

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Saturday: Victoria and vicinity—Southerly winds, unsettled and mild, with rain.

Pantages, Vaudeville. Royal Victoria, Billie Burke. Variety, Anita Stewart. Dominion, Mae Marsh.

SMALL ADVANCE SOUTH OF LENS REPORTED BY HAIG; GUNS AT WORK ELSEWHERE

British Line South of Coal City Pushed Forward Slightly; Local Fighting at Point on Cambrai Front But Situation Unchanged

London, Jan. 4.—"Local fighting took place yesterday afternoon on the Cambrai front in the neighborhood of the Canal du Nord, without producing any material change in the situation," says a report from Field-Marshal Haig made public by the War Office to-day.

Invite Australia to Have Wooden Ships Constructed in B. C.

Vancouver, Jan. 4.—Towards the end of last year the B. C. Manufacturers' Association communicated with Mr. Hughes, Prime Minister of Australia, pointing out the advantages and facilities of this province for wooden shipbuilding.

Bolshevik Dealing With Ukraine; Still Oppose Kaledines

London, Jan. 4.—The Russian Commissioners, according to the Petrograd correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company, have decided to negotiate with the Government of the Ukraine on the basis of recognition of the Ukrainian Republic provided it does not hinder military operations against General Kaledines, the Cossack leader.

OFFICER DESCRIBES PETROGRAD'S PLIGHT

Lieut. Dukan of Russian Army Been in Thick of Revolutionary Outbreaks

Lieut. S. Dukan, an officer of the Russian Army, who was wounded several months ago, had a remarkable story to tell this morning on his arrival in Victoria.

Condition of Petrograd. What, however, is of special interest in his impression of conditions in Petrograd to-day. "You must not believe a word," he said to The Times representative, "of the cable messages sent out from Petrograd. The ministers themselves intervene to exercise a censorship, even over such a famous organization as the Associated Press."

Lieut. Dukan spoke without any enthusiasm of the present administration, saying it was a junta of about a dozen men and one woman, "who have great self-confidence and powers of eloquence. They are able to swing crowds by promises of peace, plenty of food and freedom from restraint."

Lieut. Dukan says the fragmentary reports sent out give no true conception of the conditions of the vast crowds listening to political open air meetings of the wild rumors from the front, and the silent processions of revolutionaries bearing away their dead after the conflicts in the streets.

Assembly in Russia to Meet January 17 If 400 Are Present

Petrograd, Jan. 3.—Via London: Jan. 4.—The Bolsheviks have fixed the opening of the Constituent Assembly for January 17 provided a quorum of 400 members is then present.

DOCTOR IS TRIED BY MEDICAL BOARD

R. E. McKibbin, M. D., Not Present This Morning to Answer Charges

The first case required to be dealt with by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia in relation to the behavior of one of its members in respect of the Prohibition Act, came before the Executive of that body at the Parliament Buildings this morning.

Mr. Robertson testified to personal service of a communication from the Registrar advising Dr. McKibbin of the contemplated proceedings and the nature of the charges preferred. Four distinct counts are cited in the document.

"Erasion" From Register. The second count deals with Dr. McKibbin's failure to keep the necessary record of prescriptions issued under the provisions of the Act. The third count charges him with the placing of the name of a druggist on a prescription issued by him to one B. Hutchings, and on the same date the issuance of a similar prescription to the wife of the same B. Hutchings.

Will Report Back. Duly sworn, Major Proctor proved that Dr. McKibbin had been a registered practitioner since the year 1898. Thomas Horne, official vendor at the Government liquor store in this city; Constable Mainwaring and Sergeant Fry were severally sworn, and in the main reiterated their evidence given in the City Police Court during the progress of the action, full reference to which was made in these columns at the time.

MAGRATH ARRANGES WITH COAL MEN IN U. S. TO SEND FUEL

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—C. A. Magrath, the Fuel Controller, who is now in Washington, has telegraphed Ottawa that he has visited coal operators and received a promise of early shipments to Canada.

CARGO OF SUGAR AT PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Jan. 4.—The first cargo of the new crop of Cuban sugar consigned to this country arrived here to-day on a Norwegian steamship.

DR. MACLEAN WILL DISCUSS EDUCATION

Leaves for Ottawa To-morrow to Attend Conference on Military Hospitals

FEASIBILITY OF SOLDIER INDUSTRIES

The Hon. J. D. MacLean, Minister of Education and Provincial Secretary, will leave the city to-morrow afternoon for Ottawa to attend a conference specially convened by Sir James Lougheed, chairman of the Military Hospitals Commission.

While in the national capital the Minister of Education will make a point of dealing with many questions of vital interest and concern to the returned men. The matter of extending the work of vocational training under the auspices of the Military Hospitals Commission, considerable progress in which has already been made by the University of British Columbia in conjunction with the Commission, will also be gone into by the Minister while at Ottawa.

The outline of such a proposal has been referred to several times in these columns, the general idea put forward by the returned men indicating the suggestion that by Federal financial assistance it would be possible for the provincial authorities to establish industries native to British Columbia, both valuable to future development and a long stretch towards the solution of the returned soldier problem.

TEUTON AGENTS BACK AT BREST-LITOVSK

Rumor in Berlin Buelow to Succeed Hertling as Chancellor

London, Jan. 4.—Dispatches indicated that the delegations of the Central Powers were back in Brest-Litovsk to resume to-day with the Bolshevik delegates the discussion of their peace terms, which the Bolsheviks have declared are unacceptable.

Buelow As Chancellor? Reports that the German and Austrian emissaries and their military and political advisers are much perturbed over the Russian attitude are followed by one that Count von Hertling, the German Imperial Chancellor, is ill.

MUNITIONS BRANCH OF U. S. GOVERNMENT PROPOSED IN BILL

Washington, Jan. 4.—A Department of Munitions under a new Cabinet head to be known as the Secretary of Munitions is proposed in a bill introduced to-day by Chairman Chamberlain of the Senate Military Committee as a result of its investigation of war operations.

2,000 Cossacks Were Killed; A Munitions Depot Was Blown Up

Stockholm, Jan. 4.—A Haparanda dispatch to The Tidningen says that a munitions depot on the Russian southwestern front was blown up recently and that all buildings within a radius of two kilometres were destroyed.

BERLIN SUPPORTED KUEHLMANN'S STAND

Disputes Among Enemy Delegations at Sessions at Brest-Litovsk

London, Jan. 4.—There were two distinct tendencies noticeable among the enemy delegations at the Brest-Litovsk meetings, the Petrograd correspondent of The London Daily News says. One was for annexation, this side being represented by General von Hoffmann.

A moderate view was upheld by Russian Secretaries von Kuehlmann and Czernin. There were frequent disputes between the two tendencies. These were settled, it is added, by appeals to Berlin, which always supported von Kuehlmann and Czernin.

LITVINOFF UPHOLDS BOLSHEVIKI IDEAS

As Ambassador to Britain Hopes to "Spread Truth About Russia"

London, Jan. 4.—Max Litvinoff, who has been appointed Bolshevik Ambassador to Great Britain and who said yesterday that he probably would return to Petrograd, has decided to remain in London pending the receipt of his instructions.

M. Litvinoff's wife is an English woman, and he is an old friend and associate of Lenin. He is declared to be a whole-hearted supporter of the Bolsheviks, with whom he apparently is in close touch. The Daily Mail quotes him as saying that until a courier brings him his formal appointment he cannot say whether he will accept the ambassadorship, but in a long interview in The Daily Chronicle he speaks as if he is resolved to take it.

SHIPBUILDING DEAL IN STATES BROUGHT PROFIT OF MILLION

Washington, Jan. 4.—Profits amounting to more than \$1,000,000 were made by the Clifton Navigation Company in a deal involving great shipbuilding contracts, according to testimony to-day before the Senate Commerce Committee, which is investigating the shipbuilding programme of the United States.

PLAN FOR OPERATING RAILROADS OUTLINED BY MR. WILSON TO-DAY

Tells Houses at Washington That Only by Government Operation Can Unity Country Needs During War Be Obtained; Bills Introduced

Washington, Jan. 4.—President Wilson to-day laid before the Houses of Congress, assembled in joint session, his recommendations for carrying out Government operation of the railroads throughout the United States.

To guarantee proper returns to the railroads during the period of Government operation, the President recommended that Congress provide for compensation at the rate of the same net operating income as the railroads have received for the three preceding fiscal years.

To provide for proper maintenance of the roads and their return to their owners in the same order as the Government takes them over, the President recommended legislation to authorize their upkeep and betterment during the period of federal operation.

Only by Government operation, the President told Congress, could the unity necessary to the country be obtained, and he added that existing organizations of the railroads should be disturbed as little as possible.

The President laid special stress on the guarantees to the roads and their stockholders. President's Address. The President spoke as follows: "Gentlemen of the Congress: I have asked the privilege of addressing you in order to report that on the 28th of December last, during the recess of Congress, acting through the Secretary of War and under the authority conferred upon me by the Act of Congress approved August 29, 1917, I took possession and assumed control of the railway lines of the country and the systems of water transportation under their control. This step seemed to be imperatively necessary in the interest of the public welfare, in the presence of the great tasks of war with which we were dealing."

Great Responsibility. "To assume control of the vast railway systems of the country is, I realize, a very heavy responsibility, but to fail to do so in the existing circumstances would have been a much greater one. I assumed the less responsibility rather than the weightier. I am sure that I am speaking the mind of all thoughtful Americans when I say that it is our duty as the representatives of the nation to do everything that it is necessary to do to secure the complete mobilization of the entire resources of the United States by as rapid and effective a means as can be found."

Responded Well. "The directors of the railways responded to the need promptly and generously. The groups of railway executives who were charged with the task of actual co-ordination and general direction performed their task with patriotic zeal and marked ability, as was to have been expected, and did, I believe, everything that was possible for them to do in the circumstances. If I have taken the task out of their hands, it has not been because of any dereliction or failure on their part, but only because there were some things which the Government can do and the railway managements can not. We shall continue to value most highly the advice and assistance of these gentlemen and I am sure we shall not find them withholding it."

"It has become unmistakably plain that only under Government administration can the entire equipment of the several systems of transportation be fully and unreservedly thrown into common service without particular discrimination against particular properties. Only under Government administration can an absolutely unencumbered and unembarrassed common use be made of all tracks, terminals, terminal facilities and equipment of every kind. Only under that authority can new terminals be constructed and developed without regard to the requirements or limitations of particular roads. Under Government administration all these things will be possible, not instantly, but as fast as practical difficulties, which cannot be merely conjured away, give way before the new management."

Little Disturbance. "The common administration will be carried out with as little disturbance of the present operating organizations and personnel of the railways as possible. Nothing will be altered or disturbed which it is not necessary to disturb. We are serving the public interest, and safeguarding the public safety, but we also are regardful of the interest of those by whom these great properties are owned and glad to avail ourselves of the experience and trained ability of those who have been managing them. First Consideration. "It is necessary that the transportation of troops and of war materials, of food and of fuel, and of everything that is necessary for the full mobilization of the energies and resources of the country should be first considered, but it is clearly in the public interest that the ordinary activities and the normal industrial and commercial life of the country should be interfered with and disrupted as little as possible and the public may rest assured that the interest and convenience of the private shipper will be as carefully served and safeguarded as it is possible to serve and safeguard them in the present extraordinary circumstances. "While the present authority of the executive suffices for all purposes of administration and while, of course, all private interests must for the present give way to the public necessity, it is, I am sure you will agree with me, right and necessary that the owners and creditors of the railways, the holders of their stocks and bonds, should receive from the Government an adequate guarantee that their properties will be maintained throughout the period of Federal control in as good repair and as complete equipment as at present and that the several railroads will receive under Federal management just alike to their owners and to the general public. I would suggest the average net railway operating income of the three years ended June 30, 1917. I earnestly recommend that these guarantees be given by appropriate legislation and given as promptly as circumstances permit. Just Proposal. "I need not point out the essential justice of such guarantees and their great influence and significance as elements in the present financial and industrial situation of the country. Indeed, one of the strong arguments for assuming control of the railroads at this time is the financial argument. It is necessary that the values of railway securities should be justly and fairly protected and that the large financial operations every year necessary in connection with the maintenance, operation and development of the roads should, during the period of the war, be wisely related to the financial operations of the Government. Our first duty is, of course, to conserve the common interest and the common safety and to make certain that nothing stands in the way of the successful prosecution of the great war for liberty and justice, but it is an obligation of public conscience and of public honor that the private interests we disturb should be kept safe from unjust injury, and it is of the utmost consequence to the Government itself that all great financial operations should be stabilized and co-ordinated with the financial operations of the Government. No borrowing should run athwart the borrowings of the Federal Treasury, and no fundamental industrial values should anywhere be unnecessarily impaired. In the hands of small investors in the country, as well as in national banks, in insurance companies, in savings banks, in trust companies, in financial agencies of every kind, railway securities, the sum total of which runs up to ten or eleven thousand millions, constitute a vital part of the structure of credit, and the unquestioned strength of that structure must be maintained. McAdoo As Director. "The Secretary of War and I earnestly agreed that in view of the many complex interests which must be safeguarded and harmonized, as well as because of his exceptional experience (Concluded on page 4.)

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AUSTRALIA'S MAJORITY AGAINST COMPULSION

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—A dispatch from Melbourne received by the Reuter Agency here says:

"The latest reports on the Australian conscription referendum show a majority of 750 for conscription in the Australian military forces. The total of all classes of votes gives a majority against conscription of 170,000.

"It is understood that all the Ministers except Sir John Forrest have decided to stand or fall together. Sir John declined to associate himself with the decision of his colleagues because he was not present at the meeting at which the referendum was made a vital issue. A movement is on foot to appoint him leader of a re-constructed Nationalist Government."

CHILDREN BURNED; DIED.

Dawson, Jan. 4.—As the result of a disastrous fire at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Day here in which all the eight members of the family were severely burned, Joe and Clifford Day, aged 3 and 4 years respectively, are dead. Mrs. Day and the remaining four children are in a very precarious condition.

BRITAIN MUST TAKE MORE OF HER MEN FOR THE TRENCHES

London, Jan. 4.—Representatives of the Government and the trades unions met at Westminster yesterday in what is considered a most important conference to discuss the question of manpower.

Rt. Hon. George N. Barnes, a member of the War Cabinet, presided. Sir Auckland Geddes, Minister of National Service, speaking in behalf of the Government, said that the position in the last six months had been completely altered by the Russian situation. Ultimately the balance would be more than equalized by the American armies. During the intervening period, however, a great strain would be thrown on this country's resources.

After the closest scrutiny of the whole question, said the Minister, the Government was convinced that it would be impossible to maintain the armies in the field unless a large number of men were recruited from the technical units, but also for the fighting units.

The meeting was adjourned until today.

RATIONING SCHEME FOR BRITAIN READY

When the Cabinet Approves Rhondda's Plan It Will Be Carried Out

London, Jan. 4.—Compulsory rationing is to be put into effect in this country at an early date, according to Lord Rhondda, the Food Controller. Speaking at Silvertown yesterday, he prefaced this announcement by saying that he was afraid that compulsory rationing would have to come, and that it was on its way. He then declared that his department had completed a scheme, and that after the sanction of the Cabinet had been received it would be carried out.

Lord Rhondda warned his hearers that there would continue to be a shortage though the conditions would improve steadily.

"There is nothing alarming in the situation," he said. "You have only to tighten your belt. The people of this country are undergoing nothing like the privations in Germany. There they have less than a pound of meat a week."

The Food Controller pointed out that the importation of butter in November and December, 1917, amounted to only 3,000 tons, as compared with 30,000 tons in November and December, 1915. However, there had been an enormous increase in the production of margarine in England, and by June next the capacity of the factories would be four times what it was in 1915.

Referring to the meat shortage Lord Rhondda said he did not want to threaten, but he did not want to commandeer cattle, but the machinery would be there to carry the cattle to market when the time came.

The Food Controller strongly supported communal kitchens, and said that Government grants would be made. He incidentally disclosed the fact that Lady Rhondda had obtained the Christmas dinner for her family from one of these kitchens, and added:

"What is good enough for my old woman is quite good enough for anyone."

The director of meat supplies announced that Tuesday will be the meatless day in London and Wednesday in the provinces.

