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## WILSON MAY DECLARE A STATE OF WAR NOW WITH GERMAN NATION

### Expected in Washington He Will Issue Proclamation; Speedy Submarine Chasers Being Built; Women to Be Enlisted for Certain Duties With Navy

Washington, March 20.—Without waiting for the proclamation that President Wilson is expected to issue to-day or to-morrow stating that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany, the Government to-day prepared definitely for forceful action to clear the Trans-Atlantic steamship lanes of German submarines and to protect the Atlantic coast of the country.

Sixty submarine chasers, 110-foot speedy craft, were ordered from the New York Navy Yard to be completed in about two months and bids for 200 more will be opened by the Navy Department to-morrow.

Navy officers prepared plans for calling out privately-owned boats offered by their owners for coast patrol work and for manning the 2,000 submarine chasers or patrol boats which it is estimated will be ready within four months.

The New Orleans Navy Yard to-day was ordered to build at once four submarine chasers.

#### To Enlist Women.

Washington, March 20.—Secretary Daniels to-day ordered the naval commandants at shore stations and all recruiting officers to be prepared to enlist women in the actual naval service, in case of an emergency. The Judge Advocate-General has ruled that women can be enlisted under the laws regulating recruiting.

While it is not intended to place women aboard ships, they may be utilized for shore duty in connection with coast defence work.

Grades corresponding to the yeoman class will be given to those qualifying as stenographers, clerks, typists or similar positions. Another grade of work for which they may be designated is that of radio telegraphy and other communications divisions.

The difficulty of obtaining men stenographers and clerks for the navy from among the regular enlisted personnel caused the question of the employment of women on shore with women, the Department expects in time of emergency to relieve the men for fleet service and sea duty.

#### Further Steps.

Washington, March 20.—Further steps to protect American lives and property against the warlike operations of German submarines are expected to take some more definite form after to-day's cabinet meeting. As has been the case since all official Washington acknowledged that a state of war practically existed between the United States and Germany, there is a wide range of speculation on the precise action President Wilson contemplates, but there is no official ground for any forecast.

The calling of Congress in extra session before April 15, the day first foremost among the probabilities, but there are no indications that President Wilson has finally decided upon it. On the other hand there are some indications that the date of the session will not be advanced.

#### Being Hurrled.

Preparations for carrying out the policy of armed neutrality to its fullest degree are being hurried by the Navy Department. The possibilities range even to active co-operation at sea with the British and French fleets to clear the German submarines out of the shipping lanes.

## DUTCH GOVERNMENT ANNOYS BRITAIN

### Question of Admission of Armed Merchantmen to Dutch Waters Acute

The Hague, March 20.—It is learned from well-informed circles that the question of the admission of armed merchantmen to Dutch harbors has become acute, and that surprise has been expressed by the British Government that Holland demands from British facilities for avoiding submarine dangers which unwillingly admit into her harbors British merchantmen provided with means for repelling the U boats. It is considered these two courses are inconsistent and inequitable.

On the same authority it is stated that the clearing of the grain ships yesterday is the last concession to be granted Holland, since the British Government does not intend to tolerate what it regards as unneutral treatment.

## SAID HE WOULD GO TO HIS GARDENS

### How Russian Emperor Acted When He Learned of Revolution

#### BROKE DOWN AND WEPT, STATES CORRESPONDENT

Petrograd, March 20.—The history of the last hour of Emperor Nicholas as ruler of Russia is related by a correspondent of the *Outro Rossi*, of Moscow, as follows:

"Two trains arrived at the station at Vianera on the Moscow-Petrograd railroad, 125 miles southeast of Petrograd, on the night of March 14. One train carried Emperor Nicholas's suite, the second Emperor Nicholas, General Baron Fredericks, Minister of the Imperial House, and Admiral Niloff, General Zabel and others. Emperor Nicholas, called from headquarters by the Empress, was on the way to the Tsarskoe Selo."

"None of the telegrams about the revolution sent by M. Rodzianko, President of the Duma, had reached the Emperor. Every effort was made to keep him in ignorance of these affairs. General Zabel protested, declaring that if the others refused to inform the Emperor, he would do so. Emperor Nicholas, who had been sleeping, was awakened at 2 o'clock in the morning. He went to the dining car and demanded that Admiral Niloff tell him what had happened in Petrograd. He was told that a crowd of students, hoodlums and young soldiers had terrorized the Duma, but that a few detachments of troops would be able to put them down."

"Just then Commander Voyokoff, of the Imperial train, entered with a telegram stating that 700 of the St. George Cavalry were on the way to Tsarskoe Selo to present a cross to the Emperor and had arrived at the nearby station of Dno, headed by General Ivanoff. "Your Majesty," said Voyokoff, "it is enough that you appear at Tsarskoe Selo in the midst of these heroes and with the Tsarskoe Selo garrison go to the Duma. All the troops will remember their oath. It will be easy to overcome these young soldiers."

"Punctured Untruth. "It is a lie, Your Majesty," shouted General Zabel. "You are deceived. Read these telegrams. Here is the order: 'To the Imperial train at Vianera: Do not send the train to Tsarskoe Selo, but to Petrograd.'"

"The Emperor arose and exclaimed: 'What does this mean? Is it revolution? Is Grekoff (who signed the order, to divert the train) commander in Petrograd?'"

"Then General Zabel spoke out, saying: 'There are 60,000 troops with officers, backing the temporary government. Your Majesty has been declared dethroned. It is impossible to go further.'"

"Nicholas, completely nonplussed, exclaimed: 'Why was it not told before? Why tell me now when all is finished?'"

"After a moment he added with a gesture of helplessness: 'Let it be so. Thank God. I will abdicate, if that is what the people want. I will go to Livadia (the estate of the Russian Imperial family on the south coast of the Crimea) to my gardens. I am fond of flowers.'"

"The train moved toward Bologoe. At Dno a telegram was received stating that the Tsarskoe Selo garrison had revolted and that the Empress had appealed to the Duma for protection. Nicholas pondered the situation, then said: 'I shall go to Moscow. Morozinski (commander of the Moscow garrison) used to say Moscow always would defend me.'"

"At Bologoe was received a telegram stating that the Moscow garrison had joined the revolution. The train returned to Dno, where it met the train bearing General Ivanoff."

"The general related everything which had taken place, adding: 'There is only one thing to do now. It is to open the Dvina front to the Germans and let them quiet the committee.' Nicholas rejected the suggestion, exclaiming angrily: 'I shall never become a traitor to my country.'"

"Then Nicholas broke down and wept. After a moment he said: 'If only I knew my wife and children were safe, I should go to Livadia quietly to finish my life and let Michael govern the country. He is well liked by the people. I will sign my abdication and then go back to the army, say good-bye to the soldiers and let them do as they like. I shall not stand in the way.'"

"This last colloquy occurred on the station platform. Nicholas, who was dressed in a soldier's coat with a colonel's shoulder-strap and a sheepskin hat tilted back, frequently mopped his brow. He gazed about in an abstract manner and then mounted the steps of his car. Thereupon the train moved off."

**BORDEN BACK APRIL 16**

## WILL RECEIVE NEW MACE FOR OTTAWA

London, March 20.—The Canadian Associated Press is informed that Sir Robert Borden and Sir George Perley will attend at the Mansion House on March 28 to receive a new mace which has been presented by the ex-Lord Mayor and Sheriffs to replace the mace destroyed when the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa were burned.

## Line Still Moving Forward



The extent of the gains made by the Anglo-French forces on the Arras and Roye salients in one day is indicated by the above map. The heavy continuous line shows the position of the line when the great Battle of the Somme began. The two light continuous lines indicate the position of the line as established by the reports received up to the time the Times was published yesterday and to-day, respectively. How substantial the progress is may be judged. The broken line indicates the Douai-Cambrai-St. Quentin-Laon line, where there is some expectation the Germans will try to make a stand.

## ALLOWING WHEAT TO ENTER GREECE

### Allies Appear to Have Lifted Blockade; Ministers Back in Athens

London, March 20.—The ministers of Greece of the Entente nations have taken up their residence once more in Athens, Reuter's correspondent there reports.

The discharging of a cargo of wheat destined for Piraeus begins to-night.

The admission of wheat to Greece indicates the lifting of the blockade which has been in effect for several weeks. The Greek Government has made repeated representations that widespread suffering was being caused by the shutting off of foodstuffs, to which the Entente responded that the blockade would be lifted when Greece had complied fully and sincerely with its demands. The most important of these demands were the transfer of the Greek army to Lower Greece and the disbanding of the reservists, for the purpose of removing the possibility of an attack by Greek troops on the rear of the allied forces in Macedonia.

## LEE-ENFIELD RIFLES FROM THE ROSS RIFLE PLANT VERY SHORTLY

Ottawa, March 20.—The report that the Ross rifle plant will be expropriated is confirmed in official circles. An order-in-council providing for the expropriation will be passed at a meeting of the cabinet council this afternoon. It is proposed to expedite the manufacture of the improved Lee-Enfield rifle as greatly as possible, so the expropriation proceedings will be rushed. Valuations will be named at once to decide on the amount which should be paid for the factory.

## ALLIED FORCES STILL ARE PRESSING RETIRING ENEMY ON WIDE FRONT IN FRANCE

### Paris Reports Eager French Troops Are Maintaining Contact Despite Difficulties of Terrain and Weather; No Slackening in Methods of British

Paris, March 20.—The War Office announces that the French forces still are maintaining contact with the Germans along the section of the front over which the retirement is taking place, but that the advance has become more difficult by reason of the destruction of all means of communication and on account of bad weather.

German attacks at Avocourt Wood and Hill 304, on the Verdun front, were repulsed. Serious loss was inflicted on the Germans.

London, March 20.—Dispatches from correspondents with the British forces which are moving forward on the Acre-Somme front state that the pressure on the retiring Germans continues unabated. The movements of the opposing forces have led to numerous engagements between aeroplanes.

New York, March 20.—(By Frank H. Simonds.)—In an earlier article commenting on the capture of Bapaume by the British I pointed out that this incident might have three possible interpretations: It might mean a mere local retirement made necessary by British advances and comprehended in the surrender of the Bapaume-Arras salient and the withdrawal to a new and straight line behind these two points. It might mean a retirement on a very considerable scale, the shortening of the German line in the west, the surrender of the Noyon salient and a final halt at what has been described as the Hindenburg line, namely, a new trench system based upon Douai, Cambrai, St. Quentin, La Fere and Laon. It might mean a general retirement of the German forces to the Franco-Belgian frontier.

Beyond First. By Sunday morning conditions already had reached a point where it was clear that the German retreat had gone beyond the first possibility. By that time the Germans manifestly were drawing out of the Noyon salient as well as that of Bapaume, and the retreat was going on over a wide front extending from Arras to Soissons, that is, some 125 miles. What remained and remains to be discovered is whether it is a retreat to the Hindenburg line or to the frontier, a partial retirement on a wide front or a general retreat from France.

Now the factors in the problem are these: three British and three French armies are advancing on a tolerably straight front. The advance is most considerable in the centre and relatively or absolutely insignificant on the two ends. These six armies have as their objectives a considerable number of towns which are recognized as being inside that German system of defences known as the Hindenburg line. Moreover, as each of these six armies has only a distance of rather less than twenty miles to advance to reach its objective, we must know in a few days at the most whether the Germans mean to stand on the Hindenburg line or to go back to the Belgian frontier.

British Armies. The test will be simple. One British army, that at the north of the field of operations, faces toward Douai and must advance over the Arras-Douai highway. If it should reach Douai we shall know at once that the Germans intend to go to the frontier. But as yet this army has made no material progress, and there remains the possibility that the Germans do not intend to leave the front of Arras, but to stand on a line from Arras back to Cambrai. We may suspect the latter to be the case if there be a continued pause here.

The second British army is moving out of Bapaume along the Bapaume-Cambrai highway. It has now less than 15 miles to go to reach Cambrai, and before it gets to Cambrai it must be clear whether the Germans mean to defend this town or not.

The third British army is moving out of Peronne upon Le Cateau. It, too, has only a relatively short distance to cover before it finds out whether the German retreat is to be general or limited.

French Armies. The first French army is coming out of Roye. Its northern flank, joining the southern flank of the third British army, has reached and passed Noyon and its objective, St. Quentin, is less than 20 miles east.

A second French army has reached Noyon and is moving up the valley of the Oise, with La Fere as its objective. If it should reach La Fere we shall know that the Germans are going to make a long retreat, because La Fere is the keystone of the arch of the Hindenburg line, as Noyon was of the old line, and the dismantled forts of La Fere, which once were a portion of the second line of French defence, would be utilized by the Germans if they intended to make a stand between Noyon and the frontier.

Finally, a third French army based on Soissons, has Laon for its objective, but like the British army at Arras, it has made an inconsiderable advance as yet, and there remains the problem as to whether the Germans mean to make any material retirement upon Laon, or only draw back to the heights and forest about St. Gobain, between La Fere and Laon.

Indications. We may conclude that if any city in the Hindenburg line from Douai to Laon falls, the Germans have abandoned the whole line; we may conjecture, as long as the Arras and Soissons sectors remain stationary, that the Germans are merely straightening their front between these two cities, and shortening it materially into the bargain. We can perceive that any retirement from in front of Arras and Soissons will mean an extension of the front of the German retreat and mean that it will be a withdrawal on a front from Lille to Rheims instead of from Arras to Soissons.

One may guess as one chooses. The Germans may be going to the frontier. By doing this they would shorten their line by 80 miles, release half a million soldiers and compel the Allies to postpone their great offensive until after they had constructed roads and railroads to the new front. But such a withdrawal would deprive Germany of the hold she has upon France, and have a moral effect at home and abroad that could not be exaggerated.

"Strategic" Retreat. On the other hand the retreat to the Hindenburg line can be explained in Germany as purely strategic and made in accordance with German plans. This has a degree of truth, and if it were followed by a smashing German offensive elsewhere it might lose importance in all eyes with little delay. If Germany has shortened her line in the centre to enable her to attack in Lorraine or Flanders, in Russia, the Balkans or Italy, and if she should attack successfully, her retirement would have no material meaning and would represent a sacrifice of valueless ground on one front to win a decisive victory elsewhere. We shall be able to appraise the German operation more accurately a little later. Now it is possible only to estimate its immediate possibilities, and in doing this it is wise not to magnify too greatly the consequences.

Germany has begun a difficult retreat. Her main danger does not come through the surrender of territory, but through the possibility that she will be unable to halt her retreat on the line chosen or escape some disaster incident to a retreat under such great pressure and on so wide a front. The first test will come when the retiring German armies reach the positions on which their commanders have chosen to stand.

Meantime the extent of the retreat remains the great problem. That can be determined best by following on the map the names of the successive villages and towns occupied by the Allies. If the Germans mean to stand on the Hindenburg line we shall have some new battle names in short order, and they will be villages along the great highways leading from Arras to Douai, Bapaume to Cambrai, Peronne to Le Cateau, Noyon to St. Quentin, Noyon to La Fere, and Soissons to Laon.

**PRINCE GEORGE LOSES  
CITY HALL CONTENTS**

Prince George, B. C., March 20.—The city hall was completely gutted by fire this morning. The blaze started at one a. m. The new water works system saved the structure from complete destruction. The books in the safe are intact and other documents were saved, but the latter are water-soaked. The origin of the fire is unknown.



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### GUNS AND ARMEN BUSY ON ITALIAN FRONT

Rome, March 20.—The War Office gave out the following report last night: "On the whole front there was increased activity of the artillery. It was most marked in the Lagarina valley. Our field hospitals at Gorizia and Ronchi were struck, causing a few casualties. "The enemy attempted raids in the Glumella valley and in the Lucati sector. He was checked by our vigilance. "Fine weather was favorable for the aircraft, and after a brisk fight we brought down two enemy aeroplanes, one within our lines. Last night one of our

### TRUST HINDENBURG, THEIR PARROT CRY

German Papers Laboring to Calm Germans During the Big Retreat

Berlin, March 19.—Via London, March 20.—The morning newspapers to-day gave the German public its first news of the big events on the front in France. All published articles by military experts explaining the movement as part of the strategic plan of the General Staff for a decision on the western front and masterstroke to vitiate the preparations of the Entente for an offensive, giving a decided advantage to the Germans. These writers are unanimous in expressing the fullest confidence in Field-Marshal von Hindenburg.

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### ALEXANDRE RIBOT FORMS A CABINET

Former Finance Minister Succeeds Briand as Premier of France

Paris, March 20.—Alexandre Ribot, former Minister of Finance, has formed the following Cabinet: Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs—Alexandre Ribot. Minister of Justice—Rene Viviani. Minister of War—Paul Painleve. Marine—Rear-Admiral Lacaze. Munitions—Albert Thomas. Interior—Louis J. Malvy. Finance—Joseph Thierry. Instruction—Jules Steeg. Public Works—Georges Desplas. Commerce—Etienne Clementel. Agriculture—Fernand David. Subsistence—Maurice Violette. Labor—Leon Bourgeois. Colonies—Andre Maginot. Under Secretary of Aviation—Daniel Vincent.

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### DAWN OF LIBERTY AMONG THE RUSSIANS

In Manifesto to People Provisional Government makes Solemn Promises

London, March 20.—The following manifesto has been issued by the Russian Provisional Government to the nation, according to Reuter's Petrograd correspondent: "Citizens: The great work has been achieved. By a powerful stroke the Russian people have overthrown the old regime. A new Russia is born. This coup d'etat has set the keystone upon long years of struggle. "Under pressure of awakened national forces, the Act of October 26, 1905, promised Russia constitutional liberties which were never put into execution. The first Duma, the mouthpiece of the national wishes, was dissolved. The second Duma met the same fate, and the Government, being powerless to crush the national will, decided by the Act of June 16, 1907, to deprive the people of part of the legislative rights promised them. "During the ensuing ten years the Government successfully withdrew from the people all the rights they had won. The country was again thrown into the abyss of absolute ruin and administrative arbitrariness. All attempts to make the voice of reason heard were vain, and the great world struggle into which the country was plunged found it face to face with moral decadence and power of the Government not united with the people-power, indifferent to the country's destinies and steeped in vice and infamy. "The heroic efforts of the army, crushed under the cruel weight of internal disorganization, and the appeals of the national representatives, who were united in view of the national danger, were powerless to lead the Emperor and his Government into the path of union with the people. Thus again Russia, by the illegal and disastrous acts of her governors, was faced with the greatest disasters, and the people had to take the power into their own hands. "Lofty Spirit: "With unanimous spirit, the people, fully realizing the seriousness of the moment and the firm will of the Duma, established a provisional Government, which considers that its sacred duty is to lead the country in a bright path of free civil organization. The Government believes that the lofty spirit of patriotism that the people have shown in the struggle against the old regime also will animate our gallant soldiers on the battlefields. "On its side the Government will do its utmost to provide the army with everything necessary to bring the war to a victorious conclusion. The Government will faithfully observe all alliances uniting us to other powers and all agreements made in the past. While taking measures indispensable for the defence of the country against a foreign enemy, the Government will consider it its first duty to grant to the people every facility to express their will, and will convolve as soon as possible a constituent assembly on the basis of universal suffrage, at the same time assuring the gallant defenders of the country their share in the Parliamentary elections. The constituent assembly will issue fundamental laws guaranteeing the country the immutable rights of equality and liberty."

### INTERNED GERMANS WERE BROUGHT BACK

Philadelphia, March 20.—A dash of liberty by seven members of the crews of the German auxiliary cruisers Kron Prinz Wilhelm and Prinz Eitel Friedrich, interned at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, was frustrated last night by marines and policemen who were on guard outside the yard. Four of the Germans were caught while attempting to swim the back channel, while the three others were caught in the meadows after swimming the icy waters of the channel.

### FORWARD MOVEMENT STEADILY MAINTAINED

British and French Forces Continued Pressing Retreating Germans Yesterday

London, March 20.—The following official report was issued last night: "The pursuit of the enemy on the Ancre-Somme front continued to-day, our cavalry and advanced guards driving back the enemy's rearguards. "The ground gained extends for a depth of from two to eight miles, and 40 more villages have fallen into our hands. "The enemy raided trenches of our early this morning in the neighborhood of Loos and northwest of Ypres. A few of our men are missing. "Our aeroplanes did much valuable work yesterday in co-operation with our infantry. Enemy troops were engaged successfully with machine guns, and bombs were dropped on a number of places behind the enemy lines. "In the air fighting one German machine was destroyed and one was driven down damaged. Two of our aeroplanes are missing."

### GERMANY'S LOSSES

London, March 20.—According to official lists kept here, the total casualties of the Germans, reported for the month of February, killed, dead of wounds or illness and men made prisoner and missing, aggregate 60,471, making the total German casualties reported officially since the beginning of the war, exclusive of those in the navy or in the colonies, 4,148,163. The February losses are given as follows: Killed or died of wounds or illness, 12,826; prisoners, 1,596; missing, 2,729; seriously wounded, 12,451; slightly wounded, 25,519. Total, 60,471. The German casualties in the month of January, according to official lists here, aggregated 77,534, and the total for the war up to that time was announced as 4,987,492.

### CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

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Sworn Statement From a Man Who Has Unbounded Confidence in Dr. Chase's Ointment.

There is no longer any debate as to the best treatment for itching, bleeding or protruding piles. But since about one person in every four suffers more or less from this annoying ailment it is necessary to keep on telling people about Dr. Chase's Ointment. Mr. Wm. Shaw, Island Brook, Que., writes: "I am writing this to let you know the benefit I have derived from your Ointment. I have suffered more or less for years with protruding piles, and last winter I got so bad, I was completely laid up with them. I went to our local storekeeper and asked him if he had anything that was good for piles and he recommended Dr. Chase's Ointment. I purchased a box and took it home and used it according to directions and for over one year I have not been troubled with piles. I had tried other remedies before but they only gave me temporary relief and that one box of your Ointment did more for me than all the others, as I have not been troubled since last winter. I consider it to be the best remedy for piles. I have ever used and shall always carry a box with me, although I don't think I will need it for piles. We have used it for other purposes in the family, such as burns and cuts, scratches, etc., and my wife says it is one of the best remedies for such purposes we have ever had in the house. Although you only charge sixty cents a box for it, it is well worth \$5 a box for anyone afflicted with piles. Now, you can use this letter if you wish or refer anyone to me who wants to know about it for piles. I might say that in my business I am known all over the English portion of Quebec, and am having this statement sworn to before a Justice of the Peace. "Sworn before me this first day of April, 1916. M. M. Holbrook, J. P. Island Brook, Que." Dr. Chase's Ointment, 60c a box, all dealers, or Edman-son, Bates & Co., Ltd., Toronto.

