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GERMAN LINE BROKEN BELOW DIXMUDE

ALLIES STOP ENEMY FROM MOVING EAST

German Claim of Victory Against Russia in Poland Appears Premature

MUCH ENTHUSIASM IS WASTED BY BERLINERS

Petrograd Has Report That the Enemy Has Found Lodz Useless to Them

London, Dec. 19.—The co-ordination of military movements in the east and west which has been observed since the commencement of the war is now shown in a striking way in the offensive movement of the allies in Northern France and Flanders, keeping the Germans engaged and preventing them from sending reinforcements eastward. The allies claim gains in Flanders and France during the past few days which are said to counter-balance German advances in Poland. Progress of the allies in the vicinity of La Bassée, where the Germans cling to their positions for weeks, is regarded here as particularly noteworthy, as the German spear point there has been a problem.

The advance of the allies thus far has been slow, but military critics expect it to gain impetus. British and French military writers say that the doubts expressed by them of the correctness of the German announcement that a historic victory had been won over the Russians in Poland are borne out by the apparent lessening of enthusiasm at Berlin, where the atmosphere during the last two days was surcharged with exuberant rejoicing. The Berlin Vorwärts rebukes its colleagues for what it calls their exaggerated deductions from the vague information available.

It is evident that Grand Duke Nicholas has drawn in a portion of the Russian front from the Lovicz-flow line to entrenchments nearer Warsaw. There has been no admission from Petrograd, however, of serious reverses in the field of operations along the Vistula river, such as must necessarily have preceded a general German victory. It is regarded here as quite possible that the Teutonic allies have scored successes in some localities, although there is no information available as to their time or location.

The reverse which Petrograd says the Germans have suffered in the region of Mawa, near the East Prussian frontier, is believed in London to have interfered with the operations of the Germans along the Vistula. It is asserted indignantly at Petrograd that the Germans have evacuated Lodz, finding that city of no greater strategic value to them than it was to the Russians. Last night's official communications from the Russian war office stated definitely that all Austro-German attacks along the left bank of the Vistula which have been in progress for several days have been checked. Whatever are the facts of the situation in the Vistula region, the present situation there apparently is exerting no influence on the crucial operations in the south around Cassan.

The Russian forces which are threatening the old Polish capital and Silesian frontier remained fixed in their positions and the Austrian rally which brought back Teutonic forces across the Carpathians seems to have met with a check.

GLAD HEARTS IN THANN WHERE FRENCH NOW RULE

First French Court Established with Simple Ceremony and Judge Appointed.

Paris, Dec. 14.—The first French court in the reconquered territory at Thann, Alsace, was installed yesterday with a ceremonial that was dramatic in its simplicity. The courtroom was crowded with girls in picturesque Alsatian costumes and old men who had waited forty odd years for the day when France should return to Alsace. The courtroom was silent until the guest of honor of dragoons posted back of the dais drew their sabres at the word of command from their officers. Another officer then entered the room and advanced to the judge's desk and said: "In the name of the French people, the low sobbing of an old Alsatian unable to restrain his emotion interrupted the officer, but after a short pause he continued, "and by virtue of the instructions of the general commanding the first army we declare Monsieur— Judge of Thann with jurisdiction," etc.

The young people rushed cheering in to the street while the old men remained for a while in their places in ostentatious.

TWO CANADIANS ARE TO RECEIVE TITLES IN NEW YEAR'S LIST

London, Dec. 19.—A London correspondent of a Manchester paper says: "Canada's co-operation with the mother country in her present troubles will receive acknowledgment by two announcements in the New Year's honors list published by the colonial office. One of these distinctions will go for services rendered on this side, and the other will recognize the work done in Canada."

HUNDRED AND THREE DIE AT HARTLEPOOL

Children Were Going to School or Taking Fathers' Breakfasts When Struck

London, Dec. 19.—"Murder." That is what men call it here as they pass from hand to hand photographs of the killed Scarborough children, photographs of babies two, three and four years old, laughing, merry-faced, how their German shrapnel. Not much said beyond monosyllables, but a deep wave of anger has passed over our people, silent and fierce, such as one has never known before. Newspapers print pictures of the slain children. No comment is needed; recruiting has taken a sudden jump.

The public resent the action of the authorities in attempting, at first, to minimize the amount of losses. The latest figures given for Hartlepool are 103 killed, 150 severely wounded and 294 slightly wounded. The original official figures for these places were 22 killed and 44 wounded.

The Telegraph's special correspondent at Hartlepool says: "Some of the shrapnel-stricken youngsters were bearing their fathers' breakfasts, others were setting out for school. At least half a dozen babies were killed in their mothers' arms. Some members of poorer families do not yet know the fate of their brothers and sisters."

Scarborough, Dec. 19.—The authorities, especially those concerned with coast defence, are investigating some strange coincidences in connection with the German raid. All the facts point to intimate knowledge of the localities bombarded on the part of the commanders of the German warships.

It may be said that it is easy to gain exact acquaintance with the position of a railway station, for instance, by the use of an ordinary map or the ordinary plan of a town, but the German gunners went further than that. They directed their fire at houses, hotels and other buildings where, until recently, some of the Yorkshire dragoons, yeomanry, and territorials were quartered for training purposes. In only one case did these premises escape damage.

AUSTRALIA ADMINISTERS ISLANDS JAPAN TOOK

Col. Pathbridge Has Been Appointed Commissioner to Direct Affairs There.

Sydney, New South Wales, Dec. 19.—Col. Pathbridge, secretary to the Australian defence department, who commands the naval and military expeditionary force to the Pacific islands, has been appointed commissioner for the Pacific islands. Mr. Pearce, the Commonwealth minister of defence, states that Japan, having temporarily occupied certain of the islands previously held by Germany, has now handed them over to the Australian administration. To this end an Australian force will be dispatched and will remain in occupation of the conquered islands until the termination of the war, when the ultimate disposal of the islands will be considered by the allied powers.

GERMANS USING BIG ARTILLERY AT LILLE

Northern France, Dec. 19.—The Germans have again brought their heavy guns into play northwest of Lille. They bombarded Armentieres Wednesday night. Their shells fell in the town at the rate of two a minute for several hours. The allied artillery replied with great effect. The general action which is now in progress is expected to continue several days.

MUST TAKE WARSAW IN WEEK OR GIVE UP

Field Marshal Von Hindenberg Marching on Polish Capital in Force

CITY PROBABLY WILL WITHSTAND ONSLAUGHT

Railroads Aid German Commander While Russian Reinforcements Are Slow

London, Dec. 19.—Telegraphing from Warsaw under yesterday's date, Stanley Washburn, special correspondent of the London Times, says:

"Field Marshal von Hindenberg, at the head of a great German army, suddenly-reinforced, is advancing on the Polish capital. 'The Germans are within about thirty miles of Warsaw on the north-west. They have brought superior forces against the Russian centre. Unless the German field marshal can take Warsaw within a week, however, I believe all hope of his doing so will be gone forever. 'A concentration of fresh Russian troops will prevent German success if von Hindenberg can be held off a few days, perhaps a few hours. At this moment, in spite of the rapid advance of the Germans, the best sources of information within Warsaw lead me to believe that the city will withstand the onslaught. 'Von Hindenberg has shown military talent of the highest order in the method and manner of his attack and in his extraordinary energy in concentrating troops at the vital point, in spite of Russia's superiority of numbers. He is greatly aided by the network of railways on the German frontier behind the German army, while the poor and sparse railroads of Russian Poland make Russian reinforcements slow."

"The country between Warsaw and the present battle-front is however, admirable defensive ground, and is now strongly fortified. There are innumerable lines of trenches between Skierniewice and Warsaw."

KING IS CONVINCED HUSSEIN KEMAL WILL MAKE GOOD KHEDIVE

London, Dec. 19.—King George to-day sent a message to Hussein Kemal, whose appointment as sultan of Egypt was announced yesterday, assuring him of his sincere friendship and unflinching support in safeguarding the integrity of Egypt.

"Your highness has been called to undertake the responsibility of your high office at a grave crisis in the national life of Egypt," the message continues. "I am convinced that you will be able, with the co-operation of your ministers and the protectorate of Great Britain, successfully to overcome all influences which are seeking to destroy the independence of Egypt and the wealth, liberty and happiness of its people."

ARMORED TRAIN BLOWN UP.

Amsterdam, Dec. 19.—According to the Budapest newspaper, Pesti Naplo, an armored train en route from Namburg to the Carpathians with ammunition and food has been blown up.

BRITISH PORTS BOMBARDED

An enemy's bombs have fallen in British ports and killed some of our fellow-countrymen. Does not this bring the war close home? With

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PARIS--OFFICIAL REPORTS--BERLIN

French Statement Tells of Successes Won by Troops at Many Points

Paris, Dec. 19.—The French war office this afternoon gave out the following announcement: "During the day of December 18 we organized in Belgium the territory won generally to the south of Dixmude and we advanced our front to the south of the inn at Korteker."

"Our advance to the south of Ypres has been continued over a very difficult and swampy territory. 'From the Lys to the Oise we have progressed in the region of Notre Dame Consolation to the south of La Bassée, by more than one kilometre. During the past two days we also made progress in the direction of Carency, St. Laurent and Bligny."

"In spite of very spirited counter attacks, the positions taken by us December 17 has been retained. 'In the region of Albert during the night of December 17-18 and during the day of the 18th, we advanced under a very violent fire of the enemy and we reached the barbed wire entanglements of the second line of German trenches. To the north of Maricourt we were obliged to abandon a trench occupied by the night before and set on fire by the enemy by means of hand grenades."

"Several German trenches have been occupied in the region of Mamets and in the vicinity of Lyons three violent counter attacks on the part of the Germans have been repulsed."

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT ON VISIT TO TORONTO

Review of Troops Delayed Until 10 o'Clock on Account of Bad Weather

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 19.—At the exhibition grounds to-day the four thousand troops were in their places for review by the Duke of Connaught shortly after 9.30 a.m. At twenty minutes to ten there came a message to the officer commanding as follows: "On account of the weather H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught has decided not to review the troops at the concentration camp."

Ten minutes later the grounds were bare but for the flags which still marked the places in the slush where the men had been drawn up.

Promptly at 10 o'clock, however, the Duke arrived, preceded by Lieut.-Col. Hendrie. He went at once to the transportation building, inspecting the troops there and then to other troop quarters. The duke was accompanied by Col. Sir Henry Pellatt and Aides-de-camp Col. Stanton and Major Duff of Ottawa. Major Duff, it may be mentioned, has just returned from Europe, having been invalided home because of wounds. The duke inspected the battalion by companies, chatting with the officers and speaking a few words to each of the non-commissioned officers and a number of the men.

Following the inspection the 19th battalion reformed and marched past the duke in a column of platoons, afterwards breaking off into their regular daily routine of drill, which the governor-general watched with interest. The transportation building was then filled by the 30th battalion, under Col. Angus, whose inspection was made. The mounted rifles followed, after which the duke lunched. He will inspect quarters later to-day.

Captain Morrison, of the 19th battalion, was asked as to the number of Canadians in his company. "I have eighty-four Canadians, your royal highness," stated the captain. "Excellent," replied the duke.

PUDDINGS FOR MEN IN SERVICE AT CHRISTMAS

Half-Million "Plum Duffs" Sent to Fleet and to Camps of Soldiers.

London, Dec. 19.—Every man in British uniform, on land and sea, will have plum pudding for his Christmas dinner. The Christmas pudding fund has raised a sum amounting to over \$10,000 and provides over 500,000 puddings. These have been dispatched to the fleet in the North Sea and elsewhere and to such distant points as Gibraltar, Malta and Cyprus and also to the battle-line.

Even the interned men in Holland who escaped annihilation by the Germans following the attack on Antwerp only by crossing the border of a neutral country, will have their pudding on Christmas Day.

German Report is Meagre in Length and Also in Information

Berlin, Dec. 19.—By wireless to London.—An official statement was given out in Berlin to-day as follows: "Yesterday there took place a series of hostile attacks in the western arena of the war. The fighting continues at Nieuport, Bixchoote and La Bassée. We repulsed attacks of the enemy to the west of Lens, east of Albert and west of Noyon."

"On the East Prussian frontier a Russian cavalry attack to the west of Pillkallen was repulsed. 'In Poland the pursuit of the enemy continues."

"In the region of the Aisne there have been artillery engagements, and in Champagne the artillery of the enemy showed December 18 inactivity as compared to the 17th."

"In the Argonne, the forest of La Gruri, we blew up a German undermining trench. Near St. Hubert the enemy, by a very spirited attack, succeeded in making slight progress. 'It has been confirmed that on the heights of the Meuse our fire, directed by aviators, demolished two heavy batteries of the enemy and damaged a third battery. 'From the Meuse to the Vosges there is nothing to report. In the Vosges there has been spirited German rifle firing, but no attacks."

ABBAS HILMI, MISER, ONLY MILKED EGYPT

General Satisfaction Expressed at Bold Action of Protection by Britain

London, Dec. 19.—General satisfaction is expressed at the bold action of the Radical government in clearing up the position in Egypt, where, it is evident, Germany has been busy for many months trying to brew mischief. Lord Cromer, who, of course, is the highest living authority on Egypt, writes the Times correcting the impression that this is tantamount to annexation. All the British government has done is to terminate the Turkish suzerainty over Egypt and declare a British protectorate. This does not relieve Egypt from the payment, annually, of \$550,000 designated as tribute to Turkey. That money will continue, as hitherto, to come to London to be devoted to the service of the two imperial-Ottoman loans secured upon these annual payments.

The Times especially welcomes the overthrow of Abbas Hilmi, with his mischievous tendencies. It says: "He cared little for the welfare of his people who, in their turn, disliked him, though they respected his dynasty. He regarded Egypt as a milk cow and Egypt will be happier for his disappearance and regard his fate without regret."

Other comments look for a great development of Egyptian prosperity under new methods. The way in which the change in Egypt was carried out is regarded as a striking evidence of the harmony prevailing among the allies. The Daily Mail says they are a band of brothers whose mutual regard is increasing the longer they are thrown together.

RELIEF SHIP DORIE HAS ARRIVED AT DEVONPORT

Canadian Vessel With Goods for Belgians Will Reach Rotterdam Sunday.

London, Dec. 19.—The second Canadian relief ship, Dorie, carrying supplies for the stricken Belgians, has arrived at Devonport and expects to reach Rotterdam to-morrow. This makes 6,000 tons of Canadian gifts, food and clothing. Commissioners returning to London from Holland tell of the deep sense of gratitude with which the Canadian gifts are received. Nova Scotia, whose ship, the Tremorvah, was the first to arrive, has won imperishable fame among the grateful and destitute recipients. Mr. Hoover, the American relief commissioner, who is cordially assisting the Canadian commission, says 80,000 tons of cereal per month is needed to keep the Belgian refugees from starvation. Wheat especially is wanted.

GERMAN AEROPLANE IS STRANDED ON FANO ISLE

London, Dec. 19.—A Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company reports that a German aeroplane has been stranded on the Danish island of Fano in the North Sea, off the west coast of Jutland. The aviators, an officer and a soldier, were arrested and will be interned in Denmark.

