

WEATHER FORECAST

For 24 hours ending 8 p.m. Wednesday: Victoria and vicinity—Southerly winds, continued mild with rain.

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WHERE TO GO TO-NIGHT

Dominion—Peter Pan, Capitol—The Navigator, Coliseum—The Loves of Mary Queen of Scots, Playhouse—Cinderella, Royal—Beauty and the Beast, Columbia—The Desert Outlaw.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

F. A. PAULINE TO BE AGENT-GENERAL IN LONDON

COOLIDGE HOPES TO CALL SECOND NAVY DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE WITHIN YEAR

Head of United States Government Says that As Soon As Time Seems Opportune He Will Take Action to Bring Representatives of Nations Together to Discuss Reduction of War Preparations.

Washington, Dec. 30.—President Coolidge is hopeful, but not certain, that it will be possible to hold another international naval disarmament conference within another year.

Whenever the time for such a conference is propitious Mr. Coolidge will exert his influence to bring it about, but at the present juncture he is unable to determine when a conference might be called with fair prospects of success.

IBANEZ STATES ANTI-ALFONSO FIGHT GROWING

Author Soon Will Publish Two More Books in His Spanish Campaign

Says Rivera Group Fears He And Supporters Will Try to Invade Spain

Paris, Dec. 30.—"My book of the King of Spain is being hunted down in Spain with the utmost vigor," said Vicente Ibanez, leader of the Basque separatist movement.

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ALLIED CONFERENCE ON DEBTS NEXT YEAR

Time Will be Opportune Then, Say Officials in the British Capital

Pooling of Nations' Debts is Suggestion of French Finance Minister

London, Dec. 30.—Next year will be an ideal time for an Allied debt conference, which conceivably might result from the Paris meeting of Allied finance ministers next month, according to opinions expressed in some official quarters in London today.

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Blake Wilson in Critical Condition In Terminal City

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—The condition of W. J. Blake Wilson remained unchanged overnight. As there was no turn for the worse, hope of his recovery was held out, although he was still in a critical condition, it was stated at noon.

WATSON PICKED OUT BY MOTOR MECHANIC POLICE NOW ASSERT

Allegation is That Watson Arranged For Hire of Car in Victoria

Question of Watson's Alibi Matter For Trial, Says Inspector Cruickshank

Nanaimo Bank Robbery Extradition Pressed For by Canadian Officials

That a motor mechanic employed in a Victoria auto livery firm had picked out Watson as the man who is alleged to have engaged the Durant car, No. 4001, from him on the evening before the Nanaimo bank robbery, and again on the following morning, when he paid for same, is the assertion of the Provincial Police here.

Whoever were the two men who rode from Victoria over the Island Highway to Nanaimo, say the police, they left a broad trail behind them. The party was in conversation with three separate parties on the road, and stopped to change tires at a service garage, and made no effort to hide their actions.

To the local foreman who held the key to a bridge under repair, and therefore closed, the men, it is asserted, stated that they had a "check sister in Nanaimo" and just had to get through. The road foreman lifted the barrier and watched them drive through.

IDENTIFICATION RESERVED The identification of the two men who operated the car will be reserved for the trial, with the evidence gathered by the police at the scene of the crime. A formal request that the prisoners be handed over for trial, backed with sufficient evidence to ensure such release, is all that will be broached at the extradition proceedings, it is understood.

LOSSES CONFIDENCE Seattle, Dec. 30.—Chief of Police W. B. Severns, after completing a check on portions of the alibi given by Rose C. Watson, accused of participating in the \$42,000 bank robbery at Nanaimo, B.C., December 12, was less positive to-day that the alibi is authentic.

"Some of the details as given by Watson do not pan out," the chief said, "and, of course, that doesn't do him any good."

In checking part of Watson's story yesterday afternoon, Chief Severns went to Randall's grocery at East 57th Street and First Avenue North-east. He learned cigarettes and ginger ale were ordered from the Watson house on the night of December 12—the date of the robbery, but that they were ordered by telephone. Watson told of having bought three candles at the store, but the chief found these were purchased December 15.

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NOW UNDER STRICT CONTROL OF TUTORS; PRINCESS JULIANA



When the fifteen-year-old heir to the throne of the Netherlands was found to have visited a synagogue in the Hague a number of times the report gained currency that she was in love with a cantor thirty years of age whose singing was a detail of the services there.

MEN ARE DISMISSED FROM IRISH ARMY

Number Expelled as Result of Their Scheming Against the Government

Small Number of Civil Service Men Also Dismissed For Same Reason

Dublin, Dec. 30.—It was officially announced last evening that twenty-five non-commissioned officers and sixteen privates, had been dismissed from the army and that two majors had been suspended and asked to show cause why their commissions should not be cancelled.

The official announcement says efforts have been made for some months by and on behalf of certain former officers, who retired from the army in connection with the mutiny last March, to suborn from allegiance members of the army and other state services with a view to renewing the attempt to subvert the Government to pressure of an unconstitutional nature. It is added that the Executive Council "has reason to believe that persons against whom action has been taken were actively associated in such conspiracy."

NOT IRISH ENOUGH Belfast, Dec. 30.—Commenting on the dismissal of twenty-five non-commissioned officers, sixteen privates and a number of civil servants and the suspension of two majors by the Dublin authorities, the Belfast newspaper, the Ulsterist, says pressure is being brought to bear on President Cosgrave and his colleagues not only in connection with the army mutiny, but in reference to the general policy of the Government, which some critics regard as not being Irish enough.

The holding of secret meetings of Government supporters shortly before Christmas, the newspaper adds, shows that a serious split is developing and the Ministry's action concerning this latest conspiracy is regarded as likely to lead to further developments.

MAYOR AT HOME Mayor Hayward will hold his New Year reception at his residence, 2140 Oak Bay Avenue, between the hours of 5.15 and 5.15 o'clock on Thursday afternoon.

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APPEAL ON FREIGHT RATES IS SET FOR HEARING FEB. 3

Ottawa, Dec. 30 (Canadian Press)—The appeal of the prairie provinces against the ruling of the Railway Board in the Crow's Nest Pass railway freight rates will be heard by the Supreme Court of Canada on February 3. This morning the Supreme Court placed the appeal at the head of the list of cases for February term, subject to any criminal case with statutory precedence.

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YARROW'S PLANT SECURES CONTRACT FOR DRYDOCK GATE. REPORT HERE SAYS

Last of the Major Contracts for Second Largest Drydock in World Awarded to Local Firm by Department of Public Works at Ottawa According to Unofficial Reports Received Here To-day.

It was reported here to-day through unofficial sources that the contract for the steel gates of the new Government Drydock at Esquimaux has been awarded to Yarrow's Limited, of this city, by the Department of Public Works at Ottawa. Yarrow's Limited have yet to be officially notified.

The gates for the drydock will be the last big contract placed before the completion of the dock. It marks the last step towards the termination of the building operations which will give Esquimaux the second largest drydock in the world and one which will accommodate any vessel afloat.

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Yarrow's Limited have been doing considerable work for the Dominion Government lately, and has only just completed a device which ships at the Ogden Point piers may be kept from striking heavily against the concrete docks, and thus damaging their hulls.

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Man Who Was Director Will Be Sentenced in Toronto January 15

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INDIAN MEMBERS IN LEGISLATURE OF THE KENYA COLONY

Natives of India There Decide to Abandon Non-co-operation Plan

Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa, Dec. 29 (Canadian Press Cable via Reuters).—The National Congress of East Africa, after a stormy session lasting two days, has passed important resolutions on the advice of the president of the congress, Abdul Wahid, a Kanga merchant, pioneer who, after twenty-five years' residence in the wealthiest Indian here, Abdul Wahid, who originally had a meeting with Gombey Gore, British Under-Secretary for the Colonies, in London, and another meeting recently with him here, urged in his address that non-co-operation should be abandoned.

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British Newspaper Comments on Empire Protocol Meeting Scheme Limited

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Case Of Machine Guns Was Stolen From French Train

Have, Dec. 30.—A case of machine guns addressed to the Brazilian Ministry of War disappeared some place between Paris and Havre and the shipping officials have formally requested the police to investigate. The case was one of 123 cases containing machine guns destined for the Brazilian Government. The cases were sent from Paris in sealed freight cars and were loaded in the steamship which sailed December 19 for Rio Janeiro. The case was listed as being in the consignment but was found to be missing.

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MENZIES NAMED AS SUPERINTENDENT OF CHILDREN IN B.C.

Former Member For Comox Will Look After Neglected Kiddies Here

Government Anxious to Give Child Problem Fuller Attention in Future

Appointment of Rev. Thomas Menzies, who represented the Comox constituency in the Provincial Legislature from 1920 to 1924, to the position of Superintendent of Neglected Children was announced to-day by the Hon. Wm. Sloan, Provincial Secretary. The Order-in-Council necessary passed the Executive Council this morning.

There has been a wide demand for more adequate provision for the care of neglected children in the Province. Hitherto D. B. Brankin has held the two positions of superintendent of the Boys' Industrial School and of superintendent of neglected children. He has maintained that the duties and responsibilities which such work has entailed are too onerous for one man to satisfactorily discharge. His representations in this respect have been supported by child welfare associations and other public bodies interested both of Victoria, Vancouver and other provincial cities. In view of the importance which the Hon. Mr. Sloan, as well as other members of the Government, attach to the proper attention to the needs of those children who are so unfortunate as to lack proper parental care, it was decided that a special officer should be provided.

Mr. Menzies' selection is considered to be in the public interest in every respect. His experience and qualifications admirably fit him for the work. For many years he was past master of the Presbyterian Church of Comox, during which period he was prominently identified with the activities of charitable organizations. At the time of the war he became president of the Comox Patriotic Society, which brought him in contact with the children of the district, who required assistance. The organization of the Red Cross Societies covering the whole district was one of Mr. Menzies' notable achievements at this time. Since becoming a resident of Victoria he has been closely associated with the Friendly Help and the Children Aid Societies.

OTHERS CONVICTED Stewart is the third director of the Home Bank to be convicted of charges under the Bank Act of Canada. C. A. Barnard, Montreal, was found guilty on all three counts and Clarence F. Smith, Montreal, of negligence. They have appealed their cases and are now on bail pending the result of the appeals. Two officials, Ocean G. Smith, chief accountant, and Sidney Jones, auditor, were also convicted. Stewart was suspended and Jones is serving a term at the jail farm at Guelph. The trial of J. P. Gough, Toronto, vice-president, is proceeding before Judge Coatsworth on similar charges to those faced by the other directors. Casey Wood and J. B. Russell, Toronto, will be tried after the charges against Stewart are completed.

SHIP WITH FIRE IN HOLD IS ABOUT 1,500 MILES SOUTH OF PORT OF SAN PEDRO, CAL.

Passengers and Many Sailors of Ginyo Maru Were Rescued in the Pacific

Los Angeles, Dec. 30.—Fire which broke out aboard the Japanese steamship Ginyo Maru late last night and forced 79 passengers and most of the vessel's crew of 103 to take to the lifeboats was still being battled to-day, according to radio advice received here by the Federal Telegraph Company from the freighter Julia Luckenbach, which responded to the burning ship's distress calls and picked up the occupants of the lifeboats.

The Ginyo Maru, owned by the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, and operated on a triangular route between the Orient, California and South America, was bound from Valparaiso to Japan by way of San Pedro and San Francisco. She was north and west of Acapulco, Mexico, about 1,500 miles south of here, when she began sending out distress calls.