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## AUSTRALIAN IMPORT TRADE IS ANALYZED

### Commissioner McMillan's Report Is Issued on Timber Requirements

As a supplement to the weekly bulletin of the department of Trade and Commerce the report of H. R. McMillan on the timber import trade of Australia has just reached the Times. Mr. McMillan travelled as Canadian Special Timber Trade Commissioner. The booklet is well illustrated with photographs and diagrams. In an introduction Mr. McMillan says: "It is a matter of serious concern that there should be a serious decline in Canada's share of Australia's timber imports."

He ascribes the two chief obstacles to "first the channels of the trade are non-British; second the trade has been driven to death."

In Hands of U. S. "Canadian concentration on development of domestic opportunities has been such that no Canadian firms paid attention to building up a trans-Pacific timber brokerage and shipping business. Such business has been entirely in the hands of what are chiefly United States companies, and naturally they, finding a surplus of timber for export at their doors, found it no advantage to come to Canada for supplies."

"Fortunately this condition shows signs of righting itself. Canadian companies, properly equipped to carry on a shipping business, are now entering the field, with results that cannot fail to be of benefit to Canada. Overproduction. "A tremendous overproduction of lumber on the Pacific coast and the dumping of this lumber abroad under conditions of competition ruinous to many of the producers engaged in it, has resulted for several years from the unorganized state of the lumber industry. The competition has so flooded the Australian market from time to time that Canadian mills have not been attracted to foreign trade. A stronger organization of United States mills is now in effect, which promises to prevent lumber dumping."

A Growing Market. "The Australian market is a growing one. It will long continue to be second only to the Canadian prairie as an outlet for British Columbia lumber. It possesses an additional importance. Should Canada supply only one-half Australia's timber requirements, she will lay the foundation of a powerful merchant marine on the Pacific, which will in turn exercise a profound influence on the development of her ports and of subsidiary trading and maritime industries."

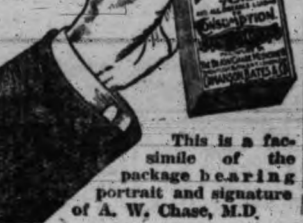
"So long as there lies across a few thousand miles of water, a sure market and that within the Empire, for all of Western Canada's most conspicuous and superfluous resources, so long should Canadian timber industries cooperate in supporting Canadian exporting and shipping interests to secure that market."

Native Hardwoods. In the first chapter, in which he deals with the influence of native timber on the Australian market, he says that the Commonwealth has hitherto furnished the most important overseas market for the forest products of the Douglas fir regions, and points out that from British Columbia, Washington and Oregon to Australia the total exports of lumber during the

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## UNITED STATES AT PARTING OF WAYS



U. S.—If one must go, it will have to be you.

## SPLENETIC GERMANS DID MUCH DAMAGE

### Wrecked as Much as They Could Before Leaving Peronne

British Headquarters in France, March 19.—Via London, March 20.—(From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press).—The deliberate character of the destruction wrought by the Germans before their withdrawal from Peronne is painfully evident in the once beautiful avenue of trees leading to the railway station. These trees were untouched by shellfire, but each one was hacked in two with axes and the ashes and chips show that the work was done within the last few days.

The beautiful gardens of the outlying houses also were wrecked and every fruit tree within several miles of the town was sawed two-thirds of the way through and then broken down. The writer was among the first visitors to Peronne in the wake of the British troops, who have now swept well beyond that place. It was necessary to pass through half a score of ruined villages which only a few days ago were within the zone of intense artillery fire, before reaching the banks of the Somme. Crossing that stream on an improvised bridge and trudging through Halle, Peronne was reached over a road which had been reconstructed within twenty-four hours over succeeding rows of German trenches and through recurring masses of rusted barbed wire, some of these being at least six feet in height and 50 feet in width.

Smiling Tommies. On the outskirts of the city British Tommies were encountered wearing German "pikelaub" helmets and grinning from ear to ear. In the great square of Peronne, which is surrounded by melancholy ruins was the British officer who had led the first patrol into the city. He was mounted on a splendid little German pony which he had captured with its full equipment. Several other officers arrived during the morning and begged for the privilege of taking a canter about the place on board this prize of war. There was a ghostly silence in most sections of the city. No sound of war was to be heard except once when a prying German aeroplane scudded over in the shelter of the high clouds and anti-aircraft guns opened, driving him to quick retreat.

British officers pointed out buildings after buildings where apparently the total damage had resulted from inter- or explosions. In many cases walls facing away from the line of British and French fire had great squares blown through them, differing strikingly from the round holes made in other buildings by shells. The beautiful old sixteenth century church of St. Jean was a pitiful mass of ruins, but one of its oil paintings still hung on a bit of wall in the transept and was miraculously untouched. The statue of Catherine Devoix which had adorned the great square had been taken away by the Germans and a gaudily clad dummy left in its stead. The railway station was completely wrecked, including the track and crossing bridges. German signs had been substituted throughout the station and on a bulletin board was a timetable of trains for Lille, Munich and other points within the German lines.

The Germans had left many relics behind to show their occupancy of the French military barracks. In some of the rooms Christmas trees, gaily decorated with tinsel, still were standing. It was strange to find in some of the

shattered and partly burned houses remnants of children's toys, including doll carriages and bits of dolls themselves. These toys had been left behind with all other household belongings when the French inhabitants first fled before the German invaders. In some of the finer residences the libraries had been wrecked, the books torn in pieces and scattered in the streets.

Bath in Somme. The Germans had left several foot bridges across the Somme which apparently were intact, but closer examination showed that false sections had been inserted which gave way at the first foot pressure. The correspondent, investigating one of these bridges too closely, had an icy bath in the Somme.

On the blank walls of the city there were many printed proclamations to the soldiers, including the entire text of some of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's later speeches in the Reichstag.

At a chateau just outside Peronne the Germans had killed two magpies and stuck them on the sharp points of the iron posts at either side of the entrance.

"I suppose that signifies some German curses or sign of bad luck," said a British subaltern as he went whistling gaily on his way to find, as he said, "where the war had taken itself off to."

## CIVIL SERVANTS FOR THE MILITARY FORCES

### What is Expected of Those in Dominion Service Physically Fit

Ottawa, March 20.—The Dominion and the Imperial Munitions Board will shortly have under consideration the matter of dispensing with the services of civil servants fit for military duty. The matter will be brought before the Government in the presentation of the report of the public service board which recently completed a census of the various departments. It is already under consideration by the chiefs of departments with regard to the substitution of persons ineligible for military service for the young unmarried men now in the employ of the Munitions Board in great numbers.

As regards similar action toward the civil service, the "Civilian," a publication devoted to the interests of the civil service, gives what is probably an authoritative forecast of certain features of the public service board. It points out that the inquiry conducted by that committee included investigation into what each employee could do in case it were desired to transfer him to another department. It is understood that this has been investigated with a view to reorganization, and that reorganization will be recommended so as to permit about 1,000 apparently physically fit and eligible civil servants to enlist. It is stated that there are in the civil service 1,700 men of military age of whom 1,000 are physically fit.

One of the Duke of Norfolk's forebears escaped death by as lucky a chance as any recorded in history. Having offended Henry VIII, he was sentenced to death, and lay in the Tower awaiting execution on January 28, 1546. But on January 27 Henry himself shuffled off this mortal coil, and the duke's death warrant was judged to be annulled.—London Chronicle.

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Stamped Towels, scalloped edge. Each	25¢	6-Strand Embroidering Floss, in white. Skein, 15¢, or 1 for	25¢
Stamped Towels, scalloped edge. Each	35¢	6-Strand Embroidering Floss, in colors. Per skein	5¢
Stamped Towels, hemstitched edge. Each	65¢	Steel Knitting Needles, Nos. 11 and 12. Set 10¢	
Tray Cloths, hemstitched edge. Each	90¢	Bone Knitting Needles, size 10, long and short. Set, 20¢ and	25¢
Tray Cloths, scalloped edge. Each	65¢	Steel and Bone Crochet Hooks	
Dresser Scarf, hemstitched edge. Each	65¢	Crochet Book of Corset Covers and Nightgown Yokes	15¢
Dresser Scarf, scalloped edge. Each	\$1.25	Book of Crochet Centres and Lunch Sets	30¢
Children's Hats to embroider, mushroom and sun bonnet, 50¢ and	65¢	Bucilla Book No. 6	15¢
Dresser Scarf, scalloped edge. Each	\$1.25	Book of Tatting	30¢
Dresser Scarf, scalloped edge. Each	90¢	Book of Edgings	10¢
		Book of Edgings for Towels and Pillow Cases, at	10¢

VIEW LARGE WINDOW SHOWING

## WILL EXPROPRIATE ROSS RIFLE FACTORY

### Canadian Government Expected to Move at Once; Plant Closed Yesterday

Ottawa, March 20.—A wire has been received here stating that the Ross Rifle factory at Quebec, following the cancellation of the \$2,000,000 order by the Government, has closed down.

It is understood that the British Government also has served notice that it will not accept delivery of rifles after the end of this month. Apparently, under the circumstances the Ross Company has decided to cease operations.

It is understood that the Government will take steps immediately to expropriate the factory. An order probably will be passed taking the necessary authority this week.

Under the War Measures Act the Government already has enlarged the expropriation act so as to cover a case such as this, and there will be no technical difficulties in the way. It also is understood that the complete specifications for the new British Lee-Enfield Rifle, which also will be made the Canadian service rifle, have been received, and it is presumed that steps will be taken to manufacture as soon as possible this new rifle when the Ross Rifle factory is expropriated.

Quebec, March 20.—The Ross Rifle factory closed at noon yesterday. Following is a statement by Sir Charles Ross, giving the reasons for the closing:

"The management of the Ross Rifle Company regret to announce that they have closed down their factory for an indefinite period, owing to the cancellation of all existing orders for rifles by the Imperial and Canadian Governments.

"The Imperial cancellation reached us a few days ago, and is to take effect on the 31st instant. The cancellation by the Canadian authorities was received only this morning, to take effect immediately, and this without previous warning or representation of any kind.

"In view of this, we were with regret forced to close our doors, although we were capable and willing to continue operations."

Without Delay. Ottawa, March 20.—The Morning Journal-Press states that it is the intention of the Government to expropriate the Ross rifle factory at Quebec and operate it as a national factory to produce the improved Lee-Enfield rifle. Expropriation proceedings will be taken under the Expropriations Act, which under the War Measures Act has been extended in scope so as to eliminate technicalities that might delay the proceedings. Production of the Lee-Enfield rifles, the Journal-Press states, will be commenced with all possible haste. As soon as the patterns and

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Breathes there a man with soul so dead, Who never to himself hath said: This is my own, my native land.

specifications are received by the Government and necessary changes made to permit of active operations, the manufacture of the new rifles will be commenced.

The United States navy has the distinction of being slightly older than the republic itself, for nine months before the actual Declaration of Independence Congress authorized the construction of two "national" cruisers, and appointed a committee to purchase vessels to form the nucleus of a fleet. Within three months of its appointment this committee got together 14 armed vessels and appointed a personnel of officers, among whom the most notable was Paul Jones. During the war of independence the infant navy captured 99 prizes, but suffered so heavily that by the time peace was declared it had almost ceased to exist. A new start on a more ambitious scale, was made in 1794.—London Chronicle.





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STUDY OUR HISTORY.

In his instructive and stirring address before the Canadian Club yesterday the Hon. George P. Graham appealed for greater attention to the study of Canadian history, a history, he pointed out, of which every Canadian should be proud. Mr. Graham's remarks in this respect touched a matter in which Canadian Clubs throughout Canada are commencing to take an active interest and they are particularly appropriate at this time when Canadians in the great war are adding to their country's history some of its most absorbing and important chapters.

Instruction on this subject has been lamentably deficient in Canada; indeed we doubt if in any other country in the world where ordinary educational facilities exist less real attention is given to its own history than in our own Dominion. Yet it is the most important factor in the development of national consciousness and pride. It is the repository of the country's highest and best traditions. It is the chief bulwark against the growth of that cynical materialism which values a country only in terms of dollars and cents, and which if unchecked undermines its character and ideals.

Not a pupil should leave the upper grades of Canadian schools without possessing a well-grounded knowledge and understanding of the various striking phases of the Dominion's history. A chromatic scale of dates, beginning with Cabot and Cartier, run off with photographic fidelity at examination time, means nothing. That is merely a mechanical exercise. What the older pupils should be taught is the significance of every noteworthy development of the country's progress. They should be told about the great problems—physical, constitutional and military—their forefathers had to solve. How much attention is given, for instance, to the provisions of the Treaty of Paris under which Canada passed under the British Crown? How much to the Quebec Act, the Constitution Act and the circumstances of their adoption? How much to the war of 1812, the struggles of 1837, the inquiry by Lord Durham, his celebrated report and the bestowal of self-government upon Canada a short time afterwards? What of the developments which led to Confederation, the fiftieth anniversary of which which be celebrated this year? How many pupils can name the Fathers of Confederation?

Canadian history must not be regarded delicately and apologetically. It should have priority over the history of every other country in Canadian schools. For only in its pages may be found the explanation of real Imperial solidarity as far as the overseas dominions are concerned. In them is revealed the reason why the British Empire has not gone the way of other empires. It was the "experiment" of self-government in Canada that disclosed to Great Britain and the world the true foundation of Imperial unity. That "experiment," originating in this Dominion and with Canadians, became a policy which was applied to Australia, New Zealand, and—with glorious vindication—to the Union of

South Africa, and will be extended to the various dependencies as soon as they are ready to receive it. That is the great, the Imperial, meaning of the origin and development of self-government in Canada. Now is the time, when well-meaning but short-sighted reactionaries are devising schemes which, explain them how they will, must involve a retrograde step, that more earnest attention should be devoted to the study and the interpretation of Canadian history.

A STATE OF WAR.

According to a Washington dispatch President Wilson is about to declare that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany. This should not be confused with a declaration of war, which only Congress has the power to authorize, but it is the next step precedent to that action. In a number of instances in the present world conflict a state of war has been proclaimed before war itself actually was declared, while in other wars nations have accepted the proclamation as tantamount to a declaration and have locked arms without any more ado. This might prove to be the case with the United States and Germany, although it is very unlikely. Under his declaration President Wilson would set military forces in motion for the maintenance of American rights, and would be bound to precipitate a formal declaration by either Germany or the United States.

There would be several significant features in a proclamation by President Wilson that a state of war existed between the United States and Germany. It would be the fact that it would be the first occasion on which the President would have associated the term "war" with any action taken by him. In the second place he would be leading the country into war himself and creating such conditions as to make it impossible for Congress to refuse him a declaration when he asked for it. A proclamation, moreover, would clear the situation of all uncertainty, particularly in respect of the Mexican situation. Any attempt of German agents to interfere with Britain's oil fields there could be resisted by armed British forces without giving German agents in the United States an opportunity to invoke the Monroe Doctrine.

THE ROSS RIFLE FACTORY.

An Ottawa dispatch describes the closing of the Ross Rifle factory at Quebec as a preliminary to the expropriation of the establishment by the Dominion Government. This is a marked reversal of the policy manifested in the proceedings in the House of Commons a few days before the recent adjournment. Then, as our readers will recall, the Government secured the passage of a vote of \$2,000,000 for the purchase of more Ross rifles, a proposal which precipitated a review of the whole tragic story of this weapon and vigorous criticism of the Government's course in regard to it.

The Ross rifle was found to be defective for war service after the first grim test at Ypres in the spring of 1915. Yet notwithstanding adverse reports from the highest authorities the Canadian Government continued to arm the Canadian troops with the weapon. Last May the publication of a report by General Alderson, formerly in command of the troops, in the Ottawa Citizen, caused a debate in the House, with the result that the matter was referred to Sir Douglas Haig. The commander-in-chief recommended the abandonment of the rifle for active service last summer, but it was not until November that the Government decided to authorize the change, or eighteen months after the defects of the original arm was first revealed. It was then disclosed that Sir Douglas Haig had made several recommendations on the subject which, as far as Canada was concerned, never saw the light of day.

When the House opened this year the members were mystified to find in the estimates an item of \$2,000,000 for more Ross rifles. In answer to Opposition queries the ministry stated that these were to be used for training and that the British authorities were anxious to have them for that purpose. Evidently Sir Robert Borden and his colleagues have made an interesting discovery since their arrival in England—that the British authorities do not want the rifle for any purpose. Sir Charles Ross's statement issued at Quebec to-day contains the following significant paragraph:

"The Imperial cancellation reached us a few days ago, and is to take effect on the 31st instant. The cancellation by the Canadian authorities was only received this morning, to take effect immediately, and this, without previous warning or representation of any kind."

Under its contract the Ross Rifle Company was required to furnish a weapon satisfactory to the Government. It could have turned out Lee-Enfields or any other kind of rifle if it had been authorized by the Government to do so. Ottawa seemed to have a veritable horror of permitting a Canadian fac-

tory to make any other arm than the one whose persistent employment in the face of adverse expert advice for over a year involved the death of many a gallant Canadian soldier.

The Government is doing now what it ought to have done two years ago, not only in regard to the production of small arms but in respect of munitions. National munition plants should now be operating by the scores. We already had the foundation in numerous machine shops or repair stations owned and operated by the nation. Nothing, however, was done in this direction. Indeed one of the finest plants on the continent, the Transcona car-shop, was leased to a mushroom company of profiteers. Undoubtedly the action it is proposed to take in regard to the Ross Rifle factory is due to pressure exerted by the Imperial authorities. Otherwise so startling a departure from custom would not have been adopted.

NOT YET, BUT SOON.

The New York Stock Exchange fiction factory operators, chagrined over the fact that the Russian revolution caught them napping, yesterday decided to take no chances of being beaten again in the production of the strange, weird and incredible, and therefore presented Berlin with a twin to the upheaval at Petrograd. Why they left out Vienna and Budapest we cannot say, but to be consistent they ought to devote as much attention to the Hapsburgs as to the Hohenzollerns. Indeed, if symptoms, fissures and cracks in an Imperial fabric count for anything, the Hapsburgs will go first.

That there ultimately will be a revolution in Germany there is not, and to our mind, never was, any doubt. There never has been nor never can be any other outcome for a country ruled by a military caste. The conditions which prevail in such states make popular uprisings as inevitable as the processes of the sun. For a revolution in Germany, however, there must be a strong leader of democratic ideals who has the confidence of the people—a man like Rodzianko or Milnikoff in Russia. A weird rhapsody from a neutral military attaché just out from Berlin foreshadows von Hindenburg as a prospective revolutionary chief. The attaché must have been joking or must have spoken in irony. Von Hindenburg personifies the very system which will provoke the revolution. He is Prussian militarism incarnate. He does not know what democracy is or means, or very little else for that matter. We can locate a much more likely leader: His name is Liebknecht, and he is in a fortress; but Liebknecht in jail is exercising a more profound influence upon the internal situation of Germany than he would be exercising if he still had his seat in the Reichstag.

Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg says we to the man who shall stand in the way of greater freedom for the people when the war is over. The utterance of the chancellor may be accepted as another example of Hun strategy. All good things are to be poured upon the German people after the war is over. But they all must suffer and multitudes die first—for the glory of the house of Hohenzollern. There evidently is some apprehension in Germany that the people may follow the example of the Russians and demand the right even to the point of revolution of managing their own affairs before the war is over.

The advance of the British and French forces in France has brought them within ten miles generally of the De-al-Cambrai-Laon line and before long we shall know if the Huns intend to make a determined stand there. If they do not it will be clear that they contemplate a retirement from three-fourths of the soil of France originally held by them. Their systematic destruction of villages and towns before abandoning them suggests this ultimate purpose.

A Berlin newspaper laments the fact that the British do not seem to understand that the mastery retreat of the Huns really was an unpleasant reverse for the Allies. Another thing we cannot understand is why the All-Higher did not order the joy-bells of Berlin to be rung in honor of the "mastery retreat" if it was an "unpleasant reverse" for the Allies. But possibly all the bells in Germany have been melted down into material for Herr Krupp.

The London Outlook furnishes a mystified empire with a new explanation of the meteoric rise of Lord Beaverlegs—we mean Beavertail, or rather, Beaverbrook. It was because he proposed Bonar Law as leader of the Unionist party. For this great deed he was made a baronet. Yes, but that only takes us a part of the way. How did Sir Max Aitken manage to become Lord Beaverbrook? That's the question.

When the French soldiers view the terrible devastation being wrought in their beautiful country by the retreating barbarians they can be pardoned anticipating a visit to German territory with some satisfaction. If the Germans were foresighted, thinking men instead of unformed ruffians they

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would realize that they were only increasing the measure of retribution they and the German people will have to make.

London Daily Chronicle: Mr. Lloyd George has great qualities in a testing time like this when the tempest of war is raging. His vision is clear, his nerves are strong, his pulse beats in healthful music. Great will be his glory if he succeeds in bringing the ship of State safely into the harbor of victory and peace.

The Borden Government seems to have cancelled its order for several million more Ross rifles and is going to expropriate the works of Sir Charles Ross. Our Canadian administration is notoriously slow to emulate the Governments of every other country at war in the matter of national arms and munition plants.

President Wilson may share in the glory of bringing peace upon a tortured world, but not exactly in the manner he anticipated a year or so ago. He seems to realize now that there is but one way of treating with the Hun, and that is by beating him to his knees.

While the Huns are on the run, it may take some time to clear them entirely out of France and Belgium and herd them within their own proper and permanent bounds. So don't be impatient.

An eastern parliamentarian compliments British Columbia on the marked average ability of the members of the Legislature now in session. It is a contrast to some former Legislatures, and we hope to keep it so.

LITTLE LOSS OF TIME IN RUSSIAN AFFAIRS

New Government and General Staff of Army Hard at Work

Petrograd, March 17.—Delayed—The General Staff entered on active work with the new Government this morning. All the new Ministers have been installed in office, and the Government of Russia, particularly in relation to the war, is going forward without the loss of a week.

The Duma committee, chiefly responsible for the reorganization, is not interfering with the military arrangements. It has surrounded Prince Lvoff, the Premier, with a personal entourage largely that of the late Emperor. The nobility of the country, accepting the new conditions, has with hardly an exception agreed to work with the directorate or other form of central government.