Mr. Lloyd George has issued a strong appeal to the agricultural laborers of the United Kingdom to do their utmost to increase the production of foodstuffs. He declared that the world shortage means that "we may be compelled to feed the army and navy as well as ourselves on what we are able to grow at home."

At Guildford the death has occurred of Mr. William Chandler, aged 70, who did not once miss seeing the Derby during 50 years.

FINANCIAL CONTROL NEEDED, SAYS WHITE

Minister Replies to Gouin's Protest Against New Order-in-Council

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—With reference to Sir Lomer Gouin's protest on the ground of unconstitutionality against the recent Order-in-Council of the Dominion Government, prohibiting the issuance of securities of provinces, municipalities and companies without consent of the Minister of Finance, Sir Thomas White has made the following statement:

"The Order-in-Council was long overdue. It was drafted in July last and passed upon by the Department of Justice, which gave at that time its written opinion that, as a war measure, it was within the express jurisdiction of the Dominion Government under the terms of the British North America Act, and if the Dominion Government has no power to regulate or control issues of Provincial Governments it would seem to follow that it has no power to regulate or control issues of municipalities or companies which derive their charters and powers from provincial authority. To give effect to this contention would seriously curtail the exclusive jurisdiction of the Dominion Government in matters of national defence from the standpoint of war finance and national prosperity, which is dependent largely at present upon the success of Dominion finance."

"There can be no doubt as to the advisability of the measure. It is imperative, if Canada's investment market is to be able to meet the increasing demands which must be made upon it, that there should be such control, not only having regard to the purpose for which such issues are made, but also as to the time at which they are made, in order that congestion may be avoided."

"I do not apprehend that any hardship will arise under the administration of this order. On the contrary I am of the opinion that it is in the interest of all public borrowers themselves that there should be regulation of their issues, in order that the market may be conserved for the common benefit at this time. The prosperity of Canada, which enables us to support the burdens of the war, depends in a large degree upon the Dominion finance, which furnishes credit which enables our production in so many important lines to continue, and which is responsible for the circulation of such vast sums of money, to the manifest advantage of the trade of every province and municipality in Canada. If this condition is to be maintained, it is essential that the Canadian money market shall be availed of for the purpose only of interest, and that liquid capital should not at this time become fixed capital by reason of being invested in unproductive enterprise or in unnecessary public works."

"The Minister further stated with respect to the matter of notification of the Provincial Governments that a special issue of The Canada Gazette had been published containing the Order-in-Council and copies sent to all Provincial Treasurers."

RUSSIANS READY TO DEFEND REVOLUTION

German Proposals Condemned at Meeting in Petrograd; Resolution Passed

Petrograd, Jan. 3, via London, Jan. 4.—Ascertaining that the Government of the Russian workers would not consent to such conditions as were included in the German peace proposals at Brest-Litovsk, Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, addressing the central committee of the Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates here yesterday, said that if the Central Powers did not agree to free disposal of the destiny of the Polish and Lithuanian nations, it would be urgently necessary to defend the Russian revolution. He said the needs at the front would be satisfied, whatever efforts might be necessary. He denounced "in seething terms" Germany's hypocritical peace proposals.

Representatives from all the fronts who attended the meeting declared the troops would defend the revolution, but said bread and boots were necessary.

Resolution.

The resolution adopted after Trotsky had delivered his address follows:

"This assembly confirms the fact that the programme proclaimed by the representatives of the Quadruple Alliance at Brest-Litovsk recognizes in principle the conclusion of a peace without annexations or indemnities. This recognition establishes the basis for further, par patrias with the view of a general democratic peace."

"However, already the representatives of the German Government have refused to admit the free right of oppressed nations and colonies seized before the beginning of the war in 1914 to dispose of their own destiny. This restriction, which was immediately reported by the Russian delegation, signifies that the dominant parties in Germany, compelled by a popular movement to grant concessions to the principles of a democratic peace, nevertheless are trying to distort this idea in the sense of their own annexation policy."

Removal of Troops.

"The Austro-German delegation, in setting forth the practical conditions of peace in the East, alters still further the idea of a just, democratic peace. This declaration is made in view of the fact that the Austrian and German Governments refused to guarantee immediately and irrevocably the removal of their troops from the occupied countries of Poland, Lithuania, Courland and all other countries occupied by their troops."

"The allegation of the German delegation that the will of the peoples of the said countries has already been manifested is devoid of all foundation. Under martial law, and under the yoke of the military censorship, the peoples of the occupied countries could not express their will. The documents upon which the German Government could base its allegation at best only prove the manifestation of the will of a few privileged groups, and in no way the will of the masses in those territories."

"We now declare that the Russian revolution remains faithful to the policy of internationalism. We defend the right of Poland, Lithuania, Courland and to dispose of their own destiny actually and freely."

"Never will we recognize the justice of imposing the will of a foreign nation on any nations whatever."

"This joint session insists that the peace parliaments shall be communicated later to the neutral states and instructs the Soldiers' and Workmen's Councils and the Commissioners to take measures to bring this about."

"We say to the people of Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria: 'Under your pressure your Governments have been obliged to accept the motto of no annexations and no indemnities—but recently they have been trying to carry on their old policy of evasion. Remember that the conclusion of an immediate democratic peace will depend, actually and above all, on you. The people of Europe look to you, exhausted and bled by such a war, as there never was before, that you will not permit the Austro-German imperialists to make war against revolutionary Russia for the subjection of Poland, Lithuania, Courland and Armenia.'

The resolution was endorsed by the executive committees of the Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates, and the Petrograd Soldiers' and Workmen's Council and representatives of the general army."

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DAWSON SUFFERS FROM PNEUMONIA EPIDEMIC

Dawson, Jan. 4.—For the last 32 days of the old year the temperature at Dawson averaged 53 degree below zero, and even lower than that at some other points in the Yukon Valley. Conditions change for the better with the arrival of the New Year and the thermometers are registering in the thirties below. The lowest recorded at Dawson was 58 below. At Felly 71 below was reached.

An epidemic of colds and pneumonia kept all the Dawson hospitals filled, while many others were ill in their homes. The deaths from pneumonia include those of Ernest Rivard, former commissioner of public works for Dawson; James Cassidy, agent of the New York Life Insurance Company; Bert B. Pinkerton, a well-known pioneer and Yukon traffic man; J. Kearns, a pioneer miner; William Powell, a well-known colored miner; and Mrs. Dan Coates.

REFUSED BY BERLIN.

Petrograd, Jan. 3, via London, Jan. 4.—Replying to the Russian protest, the German Foreign Minister, Dr. von Kuhlmann, has confirmed the German Government's refusal to issue passports to Hugo Haase, George Lebeur and Carl Kaestky, Socialists, who desired to go to Stockholm to hold an unofficial peace conference. Dr. von Kuhlmann stated that this refusal should not be interpreted as an act in opposition to the movement for peace. The German Government believed, he said, that the progress of the peace negotiations might be hindered by an unofficial conference held simultaneously with the official negotiations.

LIQUOR IN BRITAIN.

London, Jan. 4.—Replying to a communication from Robert V. Harecourt, member for Monrovia, Burgis, urging a further reduction in the drink traffic, Mr. Lloyd George claims that he can act only by the consent of public opinion and argues that drinking already has been reduced to an extent that would have been incredible before the war. Not only have the hours of sale been curtailed, he says, but the amount of alcohol consumed has been enormously reduced.

RUSSIAN PROPOSALS.

London, Jan. 4.—A dispatch to The London Daily Mail from Petrograd, dated Wednesday, says:

"The Russians now have made counter proposals to the Teutonic allies which are under consideration and will be discussed at the next meeting of the delegations at Brest-Litovsk on Saturday."

"The proposals embody the immediate evacuation of occupied territory pending a referendum, the evacuated districts to be governed by locally elected representatives of the people, assisted by the local militia."

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DOCTORS BELIEVE LUXBURG INSANE

Buenos Ayres, Jan. 4.—Count Luxburg, German envoy of "Spurio Venenkt" fame, is now insane and has been eccentric for a decade, according to a report by medical authorities who have had him under observation.

The finding was reported after prolonged and careful study of the former German Minister now held in an internment camp, by a number of reliable medical authorities. The report says their information was that Luxburg had been acting queerly for a number of years.

A dispatch several weeks ago reported that the belief was growing in Buenos Ayres among Germans that the former German Minister was a victim of dementia. At that time he was under observation.

WELL-KNOWN NANAIMO RESIDENT SUCCUMBS

Nanaimo, Jan. 4.—William Marshall, a resident of this city for the past thirty years and one of the best known figures in the community, died in the local hospital yesterday of cerebral trouble.

He is survived by his widow, one daughter and two step-daughters, all residing here.

SKEENA RIDING.

Prince Rupert, Jan. 4.—Wadhams' cannery gives Peck Unionist, 4; Stark, Liberal, 3. The Victoria cannery gives Peck 3, Stark, 7. This completes all the Skeena returns.

Dangerous Gas and Acids That Hurt the Stomach—Sour the Food Cause Dyspepsia, Indigestion

Recommend a Safe Way to Treat Stomach Trouble at Home

Many stomach sufferers who are always full of gas and whose stomachs ache with acid after every meal think these things are the RESULT of indigestion when in reality they are the CAUSE.

It is just as foolish to give artificial digestants such as pepsin, etc., to a stomach full of gas and acid as it would be for a man who had stepped on a tack to rub liniment on his foot without removing the tack.

Some stomachs generate too much gas and acid. Gas distends the stomach walls, causing a full, bloated, oppressive feeling, while the acid irritates and inflames the lining of the stomach. Naturally the food ferments and sours, digestion is often delayed and stomach misery is the result. Artificial digestants will push this sour fermenting mass into the intestines and so relieve the stomach pain, but the acid still remains in the stomach to generate more gas and produce more trouble at the next meal.

If you are using digestive aids after meals drop them for a while and instead get a few E-grain tablets of pure bisulphated magnesia from your druggist and take two with each meal. Bisulphated Magnesia does not digest food, but will neutralize the excessive acid in your stomach, keep the food sweet and will drive the gas and bloated right out of your body. As Magnesia is prepared in various forms be sure to get Bisulphated Magnesia for this purpose as it is not a laxative and in this refined form will not injure the stomach in any way.

BLIND SOLDIERS AT ST. DUNSTAN'S BOX

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—Boxing is one of the favorite sports of the blinded soldiers at St. Dunstan's Hospital in London, England, where the Canadian boys who have lost their sight in battle are being re-educated.

The extent to which the other senses can be scientifically trained to replace vision as outlined by W. E. Cowen, the Canadian representative of the Hostel, explains the eagerness of the re-educated Canadians who have returned to take up civil life after the courses in St. Dunstan's, to have all their comrades benefit by this training rather than return to Canada to be cared for in institutions newly established.

Bells on Gloves.

Boxing is made possible for the men by attaching little bells on the wrists of the gloves which are differently toned for the right and left hands. Hearing becomes so keen with practice that it is easy for the men to judge the distance and follow the motions of their sparring partners, so easy in fact that the spectators cannot be convinced that the boxers are really blind.

The Canadian boys whose re-education has been arranged for at St. Dunstan's by the Military Hospitals Commission not only learn a new occupation there, but through the general training regain self-confidence and a firm grasp on the new life in a new world.

SIR GEORGE BUCHANAN LEAVES PETROGRAD

London, Jan. 4.—The departure from Petrograd owing to ill-health of the British Ambassador, Sir George Buchanan, is reported in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from that city. The message says the Ambassador was accompanied by a number of British military and civil officers.

HUNGARIAN LOAN.

London, Jan. 4.—Subscriptions to Hungary's seventh war loan totalling about 3,000,000,000 kronen, whereas the Government expected 3,000,000,000 kronen, telegraphs the correspondent at Amsterdam of the Exchange Telegraph Company. Most of the subscriptions were forced on the leading banks, the message reads, only an insignificant share being taken by the populace.

BRITISH REPULSED RAID; FRENCH TROOPS CARRIED OUT A RAID

London, Jan. 4.—A report from Field-Marshal Haig, issued here last night, said:

"Early this morning enemy troops attempted to raid one of our posts east of Epheby, but were driven off by machine gun fire before reaching our positions."

"The hostile artillery has shown increased activity during the day southward and west of Cambes; it also was active at a number of points south of Lens to Arrmentieres and in the neighborhood of Zonnebecq."

French Report.

Paris, Jan. 4.—The following official report was issued here last night:

"There was intermittent artillery activity at several points along the right bank of the Meuse, in the region of the Bois des Pesses, Tillumont and Louvemont."

"This morning, northeast of Fort de la Pompelle, we carried out a raid and brought back prisoners."

The Food Controller Says:

No More Crockery in Packages; No Giving Away FREE Any Article With Other Goods

IT'S TO BE THE COPAS & YOUNG SYSTEM

Pay For What You Get, and That at the Lowest Price Possible

ANTI-COMBINE BAKING POWDER, 5-lb. can 90c, 12-oz. can 20c	NICE PINK SALMON Large can 20c
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RED SEAL JAM Per jar 10c	BOSTON ROLLED BACON, by the roll Per lb. 27 1/2c
EMPRESS SODA BISCUITS, large carton 30c	NICE CEYLON TEA, per lb. 35c
INDEPENDENT CREAMERY BUTTER 2 lbs. for 95c	ROBIN HOOD or QUAKER ROLLED OATS Large carton 25c
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LEGAL AND OFFICIAL NOTICES

Notice of Application for Private Bill

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia...

RE TREASURY CERTIFICATES

Power to arrange for the renewal, at or after maturity, from time to time, of all or any portion of any treasury certificates or treasury bills heretofore or hereafter issued by the Corporation...

RE DELINQUENT TAXES

The Act to require the Corporation or its Collector to hold a tax sale during the latter half of the year 1918 of all lands in respect of which general or local improvement rates or taxes are unpaid...

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NOTICE OF TENDERS

The Imperial Munitions Board, Wooden Shipbuilding Department, best to give notice that they are calling for tenders to be closed by Saturday, January 12, 1918...

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Albert Smith, Deceased. All persons having claims against this estate are required to send particulars thereof, duly verified, to the undersigned not later than the 15th day of January, 1918.

MANY DONATIONS

Good Reports of Christmas Work at Meeting of Friendly Help Association. Only eight members attended the regular meeting of the Friendly Help Association this morning...

NOTICE

In the Matter of the Land Registry Act and in the Matter of Crown Grant No. 3,432-231:

Whereas application has been made to register a Crown Grant covering the southwest 1/4 of Section 23, Township 8, Range 1, Coast District, and for the issuance of an Indefeasible Title to Frank A. Johnson, of Hagensburg, British Columbia, and in support of said application a declaration has been made that the original Crown Grant was destroyed by fire on the 1st day of July, 1910...

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RECOGNITION PERHAPS OF LENINE REGIME

ON THE MAINLAND

Plans of University of B. C. Include Production of Seeds

London, Jan. 4.—Recognition of the Lenin Government in Russia by the Allies is probable owing to the developments in the Russo-German negotiations, according to The London Daily Chronicle. The statement apparently is based on a contribution "by a diplomatic correspondent" which is printed beneath it.

"There are," he says, "three alternatives: the Bolsheviks may give way, the Germans may give way, or there will be a rupture of relations. The third is the most probable, since the Bolsheviks have exhibited a perspicacity which was hardly expected in this country."

Referring to the retirement of Sir George W. Buchanan, the British Ambassador to Russia, whose services are praised highly, the writer says: "In his place probably would be sent a diplomat in marked sympathy with the ideas of revolutionary Russia."

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SIR EDWARD MORRIS EXPLAINS RESIGNATION

London, Jan. 4 (via Reuters) Ottawa Agency.—Sir Edward Morris, Prime Minister of Newfoundland, whose resignation has been announced, in a statement yesterday stated that there was no difference of opinion between himself and his colleagues, but on the contrary he was at one with his Government and the Legislature on all matters.

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A January Sale Offering of Women's Winter Coats on Sale To-night and Saturday Morning at \$13.95



A Most Attractive Group of Women's and Misses' Warm, Practical Winter Coats Are Specially Priced at \$13.95, and are on sale to-night and Saturday morning.