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"Therefore," Bishop Noli continued, "Albania was not occupied by the Serbs, but by an irregular Serbian army. It was not civil war, but a Serbian attempt against Albanian independence."

Song vessels from Albania continue to arrive here and land Albanian officers and soldiers. Those who have arrived include the general staff of the defeated Albanian army.

WILL GO TO GREAT BRITAIN SOON TO CARRY ON WORK OF DEVELOPING B. C. BUSINESS

Well-known Victorian Appointed by Government to Carry on Work of Late F. C. Wade, K.C.; Development of B. C. House Into Commercial Bureau to Encourage Trade Between Province and Britain to be Part of New Official's Duties.

Frederick A. Pauline, late Speaker of the Legislative Assembly was to-day selected by the Executive Council as Agent-General for British Columbia in London, in succession to the late F. C. Wade, K.C., and his appointment will at once be recommended to His Honor.

Hon. J. D. MacLean, Minister of Finance, under whose jurisdiction the Agent-General and B. C. House come, in making the announcement of the Cabinet's choice, stated that the matter of filling the position had been given very careful consideration, and Mr. Pauline was the unanimous choice. His appointment, Dr. MacLean predicted, would meet with the hearty approval of the commercial and industrial interests of the Province.

In the opinion of the Provincial Government the Agent-General's office should be a greater factor in establishing a point of contact between the financial and business interests of British Columbia and those of the Old World, and the very active campaign of publicity conducted by the late Agent-General it is felt that the time is ripe to convert some of the resources of B. C. House into something in the nature of a commercial bureau, through which exporters in this country may be kept in close touch with reliable information as to the trend of Old Country markets, and possibilities of trade development, and the Old Country importers may be served with trustworthy information as to the Province.

The Government also has in mind the development of closer relations between the British manufacturer and the British Columbia consumer, and the encouragement of further investment of British capital in the utilization of the abundant resources of the Province. Dr. MacLean, realizing the necessity for a strong and able presentation of the trade and comprehensive knowledge of the Province, will propose of great value in furthering the interests of British Columbia when he becomes its representative at the heart of the Empire.

TWO LIBERAL ITALIAN CABINET MEMBERS RESIGN

Rome, Dec. 30.—The Cabinet has been urgently convoked for this afternoon. The meeting has been summoned, it was stated, to discuss the resignations of the two Liberals, Senator Casati, Minister of Education, and Gino Sarrocchi, Minister of Public Works.

SOVIET GIVES ORDER FOR WAR PLANES

100 Fighting Machines Are to Be Built at Fokker Works in Holland

They Are to be Fitted With British Motors, Says London Announcement

London, Dec. 30.—The Russian Soviet Government, it was announced here to-day, has ordered 100 fighting aeroplanes from Fokker, the well-known builder. The machines are to be built in Holland and fitted with British engines.

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per bottle 25c | New Mixed Nuts, per
lb. 20c |
| Tomato Catsup (put up by
Dominion Cannery)
per bottle 23c | Genuine Spanish Onions
3 lbs. for 25c |
| Nice Orange Pekoe Tea,
per lb. 55c | Gold Coin Potatoes, \$1.95
100-lb. sack \$1.95 |
| or 3 lbs. \$1.58 | Malkin's Best Strawberry or
Raspberry Jam 4-lb. 85c
tin |
| Anti-Combine Tea (The nicest
Tea put in a packet)
per lb. 70c | McLaren's Cheese, per
jar, 40c and 75c |
| Pure Cocoa (good quality)
per lb. 15c | Sunmaid Seedless Raisins,
2 large pkts. 25c |
| Maple Leaf Flour, \$2.40
49-lb. sack | California Table Raisins, 20c
per box |
| Fine Alberta Creamery
Butter, per lb. 39c | We have a few boxes of
Fancy Mixed Chocolates
each 3 lbs. net, \$1.65
per box |
| Independent Creamery Butter
(Nothing nicer)
per lb. 45c | Fresh Ginger Snaps, per
lb. 18c |
| Malkin's Best Marmalade,
4-lb. tin 75c | Singapore Pineapple, 2
large cans 35c |
| B.C. Granulated Sugar,
20-lb. paper bag \$1.54 | Little Chip Orange Marmalade,
per jar 25c |
| Pure Castile Soap, 6
cakes for 25c | Nice Mild Cured Hams,
per lb. 30c |
| Heinz Pork and Beans and
Tomato Sauce, 2 tins
for 25c | California Lettuce, large
heads, 2 for 25c |
| Gosse Millards Herrings in
Tomato Sauce, per
tin 5c | New Hallow Dates 2
lbs. for 25c |
| Nice Meaty Picnic
Ham, per lb. 18c | Classic Cleanser (like
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F. A. PAULINE TO BE NEW AGENT-GENERAL OF B.C. IN LONDON

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now a director of the Chamber of Commerce. He has worked and spoken unceasingly in the interests of the establishment of the iron and steel industry in the Province, and is one of the best posted men in British Columbia on that subject.

WAS COUNCIL MEMBER

For several years Mr. Pauline was a member of the Victoria City Council, heading the citizens' ticket in 1908 and doing a vast amount of excellent work for his fellow citizens. He gave voluntary service as one of the local improvement commissioners from 1918 to 1923. After retiring from business he began to take a more active interest in politics than he had previously had time for, and in 1916 he was elected a member of the Legislature for Saanich, being re-elected in 1920. He was unanimously chosen as Speaker of the House in the last Legislature.

Mr. Pauline will leave for London early next month. Meanwhile he will confer with the members of the Government and the business interests of the Province in regard to plans for making the best possible use of B.C. House at all times, particularly in view of the continuance of the Wenlock exhibition, the increasing facilities for transportation between British Columbia and Great Britain by way of the Panama Canal, and the strong trend towards Empire trade development now in evidence.

CONFERENCE PLAN LITTLE DISCUSSED

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The Guardian says it is persuaded it is useless to assume the present Government of Great Britain could set up a permanent system of consultation with the Dominions on foreign affairs out of hand.

No great amount of attention to the proposed conference has been aroused in London. Such newspaper comment as there is on the matter is lacking in any surprise that the Dominions show a hesitant attitude toward sending emissaries to London, seeing their Governments will be well occupied in the forthcoming months with their own parliamentary affairs.

STEWART, HOME BANK MAN, IS FOUND GUILTY

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Trust Company, recognized mainly as Stewart's company, had a credit of \$18,437. The judge pointed out that although Stewart was only on the board a little over a year, he had been intimate with the bank for several years previously and had associated with other directors as a large borrower.

FOR OWN BENEFIT

"On looking over these transactions," said the judge, "the painful impression is received that the directors acted for their own benefit and the interests of their companies and subsequently tied up the funds of the bank, instead of carrying on the bank's business in the interests of the shareholders, the depositors and the public. Therefore, although the accused did not become a director until 1922, he had long before going on the board seen much of the unfortunate policy which ultimately wrecked the bank."

EXTRAORDINARY GROUP

"An extraordinary combination of companies, in all of which the directors and the accused were largely interested and which were, so to speak, feeding off the bank, came into existence one by one and became more or less interlocked."

"A few of them paid up finally, but most of them failed to pay and involved the bank in enormous losses. The depositors' money was loaned to these and other companies, many of them unreliable concerns, instead of being used in a legitimate banking business. The accused was interested in many of these companies and consequently well aware of the manner in which the bank's funds were being distributed into risky speculations."

SON PICKED OUT BY MOTOR MECHANIC POLICE NOW ASSERT

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TWO FAILED HIM

Two of Watson's supposedly strongest alibi witnesses also failed him yesterday. Milo Ross, lumberman, who, according to the chief, had been understood to vouch for Watson's presence in the Bolcom Canal Lumber Company's office at 12.30 p.m. the day of the robbery, and Sheriff Al Callahan of Whatcom County, both denied stories attributed to them.

Mr. Ross denied he knew Watson or had made any statement concerning him to anyone, adding that, to his knowledge, he had not talked to a police officer in six months.

STORY DENIED

Sheriff Callahan denied the story given to Chief Severens by a bootlegger that while the bootlegger and Watson were coming to Seattle from Bellingham with a load of liquor the night of December 11, Sheriff Callahan searched Watson's automobile. The chief and Detective Captain Charles Tennant yesterday said they still believed Watson was not in Canada when the robbery was committed.

The chief's statement followed the flat denial by Mr. Ross, the statement by J. L. Farrell, an employee of the Bolcom Canal Lumber Company, that, although he had seen Watson at the plant, he could not say the exact time, and the statement by Sheriff Callahan.

"Watson will have to prove his alibi when he comes to trial," said Forbes Cruickshank, Inspector of the Provincial Police, Victoria, while in Seattle yesterday. "We will not be influenced by any attempt now made by Watson or his friends to prove an alibi for him. The trial court is the proper place for such proof."

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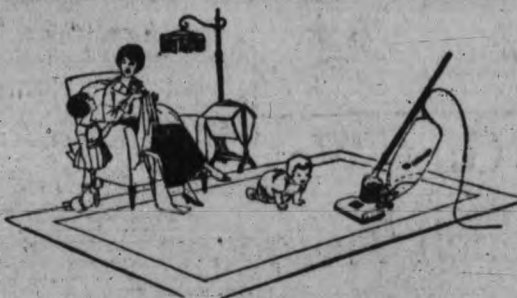
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The word is simply passed on from tribe to tribe. On the strength of this vague order a canoe is built. Then it is relayed back. Each tribe of bloodthirsty cannibals tests and discusses it before passing it on. Finally the payment, shell necklaces, spear points, arm bands, makes its way to the canoe builders in the same leisurely fashion.

There is reason for this honesty in savages to whom perfidy is natural. If any of the parties in this complicated transaction were to risk being dishonest, their credit would be ruined. And though these natives may kill and eat each other, they hold barter inviolate.

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AT THE THEATRES

DOMINION SHOWS "PETER PAN" IN VERSION FOR SCREEN

The Paramount screen version of J. M. Barrie's stage play, "Peter Pan," a Herbert Brenon production for Paramount, is the feature at the Dominion all this week. The picture is an adaptation by Willis Goldbeck and features Betty Bronson, Ernest Torrence, Cyril Chadwick, Virginia Brown Faire and Anna May Wong in the leading roles.

Five years ago it might have been said that such a picture couldn't be made. And it would have been true. For Paramount needed every last particle of its long experience and every trick known to present-day motion picture production to make "Peter Pan" a possibility. Just such a picture is "Peter Pan."

Everyone knows the story which is even more pleasing in its screen form—and Betty Bronson in the title role! They searched far and wide for a "Peter Pan" type and found Miss Bronson right under their very noses in the Hollywood studios. To say that she's a "find" is putting it mildly. She's perfect.

Ernest Torrence, as the frightful pirate captain Hook, gives a characterization which overshadows even his role of Jackson in "The Covered

AT THE THEATRES

Capitol—"Peter Pan."
Coliseum—"The Navigator."
Playhouse—"Cinderella."
Royal—"Beauty and the Beast."
Columbia—"The Desert Outlaw."

Wagon." And the same goes for each and every other member of the cast. It is said that six months were spent before a camera was turned on "Peter Pan" that it might be as near perfection as it was possible to make it.

COLISEUM SHOWS MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS IN FILM

The many who, rightly deploring the excessive prevalence of foreign films in the cinema, and the effect they are exerting on the popular mind, will welcome heartily a supreme British effort, "The Loves of Mary Queen of Scots."