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was recognized and the crowd, remembering the last ringing sentence of his abdication in favor of the nation, cheered him with cries of "Friend Grand Duke" and "Friend Michael." The Grand Duke stood up in his automobile and lifted his hat in response, crying: "Long live Russia!" Address on Fleur.—At the Rotary Club's luncheon on Thursday W. Lloyd Craig will give an address on "Fleur," a subject of live human interest at any time and especially in these days of

war. The entertainment committee has also arranged for an amusing novelty in the way of a surprise. \* \* \* \* \* Vacant Lot Cultivation Committee.—The committee is discovering a remarkable penchant for Early Rose potatoes among many cultivators, and they refuse to take the late or medium varieties which are available. The City's order of Early Rose has not been filled, so those who are not satisfied with other varieties have to wait.



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**New Car Wanted.**—Although tenders will not be in for a week for the sale of the Health Department car, it has been decided by City Council to consider the possibility of selling it with the Ford car used in the Streets Superintendent's Department, and buying a new car with the proceeds.

**Demand Phoenix Beer.** Home product.

**Small Sum Realized.**—The sale of buildings at Beacon Hill Park yesterday realized \$671.50, under circumstances already reported. The total, with fittings already sold, will be about \$850.

**Wanted Information.**—In receiving the accounts of the British Columbia Agricultural Association, as audited, it was decided by City Council last evening that the secretary should be asked for details about the expenses and salaries, in view of the shows being dormant.

**Seeks His Whereabouts.**—A letter from Peter J. O'Rourke, of Belfast, has been received by the local detective department requesting that the writer be informed of the whereabouts of his son Robert, who has now been missing for three years. Some considerable time ago he was known to be in the fish and provision business in Vancouver and the last word which the father had of him he was on his way to Victoria to follow a similar line of work. The father is anxious to get in touch with him as the son will benefit considerably by a will left by his grandmother. He is about 25 years of age, of a fair complexion with dark hair.

**Repair Fire Halls.**—The City Council last evening accepted tenders from Thomas H. Matthews for N. 3 Hall at \$367 and C. A. McGregor for N. 4 Hall at \$495.

**Civic Estimates.**—Although sitting till a late hour, after Council meeting last evening, the consideration of the Civic Estimates was not completed last evening.

**Many Cars Offered.**—There were 24 second hand cars offered to the City Council last evening for an old car for the fire department. An examination will be made of them.

**Stationed at Oxford.**—In a cable to his wife yesterday, Lieut. W. F. Loveland, who left Vancouver Island with a draft of the 230th Forestry Battalion, states that the whole of the unit is quartered at a training camp near Oxford.

**War Relief Act.**—City Council last evening went on record in favor of approaching the Attorney-General to ask for amendment of the War Relief Act, to enable tax sale deeds to be given by municipalities without the dangers of law suits now threatened under the language of the Act, should any beneficiaries have enlisted with any Allied forces.

**Declines Proposal.**—The City Council last evening declined to entertain a proposal of the Soldiers' Graves Committee of the Municipality Chapter, I. O. O. E., to set aside a portion of Ross Bay Cemetery for the burial of soldiers not otherwise provided for. The cemetery committee recommended that these soldiers should be buried at Esquimalt, and this course will doubtless be adopted.

**Meek Parliament.**—At the mock parliament under the auspices of the Victoria Liberal Association, which meets to-night at the board room of the Belmont Block, there will be two bills introduced, one by the Minister of Finance and the other by the Minister of Education. Each of these will be given a first reading. The Land Bill will also be further discussed. The Speaker is expected to take the chair promptly at 8 o'clock.

**Leaving With Foresters.**—The Executive Committee of the Veterans' Club of British Columbia, announce that they have received and accepted the resignation of their valued honorary secretary, W. Wallace Grime, who is leaving shortly with the Foresters Draft. Corporal Grime has worked very hard and has always had the interests of the Veterans' Club at heart, and the members will feel his loss greatly. They wish him every success in his new duties of again serving his King and Country.

**New Pictures.**—A number of new slides have been secured by Commissioner Cuthbert for the lecture which he is to deliver in the auditorium of the Girls' Central School on Thursday evening next. There will also be a good deal of new and interesting matter in the address which will be a great attraction. A musical programme has been arranged and the High School orchestra has been asked to lend its services. Mr. Cuthbert's ability as a lecturer and the beauty of the slides which he will show should be a sufficient attraction to induce a large number to attend this Red Cross event.

**Fined \$1 and \$2.50 Costs.**—In the police court this morning Hong Fong was fined \$1 and \$2.50 costs for selling a package of cigarettes on Sunday, in violation of the Lord's Day Act. Constables Adamson and Saunders gave evidence to having entered the store of the accused and to having bought the cigarettes. The accused pleaded that he merely kept the provisions and tobacco for the use of the restaurant of which he is the proprietor. Magistrate Jay pointed out that as the law stands at the present time it is difficult to administer from the fact that restaurants which have a bakery in conjunction are permitted to sell bread and cakes on Sunday.

**Solicitors Compromise.**—F. C. Elliot made an application before Mr. Justice Morrison in Supreme Court Chambers this morning to have the remuneration of the executrix fixed in connection with the administering of the estate of the late Peter Inrrie. The amount involved was \$45,000. The two sisters are the beneficiaries, one of whom for the past two and a half years has attended to the whole of the business connected with the estate. What Mr. Elliot judged to be an equitable amount for the work and responsibility involved was \$1,095, while M. B. Jackson, M.P., representing the other beneficiary, adjudged eight hundred dollars to be a fair sum. From a considerable amount of argument there was evolved a compromise in the sum of a level thousand dollars.

**RESERVOIR WILL BE CLEANED OUT AGAIN**

Basin at Smith's Hill To Be Emptied, Except Domestic Reserve

Smith's Hill reservoir is to be cleaned out, the Water Commissioner announces to-day. The water will be gradually lowered for that purpose.

The reservoir's total capacity is about 16,000,000 million gallons, but in practice it is not full, since the supply from the Sooke Hills renders that course unnecessary.

The basin is divided into two sections by the central partition wall, an improvement at the time the basin was re-constructed in 1912, and the sections will be emptied alternately for cleaning purposes. Since the half in use can only hold about 3,000,000 gallons, there will be reduced pressure in the mains in that section of the city. Householders are requested to bear this in mind, while the cleaning is in progress. It is felt desirable to do the work before the warm weather increases the consumption of water.

Owing to the intervention of a private council session this afternoon, the proposed visit to Elk Lake waterworks by the Mayor, Alderman Johns, and the Water Commissioner, which was set for this afternoon, has been postponed. The sale of surplus plant in connection with the works, and further utilization of the watershed, only part of which yields any return to the city, were the objects of the visit. Drainage has been one of the factors to be considered in regard to making any use of the land for pleasure purposes, and for a golf course, and at this time when cultivation is being urged, drainage would be essential for crop raising.

**DREDGING FLEET GIVES LIBERALLY**

Amount Subscribed to Patriotic Fund Since Outbreak of War, \$15,742.

A statement of the B. C. Dredging Fleet (Coast Division) War Fund from its commencement until February 25, 1917, shows that the total amount collected and paid in to the Victoria Patriotic Aid Society, and the Vancouver, New Westminster and Nanaimo branches of the Patriotic Fund is \$15,742.25. The amount has been subscribed by the various plants of the Dredging Branch, and it is very gratifying to the Department of Public Works and to the dredging fleet to be able to report so handsome a contribution. Great credit is certainly due all the employees who have made it possible for such a liberal sum to be handed over to the Patriotic Funds, this exhibiting a fine patriotic and unselfish interest in the worthy cause. The subscriptions during the last few months have fallen off considerably, but this is due principally to the abandonment of the night shift crews. Nearly all the present employees are still paying their monthly subscriptions.

The following is the detailed statement of collections and disbursements from October, 1914, to February 25, 1917:

Amounts collected from:	\$15,742.25
Mastodon and Point Grey	2,929.40
Frubling	2,132.00
Ajax and Point Ellice	2,085.25
Drilling plant	1,842.50
Midway and Red Point	1,496.50
King Edward and Point Garry	1,227.15
Lobnitz rock breaker, No. 1	1,177.00
Lobnitz rock breaker, No. 2	812.50
Office staff	792.00
Tug Petrol	547.50
Dredge Victoria	238.50
Launch Watroude	87.50
	\$15,742.25

Amounts disbursed to:

Victoria Patriotic Aid Society	\$ 7,152.75
Canadian Patriotic Fund (Vancouver Branch)	4,298.83
Canadian Patriotic Fund (New Westminster Branch)	2,698.10
Canadian Patriotic Fund (Nanaimo Branch)	812.50
	\$15,742.25

**JAPANESE WANT FRANCHISE**

Question Being Discussed With Members of Provincial Government.

Vancouver, March 19.—Naturalized Japanese citizens of British Columbia, numbering 2,900 at least, are according to announcement to-day by K. Uchiyama, president of the Canadian Japanese Association, taking up with Attorney-General Macdonald, through their solicitor, Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, the question of the provincial government extending them the privileges of the franchise. It is understood from Mr. Uchiyama that Sir Charles has already written Hon. Mr. Macdonald on the matter, and Vancouver Japanese residents are now anxiously waiting to see what becomes of their request.

**TO REBUILD HOSPITAL**

Tag-Day Granted By City Council to King's Daughters to Restore Duncan Building.

The City Council last evening granted the King's Daughters permission to hold a tag day on Friday, March 23, to collect funds for hospital purposes at Duncan. It will be recalled that a wing of the King's Daughters' hospital there was burned recently. The work of the Order in establishing an institution of the kind in the Cowichan District was very widely commended, and the destruction of a part of the hospital has been a severe loss to Duncan and surrounding country. It is hoped that sufficient money may be raised at the forthcoming tag day to make possible the reconstruction of the destroyed portion.

The Council granted permission also

**ACCUSED IS ACQUITTED**

Sentence of Not Guilty is Given by Magistrate Jay in Hutchison vs. Morgan Case.

"After a careful survey of the evidence I am not able to find the accused guilty of the charge which is laid against him," stated Magistrate Jay in the Police Court this morning, in handing down sentence in the case of James Morgan, accused of stealing the sum of \$8 from Hugh Atkinson, of the Rainbow, while in the St. Francis Hotel on Thursday of last week.

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**BURIED YESTERDAY**

Funeral of Late Mrs. John Langley Attended By Many Friends.

Many attended the funeral yesterday of Mrs. Frances Langley, wife of Chief of Police John Langley, from the B. C. Funeral Chapel.

The cortege moved slowly from the Funeral Chapel to the Reformed Episcopal Church, where Rev. A. deB. O'Connell took charge of the services. The choir led in the singing of the hymns, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" and "Jerusalem the Golden," and the 90th Psalm. Mrs. J. D. Heincken, Miss Denise Harris, R. Kitley, and D. C. Hughes formed a quartette which gave a very beautiful rendering of "Sleep the Last Sleep." Very beautiful flowers were on the casket, among them being designs from the City Police and the Detective Department. There were also represented among the floral mementoes many of the organizations with which the deceased lady was connected during a life notable for its activity in philanthropic and benevolent works.

The following were the pallbearers: Messrs. W. G. Cameron, D. E. Campbell, Sidney Wilson, Andrew Gray, Fred Carne, and W. Sholtz.

**TO REBUILD HOSPITAL**

Tag-Day Granted By City Council to King's Daughters to Restore Duncan Building.

The City Council last evening granted the King's Daughters permission to hold a tag day on Friday, March 23, to collect funds for hospital purposes at Duncan. It will be recalled that a wing of the King's Daughters' hospital there was burned recently. The work of the Order in establishing an institution of the kind in the Cowichan District was very widely commended, and the destruction of a part of the hospital has been a severe loss to Duncan and surrounding country. It is hoped that sufficient money may be raised at the forthcoming tag day to make possible the reconstruction of the destroyed portion.

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**MID-WEEK MARKET.**—The usual Wednesday market will be held to-morrow, and it is announced that there will be a full supply of produce, and especially of fresh eggs, which are now selling at a price that makes them cheaper than meat as a staple article of diet.

**Opening New Hospital.**—Negotiations are proceeding by which it is expected that the Military Hospital Commissioners will take over the Quallum Beach Hotel as a convalescent hospital on April 1. The new Quallum Beach Red Cross branch will be supplied with materials from Red Cross headquarters in Victoria at once, and will have the advantage of having right in its midst a convalescent home whose staff will be able to give many valuable suggestions about the work.



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**NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.**  
Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore subsisting between us, the undersigned, as "Cookson Plumbing Company," in the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All debts owing to the said partnership are to be paid to Albert Ernest Hasenfratz at 1065 Yates Street, Victoria, and Provincial Affairs, and all claims against the said partnership are to be presented to the said Albert Ernest Hasenfratz, by whom the same will be settled.  
Dated at Victoria this 16th day of March, 1917.  
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**AT THE THEATRES**

**ROYAL VICTORIA.**  
Wilfred Lucas and Constance Talmadge are co-starred in "The Microscope Mystery," the unique Triangle-Fine Arts play which will be shown at the Royal Victoria Theatre again to-night. Mr. Lucas as a country doctor with a love of microscopic study solves a big murder mystery and saves an innocent girl from being charged with the crime. There is also shown a very laughable comedy, "Safety First Ambrose," which makes the whole programme well worth seeing.

**THE MAJESTIC.**  
"Unto the Least of These" is the title of the Essanay feature that is being screened at the Majestic to-night and Wednesday. Patrons of this popular theatre will remember with pleasure the film "Borrowed Sunshine" that was shown three weeks ago, in which little Mary McAllister played a prominent part. The fine acting of this child artist created quite a stir in the audience, and no doubt many who saw her in the picture will be interested to know that she plays the leading role in this new Essanay production. John Cosar (the company's leading star) and a strong cast support little Mary in this very pretty drama.

**THE COLUMBIA.**  
Anita King has made herself more than popular with the amusement seeking public by her splendid performance in "The Race," "Anton the Terrible" and "The Heir to the Hoopah." In "The Golden Fetter" she is given a still better opportunity. In addition to her photodramatic activities, Miss King has the distinction of being the first woman to motor across the American continent alone and is at present the only one of the thousands of motion picture people in Los Angeles occupying a civil position—that of City Mother, in special charge of the hundreds of screen-struck girls who visit that metropolis. She is seen to-day and to-morrow at the Columbia Theatre.

**VARIETY THEATRE.**  
One feature of "Should a Wife Forgive," in which Lillian Lorraine is appearing at the Variety Theatre, which should particularly appeal to the fair sex is the astonishing number of beautiful gowns worn by Miss Lorraine during the various scenes in the picture.  
Miss Lorraine has achieved both stage and film prominence and she has risen to the opportunities offered by this remarkable presentation in a manner which is striking evidence of her versatility. Taking the part of a cabaret dancer, her career of love, intrigue, short lived happiness, and final redemption after a pistol duel in the dark between two of her lovers, in which she is wounded, form only a part of a well worked out plot which permits of no relaxation of attention on the part of those who watch its progress on the screen.

**AN ENTERTAINING BILL**  
Ce-Dora Featured at Pantages in Sensational Whirlwind Effect.

An avalanche of thrills are crowded into a few seconds at the Pantages this week by a wisp of femininity who deliberately defies all the laws of gravitation with apparent indifference. Ce-dora, "the girl of the golden globe," makes a sensational debut in an act that is as unique as it is sensational. Totally oblivious to the dangers of her death-defying ride, this merry little lady, seated astride a powerful motorcycle, careens around the inner surface of a large globe at a speed of anything up to fifty miles an hour and finally terminates her remarkable effort by looping-the-loop, not once, but a dozen times, with the momentum of a skyrocket. In fact, Ce-dora gives one the impression that she could continue to revolve in this amazing fashion almost indefinitely. Splendid control is shown by the fair performer as she guides the 150-lb. machine on an endless slant within the confined space in the circular amphitheatre.

The girl exhibits iron nerve. The slightest slip would spell disaster for both herself and the inanimate assistant also within the sphere. The thrilling work of Ce-dora stamps her as one of the most daring performers ever seen in vaudeville. The preliminary canter around the circle with ordinary bicycles is but play compared with the sensational climax.

"An opener, Mae and George Le Fèvre are a refreshing surprise, the duo being responsible for some masterly work in tripping the light fantastic. As a dancing turn it differs from the average, being decidedly original. Mae is particularly agile and graceful, and her partner is scarcely less so. A variety of dances are introduced and duly appreciated, the efforts of the pair terminating with a clever exhibition of the seductive Hawaiian dance in native costume.  
Equally good are the Oakland Sisters, Vivian and Dagmar, late of the Ziegfeld Follies, who make a pleasing impression in a classy dancing and singing act. Both are past masters in the poetry of motion, have pleasing voices and a winning manner, all of which helps to make them instantaneous favorites.  
Constantino Bernardi has lost none of his cleverness as a quick-change artist and impersonator. By means of transparent curtains his work behind the scenes is disclosed to the audience and thereby made additionally attractive. Bernardi fully maintains his reputation as a protean artist and some remarkably life-like impersonations of the rulers of the Entente powers are presented by this talented actor.  
Billy Small, trumpet violinist, makes a real hit, his repertoire being of the best, while Rawls and Kaufman are responsible for considerable hilarity in a minstrel comedy.

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in  
"SHOULD A WIFE FORGIVE?"

**COLUMBIA THEATRE**  
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Wallace Reid and Anita King  
in  
"THE GOLDEN FETTER"  
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**ROMANO THEATRE**  
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LILLIAN RUSSELL  
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**SOCIAL AND PERSONAL**

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

J. Leask, of Cowichan Lake, is at the Dominion.  
E. Bourne, of Comox, is a new arrival at the Dominion.

A. Lamb, of Winnipeg, is a guest at the Empress Hotel.  
J. D. Graham, of Toronto, is a guest at the Empress Hotel.

C. F. Porter, of Spokane, is a guest of the Dominion Hotel.  
J. S. Cope, of this city, has registered at the Strathcona Hotel.

Miss A. Pearm, of Northfield, is staying at the Dominion Hotel.  
Mrs. A. Ryan, of San Francisco, is staying at the Empress Hotel.

Mrs. E. H. Norie, of Cowichan, is a guest at the Strathcona Hotel.  
J. Casey, of North Bend, B. C., is registered at the Dominion Hotel.

Miss Redding, of Saskatoon, Sask., is a guest at the Strathcona Hotel.  
Wm. S. Taylor, of Delisle, Sask., has registered at the Strathcona Hotel.

Thomas Bellamy, of Edmonton, is a new arrival at the Dominion Hotel.  
D. D. England, of San Francisco, Cal., is registered at the Strathcona Hotel.

W. Bridge and Mrs. Bridge, of Richmond, are staying at the Dominion Hotel.  
L. Sears, of Biggar, Sask., is a prairie visitor staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

Mrs. A. M. Furlong, of Shawigan Lake, is registered at the Strathcona Hotel.  
R. Fugh has arrived from Winnipeg, Man., and is staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

Miss McIntyre and J. K. McIntyre, of Lethbridge, are registered at the Dominion.  
Mrs. J. H. McQuig and Miss McQuig, of Foxwarren, Man., are at the Dominion.

Mrs. Field and family, of Edmonton, are visiting Victoria and staying at the Dominion.  
Miss A. Larsen has arrived from Calgary and is staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

Geo. M. Strach and Mrs. A. Strachan, of Hope, Man., are staying at the Dominion Hotel.  
E. Eastwood, of Race Rocks, and E. Eastwood, of Rocky Point, are stopping at the Dominion.

Mr. and Mrs. Skinner, of Winnipeg, are registered at the Empress Hotel, arriving yesterday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Barclay, of Calgary, Alta., are registered at the Strathcona Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Knight are down from Nanaimo and are staying at the Strathcona Hotel.  
Mr. and Mrs. N. U. Smith, and Miss Smith, registered at the Empress Hotel yesterday from Winnipeg.

A. Forrester and J. A. Macdonald are in town from Nanaimo, and have registered at the Strathcona Hotel.  
J. S. M. Lobbie and Mrs. Lobbie, of Blackie, Alta., are amongst yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Fletcher have arrived from Burrard, Alta., and are staying at the Strathcona Hotel.  
A. W. Shields and A. J. Dickson and Mrs. Dickson, of Kerobert, Sask., are stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

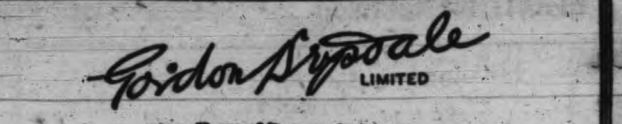
Mr. and Mrs. E. Beers, of Burrard, Alta., are visiting the Coast and are staying at the Strathcona Hotel.  
J. McKay and A. H. Newperr have arrived from San Francisco and are staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

W. A. Norris and Miss N. Norris, of Empress, Alta., are visiting the Coast and are staying at the Strathcona Hotel.  
Wm. Oltman and Miss F. Oltman have arrived from Minneapolis, Minn., and are staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Edwards and child, of Battleford, Sask., are visiting the Coast and are staying at the Strathcona Hotel.  
W. R. Bartley and family, of Chamberlain, Sask., have returned from a trip to California and are stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

A. C. Routh, J. Williams, Thomas Lethian, Chas. Weber, J. Mulreud, and W. A. Parrott, are the Vancouver registrations at the Strathcona Hotel.  
Mr. and Mrs. Hay, Miss E. M. Hay, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles McD. Hay, of Toronto, are guests at the Empress Hotel, having arrived from the South yesterday.

Mrs. S. J. Willis, of Vancouver, is spending a few days in the city with Mr. and Mrs. Captain Thos. Brown. Mr. Willis came over with Mrs. Willis last Saturday, but returned to resume his duties at the B. C. University on Monday.



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**RED CROSS WORK**

The following are the officers at the newly-formed Qualicum Beach Branch of the Red Cross:  
Convener, Mrs. A. N. Fraser, secretary, John W. Suttle; treasurer, H. F. Ponsford. Committee: Mesdames R. S. Boyd, J. G. Cormack, R. Glahome, H. W. Hunt, J. W. Parker, F. D. Whitmee, C. A. White, S. Crump, and T. Kincaide, the Misses E. D. Evans, M. A. Fraser, Flora Dougan, Dorothy Jones, Messrs. C. J. Barthrope, E. Hunting, C. A. White, J. G. Cormack, H. F. Ponsford, and J. W. Suttle, with power to add to the number at any time if necessary or advisable.