U. S. TROOPS AT NACO.

Naco, Ariz., Dec. 19.—The sixth brigade of infantry, reinforcing the American cavalry troops already here, began to arrive to-day. It is expected that most of the brigade will arrive by night.

WEEK OF SUCCESS FOR ALLIED TROOPS IN WEST FLANDERS

Important Points in Coast Section of Western War Area Captured, Advancing Army Now Pushing Its Way to Ostend.

British and French Are at Gates of Lille, Germans Being Forced Out at Bayonet Point to Roubaix and Tourcoing.

Rome, Dec. 19.—A Times correspondent in Northern France, writing under date of Thursday says: "The allies have advanced. Their troops are reported to have passed Middlekerke and to have broken through the German line just below Dixmude."

London, Dec. 18.—The Daily Chronicle prints the following dispatch which is dated Northern France:

"A week of successes for the allies has followed the resumption of hostilities in Flanders and vicinity. Roulers has been captured after four fierce assaults on the German trenches outside the town. The floods between Dixmude and Nieuport have been surrounded by the allied troops, who have pushed northward from Dixmude and southward from Nieuport and have joined forces on the northeastern side of the floods. Repeated bayonet attacks have been pushed home at Lombaertzyde, with the result that our patrols have advanced to Middlekerke, a few kilometres from Ostend.

Belgians Carry Oostkerke on Fourth Charge.

"The fighting on the borders of the flooded area was particularly fierce. The Belgians advanced toward the entrenched positions of the Germans at Oostkerke, but were driven back by the well-posted guns of the enemy. Three times they rallied to charge and three times they were repulsed. The fourth assault, however, crowned the gallantry of the Belgians with success and the trenches were carried at the point of the bayonet.

"So interwoven were the allied and German trenches in this region that the defeat of the enemy at Oostkerke was responsible for the capture of nearly 1,000 German prisoners. They were caught in parties varying from 30 to 300 in number.

"For a time the reckless dash of two armored automobiles into the Belgian lines nearly saved the situation for the Germans. The cars were fired upon with deadly effect and they were compelled to withdraw.

French and British at Gates of Lille.

"The wounded are beginning to arrive at the base hospitals. The German casualties are reported to be very heavy.

"Our sweeping offensive has been no less successful to the south. The French and British troops have arrived at the gates of Lille. Fierce bayonet fighting in the streets of this great industrial city is reported, and a general withdrawal of the main German force to Tourcoing and Roubaix has taken place."

CABLED REPORT IS GREECE WILL FIGHT

Montreal, Que., Dec. 19.—A cable from Rome to-day says: "It is reported in diplomatic circles here that Greece will formally declare war on Turkey within twenty-four hours."

PATRICIA REGIMENT TO USE BRITISH RIFLES

Not Known Officially That Ross Weapon Has Been Abandoned for Lee-Enfield.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The government has had no official advice regarding the reported discarding of the Ross rifle by the Princess Patricia's regiment, and knows nothing more than is contained in the cabled dispatch which appeared in the morning papers. The suggestion is made by officials of the militia department that, as the men of the Princess Patricia's regiment were nearly all old service men who were accustomed to the Lee-Enfield they preferred the British service rifle to the Canadian weapon.

GERMAN CASUALTIES ADMITTED AS 1,200,000

Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 19.—Statistics showing that Germany has lost 1,200,000 men killed, wounded and captured appeared in Swiss and German newspapers to-day.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—A total of 22,601 dead, wounded and missing is shown in casualty lists published here to-day, including these lists—the German losses along the Yser, as thus far published, are 30,000.

LATE NIGHT WAR NEWS

PEACE OF EUROPE NOT YET, BISHOP'S OPINION

German Court Chaplain Also Declines to Sign an Appeal to Churches

London, Dec. 18.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The Archbishop of Canterbury and Dr. Bryander, the German court chaplain, have refused to sign an appeal addressed to the Christian churches urging them, among other things, "seriously to keep peace before their eyes in order that bloodshed soon may cease."

The appeal has been signed by many prominent divines, including Bishop Greer, of New York, and Bishop Tuttle, of St. Louis. But although both the Anglican prelate and the German doctor of divinity are in entire accord with the signatories as the correspondence just published makes plain, in devoutly hoping God may ordain that peace shall soon be restored, each is of the opinion, apparently that the only peace to be desired is that founded on the triumphant demonstration of the righteousness of his country's cause.

Dr. Bryander takes strong exception to a paragraph of the appeal which reads: "The tangle of underlying and active causes which accumulate in the course of time, and the proximate events which led to the breaking of peace, are left to history to unravel."

He declares it would be impossible for him to sign that statement.

ABBAS HILMI PASHA NO LONGER KHEDIVE



PRINCE HUSSEIN WILL BE EGYPT'S NEW RULER

Is Uncle of Former Khedive and is Under British Protectorate

London, Dec. 18.—It is officially announced that Prince Hussein Kemel has been appointed to succeed the Khedive of Egypt, the Abbas Hilmi. Prince Hussein Kemel will take the title of sultan. The new sultan is an uncle of Abbas Hilmi.

The official press bureau, in its announcement of the appointment, says: "Prince Hussein Kemel is the eldest living prince of the family of Mehmet Ali, has accepted the sultan of Egypt post."

In a letter to Prince Hussein on the appointment, the British acting high commissioner for Egypt, Mr. Milne Cheetham, details the efforts which he says, Britain made to avoid war with Turkey, but which were frustrated by Mr. Cheetham states that there is ample evidence that Abbas Hilmi has thrown in his lot with the enemies of Great Britain, with the result "that the rights over the Egyptian executive by the sultan of Turkey and the late khedive are forfeited."

In inviting Prince Hussein to accept the office as the prince of the family of Mehmet Ali "most worthy to occupy the khedival position with the title and style of sultan of Egypt," Mr. Cheetham announces that Great Britain accepts all the responsibilities for the defence of the territories under the new sultan; that all Egyptian subjects will be entitled to the protection of Great Britain; that with the disappearance of the Ottoman suzerainty the restrictions placed by Ottoman firms upon the numbers and organization of the army will disappear, that the relations with foreign powers will be conducted by a British representative in Cairo, and that the religious convictions of the Egyptian subjects will be respected scrupulously.

In connection with his letter, the commissioner, in a statement to-night, sets forth that, in declaring Egypt free from obedience to Constantinople, Great Britain was animated by no hostility toward the empire, and that in any movement to strengthen and improve Mohammedan institutions the sultan will have the support of the government.

The promise is made that, after the war the treaties will be revised, and that, "in such measure as the degree of enlightenment of public opinion may permit," the government will be entrusted with the task of government.

The opinion is expressed by many here that a clearer definition of Great Britain's position in Egypt will accelerate progress toward self-government in that country.

Abbas Hilmi arrived in Vienna to-day, according to a dispatch received in London.

Great Britain has recognized the French protectorate over Morocco and declared its adherence to the Franco-Moroccan treaty of March, 1912.

The Franco-Moroccan treaty of 1912 instituted a French protectorate over Morocco, with a French resident-general, who exercises civil and military powers under the sovereignty of the sultan. The treaty proclaimed the religious freedom of the people and gave France the right to enter into military occupation of any points for the maintenance of order.

Previously France and Germany had signed a convention, whereby Germany's commercial and industrial interests were not to be impeded, and Germany undertook not to hinder the establishment of a protectorate.

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CANADA HAD WAR BOOK AND WAS QUITE READY

Prime Minister Thinks Canadian Troops Will Go to France Soon

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 18.—In August of this year the Empire, including Canada, was at war. But in July the Canadian government's "war book" had been completed and the Dominion was not caught wholly unprepared. To-night at a meeting under the auspices of the Canadian club, Sir Robert Borden told the story of Canada's first war book, created after the manner of the war book of the imperial government, as prepared by the imperial defence committee, which gathered together and co-ordinated the war plans of all the various departments of responsible government.

The imperial defence committee, Sir Robert said, consisted of the prime minister of Britain and the more important ministers who called into their deliberations, as required, naval, military and department experts and technical officers. They formulated their plans to meet the need of any war into which the Empire might be thrown, and set forth the results of their labors in the "war book."

Up to January of this year there had been no such committee in Canada charged with preparations of defence, but in that month Premier Borden called together a conference of the deputy heads of the various departments of the government, instructing them to take the necessary precautions for the proper operating and safeguarding of their work in the event of war. Major Gordon Hall, director of military operations, and Lieutenant R. N. Stevens, director of gunnery, were joint secretaries, while the Governor-General's military secretary was also in attendance.

The work thus commenced saw its completion in July, only a few weeks before the war broke out, and, said the premier, "it is impossible to over-estimate the advantage of the steps thus taken. While war was impending, and when it broke out, measures which were immediately and urgently necessary were taken instantly, and with an entire absence of confusion."

Referring to the contingent now at Salisbury Plain, Sir Robert said: "There is every reason to anticipate that before many weeks our forces on Salisbury Plain will be in the fighting line."

As to the fighting in France, he stated that he was in a position to give assurance that the success of the allied armies up to the present time was all and more than had been anticipated by Great Britain and France.

LAST CASUALTY LIST

London, Dec. 18.—The casualty list issued to-night from the headquarters of the expeditionary force is:

Killed—Bruce, Capt. the Hon. H. L. Royal Scots Guards; Percival, Major C. V. N., Rifle Brigade; Rastick, Lieut. U., Northamptonshire regiment; Temple, Capt. A. H. W., Suffolk regiment; Todrick, Capt. T., Royal Scots.

Died of wounds—Carnett, Berthold, Capt., C. S., Bedfordshire regiment; Neaville, Capt. L. J. N., Royal Scots.

Wounded—Crackanthorpe, Capt. O. M., D. S. O., Border regiment; Delleys, Second Lieut., Argyll and Sutherland regiment; Lecky, Lieut. J. R., Royal Fusiliers; Rose, Second Lieut., Seaforth Highlanders; Sandison, Lieut. L. M., Scots Borderers; Simpson, Second Lieut. W. H., East Surrey regiment; Smith, Second Lieut. J., Gordon Highlanders; Vasey, Capt. P. E., Leicester regiment; Macdonald, Second Lieut., Scots Cameronians.

Wounded and prisoner—Forester, Capt. L. A., Cheshire regiment.

Captain the Hon. Henry Lyndhurst Bruce, was the eldest son of Lord Clifford, an American actress, whom he met while she was playing in an American musical production in London.

Early in November Captain the Hon. H. B. Bruce, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, was reported killed, and as there was no officer of this name on the British army list it was assumed that Captain Henry Lyndhurst Bruce was meant. The report from London shows this surmise to have been erroneous.

COLLIER OXFORD CAUGHT BY EMPRESS OF JAPAN

Paris, Dec. 18.—The ministry of marine announced to-day that the British auxiliary cruiser Empress of Japan had captured the collier Oxford, having on board three officers and forty men from the German cruiser Emden, sunk November 10 by the Australian cruiser Sydney. These are the forty men who escaped from Coos Island and subsequently sailed away in a commandeered schooner.

SEVENTY THOUSAND ARE EXPECTED AT ANTWERP

Rotterdam, Dec. 18.—During the last three days refugees have been arriving from Heyst after being told to leave for the Netherlands, as something very serious was imminent. They tramped all the way, accompanied by sentries on the coast. At Antwerp 70,000 troops are expected to arrive within the next few days.

"RANJI" GOING TO WAR

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FRANCE DID NOT WANT WAR, FINANCES PROVE IT

Finance Minister Says Most Pressing Need is Re-establishing of Nation's Credit.

SPOKO-CARNARVON ON FALKLAND NAVAL BATTLE

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 18.—The commandant of the Argentine cruiser Spoko-Carnarvon, which has just come into port, relates that in the Gulf of Neuvo he met the British cruiser Carnarvon and exchanged visits with her commanding officer.

TROOPS OF FRANCE ARE GIVEN WOOL CLOTHING

Paris, Dec. 18.—French troops at the front have been supplied by the war office for the coming winter campaign with large quantities of woolen blankets, sweaters, woolen builds to wrap around their bodies and woolen caps which protect the ears and the neck and throat.

EDITORS IN BRUSSELS DECLINE TO PUBLISH

Amsterdam, Dec. 18.—Efforts of General von Bissing, the governor of Belgium, to induce the leading newspapers of Brussels and Antwerp to resume publication have proved to be futile. The editors of these newspapers informed the governor that so long as Belgium's king was absent from Brussels and the German censorship continued, the papers would not be published.

CONVICTION ANNULLED

London, Dec. 18.—The court of criminal appeal, consisting of the lord chief justice, Lord Reading, and four other justices, to-day annulled the conviction of Nicholas Ahlers, who on December 10 was found guilty of treason and sentenced to death. Ahlers, a naturalized Britisher, formerly was German consul in Sunderland, borough. He was accused of having aided German reservists to reach their country after the outbreak of the war.

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AUSTRIANS SURRENDER AT GREAT DUKLA PASSES

Petrograd, Dec. 18.—Austria has fallen heavily between two stools. The substantial army, whose withdrawal from Serbia enabled the Serbians to re-enter their capital, has been halted and thrown back, while still four days march from the eastern end of the Galician battle-line. This Austrian army, which mounted the Carpathians from Hungary, found each of the two passes, east and west of the great Dukla pass, blocked by the Russians, and the entire force had to present itself, exposed, on snow-covered slopes. There they encountered a Russian army, which closed in crescent formation upon the exhausted, freezing columns, whose forced marches had been in vain. They are now surrendering in thousands.

Germany's answer to the Russians' steadily-improving position in Western Galicia is given in the wooded, swampy plains of the north bank of the Buzza, between Lovicz and Serechahy, whether she is throwing strong reinforcements brought from the frontier by railway via Thorn, Kattow, Kallaz and Lodz. The Germans suffered terrible losses daily in an effort to compel Russia to withdraw part of her strength from East Prussia or Cracow.

HOW GLASGOW ESCAPED FOURTEEN-KNOT SHIP WHEN GOOD HOPE SANK RACED FROM CRUISER

Was Struck by Five of Six Hundred Shells but Got Out of Range

London, Dec. 19.—The Times prints a letter from an officer aboard the Glasgow, dated November 3, giving a vivid narrative of the naval fight off the Chilean coast. Describing the search of the British squadron up and down the coast for the enemy's warships, the writer says that although they could not locate them they heard their secret and friendly wireless stations talking in code.

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"In these circumstances the master of the Ortega took a heroic resolve. He called for volunteers to stoke his vessel that spent met with a hearty response. Firemen, engineers and volunteers stripped to the waist, all working with zeal and the master assured us that they succeeded in shaking the old ship (she was built in 1905) up to a good 18 knots.

"The master headed his ship straight for the entrance to a passage known as the Nelson Strait, and he made for the strait at full speed, hotly pursued by the German cruiser, which kept firing at him with two heavy howitzers. Luckily none of the shots took effect and the Ortega succeeded in entering Nelson's Strait, where the German cruiser did not dare follow her.