All Suits Radically Reduced for January Sale. View These Groups at \$19.75, \$22.75, \$27.50, \$32.50

January Sale of American Lady Corsets, Regular Aprons \$2.50 for \$1.95. Sizes 25 to 36

Overall Aprons, Loose and Fitted Styles. Regular \$3.75, for \$2.50. Regular \$4.00, for \$2.75. Regular \$4.50, for \$3.00.

Colored Aprons, With and Without Bibs. Regular \$3.25, for \$2.25. Regular \$3.50, for \$2.50. Regular \$4.00, for \$3.00.

Nurses' Aprons, Round or Square Bibs. Regular \$4.50, for \$3.00. Regular \$5.00, for \$3.50. Regular \$5.50, for \$4.00.

White Linen Aprons, Without Bibs. Regular \$4.25, for \$3.00. Regular \$4.50, for \$3.25. Regular \$5.00, for \$3.75.

Waitress' Aprons of Heavy White Lawn. Regular \$1.00, for \$0.85.

CANADIANS BEAT OFF RAIDS BY GERMANS

Enemy Troops Appear Not Anxious to Make Further Attempts. Canadian Headquarters in France, Jan. 3, via London, Jan. 4.—(By the Canadian Overseas Correspondent.)

CONFERENCE HELD AT OTTAWA ABOUT QUESTION OF STEEL

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—The War Cabinet held an important conference yesterday afternoon with representatives of the Canadian railways, steel companies producing sheet steel, and the Imperial Munitions Board in reference to meeting requirements of the Munitions Board for sheet steel on the one hand and the needs of the railway companies on the other hand for rails necessary for the maintenance of the railway traffic of Canada.

KEEPING SOLDIERS STRONG

Early in the world-war cod liver oil was selected to fortify the health of soldiers against the rigors and exposure of camp life and to help build up enduring strength.

SCOTT'S IS THE EMULSION. That actually guarantees the richest quality of pure Cod Liver Oil, and is skilfully emulsified to promote prompt assimilation which is always difficult with the raw oil. Scott's Emulsion is famous for putting power in the blood to thwart colds, grippe, pneumonia and lung trouble.

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SHIPBUILDING AND STEEL INDUSTRY.

A strong economic argument in support of the Canadian Navy policy of a few years ago was that the construction of warships in Canada would stimulate shipbuilding in general and foster the iron and steel industry.

This is what happened across the international boundary line. The Washington authorities encouraged the steel shipbuilding industry at Seattle and in San Francisco with Government contracts for warships, patrol ships, etc., and this enabled the operators to expand their facilities and the scope of their operations.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries announces the intention of the Canadian Government to utilize to their utmost capacity all the existing yards in Canada for the construction of modern steel cargo steamers.

SHOULD STEP CAREFULLY.

The Premier of Quebec has challenged the constitutionality of the Order-in-Council prohibiting the issue of securities by provinces, municipalities and companies without the consent of the Federal Minister of Finance.

The constitutional point no doubt will be settled in the courts. Possibly the Federal Government can do anything and everything it wants as a war measure; but it would be well for provinces and municipalities to keep a wary eye on this situation.

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vincial and municipal control, and he will have to step very cautiously in enforcing them.

BUSINESSMEN-AT-ARMS.

Lieut.-General Sir Arthur Currie, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., etc., is a real estate and insurance broker; Lieut.-General Sir Richard Turner, V.C., K.C.B., K.C.M.G., etc., is a wholesale grocer.

WAS HIS HAND FORCED?

In his recent speech on war aims Premier Lloyd George remarked that the war was forced upon the world by the arrogance of the military caste in Prussia who, he added, "were prepared to overthrow their own ruler and set up another who was more in sympathy with their aims."

Whatever else may be charged against the German Emperor it cannot be said that he is lacking in determination and force. In these attributes he was much stronger than the men who surrounded him in the summer of 1914.

If ever a country had a "boss" Germany had one in the Kaiser. The army was his army. The navy was his navy. He was behind the Hamburg-American Company.

Who was it that said "our future lies upon the water" and followed the saying with a naval programme aimed directly at Britain's sea-power? Was it von Tirpitz or the Crown Prince? Not by a long shot. It was the Kaiser, who now says he did not "will" this war and whose hand is reported to have been forced in August, 1914.

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THOSE PRISONERS.

The number of German, Austrian and Turkish prisoners believed to be in Russia when the revolution broke out was about 1,500,000.

Some of the prisoners undoubtedly have escaped since the revolution, but there is good reason to believe that all of these did not return to Germany and Austria.

The Roumanians from Transylvania, of course, would join the Roumanian army, while the Italian subjects of Austria for the most part would cast their fortunes with Italy rather than return to the Hapsburg army.

In the event of peace being made with Russia, Germany and Austria would demand that the Bolsheviks force their fit prisoners to return, but that is something the present Petrograd leaders cannot do.

A newspaper correspondent at Petrograd says there appeared to be two different tendencies among the German peace delegates at Brest-Litovsk.

THE STOCK MARKET TRADER.

The trader who survives a few ups and downs becomes a cynical philosopher. He takes his profits as evidence of temporary good fortune, and his losses as part of the risk attendant upon a precarious method of livelihood.

THE RESOURCEFUL TOMMY.

The British Tommy has always been famous for the brilliancy of his powers of resource. If asked questions he did not want to answer by people who had no right to know.

LEAVES WORTH SAVING.

In this period of general economy and of war gardening the leaves that fall from city trees should not be burned.

Draft Reported Yesterday Outfitting Men at Willows

Many a Laugh But Never a Grumble Heard in Barracks as Latest Addition to Forces Don the Khaki at No. 2 Depot

O, we take him from the desk and loggers' hut, And dress him up and make him look so neat, We teach him how to hold his manly "nut," And how to walk, and where to put his feet.

O, Canadian fighting Tommy, you're a good 'un, heart and hand, You're a credit to your brand new job, and to all your native land, May your luck be never changing, may your girl be ever true, God bless you, Tommy,—good old sport,—here's your country's love to you.

It's very easy to adapt "Tommy Atkins" as above, and the best of it is that the above is true as regards the spirit shown by the first arrivals of the draft under the Military Service Act at the Willows yesterday.

In the afternoon others who had come down by train from interior points, arrived at the camp, and one or two reached their new home in the evening.

These fresh men were laughing at the newness to them, of the things they saw and handled, smiling a bit, at their warrantable first awkwardness, and covering up their present lack of dexterity as regards things military by jokes and comments on their changed experiences.

There was no drill for them on the first day. All they did was to get their kit, arrange it, and themselves, in the barrack-room quarters, make the acquaintance of the mess, and, generally, size up the camp and their own surroundings, and get ready to get busy on their new job.

The first start is made by spreading the man's blanket wide open on the floor. Next follows an avalanche of kit equipment, from greatcoats, shirts and bayonet to socks and razor, all being brought from the shelves where they are stacked in the different sizes.

Altogether it makes a formidable bundle, so the Tommy dons the greatcoat and cap over his civilian trousers, and with the rest of the kit enveloped in the blanket, heaves the big bundle over his shoulder and staggers out, rifle in the other hand, to deposit his belongings on his allotted space in the barrack-room.

All the new Tommies enter the Q.M. stores in the civilian dress, crying according to their personal choice in this matter.

At a meeting of the Police Commissioners and Naval and Military representatives, held at the Police Building to-day, it was arranged, and the plan was subsequently confirmed by telephone, to send a deputation to Premier Brewster on Monday morning at 11.30.

Those present included Mayor Todd, Commissioner R. S. Day, Reeve Borden, Reeve Gordon, Major Ritchie, Captain Tweedale and Commander Shenton, R. N.

The object of the meeting was to discuss the situation which has arisen through having no adequate place to send prisoners, who are sentenced or awaiting trial. It was shown that of the fifteen prisoners in the City lock-up who had been confined since the closing of the Satchin prison, nearly all were cases which ought to have been confined elsewhere.

A Newcastle woman recently ordered 4 lbs. of sugar, to come with the delivery van, but when the van arrived there was only 2 lbs. The next day she went to see the shopkeeper, and asked him why he sent only 2 lbs., whereon he replied: "You have to use economy with sugar."

HUGHES MAY REBUILD AUSTRALIAN CABINET

Will Make Effort Following Re-election as Leader of Nationalists

Vancouver, Jan. 4.—A special cable dispatch to The Vancouver World from Sydney, N.S.W., says: "At a full meeting of the Nationalist party yesterday Mr. Hughes signified his intention of resigning from office as Prime Minister, but qualified this by adding that he placed himself unreservedly in the hands of his party as to what action should be taken.

MORE LIGHT THROWN ON GERMAN POLICY

Bolsheviki Discover Berlin Negotiated With Czar's Government Against Socialists

London, Jan. 4.—In the archives of the Russian Foreign Office there have been discovered documents of unusual interest dealing with negotiations between the German Government and the late Imperial Russian Government in regard to a national convention to combat Socialism, according to the Petrograd correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company.

Other curious documents relating to the origin of the war throw light on certain aspects of the German policy. These papers will be published as soon as they have been classified.

M. Kerensky, the former Premier of Russia, has prepared an account of his services during the period of the first revolution which will be presented to the Constituent Assembly.

PLAN FOR OPERATING RAILROADS OUTLINED BY MR. WILSON TO-DAY

and ability in this new field of governmental action, the Hon. William G. Meadon was the right man to assume direct administrative control of this new executive task.

It is probably too much to expect that even under the unified railway administration which will now be possible sufficient economies can be effected in the operation of the railways to make it possible to add to their equipment and extend their operative facilities as much as the present extraordinary demands upon their use will render desirable without resorting to the national treasury for the funds.

It was the first week that the Jinkses, who had fallen hours to considerable property, had been in their new home.

"What, ma'am?" exclaimed the amazed cook. "Bliss the peas?"

"Lena," said Mrs. Jinks to her new cook, "be sure to mash the peas thoroughly to-night."

The property inside the limits of Victoria is held by 2,964 different persons, according to the assessment roll.

Passengers on incoming San Francisco boats report that a few seals may be seen along the coast. It is early yet for them to be plentiful.

Advertisement for Kirk & Co. Ltd. featuring a coat of arms and the text: 'KIRK & Co. Ltd. 1212 Broad St. Phone 139'

After careful consideration we have awarded our prize of \$25.00 in gold to Mr. W. J. W. Brown, which we consider very clever.

The Fuel Controller fixed the price, Which makes the same for all, But gives ADVANTAGE to those who buy

KIRK'S fine Old Wellington Coal.

For more important than the price And the thing all folks extol; Is the QUALITY as fixed by KIRK

With their Famous Old Wellington Coal.

Sent by W. J. W. Brown, 1328 Balmoral Road, Victoria, B. C.

Advertisement for Red Cross Work featuring a cross symbol and the text: 'RED CROSS WORK'

A circular, dated January 1, has been issued from Victoria to all Red Cross Committees in the B. C. Island District.

"The Halifax Mail of December 14 states: 'The Canadian Red Cross made possible the care of thousands of injured with a swiftness that saved many lives.'"

"The Halifax Echo of December 15 states: 'The Canadian Red Cross were the first to arrive on the ground with any adequate supply of hospital supplies, dressings, etc.'"

"These quotations illustrate the two cardinal aims of the Red Cross. One is greater comfort for the sick and wounded. The other is a reserve supply of necessities for any emergency."

"The Society's reserve has been seriously depleted by the Halifax disaster, and may be further reduced at any moment by a big offensive on the western front. While giving thanks to the devoted women whose work provided the articles which did so much for the relief of suffering at Halifax, we must ask them to rally now to our urgent work on supplies for overseas."

"In Victoria the average production of supplies for the last four months has not equalled the best periods of last spring. Therefore at the opening of 1918 a special appeal is made for an increased output."

"Let all of us resolve that the New Year shall bring increased support to the Red Cross."

"Let each worker resolve to do a little more and to interest one more worker at once."

"Let each life member resolve to take out a 1918 membership card, and to induce a friend to do likewise."

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, January 4, 1893.

DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

Two Big Events Keeping This Store Busy

The Great Rebuilding Sale and January

Clearance of Winter Merchandise

Women's Suits Priced for a Quick January Clearance at
\$9.75, \$27.50, \$49.75

Three most attractive offerings from which women can choose a new Suit to last them for the remainder of the winter months—also one that will come in most useful for early spring wear. Each model has been reduced to a very low price and grouped into three offerings, as follows:

Good Serviceable Suits at \$9.75

Smartly tailored from navy blue and black serges. Some of the old quality serges in this lot, therefore most durable and hard-wearing. These are rare bargains.

A Big Range of Suits Priced at \$27.50

Including many of our better-grade models that were formerly selling from \$40.00 to \$47.50. There are Suits of silk poplins, gaberdines and velours, in new, fashionable shades; also navy and black serges. Stylish models and every one a rare bargain.

High-Grade Novelty Suits at \$49.75

All our higher-priced Novelty Suits included in this assortment, also balance of Imported Models. Exclusive styles to this store. We have made the sale price a low one—only that of a domestic garment. Why not choose yours to-day?

—Mantles, First Floor



The Balance of Men's Suits Must Be Cleared
 To Do It Quickly We Have Cut
 The Original Prices in Half

\$16.50 Suits for \$8.00
\$20.00 and \$22.50 Suits for \$10.00
\$27.50, \$30 and \$32.50 Suits for \$15

These are Suit bargains that have no duplicates in this city, and we question if such good bargains can be had in any other part of this province or in Western Canada.

There's only one reason for these drastic price reductions. We are rebuilding the Douglas Street section of this store, and therefore must remove the Men's and Boys' Clothing Department by the end of this month. We want to make the removal as light as possible—cash is easier to handle than a big stock of merchandise with no proper space in which to display it.

Our loss is your gain—but don't be content with simply reading about these bargains. Be a participant. Come and investigate and buy two Suits at the cost of one, or one Suit at half its true cost.

Your size is here to-day in one or more of the above offerings. Don't delay and then get disappointed. Act now—to-night.

—Men's Clothing, Main Floor



Reduced Prices That Will Make a Quick Clearance of Our Boys' Suits

Parents cannot overlook these prices, if they have boys needing new Suits without neglecting a most unusual opportunity to save. We must reduce the stock previous to the removal, hence the drastic price reductions on some of the finest Suits ever made for boys to wear.

Bring your boys along and examine these Suit bargains for yourself—if you are not satisfied with the bargains offered there is no obligation for you to buy.

One point we would like you to bear in mind: Boys' Suits will not get lower in price. Future deliveries are bound to show increases, while the quality fabrics may not be so good as formerly.

Our present stock, which we offer now, was bought wisely and well—it's the finest Boys' Clothing in the city. Tailored beautifully in the yoke Norfolk and semi-pinch-back styles; with bloomer pants, fitted with governor fasteners at knee. Your choice from a good selection of smart materials in browns, greys, mixtures and broken checks.

Values to \$6.50.	\$4.50	Values to \$8.75.	\$6.50
Clearing at Rebuilding Sale.		Clearing at Rebuilding Sale.	
Values to \$7.50.	\$5.50	Values to \$9.75.	\$7.50
Clearing at Rebuilding Sale.		Clearing at Rebuilding Sale.	

—Boys' Clothing, Main Floor

Boys' Sweaters

Boys' Wool Mixture Sweaters, heavy weight, pull-over-head style, Penman's make. In colors mole, trimmed with moss—

Sizes 26 and 28, Special, **\$1.55**
 Sizes 30 and 32, Special, **\$1.65**
 Size 34, Special, **\$1.75**

—Main Floor

Exceptional Boot Bargains for Women

Selling at **\$6.85, \$4.85, \$3.95**

The Boots in this Sale are all high-class models, made by the makers of the famous "Queen Quality" Shoes for women. They were made for present and early Spring wear—1918—but through some slight defect caused at the factory and in process of manufacture, the makers sent them to us for a quick disposal, at prices practically one-half their true values.

This makes a most exceptional offer for women to be correctly shod, just at a time when most shoes of this class are being sold at very high prices. It's a rare chance for those who have a need to economize. All women interested in new footwear should investigate without delay.

Stylish Black Kid Boots at \$4.85 a Pair

Lace and Button Styles, covering every kind of last and style worn to-day. All kid or cloth tops, high or low heels. A big assortment offering splendid choice for business women and others wanting serviceable and stylish footwear. All sizes 2 1/4 to 8 and widths AA to EE.