The picture, which will be seen at the Coliseum all this week, takes up the stormy career of one of the most picturesque characters that ever lived, and handles it with a power that makes the film of outstanding dramatic appeal. No man or woman can fail to be moved by the love story of a queen who was, after all, only a woman, or to be stirred by the passions, the rivalries and the battles into which her exquisite beauty and charm led her many lovers.

Fay Compton, the queen, gives a wonderful picture of royal power and womanliness at the mercy of fate. And the realism is heightened by the fact that many of the scenes were taken in the castles and palaces where Mary lived her tempestuous life.

The story, which has been produced on a most lavish scale, is not mere history—though true to recorded fact—but a drama which young and old will enjoy.

Those who may still have doubts as to whether British films can reach the highest pinnacle of screen art are strongly recommended to make a point of seeing "The Loves of Mary Queen of Scots."



Teddy Webb and Gertrude Lang in "Blossom Time," which is coming to the Royal Victoria, one night, January 5.

"BLOSSOM TIME" WILL BE PRESENTED AT ROYAL SHORTLY

"Blossom Time," the enchanting musical offering which the Messrs. Shubert will present at the Royal Theatre for a return engagement of one night beginning Thursday, Jan. 5, is a musical treat of the finest calibre. It is the best musical play ever presented in this country, and returns to this city with the great New York Century Theatre cast intact.

The story, based on the incidents in the life of Franz Schubert, is full of love, laughter and tears. Most of the musical numbers are Franz Schubert's adapted by Sigmund Romberg, who took great care to preserve all of the charm and exquisite melody of the famous composer's graceful "Serenade," "Song of Love," "Ave Maria" and the "Moment Musical."

LARGE AUDIENCES ATTENDING HINCKS' PANTOMIME HERE

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stille funmaker we have seen in many a long day. His portrayal of John Willie Shuffbottom, and as an old woman, and later as a stage hand in "The Duchess Perforians" number, are all so funny that the audience do not have time to recover between laughs. One of Bob's biggest songs hits, "With His Feet Turned Up" is deliciously funny, while another tells of a departed one who was "More Like a Friend Than a Husband."

CAPITOL SHOWS BUSTER KEATON IN "THE NAVIGATOR"

Buster Keaton is in a class by himself, and in "The Navigator," his latest Metro-Goldwyn release which opened at the Capitol Theatre last night, he has contributed one of the best comedies ever made for sheer entertainment and real physical laughs. There isn't a dull moment in "The Navigator," in fact, last night's audience was kept in a continual state of hilarity with several spasms of hysterics besides. It's for the whole family; every one will be pleased, and these isn't an objectionable scene or thought in it.

The story, as written by Jean Hayes, Clyde Bruckman, and Joseph Mitchell, Keaton's gag men, offers great opportunities for comedy, and Buster has taken advantage of every chance.

The star appears as the sap of an old and wealthy family tree, who is not capable even of winding his own watch. He is refused by the girl of his dreams, and goes to take the honeymoon himself. He gets on the wrong liner, and by a chance, the girl also comes aboard.

They are cut adrift by some foreign revolutionists, and thus the two innocents are left without any great fun, but an enormous liner. The fun that Keaton extracts from this situation is endless. He gets into all the trouble possible, and there seems to be plenty of such opportunities on board a ship.

Buster makes coffee out of salt water, tries to open a dead chair, decides upon one of the ship's boilers as a suitable stateroom, descends to the bottom of the sea in a diver's suit, fights swordfish with their own weapons, gets caught by an octopus, and when they drift to an island, he manages to keep away the cannibals by a combined attack of the Roman candle and dynamite. Just when everything seems to be over for them a submarine appears and they are saved.

ORIGINALS TO BE HERE PART OF NEXT WEEK ONLY

Theatregoers who go year after year to see the Originals, that clever aggregation which comprises many of the Original Dumbell favorites, are looking forward to their annual return to town next Monday, Jan. 5, when they will present their sensational musical comedy revue, "Stepping Out" at the Royal Victoria Theatre for three nights and one matinee.

Always as popular as before, and always more brilliant and entertaining than ever, the Originals have long since established themselves as the world's champion funmakers. The comedy this season is particularly strong throughout. Bob Anderson, that prince among comedians, and who was born in Lancashire, where all the best comedians come from, is the cleverest and most ver-

The picture was directed by Donald Crisp and Buster Keaton, while Kathryn McGuire appeared as the beautiful heroine. It was photographed by Byron Haskin and is being distributed and presented by Joseph M. Schenck.

BIG CROWD BLOCKS PICTURE MAKING TO HEAR JAZZ BAND

The biggest orchestra and one of the best known musical organizations ever engaged for motion picture work jacked it up during production of "The Meanest Man in the World" at Principal Picture studios.

Arthur Benstein, production manager, brought the entire Vincent Rose-Jackie Taylor Montmartre orchestra, from Bransetter's Hollywood cafe to the studio. This well-known band of instrumentalists played for the artists in "the meanest man" production, through a special arrangement with Bransetter.

The only trouble caused by the innovation was a huge crowd gathered on the "set" immediately they tooted their horns. Director Edgie Cline finally ordered protection in the form of huge "backings" which entirely shut the "set" out from public view—but not hearing!

"The Meanest Man in the World," a First National release, will be shown on the screen at the Playhouse Theatre all week.

COLUMBIA SHOWS "THE DESERT OUTLAW" WITH BUCK JONES

You can join the brotherhood of the Bravest of the Brave, the fans who ride hard, fight hard, love and dare with Buck Jones, the popular cowboy star which is now showing at the Columbia Theatre, in the stirring, throbbing William Fox show, "The Desert Outlaw."

Buck will delight and surprise his old admirers with an amazing new stunt, proving himself the "Handcuff King of the Cowboys"; a second Houdini on horseback; a handcuffed leap for life from his horse "Silver" to a train!

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If the ratepayers approve of the expenditure, Toronto, after four years of construction work, will have waterworks plants of a combined capacity of nearly 200,000,000 gallons daily.

\$40,000 Fire Loss In Yorkton, Sask.

Yorkton, Sask., Dec. 26.—Fire which broke out here at 10 o'clock last night caused more than \$40,000 damage, and practically destroyed the Woolworth Building and its stock.

Funds Are Raised For Sick Alaskan

Seattle, Dec. 26.—William J. ("Bill") Julian has braved the sordid trails of the Northland for thirty years without being sick. On Tuesday he was sent to the "outside" for treatment, and now, on a cot in the Seattle General Hospital, he finds himself in the same predicament.

"Bill," as Julian is known to thousands of Alaskans, was carried out of the Broad Pass district while developing a group of twenty-six hydraulic claims in which he had sunk his fortune, and a few days ago, was quietly taken to the Seattle General Hospital. Here his case was diagnosed by Dr. G. S. Peterkin as cancer of the stomach—His only hope was

treatment by the Mayo brothers, and that would cost \$1,000.

Yesterday Julian's plight was discovered by Ted Taylor, proprietor of the Atwood Hotel, and Frank Cotter. At the hotel Taylor started a subscription list with \$25, and this was joined by several sourdoughs in the lobby, and even by the bellboys, who chipped in a dollar apiece. Now the campaign is on to raise the \$1,000 pot among Alaskans, for Julian definitely refuses charity. He says he will pay it back within a year, and with interest.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE
To-morrow evening a watch night service will be held in Centennial

Church, under the joint auspices of the prayer meeting, choir and Young People's League. A social hour will be spent from 10 o'clock to 11, when the watch service will begin. The choir will assist with the music.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE
Watchnight services will be held at the Church of Our Lord (Reformed Episcopal Church) on Wednesday at 11:15 p.m. The service will be bright with special music. Rev. Daniel Walker will give a short address.

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Scene from J. M. Barrie's gorgeous spectacle, "Peter Pan," which is showing at the Dominion this week.

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SHOULD BE LEFT TO MR. DAVIDSON

ATTORNEY-GENERAL
Manson has assured the people of this Province that the Liquor Commissioner has an absolutely free hand to administer the Liquor Control Act in its old and new forms.

Since the Legislature, as a result of its action in putting a local option law on the statute books, made the Liquor Commissioner's job as difficult as it could, the least that the Government can do is to give Mr. Davidson the fullest possible authority to arrange this extension of the Province's liquor business in a way that he considers will make his job less difficult.

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NOT TO BE TRUSTED

SOME AMERICAN WRITERS are rather regretting that Britain should have announced her intention of keeping her troops in the Cologne area of Germany after January 10—the date specified for evacuation in the Treaty of Versailles.

All this may be true. It is to be regretted. But Germany has not observed even the more simple of her treaty obligations. She has very successfully avoided paying anybody very much and the day is far distant when she can be given a receipt for full settlement of the very much whittled-down account which is represented by the Dawes plan.

Germany has not disarmed in either spirit or letter of the Treaty. Hidden guns may never be of use; but she is drilling more men in police uniform than will ever be required for police—and the German policeman always was and always will be just as much a soldier for the battlefield as he is a law officer for the streets.

American writers sometimes lose sight of the fact that the United States, by her geographical position and through her disinclination to be entangled in the affairs of Europe, does not help to improve the situation as much as her interest would seem to dictate.

NOT SURPRISING
NO APPLE GROWER IN Canada expected that the British Government's suggestion to advance £1,000,000 to the Dominions to enable them to improve their marketing and packing organizations would go unchallenged by the home producer.

There is nothing unusual about this situation. The most ardent high protectionists in the Old Country are the Conservative farmers—the very men who lost many nights of sleep in trying to think up ways to keep the Canadian store cattle out of Britain and thus deprive a Dominion of a market that it lost on a sanitary technicality more than three decades ago.

Empire questions are going to be difficult for Mr. Baldwin as long as they are associated with money bags tied tightly with political string. A more intensive development of the untouched acres which the British family owns will have to be promoted by something more practical than policies which involve the food of the people of Britain.

THE HEBRIDEANS

THERE OUGHT NOT TO be any difficulty in settling hundreds of Hebridean fishermen on the shores of the West Coast of Vancouver Island. It may not be that the grant which has been arranged for these sturdy migrants will be sufficient to put every one in imposing quarters.

People who imagine that these fishermen want or expect to be coddled should have seen the eager anticipation with which groups left the Hebrides under the care of Canadian Pacific Railway officials last April. They were more excited than school children at a picnic.

The Hebridean has not been used to anything much better than very hard and generally quite profitless labor under conditions which few people can understand without actually seeing them. But above all he is a tireless worker, typical of his race, and Vancouver Island needs the worker more than anybody else at the present time.

London police magistrates have their own particular way of dealing with gentlemen who get into trouble through their bibulous habits around Christmas time. One such was asked to go and look at himself in the glass. He did so and said: "Oh, what a mess!"

THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST CAPITALISM
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DR. FRANK CRANE
"Backbone and Wishbone"

TOO many people, said somebody, have their wishbone where their backbone ought to be. In other words, they go through life continually wishing for great things, but have not the backbone to secure those great things.

Nothing valuable can be secured, as a rule, in a mere flush of enthusiasm. It takes patience, forbearance and will power, to accomplish what we want.

Many a young person, for instance, has gone to the city with the intention to study art or music or some such thing. And things have not broken right for them and they have found impediments and obstacles and have become discouraged. They have not enough backbone to counterbalance their wishbone.

The prizes of this life go, as a rule, to those who are able to stick. This is true in business. The shores of the business stream are littered with the wrecks of those who have come to grief. They were not able to stick or were not intelligent enough to make provision for sticking.