T. H. Slater, the Red Cross District Organizer, gave some particulars of the work and the working methods, after which a canvass of those present was taken for subscriptions, with the following results: Annual subscribers (at \$2 each): Mrs. A. N. Fraser, Mrs. R. S. Boyd, Mrs. J. G. Cormack, Mrs. C. A. Glahome, Mrs. H. W. Hunt, Mrs. C. K. White, Mrs. Berry, Mrs. S. Crump, Mrs. H. F. Ponsford, Mrs. V. Forrester, Mrs. G. E. Hayward, Mrs. Clyde Nixon, Mrs. Fred Whitmee, Miss E. D. Evans, Miss M. A. Fraser, Miss F. Dougan, Miss Opie, Miss Smythe, Messrs. C. Barthrope, R. S. Boyd, H. F. Ponsford, E. Hunting, C. A. White, H. Dougan, Jr., and J. W. Suttle. Associate members (including juniors) at \$1.00 each: Misses Phyllis Adams, Maude Jones, Miss Jones, Mona Whitmee, Alice Golding, Gerlie McMaster, Daisy Hayward, Dorothy Jones, Mrs. Bert Gallagher, the Misses Gladys Hobbs, May Cook, Elsie Scovell, Nellie MacKinder, Eddie and Fred MacKinder, Eddie Ponsford, George Parker and Roger Whitmee.

The following ladies also kindly volunteered to take charge of the society's work room on the several days of the week: Mondays, Miss E. D. Evans; Tuesdays, Mrs. H. W. Hunt; Wednesdays, Miss Evans and Mrs. McCormack; Thursdays, Mrs. R. Glahome; Fridays, Mrs. H. F. Ponsford; Saturdays, Miss Flora Dougan.

The meeting, which was under the chairmanship of C. J. Barthrope, arranged for an early committee meeting to adjust working details, afterwards extending a very hearty vote of thanks both to Mr. Slater and Mr. Dobell for their stimulating addresses.

The amount realized as a result of the recent Red Cross ball held in the Qualicum Beach Inn totalled \$1.69. Mount Tolmie Branch.

On Thursday evening the Mount Tolmie Branch Red Cross is to give a concert in St. Luke's Parish Hall, Cedar Hill Road. There will be an orchestra, and among the assisting artists will be Mr. Harold Dignon, a very popular entertainer. The chairman will be Munroe Miller. The B. C. Electric will run a car from Mount Tolmie at 10.30 to carry concert patrons from Victoria back to the city. It is hoped that people from town as well as from the surrounding district will support the undertaking.

Fairfield Branch.  
A lecture on "The Life of the Salmon" is to be given by J. P. Babcock on Friday evening, March 23, at 8 o'clock, in the Girls' Central School, Fernwood Road, the proceeds of the undertaking to be given to the Fairfield branch. Tickets for the lecture are on sale at Hibben's Stationery Store, Fletcher's, and the Fairfield-branch rooms, corner of May and Linden.

In aid of the comfort bag fund of the Fairfield branch, Mrs. J. E. Umbach last Thursday afternoon held a very successful bridge and five-hundred tournament at her home, 143 Wellington Avenue. The net proceeds of the event were \$42.50. Mrs. Paul Higgins and Mrs. Winch won the bridge prizes and Miss Wells and Mrs. Hardy the five-hundred prizes.

Brentwood Dance, Returns.  
The headquarters branch for the district have received the sum of \$267.75, this being the proceeds of the dance held at the Brentwood Hotel last Thursday by the Spanish Division of the B. C. Electric Railway Company. Mr. Cancellor kindly lent the hotel for the occasion, and also supplied provisions. Firms who contributed were: P. Burns & Co., I. Ham; Swift Canadian Co.; ham, Kelly, Douglas & Co., 20 lbs. sugar; Simon Leiser, 10 lbs. sugar; F. R. Stewart, 7 lbs. butter; North Western Creamery, 1 gallon cream and 1 gallon milk; Copas & Young, lettuce and mustard; Weller Bros., dishes. Receipts (499 tickets at 50c.); \$245; expenses, printing \$6.50, bread \$2.50, paper 20c., milk 70c., music \$14, teaming 50c., dishes 15c.

Fernwood Branch.  
The Fernwood Branch rooms will be open to-morrow night for all the young business women unable to help during the day who would like to avail themselves of the use of the machines, etc. The crocheted bag ruffled was won by Mrs. J. Haines; Mr. Murray and Mrs. Bassett won the boxes given to the branch. A Pomeranian dog is to be raffled in the near future in aid of the funds.

North Ward Branch.  
There was a well attended committee meeting of the North Ward Branch last evening. Several entertainments to be held in the near future are under consideration, among those projected being a bridge-party and dance, to be held the week after Easter.

Thanks were expressed to Messrs. Hall & Walker for a ton of coal given recently to the rooms. Two new life-members have paid their fees, viz., Mrs. Speck and Mrs. Ohlson. More workers are badly needed at the rooms, as there are ten sewing machines to be operated.

Building Permits.—Building permits have been applied for to alter the store adjoining Goodacre & Sons' store, in the same block, which Luney Brothers will carry out, and for a private garage for Captain Harris on King's Road.



## DEBATE ON ADDRESS IS NEARING AN END

Four Speeches Made on It Yesterday By Liberal Members; May Finish Wednesday

Legislative Press Gallery, March 19.

The debate on the address in reply to the speech from the Throne at the opening of this session is nearly through, practically all the members now having been heard upon the general policy as outlined there. Outside five of the ministers who have not been heard there are only four other members who have not yet spoken, and these will be heard to-morrow.

To-day will be rather an Irish day, as J. E. W. Thompson (Grand Forks), John Hart (Victoria) and Gerald G. McGeer (Richmond) will speak, and the next day M. B. Jackson (Islands), and perhaps one or two of the ministers. All the Opposition members except Archie McDonald (Lillooet) have been heard from.

The Speakers.

To-day Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands, spoke briefly, making an excellent contribution to the debate, in the course of which he referred to the recent changes in his department for its reorganization.

Dr. W. H. Sutherland (Revelstoke), J. A. Buckham (Columbia) and John M. Yorston (Cariboo) each made a valuable speech on general lines, the former dealing with the needs of mining in the interior, the latter with the requirements of agriculture and mining in the old-established district of Cariboo, and Mr. Buckham proving in his short speech that even if he has not been in the habit of making political or any other sort of addresses he is a capable speaker and a live representative of his constituency.

DR. SUTHERLAND.

Dr. W. H. Sutherland (Revelstoke) took up the matter of patronage first. Nothing had been said as yet, he remarked, about one of the pre-election pledges of the Liberal party, that of intention to smash the machine. This work must be undertaken and carried through to a successful issue. (Hear, hear.) Every corner of British Columbia was permeated with concrete examples of the machine workings of the Conservative party machine. The real cause of patronage was not the giving of appointments to party friends, but the methods of coercion and oppression which had been practiced in the past by those who benefited under the appointments.

Machine Politics.

The machine had been badly shaken on September 14, but it was quite evident that there was still enough of it left to require serious consideration from the present government. The Conservative opposition had censured the Government for certain dismissals; the Government would be deserving of censure if it did not get rid of all who had taken any part in machine politics before and during the last election. The people of the province were thoroughly satisfied that so long as a vestige of the machine remained it would be a menace to their best interests.

Aid the Miner.

Dr. Sutherland congratulated the Government on the capable gentleman it had as Minister of Mines. That gentleman was serious in his platform, upon which the people of Nanaimo had elected, and it was without a doubt that he was serious in his intention to aid the miner and establish smelters. The active development of mineral resources along practical lines was what was wanted, not the sending of small parties in to assist prospectors here or there. The honorable gentleman mentioned mineral resources of the Revelstoke district, the needs of which he would bring to the attention of the minister at the proper time.

Road Construction.

Road construction was dwelt upon by Dr. Sutherland, who instanced the needs of his district. If the money that had been wasted in Revelstoke riding in the past, he said, had been spent on proper construction work, Revelstoke would have all the roads it needed for years. There had been too much spending of money for mere spending's sake or to give public funds to party friends. There were roads in Revelstoke which had the appearance of being needlessly constructed up hills for the simple purpose of bringing them down again; there was one which looked from the railway line like a Coney Island loop-the-loop.

Through the Mountains.

If it was so, as some Opposition members contended, that engineers could not construct roads then the Minister of Public Works should consider the necessity of training some of his engineers up as road-building engineers. Dr. Sutherland urged that the trunk roads of the province ought to be put in first-class repair. In this connection he advised that the Government endeavor to secure the C. P. R. right-of-way which would be abandoned by the operation of the Connaught Tunnel at Rogers Pass. This would leave but twenty or thirty miles to complete between Revelstoke and Golden, from which latter point the Banff-Windermere road could be followed out to the prairies. At Metlakwa was a thriving colony which possessed all the advantages of a community settlement, but its roads were much in need of attention.

Natural Resources.

Dr. Sutherland warmly endorsed the equal-franchise law, as eminently just, no one being any better qualified to look after children than their mother. Speaking of matters generally he asserted his conviction that while it would be unwise to minimize the

task of rehabilitating the financial position of the province, the natural resources which were capable of conversion into wealth by their judicious, courageous and capable administration afforded the best and most rational assurance that the province can look to the future with reasonable confidence. (Applause.)

J. A. BUCKHAM.

J. A. Buckham (Columbia) referred to the death of the late Hon. Ralph Smith, a man of strong convictions, who had stood for what was just and right, last and always. Dealing with the unfinished Banff-Windermere road, on which the province has spent some \$250,000 so far, Mr. Buckham advocated allowing the Dominion Government to complete the work, which would cost about \$350,000 and some \$30,000 or \$40,000 a year for maintenance.

Park and Game Reserve.

The bargain the Dominion would make is the grant of a strip of land five miles in width on each side of the road, as a park and game reserve, the Dominion to collect fish and game licenses, automobile and drivers' licenses, grazing and mining fees, etc., in the reserve.

Mounted Police.

The honorable gentleman spoke warmly in support of the adoption of a mounted police system in this province, thus securing a better police force than is now possible and effecting a great saving by combining in such a force the duties of game and fire wardens and civilian police. Criticizing the Agricultural Credits Commission, Mr. Buckham stated that applications for loans had been accepted by the commission which were found to be for Dominion Railway belt lands. The applications were then refused but the fees were kept, which he considered was a great injustice to the settlers. He urged that in such cases these fees should be returned.

JOHN M. YORSTON.

John M. Yorston (Cariboo) dealt with the two great resources of the Cariboo, mining and agriculture. Cariboo was the pioneer mining district of the province, he said, and the rush into that country was what first drew the attention of the world to this province. The stories of those early days read almost like fairy tales, and yet from that time down to the present moment Cariboo had been a steady producer of gold, accomplishing this under the handicaps of lack of transportation and defects in the laws. It was in process of securing transportation, and with the new and capable Minister of Mines it would secure better attention. There should be a competent engineer put in charge of each district to find what was in it and to assist the prospector.

Agriculture in Cariboo.

Agriculture was more or less in its infancy in Cariboo, Mr. Yorston said, dividing under the two great heads of stock-raising and mixed farming. There were portions of it where great progress was being made, and others where no settler should be allowed to go in where there was no reasonable chance of his earning a living at the present time. There were many obstacles to development agriculturally. In that district there were considerable areas of light timber which was being protected now from fire as a coat which was far greater than any timber in the area was worth. The government should burn off the timber and allow the land to go into grass, which would result in a large increase in grazing and dairying. There was also the obstacle of great areas held for speculation. Such of this as had been crown-granted should be made the subject of such steps, by taxation or otherwise, as would compel the owners either to sell the lands to men who were prepared to develop them or else do something to develop the lands themselves.

Production the Aim.

Obstacles in the residential requirements of the Lands Act should be struck out, together with anything else that prevented a man spending his time or his money in development work on his homestead. The first aim should be production; and the settler should be given every assistance to obtain this. In the matter of irrigation, also, the Government should have a thorough survey made of all water resources, find the natural reservoirs where large quantities of water might be stored at a comparatively small cost, and utilize these when need was found. Transportation was a matter of grave concern, as might be understood when he told the House that there were hundreds of tons of potatoes in the cellars and root-houses of Cariboo farms and no means of getting them out. It was hard to think that the people of that district were thus prevented from doing their share in supplying the food required by the State in the Empire. Some means must be found of pushing on to a conclusion at the earliest possible moment of the P.G.E. line.

"Less law and more common-sense is what we need in this province," declared Mr. Yorston as he sat down.

HON. T. D. PATTULLO.

Hon. T. D. Pattullo (Prince Rupert) remarked that there appeared to be a disposition on the part of the leader of the Opposition to lay the blame of the failure of the policies of the late Government on the people; the people had voted for the Government and its policies and therefore the people were to blame. This was about as weak an excuse as any political leader would advance, since leadership involved the ability to see the result of policies. The leader of the Opposition laid stress on the increase of bank clearings while he had been premier. No one would object to the late Premier getting credit for all the profits if he would agree to assume all the losses.

The member for Fort George (Mr. Ross) had spoken of the late Government and its land policy. This was the first time he (Mr. Pattullo) knew that the late Government had a land policy, or what it was. From what Mr. Ross had said that policy was one of building trails and roads and subsequently carrying out a colonization scheme, if that was the policy then it had resulted in scattered settlement which

had necessitated the building up of a machinery too elaborate, too cumbersome and expensive for the population of the province had. There were roads and trails which were becoming overgrown, schools which had had to be closed and a general lack of the co-ordinated and simultaneous development of co-related industries to which the member for Fernie had referred.

Queen Charlottes.

This was visible in the Queen Charlottes, where scores of thousands of dollars had been spent on roads that were never passable and on miles of which there would be no settlers for years to come. From a population of 3,000 the islands had fallen to one of some 300, and it would be years before the district recovered from the black eye it had received through this large emigration. The same thing was true of the northern interior, and the people of the province had to find the interest on a great amount of money from the expenditure of which they got no results.

Community Settlement.

The present Government intended to meet this situation by a bill which would shortly be brought down, meet it in a much more courageous, much more radical and more elastic method, that of community settlement. Irrigation matters would also be dealt with this year in such a manner as to take care of pressing problems for this year in irrigated sections, enable the Government to study the whole subject during the summer, and any action deemed advisable next year.

Returned Soldiers.

Touching on the matter of the treatment of returned soldiers, the Minister of Lands declared it to be the duty of the national Government to take care of all soldiers from the moment of enlistment until they were discharged back into civil life in profitable employment, and to care for their dependents as well. This might cost money and that money must be found.

"If I were the central government," said Mr. Pattullo, "I would find out every man's capacity to pay and make them all pay. (Cheers.) At present there is far greater economic loss under any system which does not depend on Voluntaryism."

Pay Out of Profits.

The honorable gentleman further insisted that war profiteers should be made to pay heavily out of their great profits.

"No man has a right to make one dollar of extra profit from the operation of this war," Mr. Pattullo declared, and the House cheered the sentiment.

Liberal Appointments.

Taking up matters of the administration of his department, the minister remarked that the member for Fort George seemed to think it extraordinary that three Liberals had been appointed to the service. Perhaps what made this out of the ordinary was that it was the first time in fourteen years that Liberals had ever been appointed to any office in this province. Proceeding, Mr. Pattullo prefaced what he had to say by the remark that he was not offering a defence but simply making a statement of what he had done, and continued:

Deputy Naden.

"When I entered the department I thought it a matter of duty to appoint a new deputy, and I find a good many people seem not to know the gentleman appointed. Mr. Naden has been in the province for between 25 and 30 years. In his boyhood he worked on a farm. Coming out here he entered a mill in the lowest capacity and worked up to be manager and owner. He has great experience in mining, very wide and valuable experience in financial matters, he has been closely associated with the social life of the community, and he has been a member of this House. He has gone through that long and varied experience with a probity of character that cannot be impeached. (Hear, hear.) This gentleman I thought fit to recommend to my colleagues, and they appointed him as Deputy Minister of Lands."

Too Much Legislation.

"There are many people who lay undue stress on legislation and not enough on administration; they would make the percentage 75 per cent. to 25 per cent. I would just reverse that and call for 25 per cent. legislation and 75 per cent. administration. (Hear, hear.) I go as far as saying that you can have the most perfect legislation on your statute-books, but if it is not properly and wisely and prudently administered you may have poor government. This province has lost not scores but hundreds of thousands of dollars because we had no system by which we knew that lands were clear before crown grants were obtained, and by lands being obtained contrary to the statute. Hundreds of thousands of acres of lands have been alienated as agricultural lands that should have been retained by the crown for lease as timber land, and I can safely say that millions of dollars has been thus lost to the province."

Need of Re-organization.

"The time has come when there shall be no more requirement of the public domain by fraud or misrepresentation or careless and slipshod methods of administration. (Applause.)"

"Another matter that may seem small is worthy of some mention, and in these matters I do not desire to reflect upon anyone who has been formerly in charge of these things. It may seem strange to the House, however, that in such a matter as the opening of the department's vaults and closing them when I entered the department I was unable to find out who knew and who did not know the combination; there were I do not know how many who were in possession of it, and could at any time have had access to some of the most valuable records in the possession of the Government. In the afternoon the vaults were left open to be swept out and the janitors closed them when they saw it. I tell you these matters to show you some of the real reasons behind the re-organization that has taken place."

Company Towns.

Dealing with what are known as

closed towns, or company towns, the Minister of Lands said:

"I think this thing will have to be put a stop to. We are glad that the companies operating these towns are making a success out of the industries in which they are engaged, and in connection with which these towns are conducted for the housing of their workmen. In taking the action I mention we know what privilege will claim; that we are driving capital out of the country. I do not think any such result will happen, and those who say it do not expect it to follow, either. This Government is determined to invite capital here and to protect it after it has come, but that does not say we will protect privilege; we will protect right but not privilege. (Cheers.) These gentlemen who come in here to operate any industry will have to understand that while nothing will be done to interfere with their rights, the just rights of the public are paramount."

Fresh Vitality.

The Minister went on to say that the member for Fort George had confessed himself to be in a maze as to the meaning of the last paragraph of the speech from the Throne. The House was called upon "at a time when both the moral tenets and the material economy of the whole world are in process of rapid evolution." Apparently honorable gentlemen opposite had no conception of moral tenets or material economy; and how could the adherents of the stick-in-the-mud policy of the late administration understand a process of rapid evolution! Again it was stated in the speech: "In the fact of seeming contradictions, emerging from the world-embracing conflict of established convictions and practices, the all-surviving principle of human brotherhood revives and takes on new form and fresh vitality."

"Any nation which has not lofty principles and which does not seek high ideals is on the down grade," said Hon. Mr. Pattullo in conclusion. "One of the most important of these high moral principles is that which is shown forth in that sentence which the honorable gentleman could not understand, the undying and all-surviving principle of the brotherhood of man."

J. E. W. Thompson (Grand Forks) moved the adjournment of the debate.

## PROVISION MADE FOR ANY NECESSARY LOAN

Important Amendment To Be Made in Last Year's Act, to Protect Province

Legislative Press Gallery, March 19.

By a bill introduced this afternoon by the Minister of Finance, Hon. H. C. Brewster, the Government clears the way for making a loan if it finds the market propitious.

As was explained the other day in these columns, the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company had a first claim on all the province's borrowings up to six million dollars, of which it has received already about one million dollars. There was authority granted last session to borrow up to a sum which will produce ten million dollars, with the proviso added that a loan should be made to the railway company in other cases, but the Attorney-General and the Minister gave it as their opinion that these were not required. The House voted the first of them down and the others were dropped.

Amend Railway Act.

The Minister of Railways secured the passage of his bill amending the Railway Act through committee, G. S. Hanes (North Vancouver) in the chair. A. I. Fisher (Fernie) had some proposed amendments on the order paper designed to make the Act more specific in other cases, but the Attorney-General and the Minister gave it as their opinion that these were not required. The House voted the first of them down and the others were dropped.

Pharmacy Act.

The only discussion which took place on the bill to amend the Pharmacy Act in committee, with Dr. Sutherland (Revelstoke) in the chair, were on a subject apart from the object of the bill as before the House. It is designed to make the law more drastic in dealing with the habit-forming drugs, compelling manufacturers, wholesalers and jobbers to notify the Chief of Police, if in a municipality, or the Superintendent of Provincial Police, monthly of sales.

Sale of Poisons.

The Minister of Agriculture took occasion of the original Act being before the House for amendment to propose an amendment of the section dealing with the sale of such preparations used extensively by farmers, such as

Paris green, London purple, arsenical and other preparations.

The object of this was to obviate the necessity of those who, not being licensed pharmacists, desired to sell these preparations to agriculturists and horticulturists having a license from the Minister of Finance. He explained that there would be no fear of any improper sales and that it entailed a hardship on those selling for a license and pay the fee.

C. F. Nelson (Slocan), who is a druggist, opposed this vigorously. He declared that the proposal was unnecessary, unwarranted and unwise, and insisted that some check should continue to be placed upon those men who were handling these dangerous poisons. He offered the suggestion that the license fee of \$5 which the Department of Agriculture exacts for the granting of a license might be cut to \$3 or even cut out altogether, but he strongly advised against doing away with the requirement to get a license.

Dr. J. W. McIntosh (Vancouver) also spoke against making any change, and did not think that in order to make it lighter for the Department of Agriculture there should be any relaxation of the law governing the sale of any sort of poisons.

On being put to a vote the House declined to accept the amendment.

Highways Act.

Hon. J. H. King, Minister of Public Works, in moving the second reading of a bill to amend the Highways Act, said that heretofore there was no power in the Department to order closed a road which was abandoned. There were several such roads in the province, he said, which were no longer in use and had been abandoned, but they were still highways in law and it was desirable that there should be power to close them. Some sections of the act were also being brought into uniformity by the amendments proposed.

Mr. Bowser adjourned the debate. Rev. Father Silver read prayers to-day.

You may have noticed that when some men promise you things they always qualify the promise with a great big if.

There are times when we like to meet enthusiastic people—and there are other times when we are just as anxious to get away from them.

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The interest on the fully registered bonds will be paid by cheque, which will be remitted by post. Interest on bonds with coupons will be paid on surrender of coupons. Both cheques and coupons, at the option of the holder, will be payable free of exchange at any branch in Canada of any chartered bank, or at the Agency of the Bank of Montreal, New York City.