"I told the captain who gave the orders to bring them astern and put on full speed so we could draw out of range. We went in a west-north-westerly direction, coming gradually around to the south, steering for the Magellan Straits in order to warn our battleship Canopus, which was coming up from the southward, to turn and run.

"She was near two hundred miles away also, and we were some hours getting through to her because of continual jamming by the enemy's wireless. It would have been a headless and useless sacrifice of our old ship and 370 odd lives to have remained and engaged the enemy's ships again. Luckily our engines and borders were intact, and we were able to push through the heavy sea at 24 knots and get away to give an account of the action and warn the Canopus, which, although she no doubt would have fought gallantly, could hardly hope to be successful in a fight with five ships."

Ortega Captain Saved 500 French Reservists by Feat of Seamanship

London, Dec. 19.—No more thrilling story of British seamanship has been told since the war began than that contained in two letters communicated for publication by the admiralty. They refer to a remarkable exploit by which the Pacific Steam Navigation company's steamship Ortega escaped from a German cruiser.

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WANTED HIS WIFE TO SHARE IN HIS CRIMES

Police at Cincinnati Searching for \$13,100 Taken by Hold-up Man.

Cincinnati, Dec. 19.—The police still are searching for \$13,100, obtained by Frank G. Hohl, automobile bandit, from the late Mrs. Hohl, who was shot in a pistol fight with three police officers. Patrolman Edward Knaut, shot by Hohl, was operated on to-day and the physicians held out little hope for his recovery.

ITALY REMAINS NEUTRAL TROOPS NOT MOBILIZED

Rome, Dec. 18.—The senate adjourned to-day after a unanimous manifestation in favor of peace. In the course of the session, Premier Salandra expressed the hope that as 1815 would be marked by a lasting peace in which Italy would acquire yet more glory and greatness.

MISSOURI COLLECTS TO ASSIST WAR SUFFERERS

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 19.—This is Charity Day in Missouri by proclamation of the governor, and all the proceeds are to be devoted to the relief of the European war sufferers. Contributions of money or foodstuffs are being solicited by organized workers in every town, large or small, in the state. The cash and foodstuffs would be given to the American relief committee, which will fill a Missouri ship with food and send it during the first week of January.

EXPLORER DEAD

London, Dec. 18.—Archibald Ross Colquhoun, well known as a journalist and explorer, died to-day.

100 LOST ON MESSUDIEH

Athens, via London, Dec. 19.—Semi-official announcement is made here that 100 lives were lost, including some German officers, when the Turkish battleship Messudieh, which was torpedoed by a British submarine sank in the Dardanelles.

AUSTRALIA AT CALLAO

Callao, Dec. 19.—The Australian battleship Australia arrived here last night.

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- 115—Hat Pin Holders, embroidered, 65c, 90c
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- 117—Handkerchief Sachets, in cord silk, 90c and .. \$1.25
- 118—Handkerchief Boxes, with embroidered lids, 90c, \$1.00 .. \$1.00
- 119—Handkerchief Cases of pale blue, and pink silk, \$1.50 .. \$1.75
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THE WAR.

After celebrating what one German newspaper described as a victory equalling in importance Salamis and Leipzig, Berlin and Vienna are now inquiring where it was won. The curiosity is quite legitimate, for as far as the "victory" makers are aware the victory might have been the success of von Hindenburg over von Mackensen in a thrilling game of pinocle. Some quarters aver that the affair took place north of the Bosora, near Lowitz, but as Austria claims half a dozen triumphs from Piotrkow in Poland to the Carpathians, the confusion is not unnatural. If the Teutonic public have drawn any lesson from the war so far it must be that Viennese pretensions always are followed by crushing defeats. In August, hot-foot upon Francis Joseph's manifesto of "victory, after victory" in southern Poland came the debacle in Galicia and the fall of Lemberg. Immediately after the "victorious" advance upon the Vistula and San in September came the German-Austrian defeat before Warsaw. Within a week after the announcement that Serbia was at the end of her resources the Austrian army was almost annihilated and the enraged populace of Budapest are demanding the head of the luckless general who commanded it.

And right there we see the real source of the rosette bulletins issued by Berlin and Vienna. The Hungarian people are overwhelmed with the humiliation inflicted upon them by the Serbian army. In its moral effect the defeat was the most damaging blow the dual monarchy has suffered in any war, which is saying a great deal. The picture of the "triumphant" force, which has just occupied Belgrade, being almost utterly destroyed and the relatively few survivors abandoning everything in their mad flight across the Save and Drina makes them writhe. Angry glances have been cast in the direction of Berlin and Vienna, whose selfishness in refusing to make adequate provision for the success of the Serbian campaign is bitterly denounced, and the feeling that has arisen threatens the very existence of the dual monarchy. To counteract that rapidly rising tide of resentment against Prussianism as well as the depression settling upon the people of Germany, the Berlin and Vienna army authorities have begun to magnify every incident in Poland and Galicia into a decisive victory. The retirement of Russian armies is declared to be a debacle. Hundreds of thousands of prisoners are reported to have been taken. There is no limit to the official assurances given to the anxious public and these are crowned with hastily organized demonstrations to celebrate the latest "victorious" triumph of Teutonic arms. But as far as Hungary is concerned this stage play will not be sufficient. The iron of the Serbian victory has entered into the Hungarian soul. It took place in what they regard as their back yard, while northern Poland is far away.

Undoubtedly the Russians are taking up new positions nearer Warsaw, but aside from the Vienna report there is no information as to the effect this has had upon the Russians threatening West Prussia between Czenstochaya and south Cracow. This movement was menaced by the reinforced German-Austrian forces which threatened the Carpathians, but the Russians claimed to have secured themselves against the menace. It is evident, however, that Russia will play a strictly defensive game in front of Warsaw, but whether she will maintain the pressure in Southwest Poland and West Galicia a few days should determine. The Berlin bulletin in speaking of the "West Prussian front" indicates that the Carr's forces are still along the Silesian border. In the west the gains made by the allies are reaching decisive import-

ance. The French bulletin claims progress northeast of Nieuport and south of Dixmude, in fact along the entire front in Belgium and Northern France. Unofficial reports insist that the allies have reached Middlekerke, a few miles southwest of Ostend and, what is more important, Roulers, twelve miles northeast of Ypres. This movement Rourward is the main allied advance in Flanders, the attack from Nieuport being more of a feint to protect the left flank. Progress beyond Roulers to Thourout and Thiel would ultimately cause the German abandonment of the greater part of the Belgian coast. Likewise progress beyond Labasse, which now seems to be in possession of the allies, means the early reoccupation of Lille and affects the safety of the German line to the Aisne. We are confident that the advance is more marked than the official communiques gives us reason to believe. Even the Berlin bulletin states that the allies are attacking along the whole western front, which is an admission that the Germans are now on the defensive. Thus whatever gains the Germans may make through their reinforced armies in Poland will be more than counterbalanced by the allies' progress in the west, which to Germany is of much more importance.

ALAS, THE GUNHILD!

For some time we have been wondering what has become of the Gunhild. This boat was acquired from W. H. Price by the federal government last spring for the sum of \$12,000 and celebrated her entrance into the quarantine service by being hopelessly beaten in a race between the ocean docks and William Head by the ancient tug Madge, whose incapacity was used as an excuse for her purchase. The strain on the Gunhild in that memorable contest was so terrific that she suffered an attack of palpitation of the boilers and had to undergo a general overhauling in the ships' hospital at Esquimalt.

When she emerged from the solicitous care of the surgeons we were told that her recuperation was complete. She was able to make seven or eight knots without wheezing, and did not even have to stop between the harbor and the quarantine station to catch her second wind. But after a brief spell of service she disappeared. At first we thought she had been commandeered by the admiralty and was absent on some mysterious mission, such as dogging the Leipzig or Nurnberg, but no incoming vessel reported her on the high seas. Yesterday, however, our marine columns cleared away the impenetrable fog which obscured her whereabouts. Tucked away in a cove in Peddar Bay she lies, of little use to anyone, in particular and of no use to the service for which she was purchased. Her boiler is useless and the hull needs repairs.

Mr. Price received for the Gunhild a sum equal to several times her value. In fact, judging by her record since she changed hands, she was in a state of collapse when she was unloaded on the government, and all the tinkering to which she was subjected could not make her worth while. The \$12,000 paid for her and the cost of the repairs which followed her race with the Madge was money thrown away. Thus the potlatch with the funds of the taxpayers goes on.

EGYPT—THE NEW ORDER.

While the destinies of Egypt and its domination, the Sudan, have been under the control of Great Britain for many years, nominally that historic region has continued to be a principality of the Ottoman empire, subject to the rule of a khedive, a title obtained from the Porte by the brilliant but reckless Ismail Pasha half a century ago. It was in 1875 that the province being bankrupt Great Britain and France intervened on behalf of the bondholders, controllers-general being chosen by the two great powers. Resentment of outside domination, however, culminated in a revolution headed by Arabi Pasha, and the campaign which followed led to British occupation of Cairo and the abandonment of the Egyptian army. Ten years ago the establishment of the entente cordiale between Britain and France was signalled by an agreement under which British occupation was unreservedly recognized by the republic, which thus abandoned forever its ancient dream of Egyptian and Oriental conquest.

For centuries Egypt was the pivot upon which swung the foreign policies and imperial aspirations of the statesmen of Europe. It is the halfway house to the Orient. The conquest of India made the occupation of the land of the Pharaohs a necessary corollary of Britain's eastern policy. Napoleon, with his wonderful vision, at once grasped its importance and took possession of it in 1798, but his dream of an Oriental empire was shattered under the guns of Acre. Russia, bidding the time when she would hurl the Turk from Europe, anticipated that Egypt would fall into her lap. A French engineer built the Suez Canal, but through the genius of Disraeli Great Britain acquired possession of the controlling interest and since that time Downing Street slowly but surely

has been firmly establishing its influence at Cairo, radiating from that point over the whole of northeast Africa and making the mother of nations the supreme mistress of the Mediterranean. France, beaten in the race, found compensation elsewhere—in Tunis and Morocco. Italy recently snatched Tripoli from the nervous grasp of the Sultan and the portals of a new era have been opened to one of the most backward countries on the globe.

History presents many striking changes. Great Britain and France warred over Egypt. It was the historic bone of contention between them, for they were, as they are to-day, the two great colonizing powers of the earth. Now they are comrades in arms in a struggle which has made Great Britain the undisputed mistress of that district and its tributary provinces, and which, for the good of the country and the cause of civilization and progress, will establish France and Italy in the remainder of northern Africa. Similarly, Britain and France have consistently blocked the realization of Russia's ambition towards the Bosphorus. Now they are doing what they can to bring to a consummation the project which originated in the fertile mind of Peter the Great.

In the proclamation of a British protectorate over Egypt we see the beginning of the end of the Ottoman empire. It is now clear that the Egyptian populace are heartily behind the power which has done so much to promote the prosperity of their country. Under Britain's guardianship they have enjoyed privileges unheard of in the days of the Sultan's domination and undreamed of by the natives of Germany's African states. Just as Canadians, Australians, New Zealanders and East Indians are ready to die in defence of the liberty they enjoy under the British flag, so are the Egyptians determined to stand behind the great friend who has helped them. A new Khedive has been appointed and the system of government remains as it was, but the link with Turkey has been severed forever.

THE AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

The battle cruiser Australia has reached Callao. We trust she and the other ships of the Australian navy which accompanied her will visit this port before they return across the Pacific. Canada should have some means of showing her appreciation of the splendid services rendered by the gallant unit of which the Australia is the head. The capture of Germany's principal possessions in the Pacific; the destruction of the Emden, which menaced Great Britain's most important trade route, and the protection of the shores of Australia and New Zealand from a bombardment by von Spee's formidable squadron even more disastrous than the harrowing affair off the Yorkshire coast, never will be forgotten. Then in conjunction with the Japanese fleet the Australian ships began the great drive which forced the German squadron to steam into the Atlantic, where they were destroyed. Thus Australia contributed not a little to the glorious victory off the Falkland Islands. But what would have happened had Australia adopted a policy of contributing three ships to the North Sea, where Great Britain already is in overwhelming strength? Every big city of importance on the Australian and New Zealand coasts within range of the German guns would have been laid in ashes and thousands of helpless lives lost. And having finished their mission of destruction in the South Pacific there is little doubt that this formidable squadron of the enemy would have attempted the same operations on this coast. Yet with these facts before them there are a few Bourbons in Canada who still oppose the organization by Canada of a fleet unit or any other kind of naval protection on this coast.

POTSDAM JOKERS.

The German plan of the government controlling the press and inspiring its utterances has some advantages, however temporary they may be. It provides a deluded populace with moments of exaltation. Why should the bourgeois of Berlin be denied their periods of rejoicing? The day will come when they will have to face realities. They no doubt thoroughly enjoyed themselves a few weeks ago when solemnly told that another glorious province had been added to the German empire. The announcement of the annexation of Canada meant for them another long step towards dominating the world. This Dominion comprises half a continent. It would be a simple thing for Teutonic kultur to take the other step and cover the whole of the American continent. With the teachings of the Herr Professors ringing in their ears, why should the German people think there are any obstacles to the consummation of such a grand dream? But after the dream comes the awakening; following the orgy there always comes the reaction. Berlin has been gravely assured that the Kaiser has no intention of retaining conquered South Africa. His Majesty might have held what he had taken by the sword of his invincible armies, but out of consideration for

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the feelings of the people of South Africa he had magnanimously decided to restore their country to them, and let them forget German kultur and revert to a state of independent barbarism if they wanted to. Doubtless Berlin will be told when the fact no longer can be concealed that out of deference to the Monroe Doctrine or the feelings of Canadians Germany does not want Canada, and so the Kaiser has decided to release the captives and let them go. They are subtle jokers, those junkers of Potsdam.

We agree with the local government newspaper as to the uselessness of the department of agriculture, in promoting the great particular industry whose interests it is expected to advance. The public who consume \$20,000,000 worth of imported farm products every year can be excited, however, from applauding the highly colored picture of the enormous strides made by the agricultural industry in this province during the last decade. The government last year had to appoint a commission which cost the taxpayers several thousand dollars to ascertain the cause of the decline of agriculture in the province and to furnish it with a policy.

FORGET IT!

Financial Post. The story is revived that a general election will be held early in spring. This will meet with decided opposition from business interests of the country. This includes employees as well as employers. For the last 13 1/2 weeks, the first evidence in many months of an improved undertone to business has been felt, but conditions are so delicately adjusted at the present time that an election campaign would not only stop any progress towards a return of confidence, but would be the cause of or excuse for further economies, reduction in wages and dismissal of workers among the scores of concerns who are to-day forgoing part, if not all, of their profits in order to maintain their business operations and carry through their organization until conditions improve and sales improve.

DEVOID OF SENTIMENT.

Irving S. Cobb. "That's French enough for you," said the young officer who was riding with us, turning in the seat to speak "putting up a monument to glorify three franc-typers. In Germany the people would not be allowed to do such a thing. But it is not humanly conceivable that they would have such a wish. We reserve soldiers who die for the fatherland, not men who refuse to enlist when the call comes and yet take up arms to strike a guerrilla warfare."