WORDS OF WISE MEN
No evil propensity of the human heart is so powerful that it may not be subdued by discipline. To make another person hold his tongue, be your first silent.

He conquers who endures. The doing will to avoid an evil cannot be good. The wisest in council, the ablest in debate, and the most agreeable in the commerce of life is that man who has assimilated to his understanding the greatest number of facts.

Without constancy there is neither love, friendship, nor virtue in the world. Be careful only of yourself, and stand in awe of none more than your own conscience. True courage scorns to vent her prowess in a storm of words.

There is a wide difference between general acquaintance and companionship. You may salute a man and exchange compliments with him daily, yet know nothing of his character, his inmost tastes and feelings. Little minds are tamed and subdued by misfortune, but great minds rise above it.

WHO'S WHO IN HISTORY TO-DAY
By T. P. Green
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30
TITUS
Roman emperor, son of and successor to Vespasian, was born on December 30, 40, A.D.

ROGER ASCHAM
English classical scholar, died on December 30, 1558. He taught at Cambridge following his graduation (at the age of nineteen). He is remembered chiefly as tutor to the Princess Elizabeth, to whom he later served as Latin secretary when she became queen.

ROBERT BOYLE
Noted British chemist and natural philosopher, died on December 30, 1691. He is best known as the discoverer of Boyle's law of the elasticity of air, and as the founder of Boyle's Lectures for the defence of Christianity.

Other People's Views

Letters addressed to the Editor and intended for publication must be clearly and legibly written. The Editor reserves the right to shorten the length of articles. All communications should be addressed to the Editor, at the Victoria Daily Times, 1212 Broad Street, Victoria, B.C.

CHURCH UNION

To the Editor:—You have been more than generous in giving so much of your valuable space to that church union discussion, even although the union is the greatest ecclesiastical movement since the days of Luther and the reformation of the sixteenth century.

It is a matter of great amazement for me to see the anti-unionists endeavoring to do the impossible—stop the union car. Whatever else they may lack they certainly do not lack the perseverance of the saint's plus the perseverance of the sinner.

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VICTORIA IN 1925

I saw Victoria in a dream through nineteen twenty-five. And in my dream Victoria was very much alive. For right through all this bright New Year prosperity prevailed.

At Ogden Point the elevators all were filled with grain. Vancouver sought to catch our trade, but sought, and tried in vain. The barbers now had got their bill, professional men were there. And had to pass a stiff exam—in what, I cannot say.

Then I awoke, 'twas but a dream, but dreams will oft come true. So Nineteen Twenty-five may prove a Bright New Year for you.

Victoria, B.C., December 31, 1924.

The WEATHER
Daily Bulletin Prepared by the Victoria Board of Trade

Table with columns: Location, Max., Min., Wind, Rain, Clouds. Includes Victoria, Nanaimo, Port Moody, etc.

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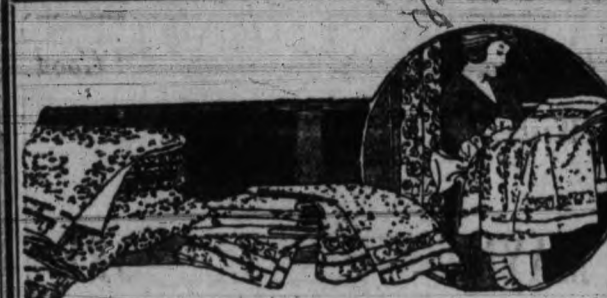
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WELSH CHRISTMAS TREE. The Welsh Society invite all Welsh members and any of the Welsh people in or near Victoria to attend the children's annual Christmas tree in the Foresters Hall, Broad Street, on New Year's Day.

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WOMAN'S GAZETTE

CHILDREN'S BALL A FEAST OF COLOR AND ENTERTAINMENT

Many Delightful Costumes at Last Night's Fancy Dress Dance Proceeds to I.O.D.E. Chapter Funds

Like an animated toypshop, with all the characters in the fairy tales and nursery rhymes come to life and joined by all the fairies and elves and butterflies and flowers, and a sprinkling of pirates bold to add a Peter Pan flavor!

From an early hour the children came, in ones and twos and dozens, until by 8 o'clock some hundreds were on the ballroom floor, dancing indefatigably and with youthful zest to the strains of Heaton's orchestra.

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GRAND MARCH. The Grand March was then formed, Miss Helen, MacDonald and Miss Sylvia Appleby, the latter in a striking Persian costume, marshalling the little tots into place.

CHARMING LITTLE GUESTS. Among the many little guests were Gwendolyn McDonald, as a yellow satin powder-puff; Gloria Wilson, black moth; Harry and Boyce Clarke, sailors; Vivian Denham, pink rosebud; Georgina Dowdell, powder puff; Teddy Slingsby, pirate; Dulcie Hamlet, gypsy; Jack Hamlet, prince; Geraldine Sandery, Spanish gypsy dancer; John Duck, sailor; "Ginger" Hotham; Kathleen Johnston, night; Ardian Johnston, mandarin; Patricia Doherty, forget-me-not; Bobbie, Theresa and Eugenie Doherty; Barbara Hudson, Queen of Hearts; Audrey Blaud, Billy Sheldon-Williams; Mrs. Josephine Sheldon-Williams; Miss Muffet; Wynne Sheldon-Williams, gondolier; Tommy Tyrone, white rabbit; June Tyrone, fairy; Marjorie Spencer, Charlie; Sherrill Robertson, harlequin; Wanda Spencer, Dresden shepherdess; Alex. Roberts, Highlander; Mary Stewart, Puck; Laura Catterall, folly; Margaret Moore, Queen of Sheba; Frances and Howard Jones; Amy Heath, Old English lady; Theo Jardine, daffodil; Ellen Rae Millar, Dorothy May Sherratt; Alex. and Marguerite Manson; Mabel Brown, Egyptian girl; Veve and Margaret Balls; Muriel Creighton; Roderick, Jessie and Betty MacLean; Fanny Ryan, Frank Hall, Turk; The Hall, dancing girl; George Hall, brigand chief; John Hall, Dutch girl; Desmond Burdon-Murphy, gypsy; Brian Burdon-Murphy, Bonnie Prince Charlie; Maud Renwick, Tia Calina; Pauline Mountain, Betty Hughes; Phyllis Ellis, Theodore Tait, daffodil; Phyllis McIntosh, brown butterfly; Gladys McIntosh, Adele Bucklin, Guatemala Indian; Mary Bucklin, Alsatian girl; George Cameron, Mexican; Louis Moriarty, jockey; Jack Rutan, Highlander; Beatrice and Henry Rutan, Inez and Yvona Mitchell, Pomona Edwards; Kathleen Burns, Chinese; Peggy Hodgson, primrose; Muriel Burnes; Arraline Steele, Alice Miles, black and white; Peggy Silburn, rose; Grant Stewart, Georgeie-Porgie; Edwin Cathels, Jack in the Box; Katherine Jenkinson, good luck; Rosemary Edwards, Doreen Crowther, Miss Vanity; Isabel Ramsay, butterfly; Patsy May, French peasant; Molly Deane-Freeman, folly; Ritchie Hughes, chevalier; Jean Hill, folly; Sylvia Cunningham, folly; Christine Baxter, powder puff; Alma Cathels, Turkish lady; Viva Brown, Kate Greenway; Mabel Brown, Egyptian; Adele Combe, old-fashioned girl; Donald Stewart, clown; Hugh Rider, Robin Hood; Julia McEighen, chevalier; Marjorie Allen, Mnc. Pompadour; Theodora Arbuthnot, lady of the Stuart period; and many others.

CHAMPION LADY GOLFER TO WED BRITISH WOMEN IN ODD OCCUPATIONS

Bargees, Undertakers and Sand-blasters Among Listed Trades



This is a new photograph of Alexa Stirling, of Atlanta, Ga., the famous woman golfer and holder of many championships, who is to be married to Dr. Wilbur Green Fraser of Ottawa (inset). Rumor has it that the engagement is a romance of the golf links, Dr. Fraser being an enthusiastic golfer himself.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. Prescott Cookingham of Portland arrived in Victoria to-day to spend the week-end with friends here. Miss Grace McKenna is spending the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. McKenna, Madison Street.

Miss Babe McFadden of Cumberland, B.C., is spending a few days in the city as the guest of Miss Nellie Jones, Mount Edwards Apartments. Mr. R. Hogarth of Toronto has arrived in Victoria to join Mrs. Hogarth who has been visiting with her mother, Mrs. Middleton of Elk Lake.

Mr. W. A. Foote and his son, Roger of Kamloops who is in Victoria for the session of the boys' parliament, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Laing, Stanley Avenue, during their stay in this city. Miss Ruth Barr, who has been the guest of Miss Kathryn Bradshaw, Albany Road, for a few days, returned yesterday afternoon to her home in Vancouver.

Mr. W. G. Ellison returned to Victoria yesterday from Vancouver, where he was the guest of his sisters, the Misses Ellison. Mrs. H. P. Hodges, President of the Kumtaks Club, and Miss Lottie Bowron, have left for Vancouver where they will attend the annual Christmas banquet of the Business and Professional Women's Club to be held this evening.

Mr. Willis, formerly of the automobile firm of Jameson and Willis, accompanied by Mrs. Willis, arrived in the city to-day from Vancouver to spend the New Year holiday with Mrs. Willis's mother, Mrs. F. W. Vincent, Erie Street. Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Drummond-Hay and family who have been the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Drummond-Hay, Gorge Road, for the Christmas holidays are returning to-night to their home in Vancouver.

Mr. Balfour Strath and Mr. Arthur Webster, who are attending the Dental School in Portland, are spending the Christmas holidays in Victoria at their respective homes and are returning on Sunday to assume their studies. Miss Alison de Blaquiere, R.N., is home for the first time in three and a half years, spending the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. de Blaquiere, Quadra Street. Miss de Blaquiere is a graduate of Stanford University School of Nursing, San Francisco, Calif. The Misses Norma Pendray, Margaret Fletcher, Lucille Hall, Doreen Drummond-Hay, Masters, Archie Derryovers, Pendray and Walter Fletcher comprised a party of young people who were among the guests at the Children's Dance at the Empress Hotel last evening. Miss Mazie de Blaquiere, daughter of the late Mr. de Blaquiere of the late Mrs. de Blaquiere, Ireland, and Mrs. de Blaquiere was recently married at Mt. Vernon, Washington, to Dr. J. Costigan, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Costigan.

Kumtaks Club Had Special Programme At Monday Luncheon

A special musical programme appropriate to the season was a feature of the luncheon held under the auspices of the Kumtaks Club at David Spencer's Limited, yesterday, when those in attendance, including teachers-members whose duties prevent them attending the ordinary luncheons of the Club, Mrs. H. E. Hodges, the president, was in the chair and extended the season's greetings to the members and reminded them of the annual meeting to be held on Monday, January 19, at 7.30 in the Alexandra Club, Pemberton Building. Under the direction of Miss Howell, convener of the musical committee, a delightful programme was given, opening with the singing of "O Canada." Christmas carols were sung by a quartet consisting of Mrs. Oak Bay, including Mrs. Wickett, Mrs. Barrowclough, Mrs. Bird, Miss Moore, Miss Hayward and Miss Richardson, with Mr. F. C. Wickett at the piano; recitations by Miss Mustard, songs by Miss Bagshaw and piano numbers by Miss Rita Ormiston, the programme closing with the National Anthem.