Subject to the payment of twenty-five cents for each new bond issued, holders of fully registered bonds without coupons will have the right to convert into bonds of the denomination of \$1,000 with coupons, and holders of bonds with coupons will have the right to convert into fully registered bonds of authorized denominations without coupons at any time on application to the Minister of Finance.

The books of the loan will be kept at the Department of Finance, Ottawa.

Application will be made in due course for the listing of the issue on the Montreal and Toronto Stock Exchanges.

Recognized bond and stock brokers having offices and carrying on business in Canada will be allowed a commission of three-eighths of one per cent on allotments made in respect of applications bearing their stamp, provided, however, that no commission will be allowed in respect of the amount of any allotment paid for by the surrender of bonds issued under the War Loan prospectus of 22nd November, 1915, or in respect of the amount of any allotment paid for by surrender of five per cent debenture stock maturing 1st October, 1919. No commission will be allowed in respect of applications on forms which have not been printed by the King's Printer.

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, OTTAWA, March 12th, 1917.



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## VETERANS RETURN TO VICTORIA YESTERDAY

**Battle-Scarred Warriors Delighted To Be Back in the Sunny City**

With fifty-seven summers to his credit John Mitchell went overseas with the 47th Battalion, in which unit he enlisted on October 3rd, 1915, at Quebec. Although he made a gallant attempt to get to the firing line and take a hand in straining the Hun, his age would not stand the vigorous training in England from whence he returned on the afternoon boat yesterday. Mitchell has many tales to tell of his mining experiences in the Cariboo country and the gold rush to the Yukon; he was also in at the "excitement," as he termed it, in the Wabigoon district in 1898.

Pte. Johnson. Placing a good deal of dependence on his walking stick, by reason of the effects of a nasty wound in the left foot received at Tynes on the fourth of June last, Private Johnson walked slowly from the boat yesterday afternoon on the completion of his journey from the Old Country. He joined the 50th Gordon Highlanders in November, 1914, and was for three months on guard duty at Jordan River, going overseas with the 4th Battalion in June, 1915. Private Johnson came out to this country from Northumberland eleven years ago and has spent most of his time in the mines at Nanaimo.

Pte. Gibson. Gunner John Gibson, of the Canadian Field Artillery, was another arrival on the afternoon boat yesterday. He made the journey following more than three months in hospital in England, consequent upon wounds in face and right arm received during the operations on the Somme in the first week of October last. Speech was denied Gibson for two weeks on account of the concussion caused by the wounds, while his hearing is still also somewhat impaired. Prior to the outbreak of hostilities he was for five years connected with the 194th Battalion at New Westminster. He went to France with an artillery draft in July last year.

Jno. Holland. When war broke out John Holland was a miner in the employ of the Copper Queen Consolidated Mining Company at Bisbee, Arizona, U. S. A. He returned from the Old Country on Saturday, still suffering from the effects of a shot wound received on the western front in September last, while serving with the 4th Battalion of the P. M. He is a native of Cornwall, England, and the war had only been in progress a month when he journeyed from Arizona to do the King's uniform. He is twenty-nine years of age and unmarried.

## DAYLIGHT SAVING AMONG THE ITALIANS

Rome, March 20.—A decree has been promulgated directing all the clocks in Italy to be advanced one hour from April 1 to September 30.

## ADVERTISE IN THE TIMES

# ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

COASTWISE SERVICES	
<b>For Vancouver</b> Steamer Princess Victoria leaves daily at 3 p. m., and steamer Princess Mary or Adelaide daily at 11.30 p. m. Steamer Prince George leaves Mondays, 10 a. m.	<b>For Prince Rupert</b> Steamer Prince George Mondays, 10 a. m. From Prince Rupert Steamer Prince George Sundays, 7 a. m.
<b>From Vancouver</b> Steamer Princess Adelaide arrives daily at 3 p. m., and steamer Princess Mary or Alice at 1.30 a. m.	<b>For Comox</b> Steamer Charmer leaves every Tuesday a. m.
<b>For San Francisco</b> Steamer President, March 23. From San Francisco Steamer Governor, March 25.	<b>From Comox</b> Steamer Charmer arrives every Sunday.
<b>For Seattle</b> Steamer Princess Adelaide leaves daily at 1.30 p. m., and steamer Princess Victoria leaves Sundays, 10 a. m.	<b>For Skagway</b> Steamer Princess Sophia, March 22. From Skagway Steamer Princess Sophia, March 22.
<b>From Seattle</b> Steamer Princess Victoria arrives daily at 1.15 p. m.	<b>For Heiberg</b> Steamer Tees leaves on 1st and 15th of each month.
<b>For Port Angeles</b> Steamer "D" leaves daily except Sunday at 11.30 a. m.	<b>From Heiberg</b> Steamer Tees leaves on 7th and 21st of each month.
<b>From Port Angeles</b> Steamer Sol Duc arrives daily except Sunday at 9 a. m.	<b>For Clayoquot</b> Steamer Tees leaves on 15th of each month.
	<b>From Clayoquot</b> Steamer Tees arrives on 15th of each month.

## SPACE ON SHIPS COMMANDEERED

British Government Requisitions 70 per cent of Accommodation on Blue-Funnel Liners

### SIMILAR ACTION TAKEN WITH C. P. R. STEAMSHIPS

Seventy per cent. of the space aboard the Blue-Funnel liners plying on the Pacific and also the Oriental-European route, has been requisitioned by the British Government. This action became known following the arrival of the Blue-Funnel liner Talthybius in port this morning from the Far East. The requisitioning of the bulk of the space aboard these liners applies only to the westbound voyage. In future all vessels of this fleet crossing the Pacific from the Orient will have but thirty per cent. of space available, and this will have to accommodate the needs of the shippers and importers for an indefinite period. Similar action has also been taken in connection with the operation of the trans-Pacific liners of the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, Ltd., news of which has been cabled through from New York and confirmed in official quarters.

Talthybius Escaped. The liner Talthybius narrowly escaped having 70 per cent. of her space commandeered when she was about to leave the Orient for this coast, but owing to the fact that she was fully loaded with cargo, she was permitted to depart.

The Blue-Funnel liners affected on the trans-Pacific route are the Talthybius, Proteus and Ixion, representing approximately 20,000 net tons, with an aggregate carrying capacity of 50,000 measurement tons. The net tonnage of the ships are as follows: Talthybius, 6,522; Proteus, 6,118; Ixion, 6,524.

C. P. R. Ships Affected. The vessels of the Canadian Pacific now engaged in trade between Vancouver and the Far East are the Empress of Russia, the Empress of Asia, the Empress of Japan and the Montague. The Empress of Russia and the Empress of Asia are boats of more than 8,000 tons net, while the others are of more than 3,000 tons net. The requisitioning of half of the space on these vessels, therefore, means the withdrawal from ordinary trade purposes of a considerable amount of tonnage and is regarded as likely to cause a further stiffening of rates on westbound traffic from the Far East.

Japan Will Benefit. The withdrawal of British tonnage from the Pacific trade shortly after the beginning of the war was partly offset by the return of the large Empress liners. Previously the Japanese had been almost alone in control of the field. The requisitioning of part of the space on the Canadian Pacific boats restores, to some extent, the advantage of the Japanese, but they are meeting more competition from American shipping than at any time since the abandonment of the old Pacific Mail Service. The Venezuela, Columbia and Ecuador, the three vessels employed by the reorganized Pacific Mail on the trans-Pacific route, are not regarded as sufficient to safeguard American interests on the Pacific, but they at least furnish competition that would otherwise be lacking.

FIXED FOR TAHITI. The schooner Esther Buhne has been chartered by Moore & Co., of San Francisco, to load general merchandise at the Golden Gate port for Tahiti.

BOUND FOR ANYOX. The tug Pioneer, which recently arrived at Skagway with the barge Palmyra, is now towing the barge St. James south to Anyox.

ACAPULCO FOR COAL. In tow of the tug Tatuosh, the barge Acapulco is due at Nanaimo to load a cargo of coal for San Francisco.

PRESIDENT GETS AWAY. The Pacific Steamship Company's liner President, after disembarking over 100 passengers and landing a large consignment of freight, including eleven cars of oranges, left port at 6 o'clock this morning for Seattle. The steamship was delayed eight hours at San Francisco by unusually heavy freight shipments.

The President arrived at 11 p. m. yesterday with 359 passengers all told.

## Type of Ship Affected By Requisition Order



BLUE FUNNEL LINER TALTHYBIUS

## RECORD OFFER IS MADE FOR STEAMER

Reported That Niels Nielsen May Change Hands for \$2,400,000

An offer of \$2,400,000 has been made in Vancouver for the Norwegian steamer Niels Nielsen, according to reports from the Terminal city. If this is true, the price quoted indicates an advance of more than \$1,000,000 on the value of the freighter since she was launched. The Niels Nielsen is now handling a full cargo from Seattle for the Orient under charter to Mizui & Co.

The Niels is owned by B. Stolt-Nielsen, of Norway, being the first of seven ships which he ordered from the Skinner & Eddy plant, Seattle. Two others have been completed since she was commissioned. The Hanna Nielsen is now in the Orient on her maiden voyage from Seattle and the Luis Nielsen, which sailed Saturday on her inaugural trip. On the basis of the Vancouver reports, the three Nielsen ships now in commission have a total value of \$7,200,000 as against less than \$4,500,000 a few months ago.

The reports came from good sources, it is said, but have not been confirmed. They indicate, however, that B. Stolt-Nielsen had a far-seeing eye when he ordered seven ships last year. Mayor James Rolph, of San Francisco, pursued a somewhat similar course in that port, selling three vessels before they were completed at great advances over the contract price, and from all accounts his only trouble now is to remember how many millions he has in the banks.

The latest deal in the Rolph ships was closed Friday when the Annette Rolph changed hands for the second time. She was ordered by Rolph from the Union Iron Works last year. The contract price was \$900,000. While she was taking form in the stocks, he sold her for Norwegian interests for \$1,650,000, a profit of \$750,000 for Rolph. Friday the Norwegians sold her for \$2,200,000, a profit of \$500,000 for the Norwegians.

## SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Seattle, March 19.—Arrived: Str. City of Seattle, Southeastern Alaska, str. Olum, str. Admiral Watson, Southwestern, str. Southeastern Alaska, str. Umattila, San Pedro, via San Francisco; str. Lyman Stewart, Port San Luis; bge. Grant, No. 1, Eagle Harbor, towing.

Juneau, March 19.—Sailed: Str. Admiral Evans, southbound.

Wrangell, March 19.—Sailed: Str. Spokane, southbound.

Ketchikan, March 19.—Sailed: Strs. Princess Sophia and Despatch, northbound; str. Spokane, northbound.

San Francisco, March 19.—Arrived: Strs. Neuburg and Centralia, from Coos Bay; str. Dr. Derwent River, from Vladivostok; str. Admiral Wainwright, from Vancouver, B. C.; str. Zamos, from Papeete; bge. William H. Smith, from Seattle, in tow of tug Sea Rover. Sailed: Str. Breakwater, for Portland; str. J. A. Moffett, for Seattle; str. J. A. Chanior, for the Columbia River.

Portland, March 19.—Arrived: Strs. Atlas and Wilmetts, from San Francisco. Sailed: Strs. Atlas and Cello, for San Francisco.

San Pedro, March 19.—Arrived: Str. Thomas L. Ward, from Eagle Harbor, via Eureka.

Port Angeles, March 19.—Arrived: Str. Wilmington, from Eureka.

Point Wells, March 19.—Sailed: Str. Richmond, for San Francisco.

Mukilton, March 19.—Sailed: Str. Mukilton, towing bge. Charles Nelson, from San Pedro.

Eagle Harbor, March 19.—Arrived: Bge. Granby, No. 1, from Seattle.

Tacoma, March 19.—Arrived: Str. Quadra, from Britannia Beach, B. C. Sailed: Str. Olum, for Seattle.

TEES FOR WEST COAST. Taking out a full cargo and good passenger list the C. P. R. steamer Tees will leave port at 11 o'clock tonight for Heiberg and way ports.

PATRICIA TO RESUME. Repairs to the steamer Princess Patricia are about complete and under the present arrangements the vessel will leave the ways to-morrow night and steam for Nanaimo to take up her regular trans-Gulf schedule.

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## SEAMAN WAS SWEEPED OVERBOARD IN GALE

Liner Talthybius Was Unable to Make Keelung in Typhoon Weather

Typhoon weather completely upset the scheduled itinerary of the Blue-Funnel liner Talthybius following her departure from Hongkong for this port. When the liner sailed from the China station she was loaded with 500 tons of her capacity, and under orders to touch at Keelung, Formosa, to take on a consignment of tea, but a hurricane met with off the Formosan coast made it impossible for the ship to attempt a landing at Keelung, so the freighter hauled away for Kuchinotsu in the teeth of the gale.

The seas were whipped into a frenzied and tremendous green comb, continually swept over the decks of the huge carrier. On the second day out from Hongkong a Chinese sailor was washed overboard and drowned. Owing to the thick rain and high seas it was impossible to locate the unfortunate seaman, and it was not considered advisable to risk a boat's crew in what appeared to be a hopeless effort to effect a rescue. The engines were slowed down and the liner cruised around for an hour and a half and then proceeded.

Second Officer Gow and a full boat's crew volunteered to go in search of the missing man; but Capt. F. W. Cullum would not allow it as nothing could be done in such a sea.

The wind had reached such a velocity that the skipper decided not to risk a ship of the size of the Talthybius by taking her into Keelung, and on his own responsibility steamed for Kuchinotsu to take on bunker coal. The Talthybius reached the cooling port on March 3, bunkered and proceeded to Yokohama. After filling up the remainder of her space the liner cleared from Yokohama on March 7 for Victoria. For the first two days out the vessel did good work as steaming goes, reefing off from 315 to 225 miles per day. On the third day out the glass fell rapidly, and early the following morning it was blowing a whole gale from the south. The ship behaved well in a high sea, but shipped tons of water. Several members of the European crew got a good drenching, but as the temperature was rapidly getting warmer there was no harm done.

On the night of March 11 the wind moderated and much fog was subsequently experienced. Much better conditions prevailed after crossing the 180th meridian, the freighter averaging from 208 to 315 miles daily during the latter part of the trip.

The officers of the Talthybius were greatly interested in the recent revolution in Russia, first news of which was picked up when two days out from the coast.

The Talthybius reached William Head early this morning, 14 days out from Yokohama. She came alongside the Outer Docks at 8.15 a. m., and is now discharging 1,150 tons measurement of general Oriental cargo. She will leave late to-night for Seattle, to which port the bulk of her cargo is consigned. The Talthybius brought in valuable shipments of silk and rubber.

## WIRELESS REPORTS

March 20, 8 a. m.

Point Grey—Snow; calm; 29.94; 35; thick seaward.

Cape Lazo—Overcast; S. E. fresh; 29.94; 35; sea moderate. Spoke str. Princess Maquinnas, 1.45 a. m., abeam Cape Mudge, southbound.

Pachena—Rain; S. E.; 29.57; 42; sea moderate. Spoke str. Umattila, 7 a. m., 32 miles south of Umattila Reef lightship, southbound; spoke tug Goliath, 7.49 a. m., off Cape Flattery.

Estevan—Snow; S. E.; light; 29.59; 33; sea moderate.

Alert Bay—Overcast; S. E.; 29.58; 31; sea smooth.

Triangle—Snow; S. E.; 29.57; 33; sea moderate.

Dead Tree Point—Overcast; N. E.; light; 29.79; 35; sea smooth.

Ikeda Bay—Snow; calm; 29.38; 34; sea smooth.

Prince Rupert—Overcast; calm; 29.68; 34; sea smooth. Passed in, str. Chelohain, 2 a. m., southbound.

Noon.

Point Grey—Snow; calm; 29.85; 33; dense seaward.

Cape Lazo—Misty; rain; S. E. fresh gale; 29.74; 39; sea rough. Spoke str. Admiral Watson, 11 a. m., off Sangster's Island, northbound.

Pachena—Rain; S. E. gale; 29.60; 42; sea rough.

Estevan—Snow; S. E.; 29.32; 35; sea moderate.

Alert Bay—Rain; S. E.; 29.45; 32; sea moderate.

Triangle—Snow; E. 29.65; 35; heavy swell. Spoke str. Venture, 8.30 a. m., Millbank Sound, southbound; spoke str. Princess Sophia, 10.35 a. m., Millbank Sound, 10 a. m., southbound.

Dead Tree Point—Overcast; calm; 29.72; 21; sea smooth.

Ikeda Bay—Rain; N. W. light; 29.36; 39; sea smooth.

Prince Rupert—Overcast; calm; 29.62; 40; sea smooth. Spoke str. Juneau, 11 a. m., off Lucy Island, northbound.

## THE TIME BALL

The time ball on the Belmont Building will be raised half-mast high at 12.45 p. m. to the top at 12.55 p. m. and will be dropped at 1 p. m. daily.

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## NATURAL HISTORIANS STILL "CARRY ON"

Reports Read at Annual Meeting Last Night Show Satisfactory Conditions

Interesting reports of the year's work were submitted at the annual meeting of the Natural History Society held last evening in the Girls' Central School. A. R. Sherwood, the president, was in the chair, and in his annual address explained that he had been elected to the office last October on the resignation of Dr. W. E. Home, now in England serving with the army. During the year two other members of the executive, Miss Pearce, 2nd vice-president, and C. C. Pemberton, honorary secretary, had gone to the service of the Empire. Their offices were declared vacant.

The affairs of the society, Mr. Sherwood stated, were as satisfactory as could be expected under the present conditions. Rigid economy would still have to be practiced. All members over three years in arrears, save those with the expeditionary forces, had been struck off the rolls. Eight new members had been added during the year. Two field and ten regular meetings had been held, through the kindness of the Board of School Trustees the society this winter having been privileged to meet in the assembly room of the Girls' Central School, this saving considerably in the way of expenses. The report continued:

"A petition was forwarded by us to Ottawa calling the attention of the Federal Government to the threatened depletion of the halibut fisheries and asking them to take the matter up with the Government of the United States. A committee has also been appointed by us to look into the matter of the fishery question at large, as we feel that sufficient use is not being made of the many varieties of fish with which our waters abound.

"A joint committee of the presidents and secretaries of the S.P.C.A., W.A., and Natural History Society was empowered to investigate the question of the stray cat nuisance and petition the City of Victoria for a lethal chamber.

"I have on one or two occasions spoken of the possibility of seed shortage owing to the war, and I again urge the members of this society to take this matter under their most serious consideration and do what they can to help in the seed-growing industry for which the climate is so well suited. I wish to thank the members of the executive committee for their help. I would especially mention my old friend, J. R. Anderson, who, on the resignation of Mr. Pemberton, threw himself again into the breach and whose devotion to the society has helped it to steer safely past the many dangers which have threatened it. The treasurer, Col. McIre, has worked well and faithfully for the welfare of the society. Though not a member of the committee, Mr. Brown has placed the society under a debt of gratitude to him. The press of this city has been generous in the space allotted to reports of our meetings and full details have been given by them of the several papers which have been read before our society.

In conclusion I would ask you all to carry on during the coming year and help to keep the society up to the mark, and I will close my report with the earnest hope that my immediate successor in office, in his annual report, may be privileged to chronicle the termination of the war.

Secretary's Report. The report of the secretary showed that there were 140 members on the roll. Fifteen had gone overseas. As the majority of the members had shown particular interest in some special lines of research it was suggested that different branches be formed within the society.

The statement by the treasurer showed that \$33.55 was in the bank. The sum of \$375 was owing in dues not likely to be paid. The funds were sufficient to carry on, but rigid economy must be practiced.

It was suggested that more field work might be done during the summer than formerly, and that meetings be continued during the summer months, the office in the Jones Block being utilized as a meeting place.

The following is the result of the elections: President, A. R. Sherwood; vice-president, Ray R. Connell; secretary, J. R. Anderson; assistant secretary, F. A. Braun; treasurer, Col. McIre; executive committee, A. S. Barton, F. Kermode, Dr. C. R. Newcombe, Henry Gilbert, H. F. Pullen; auditors, J. R. Anderson and J. Keith Wilson; trustees, Dr. C. F. Newcombe, Dr. E. S. Hassell and A. W. McCurdy.

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Juneau, March 20.—Two masked armed men entered a room in the store building of the Chicago Mines, Chitwahoff Island, at 1.15 yesterday morning, gagged two men sleeping in the room and stole gold bars valued at \$20,000. The robbers were traced a short distance, but all trace of them was then lost.



# SPORTING NEWS

## LEIGHTON RETAINS HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

### Defeats Hooper of Avoca in Rather Uninteresting Bout

Before a crowd which nearly filled the Princess Theatre last night Russ Leighton, heavyweight champion of the British Pacific Fleet, successfully defended his title against Bill Hooper, of the Avoca, the challenger. The fact that Hooper was so much lighter and shorter than his opponent detracted very much from the general character of the fight. The champion's height made it practically impossible for the Avoca man to reach his face, and he therefore directed his efforts against the body of his opponent with the intention of knocking his wind. Leighton, however, was careful to guard himself well and thus escaped the attacks. Hooper tried some hard blows, but on several of these attempts missed his opponent entirely. Leighton on the other hand, rarely attempted any swinging blows and contented himself with jabbing at the Avoca fighter's face. In this he was fairly successful and was able to jar Hooper's face.

**The Rounds.**  
During the first round the principal feature was the length of Leighton's reach over that of his opponent. In the second the champion took the lead and showed to advantage on account of his superior height. As the third progressed Leighton commenced his left hand jabs to the face, tactics which were continued during the fourth round as well. The only real excitement of the fight took place in the fifth when Hooper was driven to the ropes and Russ delivered some rather annoying blows to the head, rocking his opponent's dome in a rather dangerous manner. Hooper, however, was made of real brass and stood the punishment in a manner that caused appreciative applause from the fans. For the remaining round he stood up to his opponent in a splendid manner and did considerable offensive work.

**Too Much Clinching.**  
One feature of the fight was very disappointing. The two men did considerable clinching and failing to break away, pushed each other around the ring, thus wanting a great deal of time. The final result was easily in favor of Leighton, who thus still retains the recently won title of champion of the British Pacific Fleet.

**Flyweights Meet.**  
Among the preliminaries were some bouts that afforded items of considerable interest to the fans. The first of these was between two flyweights, George Jones, of this city, and E. Carr, of Vancouver. The local lad had easily the better of this contest, his opponent refusing to enter the ring again after the first round had been fought.