Patent Leather Boots at \$3.95

Button and Lace Styles, with cloth or kid tops, high or low heels; also White Canvas Lace Boots, with low rubber heels, suitable for nurses' wear.

High Class Novelty Boots at \$6.85 a Pair

Strictly High-grade Novelty and Black Kid Lace Boots, in all sizes, 2 to 8, and widths AAA to D. There are Colored Kid Boots, in champagne, silver, brown and wine; some cloth tops, mostly all Kid, French and Military heels. Brown Calf Lace Boots, new shades and low and medium heels. Black Glazed Kid and Calf Lace Boots. Splendid for present wear.

—Boots, First Floor

Ladies' French Felt Hats

To-day
\$2.50

Very smart models, so suitable for present wear. Your choice from white, green, orange and pink.

—Millinery, Second Floor



Choose Your New Winter Coat From This Splendid Range at \$14.90

It's a price that comes well within the reach of most women, and the values represent models that were formerly priced up as high as \$35.00. It's a chance for women to wear some of the best grade Coats, while only paying the price of a low-grade article.

There's a splendid range of models to choose from—all late season styles, and there's a material and shade to suit the most particular. Novelty cloths and tweeds in light and dark shades well represented. All models feature the big convertible collar, its and hip pockets. Choose early for widest and best selection.

—Mantles, First Floor

Medium Size Combinations for Men

\$2.50 Value for \$1.50

A nice heavy weight ribbed wool mixture, Penman's brand. Sizes 36 and 38 only, so we clean up the lot at a very low price. Regular \$2.50 value for **\$1.50**

—Selling Main Floor

Clean-up of Men's Night Shirts

A few dozen garments which we clean up at very special prices.

Men's White Cotton Night Shirts, heavy twill, English make, finished with turndown collars. Sizes 14 1/2 and 15 1/2 only. About 3 dozen only in this lot. Clearing, each **\$1.25**

Men's Heavy Stripe Flannelette Night Shirts, full size in body, finished with turndown collars. Sizes 15 to 18 neck. Special clearance at **\$1.25**

—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

Crompton's Corsets at \$1.50

A new model Corset which we offer at a low price for quick selling. Made with medium low bust, and long hips. A Corset for the average figure. Splendid sale value.

Broken lines in La Camille, Bon Ton and Goddess Front Lace Corsets clearing at **\$1.95**

—Corsets, First Floor

27-In. Embroidery and Embroidery Flouncings

Clearing at 35c and 50c a Yard

Very neat designs and all exceptional values at these low prices. Quite a nice assortment to choose from. Prepare for next season and buy embroideries now at a saving.

—Embroideries, Main Floor

Eiderdown and Cotton Wool Comforters at Most Reasonable Sale Prices

If you want an extra Bed Covering, something warm and serviceable, we would recommend one of the following Comforters. In these days of high-priced Blankets you will prove a comforter economical in every way. Comforters have not advanced in prices to the same proportion as blankets. Then too, we bought a big quantity many months ago, and can offer you, now, most exceptional values. Come in and see them.

Cotton Filled Comforters, in sizes suitable for all beds and in all weights and qualities from a muslin covered to a fine Art Satene covered in the panelled effects. A full range of designs and colorings to choose from. Priced from as low as, each, **\$1.95 to \$7.25**

Eiderdown Comforters look dainty and give much warmth and satisfaction for small outlay. Your choice from our large stock of English makes, in a pretty range of designs and colorings that it is possible to choose from in a city of this size. Prices range from as low as, each, **\$6.75**, to as high as **\$30.00**

—Blanket Department, Main Floor

Australian Eucalyptus Oil

—Specially distilled for us and imported direct from Tasmania. This genuine Eucalyptus Oil is well-known as the best obtainable and possesses in a high degree all the qualities necessary for its various uses.

2 oz. bottle **25¢**
 4 oz. bottle **45¢**

—Drugs, Main Floor

Sale of Sponges

A large purchase of Travelers' Samples of assorted Turkey, Mediterranean, Florida, and Cuba Sponges at special prices, enables us to place on sale to-day at practically the old wholesale prices.

Many of the Sponges included in this lot cannot be obtained now in quantities. Get your choice early.

Prices Range 10c to \$4.50

—Drugs, Main Floor

DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

AN INCOME FOR LIFE AWAITS ONE OF TIMES READERS

Every Woman Uses

Blankets, and it is generally a source of anxiety when the time comes to have them washed. Send them to us. We guarantee to return them in a condition superior to anything you ever had. Single, 35c; Double, 70c.

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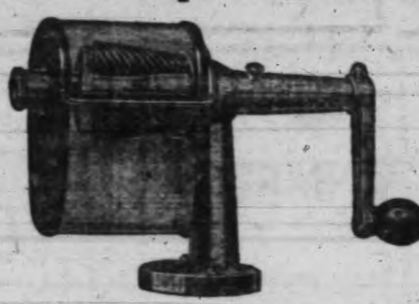
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| Dining Table in solid Fumed Oak, pedestal-style, extends to 6 feet, round 44-inch top. Cash price is \$22.50 | Dining Table, square top, 40 x 40 inches; Golden Oak finish; extends to 8 feet. Cash price is \$11.50 |
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SPECIALS TO-NIGHT Madeira Cakes, each 17c Rock Mixed Candy, per lb. 15c

GROCERY SPECIALS Bulk Rolled Oats, 4 lbs. for 22c Geo. Washington Coffee—Regular \$1.00 size for 84c Small Raisins, 3 lbs. 27c Franco-American Soups, each 10c Fresh Currant Buns, per dozen 13c

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January Dress Sale

\$15.00 values for \$9.75 Brown, Navy, Sage

Serge Dresses reduced to \$9.75, \$6, \$5.75

Cream Serge Dresses—must be cleared.

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English Towels, 20c values, selling for 6c for \$1.00 60c values—Sale price, 2 for \$1.00 70c values, selling for 60c

See Our Window Display of Sweaters and Sweater Coats. All marked down.

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ROYAL VICTORIA TO-NIGHT BILLIE BURKE in ARMS AND THE GIRL Comedy Weekly.

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AT THE HOTELS

J. H. Carson, of Montreal, is staying at the Empress Hotel. George E. Carey, of Seattle, is a guest at the Empress Hotel. Jesse A. Ellsworth, of Seattle, is an arrival at the Empress Hotel.

VARIED SCENES ARE SHOWN IN "THE COMBAT"

While "The Combat," the Vitagraph Blue Ribbon Feature starring Anita Stewart, which is the attraction at the Variety Theatre to-night and to-morrow would come under the class of a society drama it contains a number of flashes of the North woods where dog-teams, snow squalls and rough log cabins form the centre of interest.

SANTA CLAUS VISITS POLICEMEN'S KIDDIES

About Eighty Children Enjoy Fine Christmas Tree and Party Last Night Heralded by the jingling of sleigh bells which gradually grew louder and louder as he neared his destination, Santa Claus at 7 o'clock last night made his entrance through a window on the third floor of the city police building on Fisgard Street.

EGG-LAYING CONTEST

Result of Second Month of Test Which Continues for Eleven Months. The following is the result of the second month of the seventh international egg-laying contest, held under the auspices of Provincial Department of Agriculture, at the Exhibition Grounds, Victoria, B. C., from October 25, 1917, to September 24, 1918—11 months:

Class I.—Lightweight Varieties, Six Birds to a Pen. Name and Address. Months' Eggs. Total Laid.

Class II.—Heavyweights. Oregon Agric. College, Corvallis, 25 Mrs. G. E. Bunn, Cobble Hill, 12 C. G. Golding, Quiltsun Beach, 12 D. C. Hill, Duncan, 18 W. Bradley, Maywood, 40 E. Bromberg, Sonoma, 52 M. G. Adams, Victoria, 29 J. S. Baines, Cobble Hill, 27 G. E. Osborne, Mission City, 29 G. F. Watson, Gordon Head, 24 W. A. Cox, Chilliwack, 25 H. D. Vernon, New Jersey, 28 Dr. W. H. Medd, Salt Spring Is., 7 E. D. Read, Duncan, 21 S. S. F. Blackman, Sidney, 23 M. W. Cooke, Kelowna, 23 Dean Bros., Keatinge, 23 Mrs. L. Feast, Vancouver, 6 F. W. Frederick, Phoenix, 28 A. H. Anderson, Ft. Hammond, 29

Social Personal

Miss Horner has returned to her home in Vancouver after visiting her sister, Mrs. J. A. Kyle, at Duncan.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Fry, of Port Angeles, Wash., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Umbach, Wellington Avenue, for the New Year holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Turnbull left the city last night for Vancouver, where they will spend the week-end, returning on Sunday night's boat.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred I. Ouellette, who have been spending their honeymoon in the city, returned on Wednesday to Nanaimo, where they will make their home.

NOTICE

THE GIFT CENTRE Our Clock Guessing Contest Closed Dec 31, 12 o'Clock Midnight

The box containing the tickets was closed and sealed up completely in the presence of a representative from The Colonist P. & P. Co., and will remain so until the clock stops.

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parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Draper, of Vancouver. Mrs. W. C. Findlay, wife of the Prohibition Commissioner for British Columbia, accompanied by her small son, arrived in the city from Vancouver on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Findlay have taken up their residence at Oak Bay.

Private Harry Hopkins, who has been a patient at Quilcom Convalescent Hospital for some time has now recovered sufficiently to receive his discharge. He has been spending Christmas with his parents and will remain in Victoria.

Mrs. Ralph Smith is expected in the city on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. John Carr, whose husband is seriously ill in St. Joseph's Hospital. Mr. Carr underwent a serious operation some three weeks ago, and his condition necessitates a second operation as soon as he is well enough to stand the ordeal.

Miss Eva Hart, Mrs. D. B. McCann, Miss Ora Pearson, Miss Kathleen Hudson, Capt. Cullin, Capt. Turnbull, George Horrocks, Marie Hale and Arthur Gore are the principals in a musical comedy to be produced by Stewart Clarke in the near future. Mrs. Tilton is designing the costumes, F. J. Sel' will conduct and A. M. D. Fairbairn will supervise the scenic effects.

Over four hundred tickets have been sold for the children's fancy dress ball at the Empress Hotel to-night, and it is anticipated that the affair will be one of the most popular events of the season. Mrs. Mortimer Appleby has organized the affair, in aid of the funds of the Navy League Chapter, I. O. D. E. In addition to the ball-room several adjoining rooms have been engaged for the accommodation of youthful dancers.

Miss Constance R. Boulton, of Toronto, who will be remembered for her spirited addresses at the meeting of the National Chapter, I. O. D. E., held in Victoria last spring, has been nominated by Mrs. A. E. Gooderham for office on the School Board of Toronto. She has been active in public matters for a number of years.

FOR ESQUIMALT COUNCIL

S. Clarke Announces He Will Be Candidate for Ward 1.

There is another candidate in the field in Esquimalt. S. Clarke, of 411 Constance Avenue, will contest Ward 1, with a view to being elected as councillor.

Mr. Clarke is a printer with a business of his own on Yates Street. As a businessman he is strong on the adoption of business methods in the Council. Economy combined with co-operation in any matter looking to the winning of the war will be his aim.

Mr. Clarke, when the war broke out, joined the Royal Canadian Regiment with a view to doing his bit in the big fight. He served for three years and qualified as a sergeant in the school of infantry. Being over age, however, he was not allowed to go to the front.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect Head. Because of its tonic and laxative effect, Laxative Quinine can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature is on box.

NEXT-OF-KIN STARTS THE NEW YEAR WELL

Membership of Over Three Hundred and Clear Balance of About \$75

The membership of the Great War Next-of-Kin Association now numbers over 300, and so large was the attendance at the meeting held in the Y. W. C. A. yesterday afternoon as to elicit the opinion that the ever-increasing membership will soon demand a bigger meeting place.

After the president, Mrs. R. S. Day, had expressed New Year felicitations, she read the treasurer's report showing that the organization starts the New Year with a clear balance in hand of about \$75. The announcement was greeted with applause.

The suggestion that the social meeting on St. Valentine's Day be made the occasion for the entertainment of returned soldiers was greeted with enthusiasm, and plans will be commenced forthwith.

LOCAL TEACHERS ARE ELECTED TO OFFICES

H. Charlesworth Becomes First Vice-President of Federation

Vancouver, Jan. 4.—The first annual convention of the B. C. Teachers' Federation was held yesterday in this city, delegates representing 300 teachers in the province being present.

The convention elected officers for the year and outlined a number of subjects important to education which it wished the executive to present to the Provincial Government at the February session of Parliament.

Among these were the matters of pensions; revision of the curriculum; provision for the accommodation of feeble-minded children; and the publishing of a monthly bulletin for the benefit of the teachers.

H. Charlesworth, of Victoria, introduced the subject of the curriculum. Several points where improvement would be felt were pointed out during the ensuing discussion, and the hope was expressed that the department of education, in conjunction with other western provinces, would establish a standard curriculum for the west at least.

The matter of an institute for the feeble-minded was also discussed. It is known that Saskatchewan, British Columbia and Alberta are planning to act together in this regard, and the Teachers' Federation will probably urge the Government to take the matter up without delay.

The selection of officers resulted as follows: President, J. C. Lister, Vancouver; first vice-president, R. Charlesworth, Victoria; second vice-president, W. C. Coatham, New Westminster; recording secretary, C. L. Thornber, South Vancouver; corresponding secretary, Miss E. M. Munn; treasurer, S. Northrop, Vancouver; executive, Mr. McKee, South Vancouver; Miss Anderson, South Vancouver; J. M. Campbell, Victoria; Dr. Little, New Westminster; Miss Pollock, Vancouver.

LEAVING TO LECTURE

Lieut.-Col. McMillan, Major Edwards and Capt. Cook to Give Addresses in Oregon.

Three B. C. officers with wounds and war service at the front have been invited by the Oregon State Council of Defence to lecture in connection with a patriotic war-crusade.

These officers are Lieut.-Col. J. M. McMillan, who left with the 7th Battalion, afterwards becoming deputy director, supplies and transport, First Division; Major F. B. Edwards, one of the original officers of the 2nd C. P. E. R., who has been honorably discharged; and Capt. E. J. Cook, who returned from the front three weeks ago. The latter went to France with the original 5th Battalion, was wounded at Festubert in May, 1915, was invalided home, returned with the 14th C. P. E. R., and is now on sick leave.

The officers will take with them a large and varied collection of war souvenirs, lent by Major-Gen. R. G. Edwards Leckie, and Majors A. Fitcher and McGuire. The lectures will start at Portland on Sunday afternoon.

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South Saanich Bazaar Nets \$63.

On December 15 the South Saanich Women's Institute held a bazaar at the Temperance Hall, Keatings. In spite of the very wet weather, there was a good attendance, and, as a result, the Victoria Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society acknowledges with many thanks the sum of \$63 the proceeds of that enterprise.

Assessment Revision.

The court of revision and appeal under the "Taxation Act" and "Public Schools Act," respecting the Provincial assessment roll for the year 1918 in the Salt Spring Island District will be held at the Court House, Ganges, Salt Spring Island, on Tuesday, January 8; for the Cowichan assessment district, at the Court House, Duncan, January 22; for the North Saanich and Islands district, at the Sidney Hotel, on January 23.

War Charities Act.

Having been asked to report on the effect upon tag days of the War Charities Act, which became operative on December 29, the City Solicitor reported to the Council last evening that the procedure was fully defined in the statute, and the organization in question, the Women's Auxiliary, has authority to collect. The Council granted permission for a tag day on April 22, subject to the necessary authority being received before that date.

Market Situation Again.

The situation with regard to the Market was again before the City Council last evening in a letter from the Secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association. Mr. Dibble took issue with a number of points in the reported discussion at the previous meeting with regard to the last letter from himself, and particularly in reference to an alleged conversation over the telephone with the City Solicitor. He also regretted that the Council had taken the course it had in amending the market by-law to admit articles made "in part" on the Island. He foresaw from that course a serious detriment to the welfare of that institution. It would doubtless result in the admission of articles of clothing, etc., which must prove detrimental to the public, and impair the usefulness of the Market as a Producers' institution. The Council merely received the letter and gave a final reading to the by-law, which now becomes effective. It is understood further that the Hagstetley Farm appeal will be withdrawn, now that the point is settled concerning which the prosecution arose.