Strawberry Vale School held its annual school concert in Strawberry Vale Hall on Thursday, December 19. The programme was opened by "O Canada," then a kiddie carny-spy festival and "Hiawatha" dramatized the main features of the evening, while the Christmas spirit was brought out in the chorals and recitations between the larger items. The proceeds will go towards sport equipment for the school.

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CONTENTMENT

OUR WISH FOR YOU ALL 1925. Time for reflection is the holiday season. As we think of the dying year we are happy for what has been accomplished, and are thankful for all our good friends.

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ELECTRONS HEARD AS THEY FALL

Scientists Accomplish Amplification of World's Slightest Sound to Almost a Roar

Schenectady, N.Y., Dec. 30.—Scientists have put their ears to the ghost of science and heard a roar like that of Niagara. This mysterious ghost, the electron, remains unseen even through its most powerful microscopes.

B.C. Comes Second In Insurance Gain

Toronto, Dec. 30.—One million three hundred and seventy-four thousand dollars of insurance was sold in Canada each day during November, according to figures just published by the Life Insurance Sales Research Bureau of Hartford, Conn.

Vancouver Island Egg-Laying Contest

Table with columns for Pen, Owner and Address, Breed, and production statistics for various egg-laying contests.

Advertisement for THE RED CROSS WORKSHOP, located at 584-5 Johnson St. (Just Below Government), Phone 2169.

GETS PROMOTION

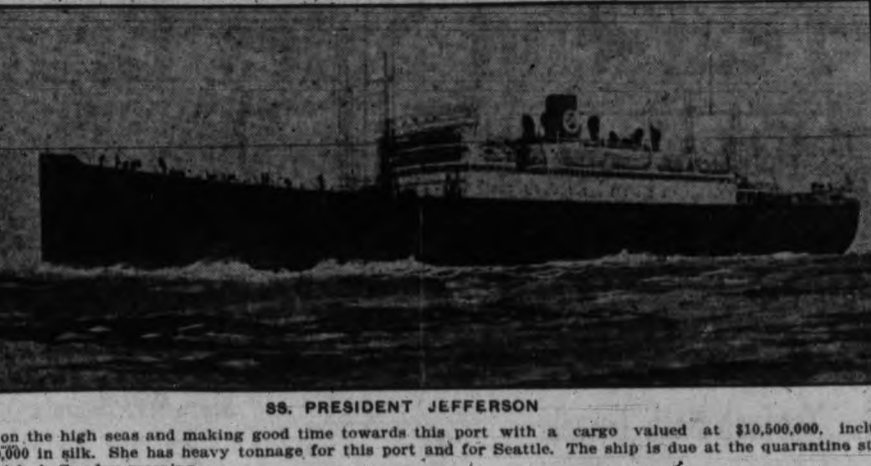
Montréal, Dec. 30.—W. C. Muir, acting general manager of the Canadian National Railway, express department, has been appointed general manager of express, it is announced.

CONQUERING THE ELEMENTS WHILE BUILDING HOTEL

Remarkable Progress Being Made With Chateau Lake Louise Extension

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company at an elevation of over a mile above the sea, amid snow and ice, is this Winter building at Lake Louise to replace the old historic port of the Chateau destroyed by fire last July.

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SS. PRESIDENT JEFFERSON

Now on the high seas and making good time towards this port with a cargo valued at \$10,500,000, including \$2,000,000 in silk, she has heavy tonnage for this port and for Seattle.

FERRY TOWED IN SAFETY TO PORT

The ferry Cascade was towed to Esquimalt this morning by the Pacific Salvage Company's vessel Salvage Chief.

Man Said to Have Taken Strychnine

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—Harry Miller, a transient, believed to have come here recently from California, is lying at the point of death in the Vancouver General Hospital.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Mariners are notified that the buoys marking the channel of the Fraser River have been dragged from position by flows of ice and at present are not to be relied on.

WOMEN HAVE FINE MINDS NEEDED FOR MODERN RESEARCH, SAYS CHIEF

New York, Dec. 30.—In the future it will probably be "Miss Columbus" or "Miss Beebe" that will cause the name of a young woman to be known to the world.



Off for the mysterious and much fabled Sargasso Sea are these intrepid girl-scientists, who accompany the William Beebe expedition.

TIMES SHIPPING CHART

Shipping chart table with columns for COASTWISE MOVEMENTS, SUNRISE AND SUNSET, TIDE TABLE, TRANS-PACIFIC MAILS, SEATTLE SHIPPING, and POSITIONS BY WIRELESS.

SEATTLE SHIPPING

Seattle, Dec. 30.—Arrangements have been completed by the extension service of the University of Washington for a special two-month course for masters and other licensed officers during January and February, it was announced yesterday.

TWO LOST LIVES

Clinton, N.J., Dec. 30.—Trapped in their attic refuge when a supposedly vacant house here suddenly burst into flames yesterday, George, the four-year-old son of Otto Miller died, and his mother.

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The extent of it, it seems, varies with the winds and currents, says Miss Ruth Rose, a young woman from New York, who is part of the intrepid scientific crew that sails away in the laboratory-ship Arcturion to strip the Sargasso of its legends and fables.

SININAW STRANDED

London, Dec. 30.—A Lloyd dispatch from Salonic dated yesterday said the United States Shipping Board steamer Sininaw, bound to Alexandria from New York with grain, flour and general cargo, was stranded outside Cape Kars, in the Gulf of Salonic. The salvage steamer Hermes was standing by.

SAN FRANCISCO SHIPPING

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—The Norwegian steamer Horda, which arrived here yesterday with a consignment of sheep skins from Easter Island, is said to have been the first vessel that visited that islet in 1924.

VESSEL MOVEMENTS

Bosworth at St. John, N.B., from Liverpool. Montclair at St. John, N.B., from Liverpool. Zealand at Halifax from Antwerp.

Garden of Eden Costumes Needed

London, Dec. 30.—White men and women must revert to Garden of Eden costumes if they are to be successful in colonizing tropical countries, according to Professor P. F. Fyfe of Berhampore, Bengal.

CANADIAN PACIFIC SAILINGS TO EUROPE

Table of Canadian Pacific shipping schedules to Europe, including ship names, departure dates, and agents.

UNION STEAMSHIPS

Advertisement for UNION PACIFIC SYSTEM, featuring a motor coach and sun-sunshine smiles, with contact information for W. H. Olin and Frank & Elliott.

SPORTING NEWS BASKETBALL, GOLF

Collegians To Invade City For Annual Meet

Greatest Programme of Sports in History of City Will Be Staged on Friday and Saturday; Four Hundred Students Will Be Over from Vancouver to Tackle Picked Victoria Teams in Many Lines of Sport

Four hundred eager, keen-eyed, high-g geared students will take the city by storm on Friday when the annual invasion of the University of British Columbia will be made.

The programme is one of the most interesting and varied that has been prepared for the students. The Mainland collegians will be pitted against some of the best teams in the city but they hope to make a grand clean-up. Last year they were not successful in winning the aggregate in points, but the previous year scored almost a clean sweep.

The programme will open on Friday afternoon with two rowing races over the harbor course. In the evening three basketball games will be staged at the High School gymnasium.

A REGULAR FIELD DAY Saturday will find the biggest and finest sports programme that Victorians have ever had a chance to look at. The students will be divided into three basketball games which will get started at 10 o'clock. At 11 o'clock the ice hockey game will be staged at the arena and right after luncheon the first of three rugby games will be played at the Willows.

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New Year's Golf Competition Set For Oak Bay Club

On New Year's Day a mixed foursome will be played at the Victoria Golf Club, consisting of eighteen holes medal play. One half of the combined handicaps will be allowed, but the competitor will be allowed more than thirty. The handicap of a player who has a partner with a handicap of eight or less will be limited to four.

Woodward in Rear Montreal, Dec. 30.—Finishing the first block of 750 points in the local elimination match for the professional billiards championship of Canada, Frank Pettley took the lead here last evening. The second and final block of the 1,500-point match will be played here to-night.

Regina Suffers Second Reverse On Coast Jaunt

Vancouver Just Managed to Nose Out Capitals in Heavy Scoring Battle Heavy Checking in Evidence in First Period; First Major Penalty Issued

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—Uncocking a dazzling burst of speed in the last four minutes of last night's tussle with Regina at the arena, when Frank Boucher and Mickey Mackay scored the tying and winning goals, the Vancouver Maroons picked off their initial win, 6-5, in their last half dozen starts, and took a clear game jump ahead of the Capitals from the cellar position in the Western Canada Hockey League series.

The game was marked by the first penalty shot of the season on home ice. It was given to Vancouver, but the box Mackay took a fast pass from Duncan and finished the fight.

The good-sized crowd was given many a thrill in the first period when the checking was the closest and hardest of the game. Spill followed spill, players appearing to pay more attention to the man than the rubber.

On the night's play, Regina appeared to have the better of the argument and deserved to win. Their forwards back-checked better and they displayed better combination whenever attempted.

On New Year's Day two First Division soccer games will be played at 10.30 o'clock in the morning between the Sons of England and the North Wards, and second in the afternoon between the Victoria Wests and United Services at 2.30 o'clock. Both games will be played at the Royal Athletic Park.

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Pictorial Golf Instruction AN OLD FETISH

By H. B. MARTIN



It has been an accepted fact among golfers that keeping the head down is one of the cardinal principles of the game. Now, thinking-teachers are beginning to see the folly of this fetish. Just how long the eye should be kept glued to the ground is a matter of question.

In this picture the club head is shown just after leaving the ball. The time required for the club head to reach this point after the impact is a sixteenth part of a second.

Rep Rugby Team Picked to Face College Squad

Victoria's rep rugby team which is to oppose Varsity on Saturday afternoon at the Willows has been selected and a few changes have been made.

McCusker Broke A Rib Vancouver unquestionably had the best of the interchanges at the star and rained in shot after shot on McCusker, who by the way played with a broken rib, sustaining in the game a fracture of the first rib.

Definite Line Is Sought to Divide Amateurs and Pros.

New York, Dec. 30.—Resolutions demanding that a more definite line be drawn between professional and amateur athletics were passed yesterday at the annual meeting of the National Amateur Athletic Federation.

The decision recommends to Col. Robert M. Thompson, president of the American Olympic committee that a committee be appointed to study the present situation with clarification in view, and that later a congress be called at which amateur rules governing all phases of sports should be adopted.

Eskimos Lose To Calgary and File A Protest on Ref.

Shoe on Other Foot This Time And Edmonton Can't Stand the Pinching

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Edmonton, Dec. 30.—Line-up: Stuart, goal; Winkler, Trapp, defence; Gardner, Keats, forward; Oliver, McCormick, forward; Wilson, Morrison, sub.; McFarlane, Holmes, sub.; Mackay, Rickley, sub.; Benson, sub.

HOW THEY STAND

Table showing W.C.H.L. standings for teams like Edmonton, Victoria, Calgary, Montreal, Saskatoon, Vancouver, Regina with columns for W, L, D, P, A, Pts.

Eddie Collins is Optimistic Over Club's Prospects

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Eddie Collins, newly-appointed manager of the Chicago White Sox, assumed active charge of the team to-day after a conference with President Comiskey.

Amateur Hockey League to Adopt Year's Schedule

A meeting of the executive of the Victoria Amateur Hockey League will be held at the end of the week to adopt a schedule for the coming season.