Which remark, considering the circumstances, was entirely typical for all purposes, as I thought at the time and still think. You see I had come to the place where I could understand a German soldier's national and racial point of view, though I doubt his ability ever of understanding mine. To him, now, old John Burns, of Gettysburg, going out in his high, high hat and his long, long coat to fight with the boys would never, could never, be the heroic figure which he is in the American imagination; he would have been a middle-class manufacturer, deserving of immediate death. For 1787 write it 1914, and Molly Pitcher serving at the guns would have been in no better case before a German court-martial. If not all of their Prussian Stone-wall Jackson would give orders to kill a French Barbara Fritchie, but assuredly he would look that venturesome old person up in a fortress where she could not hold her country's flag nor invite anybody to shoot her grey head. For you must know that the German, who ordinarily brims over with that emotion which, lacking a better name for it, we call sentiment, drains all the sentiment out of his soul when he takes his gun in his hand and goes to war.

A WEAK BANK.

"Well," said she, "I am afraid my bank is in a bad way." "How foolish, Mabel. It's one of the strongest financial institutions in the land. Whatever got that idea into your head?" "Well, it's very strange," replied Mabel, unconvinced. "They've just returned a cheque of mine for 'No marked No Funds.'"

DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

Do You Realize That This Is Your Last Shopping Saturday Before Christmas

STORE OPEN EVENINGS

200 Cloth Skirts on Sale To-day at \$1.50

Regular Values to \$4.50

Two hundred beautiful Skirts in fancy tweeds and plain cloths are being offered to-day at the ridiculously low price of \$1.50 each. These Skirts, if bought in the regular way, would sell up to \$4.50, but our extraordinary buying powers enable us to place them before the women of Victoria at a price that's lower than you could possibly buy the materials for, apart from the cost of making. These Skirts being in most desirable qualities, and the price considerably lower than we have offered Skirts for some considerable time, we fully anticipate a big demand, so to get best selection of patterns and sizes we advise you to shop to-day.

Special Sale of Dolls Beds To-day at \$1.25

A strongly-made wooden bedstead, with paneled head and foot, stained and varnished golden color. Complete with cotton wool mattress and pair pillows. All made in Victoria. Special for to-day, each \$1.25 American "Shoofly" or Child's Safety Rocker, with wooden horse on either side. Strong and serviceable toy. Made in Victoria. Special, to-day, each \$1.25

Another 100 Coats For Women

Selling to-day at

\$7.50

Regular values to \$25.00.

See View street windows for samples

Silk, Muslin and Lawn Waists Suitable for Christmas Gifts and All Specially Priced

Any of the Waists in the following offerings will make most acceptable and pleasing gifts for Christmas. They are in dainty styles and superior qualities, and every one is marked at a reduced price.

Silk Waists in all the most fashionable shades, and a beautiful assortment in plain and fancy effects. Smart styles. Regular values to \$5.00. Special Christmas Sale Price \$2.50 Silk Waists, in a magnificent assortment of styles and colors and in a good variety of quantities. Plain and fancy silks and all superior qualities. Regular values to \$4.00 for \$3.50 Muslin and Lawn Waists, a very special purchase and all new styles, made with set-in sleeves. Various styles, some with all-over Swiss embroidery fronts, some plain and embroidered and others with fine tucks. Regular values to \$2.00. Special to-day at \$1.25

Christmas Candy Specials To-day

Peppermint Bull's-Eyes, reg. 40c lb. 20c Plain Butter-scotch, lb. 20c Almond Butter-scotch, reg. 40c lb. 25c Tasted Marshmallows, reg. 40c lb. 25c Maple Croquettes, reg. 40c lb. 25c Raspberry Cream Chocolates, reg. 50c lb. 35c Buy your Christmas Novelties to-day and make sure of not being disappointed. Sugar Pigs, Spectacles, Watches and Animals, each 10c Mixed Candies, per lb. 20c Mixed Candies, per lb. 30c Fined Chocolates, per lb. 35c Fancy Boxes Chocolates, 10c to \$3.50 Candy Canes, each 5c, 10c, 15c and 25c Novelties, each 5c, 10c, 15c and 50c Lucky Tube, each 25c Xmas Stockings, 3 for 10c Xmas Stockings, each 5c to \$9.75 Xmas Crackers, 25c to \$2.75

Indian Burnt Leather Cushions from \$2.75 to \$5.75

A gift that any lady would be pleased to receive; they are so handsome and look superior, too. We have an excellent assortment from which you can choose and they are all beautifully made and finished. Prices range from \$2.75 to \$5.75

\$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75 Delaine Waist Lengths Monday at \$1.00

Beautiful quality materials, in striped and floral effects, that will make up into serviceable blouses. Each length neatly packed in separate Christmas box.

Plan a Visit to Spencer's Book Department

To those residents of Victoria who have never paid a visit to the Book Department of the Spencer Store, there awaits a pleasant and a profitable surprise, for it is no exaggeration to state that such a choice of books suitable for this season it would be difficult to find the equal of.

On the Second Floor, where the Toys are displayed, there are 6 large tables of Books, priced from 10c to \$1.75

10c AND 15c TABLE On this table will be found a large choice for the little ones at 10c each, well bound, printed in large, clear type, and artistically illustrated in both black and white and color, and a larger series at 15c. At this price also Spencer's set of the classics of Messrs. Thomas Nelson & Sons, a series of pocket size books in cloth covers, suitable for both boys and girls, such as Robinson Crusoe, Last of the Mohicans, Tom Brown's School Days, Little Women, The Wide World, A Tale of the Two Cities, Anderson's Fairy Tales, The Herbert Strong Library is another remarkable line at 15c. These are bound in picture-board covers, have a colored front-piece and decorated end papers, consisting principally of books for boys, such as Life and Voyage of Columbus, Battles of the Peninsular War, Captain Cook's Voyages, Ivanhoe, Stories from Grimm, What Katy Did, Tales from Shakespeare, Westward Ho, The Life of Wellington, and many other equally good books.

25c TABLE Here is a collection of library size books, bound in cloth covers, with titles in gold and sold by Spencer's at the English published price. Amongst many hundreds of titles there is such favorites as Little Women, Good Wives, What Katy Did, A Book of Golden Deeds, True Blue, Robinson-Crusoe, The Coral Island, Christie's Old Organ, Jessica's First Prayer, No Place Like Home, Taken or Left, and many equally popular books by such authors as Mrs. O. F. Walton, "Heads-up", A. L. O. E., Rev. E. P. Roe, "Fanny" Horatia Alger Jr., and others. Many of these books have full-size colored plates and also black and white illustrations. On this table is also a large range of Rag Picture Books for the tiny tots.

35c TABLE This table offers a very large choice, as the price is a popular one and here we give 3 books for the \$1.00. There are the library size books, in neat and handsome cloth covers, with gilt ornamentation and gilt titles, such as Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, The Water Babies, Stepping Heavenward, Daisy Daisy in the Field, Ben Hur, Black Beauty, and books by Mrs. F. H. Burnett, A. J. Evans Wilson, R. M. Hallantyne, Charles Dickens and Louisa M. Alcott, also the famous Peter Rabbit series, by Beatrix Potter, and a series of large size books bound in cloth, written in simple language, such as Aunt Charlotte's Stories of

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THE OLD ESTABLISHED DRUG STORE

Christmas Shoppers

Should come direct to Bowes' Drug Store where there are dozens of articles very suitable for Christmas gifts. There are Manicure Sets, Shaving Sets, Ladies' Work Baskets, etc., in all kinds and all prices.



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Caracul Sets, silk finished, black, reg. \$15.00. Now \$12.00. Caracul Sets, grey, reg. \$14.00. Now \$11.00. Genuine Alaskan Sable Set, very handsome furs, usually sold for \$35.00. A special reduction now \$25.00. Mink Marmot Stoles, usually sold for \$25.00 to \$29.00, reduced to \$20.00, \$18.00, \$16.00. Blackoney Stole, reduced to \$3.00 up.

G. A. Richardson & Company
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VICTORIA HOUSE

"DISRAELI" TO-NIGHT

Special Seats Will Be Set Aside at Royal Victoria Theatre for the Troops.

The production of "Disraeli," one of the finest plays that has been put on in the Royal Victoria theatre, was repeated last evening. It cannot be said with any degree of truth that the attendance was anything like what was deserved by the nature of the attraction and the high repute of George Arliss and his company.

This evening there should be a full house to see the marvellous impersonation of the great premier who put through the Suez canal purchase. In this Mr. Arliss is at his very best as a character actor, and he is surrounded by a company every member of which is as discerning and as apt in the delineation of the several minor characters as their principal is in the largest measure in his.

Owing to the imperial significance of the play the management of the Royal Victoria has set aside a block of seats for this evening's performance for the soldiers. This will enable them to see the fine drama from good seats at an extremely low cost of one dollar, and there is no doubt that the men in camp will take advantage of the generosity of the management. It is felt by Manager Denham that the theatre owes it as a duty to the troops to give them this opportunity to see this play.

AT WILLOWS Y. M. C. A.

Series of Lectures to Be Given by Dr. Ernest Hall, Beginning Tomorrow Evening.

The Willows camp branch of the Y. M. C. A. is quickly getting its work extended and is organizing it still further. Thomas G. Yates, the secretary, is being assisted in the arrangements at the outset by A. M. George Bell, president of the city association.

Dr. Ernest Hall has kindly consented to give a series of lectures in the gym during the winter months—on the subject of alcohol and sex hygiene and kindred matters. The first of these will be given tomorrow evening in the hall of the new building, and will be on "Patriotism and Efficiency."

There will be a song service in the hall for an hour, from 7.30 to 8.30, and at the latter hour the lecture will commence. To this there is a general invitation to all the men in camp, as there is for the use of the building in general.

WHOLESALE DROPPED THREE TO RAMBLERS

Ramblers won all three games from the Wholesalers last night on the Arcade alleys. The scoring was fair, Handley, topping with 57. Scores:

Brooks	153	129	122	49
Handley	167	184	198	57
Forbes	138	134	131	52
Jones	131	159	165	49
Minton	169	172	163	56
Wholesalers	821	811	787	2629
Shively	127	173	165	46
Akronson	126	152	171	49
Forbes	138	134	131	52
Murray	119	171	146	43
Hulbig	165	149	113	42
	655	802	737	2154

Made-in-Victoria Goods—If you haven't a card with a list of same call at Times office for one.

Children at Library.—The children's room of the Victoria Public library will be open from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.

BRIEF NEWS OF THE CITY

Wm. Stewart, Men's and Ladies' Tailor shop, Campbell building, corner Fort and Douglas streets.

Olson's Rosses are the best.

The B. C. Funeral Co.—Always open. Private parlors and large chapel. Reasonable charges for all services. 724 Broughton street.

Best English Pudding Bowls, two for 15c to 70c each, at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 1302 Douglas Street.

For Fire, marine, automobile, liability, sickness and accident, plate glass, elevator and employers' liability, consult Gillespie, Hart & Todd, general agents for British Columbia. All claims settled and paid by our office.

Montrose Rooms.—311—Shard street, are exceptionally well ventilated and heated. If looking for a bright cosy room for the winter months it will pay you to examine these. Special low rates are being asked.

Phoenix Beer, dozen pints, 75c.

Buy Brown's White Pudding Bowls, they are the best shaped, strongest and best finished bowls, 11 sizes, two for 15c to 70c.

Sands Funeral Furnishing Co., Ltd. Lady in attendance; charges reasonable. Phone 3266, day or night. Office and chapel, 1515 Quadra Street.

Give a Pudding for Xmas, 11-size pudding bowls from 3 inches to 10 inches in diameter; two for 15c to 70c each. R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas street.

The Key Shop, 619 Pandora.

Hanna & Thomson, Undertakers, 827 Pandora Avenue. Phone 493. Open day and night. Motor Hearse in connection.

The Umbrella Shop, 619 Pandora St.

Taxi Service.—Far the best and most up-to-date in the city. C. & C. Taxicabs. Phone 155.

Phoenix Beer, dozen pints, 75c.

White Sewing Machine Store, 1221 Douglas.

Piano for Rent, \$4. Phone 2507R.

He will appreciate a Hat Scrap for Xmas, which gives him the choice of any hat in our store—only \$2.00. Frost & Frost, Westholme Block.

"His War Has Shown the Thinking Canadian that as long as a man has a farm of his own he cannot lose his job, and his food problem is solved for him. A clerk, dependent on the resources of the city in which he lives, when he is thrown out of work feels the ground slipping from under his feet—precisely because it is not his ground." Maude Bradford Warren in The Saturday Evening Post.

If you want some ground of your own in close touch with the E. & N. railway in the Nanosue and Newcastle districts with five years in which to pay for it, write or call on the Vancouver Island Fruit Lands, Ltd., General Agents, Carmichael & Moorhead, Ltd., Belmont House, Victoria, B. C.

Phoenix Beer, dozen pints, 75c.

Give Cutlery for Xmas.—It lasts long.—Carvers in sets—\$2.50 to \$9.00. Knives, \$3 to \$6.50. dozen; Pocket Knives, 10c to \$2.00. R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas Street.

Dry Fir Cordwood, cut to 12 inches, \$5 per cord; \$2.50 per 1/2 cord delivered. Phone 2545.

Have Your Knives put in shape for Christmas at Wilson's Repair Shop, 614 Cormorant.

Brentwood Hotel continues to be the popular week-end resort. Special catering and holiday attractions for the Xmas Season.

Demonstration Plot.—According to the promise made some weeks ago, the department of agriculture has taken over three lots on the corner of St. Patrick street and Oak Bay avenue for demonstration purposes, in connection with the vacant lot movement started by the Victoria and Island Development association. The plot will be planted in the spring, and will be planted in the spring. A rotation of crops will be planted on the lots, for the education of those who are anxious to take up lot gardening.

Dance Every Monday, Cloverdale hall, 8 p. m.

A Novel Entertainment to Be Given.—The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees' local of this city are planning to give what is known as a "Midnight Matinee" on New Year's Eve, and will consist of about fourteen acts of good vaudeville including several amateur numbers. The idea has been successfully carried out in several eastern cities and should meet with the same success here as popular prices will be charged and it will give the crowds that throng the streets, on this popular evening a chance for recreation. The performance will commence about 12 o'clock and will be "The First Show of the Season."

Building Permit.—A building permit has been issued to W. H. Collins for a house at 3139 Blackwood street.

In Force Now.—The amended by-law for shop closing having passed all its stages, is operative to-day. Until December 31 stores may remain open to unlimited hours. The final stages were completed in city council yesterday afternoon.

Presented Chair.—A committee from Tel El Mahuta Temple, 155, D. O. W. K., last Wednesday evening visited W. G. Lennan, at 1904 Duchess street, and presented a handsome chair, accompanied by an address of appreciation of his services as secretary during the past four years. Cards and light refreshments concluded an enjoyable evening.

Fell Into Hole.—Falling into a deep hole in some private property on Blanshard street Friday night, Lum Sing, a Chinaman, received a very severe concussion of the right cheek. Another Chinaman who fell in at a later hour, damaged his right hand severely. It is said that the presence of the hole is a danger to pedestrian traffic.