**108-lb. Class.**  
In the 108-lb. class, a bout between Boy Young, of the Rainbow, and Boy Dickinson, of the Avoca. This was in the 115-lb. class, the decision going finally to Young. Both boys were very game fighters and put up some excellent work during the time that they were in the ring. At first Dickinson took the lead but as the fight continued Young wiped out any disadvantage which he had sustained by putting up some of the cleverest fighting of the whole evening. Young broke out into some speedy work which was really too much for his opponent, who although he was hit very hard on several occasions took his punishment in a manner which showed that he was accustomed to ignore hard knocks. The fight throughout was clean and was

## SEATTLE SKATERS ARE DETERMINED TO WIN

### Six Man Hockey Will Be Played in To-night's Game

**The Lineup.**  
Seattle, Canadens.  
Holmes.....Goal.....Vezina  
Rickey.....Defence.....Cormery  
Carpenter.....Defence.....Murray  
Morris.....Centre.....Lalonde  
Foyston.....Left Wing.....Lavolette  
Walker.....Right Wing.....Pitre  
Riley.....Utility.....Couture  
Rowe.....Utility.....Smith  
Wilson.....Utility.....Berlanquette

Officials—Mickey Ion, referee; Irvine, judge of play; Timmer-Kendall, Goal umpire—McKertrick and Vance.  
\*Captain.

Cut to the quick at the rude actions of the Montreal hockey club in traveling all the way out and trouncing them in their own back yard, the Seattle Mets are going out to commit a few overt acts themselves to-night and if the flying Frenchmen's ship isn't scuttled after Tuesday's ice battle the Seattle speed boys will be a disappointed lot.

The second game of the world's hockey championship series will find the veteran crowd of skaters from Eastern Canada facing a different team. The Mets are over any nervousness they experienced in the opening tilt and they are determined to play the game of their young lives to-night. Every member of the Seattle club believes down in his heart that the Coast champions are as good a team as the Canadens and they are going to do their best to convince the fans that such is the case.

But meanwhile the close followers of the winter sport are quoting the Frenchmen ten-to-six favorites to win to-night. The same odds can't seem much hope of the home team winning, basing their figures on Saturday's battle. But Muldoon's men don't care a rap what the odds are and they plan to spill the dope with a victory.

What the Seattle men lacked in aggressiveness Saturday they are going to make up for to-night. Every player is going to skate out and fight for an early advantage. The boys are keyed up for the battle as they never have been before. Every player on the team is expecting victory.

**Rickey Will Play.**  
Ray Rickey will play the whole game to-night. Bobby Rowe's shoulder keeping him from a struggle. Carpenter will hold down the other defence position. The forward line will find Bernie Morris at his usual place at centre, Capt. Foyston at left wing, and Walker at right. Wilson and Riley will be held in reserve. It is possible that Rowe might get into action late in the game.

**BASKETBALL GAMES SCHEDULED FOR TO-NIGHT**  
The following games in the Sunday School League will be played in the gymnasium of the First Presbyterian Church this evening:  
Ladies' division—7:30 p. m., Reformed Episcopal vs. Congos.  
Intermediate division—8:15 p. m., Presbyterian "A" vs. Congos; 9 p. m., Metropolitan vs. Presbyterian "B."  
All of the games should be worth seeing, as the teams are all well matched.

**TORONTO AGAIN GETS COVETED ALLAN CUP**  
Winnipeg, March 20.—The Allan Cup, emblematic of the amateur hockey championship of the universe, will travel to Toronto again after a sojourn in the West for six years, the Dentals taking back the trophy by virtue of scoring 13 goals to 12 by the Winnipeg Victorias in the two games which wound up last night. The final score of last night's game was, Victorias 6, Dentals 4.

**RUGBY SATURDAY.**  
The following will represent the Victoria Welsh Rugby team on Saturday next at the Canteen grounds against the navy: Wynne, Bale, George Fuller, Dal Thomas, Corpl. Davies, Hall Davies, Tom Edwards, Arthur Hill, Dick Thomas, George Hood, Bob Stevens, Lewis Evans, John Lloyd, Wilkie Richards, Bill Jones, Dal Smith.

## MAINLANDERS AGREE TO SHIELD CONTEST

### Inter-City Game May Be Arranged Before Kilties Leave

Vancouver, B. C., March 20.—At the meeting of the Vancouver council of the British Columbia Football Association here last night it was recommended that the McBride Shield be played for by the Garrison team of Victoria and the 23rd Battalion team of Vancouver, although on the advice of the local board, the B. C. F. A. ruled at the beginning of the football season that the shield games should be called off this year. It was pointed out at the meeting that when the ruling was made the conditions were such that a shield game was hardly thought feasible or desirable, but now that the Kilties have won the Mainland championship and are going away immediately, it was thought the only right thing that they should be given the opportunity of leaving Canada as champions of British Columbia. The local council wrote the executive of the B. C. F. A. at Victoria requesting sanction for a shield game or games and requested an early reply.

**BASEBALL NOTES**  
Here and There With the Diamond Stars

Owner Phil Ball is watching his St. Louis Browns go through their training stunts at Palestine, Tex.

Manager Mike Doolan, Rochester's new pilot, has purchased the release of Catcher Lew Wendell from Louisville.

Manager Jack Barry, of the champion Red Sox, is working out at second and taking care of the job in his usual brilliant form.

George Kelly's high-class pitching for the Giants has made the veterans of the McGraw squad sit up and take a second look.

After announcing his retirement from the game, Pitcher George Davis changed his mind and joined his team, the Boston Braves.

If the Yankees have the good luck to sidestep accidents this season there is nothing to it but the pennant. So sayeth "Wild William" Donovan.

Ty Cobb is to do his spring training alone, instead of working out with the rest of the jungle tribe. Ty plans to work off his extra pounds by packing a gun over the hills in South Carolina.

Honus Wagner and Max Carey, the Pirate stars, are on the unsigned list. But the Pittsburgh fans believe both past-timers will be found in the Calahan lineup when the gong sounds for the opening skirmish.

Manager Mathewson, of the Reds, is elated over the excellent showing of his catching mainstays, Wingo and Clarke. These veteran backstops of the Reds are using their July formula in shooting the ball around the diamond.

Al Benton, a catcher hailing from the University of Michigan, is showing his wares to the Chicago Cubs in California. Benton caught for George Siler when the Browns' star was at Ann Arbor.

J. H. De Barry, the New Orleans rearguard with the Cleveland Indians, is a versatile diamond performer. On various occasions, while with the Pelicans, he pastimed at third, second, short, in the outfield and behind the bat.

The fast and clever work of Milt Ribberg, the Pacific Coast infielder, is the sensation of the White Sox training camp at Mineral Wells. If the Pacific sloper can keep up his present pace he will surely land a regular berth with the Sox.

Pitcher Rube Schauer, the Giant cast-off who starred with the Louisville team last season, is showing genuine big show chukking to the Athletics and stands an excellent chance of becoming a regular with the Mackmen.

Sam Crawford, of the Detroit Tigers, is far in the lead of all big league outfielders in the number of games played, having taken part in 246 contests. Second place belongs to Magee, the Braves' gardener, who is credited with 178 games.

Members of pennant-winning teams

## BASKETBALL CLUBS REVISE SCHEDULE

It has been decided to revise the schedule of the Senior League division of the Sunday School basketball clubs. A meeting was held last evening and it was resolved to hold all the games so far as practicable on the floor of the Y. M. C. A. Church. The revised schedule will be announced in a few days, as it is at present uncertain whether or not the Belmonts will enter a team.

The following is the standing of the Intermediate and Ladies' division to date:

Team	P.	W.	L.	Pct.
James Bays	10	9	1	.900
Presbyterian "A"	10	8	2	.800
Congregational	10	7	3	.700
Metropolitans	9	7	2	.722
Presbyterian "B"	2	2	0	.000

**FINAL GAME OF SECOND ROUND WON BY Y. M. C. A.**  
By a score of 45-6 the Y. M. C. A. City League basketballers defeated the Firstmen in the game which was played last evening. This was the final match of the second round of the City League series. Peden, of the Y. M. C. A., was high man, getting 29 of the points for his team.

The end of the second round leaves the High School, Presbyterians and Y. M. C. A. all tied for first place. Each has won six and lost two.

The winner of the series must win every game of the last round and from this it becomes evident that some very spectacular work will undoubtedly result. To-morrow night will witness the first game, when the Y. M. C. A. team meets the Firstmen at 8:30 at the Y. M. and the High School meets the Presbyterians at 9:30. This game is bound to be very interesting.

**O'LEARY IS DEFEATED.**  
Columbus, Ohio, March 20.—Joe Rivers, of Los Angeles, defeated Johnny O'Leary, of Buffalo, in their scheduled 12-round bout here last night. O'Leary's seconds threw up the sponge in the eleventh. Both men were over the 135-pound limit agreed upon.

**KILBANE DEFEATS SHANNON.**  
Philadelphia, Pa., March 20.—Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion, defeated Eddie Shannon, of San Francisco, in a six-round bout here last night. In the third round Shannon was dropped for a count of nine. Kilbane was the aggressor throughout.

**CHICAGO NATIONALS VICTORS.**  
Oakland, Cal., March 20.—The Chicago National League team defeated the Oakland team of the Pacific Coast League yesterday by a score of 10 to 9.

**BACK YARD GARDENS.**  
At least one little breach in the walls of the high cost of living can be made by everybody who has a few square feet of ground in his back yard that he can plant seeds in. A five-cent package of seeds can be turned into actual dollars in a very little space, and with a great deal of enjoyment. If you never had one before, this is the year of all years to have a back yard garden. It really is remarkable how much you can raise in a small space if you confine yourself to essentials and do not try to make a general experiment station out of 20 feet square. This is seed catalogue time, and the mails are full of them. You can get your share easily, and if you know how to go about it, looking over catalogue and picking out your seed order, and doing mental gardening by the fire-side, is one of the most enjoyable parts of it.—Duluth Herald.

Riga is one of the few Russian words in our day-to-day war gazetteer which does not lend itself to puzzling spelling variations, but it is more often than not mispronounced. That well-known limerick chronicling the sad fate of a young lady who "went for a ride on a hip-ah," has decided the pronunciation of Riga for most people, and it is only the most man-in-the-street who takes a running kick at the word and pronounced it "Riegan." "Reegan" is, of course, the correct pronunciation.—London Chronicle.

## THE WEATHER

Victoria, March 20.—5 a. m.—The barometer is low on the Coast and in Northern B. C. and unsettled weather is general. Considerable snow has fallen in Cariboo, and showers are reported southward to Northern California. The temperatures range from 4 to 20 above zero in the prairie provinces.

Temperature.	Max.	Min.
Nanaimo (Entrance Is.)	46	39
Grand Forks	39	32
Penticton	46	39
Cranbrook	46	39
Nelson	34	27
Prince George	44	37
Calgary	42	35
Edmonton	42	35
Qu'Appelle	38	31
Winnipeg	38	31
Toronto	26	19
Ottawa	12	5
Montreal	12	5
St. John	18	11
Halifax	39	32

Victoria City Weather.  
Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Monday:

Temperature.	Max.	Min.
Highest	46	39
Lowest	32	25
Average	37	30
Minimum on grass	25	18
Rain, 39 inch.		
Bright sunshine, 6 hours.		
General state of weather, showery.		

**Forecasts.**  
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday:  
Victoria and vicinity—Easterly and southerly winds, unsettled and mild; with showers.  
Lower Mainland—Easterly and southerly winds, unsettled and mild; with showers.  
**Reports.**  
Victoria—Barometer, 30.06; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 26; wind, 10 miles S. W.; rain, .25; weather, cloudy.  
Vancouver—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, maximum yesterday, 43; minimum, 35; wind, calm; rain, .12; weather, cloudy.  
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.94; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 30; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, clear.  
Barkerville—Barometer, 29.96; temperature, maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 28; wind, 4 miles S. W.; rain, .12; weather, fair.  
Seattle—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 34; wind, 10 miles S.; rain, .02; weather, cloudy.  
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14; wind, calm; snow, .34; weather, clear.  
Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.80; temperature, maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 29; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .10; weather, cloudy.  
Tatoosh—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 33; wind, 10 miles S.; rain, .10; weather, raining.  
Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.18; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 38; wind, 8 miles S. W.; rain, .12; weather, fair.  
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<b>VANCOUVER</b>		May 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 31, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 284, 286, 288, 290, 292, 294, 296, 298, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350, 352, 354, 356, 358, 360, 362, 364, 366, 368, 370, 372, 374, 376, 378, 380, 382, 384, 386, 388, 390, 392, 394, 396, 398, 400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 412, 414, 416, 418, 420, 422, 424, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 438, 440, 442, 444, 446, 448, 450, 452, 454, 456, 458, 460, 462, 464, 466, 468, 470, 472, 474, 476, 478, 480, 482, 484, 486, 488, 490, 492, 494, 496, 498, 500, 502, 504, 506, 508, 510, 512, 514, 516, 518, 520, 522, 524, 526, 528, 530, 532, 534, 536, 538, 540, 542, 544, 546, 548, 550, 552, 554, 556, 558, 560, 562, 564, 566, 568, 570, 572, 574, 576, 578, 580, 582, 584, 586, 588, 590, 592, 594, 596, 598, 600, 602, 604, 606, 608, 610, 612, 614, 616, 618, 620, 622, 624, 626, 628, 630, 632, 634, 636, 638, 640, 642, 644, 646, 648, 650, 652, 654, 656, 658, 660, 662, 664, 666, 668, 670, 672, 674, 676, 678, 680, 682, 684, 686, 688, 690, 692, 694, 696, 698, 700, 702, 704, 706, 708, 710, 712, 714, 716, 718, 720, 722, 724, 726, 728, 730, 732, 734, 736, 738, 740, 742, 744, 746, 748, 750, 752, 754, 756, 758, 760, 762, 764, 766, 768, 770, 772, 774, 776, 778, 780, 782, 784, 786, 788, 790, 792, 794, 796, 798, 800, 802, 804, 806, 808, 810, 812, 814, 816, 818, 820, 822, 824, 826, 828, 830, 832, 834, 836, 838, 840, 842, 844, 846, 848, 850, 852, 854, 856, 858, 860, 862, 864, 866, 868, 870, 872, 874, 876, 878, 880, 882, 884, 886, 888, 890, 892, 894, 896, 898, 900, 902, 904, 906, 908, 910, 912, 914, 916, 918, 920, 922, 924, 926, 928, 930, 932, 934, 936, 938, 940, 942, 944, 946, 948, 950, 952, 954, 956, 958, 960, 962, 964, 966, 968, 970, 972, 974, 976, 978, 980, 982, 984, 986, 988, 990, 992, 994, 996, 998, 1000					
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**LOST**—Spectacles in Clugston case, Friday, between Christ Church Cathedral and Tea Kettle, via Blanshard, Fort and Douglas. Return to Clugston. m20

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**FIVE OPERATIONS WHEN PRISONER IN GERMANY**

Seventh Battalion Soldier Reached Victoria on Saturday; Still on Crutches

"Oh, they treated me fine—I don't think" was all that could be drawn from Private Harold E. Hill, when asked to give a description of the treatment meted out to him at the three various stations to which he was sent in Germany during his period of captivity, extending from April 24, 1915, to December 4, 1916. Private Hill returned to Victoria on Saturday afternoon's boat and was seen by the Times for a few seconds as he left the city for Nelson yesterday.

Private Hill enlisted at Valourier on the 22nd of September 1914 and became attached to the famous 7th Battalion. He passed through the harrowing days of March and the best part of April, 1915, during the course of which the diabolical gas attack on the 32nd of April was launched by the Germans. He was fortunate in escaping this new mode of destruction, but was severely wounded on the 34th in the left leg about four inches above the ankle joint. This was during the course of the second battle of Ypres.

Still on Crutches. As a legacy of that battle, and subsequently five operations leaving the leg one and three-quarter inches shorter than the right, Private Hill still requires the full use of two crutches. Left on the field of battle after the terrific encounters of those April days, when the gas attack forced the British lines back, Private Hill found himself a helpless prisoner of war.

He was taken to the German hospital at Bruge where he remained for six months undergoing at intervals the operations referred to. On the 21st of November of the same year he was sent to Crefeld convalescent hospital, situated in Westphalia about twenty miles from the Belgian border. A long period of inactivity followed, varied only by the many degrees of indifferent medical attention, indifferent treatment generally, and indifferent food always, extended from the date of entry into this hostel until an accidental injury to the leg on the 4th of August, 1916, necessitating his removal to Aachen (Aix-la-Chapelle) for exchange.

Was a Devon Terrier. The exchange did not follow as quickly as he had anticipated, since six weeks afterwards he was sent to a garrison hospital, the name of which he was not allowed to learn, when after a stretch of two weeks a return journey was made to Aachen. Although in the beginning of August he was not given his liberty until December 4, 1916. A further period at Millbank Hospital in London preceded his return to Canada.

Private Hill is twenty-three years old and his wife, who had followed her husband to England, resides at Bywater Street, London. Prior to enlistment for overseas service he was employed by the B. C. Smelter Company at Trail, B. C. He was born at Colyton, Devonshire, and served three years with the 4th Devon Territorials before coming out west.

**RUSSIAN-CANADIAN**

Michael Bostwick of the 54th, Native of Warsaw, Back From the Front. Suffering from nephritis Private Michael Bostwick of the 54th Battalion returned to the city on this afternoon's boat from England. Bostwick was born in Warsaw twenty-four years ago and came out to the Kootenay Country several years back where he was engaged in the mining business before enlisting in the Canadian Army Overseas. He trained with the 54th Battalion and went overseas with that unit reaching the Western front on the 20th of January last year. He took part in the operations on the Somme front during the severe fighting last summer and went unscathed until the end of September when he was slightly wounded, subsequent illness necessitating hospital treatment and his final return to Canada.

Many of the young soldier's relatives are fighting with the Russian armies in the various war theatres.

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**RIGHTS CHANGED HANDS FOR DOLLAR**

Evidence in P. G. E. Inquiry Develops Interesting Facts at Outset

**D'ARCY TATE CALLED AS THE FIRST WITNESS**

Contact to Welch Let Without Specifications or Tender

Legislative Press Gallery, March 20.

For the sum of one dollar the rights which Timothy Foley, Patrick Welch and John W. Stewart acquired by an agreement with the province were handed over to the Pacific Great Eastern Ry. Co. Some time later the railway company's \$25,000,000 share capital was transferred to the three members of the contracting firm without consideration, and all the money that has ever been put into the enterprise outside the proceeds of bonds guaranteed by the Province was not over \$40,000—if that much.

The issue of stock never seems to have satisfied the company or its legal member as a proceeding justified by the act of incorporation, and so the late Government was brought to pass an amending bill to clear up this doubt. The present request is being urged on the present Government, and within the past three weeks a devious bill has been submitted to the Minister of Railways.

This and many other facts came out at the inquiry into P. G. E. matters this morning, when the general counsel was under examination by S. S. Taylor, K. C., counsel for the Minister of Railways.

D'Arcy Tate, K. C., vice-president and general counsel of the P. G. E., came to the province as general counsel for the G. T. P. and assumed his present duties early in 1912. As chief executive officer of the P. G. E. here he admitted that possibly he was the man best qualified to speak of the matters which were being inquired into.

On Feb. 16, 1912, there had been an agreement entered into between the Government of B. C. and Foley, Welch & Stewart and this was ratified by an act of the Legislature in the same session. The men named were Timothy Foley, St. Paul, who had never paid any personal attention to P. G. E. matters; Patrick Welch, Spokane, who was contractor for the construction of the road; and John W. Stewart, Vancouver, who had given all matters considerable personal attention. The two former men were American citizens.

Following the agreement came the incorporation of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, the incorporators being the three named, himself, Donald McLeod, still in Vancouver as representative of the company and of General Stewart's interests, and V. W. Smith, who was at that time closely identified with the Foley, Welch & Stewart interests in Prince Rupert but whose whereabouts now Mr. Tate does not know.

An agreement was entered into between the company and Foley, Welch & Stewart on July 16, 1912, assigning to the railway company for the sum of one dollar all the rights and privileges which Foley, Welch & Stewart had acquired under the agreement with the government.

The original directors—who were also the shareholders—were Foley, Welch, Stewart, Tate, McLeod and Smith. On October 7, 1912, Smith and McLeod dropped out and were succeeded by F. Wilson and E. White. The latter was described by witness as "Welch's general factotum." These still remain the directors of the P. G. E. Welch also dropped out as director, and was never replaced. In accepting his resignation the directors agreed that "the general management of the business and affairs of the company shall be vested in a board of five directors." At the meetings of directors Mr. Tate held proxies for the absent directors.

Another agreement was made with the Government, which was not put in, pledged the company not to employ or permit the employment of Asiatic labor on the undertaking. On September 9, 1912, there was a meeting of the directors—Stewart, Welch and Tate—at which a draft contract with P. Welch to construct the railway was under consideration. Further questioning brought out that there was no written draft. Welch retired from the meeting and Stewart and Tate considered the proposition made by Welch, which the witness had no doubt was what Welch thought a fair one.

Secretary Thomas. Secretary Thomas thought that in his desk were some figures Welch had submitted at that time, and was instructed to produce these at next sittings.

Mr. Taylor—"Did you call for any tender?"

"No, We considered it before."

"At this meeting did you consider it?"

"Then and before."

"But there were none called for?"

"My opinion was asked, and if you wish, I will give you the opinion I expressed at that time."

Specifications. Mr. Tate was not able to say whether or not there had been specifications prepared before this contract was considered and awarded.

"Did you pay up in cash your share of that \$40,000?"

"I never saw it."

"But did you?"

"I don't remember."

"Did Stewart pay in cash any part of that amount?"

"I could not say."

"Was the \$40,000 paid into the bank?"

"I know it was paid up and put into the bank, the Dominion bank."

Illegality of Act.

Mr. Taylor again pointed to the illegality of this whole action in view of the provisions of the Railway Act, and again Mr. Tate explained that the personal guarantee of the three men overrode the Railway Act in this as in other particulars.

Mr. Maclean argued that unless the three men controlled the railway company through its share capital it could not carry out its obligations.

Mr. Taylor—"Were there any specifications prepared in advance of the award of the contract?"

"They were in course of preparation."

"But had they been prepared?"

"They were not completely prepared at the time the document was signed."

Mr. Tate said the specifications were settled between Chief Engineer Callaghan and President Stewart.

Fifteen Per Cent. and Profits. Leaving matters of price for construction over for the time, Mr. Taylor took up the contractor's price on force account of cost plus 15 per cent., the contractor having the right to conduct stores, hauling outfits, freighting outfits and so forth.