Those Were the Days

Do you remember back when you were even as this youngster, the proudest one in the country. That smile that will never come again, the smile of the boy with his first pair of skis.

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Pennant Plays in Basketball

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Basketball Teams In Sunday School League to Resume

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Lalonde Will Have To Take Rest For Couple of Weeks

Saskatoon, Dec. 30.—Newsy Lalonde, veteran skipper of the Saskatoon Sheikhs, will be out of hockey for two weeks as the result of a fractured collar bone received in the game here against Calgary a week ago.

Hoppe Meets Connefax

New York, Dec. 30.—Arrangements for the three-cushion billiard match between Willie Hoppe, world's ball-line cue king, and Robert Connefax, three-cushion titleholder, were completed to-day when the rivala posted forfeits of \$2,500 each an amount which sets a record for special matches in which a title is involved.

Brandon A Winner

Brandon, Dec. 30.—By defeating Selkirk 2-0 Brandon last night re-entered their first victory in the Manitoba Senior Hockey Amateur League.

On Second Thought

When will these prairie hockey clubs ever learn to take a defeat? There seems to be a sad lack of sportsmanship East of the Rockies.

On Christmas Day Edmonton beat Saskatoon on the latter's ice by 2-2. The Sheikhs immediately announced that they would not put a team on the ice again if Referee Battell officiated.

What are we coming to when clubs talk like that? To the best of our recollections the prairie clubs have always used the referee as an alibi for the loss of a game.

Referee Ion has little trouble with the prairie clubs, perhaps because he is a stranger to them, and does not live on the prairies, but we are inclined more to the belief that Mickey isn't afraid of them.

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Those Were the Days

Do you remember back when you were even as this youngster, the proudest one in the country. That smile that will never come again, the smile of the boy with his first pair of skis.

COUNCIL WINDS UP BUSINESS OF YEAR

Esquimalt Body Prepares For Forthcoming Elections

Concluding the final session in 1924, the Esquimalt Council wound up its business last night with its members wishing each other a Happy New Year. The closing act of the meeting was to vote \$100 to the Esquimalt Friendly Help for relief purposes.

Messrs. Ismay, Holston and Holden were appointed auditors for a survey of the School Board's books. The meeting passed to the 1925 council a request from the naval dockyard that the road entrance to the Naval Cemetery be put in a state of better repair.

A cordial message from Fire Marshal J. A. Thomas assured the council that its consideration of the Volunteer Fire Brigade system would receive every encouragement from the authorities and whatever assistance was required would be gladly supplied.

Henry Hearns was appointed Deputy Returning Officer to assist J. R. Collicott, Returning Officer. Nominations will take place at the Municipal Hall on January 12, with polling at the Sailors' Club and at Arm Street on January 17.

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Ex-Pugilist Found Guilty of Manslaughter in Los Angeles

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New English Broadcloth Blouses in excellent grade materials, overblouse styles with long sleeves, neatly tailored long cuffs, Peter Pan or Bramley convertible collars, tucked or plain fronts, finished with colored or black and white tie of corded silk ribbon. Shades are sand, orchid, rose or white; regular \$4.50 values, \$2.75.

Heavy Flannel Middies in regulation style with long sleeves, finished around collar and cuffs with braid. Shown in navy, scarlet and Saxe with braid to match. Others are made in blouse style with hand around bottom and finished with white linen Peter Pan collars and cuffs; sizes 34 to 40; regular \$3.95 and \$4.95 values for \$2.75 and \$3.75.

Heavy Jersey Silk Imported Jumpers, with short or three-quarter sleeves and round necks. In plain shades or beautiful mixed colors—and figured designs. This selection includes a few hand knitted jumpers. A good assortment of shades and sizes; regular \$7.75 to \$13.95 values for \$4.90.

These Blouses are made of excellent quality French crepe de Chine, in slip-over or jaquette styles, with round, square or V necks, with or without collars, short or three-quarter sleeves, elaborately beaded in self colors or contrasting shades. Shown in rose, peach, sand, silver, dove, Nile, nigger, tan, emerald, navy, Saxe, black and white; regular \$13.95 to \$17.95 values for \$6.75.

Imported Silk Jacquettes

Very pretty Silk Jacquettes in fancy or plain weaves, have long sleeves, roll collar and fasten to one side with buttons or ties. Many beautiful shades including rose, sand, peach, fawn, brown, peacock and black and Paisley designs; regular price \$10.75. On sale for \$4.90.

All Wool Pullovers Cardigans and Jacquettes

Regular Prices \$3.98 to \$10.75 On Sale for \$2.98 to \$4.98

This lot comprises Cardigans of camel yarn, with long sleeves and patch pockets and sleeveless Cardigans of plain knit in fawn, pearl, navy and black. Jacquettes of flame-colored brush wool, trimmed with black collar cuffs and bands. Heather mixture Pullovers and the "Avon" Pullovers in allover patterns in silk and wool, and English Cardigans in brushed wool or plain knit, in shades of fawn, pearl, black, navy and mixtures; regular \$3.98 to \$10.75 values for \$2.98 to \$4.98.

Kimonas and Negligees \$2.49 to \$5.95

Kimonas of warm flannelette in allover designs, light and dark shades, floral patterns, trimmed with satin banding. Very special \$2.49.

Dainty Negligees of fine boxloom crepe, trimmed with narrow ruffles and embroidered in elaborate designs. Regular \$8.95 values for \$5.95.

—Waltwear, First Floor

Our Entire Stock of Men's Overcoats

Regular \$25.00, \$30.00 and \$45.00. On Sale for

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Overcoats, representing broken sizes and various lines from our regular stock; made from good grade overcoatings; browns, greys and heather mixtures. These are offered in loose-fitting models or belters. Very stylish coats. Reg. \$25.00. On sale for \$15.00.

Heavy Overcoats of excellent grade cloths, in most stylish models, including full and half belters, pleated backs, fancy pockets and cuffs and two-way collars. Shades are greys, browns, checks and heather mixtures. Values unsurpassed. Regular prices to \$30.00. On sale for \$19.75.

Overcoats of English and Canadian make, from the best of overcoatings. The tailoring and trimmings are the best and the styles include belters or half belters, with pleated or fancy pockets and long lapels. They are browns, Lovats, greens, fawns, heathers, checks and fancy tweeds. A large selection. Regular prices \$45.00. On sale for \$29.75.

—Men's Clothing, Main Floor

Suggestions for New Year's Gifts In the Men's Furnishings

- Handkerchiefs of white lawn, 2 for 25¢
 - Handkerchiefs of pure linen, each, 25¢
 - 35¢ and 50¢
 - Handkerchiefs of white lawn with initial each, 25¢
 - White Linen Handkerchiefs with initial, each, 50¢ and 65¢
 - Men's Art Silk Knitted Ties, 50¢, 75¢ and \$1.00
 - Pure Silk Knitted Ties, each, \$1.50, \$2.25 and \$3.25
 - Silk Ties with wide ends. A good selection at 75¢ to \$2.00
 - Garters, a pair, 25¢, 35¢ and 50¢
 - Braces, a pair, 50¢ to \$1.50
 - Men's Silk Socks for dress wear, colors and black, a pair, 75¢, \$1.00, \$1.25
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 - Cashmere Socks, colors and black, 50¢ and \$1.00
 - Men's Art Silk and Wool Socks, fancy rib, good weight; colors or congo or white, long cabin, light grey and white, grey; regular \$1.00. On sale for 85¢
- Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

Shirts For New Year's Gifts

- English Broadcloth Shirts, Forsyth brand, patterned with fancy stripes. Special values at \$3.75, \$4.50 and \$4.75
 - Tooke brand English Broadcloth Shirts, plain colors or white. Not a full range in this line. Special, each \$2.95
 - Or with fancy stripes, each \$3.25
 - English All Wool Flannel Shirts, with separate collar to match. Each \$4.50
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Boys' Suits

Great Values for

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A Football With Each Suit

We have still a number of Footballs left and for the next few days will give one with each Suit—Free.

Boys' Suits of excellent grade Union tweed and homespun. They are made with three-piece belts, well tailored and trimmed, the pants with Governor fasteners. Wear-resisting Suits suitable for school wear; sizes 31 to 35. Special, each \$5.95.

Boys' Wool Tweed Suits each with two pairs of pants, single or double breasted models with pleated or plain pockets and three-piece belts. Neatly made and well tailored. On sale, each, \$12.75.

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Coats of Blanket Cloth

On Sale for **\$8.90**

Blanket Cloth Coat, made in utility styles, belted, with strap pockets, strap on sleeves and half lined. They have convertible tailored collars and shades are brown, grey, navy and taupe. Sizes 16 to 42. Great value. Regular price \$17.50, for **\$8.90**

Coats, Fur-trimmed and Plain

On Sale for **\$12.50**

Fur-trimmed and Utility Coats of blanket cloth, polo stripe velour and tweed mixture. These are made in tailored and dressy styles with patch or slash pockets, double convertible collars. Sleeves are gathered to strap and finished with button, or in bell or tailored styles. The coats are fully lined and in shades of brown, sand, grey, navy, cinnamon. Sizes 16 to 44. Regular \$19.75 to \$25.00, for **\$12.50**

Coats of Popular Cloths

\$35.00 to \$45.00 Values; On Sale for **\$23.75**

Coats of Vella-bloom, French cut velour, marvella, duvetyne, velour and Flamingo. These are trimmed with cable stitching, embroidery, cloth-covered or pearl buttons, fancy strappings and self materials. Some have turn-back cuffs; on others the sleeves are gathered into a neat cuff. They have collars and cuffs of fitch opossum or choker collar of electric seal. Other coats are trimmed with Thibetine; shown in straight lines with side fastening, side tie belt, convertible collars to be worn open or closed, and all fully lined; shades are brown, navy, black, fawn, green, sandalwood and taupe; sizes 16 to 44. Regular prices \$35.00 to \$45.00. On sale for each **\$23.75**

Some Very Fine Coats

\$49.75 to \$65.00 Values; On Sale for **\$33.75**

Coats in novelty styles; plain and fur-trimmed effects of pressed plush, Bolivia cloth, duvetyne, marvella, velour and camel hair. Some in straight lines, others wrappy effects and all neatly finished with the most popular trimmings and silk-lined. The fur trimmings are represented by tinted opossum, Vitka squirrel, electric seal and tinted Thibetine. Shades include taupe, green brown, grey, fawn, sand, navy, cocoa and black. Regular prices from \$47.50 to \$65.00. On sale for **\$33.75**

Coats of Excellent Materials

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Coats made of good grade velours, polo cloths, tweeds, Teddy-bear cloths. Some are made with neat side panels of pin tucks or trimmed with folds of self material. They have smart looking double convertible collars, sleeves with turn-back cuffs or finished with straps. The coats are fully lined, button trimmed, and shown in various styles. Shades are grey, tan, brown, sand and taupe. Sizes 14 to 42. Regular value \$14.75 for **\$7.50**

Coats of Fine Grade Cloths

On Sale for **\$16.75**

Coats made of all wool velours, blanket cloth, cut velour, Teddy-bear cloth and Cheviot. Straight or tailored lines, trimmed with pin tucks, Thibetine and beaverine fur. They have bell sleeves, turnback cuffs with straps, patch or slash pockets and one button fastening. Some are trimmed with cable stitching; all fully lined. Shades are blue, brown, grey, black and fawn. Sizes 16 to 44. Regular prices \$23.75 to \$29.75. On sale, each **\$16.75**

Fur-trimmed and Plain Coats

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In this assortment are plain tailored and fur-trimmed Coats. Tailored styles are belted, have inverted pleat at back, sleeves finished with straps and buttons, slit or patch pockets and convertible collars. They have shoulder lining, and shown in shades of brown, fawn, green and blue.