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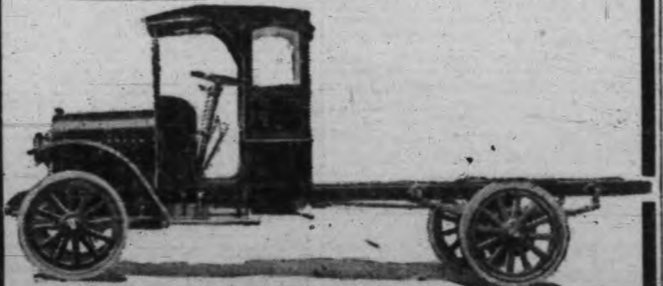
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LIEUT. FRED HILL

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Local Sportsman Took Prominent Part in Rugby and Soccer Games

Lieut. Fred Hill, one of Victoria's prominent athletes of pre-war days, has given his life in the Great War according to information received in this city by his brother, Sergt. Arthur Hill, of the local Dental Corps. Lieut. Hill was called upon to pay the supreme sacrifice on Christmas Day.

The late soldier was 25 years of age and came to Victoria five years ago from England. He was employed by various firms in the city, and when war broke out joined No. 5 Base Hospital, with which he went overseas. On reaching England he took an officer's training course with the late Frank Dunn, and thus rose from the rank of private, receiving his appointment to the Naval Brigade.

Lieut. Hill was a prominent athlete and made a name for himself in local rugby circles. For two seasons he was on the Victoria representative fifteen, playing at the same time for the Victoria Welsh team. He was also interested in soccer and played for the Sir John Jackson eleven that won the Jackson Cup.

Four of the late young officer's brothers are serving at the present time with the Imperial army.

MISS CREASE SPEAKS

ON "FOOD" AT DUNCAN

Many Problems Discussed at Enthusiastic Meeting Held Yesterday

Between two and three hundred members of both sexes gathered in the Odd Fellows' Hall at Duncan yesterday afternoon on the occasion of a meeting held to discuss the question of food production and conservation. The meeting was arranged by Mrs. W. H. Elkington, convenor of the Food Control Committee of the Cowichan Women's Institute, Miss Crease, of Victoria, being the principal speaker. The chair was taken by Mrs. Blackford-Willemans, President of the Institute.

Miss Crease made a strong speech on the subject of food production and conservation. She pointed out the great need of pork production, and reminded her hearers of the recent announcement that a supply of "screenings" was available at \$5 a ton at terminals at Lake ports.

Feeding Hogs.

Proceeding with the subject of the feeding of hogs, the speaker stated that garbage was most useful for this purpose, but care should be taken to avoid the inclusion of bacon rind, as such has been found by experts to cause hog cholera.

Wheat Substitutes.

Urging the use of wheat substitutes, and economy in the use of beef and bacon, Miss Crease spoke of voluntary rationing as a patriotic duty, which if carried out would lessen the possibility of enforced rationing.

Mr. Peterson, of Cowichan Merchants, Ltd., deprecated the fact that only one of the seventy members of the Provincial Food Committee had practical experience in handling food, and urged the formation of a provincial committee to include practical men with a business knowledge of food matters.

Practical Instruction.

Miss Hadwen asked that the Government be approached to provide funds for the sending of practical women to proper schools for instruction in food questions, such women to act as "missionaries" in their own localities. Mrs. Patterson suggested that the women of each district gather up recipes and suggestions suitable for use in the district and have them published, pointing out that many of the menus sent out from the Food Controller's office were of too heavy a character.


Price of Feed.

Mrs. Bradley Dyne, referring to Miss Crease's remarks about "screenings," stated that she found on inquiry that this feed would cost \$5 a ton by the time it reached Cowichan. C. W. Wiltch, of Cowichan Bay, urged that steps be taken to obtain the amendment of regulations, so that fish could be sold locally by the Indians, and so do away with the necessity of sending to Victoria or Nanaimo for fresh fish.

Types Set Donation.—The Victoria Typographical Union at its last meeting voted to contribute \$75 to the general fund for Halifax sufferers.

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BROTHERS MEET IN FRANCE



The above cut introduces James Liddell (seated) and Fred Liddell (standing), native sons of Victoria, both of whom recently met in France while serving with the Canadian forces. James Liddell left here with the 30th Battalion in February, 1915, and is now attached to the Motor Transport, as chauffeur to Brig.-General H. C. Thacker.

Fred Liddell left here with the 15th Artillery Brigade in May, 1916. They are sons of Mrs. T. and the late Vet. Sergt. Thomas Liddell, of 2587 Cook Street.

Vet. Sergt. Liddell, father of the boys, also left here with the 18th Artillery Brigade, but died at Bramshott, England, in March, 1917.

Both James and Fred Liddell were formerly employed by The Times.

Ladies' Stockings worth 50c, 3 for \$1.00, at The Beehive.

Supreme Court Chambers.

Mr. Justice Gregory will take Supreme Court Chambers on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Election Notices.

The notices in the forthcoming municipal election will be published to-morrow. Each wall card is of a different color, a new one being necessary on this occasion for the police commissioners.

Leaves for Vancouver.

Robt. Bone, manager of the Franco Canadian Corporation and the Franco Canadian Trust Co. in this city, is leaving soon to take a position as manager of the Montreal Trust Co.

Popular on Prairies.

A letter from C. N. P. R. officials in Vancouver to the Victoria and Island Development Association shows how popular the information about Victoria distributed in the prairie provinces through the agencies of the company has been, during the past season.

School Changes.

The teaching changes in the city schools effective when school reopens on Monday are: Boys' Central, Miss Lillian Rolfe; Girls' Central, Miss May Croft and Miss Nora Edwards; Oaklands, Miss Elna Brynjolfsson; Sir James Douglas, Miss Hazel Egan; Margaret Jenkins, Robert E. Collier; South Park, Miss Laura Archibald. The High School will commence with one teacher less than last term.

Games Needed.

A number of additional indoor games are needed at the Willows Y. M. C. A. Hut and two other military centres: vi. Checkers, chess, crokinole, wall ball, etc. In fact any game which should make these long evenings pass more pleasantly for the men would be acceptable. Donations left at the central Y. M. C. A., corner Blanshard and View Streets, will be promptly placed in service and gratefully acknowledged.

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2310—Levinsky at the Wedding, Julian Rose.

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2099—Sunshine of Your Smile, Fred Allen.

2099—Somewhere a Voice is Calling, Fred Allen.

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DIED McCAHILL—On the 2nd inst., very suddenly, Capt. Michael McCahill, aged 67 years, born in Ireland and a resident of this city for the past thirty-five years, late residence, 716 King's Road. He is survived by, besides his widow, one son, James McCahill, who is now on active service.

The remains will repose at the Sands Funeral Chapel until 7 o'clock on Saturday, the 4th inst., when they will be removed to the Odd Fellows' Hall, where the services will take place at 2:30 o'clock. No flowers, by request. (New York papers please copy.)

SIDWELL—On January 2, 1918, at Sanahel, Easington, widow of Luke Sidwell, aged 83 years, born in Staffordshire, England.

The remains will repose in the R. C. Funeral Chapel until Saturday morning. The funeral will take place from the residence of her son, Mr. Samuel Sidwell, Stelly's Cross Road, Saanich, on Saturday, January 5, at 2 p. m. Services will be held in the Methodist Church, Shady Creek, at 2 1/2. Interment Shady Creek Cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS Messrs. Charles and Otto Weller and family desire to thank the many friends for their kindness and sympathy expressed during their recent sad bereavement, also for the beautiful flowers sent.

CARD OF THANKS The W. A. of S. P. C. A. wish to thank the Boston Humane Society and the Specialty Film Import Co., Vancouver, for their courtesy and kindness in supplying the films of the Humane Treatment of Animals and "Little Mary Sunshine" free of charge for the entertainment given during Christmas week for the members of the Band of Mercy, which was very much appreciated.

CARD OF THANKS Mrs. G. E. Pearson wishes to thank the many kind friends for sympathy expressed and for flowers received during her recent sad bereavement.

CARD OF THANKS Mrs. Harry Billingale and family, of 702 Broughton Street, desire to thank the many friends, also the members of Victoria Aeris, No. 12 Fraternal Order of Eagles, for their kindness and sympathy expressed during their recent sad bereavement.

FUNERAL NOTICE The Officers and Members of Columbia Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., are requested to meet at their Hall, on Saturday, the 5th inst., at 2:15 p. m., for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late Bro. M. McCahill, P. G.

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Proposition Stated to Board of Trade by R. R. Neild To-day

A subject relative to that of technical education, in Victoria, public schools, was introduced at the meeting of the Council of the Board of Trade this morning, when R. R. Neild spoke to the members on the advisability of a closer co-operation between business men and the School Board with a view to having the pupils addressed on the requirements of the respective professions and trades. Mr. Neild stated that many pupils passed unguided through the period of their lives when they should definitely decide their life's profession. He referred to large eastern centres such as Winnipeg, Hamilton, Toronto, Chicago and New York, where representative business men, at appointed hours lectured boys, between the ages of 14 and 17 years on the demands of various trades.

Continuing, he said that the principal idea instilled was one of efficiency: the boy was made to realize the duty of making a worthy citizen of himself, by being a master in whatever line he decided to follow. In cities where the system had been adopted, the percentage of boys leaving High School before their course was complete had been very considerably reduced. The effect was magical upon the boy's attitude toward his career, and he was prepared for entrance into a technical or professional school with a definite purpose by the time he had reached the age of 17. The speaker concluded by stating that it had been the custom, where this system was practised for the men to write their addresses, printed copies were distributed and the boy was thus able to show his parents exactly what would be required of him in his chosen profession. "This is a subject," said Mr. Neild, "that we must undertake; the question involves a duty to our boys that must be shouldered with resolution."

J. L. Beckwith fully endorsed the sentiments of the first speaker, and referred to the debating club of the Victoria High School, which he said was evidence of the interest and energy shown by the pupils.

R. W. Perry declared that he, as one of those who had addressed pupils on the subject of Confederation, had received repeated assurances from teachers that the students fully appreciated interest thus evidenced by businessmen of the community.

The Council decided to appoint a committee composed of R. R. Neild, J. J. Shalcross and F. Moore to take up the matter with Inspector Paul and the Board of School Trustees.

THREE RESOLUTIONS Civic Retrenchment Association Executive Drafts Motion for Public Attention.

An executive meeting of the Civic Retrenchment Association was held yesterday when it was decided to call a general meeting for Monday evening to consider resolutions which it is proposed to place before the electors in the coming municipal campaign. If these resolutions are approved, steps will be taken to call district meetings with the object of obtaining the general support of the public.

The resolutions deal with general economy, as more taxes were not paid in 1917 than in 1916, the appointment of a chartered accountant to audit the City's books, no tax rate to be struck till the report is made, and recommending W. Curtis Sampson for the position. The last resolution asks a measure of relief for soldiers' property, for either the home, or one lot, through the Provincial Government assuming responsibility for the delinquent taxes, by agreement with the City, the same to apply only to men overseas, or heirs of men killed in action.

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Saanich Farmer Tells Tribunal Time Taken Up With Municipal Matters

Thomas Atkins was present at the Appeal Tribunal this morning at which twelve cases of potential "Tommy Atkins" were considered by Mr. Justice Gregory. The real Thomas Atkins applied for exemption on behalf of his son, Geo. T. Atkins, an officer on the B. C. E. R. plant at Jordan River, on the ground of domestic hardship.

Mr. Atkins, Sr., said he suffered so severely from rheumatism that he was unable to work, and his son was his able support. The Court told him to bring evidence from the doctor on the matter, and also that it would be necessary for his son to attend. With the disposal of the cases listed for today there is, as yet, no date fixed for the hearing of the claims that are still to be heard.

John T. White, who had been working on the farm of his cousin, J. R. Brook, Saanich, for over three years, brought Mr. Brook with him. The latter stated White was his only helper, that last year he sold 270 bushels of wheat, raised 500 bushels of oats, 15 of corn, 104 tons of hay and 25 tons of potatoes.

"Why don't you work yourself so that this man can go to the front?" asked the Court, in reply to which Mr. Brook said that he did some work, but his time was considerably taken up with municipal matters. White was essential on the farm and he had applied at the suggestion of the local Exemption Board. He could not say why, if White was considered necessary, the Board did not give him exemption.

Back To The Farm. In asking for the exemption of Robert Campbell, farmer, Turquoise, F. Lindsay mentioned that Campbell was working on munitions on James Island for over a month but that he was returning to the farm on February 1.

"Do you think he will come back to you for \$40 a month while he is getting \$2 a day?" asked Mr. Justice Gregory.

The cases of Ernest D. Sinclair and Stanhope M. Peatt, both of whom are employed with the Canadian Explosives Co., were exempted to June 1, 1918. David Hebbington, a sailor on the Princess Royal, has one brother with the artillery at Vancouver and another who is classed A2. He was anxious that either himself or the latter should be exempted, "as we want one of us at home," he said.

Other Cases. Another sea-faring man was Wm. Richards, who has been following the sea for seventeen years. He is on the Princess Maquinna and, like Hebbington, understood the shipping matter was aware he was in the first draft.

Frank E. Purdy, lumber inspector and yard foreman at Sidney mill, has already been exempted until the middle of February, therefore the Court dismissed the application here, as he can again appeal to the Sidney tribunal when the time expires.

The remaining case of national importance was that of John White, logger of Otter Point, who is the sole support of his widowed mother and sister; Joseph A. Beck, also a logger in the same district, working for W. Mulligan, who, last year, got out 4,000,000 feet, between 500,000 and 700,000 of which was spruce; David Wishart, of Banfield, line-man, and Larkin C. Cleveland, of Sandow, B. C., rancher, who claimed that his own and his brother's business in the raising of cattle and future hog production was of national importance. His brother, it appeared, received exemption, and he denied that he had told the Exemption Board that he was willing to serve if his brother was exempted.

TO CONSULT OFFICIALS

Delegation Left for Mainland Yesterday to Discuss Municipal Act Draft.

In order to discuss the proposed draft of the revision of the taxation part of the Municipal Act, which is being revised by Inspector Baird, and F. A. McDonald, Solicitor of the Union of B. C. Municipalities, for submission to the Legislature next month, these two delegates, accompanied by City Solicitor Hamilton, left on the night boat last evening to take the draft up with members of Lower Mainland Councils, and particularly members of the Executive of the Union of Municipalities, both the President, Vice-President and Secretary being resident in that section of the province.

While there has not been much change in the principle of the tax scale in the draft, it will be found there will be radical alteration in the present rule as to the assessment being reduced ten per cent. per annum during the war. The proposal is also made that the assessment roll shall be returned in future by November 1, with a meeting of the Court of Revision, commencing the first week of December.

TIPOS WITHDRAW

Union Separated From Labor Body Over Consumption Question.

On the ground that they were not in sympathy with the policy of the Trades and Labor Council, more particularly in regard to the stand taken on consumption during the recent election campaign, the Typographical Union separated themselves from the official labor body at the regular meeting of the Council on Wednesday.

DEMONSTRATOR NAMED BY FOOD CONTROLLER

Miss Olive Hayes, of Prince Rupert, Nominated by Provincial Body

At a meeting of the Provincial Committee dealing with food conservation in the Province of British Columbia in conjunction with the Food Controller, held in the Cedar Room at the Parliament Buildings this morning, the announcement was made that the Hon. W. J. Hanna had appointed Miss Olive Hayes, of Prince Rupert, to be the official demonstrator in Domestic Sciences for this province.

Miss Hayes was the nominee of the Provincial Committee and it will be her duty to tour the province for the purpose of holding demonstrations showing the most economical methods for the preparation of substituted foods.

Several reports of the various sub-committees were received and duly acted upon. The matter of increased fish production and the necessity of educational measures, directed towards a realization of the importance of eating more fish and less meat, formed the subject of a recommendation to the Food Controller.

The conservation of flour was placed before the Committee in a communication from the Secretary of the Bakers' Union, of Vancouver, in which suggestions were made proving the good faith of the bakers of the province and their desire to help in flour conservation.

The question of the appointment of a special publicity officer to work in conjunction with the British Columbia committee was discussed tentatively and it is likely that a decision in this connection will be arrived at in the near future.