Only the finest hill-grown teas are used in the blending of Salada Tea. Low-grown teas would be far cheaper to use but then you would not get the distinctive Salada flavor.

Donations for Hampers.—The Camosun chapter I. O. D. E. is making up over one hundred hampers to send out during Christmas week, and will be very grateful for donations of food of any kind, toys, or gifts appropriate to the time and practical in character, no matter how small. These should be sent to the Camosun chapter, I. O. D. E., Temple building, at the earliest possible date.

Chapters in Charge.—The Esquimalt chapter I. O. D. E. is in charge yesterday at the Temple building rooms, and to-day the Agnes Deans Cameron chapter was in possession until noon. The chapters for next week will be: Monday, Camosun; Tuesday, Florence Nightingale; and Wednesday, Lady Douglas. Thursday is not yet decided, but it is understood that the rooms will be closed from Thursday evening until the following Monday morning, owing to the intervening holidays.

Local Council Depot.—The coming of Christmas has been a boon in more ways than one. Many people who have their children home for the holidays have been forced to employ assistance in the home to get through the burden of work which always falls to the housekeeper with the arrival of the smaller members of the family, and the Local Council of Women employment depot has had numerous calls during the last few days for assistance in various departments of the household. In addition to this the sales have been splendid, and a big staff of needle-women have materially benefitted through the making of pretty gifts, of which the depot has a splendid store. Pretty little sachets, handkerchiefs, and dainty and useful trifles are on sale at very reasonable prices and make the most acceptable of presents, while the toy department has a number of novelties for children. A pretty screen or rose-silk is one of the latest acquisitions, and should sell easily at this season. The cookery department has splendid custom, and patrons will be particularly delighted to find on the shelves the really old-fashioned Scotch short-cake which, in a delicacy beloved by nearly all cake-connoisseurs.

Sepia's last word in fine photography. Just the thing for Xmas presents. The Skene Lowe Studio, 654 Yates street, corner Douglas.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, December 19, 1889.

A communication was received by the city council last evening from D. F. Adams stating that he was willing to erect a mill for the grinding of cereals in the city, and asking for a bonus of \$5,000. The communication was tabled till the bonus-by-law is taken up.

The American schooner Mollie Adams has been purchased by a local company formed of practical seal hunters, and has been registered at the customs here as the schooner "E. B. Marvin." It is a solidly-built vessel with oak beams and frames and will be hauled on the ways shortly to be prepared for sea.

The Islander left Vancouver at her usual hour yesterday, but was forced to put into Roche harbor, San Juan, on account of the high sea and strong wind.—She remained there all night.

Call of Fire.—The fire department was called last evening to 1192 Yates street, the residence of Frank B. Gibbs, where an overheated stove had caused trouble. The fire was checked.

Danger of Accident.—There are more bad accidents through motorists passing halted street cars than there are from speeding," said Magistrate Jay in the police court yesterday when W. Exton was fined \$10 and J. D. Pemberton \$20 for that offence against the motor act.

To Bring Prisoner.—Detective Carlow left at noon to-day for Medicine Hat to bring back to Victoria a young man named Butcher, who will be charged on a warrant with a serious offence in this city. Butcher was arrested yesterday by the Medicine Hat authorities while he was on the east-bound train on the way to Montreal.

Unemployed Meeting.—J. L. Martin will preside at the meeting of the unemployed at the Variety theatre tomorrow evening. The chair will be taken at 8 and after an explanation of the work of the committee, the meeting will be thrown open till the arrival of the members of the Social Service commission who have been invited to speak.

Hindus Remanded.—Ganga Singh, Itan Singh, Natha Singh and Amar Singh, four East Indians, were remanded until Monday when they appeared in the police court this morning charged with assaulting Tipunda Singh, thereby occasioning grievous bodily harm. The quartet were arrested yesterday by Constable Simmons. Bail was fixed by the magistrate at \$3,000 apiece.

Hospital Decoration.—Contributions of trailing ivy, holly, flowers, potted plants and evergreens, will be gratefully received at the Royal Jubilee Hospital for the decoration of the chapel and wards early next week. Flowers and plants used in the chapel for the Christmas services will afterwards be distributed in the various wards. Christmas tree decorations, bon-bons and other gifts of the kind will also be welcomed.

Rock Bay Bridge Case.—In the report of ex-Judge Harrison's evidence in the Rock Bay bridge case an inadvertent error made the judge say Gardner's Point instead of Garbally Point. Richard Woods, formerly registrar of the supreme court of civil justice of Vancouver island, lived on the Collegiate school, lived on the corner of Vancouver street and Court's way.

Stamp Exchange.—The Victoria Stamp Exchange held its initial meeting last night at the Taylor photo studio, 1230 Government street. R. S. Day was elected president and Randolph Stuart, honorary secretary. Meetings will be held every Thursday evening at 8, commencing Thursday, January 7, at the office of Leeming Brothers, Fort street, for the purpose of exchanging stamps and collecting stamp collecting. For information as to membership, rules, fees, etc., inquirers should write the honorary secretary, 326 Douglas street. Members must be 18 years old at least.

Ever get tired building fires? Cole's Original Air-Tight Wood Stove holds the fire all night. Better look at one. A. & W. Wilson, 1105 Broad street.

Soldier-Patients' Christmas.—Members of the Women's Canadian club and friends are asked to remember that while Christmas hampers are being sent to the soldiers guarding the outposts, there are thirty soldiers and sailors, patients in the Work Point barracks hospital, as well as male nurses, who should be remembered with gifts of jam, raisins, nuts and other little luxuries. The Christmas season has been an ardent supporter of school athletics and very active in the movement for school gardens. He has been with the Victoria school board since August, 1909. Mr. Hope, who is a B. A. of Cambridge, has been with the high school since December, 1909. He has been active in applying the teaching of science to modern transportation problems. Of both Mr. MacLean and Mr. Hope the Victoria school board has a high opinion. "It is understood that the model school will be an ungraded one, in contrast to the graded model school under the Vancouver school board which operates in conjunction with the normal school here. This model school will consist of four rooms, and will be conducted directly in co-operation with the normal school instructors. In order to encourage teachers working for the Victoria board, the vacancy in the George Jay school will be filled by an appointment from the list of principals of the other schools; it was stated this morning. Probably there will have to be an appointment in the High school to fill Mr. Hope's place."

Patriotic Aid Society.—The Victoria Patriotic Aid society, corner of Fort and Broad streets, yesterday received a contribution of \$21 from the teachers of Oak Bay school, and Mr. Stacey brought in \$11 as the contribution of the staff of the Lamson Street school. The headquarters of the provincial branch of the Canadian Patriotic fund (not the Victoria Patriotic Aid fund), of which his honor, the lieutenant-governor is an officer, has been removed to the parliament buildings, room 6, west wing, second floor. The office formerly was at the rear of the premises now occupied by the Victoria Patriotic Aid fund which still continues to receive contributions at its old stand.

BIBLE EXPOSITOR COMING.

Pastor C. E. Heard, of Vancouver will lecture in the Victoria theatre, Douglas street, Sunday evening at 7.30. His subject "What Will Christ Do With the Keys of Hell and of Death," is taken from Rev. 1:18 and promises to be of considerable interest. Pastor Heard is a Bible expositor of ability and is just completing an extended lecturing tour covering parts of both Canada and the United States. He is well known in Victoria having lectured here several times during the past few years. The lecture is free.

A GIFT SHOULD HAVE CHARACTER

It need not be expensive, but it should carry with it a sentiment.

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D. L. MCLAREN NAMED NORMAL SCHOOL HEAD

Principal of George Jay School Promoted; High School Master Becomes Inspector

The following inspectors and principals have been appointed to the staff of the new Normal school here, which opens in January next:

Principal: Donald L. McLaren, B. A., at present inspector of high schools.

First assistant: David M. Robinson, B. A., now acting as second assistant at the Normal school, Vancouver.

Principal of model school: Harry B. MacLean, at present principal of the George Jay school here.

Drawing master and technical instructor: C. Dunnell, now acting inspector of manual training schools.

Inspector of high schools in place of D. L. McLaren: Albert Sullivan, now inspector of public schools at Vancouver.

Inspector of public schools, in place of A. Sullivan: Henry T. Hope, B. A., Victoria high school staff.

All the above appointments are to date as from January 1.



H. B. MACLEAN

The appointments will take Principal MacLean from the George Jay school, and H. T. Hope from the high school staff. Mr. MacLean, who is one of the most esteemed principals of the Victoria schools, has been an ardent supporter of school athletics and very active in the movement for school gardens. He has been with the Victoria school board since August, 1909. Mr. Hope, who is a B. A. of Cambridge, has been with the high school since December, 1909. He has been active in applying the teaching of science to modern transportation problems. Of both Mr. MacLean and Mr. Hope the Victoria school board has a high opinion.

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Stole Overcoat.—The man of many names—John George Joseph Henry Martin Leach—occupied the police court dock again this morning and pleaded guilty to the theft of an overcoat from an office on Government street, he did not know exactly where. He was arrested last night by Detectives Turner and Siciliano with the coat in his possession. He pleaded guilty to Magistrate Jay this morning and was sentenced to two months.

Christmas Records



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- 5516—The Mistles Bough—Song, by Mildred Potter. "Rocked in the Cradle"—Song, by Mildred Potter.
- 5424—And the Glory of the Lord—From "Messiah," Chorus. Nazareth—Gounod.
- R 347—Scrooge—From "A Christmas Carol," Part 1, Dickens. Scrooge—From "A Christmas Carol," Part 2, Dickens.
- 1076—Star of the East—Song. Medley of Christmas Carols—Band.
- 566—Children's Record—"Sing a Song of Sixpence," "Ding, Dong, Bell," "Girls and Boys Come Out to Play," "Baa, Baa, Black Sheep," "Dickory, Dickory, Dock."
- A 919—Christmas Belle—(Buttshardt)—Stehl and Schneitz, Violin and Harp Duet. Santa Claus' Workshop—Descriptive—(Phillips)—Prince's Orchestra.
- A1076—Christmas Carols—Medley—Mixed Quartette—Agnes Kimball, soprano; Nevada Van der Veer, alto; Reed Miller, tenor; and Frank Croston, bass; unaccompanied.
- Star of the East—(Kennedy)—Roma Devonna, contralto, and Mixed Quartette.
- A1227—Christmas Symphony—(Toy Instruments)—(Chiyatal)—Prince's Orchestra.
- Circassian Dance—From La Source Ballet—(Delibes)—Prince's Orchestra.
- A1078—On a Christmas Morning—(Currie)—Prince's Orchestra.
- Adeste Fideles—(Christmas Hymn)—Chimes Solo with organ—Thomas Mills and Charles A. Prince.
- A 616—Ring the Bells for Christmas Morn—(Spence)—Mendelssohn Mixed Quartette.
- Arian Carnival March—(Faust)—Prince's Military Band.
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who had lived for several years in Germany, being very intimate with much of the territory and the peoples therein. One of the maps which was of especial interest showed Poland before its distribution among the big powers of Europe. At the close of his talk, which was followed with the keenest of interest by the aged men, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Best.

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URGE RETRENCHMENT IN CIVIC SERVICE

Influential Deputation Waits on Aldermen Asking for Reduction

"You piped and danced and had your feast in 1911 and 1912," said Alderman McNeill yesterday afternoon when discussing the request the Civic Retrenchment association laid before the city council in committee.

"The real estate gamble is responsible for present conditions," said Ald. Porter a little later.

While recognizing the impossibility, on account of fixed charges which will have to be met next year, of curtailing expenditure during 1915 to the extent desired by the Civic Retrenchment association, the aldermen, after hearing the deputation, adopted a resolution of thanks to them.

Many views were expressed by the members who were introduced by E. J. O'Reilly, president, and who numbered many foremost citizens.

The mayor at the outset pointed out that the heads of departments had already tentatively prepared their estimates for 1915 on the basis of 25 per cent. cut, some of the reductions exceeding that figure.

W. McP. Wilson hoped the council could give the citizens even more generous treatment in 1915 than that reduction if it really tried to economize.

F. Landsberg quoted figures comparing Victoria with Winnipeg. He greatly blamed the building-by-law passed in 1912 for discouraging capital investment in 1911 there had been only \$6,700 of the taxes unpaid. Now what was the case? In 1913 the unpaid taxes had grown to \$204,813. In Winnipeg the per capita cost of civic departments was 70 cents; in Victoria \$1.85; for police—Winnipeg \$1.50, in Victoria \$2.50; for fire department, in Winnipeg \$1.50, in Victoria \$3.01; for street cleaning and scavenging, in Winnipeg \$1.78, in Victoria \$3.67. These figures indicated that money was being wasted here.

Speaking of school board expenditures, Mr. Landsberg declared it was time the board's powers were made less. In 1911 the cost per pupil was stated to be \$52; in 1912, \$49; in 1913, \$50; and in 1914, \$75.50. He favored cutting salaries of the necessary.

Alderman Bell pointed out how hard it was to reduce the taxes 25 per cent when fixed charges were constant. The mayor observed that fixed charges over which the council had no control represented \$822,000 this year.

H. J. Sanders wanted a reduced assessment, urging it as a lever to force economies by the school board.

"You piped and danced and had your feast in 1911 and 1912," said Ald. McNeill, turning and addressing the deputation. "You will find that in 1915 your debt charges will greatly increase from those of 1914. This council has not spent money beyond carrying on the necessary policy of its predecessor."

Personally he had asked school board members to cut salaries or else bring about other economies. "What was the result? An increased estimate of \$52,000. The aldermen went on to refer to the legacies the council had inherited for payment, as for instance the telephone conduct charge. The actual net increase this year had been merely extra charges on water purchased from the Esquimalt company. The criticism about the high assessment had been accepted by the council throughout the year.

He answered the objections about the cost of the garbage collection and agreed with the criticism of the by-law for buildings, which, however, had been amended.

In dealing with the board of health the council had to provide against a possible epidemic—fortunately the money had not been required. Last year the city had had to come to the rescue of the Jubilee hospital or else take it over. The alderman dealt next with the pruning of the estimates already done. He believed that there would be a reduction of more than 25 per cent. all told in 1915.

H. W. Perry claimed that it cost twice as much in Victoria in overhead expenses as in Winnipeg, which had a population of 200,000, as against 50,000 here. Was money being spent recklessly, and if so, in what manner? Alderman McNeill pointed out that departments, such as that for the water collection, must not be cut down, because as much clerical work had to be done in bad years as in good years. As a matter of fact the water receipts were gaining.

Mr. Wilson said the management of the Jubilee hospital had become "uncontrollable," and it should be handed over to the Sisters of Charity. (Murmurs of dissent.)

F. Moore advocated reduction of salaries in civic departments, as business houses had done. If the city was short of money this year, what would be the condition in 1917?

H. E. Levy supported the proposal to use Elk Lake water, and observed that the mayor and aldermen could set an example by cutting their own salaries.

C. T. Cross, president of the Real Estate exchange, said that unless action was taken 40 per cent. of the property would go without the taxes paid. The city could not for shame allow a tax sale of that extent.