Mr. Taylor—"Did you inquire what percentage was proper on force account where the contractor is allowed to carry on trading and make profits?"

"General Stewart attended to all that."

"Did you ever know anything greater than 10 per cent. on cost to be allowed?"

"I don't know."

"I suggest to you that the usual percentage is five or less."

"The G. T. P. paid 10 per cent. in some cases, I know."

"But there the contractor was not permitted to trade accounts?"

"Mr. Callaghan could say."

No Government Engineer. "Did the Government have any engineer on the work?"

"Mr. Gamble."

"But he is the chief engineer of the Government department. Was he on the work?"

"From time to time."

"At what intervals?"

"Frequently and regularly."

"But apart from Mr. Gamble's intermittent visits there was no Government engineer on the work?"

"I do not think so."

Contractor Operating Line. "Is the contractor operating the line?"

"Yes, on the north shore, from North Vancouver to White Cliff, and from Squamish to Clinton."

"One section of this agreement says the contractor shall bear any loss in operating. Is any operation or maintenance or loss incurred included in and paid by the Government out of guaranteed bonds or the six-million-dollar loan?"

"No. The net loss sustained by Welch in operating on the north shore was settled with him by notes."

"None of these should be charged to the Government?"

"No."

Contrary to Railway Act. Mr. Taylor drew attention to documents signed by E. White on behalf of Welch, the former being a director of the railway company and the latter the contractor for building the line.

Counsel read the section of the Railway Act which declares that no person holding an appointive or contractual relation, or concerned in any contract, shall be a director or capable of being a director of a railway; and that no director shall enter into any contract with his company.

Mr. Taylor—"Did you take any action in the matter of your director White—who was White?"

"He was right-hand man for Welch; he was Welch's general factotum."

Different to Other Companies. "Did you take any action in regard to White so acting for the contractor while he was a director?"

"Yes."

"What action?"

"Well, the P. G. E. was in a different position to other railway companies. It was practically owned by the firm, who therefore had a personal interest in seeing that it was completed and operated. We thought that the personal obligation of the three gentlemen to the Government in regard to this was done took the company out of the general provisions of the Railway Act so far as these provisions were concerned. The firm of Foley, Welch and Stewart is responsible in every case on every contract and account, and has a right to control the action of the railway company to protect itself."

"But Mr. Welch resigned from the directorate prior to the award of the contract to him, so that would indicate that at that time you considered this section of the Railway Act to apply to your company?"

"That was done to avoid any question being raised on that point."

Mr. Taylor read an agreement between the firm of Foley, Welch and Stewart and the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company for the handing over by the railway company of its entire capital stock to Foley, Welch and Stewart, these men signing this gift by themselves to themselves in the two capacities, as directors of the railway company and as members of the contracting firm.

Shares Divided Equally. Mr. Tate explained later on that the shares were divided between Foley, Welch, Stewart and himself equally, except for a few that were given to others to qualify them as directors. The present distribution of the 250,000 shares into which the \$25,000,000 capital stock is divided is 21,865 shares to each of the four named, 20 shares each to Wilson and White to qualify them as directors, 102,500 pledged to the bank and 20,000 in the name of the province pledged as proportionate security for the loan received of the six millions under last year's Loan Act.

Mr. Taylor—"All the share capital was transferred except \$100,000?"

"Which was paid for in cash."

"The whole \$100,000, pursuant to your act of incorporation?"

"The whole \$100,000 was subscribed and \$40,000 was paid up."

"Who subscribed that?"

"I should say from memory Foley, Welch, Stewart, myself, McLeod and Smith."

"How many did you subscribe for?"

"Twenty shares, I think."

"Did you pay up in cash your share of that \$40,000?"

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"I could not say."

"Was the \$40,000 paid into the bank?"

"I know it was paid up and put into the bank, the Dominion bank."

Illegality of Act.

Mr. Taylor again pointed to the illegality of this whole action in view of the provisions of the Railway Act, and again Mr. Tate explained that the personal guarantee of the three men overrode the Railway Act in this as in other particulars.

Mr. Maclean argued that unless the three men controlled the railway company through its share capital it could not carry out its obligations.

Mr. Taylor—"Were there any specifications prepared in advance of the award of the contract?"

"They were in course of preparation."

"But had they been prepared?"

"They were not completely prepared at the time the document was signed."

Mr. Tate said the specifications were settled between Chief Engineer Callaghan and President Stewart.

Fifteen Per Cent. and Profits. Leaving matters of price for construction over for the time, Mr. Taylor took up the contractor's price on force account of cost plus 15 per cent., the contractor having the right to conduct stores, hauling outfits, freighting outfits and so forth.

Mr. Taylor—"Did you inquire what percentage was proper on force account where the contractor is allowed to carry on trading and make profits?"

"General Stewart attended to all that."

"Did you ever know anything greater than 10 per cent. on cost to be allowed?"

"I don't know."

"I suggest to you that the usual percentage is five or less."

"The G. T. P. paid 10 per cent. in some cases, I know."

"But there the contractor was not permitted to trade accounts?"

"Mr. Callaghan could say."

No Government Engineer. "Did the Government have any engineer on the work?"

"Mr. Gamble."

"But he is the chief engineer of the Government department. Was he on the work?"

"From time to time."

"At what intervals?"

"Frequently and regularly."

"But apart from Mr. Gamble's intermittent visits there was no Government engineer on the work?"

"I do not think so."

Contractor Operating Line. "Is the contractor operating the line?"

"Yes, on the north shore, from North Vancouver to White Cliff, and from Squamish to Clinton."

"One section of this agreement says the contractor shall bear any loss in operating. Is any operation or maintenance or loss incurred included in and paid by the Government out of guaranteed bonds or the six-million-dollar loan?"

"No. The net loss sustained by Welch in operating on the north shore was settled with him by notes."

"None of these should be charged to the Government?"

"No."

Contrary to Railway Act. Mr. Taylor drew attention to documents signed by E. White on behalf of Welch, the former being a director of the railway company and the latter the contractor for building the line.

Counsel read the section of the Railway Act which declares that no person holding an appointive or contractual relation, or concerned in any contract, shall be a director or capable of being a director of a railway; and that no director shall enter into any contract with his company.

Mr. Taylor—"Did you take any action in the matter of your director White—who was White?"

"He was right-hand man for Welch; he was Welch's general factotum."

Different to Other Companies. "Did you take any action in regard to White so acting for the contractor while he was a director?"

"Yes."

"What action?"

"Well, the P. G. E. was in a different position to other railway companies. It was practically owned by the firm, who therefore had a personal interest in seeing that it was completed and operated. We thought that the personal obligation of the three gentlemen to the Government in regard to this was done took the company out of the general provisions of the Railway Act so far as these provisions were concerned. The firm of Foley, Welch and Stewart is responsible in every case on every contract and account, and has a right to control the action of the railway company to protect itself."

"But Mr. Welch resigned from the directorate prior to the award of the contract to him, so that would indicate that at that time you considered this section of the Railway Act to apply to your company?"

"That was done to avoid any question being raised on that point."

Mr. Taylor read an agreement between the firm of Foley, Welch and Stewart and the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company for the handing over by the railway company of its entire capital stock to Foley, Welch and Stewart, these men signing this gift by themselves to themselves in the two capacities, as directors of the railway company and as members of the contracting firm.

Shares Divided Equally. Mr. Tate explained later on that the shares were divided between Foley, Welch, Stewart and himself equally, except for a few that were given to others to qualify them as directors. The present distribution of the 250,000 shares into which the \$25,000,000 capital stock is divided is 21,865 shares to each of the four named, 20 shares each to Wilson and White to qualify them as directors, 102,500 pledged to the bank and 20,000 in the name of the province pledged as proportionate security for the loan received of the six millions under last year's Loan Act.

Mr. Taylor—"All the share capital was transferred except \$100,000?"

"Which was paid for in cash."

"The whole \$100,000, pursuant to your act of incorporation?"

"The whole \$100,000 was subscribed and \$40,000 was paid up."

"Who subscribed that?"

"I should say from memory Foley, Welch, Stewart, myself, McLeod and Smith."

"How many did you subscribe for?"

"Twenty shares, I think."

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now have does not permit you to do what you have done in that regard?"

"To put it beyond doubt. The Government stock would be protected, too."

"But if the stock is not worth anything the Government would not lose anything?"

"It will be worth something some day, I hope."

"You put this amendment there because you believe it is doubtful if these shares were legally issued to Foley, Welch & Stewart?"

"To put it beyond peradventure."

The committee meets again this evening at half-past eight.

**MUNICIPAL MATTERS RECEIVE ATTENTION**

Union of B. C. Municipalities Waits Upon Legislative Committee

Legislative Press Gallery, March 20.

The municipal committee this morning received a deputation from the Union of B. C. Municipalities, Reeve Fraser, of Burnaby; Reeve Bridgeman, of North Vancouver; Alderman John Dilworth, of Victoria, and F. A. McDermid, the Union's solicitor, the League executive, forming the deputation. Thomas Kidd, of Richmond, and Capt. Stewart, of Point Grey, also were present as an individual deputation upon correlated matters.

The committee adopted the proposal recommending to the department of agriculture that the tuberculin testing of cattle and rigid inspection of dairies be continued. The committee also approved the principle of giving municipalities power to grant relief by way of rebate on the assessed value to lands within the municipalities, held and used solely for agricultural or horticultural purposes. Approval was also given to a resolution on tax sales, providing for a prescribed form to be used by municipal inspectors. The principle of a resolution providing for provincial aid to municipalities for the maintenance of trunk roads, 40 per cent. of the initial cost of building and 20 per cent. of all maintenance charges, was also approved.

The committee approved the principle of a resolution that control of police forces and licensing matters should be placed in the hands of boards elected by the people. It was decided to pass over a resolution raising the term of mayor and aldermen, reeve and councillors, the committee taking the attitude that a good man will always be re-elected.

A resolution which practically means that municipalities should get statute authority to jail recalcitrant husbands and fathers, for desertion, non-support, etc., and work them on a chain-gang, using the proceeds of their labor for family support, met with the hearty endorsement of the committee.

**OBITUARY RECORD**

The death occurred this morning at St. Joseph's Hospital of Mrs. Mary Ann Williams at the age of 69. She has been a resident of this city for the past seven years and was born in Wales. The late residence was at the home of Edward Merton. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel, when the Rev. Cobell will officiate. The remains will be shipped on Thursday of this week by the E. & N. to Courtenay for interment.

**UNIVERSITY PLATOON**

D. Mack Eastman Desires to Enroll Recruits for Popular Unit.

Dr. Mack Eastman, of the history department of the University of British Columbia, who with three other members of the reinforcing platoon of the 15th Western Universities Battalion, at present in the city taking a course of training at Work Point Barracks, is anxious to call attention to the fact that he will be pleased to give information to applicants desiring to join the unit. Letters are constantly being received from over the Province, especially from professional men, with regard to the platoon, and any local eligible who wish to join the University force should write Probationer Mack Eastman, c/o R. S. R., Work Point Barracks, immediately.

**LOCAL NEWS**

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

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Will Hear Petition—The mining committee this morning decided to hear the petition of R. T. Ward regarding



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## RUSSIAN ARMY AND NAVY CO-OPERATE

### American Ambassador Reports They Are Working With New Government

Washington, March 20.—Complete co-operation between both the Russian army and navy and the new revolutionary government was reported today by the State Department. The Ambassador stated he had received his information from official sources and confirmed it to his own satisfaction unofficially. The fact that he mentions no disorders leads officials to believe that good order prevails.

The question of the recognition of the new government by the United States is becoming increasingly important. Officials say the receipt by the State Department from the Russian Ambassador of Foreign Minister Milukoff's statement to the world does not constitute such recognition, nor will such action by Britain, France, and Russia's other allies hasten the decision of the United States. It is possible, however, that action may be taken shortly and that even if it is not, Congress may pass resolutions felicitating the new government after it convenes on April 14.

## GERMANY IS MAKING WAR ON THE STATES

### That Is Wilson's Opinion; Urging Forward Preparation of Navy

Washington, March 20.—It was learned definitely before the Cabinet meeting this afternoon that the President, while considering deliberately all phases of the German submarine situation, had not finally made up his mind on any forward step beyond the active preparation of the navy for any eventuality.

For the present President Wilson is taking the position that at all events the nation must be placed in a better state of preparedness, because he believes that from a practical standpoint Germany is making war on this country.

The President is known to believe that the principal object he has in mind—the establishment of a league to preserve future peace—has been set far forward by the revolution in Russia. The murmurs against autocracy in Germany also are being considered.

No doubt now remains in the minds of most officials here that if there is no outlook for change before Congress meets the President will open the extra session with an address making clear the new position into which he feels the United States has been forced by Germany's ruthless disregard of American rights. He may discuss universal military training.

The indications before the Cabinet assembled today were that there would be no change in the situation before tomorrow, although it was possible that the discussion at the meeting might lead the President to act at once.

Administration officials believe the nation already is virtually in a state of war with Germany and the only question undecided is whether there shall be any immediate announcement of that status through a new call for Congress or otherwise.

Haynes Repairs Jewelry satisfactorily and reasonably.

## NEW CANADIAN CAMP ESTABLISHED IN KENT

London, March 20.—A new camp of Canadians established in Kent is holding an army greater in numbers than the total enlistment from several individual provinces. The units were put there suddenly at first under the emergency need to establish hospital accommodations. In less than two weeks there had been fully established a system of hospitals and convalescent camps, although when the army first moved into this district the nucleus of a hospital comprised a bare office, two chairs and a kitchen table.

The normal average of sick in the camps at this time of the year is about three per cent.

## IMPERIAL CONFERENCE SET IN MOTION TO-DAY IN EMPIRE'S CAPITAL

London, March 20.—The Imperial Conference was inaugurated today. For the first time statement from the Overseas Dominions sat with the members of the British Government around a table in the council room at Mr. Lloyd George's official residence, the official home of the Prime Minister.

## A GERMAN CLAIM.

Berlin, March 20.—A French battleship of the Danton class was sunk by a German submarine in the Mediterranean yesterday, the Admiralty announced today.

Warships of the Danton class displace 18,025 tons. The complement consists of 881 officers and men.

## BRITISH STEAMSHIP SUNK BY SUBMARINE

### Three Belgian Relief Ships Were Shelled By German Submarine

St. John, N. B., March 20.—The sinking of the British steamship *Brayhead* by a German submarine on March 14 was announced in cable advices received by local agents today from the owners of the vessel at Belfast. Capt. Hoy and 17 members of the crew, the message said, were missing.

London, March 20.—A boat containing the first, second and third mates and five seamen of the Dutch steamship *Sellen*, under charter to the Belgian Relief Commission, was shelled by a German submarine and all the occupants killed, according to a Reuter dispatch from Stavanger.

"The Dutch steamship *Sellen*," says the dispatch, "has reached here (Stavanger, Norway), bound for New York in ballast. She left Rotterdam Friday, bearing the usual designations of the Belgian Relief Commission, and was attacked at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon by a German submarine.

"The *Sellen* did not stop, but after some shots lowered a lifeboat, in which the first, second and third mates and five seamen embarked. The boat then was struck by a shell and all eight were killed.

"The *Sellen* put on full speed ahead and the submarine disappeared."

No Dutch steamship *Sellen* is listed in available shipping registers. There is a Dutch tanker *Sellen*, of 3,738 tons gross, which was last reported sailing from Philadelphia in January, bound for Gothenburg.

Amsterdam, March 20.—A Rotterdam dispatch to the *Handelsblad* says: "Two of five Belgian relief ships which with letters of safe conduct from the German legation were en route northward, were shelled by a German submarine in the so-called 'safe passage.' Seven men were killed aboard the *Tunise*, which entered Stavanger. The other vessels continued on their voyage."

Two steamships named *Tunise* are listed, one of them a Belgian vessel of 2,457 tons gross, which was last reported sailing from New York on January 8 and arriving at Rotterdam January 29. The other is a French steamship.

A Few Words From Berlin.  
Berlin, March 20.—Commenting on the Admiralty announcement that merchant ships of an aggregate gross tonnage of 781,599 were destroyed in February as a result of war measures of the Central Powers, Berlin newspapers say the sinking of only 600,000 tons per month had been thought probable, and that the estimate was based on the surmise that only part of the neutral shipping would cease trading with the British Isles.

Neutral trade with Great Britain having been interrupted almost entirely, the estimates of this basis would be 525,000 tons. Consequently the result obtained as announced by the Admiralty, is 50 per cent. higher than might have been expected.

"Trade at British ports in January," says the Overseas News Agency (the official German news bureau), "amounted to 525,000 tons, of which 2,500 tons was neutral. If only 50 per cent. of neutral tonnage kept away in February, the reduction in tonnage amounts to 30 per cent. The tonnage sunk in that month exceeds British shipbuilding for all of 1916, which amounted to only 530,000 tons."

New York, March 20.—No lives were lost in the sinking of the American steamship *City of Memphis* in the German submarine "zone." The boat which was missing containing Captain Borum and seven men has reached Glasgow safely, according to a cable received here from the captain today by the owners, the Ocean Steamship Company.

## "WOMAN OF MYSTERY" IN VANCOUVER COURT

Vancouver, March 20.—In Police Magistrate Shaw's court this forenoon the proprietors of the Lotus Hotel, Europe, Castle and Strand hotels and the proprietor of the London Cafe, on Robson Street, were fined \$50 and costs for infraction of the Liquor Act. These were the cases brought to court as the result of the investigation started by Mayor McBeath.

In the case against the Lotus Hotel, the "woman of mystery," the police witness, appeared heavily veiled, giving her name as Jenny Doe. The court refused to allow her real name to be used.

## COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Cornwall, Ont., March 20.—Emerson St. Pierre was formally charged with the murder of his father, William St. Pierre, in Onabruk township on February 5, and Nettie Richmire, who lived with Emerson as his wife, with being an accessory. In the County Court here this forenoon, Nettie Richmire said she had not shot St. Pierre as she at first claimed. She declined to answer a question as to who had done the shooting. She and William St. Pierre were alone in the room. Emerson had gone out. Emerson St. Pierre was committed for trial and Nettie Richmire was committed for trial as an accessory.

## IRISH QUESTION.

London, March 20.—Mr. Hon. Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, informed the Commons today that the Government is considering the advisability of calling a conference, including representatives of the Dominions, to formulate a settlement of the Irish question.

## REPERCUSSION WILL COME IN GERMANY

### Article By Socialist Leader Indicates Russian Revolution Having Effect

## WARNS CHANCELLOR NOT TO DELAY A DAY

Berlin, March 19 (via London, March 20).—Philipp Scheidemann, Socialist leader in the Reichstag, writes in the Socialist newspaper *Vorwaerts*:

"It does not require many words to explain why almost the whole world is arrayed against us. The answer is given quickly. The whole world sees among our enemies more or less developed forms of democracy and in us sees only Prussians.

"We have always answered our enemies by referring to the absolutism of Russia, but now Czarism has gone and Nicholas' successor agrees to accept the throne only if the representatives of the people agree. These representatives are to be elected on a basis of universal, equal, direct and secret suffrage.

"In Asia the rulers of the Empire of the Mandarins opposed every reform. They desired an emperor with absolute power, as long as he did their will, and thereby undermined the monarchy and laid the foundations of a republic.

"In the European Central Empires similar spirits seek to build similar Chinese walls and hinder every reform. The clock shows five minutes to twelve. They imagine they hold up the time, when they move back the hands to eleven.

Always a Procrastinator.

"Why does the Chancellor shrink back now from unconditional necessity? Always the hesitator, the procrastinator, Bethmann-Hollweg wants to begin to cure Prussia after the war. Russia also promised all reforms after the war, but the war lasted too long for the Russians.

"Why postpone till to-morrow what is absolutely necessary to-day—what even the King himself declared years ago was one of the most urgent matters of the business of the state? Now is the time for decisive action. The Government should adopt the Reichstag system of elections for Prussian elections as a featherweight as compared with the difficulties which will come if it does not do this. The Chancellor should not delay one day. The Prussian people, as well as the other German states, will stand as one man by his side if he acts decisively."

In a different strain the Lokai Anzeiger, one of the newspaper organizations closest to Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg says:

"A change in the Prussian electoral system has been promised for a year and after the war will be debated and put into practice with all quiet thoughtfulness. That is no longer news—it is an obvious fact. To demand it for to-morrow, and that in connection with a hymn of jubilation for the Russian revolution, would be so precarious a venture that it must be rejected. It is certain that Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg intended no such results from his speech."

## HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN IS COMING TO COAST

Ottawa, March 20.—Hon. Arthur Meighen, the Solicitor-General, will leave to-morrow night on a trip through to the Pacific coast. He will inspect four western penitentiaries and will personally take up the cases of many prisoners who have applied for release in order to serve in the Canadian overseas army. Hundreds of western convicts have asked to be allowed to enlist. While in British Columbia Mr. Meighen will take up the question of the transfer of the Indian reserve at Vancouver. Many difficulties have arisen over this case.

## THREE PERSONS INJURED IN MONTREAL FIRE

Montreal, March 20.—Three persons were injured, narrowly escaping death, and property to the value of \$200,000, was destroyed by a fire which broke out at 8.45 this morning in the cellar of the plant of the Ingersoll Packing Company, Ltd., St. Paul Street West. For three hours the warehouses of some of the largest produce merchants in the city were threatened by the spreading flames.

Paul Meyer, an employee, was suspended for ten minutes on telephone wires, where he had alighted on jumping for safety. He was rescued. He was badly burned about the face and neck. O. Brousseau climbed down the wires outside the wall of the warehouse where he worked, but jumped when too far from the ground, fracturing his knee. I. Brousseau, a son of his, was burned about the left elbow and partly overcome by smoke.

The greatest damage was suffered by the Ingersoll Packing Co., the Continental Box & Paper Company, Ltd., I. Z. Roudeau, printers; Geo. McGarry & Co., and J. A. Vallanceau Ltd.

## NOTE TO CARRANZA.

Washington, March 20.—The American note to General Carranza declining his proposal for neutral action to bring peace to Europe by cutting off exports of supplies to belligerents was made public today at the State Department.