Those present at this morning's meeting included Dr. Westbrook, of the University of B. C.; Professor Clement, Mrs. Johnson, of Nelson; Mesdames Welsh and Barnard, of New Westminster; E. W. Greer, President of the Vancouver Board of Trade; Rev. A. E. Cooke, of Vancouver; Mrs. Schofield, Deputy Minister Scott, Livestock Commissioner MacDonald, and J. W. Gibson represented Victoria.

WELL-KNOWN LADY DIED YESTERDAY

Miss Gladys Spencer, Granddaughter of David Spencer, Passes Away

The many friends of the Spencer family will hear with regret of the death of Gladys, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris. Spencer, which occurred yesterday at the family residence at Magee Station, Vancouver.

A granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Spencer, of Moss Street, the late Miss Spencer was very well-known in this city. She was born in Victoria 28 years ago, and spent most of her life here until her parents moved to Vancouver, where they have been living for about eight years.

A violinist of great talent, Miss Spencer was the holder of the gold medal awarded for this branch of music by the Royal Academy of Music. What promised to be a wonderful career as a violinist was cut short a few years ago when a nervous breakdown interrupted her musical studies. Since that time Miss Spencer had been an invalid, her long illness terminating in her death yesterday.

The funeral will be held in Vancouver to-morrow afternoon at 2:30, at which several members of the Victoria branch of the family will be present.

OBITUARY RECORD

The funeral of the late Capt. Michael McCahill, whose death occurred very suddenly January 2, will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Odd Fellows' Hall, Douglas Street. Rev. J. G. Inker will officiate. The late captain leaves to mourn his loss, besides his widow, one son, James McCahill, an only child, who is now on active service. The late Capt. McCahill was a member of Far West Victoria Lodge No. 1, K. of P., of Columbia Lodge No. 2, I. O. O. F., and of A. F. and A. M. No. 1. The remains will repose at the Sands Funeral Chapel until to-morrow afternoon at 1 o'clock, when they will be removed to the Odd Fellows' Hall.

The funeral of the late George Good took place from the Thomson Funeral Chapel on Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. The pallbearers were Messrs. J. Hill, G. Thomas, M. Stevens and G. Hall. Interment took place in Ross Bay. Rev. Gilbert Cook officiating.

The funeral of the late John Solomon Cadman, took place yesterday from the Thomson Funeral Parlors, where the Rev. Gilbert Cook officiated. Numerous friends gathered to pay their last respects to the deceased. Amongst the flowers sent was a beautiful wreath from Mrs. and Mrs. Critchley of Sidney. The pallbearers were J. Critchley, R. Borthwick, Edward Pse, John A. Williams, F. Carue and R. E. Knowles. Interment took place at Ross Bay.

The funeral of Harry George Billingsley, whose death occurred on January 1 at his home, 762 Broughton Street, took place yesterday at 2 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Many relatives attended the service, which was held by the Rev. E. G. Miller and members of Aerle No. 12; Fraternal Order of Eagles, who turned out in a



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body. The hymns sung were "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." The pallbearers were B. W. Jameson, J. M. Whitney, F. Anderson, J. T. McInroy and Brothers J. Mel-dram and Seidenbaum, President Frank Leroy read the burial rites at the graveside.

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SPRUCE LOGGING AT NITINAT DISCUSSED

G. B. Jones Appeals for Developing of Land at Nitinat Lake

C. B. Jones, of the Nitinat Logging Co., addressed the Council of the Board of Trade this morning, making a plea for industrious men of Victoria to undertake the financing of extensive spruce logging operations at Nitinat Lake; contracts for which are available for the Imperial Munitions Board, for aeroplane construction.

Mr. Jones stated that his company had received a large contract with an option to triple the order. In the Nitinat timber district which he referred to, there were a total of some 100,000,000 feet of spruce with an approximate value of \$15 a thousand, totaling \$1,500,000. "We would be glad," said Mr. Jones, "to see enterprising men join in filling the large contract. The quality of the spruce is most excellent; a company with from \$20,000 to \$40,000 capital could undertake the triple order. It is a shame to think that we must stagnate with these great resources at our very door."

Questioned by members of the Council relative to the risks of bringing the logs by boom to Victoria, Mr. Jones declared that the conditions were on the whole favorable. His company by contract had to insure the arrival of the logs at Victoria. The risk occasioned by the sea towing course could, he felt, be largely eliminated by taking care.

The Council, at the suggestion of the chairman, James Foreman, appointed a committee composed of C. B. Jones, Geo. Bell, J. L. Beckwith and T. H. Slater, with power to add to their numbers, to investigate fully the subject of Mr. Jones's discussion.

The average man treats spiritualism as a joke. The story is told of a widow who tried to get in touch with her deceased husband. The medium, after a good deal of futile work, said to the widow: "The conditions this evening seem unfavorable. I can't seem to establish communication with Mr. Smith's man." "Well, I'm not surprised," said the widow, with a glance at the clock. "It's only half-past eight now, and John never shut up till about 9 a. m."

EXAMINE DEFAULTERS

Maj.-Gen. Leckie, G. O. C. Hears Cases at Willows of Men Who Failed to Register.

Following the procedure at Vancouver on Wednesday, when he tried 122 cases of men who had failed to register under the Military Service Act within the statutory date of November 10, Major-General R. G. Edwards Leckie, C.M.G., G.O.C., to-day heard a number of cases of defaulters at the Willows. These men were those who either deliberately evaded registration or failed to do so through circumstances which were no fault of their own. At the hearing it was decided which men should have the privilege of claiming exemption, and for the hearing of the cases so allowed out of the Exemption Boards was in attendance.

GOVERNMENT PURCHASES LAND AT COQUITLAM

New Westminster, Jan. 4.—The purchase of 208 acres in Coquitlam municipality at \$100 per acre as an addition to the Colony Farm at Esmondale, has just been consummated by the Provincial Government. The property in question lies across the Coquitlam River from the farm and includes some rich flat lands.

The worried contentment of the bridegroom, disturbed the best man. Tip-toeing up the aisle, he whispered: "What's the matter, Jack? Has ye lost the ring?" "No," burst out the unhappy Jack, "the ring's safe. But, mon, I've lost me enthusiasm."

NOTICE

Any person in possession of 5th Regt. C. G. A. clothing or equipment must return same on or before 9th inst., to The Armoury, Bay Street, or proceedings will be taken according to Para. 124 Militia Act (Appendix I, K. R. & O. (C. M. 1910). J. CAVEN, Hon. Lieut. and Quartermaster, 5th Regiment, C. G. A.

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BEING TRAINED AS MASSEUSES BY MILITARY HOSPITALS COMMISSION



Eighty girls from all parts of Canada have enlisted with the Military Hospitals Commission to undertake a course of instruction in remedial massage and to serve in a Canadian military convalescent hospital for a year after graduation. They are undergoing a course of physical instruction to qualify them for their strenuous occupation and a staff of highly qualified instructors is teaching them the various subjects required in order to obtain the certificate of a qualified masseuse. In the accompanying illustrations the girls are shown first, taking their morning physical culture drill, and second, practising specific massage movements demonstrated by the instructors. The school is situated at Hart House, on the University of Toronto campus. Fifty graduates of a similar school at Whitby Military Convalescent Hospital have given great satisfaction in the hospitals where they have been employed. The present school will graduate in February.



MR. HANNA WISHES PUBLIC AROUSED

Vancouver, Jan. 4.—A letter has been received by the secretary of the Vancouver Board of Trade from Food Controller Hanna, in which he asks the Board to do its best to arouse the public to a realization of the danger of the present world-wide shortage of food, and to do its best to encourage production. He urges the Board to form a production committee, and

among the programmes to be considered he mentions the release of men from non-essential industries and the substitution of female labor.

FIRE AT HOBOKEN; WAR SUPPLIES SAVED

Flames Kept From Spreading to Munitions Factory and Ships

Hoboken, N. J., Jan. 4.—Firemen, United States soldiers and civilians, aided by New York fireboats and railroad tugs, brought a stubborn blaze under control after a fight of several hours in the heart of the industrial section paralleling the Government-controlled waterfront here to-day.

A six-story manufacturing plant containing paper and other mill supplies owned by the Gatti-McQuade Company was destroyed, with an estimated property loss of \$250,000. Numerous small fires, caused by sparks carried by a 40-mile wind, were checked.

Fireboats reached Hoboken after cutting their way through the Hudson River ice and prevented the fire from spreading to a number of ships loading with war supplies.

About 1,000 soldiers guarded the district and civilians were called upon for patrol duty. A munitions factory in the vicinity was not touched by the flames.

INFLUENCE OF WAR ON MEN'S CLOTHING IN UNITED STATES

New York, Jan. 4.—"Pegtop" trousers, "pinch-back" coats, French facings, fancy flaps and patch pockets are the latest luxuries to be offered as a sacrifice to economy in the United States. In an address here on cloth economy before delegates from virtually every clothing centre in the United States, M. Cutler, a member of the Commerce Economy Board, cited some of the limitations in men's clothing that had been decided upon as a conservation measure.

All yokes and pleats are to be eliminated, Mr. Cutler said, as well as outside penny pockets, double-breasted sack coats and vests and cloth belts on coats.

Announcement was made that a war service committee would be named to represent the clothing industry in dealings with the Government.

VANCOUVER JITNEY MEN FIGHT EXTERMINATION

Vancouver, Jan. 4.—The Vancouver jitney drivers held a mass meeting this morning at which they decided to oppose vigorously the extermination of their business through the adoption by the City Council of the recommendations in the Shortt report. Petitions are to be circulated, and on the strength of the expected signatures of voters the jitney men will go to the Provincial Government with the request that they be not legislated out of business.

CAN RECOVER.

New York, Jan. 4.—The right of the old bondholders of the Western Pacific Railway to recover on the guarantee of their bonds by the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, involving approximately \$22,000,000, was confirmed to-day in a decision handed down in the United States Court of Appeals here. It is stated that this decision, which denies appeal from a ruling of the district court, is final.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

SEVERAL POLICEMEN IN SEATTLE ARRESTED

New Chief Delivers Stroke Against Liquor Plots in City

Seattle, Jan. 4.—Sergeant George H. Comstock and several other members of the police "dry" squad here, were placed under arrest to-day by Chief of Police J. F. Warren, charged with being central figures in a liquor plot involving the theft of enormous quantities of whiskey from the public safety building.

The policemen, with Sergeant Comstock as the leader, also are alleged to be involved in a gigantic conspiracy in which huge whiskey shipments, arriving here from Chicago, were wholesaled about the city under police protection.

The arrests this morning were made in person by Chief Warren, the big exposure coming as the new chief's first big contribution to his promised effort to clean Seattle so that the ban placed on this city by Major-General Greene, commanding Camp Lewis, will be lifted.

TRAINS DELAYED BY COLD ON PRAIRIES

Vancouver, Jan. 4.—Though there is heavy and wet weather on the coast it is not anticipated by officials of the Canadian Pacific Railway that this will in any way seriously affect the company's train schedule, which to a great extent has returned to normal conditions. This was the view taken by Superintendent Peters to-day.

While some of the trains are behind time, this is not due so much to the state of the weather in British Columbia as to the cold on the prairies, which interferes with the running capacity of the engines. The general opinion is that the worst is over and that within a few days every train will be running strictly on time.

Conditions on the G. N. R. and the C. N. R. remain as they were, no trains either leaving or arriving at Vancouver on either system. Nor can any indication be given of when there will be a resumption of services on those lines.

The inauguration of the Northern Pacific service that was to have been brought into force on New Year's Day is still a matter on which officials of the company can express no opinion.

South of Sumas, it is stated, the main line is still blocked and until that is opened to traffic there can be no service on the Northern Pacific between here and the Sound city.

CHICAGO GRAIN PRICES CONTINUE UPWARD TREND

(By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.) Chicago, Jan. 4.—With very little buying, prices hardened shortly after the opening of to-day's session. There was no selling of any account and the market closed firm. There is renewed talk of a revision of the maximum prices on corn.

Table with columns for grain types (Corn, Wheat, etc.) and prices. Includes sub-sections for 'NEW YORK SUGAR' and 'FOR ARMENIANS'.

STOCKS AT NEW YORK IRREGULAR TO-DAY

Railroad Issues Higher but Specialities Weak at Day's Session

(By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.) New York, Jan. 4.—In advance of the President's message to Congress on the railroads to-day the stock market here was irregular. The falls displayed rather good form and buyers were confident that nothing that the President would do would be of a detrimental character. Good gains were made in the early trading, but nervousness caused very irregular fluctuations. After the delivery of the message there was a period of renewed strength in all issues, but toward the end of the day speculation which had shown no particular firmness gave way and made their low points for the session at the close. The railroad stocks generally were better than yesterday.

Large table listing various stock prices under the heading 'High Low Last'. Includes categories like Am. Beet Sugar, Am. Sugar Refining, etc.

Advertisement for Cowan's Cocoa. Features an illustration of a young boy in a trench coat and hat, sitting on a bench and eating cocoa. A large speech bubble contains a letter from 'Home, Canada' to 'Dear Jack', mentioning 'Perfection Cocoa'. The text reads: 'Remember This: Your boy in the trenches on cold evenings and nights would appreciate more than anything, a piping hot cup of Perfection Cocoa. This Cocoa is just the thing for such occasions and the food value it contains adds strength and vigor to the over-tired and work-wearied muscles of men subjected to the hardships and privations of warfare. Send a tin to-day. The cost is small, the comfort great.' Below the illustration is the Cowan's Cocoa logo and the slogan 'Perfection Brand' Purest and Best.

Advertisement for Imperial Bank of Canada. Text includes: 'ESTABLISHED 1875', 'IMPERIAL BANK OF CANADA', 'CAPITAL PAID UP \$7,000,000 RESERVE FUND \$7,000,000', 'PELEG HOWLAND, PRESIDENT', 'E. HAY, GENERAL MANAGER', 'HEAD OFFICE: TORONTO', 'SAVE your Money, SECURE your Future and SERVE the Country.', 'Interest allowed at current rate on Savings Deposits at all Branches.', 'VICTORIA BRANCH', 'A. R. GREEN, Manager'.

Sporting News

SEATTLE GAME WAS RECORD HOCKEY IN PAST SEASONS

Although only two matches have been played in the Coast hockey series, one record of several years' standing has gone by the boards. When Seattle and Portland battled exactly 75 minutes and 4 seconds the other night without scoring a goal, it was the first time in the history of the game in these parts that a game had gone that distance without a counter being registered. It may be many years before this endurance record is even approached. Eighty minutes of sensational play to score one goal is a mark which may never be touched again.

Some years ago New Westminster won a match, 5-1, after four periods of play, and there have been games in which one goal has been scored inside of the regulation time, but Tuesday's eighty-minute record before the first and only goal was scored is something for hockey historians to rave over.

Who's Going to Be Who?
Who's going to be who in Pacific Coast hockey this season? Stove Leagues, dream leagues and thirty-third degree fans are now busy trying to pick a winner. Trying to dope a three-team race

Taylor Is Three-Time Champion.

Year.	Champion.	Games.	Goals.	Assists.	Points.
1912	Laford (Vancouver)	15	27		27
1913-14	Dunderdale (Victoria)	16	24	15	39
1914-15	Taylor (Vancouver)	16	24	15	39
1915-16	Taylor (Vancouver)	17	23	22	45
1916-17	Taylor (Vancouver)	18	22	13	35
1916-17	Morris (Seattle)	24	37	17	54

Championship Record for Past Seasons.

Year.	New Westminster	Won	Lost	For	Agst.	Pct.
1912-13	Victoria	10	5	68	56	.666
1913-14	Victoria	10	6	98	80	.525
1914-15	Portland	13	4	115	71	.764
1915-16	Portland	13	3	93	29	.772
1916-17	Seattle	16	8	125	85	.607

MAJOR-GENERAL WILL OPEN MAINLAND GAME O. C. of British Columbia and the Yukon Will Face Off Puck

Vancouver, Jan. 4.—The professional hockey season will be set in motion to-night at the Arena in truly good style, barring unforeseen circumstances, for Major-General Leckie, O. C. of the British Columbia and Yukon military district, wired from Victoria last night that he would be present to face off the puck. In his reply to Manager Frank Patrick, Gen. Leckie stated that he would be delighted to start things going and to take in the first game between the Millionaires and the Mets, which was to be expected, for the general is not only a good soldier but has been interested in all forms of sport in years past.