F. Nation, who followed, deprecated the high assessment of the city and gave figures contrasting Winnipeg with Victoria. He pointed out that in Winnipeg, with a population four times that of Victoria, and with land much higher in actual value, the assessment on land values was \$30,000,000, while in Victoria the land assessment was \$90,000,000. Winnipeg spent annually about \$1,072,000 for civic administration, including schools, being about \$20 per capita; Victoria spends \$1,758,000, or \$35.50 per capita.

James Forman pointed out that a radical cut in taxes must be made. The highest value of land per foot

AT PANTAGES



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front was \$2,750, according to the current assessment roll, as against \$3,000 per foot in Vancouver, which had three times the population.

It was pointed out that corners of Broughton street and Blanshard street are assessed at such different figures that there are several thousand dollars between the different assessments on similar sized parcels of properties.

Alderman Porter said the real estate gamble had been responsible for the depression. He wanted to know the meaning of "retrenchment." Some of the citizens present had endeavored to get the council to buy the Royal Victoria theatre. Now they came back to talk "retrenchment." Some of them were inconsistent.

The alderman criticized the proposal to use Elk Lake water. For his part he would like to tell them he had entered the council to see that there was no turning off from completing Sooko Lake waterworks. As he expected an attempt had been made to draw the council off the trail after much money had been spent. Still he intended to see Sooko Lake scheme carried to a conclusion.

The mayor pointed to his efforts as chairman of the streets committee to curtail expenditure in 1912.

Alderman Todd, while deploring the "deluge of pessimism," encouraged the association in insisting on reduction by the school board, and a cutting down of the fire insurance premiums.

The deputation was thanked and withdrawn.

ENDORSE CANDIDATES

Ward VII. Ratepayers' Association, Saanich, Supports Sitting Members of Council.

Reeve McGregor and Councillor Adams were selected by an overwhelming majority by the Ward VII. Saanich Ratepayers' Association last evening.

While the names of Messrs. Elliott and King were mentioned in connection with the school board, no definite endorsement was given. A Watchman suggesting that the candidates who offer themselves for the trusteeship should address the electors prior to the poll. The members of the association showed much dissatisfaction with the administration of school affairs this year. J. M. Kellie, ex-M. P., presided.

There will be a meeting at Gordon Head to-night to select a candidate in place of Councillor Williams, retiring. Ex-councillor Hobbs is mentioned as a possible selection by the Ward III association.

The Central Ratepayers' association will meet on Monday night to strike its slate for the election. A petition is in circulation in Ward II asking ex-Reeve Nicholson to stand. Reeve McGregor is receiving a larger measure of support in the country wards than was the case last year, and expresses no doubt of the result of the election, having been endorsed now in several of the wards. In Ward V, the name of W. J. Quick is mentioned as a possible candidate for councillor. Some of his friends having asked him to run. Ward IV is the only ward as yet where there is more than one candidate in the field for election.

WILL ASK AID

Jubilee Hospital Directors Will Wait Upon Aldermen for Grant to Meet Deficit.

As soon as matters can be satisfactorily adjusted for the presentation of the case, the representatives of the city council on the directors' board of the Royal Jubilee hospital, together with the treasurer, J. A. Marx, will wait on the finance committee of the city council to ask for some provision to meet the deficit on the operation of the Jubilee hospital.

This decision was reached by the board at its monthly meeting last evening. It is hoped that the case for the hospital may be laid before the mayor and aldermen early in the coming week. Last year the council agreed to come to the assistance of the Jubilee hospital and placed a vote in the estimates for that purpose. The hospital has been steadily losing money and is again faced with a deficit on operating expenses, although it is claimed that the cost per patient compares favorably with other western hospitals.

On account of the financial situation, the building programme is tied up, the board contenting itself with liquidating obligations incurred on work already finished.

TO ORGANIZE MAYOR'S FUND IMMEDIATELY

Central Employment Committee Sends on Suggestions to City Council

A mayor's fund, administered by a committee of management, and a central registry and bureau, to serve as a clearing house for unemployment, will immediately be established by the Central Employment and Relief association. The registry is subject to the approval of the city council.

This was decided at the first meeting of the newly-created Central association yesterday evening at the city hall.

The resolution passed was as follows: "That this committee open an office or store to receive contributions, install a telephone and register the names of persons willing to perform work, and that the city council be asked to pay the rent of same during the time the premises are used for the purpose of relieving the unemployed."

The meeting, which was presided over by the mayor, was attended by two representatives of each association engaged in relief work.

The first question taken up was whether a central department should be established, and if so, who should operate it. J. L. Martin moved that the committee should go on record in favor of the department being established as a central registry.

Rev. Robert Connell, on behalf of the Bishop of Columbia and himself, stated the opinion that it would be regrettable if a second organization were established in the city while the Friendly Help association existed. What was wanted was to have the people behind it in a fuller sense than in the past.

Mrs. R. S. Day asked the committee to dissociate the work of registration of unemployment from the registry where the index system of relief was set up for distress cases. The two, in her opinion, should be carefully kept distinct.

E. C. B. Bagshaw thought the first thing needed was a mayor's fund for relief. The organization he represented, the Affiliated Friendly Society association, wanted an assurance that the funds would be controlled by the mayor. This would create public confidence in appealing for funds. He did not know whether the Friendly Help association would be able to handle all these subscriptions.

One of the ladies said she had been approached by subscribers to the Victoria Patriotic Aid Society to know whether this work would not be financed, at least partially, from the patriotic fund. She had seen no information in the press about the total subscribed to the Patriotic Aid society or how the funds would be dispersed.

Ensign Merritt, of the Salvation Army, explained the exact object of the patriotic aid fund and its limitations in relief matters.

Mrs. Hasell reminded the meeting that Winnipeg had been loaned funds from the Patriotic Aid society for relief work.

After an explanation of the work of the Friendly Help association, Rev. William Stevenson said he considered a central office as an absolute need.

Next came the question of finding employment. In the central office was needed a man of sound sense, good judgment and a kind heart. There should be flexibility in dealing with individual cases, some of the cases being best dealt with privately. A good man in charge of the office was the great need.

Mrs. Hasell was strongly against the committee intervening in relief cases already in the hands of existing organizations.

A. S. Wells supported the suggestion advanced across the floor that application should be made to the Patriotic Aid society for some funds. In the past, however, such representations had failed. He thought that funds should be found by the central association, and that it should retain some control over the bodies expending the amounts.

Ensign Merritt believed that some arrangements might be made with the Patriotic Aid society, but the majority of the members objected to taking second place to another body.

Rev. Robert Connell regretted the narrow limitations which had been given by the solicitors to the Patriotic Aid society as to what kind of distress might be aided.

The resolution given above was then adopted.

E. C. B. Bagshaw then moved that the mayor should open a fund for the relief of distress.

A. Varney moved another motion that a committee of management should be appointed to act with the mayor. Both motions were put and carried.

It was eventually decided that the committee of management should be composed of one representative of every society on the roll of the organization, in addition to the mayor and two members of the aldermanic board. The committee was then struck as follows: City Council: Mayor Stewart and two aldermen: Unemployed Committee: J. L. Martin; King's Daughters: Mrs. L. H. Hardie; Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire: Mrs. R. S. Day; Social Service Commission: Rev. Robert Connell; Local Council of Women: Mrs. J. D. Gordon; Friendly Help: Mrs. William Grant; Trades and Labor Council: A. S. Wells; Y. W. C. A.: Miss Bradshaw; W. C. T. U. (Men's Mission): Mrs. Welwood; Victoria National Reserve: Captain Clough; Affiliated Friendly Society Association: E. C. B. Bagshaw; Salvation Army: Ensign Merritt; Victoria Purple Star Orange Lodge: Mrs. Galbraith; Unitarian Church: Rev. H. E. B. Spelght; Mrs. William Stevenson was appointed secretary of the committee of management, and Mayor Stewart will officiate as chairman.

Oak Bay W. C. T. U.—The monthly meeting of the Oak Bay Branch of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the home of Mrs. Nicholas, Byron street, on December 27.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

W. Milligan, of Otter Point, is registered at the Dominion hotel.

D. W. Doherty has arrived in the city from Vancouver and is registered at the Empress hotel.

A. O. Oldershaw, F. G. Crossland, E. E. Fulton, Wm. Muir and P. Marsden, of Vancouver, are at the Dominion hotel.

Misses Florence Shaw and Hazel Martin, of Nanaimo, are paying a brief visit to Victoria, where they have made their home ever since. Of their nine children five survive, all of whom were present at the celebration. These were George and James Donaldson, both of Victoria; Capt. W. Donaldson, of Vancouver; Mrs. Grayson, of Everett, Wash.; and Mrs. Ross, of this city. The reunion was heartily enjoyed by the old couple, who had looked forward to the event with the keenest pleasure and anticipation for some time, and in addition to the hearty congratulations of the members of the family many outsiders sent messages of greetings and good wishes.

Mrs. Louie Burrell, A. R. M. S., who has recently come to Victoria, is a notable acquisition to local art circles. Coming of several generations of artists, she has exhibited in the Royal Academy for eleven consecutive years, and is among the best known English miniaturists. Both the Ladies' Field and the Gentlewoman have referred in a particular manner to her peculiar gifts in her special art, while the "Queen" has also noted her deftness of touch and delicacy of treatment in her work. Mrs. Burrell, who has opened a studio at 1895 Fowl Bay road, where she will be pleased to receive commissions, studied at the school of Sir Herbert von Herkomer, R. A. R. W. S., gaining the highest honors within reach of the students. Her Highness, Princess Marie Louise of Schleswig-Holstein, whose portrait she has painted, honored Mrs. Burrell with her presence at the last private view she gave before leaving England, and the Right Hon. the Earl of Arran, K. F., known to have one of the finest collections of miniatures in England, commissioned the artist to paint for him. The following is a list of some of her latest subjects: H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, H. R. H. the Princess Patricia, H. S. H. the Princess Marie Louise of Schleswig-Holstein, H. S. H. Prince George of Battenberg, R. N.; Sir Frederick Forster Walker, V. C.; Admiral Sir Henry Stephenson, K. C. B.; Admiral Farquhar, C. V. O.; Admiral Hamilton, C. V. O.; Vice-Admiral Pelham, C. V. O.; La Marchesa de Castrillo, La Marchesa de Marsales, Elena Gerhardt (the singer), Herr Nikisch (the conductor), Lady Borden, the Hon. W. T. White; Edith, daughter of Lady Bertha Danks (lady-in-waiting to the Queen).

VICTORIA VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

Regimental order by Capt. W. H. Langley, R. O., commanding. Victoria, B. C., Dec. 19, 1914.

The officer commanding has been pleased to approve of the following promotions: To be corporals: A company, W. A. Kettle, C. J. Wriglesworth. B company, W. P. Jeune, C. Tupper.

In future orderly-sergeants will leave their company roll-books with the orderly room sergeant immediately after each parade.

There will be no parade on Thursday the 24th and 31st instants. It is desired that there should be a full parade on Monday the 21st instant, and every man is specially requested to attend.

By order
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SPORTING NEWS

BURNS-BAYLEY BOUT IN PROSPECT AMATEUR TOURNEY WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Manager Stirling Will Be Here To-morrow for Conference; V. A. A. Will Present Attractive Card

Manager Stirling, accompanied by his lightweight champion of the Dominion, Rough House Charlie Burns, will reach Victoria to-morrow afternoon for a meeting with Morris Condon and Joe Bayley. Stirling is anxious to hook up a match with the local boy and while Burns backed out of a bout with Bayley which was offered by the Merritt authorities, but is now seeking a bout and he will likely be accommodated. Bayley is simply marking time right now and will welcome a chance against the title-holder.

The former champion plans to beat Burns for the title and then hike for Australia, where he has been offered five bouts by Snowy Baker, the Australian promoter. Baker is making a number of bouts at his big arena in Rushcutters Bay, and like to have the Canadian down there for a few months. It is a big opportunity for Bayley, and Baker will no doubt

see that he meets the best boys in his class in the Antipodes.

Notices have been issued for the annual meeting of the Vancouver Island A. A. A. at their club rooms on Douglas street, next Monday evening. Officers for the year will be elected and the 1915 programme mapped out. Superintendent W. H. Dabie states that the club will go ahead with its usual programme of smokers and boxing tournaments. Another feature this season will be the club dances. The first Inter-City tourney of the year will be held at the Victoria theatre next Wednesday night, when the V. I. A. A. will bring over a squad of Vancouver boxers, representing the Commercial Athletic club of that city.

Young Ross, the boy who won from Al. Davies at Vancouver a week ago, announces that he will meet the local bantam provided that he makes 115 pounds. Davies was beaten at Vancouver weighing 122 pounds, being very slow on his feet. The local boy has been working steadily since then and expects to wipe out this defeat by scoring a knockout. Manager Leighton, of the mainland club, will bring over three of his best boys and the balance of the card will be made up of military and naval boxers, as well as Japanese wrestlers and fencers.

ers holding would be punished, but had I followed out my threat, there would have been no game, as holding was indicated in every scrimmage. It is straight line play it is essential to open up holes to get the play through. The principle is admitted by those who framed the Big Four rules, yet it is called interference if the line charge ahead to make the opening for the ball carrier. The Intercollegiate has been quick to see the absurdity of the rule, and allow running ahead of the ball for three yards on the line of scrimmage, which is equivalent to going forward to open holes. Of course, it is carried further by using it on end runs, but only for the allotted distance.

"I believe the adoption of these alterations would make our game much more spectacular, and if the American coaches would see two of our champion teams playing twelve men a side, with snap back and the intercollegiate interference rule, they would go right back and adopt the same for the American game. These changes can be made in a day, and quickly grasped, without depreciating a player's value one iota."

Under such conditions it is the more to be deplored that there is but one master tournament in prospect in the whole Americas. This is the projected national tournament in connection with the Panama exposition—and at the present time the success of this undertaking is not at all assured.

CHESS VANISHES FROM EUROPE

With the moves made in the European war the practice of the art of chess may truthfully be said to have vanished from that distracted continent. Foreign exchanges, instead of accounts of matches and tournaments, and scores of games, give only "past performance dope" and lists of massacres, killed, wounded and imprisoned. Lasker and Rubinstein should now be playing their match for the world's championship. In all probability the champion will go to his grave without another challenge to do battle for his title.

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Capablanca is touring the South American republic, where he is quite a popular hero, and has no intention of entering the San Francisco event. Of all the European masters, only the Englishmen Blackburne and Gunsberg, are free to come to this country, and it is almost a certainty that neither of them will undertake such a long journey for modest prizes offered. This leaves Marshall the only "42 centimeter gun" likely to be brought into action. Interest in such a battle will not be superfluous.

HEAVIES MATCHED.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Sam Langford and Sam McVey, the negro heavyweights, will meet in a ten-round bout in Milwaukee January 4. It was announced here to-day.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 19.—The Wisconsin boxing commission to-day replied against the granting of a permit to a local boxing club for a proposed bout between Sam Langford and Sam McVey, negro heavyweights, early in January. Permits for boxing contests in Wisconsin, it is announced, will be confined to white boxers.

NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE GRADUATES RANK HIGH IN NATIONAL LEAGUE RECORDS

Baseball fandom in the Northwest will be interested in studying the table of National league pitchers issued a few days ago by the secretary of that league. The order in rating of pitchers who formerly were favorites in the Northwestern league is offered:

Pitcher	G.	W.	L.	S.O.	T.R.	A.R.
James, Boston	46	25	7	156	91	1.90
Strand, Boston	36	6	2	39	23	2.45
Douglas, Cincinnati	45	11	19	121	111	2.52
Schneider, Cincinnati	29	5	13	62	71	2.81
Kantlehner, Pittsburgh	21	9	3	26	35	3.09
Schmutz, Brooklyn	18	1	3	21	29	3.32

(G.—games; W.—won; L.—lost; S.O.—struck out batter; T.R.—total runs made off delivery; A.R.—average runs made off delivery per nine inning game.)

While the statement shows Doak, of St. Louis, at the top of the list, he pitched in ten less games than James and won seven less. James worked in 46 games and the average number of runs was less than two a game. The rating of the first ten is: Doak, St. Louis; James, Boston; Vaughn, Chicago; Salter, St. Louis; Cooper, Pittsburgh; Zabel, Chicago; Rudolph, Boston; Ferritt, St. Louis; Alexander, Philadelphia.

NYE EXPECTED TO PRODUCE A WINNER

New Players Will Be Signed Up to Bolster 1915 Bees; Shaw May Come Here

INTERMEDIATE STAR



BOB LEA

Clever inside left of the Fairfield team, who is considered one of the most promising football players in the capital.

JUNIOR ELEVEN HAS SIGNED UP PLAYERS

West's Secure Carroll and Irving; Benefit Game Booked for Christmas Day

Capt. Rickerson has taken steps to patch up the weak spots on the Victoria West Juniors for their game with North Ward. Judging from the manner in which the Wards triumphed over the Wests two weeks ago, the latter can stand a little strengthening. "On Friday Rickerson succeeded in signing Frankie Carroll, whom he will use on the wing, and Art Irving, who will also be used on the attack.

The Wards and Wests are now tied for the leadership of the Junior league, and a play-off will decide the championship. Early on the season's schedule, the Wests won a hard fought game from the Wards by the score of 2-1, but a fortnight ago the blue shirts showed a reversal of form and swamped Rickerson's hopes, 6-0. In the last game, however, the Wests were minus the services of Sloan and were forced to play with but ten men. Menzies will be retained in goal against the Wards, Taylor and Quinn are almost assured of their positions on the defence, a change might be made on the half-back line, while the forward line will be shifted about.

Frankie Carroll and Art Irving will add a lot of strength to the West attack, and this is where the team lacks strength. Carroll, on the wing, is a little wonder, and Irving is noted for his bullet-like shooting.

Mr. Joshua Kingham has placed the Royal Athletic Park at the disposal of the committee which has in hand the arrangements for the patriotic match to be played on Christmas Day, between teams representing "Scotchmen" and "All Comers." Tickets for this match are now on sale, price 25 cents, including admission to the grandstands.

Bradford City boast eleven Scotsmen. Liverpool have tried six centre forwards this season.

Harry Low will be out of the Sunderland team for some time yet.

Fancy Buckley, Shepherd and Waddell in Bradford City's reserve eleven. Chris Craig, the Merthyr Town half-back, is a prisoner of war in Germany.

L. R. Roose, the famous Welsh goalkeeper, is at present in hard training at Aldershot.

Pailor had an outing with the Newcastle Reserves against Carlisle, and scored one out of five goals. Sunderland will be without the services of George Holley, until after Christmas at any rate.

White, formerly goalkeeper for Belfast Distillery, has reached home from the front, having been wounded.

General Beyers is an old rugby international; he figured against the first English team which toured South Africa.

Lindsay, Brnaley's new inside right, came from the Belfast Glentoran club, but he is a Scot, not an Irishman, as many followers of the game imagine.

Phoenix Stout, dozen pints, 75c.

egan from Portland, which means that they will cut loose from Danny Shea, while Vancouver has signed up Stallcop, one of the Western Canada league hurriers, and Bloomer, an infelder who was with Tacoma a year ago. The Spokane club has not announced its new manager, but Nick Williams looks the probable choice.

What major league club boasts of a better pitching staff than the one presided over by Joe Tinker, manager of the Chicago Federals? The answer is easy. None.

Here is the great quartet of Chief pitchers: Walter Johnson, Ad Brennan, Claude Hendrix, Rankin Johnson. And that is not all. There is a strong possibility of Tinker securing the services of Mordca Brown, the once great pitcher of the Cubs. In addition Tinker has several good men on his staff in Lange, Prendergast, Fisk and McGuire.

TURKEY SHOOT WILL BE HELD TO-MORROW

The arrangements of the Esquimalt Gun club for the Christmas turkey shoot on Sunday morning, December 20, have been completed.

The events, which will start at 9.30 a.m. sharp at the club's grounds, Admiral's road, will comprise the usual trap competitions and also 22 rifle shooting. The latter, which will be under the capable control of E. H. Beane, the well-known Victoria shot, should provide excellent sport for those who do not favor the traps. Both rifles and ammunition will be provided on the grounds, and five shots at 50 yards will be the rule.

The committee of the club will be in full force at the grounds, and everybody will be made welcome. For the benefit of those not familiar with the locality, the grounds, which are high and dry, are situated on Admiral's road, Esquimalt, overlooking the crossing on the E. & N. railway. A large attendance is expected.

HYATT TO CARDINALS.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 19.—Hamilton Hyatt, extra fielder and pinch hitter of the Pittsburg Nationals for several years, was sold yesterday to the St. Louis Cardinals. The sale was for cash; the amount of which was not announced.

BOYS' CLUBS HOLD ATHLETIC TOURNEY

Twelve triangle clubs, composed of about 120 boy members of the Y. M. C. A., took part in many odd games last night. The feature of the night's performance was the pick-a-back contest, easily the most amusing piece of work on the bill. Stanley Moore and Ernest Yeo showed wonderful staying powers and carried off these honors. They belong to the Lion club. Ross Crane brought the Beavers their first points, beating the Qualicum club entries in sword-battling.

The Beaver club carried off the honors in the blow ball contest by the score of 1-1; Harold Moore was the leading shot on the winning team.

What created intense excitement was the amusing obstacle race. Each competitor was furnished with marshmallows, apples, ice cream and a pumpkin pie. This event also went to the Beaver club, Harold Moore; their entry, being a narrow winner over Leslie Carter.

Following the schoolboy contests, the Employed, High school and intermediate clubs played a round of games. The Comrades and Tillikum club teams led in the majority of events. Robt. Murray and Trevor Inkpen, representing the Messengers, won the cock-fight contest. After the events were all run off refreshments were served, and the party broke up.

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SPORTING NEWS (CONTINUED)

VANCOUVER RETAINS LEADERSHIP CHANGES LOOKED FOR ON LOCAL SEVEN

Lloyd Cook Stars in Thrilling Clash; Portland Could Not Stand Pace; Score 6 to 3

Vancouver, Dec. 19.—After setting a furious pace for the first period, during which they accumulated a two-goal lead and threw a mighty scare into the assembled admirers of the league leaders, the Portland Rosebuds withered and faded away before the persistent attack of the Vancouver Millionaires last night, the home aggregation eventually doubling the score on the talented puck-chasers from the Oregon city. The final score was 6 to 3, but up until the last four minutes it was anybody's game, with Vancouver leading by the slim margin of a goal. Two sensational scores by Lloyd Cook, the brilliant young point player, clinched the victory for Vancouver just when the spectators were commencing to worry as to the ultimate result.

Registering no less than three goals all by himself and giving the three that resulted in another goal besides playing a heady, effective game on defence, Cook was the hero of last night's exhibition. The big Albertan looked pretty good in his previous appearance here, but his work last night caused the regulars to stand right up in their seats and cheer him with might and main. He put up a beautiful display, and Manager Frank Patrick was so enthused by the clever play of the youngster that he could hardly contain himself. "Some chef, some chef," shouted the manager delightedly when Cook scored the last goal of the game just fifteen seconds after he had threaded his way through the Portland defence for the goal that meant victory.

JEWELLERS LEAD AMATEUR LEAGUE

Exciting Matches in City Amateur Series; Straith Looks Like a Phenom

Table with 3 columns: Team, Won, Lost, Pts. Lists teams like Shortt, Hill & Duncan, High School, Bankers, McGill.

Scoring the deciding goal from a scrimmage in front of the nets, the Shortt, Hill & Duncan septette took the lead in the City Hockey League at the Arena last night before a splendid crowd. The Jewellers won from the High school seven to two, the match being one of the greatest exhibitions of amateur hockey ever witnessed in the Capital. Bankers won from McGill 4 to 1, the winners putting up a superior brand of hockey all through the piece.

High school were touted to win from the Jewellers in last night's feature and they came mighty near turning the trick. The Students, headed by Smith, their star forward, contested the Jewellers but were lacking the scoring ability when in on top of the nets. Straith covered himself with glory by his sterling performance for the school team. The defence of the Shortt, Hill & Duncan club finally won for this team as the High school attack showed better staying power than the Jewellers. The latter made the most of their scoring opportunities, Wakely scoring a brace of nice goals, while Smith's lone run from end to end counted for the Students' single tally.

Bankers showed a return to form in their game with the McGill seven. The latter included a number of Commercial League players in their lineup and put up a splendid fight. Bankers had a better combination and their shooting was also more deadly, the final count being 4 to 1. McKenzie, Archibald, Kenny and Lustig scored for the winners, while Murray tallied for the McGill septette. Bow Rows refereed, the teams being:

Shortt, Hill & Duncan—McKicker, goal; Hill, point; McDiarmid, cover; Burnett, rover; Wakely, centre; Miller, right wing; Stewart, left wing. High school—Straith, goal; Castle, point; Lipsky, cover; E. Hall, rover; McAdam, centre; Riley, left wing; H. Smith, right wing; R. Copas and Goldie, subs. Bankers—Stamings, goal; McKenzie, point; Stacey, cover; Kennedy, rover; Archibald, centre; Kerr, left wing; Lustig, right wing. McGill—Watson, goal; Baker, point; Clark, cover; Straith, rover; Newitt, centre; Drury, left wing; Murray, right wing.

light of the crowd. Eddie Oatman, who had in foul the officials for rough work on two previous occasions, was benched for the third time, and while he was off, Portland scored. Malen was hurt in a mixup near the Vancouver net, and while the Vancouver players were trying to induce Referee to call time, the Rosebuds took advantage of the opportunity afforded them to go in and tally, Harris getting the goal.

That put the Rosebuds within one of a tie, and they fought desperately to even-up the count. Once it looked as though they had turned the trick, when Throp took a pass outside the Vancouver defence and slipping by Cook, beat Lehman, but he was called up for an offence. Still the Rosebuds battled on and the spectators were beginning to fear for the narrow lead held by the Termina, when Cook led the crowd wild by a brilliant dash alone, through the entire Portland team. His shot beat Mitchell, and while the fans were still cheering his clever performance, Cook duplicated the feat by securing the puck right after the face-off, and again going through the Portland men for another goal, time 15 seconds. With less than four minutes to play, victory was assured, for Vancouver, but the Rosebuds kept on, and they were still trying when the whistle sounded for the finish.

Manager Patrick announces that the champions will work out this evening at 7:15 against an all-star amateur septette. The local leader is far from being satisfied with the manner in which his ice dogs are getting into condition, and states that there will be a few changes in the lineup of the club, unless the team shows a come-back at Portland next Friday night. Tickets for the game against Vancouver here on Wednesday will be placed on sale Thursday at the Ft. Rite, corner of Government and Yates streets.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—The professional hockey season for eastern Canada will be opened in Montreal and Toronto tonight, with two matches between star teams made up from all the clubs in the N.H.A., the proceeds to go to charity.

ROSEBUDS BEATEN

Table with 3 columns: Team, Position, Points. Lists Vancouver, Portland, and other teams.

COAST LEADERS

Table with 3 columns: League Standing, Goals, Points. Lists various teams and their performance.

JUNIOR ATHLETICS

Green and gold will be the colors of the Government Junior Athletic Association. This was decided at last night's meeting of the club when the following officers were elected: Hon. president J. A. B. Hoyke; executive committee, W. Smith, K. Gregg and J. L. Ward.

DESERVED PROMOTION

Followers of school athletics will be delighted to learn of the promotion of Principal H. B. MacLean, of the George Jay school, to the same office at the Normal school. Principal MacLean is one of the strongest advocates for school athletics in the Capital, and he is always ready to take an active part in all local games.

BOWSER AND THE DOMINION TRUST

Responsibility for Loss to the Depositors is Placed on Attorney-General

FAKE AGREEMENT WITH SAVINGS BANK PATRONS

Company Was Given Color of Right by Illegal Provincial Legislation

The responsibility for the loss of the money of the depositors of the Dominion Trust company, which was receiving deposits without any legal authority for over two years, was placed squarely on the shoulders of the attorney-general of the province, Hon. W. J. Bowser, last evening by Duncan Ross in the course of an address at a meeting of Liberals held in the Knights of Pythias hall.

While the facts as to the illegality of the receipt of deposits by the company are pretty well known now, the connection of the attorney-general with the company as head of its firm of legal advisers is not so generally understood. It was also new to most of those present, even depositors in the company, that since the last vestige of assumed authority to receive deposits was swept away in the repeal of ultra vires provincial legislation at the last session of the house they have been making deals with the company under a fake agreement pasted in the fronts of their pass-books which, if legal, would make them lenders of money and not depositors.

Mr. Ross hit straight out in his denunciation of the conduct of the attorney-general in the matter, and gave proof of all his statements. He reminded the gathering that this is not the first time Mr. Bowser has mixed up the duties of his office with private business as head of one of the large Vancouver law firms.

During the last few weeks the public have been interested in the financial failure of the Dominion Trust company. Some have been financially interested; many have been crippled by the failure of that concern. No doubt there are some here to-night whose investment or deposit of savings has been made worthless. The provincial liquidator appointed by the court, C. R. Drayton, in his report states that the depositors, the great majority of whom were workmen, putting their savings in relying on the fact that the company was incorporated by act of parliament and under the supervision of parliament—that these depositors have practically no standing in law because their deposits were made with an institution that had no authority to receive them.

There must be a reason for this anomalous state of affairs, and the reason is Hon. W. J. Bowser, attorney-general. Let me briefly give you the history of the Dominion Trust company. It was incorporated with a capital of five million dollars, of which two and one-half millions are paid up. There are 37 shareholders, 27 belonging to British Columbia, 115 to Great Britain, and others scattered through the Dominion. The people at home here and in the mother land invested their money in this institution, relying upon the fact that it would be properly inspected by the officers of the government. Naturally, have the savings of the people of British Columbia been wiped out, but a deal of the money was have been always looking for from the motherland is lost as well, giving the province another black eye.