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## NICHOLAS WILL NOT COMMAND RUSSIANS

### Being a Romanoff, He Has Been Ruled Out By New Government

London, March 20.—Grand Duke Nicholas will not, after all, be commander-in-chief of the Russian armies, according to the Petrograd correspondent of the *Times*, the new government having found it necessary in order to checkmate the mischievous propaganda, to appoint a generalissimo not connected with the Romanoff family. The correspondent does not state who the new appointee will be, nor does he indicate whether Grand Duke Nicholas is likely to continue to hold any subordinate command.

In Finland, London, March 20.—Nearly all the district governors and officials in Finland voluntarily resigned when they heard of the revolution, and little opposition was shown anywhere towards the new order of things, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to Reuter's agency quoting the *Berlingske Tidende*. M. Rodtcheff's appointment as the new governor of Finland is said to have proved popular, as he is known as a staunch advocate of Finnish aspirations.

The prisoners in the fortress at Viborg have been liberated and the governor and police dismissed.

## ZEPPELIN L-39 WAS RETURNING FROM ENGLAND

Berlin, March 20.—The Admiralty announces that Zeppelin L-39, which was brought down near Compiegne, France, last Saturday, was one of the airships which took part in the raid on London the previous night.

The indicated course of the Zeppelin was from its base, presumably in Belgium, across the Channel to England, thence back across French territory to Paris and then 45 miles in a northerly direction to Compiegne, where it met its fate.

## TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, March 20.—All the markets eased off near the close, with Winnipeg dropping near the low points. May wheat dropped 1/2c, July 1/2c, and October 1/2c. Oats were firmer, with both months unchanged. Barley dropped 1/2c. Flax firm up well in the last hour to close 1/2c, up for May and unchanged for July. Wheat eased off a little to-day on a light professional trade. The reaction was natural, but the crowd are puzzled. The local pit is bearish, being afraid of the late levels, but equally afraid of the firm undertone. One milling and one export company bought a little wheat to-day. That was all the good buying there was. The selling was all professional and half-hearted. The conservative men are out of the market. The cash situation is unchanged for the straight grades, with demand and offerings very light. Tough grades went up 1/2c in spreads, chiefly on the government orders to buy Canadian wheat. Oats was in good demand with prices unchanged.

Wheat—	Open.	Close.
May	187 1/2	187 1/2
July	184 1/2	184 1/2
Oct.	181 1/2	181 1/2
May	62 1/2	62 1/2
July	62 1/2	62 1/2
Barley—		
May	108	108
Flax—		
May	274	274
July	271	271
Cash prices: Wheat—1 No. 1, 2 No. 1, 184; 2 No. 2, 182; No. 4, 184; No. 5, 147; No. 6, 117; feed, 97.		
Oats—1 C. W., 61; 2 C. W., 61; extra 1 feed, 61; 2 feed, 59.		
Aug. 1 No. 1, 186; No. 2, 180; rejected, 87; feed, 87.		
Flax—1 N. W. C., 264; 2 C. W., 266.		

## VICTORIA STOCK EXCHANGE.

Blackbird Syndicate	Bid.	Asked.
Canada Copper Co.	1.75	2.12 1/2
Coronation Gold	41.00	44.00
Granby	8.00	8.00
Int. Coal & Coke Co.	8.00	8.00
Lucky Jim Zinc	8.00	8.00
McPhillivray Coal	14	14
Portland Cement	55	55
Portland Canal	21	21
Rambler Caribou	21	21
Standard Lead	62 1/2	62 1/2
Snowdon	49	49
Stewart M. & D.	75	75
Stocan Star	22 1/2	22 1/2
Stewart Lead	7.00	7.00
Unlisted.		
Island Investment	20.00	20.00
Union Club (Deb.), new	6.00	6.00
Dow	20.00	20.00
Montreal Pulp	150	150
How Sound Mining Co.	6.75	7.00

## N.L.W. COTTON MARKET.

By (Wise & Co.)	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan.	18.10	18.35	18.07	18.21
March	18.15	18.00	18.08	18.00-97
April	18.15	18.15	18.15	18.15
May	18.35	18.32	18.35	18.16-62
June	18.35	18.35	18.35	18.35
July	18.35	18.35	18.35	18.35
Aug.	18.35	18.35	18.35	18.35
Sept.	18.35	18.35	18.35	18.35
Oct.	17.90	18.30	17.87	18.09-11
Nov.	18.35	18.35	18.35	18.35
Dec.	18.35	18.34	18.30	18.19-20

## METAL MARKET.

New York, March 20.—Lead steady, 10. Spelter steady; spot, East St. Louis delivery, 10 1/2 asked. At London: Lead, £20 10s.; spelter, £27. Copper quiet; electrolytic, spot and nearby nominal; second quarter, £23 1/2s.; nominal; third quarter, £24 1/2s.; iron, No. 1, No. 2, £25 1/2s.; No. 3, £23 1/2s.; No. 4, £23 1/2s.; No. 5, £23 1/2s.; No. 6, £23 1/2s.; No. 7, £23 1/2s.; No. 8, £23 1/2s.; No. 9, £23 1/2s.; No. 10, £23 1/2s.; No. 11, £23 1/2s.; No. 12, £23 1/2s.; No. 13, £23 1/2s.; No. 14, £23 1/2s.; No. 15, £23 1/2s.; No. 16, £23 1/2s.; No. 17, £23 1/2s.; No. 18, £23 1/2s.; No. 19, £23 1/2s.; No. 20, £23 1/2s.; No. 21, £23 1/2s.; No. 22, £23 1/2s.; No. 23, £23 1/2s.; No. 24, £23 1/2s.; No. 25, £23 1/2s.; No. 26, £23 1/2s.; No. 27, £23 1/2s.; No. 28, £23 1/2s.; No. 29, £23 1/2s.; No. 30, £23 1/2s.; No. 31, £23 1/2s.; No. 32, £23 1/2s.; No. 33, £23 1/2s.; No. 34, £23 1/2s.; No. 35, £23 1/2s.; No. 36, £23 1/2s.; No. 37, £23 1/2s.; No. 38, £23 1/2s.; No. 39, £23 1/2s.; No. 40, £23 1/2s.; No. 41, £23 1/2s.; No. 42, £23 1/2s.; No. 43, £23 1/2s.; No. 44, £23 1/2s.; No. 45, £23 1/2s.; No. 46, £23 1/2s.; No. 47, £23 1/2s.; No. 48, £23 1/2s.; No. 49, £23 1/2s.; No. 50, £23 1/2s.; No. 51, £23 1/2s.; No. 52, £23 1/2s.; No. 53, £23 1/2s.; No. 54, £23 1/2s.; No. 55, £23 1/2s.; No. 56, £23 1/2s.; No. 57, £23 1/2s.; No. 58, £23 1/2s.; No. 59, £23 1/2s.; No. 60, £23 1/2s.; No. 61, £23 1/2s.; No. 62, £23 1/2s.; No. 63, £23 1/2s.; No. 64, £23 1/2s.; No. 65, £23 1/2s.; No. 66, £23 1/2s.; No. 67, £23 1/2s.; No. 68, £23 1/2s.; No. 69, £23 1/2s.; No. 70, £23 1/2s.; No. 71, £23 1/2s.; No. 72, £23 1/2s.; No. 73, £23 1/2s.; No. 74, £23 1/2s.; No. 75, £23 1/2s.; No. 76, £23 1/2s.; No. 77, £23 1/2s.; No. 78, £23 1/2s.; No. 79, £23 1/2s.; No. 80, £23 1/2s.; No. 81, £23 1/2s.; No. 82, £23 1/2s.; No. 83, £23 1/2s.; No. 84, £23 1/2s.; No. 85, £23 1/2s.; No. 86, £23 1/2s.; No. 87, £23 1/2s.; No. 88, £23 1/2s.; No. 89, £23 1/2s.; No. 90, £23 1/2s.; No. 91, £23 1/2s.; No. 92, £23 1/2s.; No. 93, £23 1/2s.; No. 94, £23 1/2s.; No. 95, £23 1/2s.; No. 96, £23 1/2s.; No. 97, £23 1/2s.; No. 98, £23 1/2s.; No. 99, £23 1/2s.; No. 100, £23 1/2s.; No. 101, £23 1/2s.; No. 102, £23 1/2s.; No. 103, £23 1/2s.; No. 104, £23 1/2s.; No. 105, £23 1/2s.; No. 106, £23 1/2s.; No. 107, £23 1/2s.; No. 108, £23 1/2s.; No. 109, £23 1/2s.; No. 110, £23 1/2s.; No. 111, £23 1/2s.; No. 112, £23 1/2s.; No. 113, £23 1/2s.; No. 114, £23 1/2s.; No. 115, £23 1/2s.; No. 116, £23 1/2s.; No. 117, £23 1/2s.; No. 118, £23 1/2s.; No. 119, £23 1/2s.; No. 120, £23 1/2s.; No. 121, £23 1/2s.; No. 122, £23 1/2s.; No. 123, £23 1/2s.; No. 124, £23 1/2s.; No. 125, £23 1/2s.; No. 126, £23 1/2s.; No. 127, £23 1/2s.; No. 128, £23 1/2s.; No. 129, £23 1/2s.; No. 130, £23 1/2s.; No. 131, £23 1/2s.; No. 132, £23 1/2s.; No. 133, £23 1/2s.; No. 134, £23 1/2s.; No. 135, £23 1/2s.; No. 136, £23 1/2s.; No. 137, £23 1/2s.; No. 138, £23 1/2s.; No. 139, £23 1/2s.; No. 140, £23 1/2s.; No. 141, £23 1/2s.; No. 142, £23 1/2s.; No. 143, £23 1/2s.; No. 144, £23 1/2s.; No. 145, £23 1/2s.; No. 146, £23 1/2s.; No. 147, £23 1/2s.; No. 148, £23 1/2s.; No. 149, £23 1/2s.; No. 150, £23 1/2s.; No. 151, £23 1/2s.; No. 152, £23 1/2s.; No. 153, £23 1/2s.; No. 154, £23 1/2s.; No. 155, £23 1/2s.; No. 156, £23 1/2s.; No. 157, £23 1/2s.; No. 158, £23 1/2s.; No. 159, £23 1/2s.; No. 160, £23 1/2s.; No. 161, £23 1/2s.; No. 162, £23 1/2s.; No. 163, £23 1/2s.; No. 164, £23 1/2s.; No. 165, £23 1/2s.; No. 166, £23 1/2s.; No. 167, £23 1/2s.; No. 168, £23 1/2s.; No. 169, £23 1/2s.; No. 170, £23 1/2s.; No. 171, £23 1/2s.; No. 172, £23 1/2s.; No. 173, £23 1/2s.; No. 174, £23 1/2s.; No. 175, £23 1/2s.; No. 176, £23 1/2s.; No. 177, £23 1/2s.; No. 178, £23 1/2s.; No. 179, £23 1/2s.; No. 180, £23 1/2s.; No. 181, £23 1/2s.; No. 182, £23 1/2s.; No. 183, £23 1/2s.; No. 184, £23 1/2s.; No. 185, £23 1/2s.; No. 186, £23 1/2s.; No. 187, £23 1/2s.; No. 188, £23 1/2s.; No. 189, £23 1/2s.; No. 190, £23 1/2s.; No. 191, £23 1/2s.; No. 192, £23 1/2s.; No. 193, £23 1/2s.; No. 194, £23 1/2s.; No. 195, £23 1/2s.; No. 196, £23 1/2s.; No. 197, £23 1/2s.; No. 198, £23 1/2s.; No. 199, £23 1/2s.; No. 200, £23 1/2s.; No. 201, £23 1/2s.; No. 202, £23 1/2s.; No. 203, £23 1/2s.; No. 204, £23 1/2s.; No. 205, £23 1/2s.; No. 206, £23 1/2s.; No. 207, £23 1/2s.; No. 208, £23 1/2s.; No. 209, £23 1/2s.; No. 210, £23 1/2s.; No. 211, £23 1/2s.; No. 212, £23 1/2s.; No. 213, £23 1/2s.; No. 214, £23 1/2s.; No. 215, £23 1/2s.; No. 216, £23 1/2s.; No. 217, £23 1/2s.; No. 218, £23 1/2s.; No. 219, £23 1/2s.; No. 220, £23 1/2s.; No. 221, £23 1/2s.; No. 222, £23 1/2s.; No. 223, £23 1/2s.; No. 224, £23 1/2s.; No. 225, £23 1/2s.; No. 226, £23 1/2s.; No. 227, £23 1/2s.; No. 228, £23 1/2s.; No. 229, £23 1/2s.; No. 230, £23 1/2s.; No. 231, £23 1/2s.; No. 232, £23 1/2s.; No. 233, £23 1/2s.; No. 234, £23 1/2s.; No. 235, £23 1/2s.; No. 236, £23 1/2s.; No. 237, £23 1/2s.; No. 238,



OFFICIAL REPORT ON PENSIONS AND PAY

Money To Be Paid Monthly in Advance Says Order in Council

A conference has been held at Ottawa for the discussion of problems touching the hospital treatment, discharge and pensions of members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

After a thorough discussion of the various matters under advisement, an unanimous agreement was reached as to the principles that should be applied to secure the greatest advantage to the returned soldier or his dependents.

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The adoption of this system ensures the disabled man receiving his pension immediately on his discharge up to which time his pay and allowances will be continued.

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LINEN DONATION FOR ST. JOSEPH'S

Annual Fete Day at Hospital Brings Gifts From Many Friends

St. Joseph's Hospital was on fete yesterday, the occasion being the annual linen shower. Scores of friends, old and new, called during the afternoon and left parcels of useful supplies for the replenishment of the linen stores of the institution.

The gifts continue to arrive, and, if the experience of past years is repeated, the "shower" will not actually pass over for at least a week, by which time the donation should reach quite the average dimensions despite the war and the removal from the city of many old friends.

The Decorations. Tables for the reception of the gifts were placed in the Nurses' Recreation room, as in former years. Here, as in the long main corridor with its deep bow-windows at either end, the decorations of greenery and flowers were very refreshing.

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Second Hand Auto For Sale. Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 4 p. m. on Monday, March 26, 1917, for one second-hand 1912 Overland Runabout, which can be seen at the Garbally Road yard. All tenders must be addressed to the City Purchasing Agent, and to be marked on outside of envelope "Tender for Second-Hand Auto." W. GALT, City Purchasing Agent, Victoria, B. C., March 19, 1917.

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CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH. WEEKLY HALF-HOLIDAY ACT. Notice is hereby given that every shop within the Municipal District of Saanich shall be closed for the serving of customers not later than 1 o'clock every Wednesday afternoon after February 1, 1917. By order, F. N. BORDEN, Reeve.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS. FUEL FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS. SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Honourable the Minister of Public Works up to 12 o'clock noon on Friday, 23rd day of March, 1917, for supplying and delivering coal required at the Provincial Government Buildings, as enumerated hereunder, during the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1918, to be delivered in such quantities and at such times as may be directed during the period above stated. The approximate annual consumption of coal at each of the buildings named is as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Building Name and Approximate Annual Consumption of Coal. Includes Parliament Buildings, Victoria, 1,000 tons; Best lump coal; Parliament Buildings, Victoria, 100 tons; Government House, Victoria, 120 tons; Court-house, Victoria, 60 tons; Provincial Normal School, Victoria, 200 tons.

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## COUNCIL MAJORITY OPPOSES EXEMPTION

Church Site Question Is Before Aldermen; Conflicting Opinions

That church site exemption is inexpedient was the result of the discussion in City Council last evening. The matter was raised in a communication from the City Solicitor asking for a direction with regard to the attitude to be taken before the Municipal Committee of the Legislature on Thursday, when deputations on the matter will be heard.

Alderman Dilworth explained what had taken place at the Vernon convention, and said the division had not been a fair test of feeling, being late at night, after many delegates had left.

"I have always been all my life a very strict churchgoer," continued Alderman Dilworth, "but am opposed to others paying my taxes."

"Is this an experience meeting?" observed Alderman Walker.

Alderman Dilworth motioned the interrupter to sit down, and went on to say that the churches and their land and buildings in Victoria represented an assessed value of \$1,775,150. What was now asked was the church site, but that was only the thin end of the wedge; they would want more.

Alderman Walker: "How do you know?"

"I suppose so," observed Alderman Dilworth. He went on to quote what had been done in Chicago, when church congregations had pulled down their churches downtown and built office premises. From the revenue earned the expenses of church organization had been met. He was always opposed to the principle and therefore moved to have it opposed.

Alderman Fullerton seconded the motion. Last year the City Council went on record against church site exemption. "This question is an important one," he argued. "Other institutions of a city have just as much right to exemption, for they are largely doing the churches' work, like the Y. M.C.A. and the fraternal societies. Churches are carried on as revenue producers, and should be treated as such." He pointed out that there was a large body of opinion against exemption.

Alderman Walker defended church exemption, and said it was wrong for a corporation to tax citizens for going to church. The people who went away to the woods on Sunday could well afford to pay for church privileges for their families. He limited the exemption to sites only.

Alderman Peden opposed church site exemption. He hoped the strongest arguments to defeat the question would be used.

Alderman Fullerton observed that the Baptists were opposed to discriminatory treatment for church sites.

Alderman Sargent doubted if the council ought to go on record if the previous council had expressed an opinion on the question. The subject was a very large one. The churches claimed a great communal value everywhere by creating good citizenship, in aiding the distressed, and helping the poor.

"Although making no claims for regular church attendance, Alderman Andros agreed with the majority.

Alderman Walker and Dinsdale voted against the motion of Alderman Dilworth opposing exemption of sites, and seven were for the motion. Alderman Sargent did not vote.

The Solicitor asked for the support of a delegation to aid the situation, since personally he favored exemption. Aldermen Andros, Peden and Fullerton were named to appear before the Municipal Committee.

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## TO ENLARGE MARKET

Scheme Reaches Council In Sections, and Is Referred Back.

While aldermen took no exception to the question of more space for the produce market, they queried the cost of the alterations to provide new quarters for the health department, and to adapt the building, when the subject was before them in City Council last evening.

The market committee asked for \$850 for some minor alterations which would result in using the offices on Cormorant Street, while the health department wanted to spend \$1,000 to fit up the old stores building for the officials. No estimate as to alterations in the fall building for the accommodation of the labor bureau had been submitted.

A. H. Pease, of Hamsterley Farm, appealed on behalf of stallholders for the

improvements to be made at the market immediately. He mentioned that he was preparing to can a large quantity of Gordon Head strawberries, and hoped to be given facilities for an extension of his stalls in the market, and he knew others wished similar facilities. He also pointed out that with increased production, more space would be wanted in the market for the sale of vegetables and fruit.

Some of the aldermen were a little disinclined to turn the city offices out of the building this spring, whereupon Alderman Johns remarked that the building was put up for a market, the institution was paying, and should be encouraged.

The matter was referred back to the joint committee for further information as to the total cost involved.

## TO SEEK COMPROMISE

Council Decides to Meet Saanich Councillors on Park Exemption Issue.

The City and Saanich authorities are to get together with regard to the question of exemption of park sites. The subject was raised by the City Solicitor in a communication to Council last evening. The Municipal Committee of the House had recommended that course in connection with an application before the committee for exemption, which was related by Saanich. The subject was sent to the inter-municipal committee and parks committee to meet the Saanich council on Saturday morning.

"I wonder how the council feels with regard to the transfer of Mount Douglas to Saanich," queried Alderman Walker.

"I don't think the City has the power to give away trust property" (laughter) remarked Alderman Peden.

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## SPECIAL MEETING TO CONSIDER BRIDGE

Lack of Information About Railway's Plans Is Subject of Comment

The Council last evening decided to hold a special meeting to-day to discuss the situation arising from recent developments with regard to the harbor crossing by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company.

For the first time since the 1917 Council took office the issue of the Johnson Street Bridge was raised by the receipt of the formal notice that the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway had applied to the Board of Railway Commissioners. They sought power to replace the present structure by the Red River bridge, now stored at Coquitlam. The details have already been reported, in reference to the company's application.

Alderman Fullerton: "It seems to me something should be done to let the Board of Railway Commissioners know the city's situation in the matter. Some protest should be lodged at once."

The Mayor: "I think the best course would be to refer the correspondence to the Johnson Street Bridge Committee, and hold an early meeting. Not only railway, but highway facilities may be provided by this bridge, but there is nothing to show from the plan what it is proposed to do. The city, when it applies for privileges, has to give the fullest information to the authorities."

Alderman Sargent elicited the information that if the bridge was built as proposed, the joint Government and City bridge could not be constructed in that situation.

Alderman Cameron regarded as the best course the dispatch of a telegram lodging a protest on the ground of the indefinite character of the plans. He then moved that the communications should be referred to the special committee for attention at once.

It was decided to meet this afternoon, and frame a policy on the subject. The Inner Harbor Association wrote applying for an opportunity to consider the plans before expressing the opinion of the Association on the application.

## "FRESH" MEAT CAME FROM COLD STORAGE

Peculiar Situation With Regard to Supply at Produce Market; To Be Investigated

Rather a surprising development has taken place with regard to the criticism of meat supplied in the produce market. This criticism has been directed to the allegation that some stallholders are selling cold-storage meat as fresh meat in the market.

The leading butchers in the city forwarded a petition to the City Council last evening on the matter. In addition to this subject, the butchers object to the sale of meat in the market after 1 o'clock on Saturdays, a situation, of course, which has been settled by a prosecution, the court holding that a market is not subject to the laws governing stores.

The petitioners asked for an inquiry under section 48 of the Municipal Act into the question of cold storage meat at the public market, with right of being represented by council thereat.

To the statement was attached a sworn declaration by H. A. Dibble, secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association, alleging that on March 9 he found that a stall-holder named Hawthorn was having a carcass delivered from cold storage, and on going to the market that afternoon Hawthorn admitted the origin of the meat, and that he intended to sell it next day. Alderman Johns was present at the time.

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## ROCK BAY BRIDGE

Council Is Offered Solution to Prevent Further Delay.

A solution with regard to the much-discussed repairs of the Rock Bay bridge came up in City Council last evening, in the form of a proposed agreement by riparian owners on Rock Bay with regard to the character of the drawbridge.

The Victoria Gas Co., Ltd., Lemon, Gonsason Co., Ltd., and Taylor Mill Co., Ltd., signed the statement as follows: "The city shall be at liberty to place a stationary span with a width in the clear of 70 feet, and with head room satisfactory to the undersigned in said Rock Bay bridge. The city agrees at the end of five years from the date of this agreement to remove the said span but with liberty at the end of the five years to replace the said stationary span with a swing."

The agreement is to be without prejudice. The engineer and solicitor will report to the Streets Committee on Friday.



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