As far as the Millionaires are concerned, everything is all set for the whistle at 8:30. They held an easy workout yesterday that left everyone on edge, and after studying the situation Frank Patrick decided that the lineup that gave Portland the hard game a week ago would stand. Moynes and Stanley worked like machinery yesterday, the former showing up a hundred per cent better than he finished last year. Moynes, with his speed, intelligence, stick handling and ability to mix looks like the brightest winner in the league right now.

Lester Patrick sent up the Seattle lineup yesterday and this is how the teams will start:

Vancouver.	Position.	Seattle.
Lehman	Goal	Fowler
Cook	Point	Rewe
McDonald	Coverpoint	Riekey
MacKay	Rover	Riley
Taylor	Centre	Morris
Stanley	Right Wing	Roberts
Moynes	Left Wing	Wilson
Jewell	Spare	Leider
George Irvine	Handle	Patrick

TEAMS THAT WILL PLAY TO-MORROW'S CONTESTS

Navy-Jasep; Cronin, Rutter; Brynjolfson, Jenkins, Bone; Hillier, Lacey, A. N. Other, Davis, Cozier.

Fifth Regiment—Kent; Dick, Henstock; Rutledge, Besterd, Rosstler; Caskie, Grant, Uwain, Talbot, McMinnoy.

Commercials—White; Whatman, Chester, Munro, Panthorpe, McKay; Hutchison, Jones, McArthur, Stewart, Johnson.

E. M. C. H.—McMinn; Gomm, Menzies; Moncur, Pitts, McAdam; Kroeger, Bham, Townsend, Powers, Southin.

V. I. A. A.—Jelliman; Elliot, Brown; Ferris, Adam, Hay; Block, Knight, Fletcher, Stott, Leung, reserves, Baker, Moulton, Winter.

Victoria Blues—Feden; Shakespear, Copas, Allen, McKinnon, McLeod, Thomas, Cummins, Feden, Feden, Petticrew.

C. A. M. C.—Stephens; Bramley, Wilson; Swan, Gunn, Duncan; McKay, Mahwinney, Morgan, McElen, Harwood; reserves, Williamson, Smith, Macdonald, Danby.

Garrison 2nd XI—Kelway; Watt, Potts; Parker, Tucker, Hart; Sharcoats, Filntin, Hardie, Weeks, Hooper.

Garrison.—Osler; Laughtand, Dale; A. N. Other, Lynn, Pigot, White, Holmes, Hughes, Franish, Buxton.

ENGLISH VS. SCOTCH IN ARMY FOOTBALL

Matches Played to Date Give Each Medical Corp Team One Victory

Those old friendly rivals, the English and Scotch, are at it again. The Canadian Army Medical Corps draft now in training at the Willow Camp, finds among its numbers a goodly proportion of those claiming allegiance to one or other of these countries; and as is usual, when such is found to be the case, a contest of some kind was the necessary outcome. This time it was decided that the soccer field should provide the scene of action. Accordingly teams were selected from the opposing camps and thus far two games have been played. The first was a victory for the Scotchmen over their southern brothers. On Wednesday last the second encounter was held and this time fortune smiled more favorably on the Englishmen and gave them the day. The victory was won by 4 goals to 2. Daniels scored 3 and Danby 1 for the winners, and McDonald and Morgan did the netting for the losers. Now that each team has been given a taste of the sweets of victory it is deemed the supremacy of one or the other. The date for this match has not yet been decided, but when the game is played, excitement will run high.

BILLIARD CHAMPION DEFEATS OPPONENT IN SECOND-BLOCK

Milwaukee, Jan. 4.—Ralph Taberki, world's pocket billiard champion, defeated Ralph Greenleaf, 151 to 164, in the second block of their championship match here last night. Taberki now leads 80 to 168. The final block will be played on Friday night.

CHARLES M. TESREAU 1ST MAJOR LEAGUE PLAYER SIGNS 1918

New York, Jan. 4.—The New York National League club announced yesterday that Charles M. Tesreau, veteran pitcher of the team, had signed a contract for 1918. Tesreau is the first major league player to sign a 1918 contract.

New York, Jan. 4.—No "war clause" whereby the owners will be relieved of their contractual obligations in the event the baseball season is not finished, is contained in the contracts sent to players reserved by the New York National League club, it was learned yesterday.

Turpentine and warm milk mixed together make old clothing look like new.

WANDERERS MAY DROP FROM HOCKEY LEAGUE NO ADDITIONAL CANNERY LICENCES WILL BE GRANTED

Announcement Made That N. H. A. Schedule Will Be Played to End Fisheries' Commission Submits Draft of Its Final Report

Montreal, Jan. 4.—National Hockey Association schedule will be played to the end, so President Frank Calder announced last night after a meeting of the league here following the destruction of the Arena, but the Wanderers may be out of it for the remainder of the season. Sam Lichtenstein formally tendered in writing the withdrawal of the Wanderers from the league. The resignation was not accepted as other representatives contended that the Wanderers should finish out the season as agreed upon at the beginning of the season.

The Wanderers' final decision is looked for on Saturday night, when they are scheduled to play in Toronto. The Canadians have notified Ottawa that they will play their match on Saturday night in the Jubilee rink here. The meeting was attended by President Frank Calder, George Kennedy, Canadians; Sam Lichtenstein, Wanderers; A. G. B. Claxton, Toronto, and T. P. Gorman, Ottawa.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—That no additional licences for any canneries in Northern British Columbia be granted for at least five years is one of the recommendations submitted by the special commission appointed last summer to investigate conditions and requirements of the salmon fisheries. This Commission, which consisted of W. Sanford Evans, Chairman, H. E. Thomson and F. T. James, has just submitted the preliminary draft of its final report.

The commissioners decided that it would be inadvisable to grant any additional licences for the period mentioned because the quantity of salmon now being taken is, in the light of the evidence, the maximum that may be safely caught until the supply is substantially increased. Existing canneries now work to only 17 per cent. of their theoretic efficiency on a twelve-hour day during the two months they are in operation each year.

The commissioners recommend that, in order to compensate for the privilege of operation, the canneries be required to pay, instead of the license fee of \$50 per annum, an amount based on the profits and the number of fish handled. This will be worked out on the basis of war taxation generally, and meanwhile a minimum fee of \$1,000 per annum will be paid. Recognizing that it will take some time to get this arrangement into effective operation, the commissioners recommend that licenses for the season of 1918 be issued on the same basis as they were during 1917, and that the new arrangements come into effect in 1919.

Other recommendations by the commissioners include the following: "That no more boats be allowed in the salmon fishing for at least five years; that companies owning two or more canneries in any area may be allowed to consolidate their operations without paying an extra license; that no changes be made in the number of boats that may be fished in the different areas; that attached fisheries licenses to individuals be discontinued; that licenses in districts where there are more certified fishermen than licenses should be distributed among white fishermen, naturalized Japanese and Indians in proportion to population."

CANADIANS BOX IN OLD COUNTRY BOUTS

Corporal Attwood Winner in Fifteen Round Affair on a Decision

London, Jan. 4.—After a fifteen-round contest at the National Sporting Club, Corporal Attwood, of the Canadian Forces, beat "Air-Mechanic" Craig, R. F. C., on points.

The London Canadian Medical Services Athletic Association gave a dinner, concert and what drive as the opening of its winter programme of social events. Lieut. T. H. Bradley, president of the club, presided, supported by Major Carson, Major Neff, D.A. D.M.S.; Capt. and Adjutant Wilson, Capt. Gates, Capt. Chandler, Lieut. Drummond and a company of 100, including several ladies.

The president mentioned that the cricket club had met some of the best teams in London during the past season and had taken part in some fine games. One, at Highgate, was decided with the last ball of the match, and Canada won. They were showing the people of England that they could play the game at sport as they were playing it in France.

NEW YEAR HANDICAP COMMENCES TO-NIGHT AT EMPRESS HOTEL

A New Year's billiard handicap will be commenced to-night at the Empress Hotel parlors. The winner will be the recipient of a cup and there will be prizes to the value of \$32 to be competed for.

The following is the draw for the first round:

- Humber (receives 25) versus Switzer (owes 100).
- Mills (receives 100) versus McMinnoy (owes 50).
- McNeill (receives 75) versus White (owes 50).
- Ashby (receives 100) versus Warden (owes 50).
- Frost (owes 50) versus Milligan (receives 25).
- Spencer (owes 50) versus Wright (receives 100).
- Petch (scratch) versus Leaping (owes 75).
- Trimmen (receives 75) versus Claridge (owes 100).
- Tepp (owes 25) versus Anderson (receives 75).
- F. C. Smith (receives 25) versus H. Smith (scratch).
- Crawford (receives 50) versus Murray (owes 50).
- Fletcher (receives 25) versus Matheson (receives 75).
- Hatton (receives 75) versus St. Barbe (receives 75).
- Dyke (receives 75) versus Idiens (receives 75).
- Vincent (receives 100) versus C. Thies (receives 25).
- Sale (owes 125) versus George (receives 100).

TOWBOATMEN OBJECT TO HIGH ASSESSMENT

Vancouver, Jan. 4.—Claiming that the assessment on tugboat employees to the Compensation Board is too high in proportion to the risk encountered, the B. C. Towboat Owners' Association is taking steps to have the Government look into this matter. It is pointed out that the tugboat men undergo no risk as regards injury in the case with crews of coastwise and deep sea carriers. Notwithstanding, they are charged the same rate as the ordinary class. There are 12 ton-boats and 520 men affected.

CAMOSUN TAKEN OFF ROUTE FOR REPAIRS

Vancouver, Jan. 4.—Trouble with her machinery has resulted in the Union S. S. Company taking the steamer Camosun off the run for inspection and overhaul and she will be out of service for three weeks. It is thought that the trouble is the result of her mishap at Bella Coola last October, when she struck a log and stripped her propeller. Apparently the crankshaft suffered slightly at the same time. The company is extending its shed 50 feet and is building a new waiting room and freight office.

AMERICAN SCHOONERS CHARTERED TO LOAD LUMBER AT VANCOUVER

The American schooners Edward H. West, 70 tons, and Virginia, 81 tons, have been chartered to load lumber at Hastings Mills for an offshore destination. The schooner Watson A. West, 77 tons, of the same owners, Comya, Macfarland & Co., recently shipped a full cargo of lumber at Vancouver for a foreign port.

SIGNS OF BREAK IN SAN FRANCISCO STRIKE

According to reports from San Francisco there are signs of a break in the deadlock which developed from the strike a week ago of 5,000 team workers to force a wage increase of 15 per cent. Counter-attacks have been resumed between representatives of workers and employers and the drafting of a tentative agreement is foreseen.

HUGE O.S.K. SHIPS ADDED THIS YEAR

M. Higuchi, North Pacific Manager, Says Two 10,000-Ton Liners Nearing Completion

FOUR OF TYPE WILL PLY ON THIS ROUTE Steps Taken to Develop Steel Production in Japan

"We anticipate that the first of our new 10,000-ton passenger and freight liners destined for the trans-Pacific trade will be put into commission by April," said M. Higuchi, North Pacific Coast manager for the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, who reached this port to-day aboard one of the crack Nippon Yusei Kaisha liners from Yokohama. Mr. Higuchi is succeeding Edwin Orrett as manager in charge of the company's office at Tacoma. Up to the time of his present appointment he has been in control of the O. S. K. interest at Hongkong.

In discussing the Osaka Shosen Kaisha programme as regards its trans-Pacific service Mr. Higuchi informed a Times man this forenoon that his company planned extensive development of its service on this route.

The present programme of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha provides for the construction of 300,000 tons of shipping to be completed within the next two years. A large part of this tonnage is already under way in Japanese shipyards and new vessels are constantly being put into commission.

Huge Liners Coming.

Included in the programme are four passenger and freight liners of 10,000 tons each, practically duplicates of the liner Manila Maru, which has been regularly employed in the Victoria service for the past two years. These four ships will be operated in the Victoria-Seattle-Tacoma service on completion. Two of them, which Mr. Higuchi intimates will be named Victoria Maru and Vancouver Maru, respectively, are now at the launching stage at the Mitsui Shipyard, at Nagasaki. The company plans to send the first of these fine vessels across the Pacific by April.

The total tonnage now operated by the Osaka Shosen Kaisha aggregates 550,000 tons, so by the latter part of 1918, when the present programme will be completed, the company will control a fleet of ships aggregating 650,000 tons.

Steel Situation.

The great handicap in securing steel following the embargo placed on this essential shipbuilding material from the United States, has had the effect of setting back construction in Japan, according to Mr. Higuchi. The Japanese Government, however, expects to overcome the difficulty by the development of steel producing plants within the country.

Steel plants, controlled by the Government, are now in operation. The yearly capacity of which will be 200,000 tons. Private plants expect to turn out 30,000 tons this year, 150,000 tons next year and 300,000 tons the year following. Japan has but little iron ore. The bulk of the ore used in steel manufacture now is imported from China, and in the future it is proposed to more extensively tap the resources of Korea.

Edwin Orrett, who has been manager of the O. S. K. office at Tacoma for several years, now succeeded by Mr. Higuchi, has organized the Terminal Stevedoring Company, which concern will handle the freight delivered by the company's ships on Puget Sound.

FREIGHTER ARRIVES ON MAIDEN VOYAGE

Product of Kawasaki Yards Pressed Into Trade to Relieve Congestion

Fresh from the Kawasaki dockyard where she was assembled in record-breaking time, a steel freight steamer of 5,855 gross and 4,267 tons net register, reached port this morning after a passage of 23 days from Muroran, her last port of call in Japan. The steamer, which is about the handiest type of freight carrier seen under the Japanese flag, was launched at Kobe in October last. She has a sea speed of ten knots and carries 7,000 tons of cargo in roomy and unobstructed holds.

Three freight carriers of the same type were purchased by the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, the ships having been built as stock ships by the Kawasaki Company. Officers of the ship stated to-day that another of the ships will shortly come to this coast, while the third will be operated in another of the company's foreign services.

Did Not Know Coast.

In command of the freighter arriving here to-day was Capt. T. Yezyo, who, because of his lack of knowledge of the coast, dropped anchor in the Straits off Jordan River yesterday afternoon, remaining all night and proceeding to William Head at daybreak. The steamer dropped her hook off Jordan River about 3:30 p.m. yesterday. Had she kept on her course it is highly probable that she would have made the quarantine station before official sundown and in that event would have secured pratique last night.

As it was she lost several hours, being passed early this morning. After discharging 1,500 tons of freight here the steamer will proceed to Seattle.

STEEL SHIPBUILDING WILL BE DEVELOPED

Yearly Productive Capacity of Canadian Shipyards Estimated at 300,000 Tons

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—The Canadian Government is launching a vigorous policy for the construction of ships. Hon. C. B. Balfour, Minister of Marine and Naval Affairs, gave out a statement, the salient points of which are:

The Government, in carrying out their pre-election statement of policy, have decided to utilize to their utmost capacity all existing shipyards in Canada in the production of modern steel cargo steamers. The productive capacity of the yards is estimated at from 250,000 to 300,000 tons annually. During the balance of the war, and for some time afterwards, the construction of steel ships in Canadian yards for foreign registry will not be permitted.

The construction of three different kinds of ships is under consideration. One type will comprise vessels of approximately 3,000 tons, another type of vessels from 5,000 to 7,000 tons, and the third type, vessels from 8,000 to 16,000 tons.

The Government is negotiating for the construction in Canada of mills for the rolling of ship plates and shapes to provide for the maximum requirements.

Candles will last twice as long if a coat of varnish is given them, and they are then allowed to dry before being used.

Winter Schedule Effective Dec. 30th, 1917

SAILINGS FOR

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FRESH SALMON AGAIN ON RETAIL MARKETS

Is Selling at 25c a Pound; Supply So Far Not a Large One

The order prohibiting the sale in retail markets of fresh salmon terminated so far as its local significance was concerned with the end of the old year. Fresh salmon has thus been procurable from the fishermen since January 2, when the retail trade of the city was resumed following the New Year holiday season. Local fish firms were notified on December 10 that for the remainder of the month no salmon was to be sold and from that date until the day before yesterday it has been off the market.