The Fur-trimmed Coats are made of velour and Bolivia cloth, in straight lines and finished with buttons and fancy stitchings; fully lined. The furs used in trimming are tinted opossum and Thibetine; shades are brown, black, sand and taupe; sizes 16 to 47. Regular prices \$42.00 to \$47.50. On sale **\$29.75**

Brushed Wool Chappie Coats Specially Priced At \$7.69

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A SALE OF Children's Coats

Remarkable Values

Coats of velour and blanket cloth, made in belted styles, with neat beaverine collars and cuffs and slash pockets; suitable for the ages of 2 to 5 years. Regular values \$10.75, on sale for **\$3.95 to \$5.95**

Children's Coats for the ages of 5 to 8 years. They are made of velour and blanket cloth trimmed or untrimmed with beaverine collars. Belted styles, trimmed with cable stitching and pockets. Regular values \$12.50. On sale, each **\$7.90**

Girls' Coats of velour and blanket cloth, with beaverine collars; straight or in belted styles and for the ages of 9, 10 and 11 years. Shades are fawn, navy and grey. Regular \$15.00 values on sale for **\$9.90**

Girls' and Misses' Coats for the ages of 12 to 15 years. Made of bearcloth, velour and blanket cloth; fur-trimmed or untrimmed and having cable stitching or buttons; straight or belted styles in navy, brown and taupe. Regular values to \$25.00, on sale for **\$11.90**

Navy Reefer Coats of heavy Fox's serge, made double breasted and with brass buttons; have emblem on sleeve and are fully lined. Neat tailored collars and pockets with flaps. Sizes for 2 to 4 years. Regular \$8.95. On sale for **\$6.95**

Children's Raincoats in Raglan style, with set-in sleeves, single or double breasted, belt and patch pocket. Made from waterproof materials. Sizes for 3 to 10 years. Regular \$6.75 values on sale for **\$2.75**



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Camisoles in navy and black silk; with strap shoulders and hemstitched tops. Reg. \$1.50 values for **\$95¢**

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Afternoon Frocks of Canton crepe, flat crepe, satin and georgette crepe; a few velvets and vella vella cloth. The trimmings are varied, showing embroidery, braiding, buttons, piping, lace, beading and ribbon. The shades include black, navy, cocoa, nigger and bungalow brown, fawn, sand, grey, powder blue, French blue, rose, henna, rust, sea and jade green, tango, orange, apricot and mauve. They are fashioned with either long, short or no sleeves, round necks or collared, and straight line or belted waists. Sizes 16 to 48. Regularly priced from \$17.50 to \$49.75. Now selling from **\$9.95 to \$29.75**

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Women's Winter Skirts; a good practical line in tweed mixtures, small checks and plaids, wrap-around styles, button trimmed, in shades of brown, fawn, navy and grey. Waist-line sizes 26 to 32 **\$1.95**

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LADY LUDLOW OF LOST GEM FAME—The return of the famous half-million dollar Wernher collection of ancient and medieval jewels to Lady Ludlow, from whom cracksmen stole it in June, has brought to light a sensational story that an unnamed Chicago millionaire, hypnotized by the gems, had them stolen and taken to New York and that he died just after the theft, which led to the jewels being returned and a \$36,000 reward being paid. Who stole the gems has never been disclosed.



NO PRINCESS—Now she's "just folks" Princess Nobuko, daughter of Prince Kuni of Japan, has married a commoner—Count Sanjonishi. So she no longer is considered a member of the royal family.

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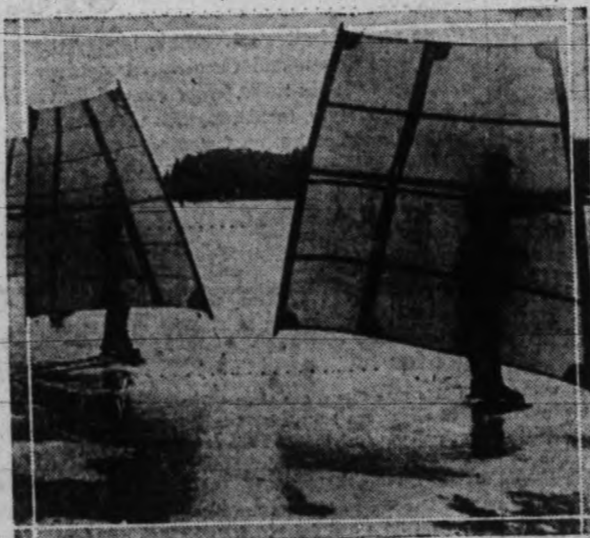
HE GOES TO THE MAT WITH LION!—Now and then Stanley R. Graham, interior decorator, bored by the monotony of city life, indulges in a little pastime that is far removed from the art of interior decoration. Once a year he flies himself off to some remote part of Mexico to catch and kill mountain lions with his bare hands. He has been on twelve successive lion hunts in twelve years. Now he's once more on his way to the happy hunting grounds far down across the Rio Grande. Picture shows him in an encounter with a mountain lion.



JAZZ'S "CROWN PRINCE" GETS FIRST LESSON—His Royal Highness Paul Whiteman, the King of Jazz, is shown here giving Paul, Jr., aged six months, his first violin lesson.



WHO WINS?—An important process for "exploding" bacteria is being held back from the world while two men argue over who made the discovery. They are Dr. Winford Larson (above) of the University of Minnesota and David Crowther (below), an English mechanic, attached to the dental laboratories of the same school. The patent office has supported Crowther's claims, but Judge J. E. Smith of the U. S. Court of Custom Appeals has held in favor of Dr. Larson. The case has been in the courts for six years.



SPEED—While in the far off south the maidens sport in one-piece bathing suits, these hardy sons of Sweden test their nerve and skill by skate-sailing. With the sails set on bamboo poles, they can make breath-taking speed, often reaching sixty miles an hour or more.



WANTS ANTI-JAP UNION—Rep. Fred Britten of Illinois, whose demand for an anti-Jap conference of white people bordering on the Pacific elicited a quiet rebuke from both President Coolidge and Secretary of State Hughes.



LION'S PRESIDENT SEES CALIFORNIA FROM AIR—Harry Newman of Toronto, president of the International Lions' Club, was recently visited San Diego and went up in a U.S. navy plane. He is shown above on the left, standing beside Capt. T. T. Craven, commandant of the naval air station at San Diego.



SCHOOL DAYS

By DWIG



GETS AS LITTLE AS LAW WILL ALLOW—The marriage in 1921 of the late Samuel Gompers, internationally famous head of the American Federation of Labor, to a bride of thirty-nine, occasioned much surprise and comment. Gompers at that time was seventy-one years of age. Latterly it had been known to their friends that an estrangement had arisen between the couple, and the will of the Labor leader, just published, shows that he left her the absolute minimum permitted by the law, about one-third of the estate. Above are two poses of Gertrude A. Gompers, his widow.



LOST HIS LIFE FOR A CHRISTMAS TREE—Thousands of people attended the funeral of seven-year-old Ernest Eivish, shown on the left in the above photograph at Fort William. Seldom has a city been stirred as deeply at Fort William was over the tragedy which overcame the little boy while he was searching for a Christmas tree a week ago. Ernie was the eldest of a family of three boys.



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS—These Eastern High School girls have resolved to have shiny noses after the first of the year, and as a consequence are shown here discarding their powder puffs in the old ash can. But what do you want to bet that there wasn't a scramble to get them back after the photographer left.



PROSPERITY RECORD SET BY 1924 U.S.

Had Some Setbacks But it Far Surpassed Conditions of 1923

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—Taking the country as a whole and the year from end to end, 1924 may be reckoned as probably the most prosperous ever enjoyed by the United States, says Tom King in a special dispatch to The Free Press from Washington. There have been setbacks in certain industries, a marked slowing down at certain periods, but the year closes with the country substantially more prosperous and business better than they were at its beginning. In 1923 there was a gradual descent from the peak reached in June of that year to a low point in January and February, followed by an upward trend from August, and the peak probably not yet reached. There has been no such spectacular boom as that which was reached between March and June of 1923, but 1924 on the whole has been a better year than 1923.

In some lines of production, notably automobiles, the output for 1924 was disappointing. The midsummer period for all lines of business except agriculture was unusually dull, which was caused by a marked increase in the cost of industrial unemployment. Even building operations for a time diminished. Beginning, however, in September, there was rapid, constant and ever-increasing improvement. Train loadings, bank clearings, building permits, external trade, all showed a marked increase over the corresponding period of 1923. Agricultural prices rose to an unusual height and prevented a falling off in the level of commodity prices.

Someone describing business in the year 1923 compared it to a man entering an office building on the basement floor and taking an elevator. At the end of the year he had reached the fourth floor. In 1923 business entered the elevator on the first floor, but shot up to the twenty-fourth, but gradually descended until at the end of the year it was at about the fifth floor. Business in the fifth floor went up and down in a jerky way, but at the end of the year was at least a story above where it started. The country was better off on January 1, 1924, than it was on January 1, 1923, and it undoubtedly will be better off on January 1, 1924, than it was on January 1, 1923.

The feature which makes 1924 a better year than 1923 is the more general diffusion of high prices for raw materials, and the fact that the total wealth of the country is more equitably distributed between the East and the West, between the farm and the factory.

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, DECEMBER 30, 1924

Table of New York Stock Exchange prices for December 30, 1924. Includes columns for High, Low, and various stock symbols like Allis-Chalmers, Am. Can., Am. Int'l. Corp., etc.

Retail Market

Table of Retail Market prices for various commodities like Wheat, Flour, and other goods.

BIG DEWEAR CLOSING: EASY MONEY RAISES PRICES

New York, Dec. 30.—Investors in the United States and Canada during 1924 subscribed more than a billion dollars for foreign loans, an outstanding achievement in a year that passes into financial history as one of the most remarkable on record in the point of new financing.

Not only did the volume of foreign financing establish a new record, but the total of all new capital flotations as well ranked among the highest in history. Although accurate compilations are not yet available, preliminary estimates indicate that public offerings of all stocks and bonds during the year approximated \$6,000,000,000, contrasted with about \$4,700,000,000 in 1923.

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WINNIPEG GRAIN

Table of Winnipeg Grain prices for various types of wheat and flour.

Winnipeg Grain (continued)

Table of Winnipeg Grain prices (continued) for different grades and types of grain.

VICTORIA STOCKS

Big Break Hits Local Market

The bad break in stocks on the local market continued today. Downhill bids were down to a record low point. There were big loads of the stock offered at a record low price. The market was very active, and the price of the stock was very low.

RAIL BONDS LEAD MARKET

Trading in the bond market throughout the year was marked by a progressive upward movement, governed largely by the easy money situation. As 1924 drew to a close the price average of forty representatives of the market was the highest in several years, and approximately six points above the low mark reached early in the year.

An abundance of funds, attested by a reduction in the rates for time and call money and three per cent on deposits, contributed to the flow of idle cash into investment securities. The largest single piece of financing was the \$150,000,000 Japanese reconstruction loan, which was floated early in the year and several times to France late in the year, which reflected in the leading part played by rail shares in the post-October stock market boom, also enlivened trading in the bonds of the carriers. Net gains of thirty points or more for the year were scored by some of the income and adjustment funds, most directly affected by favorable earnings and dividend developments.

