

Some of the Line Between Edmonton and Yellowhead May Be Loaned

As it is possible for the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway to do with the one set of tracks from Edmonton westwards to the point within this province where they diverge, the northwards, and the other southwards, which would release some two hundred miles of track for use on the northwest roads in France, the railway commission of Canada is asking that one of these roads consent to the removal of the track.

Canada has been asked for between 1,200 and 1,500 miles of track, and this would supply about 200 miles of it. There has been no official intimation as to which of the roads will give up its track and accept running arrangements over the other, but it is understood in Vancouver that the Grand Trunk Pacific is going to allow some of its rails to be made use of. This would in no way interfere with the running of the road, or of the other one, either, as the one set of rails is

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NEIGHBOR WOULD GIVE "JUSTICE" TO GOSDEN

Collingwood Resident Comments Upon Appeal Made to Minister of Justice

Recently R. R. Gosden wrote a long screed, full of misstatements, to the minister of justice, and this was published in a Vancouver paper. Now J. Francis Bursill, a well-known old-timer and a resident of Collingwood, the "Athens of South Vancouver," from which Gosden dated his letter, is out in the Vancouver Sun with a protest against this individual. Mr. Bursill's letter concludes:

"Justice for Gosden!" Yes, by all means! Sir, I have known the old Chartists who in 1848 faced bayonet and cannon in their demands for the franchise, the protection of the ballot box and purity in election methods. I helped to tear down Hyde Park railings when the freedom to make the same demands was denied us. I marched in procession demanding "the vote" which the house of lords denied the working man. I was with John Burns and Cunningham Graham making the same demand in Trafalgar Square. I had my head broken by a policeman's baton, and John Burns suffered imprisonment for fighting for our votes.

For fifty years, ever since as a boy of 16 I learned from the lips of Thomas Hughes (the author of "Tom Brown's School Days") what the duty of a citizen was, I have fought for a citizen's rights and privileges, and now, a creature who, on his own confession, stuffs the ballot boxes with the forged votes of aliens, who sells the sacred rights of manhood for dirty "long greens," a creature with intelligence enough to know that the ballot box is the only property and protection of a poor man, the Judas who betrays his own class, pollutes the pure air of my home, Collingwood, with his presence and from the "Athens of South Vancouver" cries for "justice!"

I hope to God he will get it! There should be a whip in every honest man's hand to flog such a rascal naked through the world. "Justice!" that was the cry of the venomous reptile Shylock, and I say, like those who "measured up" that rascal, "give him justice!" Give him leave to go and hang himself. Give him a halter—gratis! Nothing else, for God's sake!

NEEDS NEW SCHOOL

Esquimalt Municipality Must Provide Accommodation for Increasing Number of Students.

A new school is to be erected in the Esquimalt municipality in the near future. At present there is not sufficient accommodation at the Lamson street school, which is the only public one in the district, for the number of students offering, and before the spring is far advanced it will be necessary to have a second building. The Esquimalt School Board is considering the possibility of placing a by-law before the ratepayers in order that funds may be authorized.

The school on Lamson street has fourteen rooms besides an assembly hall and recently it was found necessary to convert the latter into two class rooms. About 580 pupils attended the school last term and if more than this number apply for entrance after the holidays it will be necessary to refuse them as the school is now taxed to its full capacity.

Although no definite plans have as yet been made by the school board the preliminary specifications call for the erection of an eight-room school; the estimated cost has not as yet been set. The site will in all probability be Macaulay plains where it would serve a large community which at present is a considerable distance from the Lamson street school.

It is thought probable that the by-law will not be drawn up until the new board takes office next month.

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ATTEMPTED ESCAPE WITH POLICE PRESENT

Man Accused of "Short Changing" Tried to Evade Officers When Cornered

Landing Charles Woodcock in the city cells on a charge of "short changing" gave the police some trouble during the holiday season. Woodcock has been acquainted in the past with the ways of police officers, and since in the first week of December when Magistrate Jay ordered him to disappear from the city on a vagrancy charge, he had not kept the police informed of his return.

He appears meanwhile to have got into trouble in Vancouver, for the Terminal city police want him on two charges when the city police are through. At any rate on his return the accused fell in with his old companions in Chinatown, and later hearing that a friend's wife had gone away, he went to a local boarding house, and shared the room with his companion. This arrest was effected under exciting circumstances.

Detective Sgt. O'Leary, Constables Macpherson and Purdy made the arrest, but not without difficulty. When they surprised their quarry, he was dressing. Making some excuse he slipped into an adjoining room, evidently with the intention of using the window route into the street. The door not yielding to quiet entry, Constable Macpherson went right through it, pitching into the little room or closet adjoining. There it seems Woodcock was reaching for a knife. The wrecking of this door was not the only damage done, since the glass door of the larger room was smashed in getting Woodcock out.

In police court this morning he was brought up, and remanded till to-morrow. Accused did not plead, but stated W. C. Moresby had been engaged to defend him.

Woodcock is charged with being the man who entered Action's Grocery Store, Douglas street, during the rush season last week. He is stated by the employees to have asked for a ten cent package of cigarette tobacco, tendering a ten dollar bill for the same. The girl clerk waiting on him had difficulty at that time in finding the change, but

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