Now that the period for enforcement of the order has expired salmon is once more making its appearance. The supply at present does not appear to be more than sufficient for the demand, and the fish is selling at 25c a pound.

The prices prevailing locally on the retail market have experienced few changes during the past week. Figures for vegetables now being offered have remained stationary, a circumstance that has prevailed generally with regard to fruits. Quotations for meats and fish are also steady.

The following are prices prevailing in the local retail market:

Vegetables	
New Beets, per bunch	.30
Horse Radish, lb.	.25
Cabbage, per lb.	.08
Red Cabbage, lb.	.08
Onions, 5 lbs.	.25
Onions (chickling), 4 lbs.	.25
Potatoes (Aberdeen), lb.	2.25
Potatoes (local), lb.	1.75
Yellow Turnips, per lb.	.05
Green Potatoes, 3 lbs.	.25
Carrots, lb.	.25
Green Onions, lb.	.25
Fruit	
Oranges, Japs., per box	.35
Nuts (mixed), lb.	.25
Walnuts, lb.	.30
Apples, table, box	1.50 to 2.50
Apples, cooking, box	1.00 to 1.25
Pears (Cal.), dozen	1.50 to 2.00
Bananas, doz.	3.50 to 4.00
Grapefruit (Cal.), doz.	3.50 to 4.00
Lemons (Cal.), doz.	4.00 to 4.50
Nectarines, doz.	.40
Valencia Oranges	3.00 to 3.50
Grapes, Malaga	.20
Strawberries, doz.	1.50
Hothouse Tomatoes (local), lb.	.20
Sugar	
B. C. Granulated, 20 lbs.	4.10
B. C. Granulated, 10 lbs.	2.05
Lump Sugar, 2-lb. cartons	.30
Dairy Produce and Eggs	
Butter—	
Salmon Arm	.50
Northwestern Creamery, lb.	.50
Salt Spring, lb.	.50
Cowhank Creamery, lb.	.50
Eastern Creamery, lb.	.50
Cheese—	
Gouda, lb.	.40
Roquefort, lb.	.40
Canadian (new), lb.	.30
Canadian (old), lb.	.30
Canadian Stilton, lb.	.40
English Stilton, lb.	.75
Eggs—	
Local, doz.	.45
Cooking Alberta storage, doz.	.45
B. C. storage, doz.	.45
Fish	
Bloaters, lb.	.125
Crabs, each 10c, or 2 for	.25
Salmon, fresh, lb.	.25
Cod, kippered	.25
Cod, salt, Alaska	.30
Royal 3 lbs.	.25
Cod Fillets, lb.	.30
Fresh Black Cod, lb.	.30
Flannel Haddie, lb.	.15
Haddock, lb., 2c, or 2 lbs. for	.15
Herring, kippered, lb.	.12
Oysters, Esquimaux, doz.	.45
Salt Salmon	.10
Shrimps	.25
Smelts, 1 lb. sack	.20
Salin, lb.	.20
Flour	
Purity, 5-lb. sack	2.00
Robin Hood, 5-lb. sack	2.00
Five Roses, 5-lb. sack	2.00
Royal Standard, 5-lb. sack	2.00
Royal Household, 5-lb. sack	2.00
B. & K. Flour, 5-lb. sack	2.00
Gold Seal, 5-lb. sack	2.00
Snowflake, 5-lb. sack	2.10
Graham, 5-lb. sack	2.50
Whole Wheat, 5-lb. sack	2.50
Meats	
Beef, bolting, lb.	15.00
Lamb, forequarters, lb.	.32
Lamb, hindquarters, lb.	.32
Bamby, leg, lb.	.40
Lamb, loin, lb.	.40
Mutton, forequarters, local, lb.	.35
Mutton, hindquarters, lb.	.35
Mutton, leg, lb.	.40
Mutton, loin, lb.	.40
Pork, legs, lb.	.35
Pork, shoulders, lb.	.35
Pork, loins, lb.	.35
Pork Sausage, pure	.35
Turkeys, fresh, lb.	.50
Turkeys, cold storage, lb.	.50
Whole Meat, per lb.	.30
Feed	
Timothy Hay	Per ton, Per 100
Ground Turkey	15.00 2.00
Oats	5.00 2.00
Cracked Corn	7.00 1.25
Barley	6.00 1.25
Cracked Corn	5.00 1.25

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Recently the sergeants of a certain battery in France sat down to an exceptionally fine dinner, the crowning glory of which was a large plum pudding.

"Seems mighty hard," remarked the Sergeant-Major as he vainly tried to stick his fork in it. "Have you boiled up a cannon ball?"

"Or the regimental football?" asked another.

"Where did you get the flour from?" questioned the Sergeant-Major again, still struggling vainly.

"Where from?" the cook retorted. "From Store No. 5, of course."

"You did?" roared the Quartermaster. "Then, hang you, you've made the pudding with Portland cement!"

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MINISTER OF LANDS APPROVE LEASE OF WILLOWS GROUNDS

Arrangement With Dominion Government for Continuation of Local Camp

Following the private discussion in Council last week, the City Solicitor submitted to the Aldermen last evening a report on the proposed lease of the Willows, park to the Dominion Government as a training camp, such lease to take the place of the present arrangement.

By-law Necessary.

He stated that the lease would have to be confirmed by by-law. The lease was then read, the rental on a sliding scale set out on the basis of the number of men in camp. As the number increases the rental will increase up to a maximum of \$600 per month. The least is to be retroactive to August 1, 1918.

Alderman Andros thought the Council should ask the Government to make the payment regularly on the first day of each month, a condition which it was stated had not hitherto been respected.

The Mayor thought the sliding scale was a reasonable arrangement, ranging upwards from \$150 a month. It had not fallen lower than \$300 yet, he indicated.

Adjustments.

Alderman Feden asked for information as to the adjustment in case the parties could not agree to the nature of damage done to the buildings and grounds.

The Solicitor stated such adjustment could be made by the courts in the regular way.

Alderman Walker would like some provision for settlement in case of alteration of buildings of any considerable extent by the military.

The Mayor explained the circumstances under which the Government occupied the camp.

Alderman Sargent believed a statement should be submitted periodically showing the number of men at the camp.

The lease was approved, and after the military authorities have adopted the conditions the by-law necessary to confirm it will be introduced.

ENOUGH SPRUCE HERE TO ASSURE SUPREMACY

"Every possible phase of the aeroplane spruce situation in British Columbia has engaged the attention of this Department for many months past and this new development of public interest is by no means unexpected," said Hon. T. D. Pattullo to a representative of The Times this morning when asked if he had anything to say in relation to the proposed action of the Forest Products Bureau of the Vancouver Board of Trade this evening.

It will be recalled that the Minister of Lands has indicated on several occasions the nature of inquiries directed to his Department both from actively interested and semi-speculative parties, the first mention of which Mr. Pattullo made to The Times early in December when there were inquiries afoot suggesting that the Imperial authorities were looking for about thirty million feet board measurement per month.

Saw Major Taylor.

At that time the Minister assured Major Taylor, the representative of the Imperial Munitions Board, whom Mr. Pattullo went over to Vancouver to see, that every possible assistance and facility towards the desired end could be relied upon from the Provincial Department of Lands. Nothing in the way of substantial plans from official sources has matured up to the present time, and on December 24 Mr. Pattullo stated that semi-private enterprise was completing plans whereby the spruce belts in the northern section of the province would be tapped, the scheme as then presented to him and in fact actually decided upon by the promoters of the enterprise, looking to a monthly production of some ten million feet, or many times greater than the present provincial output.

At the Board of Trade Building in Vancouver this evening the Forest Products Bureau—a subsidiary body of the Vancouver Board of Trade—will meet for the purpose of discussing the whole situation with a view to stimulating official action through the Imperial Munitions Board. It is understood that the Board sent Major Taylor to Vancouver to arrange for the cutting of vast quantities of logs in the spruce forests of this province, and as yet the production of spruce has not been increased.

High Commissioner's Interest.

Certain of the business men of the Terminal City and province generally, have expressed dissatisfaction with Major Taylor's methods, believing that the inactivity of the office in his charge in relation to the actual cutting of logs has been unnecessary. Complaint of this has been heard in London, and the matter was taken up with the Imperial Munitions Board headquarters, the result being a wire which was received yesterday from High Commissioner Perley asking for more details of dissatisfaction and inactivity and stating that if reputable organizations of the province are convinced there has been unnecessary delay the Board headquarters will send a representative at once to investigate the matter.

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 This is much less than the wholesale cost price to-day. Not more than 10 yards to a customer.
 —Staples, in Basement

SAANICH FINANCES

Annual Report is Expected at Council Meeting To-morrow Afternoon.

It is expected to submit the report of the clerk on the finances of Saanich to the council meeting to-morrow afternoon. At the previous meeting the Reeve's review of the year, which was couched in modest terms, was before the members and will be printed in the annual report of the municipality. The figures will, if possible, be ready as a supplement to the council session, as it will in the normal con-

dition of affairs be the last one before the new council is returned.

To judge from the figures presented after the tax rebate date expired, the result should be encouraging. Since that time a number of properties disposed of at tax sale have had to be redeemed, circumstances having come to light to show that the property was held to some extent or other by soldiers, who are able to claim the advantage of the War Relief Act.

INTEREST TAKEN IN SOLDIERS' LETTERS

Provincial Librarian Has Many Inquiries From Various Parts of Province

The Provincial Librarian and Archivist, E. O. S. Scholesfield, has been much encouraged during the last few days by the receipt of many inquiries concerning his plans for the collection of British Columbia soldiers' letters. It will be remembered from the reference made to the subject in these columns some ten days ago that two volumes of the typewritten copies of many interesting documents written on the battlefields of France are already in the hands of the bookbinder.

The newspapers of the province have given a good deal of publicity to the matter, and it is the hope of Mr. Scholesfield that all those who have letters in their possession will loan them to him so that he may be enabled to take copies of the various references to engagements and such other portions which provide an insight into the writers' own impressions of the conditions under which he is living on active service.

It should be remembered that any letters submitted to the Librarian and required to be returned will be taken good care of, while those donated to the province will of course be preserved and protected as efficiently as the many other valuable historical documents with which the archives of the Department abound.

To those who may be taking stock of their possessions in this connection Mr. Scholesfield wishes it to be understood that all personal references in letters submitted to him for copying will be omitted, his interest centering mainly on the obvious psychological effects on the writer as displayed in his committed thoughts, together with those important references which will enable the Librarian, piece by piece, to link up a real first hand history of the war as seen and participated in by soldiers hailing from British Columbia.

To this end, then, Mr. Scholesfield asks for the hearty co-operation of all those who are constantly receiving letters from the various battlefronts.

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Stall No. 10

TO ASSIST FARMERS—The Metcosh Farmers' Institute explained in a letter to the City Council last evening that as soon as it is known what seed grain is required, the Council will be informed of it. The city, through the agency of the Market, is undertaking the distribution of seed grain for the Department of Agriculture.

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INTERESTING NOTICE OF TRIP TO POLE BY AIR IS DISCOVERED

Provincial Document Asking Aid to Andree Expedition Now an "Archive"

Ever on the lookout for interesting objects, curious, antiquated and historical, E. O. S. Scholesfield, Provincial Librarian and Archivist, has just unearthed from the office of the Deputy Provincial Secretary a copy of the notice issued broadcast throughout the province in May, 1916. The announcement in question was published over the signature of A. Campbell Reddie, in his capacity of Deputy Provincial Secretary, and the subject matter proclaims to the people of British Columbia that "the Government of His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway proposed sending in the summer of 1916 a balloon expedition to the North Pole."

Andree and Two Companions.

The Swedish and Norwegian Minister at the Court of St. James, in the name of his Government, invoked the assistance of His Majesty's Government with a view to making it generally known in the British possessions adjacent to the Polar basin that the expedition was to be undertaken by Dr. Salomon August Andree and two companions, Dr. Erik Hjalmar Ekholm and Mr. Nils Strinberg.

"Accordingly," the notice proceeds, "Her Majesty's loyal subjects throughout the province of British Columbia are hereby notified in the premises and are requested to give the explorers, should an opportunity present itself, all the help in their power."

Directions to Assist.

Describing the assistance expected of the people, the announcement says further: "If the balloon be seen only and no communication be had with the exploring party, it is requested that the following particulars may be noted and communicated either to a local newspaper or to this office, namely, the day and the hour in which the balloon was seen, the direction of the balloon and the direction of the wind. Should any accident befall the explorers and should they arrive in any locality, having lost the balloon, the inhabitants are asked to give them all possible assistance."

Difference in Twenty Years.

Readers of The Times know the fate which befell the expedition and also the fact that several parties have since gone out in an endeavor to establish some clue as to what actually happened and where, all of course, to no avail. The document is more than usually interesting now in view of the present application of aircraft and the almost unbelievable strides made in the conquest of the air since the fiasco and trees of this province were described with the notice above described. Unless there be any other collector of unusual documents who chanced to retain a copy of the one described, it is now in the possession of Mr.

MORE SIGNATURES TO COMPLETE PETITION

Weekly Half-Holiday Change to Be Voted on If 117 More Sign

An unfavorable report was received by the City Council last evening from the City Solicitor with regard to the petition of 1,373 signatures for the submission of a referendum at the annual election for determining whether a change should be made in the weekly half-holiday.

The Solicitor reported that 792 names were admissible, and therefore 117 more are required to be received in order to warrant the Council proceeding. Ten per cent, of the total electorate is required by statute.

The referendum will, as was the case in July, leave citizens to decide whether Saturday shall be continued or a change made to Wednesday afternoons. To enable it to be put, the balance of the necessary signatures must be obtained by Monday evening, when the Council meets again.

Children's Aid Home—The City Council granted a request last evening to have the City Auditor audit the books of the Children's Aid Home. The City received two offers from Lee & Fraser of residences for homes, which were declared to be admirably fitted for the Children's Aid Society. This communication was sent to the Society's management.

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15 miles an hour, at which rate it was estimated the Poles should have been reached in six days, provided a favorable and constant wind had been blowing. Two days after his departure a message was received from Dr. Andree by means of carrier pigeon, which stated that at noon on July 12 the expedition was making good progress, the direction, latitude and longitude being also cited. That was the last heard of the explorer.

Bargains for the Fourth Day of Our 10 Days' Clean-Up

Regular \$3.25 Cotton Filled Comforters Saturday \$2.69

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 —Staples, in Basement

Handsome Velvets to Clean-Up Saturday Morning at \$1.98 Yard

The Chiffon Velvet comes with a beautiful soft finish. Three pieces only, in shades of orange, mahogany and cerise. The costume velvets are the Toga guaranteed cloth, highly finished with soft pile. Widths 27 to 40 inches. Values up to \$4.50. Clean-up price, yard\$1.98
 A clean-up of about 200 yards of plain Velveteens in shades of navy, green, saxe, brown, red and purple. Width 22 inches. Clean-up price, per yard38c
 —Main Floor

Just Received, Shipment of Girls' Raincoats, 6 to 14 Years.....\$3.50

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New Fur Trimmings at Clean-Up Prices

One-Inch Fur Trimmings. The lot includes opossum, coney and fish, in white, black, brown and black and white. Regular values to \$1.65. Saturday, yard89c
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 —Trimmings, Main Floor

20 Beautiful Pattern Hats

Regular to \$12.50. Clean-up price \$3.95

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 —Millinery, First Floor

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Scholesfield is the only official British Columbia link in existence which, at this time, affords the interesting parallel of aircraft stories twenty years ago and those exploits participated in by the province's own pilots in France.

Particulars of Project.

Followers of aeronautics will recall the fact that in 1895 Andree presented to the Swedish Academy of Sciences a well-matured project for exploring the regions of the North Pole with the aid of a balloon. The estimated cost of the project was some \$40,000, and a national subscription was opened, headed by a donation from the King of Sweden himself amounting to \$5,350. With his two companions, Dr. Ekholm and Mr. Strinberg, Andree started from Dane's Island, Spitzbergen, on July 11, 1897.

News by Carrier Pigeon.

His balloon was 6 1/4 feet in diameter, with a capacity of 170,000 cubic feet. Its speed was estimated at from 13 to