Montreal Stocks

Table of Montreal Stock prices for various companies and commodities.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE

Table of Today's Exchange rates for Canadian and foreign currencies.

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Government Bonds

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ROYAL BANK DEPOSITS INCREASE \$40,000,000

Montreal, Dec. 30.—The outstanding features of the annual statement of the Royal Bank of Canada for the fiscal year, ended November 29, are the increase of more than \$40,000,000 in deposits, and a gain in high grade securities of \$42,213,935, of which amount nearly \$34,000,000 is in Government securities.

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ALLIED CONFERENCE ON DEBTS NEXT YEAR

(Continued from page 1)

POOLING OF DEBTS

Paris, Dec. 29.—Finance Minister Clemenceau's suggestion of pooling the inter-allied war debts made in his Inter-allied financial conference, issued last Saturday, was regarded in the financial banking circles as the latest step in the French Government's effort to bring about a settlement of the French war debt, as well as of French financial reasons for diplomatic reasons.

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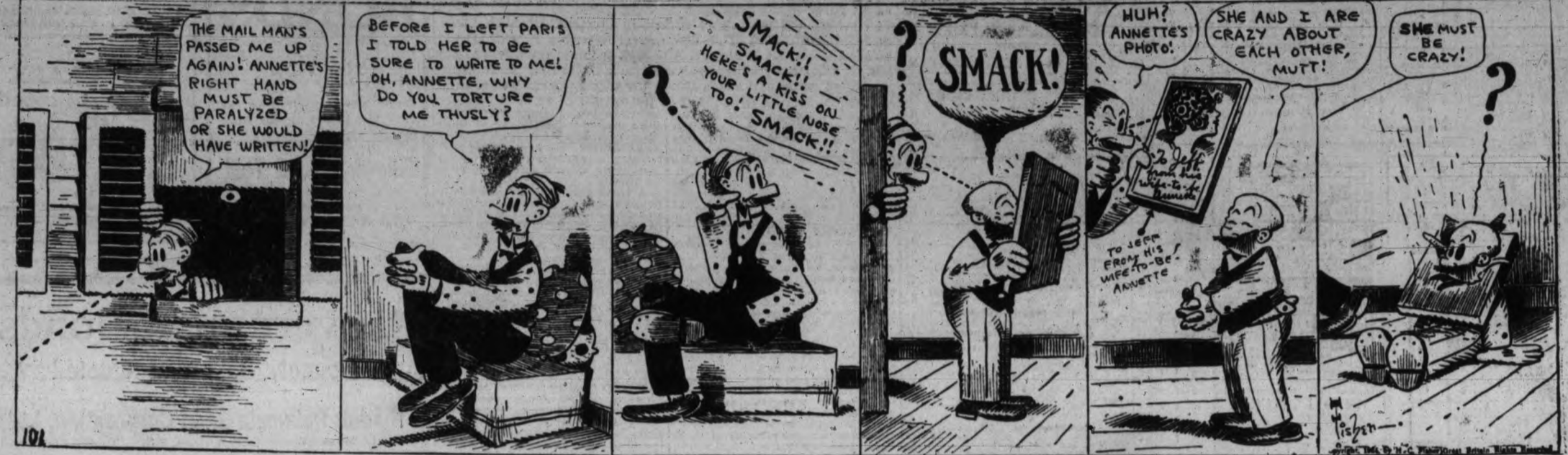
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U.S. WORD FLIERS TO BE REWARDED
Washington, Dec. 30.-Secretary of War Weeks has approved a plan for rewarding the United States Army word fliers which would advance Capt. Lowell H. Smith 1,000 miles on the promotion list, and Lieutenants Wade, Nelson and Arnold 500 miles each. All members of the flight squadron would receive Distinguished Service medals and would be permitted to accept the decorations offered by foreign governments. The plan goes to Congress for final approval.

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CURTAIN FALLS ON PROCEEDINGS OF 1924 COUNCIL

Valedictory of Aldermanic Members Voiced Last Night

The City Council last evening brought its proceedings to an end with farewell speeches. Aldermen were thanked by Mayor Hayward for co-operation...

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extend to them a prosperous New Year. Alderman Todd associated himself with the Mayor's remarks...

His REAL FAREWELL Alderman Sangster prefaced his remarks by the statement that he would never speak as an alderman of Victoria again...

THE OPPOSITION Alderman Woodward said he had been called upon to lead the opposition. He spoke highly of Alderman Sangster as one who looked differences in the face.

GRAIFLOWER P.T.A. The Cradleflower Parent-Teachers Association will not hold their monthly meeting on Friday, January 2...

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CITY WILL RETURN OVERPAID TAXES

Leak of News at City Hall From Which Lawyer Profits

Remarkable Episode Reported to Council by Mayor Hayward

The method of obtaining the information was more surprising than the actual fact. It was stated by Mayor Hayward that a certain official "whom I have not been able to disclose" had informed a local lawyer of the circumstances...

HOW FACT WAS USED

Then the lawyer, whose name he did not disclose, went to the council and asked for twenty per cent. commission on a "certain matter of business" where he said he could collect money for them.

SAYS PRACTICE DISHONEST

His Worship said that the treasurer would have given this notice, but was expressly bound by the instruction of preceding councils only to pay up when called upon. Personally, he said, the Mayor's practice was entirely paid off on November 11, 1924...

THE POLICY OF INVESTMENT OF SINKING FUNDS IN LONG TERM SECURITIES has been continued, the object being to secure a steady income in some form as possible to the date the city's own obligations have to be met.

TAXATION Although the tax rate for 1924 was slightly less than 1923, namely 23.40 as against 23.72, the rate in some instances was increased owing to the fact that the tax on improvements was increased from 35 per cent. to 50 per cent. in 1924.

TAXES PAID TWICE The Mayor, remarking that it was surprising that the matter had been overlooked, though it had been mentioned in the recent annual reports of the corporation, mentioned that this year several well-known business firms had paid their taxes twice, and in one case there was an over-payment of 62 1/2 per cent.

Military Orders By Lieut.-Colonel H. M. Urquhart, D.S.O., M.C., A.D.C., commanding 1st Battalion (16th C.E.F.) the Canadian Scottish Regiment...

MAJOR REVIEWS WORK OF YEAR OPTIMISTICALLY

Retiring Municipal Head Reports on Departmental Activities

Collections Indicate Improvements in All Branches

Mayor Hayward's report to the council and citizens of Victoria on the second year of his term in the mayoralty, as presented to the City Council last evening, indicated that the city had passed through the post-war period successfully and could now look forward to rapid recovery. In spite of financial problems of an exceptional character, the city has met its obligations, balanced its budget and collected more taxes than for many years when considered from a percentage basis.

FINANCE

The general debt of the city has been increased from \$10,168,077 to \$11,889,587, owing to the amount of \$1,721,510 for the bank draft of previous years, amounting to \$585,000. Debentures paid off amounted to \$63,490.

The usual bank loan authorized for the year amounted to \$1,100,000 but it was not found necessary to borrow more than \$350,000, which was entirely paid off on November 11, 1924. It might be noted that the amount borrowed in 1923 was \$1,060,000.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION Notwithstanding the fact that 42 more building permits were issued in 1924 than in 1923, the total value of the permits issued was \$1,838,000, a slight decrease from the previous year. In view of the prevailing business depression, however, these figures are not at all discouraging.

LAND DEPARTMENT The responsibilities of this department continue to increase and a wise and prudent policy of administration of the city's reversionary lands is being pursued.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT It will be conceded that the general health of a city, its rate of infant mortality, its freedom from the prevalence of serious infectious disease, will weigh heavily for or against, with intending settlers. Victoria has been greatly to be envied in this respect.

WATER WORKS A new twelve-inch main to feed the Poul Bay district was extended from the existing twelve-inch main at Richmond Street to Poul Bay. Owing to some delay in the shipment of pipes the full benefit of this extension will not be felt until next summer.

LEGISLATIVE The city has been comparatively free from litigation during the year...



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except for the case of the Westholme Lumber Company Limited, in liquidation, in which the mandamus order of the Supreme Court directing the city to proceed with the determination by neutral engineer, of all matters in dispute without limitations as to the scope of his work, was reversed in favor of the city by the Court of Appeal.

ASSESSMENTS

This department has been very active during the year and considerable reductions were made where deemed necessary. The net assessment on land was reduced by \$1,464,863 and the assessment on improvements was increased by \$470,170, making a net reduction on the assessment roll of \$994,693.

LIBRARY It is with regret that I have to record the resignation of Miss Helen G. Stewart, head librarian for the past twelve years. Miss Stewart's enviable reputation in her chosen sphere of work is more than a local one and I am sure the best wishes of the citizens of Victoria go with her in her future career.

POLICE Although the annual report in this department is usually made through another channel it is worthy of mention that the City Police, under Chief John Fry, maintain their high standard of efficiency. The city is practically free from the undesirable and criminal element, and seventy-five per cent of all stolen property was recovered by the Police Department in 1924.

MARKET The City Market steadily increases in public favor. All sections show increased revenue but this has not reached its maximum as all available space is rented. Numerous improvements have been carried out during the year both for the comfort of stallholders and the convenience of patrons generally.

HOME FOR AGED MEN There are at present thirty-six inmates in this Home. Seven were admitted during the year and there were six deaths. A new water supply was installed which has been of great benefit.

STREET LIGHTING Although no large appropriation was made in 1924 for street lighting, this service has been gradually extended during the year and extra lights were installed at all points where there was a need for public safety. There is still room for addition to the present system but the whole of the city is now covered and no inconvenience is caused.

During the year new arrangements were entered into with the Jubilee and St. Joseph's Hospitals concerning the maintenance and care of indigent patients, which has proved mutually satisfactory. The

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Sale of Silk Hosiery, Values to \$2.00, Pair 79c All Wool Sports Hose from Scotland, Pair 89c Very Special Value Ribbed Hose in brown, grey, coating and black; good weight and perfect fitting; sizes 9, 9 1/2 and 10. Boys' Black Worsted Hose, Pair 75c Penman's All Wool Cashmere Hose, Pair 98c Heavy All Wool Ribbed Stockings, double texture feet, splendid quality; very durable; all sizes to 10 1/2.

Half Price Sale of Women's Bathrobes Children's Wool Gloves Garments of padded silk and eiderdown in dainty plain shades and floral effects, all popular full length styles and all sizes. All \$7.00 Bathrobes, Sale, each \$3.50 All \$12.50 Bathrobes, Sale, each \$6.25 All \$9.50 Bathrobes, Sale, each \$4.75

any way promote the interests of my native city, Victoria. Three Funerals in Portland Family Portland, Ore., Dec. 20--Funeral arrangements for the bodies of Charles E. Adams, his mother, Mrs. Mary L. Adams, and her granddaughter, Miss Marjorie Adams, who were gassed to death here last Friday by a defective furnace, are awaiting the arrival of relatives from out of town. Mrs. Thomas W. ("Smoky") Harris, another granddaughter of Mrs. Mary Adams, is expected to arrive here early tomorrow. She is coming from Boston, where her husband is playing professional hockey. A niece of Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Ella Pearson, resides in Seattle.

U. S. GRAIN EXPORTS Washington, Dec. 30--Grain exports from the United States last week were 2,357,000 bushels, as compared with 5,283,000 the previous week. Canadian grain shipped from United States ports last week amounted to 2,052,000 bushels, as against 2,363,000 the previous week.

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