The company was first incorporated in 1903 under the provincial companies act as the Trust Agency & Loan Corporation, Limited. It had power to receive money on deposit but not to pay interest on deposits. You are fairly safe under that because if there is no interest there is not likely to be any deposits. In March, 1905, the powers were extended and the name changed, and among the powers given was that of paying interest on deposits. In 1908 this company got further powers from the provincial legislature.

Incidentally, throughout all this, the solicitors for the Dominion Trust company were Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge, at the head of which firm is the attorney-general of this province. The company was managed by a very ambitious young man, W. R. Arnold, who got so ambitious that in 1912 he applied to the Dominion parliament for federal incorporation, and asked that the federal company should take over the business of the provincially incorporated company. The bill got into parliament and came before the standing committee which deals with that class of legislation. That body took the usual course of striking out of the bill all powers asked for as to receiving deposits, following the policy that has always marked parliament of leaving banking to the banks. The Dominion Trust company was, therefore, incorporated without authority to receive deposits.

That did not seem to worry the company or Mr. Arnold, because their solicitors were Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge. At the next session of the provincial legislature a bill was introduced amending the act of the Dominion parliament, and granting power to the Dominion Trust company to receive deposits and pay interest. The department of justice said to this: "Oh, no, Mr. Bowser, you are all-powerful in B. C. but you cannot amend a federal statute. Your legislation is ultra vires; you can go a long way but you cannot do that."

& whole year continued to receive deposits under legislation of the province which was ultra vires, obtained for it and granted to it by W. J. Bowser, attorney-general of the province.

You will find in the statutes of 1913, chapter 89, this legislation amending an act never passed by the provincial legislature but one passed by the federal parliament. On attention being drawn by the department of justice to this being beyond the power of Mr. Bowser and his legislature to do, Mr. Bowser, in March, 1914, introduced a bill in which he promptly repealed the power to receive deposits. For a whole year it had received deposits under improper legislation, and then for nearly another year it received them after losing this shadow of power. The reason was that it had received from the law office of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge, more powerful to amend legislation than the legislature itself, a document which I will trouble you by reading at length. This fake trust agreement which I have in my hand was prepared in the law office of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge. If there are any depositors here they will find it pasted in the fly-sheet of their pass-book—an agreement between the Dominion Trust company and its depositors, not authorized by the provincial legislature and in direct opposition to the only legislation it has, that from the Dominion parliament. Here is what it says:

"DOMINION TRUST COMPANY. "Savings Deposit Department. "DOMINION TRUST COMPANY, hereinafter called the Trust Company, hereby acknowledges to have received from the registered owner of this Pass Book, as shown by the books of the Trust Company and hereinafter called the Depositor, the sums entered herein from time to time and initiated by the duly authorized officers of the Trust Company in trust for investment on account of the Depositor upon the following agreement, viz: "1. THAT the said sums shall be invested in or loaned upon such securities as the Trust Company shall deem safe and advantageous to be taken in the name of the Trust Company, but to be held by the Trust Company as Trustee for the Depositor.

"2. THAT the Trust Company shall guarantee the repayment of the above mentioned sums upon demand or upon receipt of any notice in writing to the Trust Company, together with interest on the said sums at the rate of 4 per cent per annum. Interest will not be allowed on deposits remaining less than one calendar month. Accrued interest will be added on the last days of March, June, September and December, to all accounts open at those dates, computed on the minimum amount on deposit during each calendar month. The rate of interest payable to Depositors by the Trust Company to be subject to change, or variation upon fifteen days' notice in writing to the Depositor, such notice to be sufficient if sent by letter addressed to the address shown by the books of the Trust Company.

"3. Deposits will be repaid only to the Depositor in person, except in case of unavoidable absence, when the written order of the Depositor, duly authenticated and accompanied by the Depositor's Pass Book will suffice.

"4. THAT in consideration of such guarantee, the interest and profits (if any) resulting from the investment or loaning of the said sums mentioned, over and above the rate of interest payable to the Depositor by paragraph 2 shall be retained by the Trust Company as and for its own benefit as remuneration for such guarantee and management.

"5. UPON the payment of the sums hereinbefore mentioned and guaranteed interest the trust securities shall be the property of the Trust Company freed from the terms of the trust and without any formal assignment or release from the Depositor, and this Pass Book must be given up to the Company, SIGNED and dated at Victoria, etc."

The ipse dixit of Bowser, Reid and Wallbridge is more powerful than an act of the provincial legislature. Under the trust company legislation of the province provision has been made for the thorough inspection of trust companies. After the passage of the Dominion statute in 1912 the officer of the finance department, who may also be held to be acting under the authority of the attorney-general, had full power to go to the offices of the Dominion Trust company and say that not one further dollar should be received on deposit because it had no authority to receive such money. But that officer, in the person of the inspector of provincial statute, was estopped by this provincial statute, which had no value in law.

Mr. Bowser was as solicitous for the interests of the public as for those of his clients, the Dominion Trust company, from the passage of the Dominion act, not one dollar could have entered the company's coffers, and nearly one million dollars of workmen's savings would have been saved to those workmen who had and have a right to look to W. J. Bowser to protect them when they place their savings with a company subject to government inspection. That, though, was not the worst of it. When he found that the legislation passed by himself and forced through the legislature would not be upheld by the Dominion authorities his inspector was estopped by this fake trust agreement which I have read to you.

That was not satisfactory his firm has prepared this fake agreement under which these moneys have been received since he had to repeal his unauthorized legislation.

The man responsible for the actual administration of the affairs of the Dominion Trust is now dead. William Arnold has gone to meet his God; William Bowser is still attorney-general of British Columbia. One is as guilty as the other ("More so," said a voice). One was a young, ambitious, inexperienced man, making no money for himself out of the transactions, but attempting to become one of the Napoleons of finance in this country. The other Napoleon neglected his duty as attorney-general, attorney-general for the people of B. C., and as solicitor for that company put it in a position for the last two years, in violation of the authority which created it, to take funds of the innocent depositors, and these funds went with the rest.

Some years ago I made a similar charge against W. J. Bowser in connection with his mixing-up of his private practice with his duties as attorney-general in 1895 no attorney-general in Great Britain can engage in private practice. For the past number of years the attorney-general of British Columbia has been using his position merely as a tout to direct the legal business of individuals, firms and corporations which have business to do with the provincial government to the law office of Bowser, Reid and Wallbridge. Mr. Bowser was at that time the confidential adviser of a very clever Japanese, Gotoh, who was secretly bringing in Japanese labor to this country under the legal advice of W. J. Bowser. With the object of assisting his client he introduced into the legislature of this province a Natal act, which stated that any foreigner who could not read or write English would be free to come into this province. But when it suited the interests of Mr. Bowser he deserted his client and attempted to attach to the Liberal party the responsibility of being sponsor for Gotoh in bringing in these aliens.

I said then that the benchers of the Law Society of British Columbia should call Mr. Bowser to account for unprofessional conduct. I say now that if the benchers of that society are as solicitous for the honor and reputation of their ancient and honorable profession as they ought to be they should immediately call Mr. Bowser to account for his dealings with the Dominion Trust company. (Cheers.)

The situation is simply this, that there would not have been one single dollar of depositors' money lost in connection with the failure of the Dominion Trust company if Mr. Bowser had carried out his duty, because it would never have got into the funds of the company. From 1912 until the day it closed its doors it was, without authority, receiving deposits, receiving them by virtue of the authority of Dictator Bowser and not by any authority of Dominion or provincial parliament; in fact the legislation of the province was ultra vires. So the man primarily responsible for the loss of the depositors' money is W. J. Bowser. The company was in 1912 incorporated by the Dominion without any authority to receive deposits. It continued to receive them without authority for a year. In 1913 Mr. Bowser had passed legislation amending a federal act, which he had to have repealed the next year on the intimation of the department of justice that otherwise it would be disallowed, after it had given the Dominion Trust another year of illegal power.

Then when the last vestige of assumed authority was destroyed he advised the company to get around it by pasting this fake agreement in its pass-books and when he had nothing else to do to help his clients he had prepared in his own law office this fake under which the Dominion Trust continued to carry on until it failed, receiving deposits which it has never had power to receive since 1912, and deceiving depositors into the belief they were still depositors when they were contracting to lend.

Several questions were asked by persons in the audience, and it was quite apparent that the subject is a very live one. The fake agreement came in for a lot of warm condemnation, one speaker calling it a plan to "chase the devil around the stump," and another describing it as a hoodwinking of the depositors. The fake was further explained by Mr. Ross, who pointed out that, stripped of its legal verbiage, it simply meant that instead of being depositors, as they thought, the depositors were lending their money to the company.

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Canadian Women's Club.—The following are some of the events which will take place in connection with the winter's programme of the Women's Canadian club: January 7, address on "Economics," Miss Ravelhill; January 19, "Paris in Time of Peace," (Illustrated), Mme. Sanderson-Monaghan; February 2, "Russia," Yvonne Kidinoff-von-Helmelt; February 16, "Buy in Victoria," a general discussion of what individuals can do for the city; March 2, "India as part of the Empire," Dr. Annie McKenzie-Cleland; March 16, "Reconstruction After the War," Miss Helen Stewart.

MANY ATTEND DANCE FOR BELGIAN FUND

Nearly Three Hundred at Entertainment Held Last Evening by Dancing Club

A very enjoyable dance in aid of the Belgian fund was held last evening at the Alexandra club under the auspices of Miss Kathleen Roberts' private dancing club, the occasion drawing one of the biggest gatherings of the kind held during the season. Nearly three hundred dancers were present and entered with zest into the enjoyment of a pastime which continued until close upon 2 o'clock this morning to the accompaniment of the excellent music provided by Heaton's orchestra. The decorations in the ballroom were of a patriotic character, the flags of Belgium and the allies hanging side by side at one end of the hall. In the supper-room, where Mr. Campbell had arranged a very excellent supper, the table decorations were particularly beautiful, these having been undertaken by Mrs. Jackson of the Empress hotel, and consisting of flower-tined baskets filled with carnations and crimson poinsettias intermixed with smilax and maidenhair fern. The mantel of the fireplace was banked with the same effective colors and foliage, which gave a particularly bright and cheery look to the room.

Among the ladies who very kindly acted as chaperons for the event were Mesdames G. Riley, J. D. Gordon, Hanington, F. Fowkes, H. J. Scott, F. Moore, Kingham and A. B. Taylor. The floor committee, which assisted Miss Roberts in the arrangements, comprised the Misses G. Scott, D. Moore, D. Kingham, M. Carlin, B. Fowkes, and Messrs. E. Hudson, Blaney Scott, E. Copas, T. Holston, A. J. Hudson, G. F. Pauline, D. Taylor and T. D. Roberts.

As the result of the dance the committee will be enabled to hand over quite a considerable sum to the Belgian fund. Among those who contributed music for the supper extras was Miss Mesher, whose voluntary services were much appreciated by the management. Among those who were present were Miss D. Kingham, G. Scott, D. Carlin, Appleby, Bone, Clay, Taylor, Lewthwaite, Robinson, L. MacEachern, D.

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Holy communion on Thursdays and holy days at 8 a. m.; matins daily at 9 a. m.; evening daily (except Wednesdays) at 7 p. m. Wednesdays, choral evening service with instruction by the bishop at 8 p. m.

St. Barnabas, corner of Cook street and Cathedral avenue. Holy eucharist at 8 a. m.; matins, 10:30; choral celebration and sermon at 11; choral evening at 7 p. m. The Rev. F. Andrews, of Japan, will be the preacher for the day. All seats are free.

St. Mark's, Bolekine road. The Rev. J. W. Plinton, vicar. Litany, holy eucharist and sermon at 11 a. m.; Sunday school at 10:30 a. m.; evening service at 7 p. m. The bishop will preach in the evening. Service of intercession on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. and on Friday at 7:45 p. m.

St. Mary's, Burns street, Oak Bay. Holy communion at 8; parade service for troops, 9:30; matins and sermon at 11; Sunday school, 2:30; evening and sermon, 7:30. The Rev. G. H. Andrews, M. A., rector.

St. Saviour's, Victoria West. Morning prayer and litany at 11 a. m.; Sunday school at 10:30 a. m.; evening prayer at 4; with intercession service.

St. John's, corner Mason and Quadra. Rev. P. P. Chabreck, vicar. Preach at 11 and 7. Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. St. Jud's, Obed avenue. Sunday school, 10:30 a. m.; evening and sermon at 7:30 p. m.

St. Paul's, Royal Naval Station and Garrison church. Evening prayer, 7:30; Rev. W. Baugh Allen, Holy communion at 8 a. m.; matins and sermon, 10:30; Sunday school, 2:30 p. m.; evening and sermon, 7.

St. James's, corner Quebec and St. John streets. Rector, Rev. J. H. Sweet. Holy communion at 8; matins, ante-communion and sermon at 11; Sunday school at 10:30; evening and sermon at 7:30.

Oaklands Church of England Mission. Services every Sunday, 7:30 a. m. Rev. H. A. Collison, Sunday school, 10:30 a. m. Holy communion, first Sunday in month, 9 a. m.

Pemberton Memorial Chapel. Services at the Jubilee hospital to-morrow at 10:30 a. m. will consist of holy communion, hymns and sermon. Patients, nurses, members of hospital staff and the general public cordially invited to attend.

REFORMED EPISCOPAL. Church of Our Lord, corner of Humboldt and Blanshard streets. Rev. A. B. Owen, rector. Services, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Daily matins and sermon at 11 noon, except Saturday, in the Sunday school, for "Our men at the front."

ROMAN CATHOLIC. St. Andrew's, corner of Broadway and View streets. The Right Rev. Alexander MacDonald, D.D., Rt. Rev. Joseph Esterline, Rector. High Mass, 8:30; low mass, 9:30; high mass, 10:30; rosary and benediction at 7:30 p. m. Holy days of Obligation—Low mass at 8 a. m. and benediction at 7:30 p. m. Confessions are heard on the eve of all feast days, every Sunday and every Thursday before the first Friday of the month in the afternoon from 3 until 6 o'clock, and on the evening of Sunday afternoons at 2 o'clock.

PRESBYTERIAN. St. Columba, corner Mitchell street and Granite street, Oak Bay. Rev. R. A. Macdonnell, minister. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. Gorge, corner Tillikum road and Water street. Sunday school, 10:30; superintendent, Mr. Hubert Wainston. Evening service, 7 o'clock; preacher, Mr. A. J. Mitchell.

Knox, 2025 Stanley avenue. Services, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Bible class at 9:45. Sabbath school at 2:30 p. m. Rev. Joseph McCoy, M. A., minister.

First United, corner of Douglas and Broughton streets. Dr. W. Leslie Gray, minister. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; men's Bible class, 12:15; Sabbath school, 2:30; organ recital at 7.

Erskine, Harriet road, north of Bolekine road. Sunday school at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Holywood Presbyterian Sunday School, Wildwood avenue. Regular services, Sunday, 7:30 p. m.

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Christians meet in Oaklands chapel hall, Cedar Hill road and Hillside avenue. At 11 a. m. breaking of bread, 3 p. m. school and Bible reading, address: Gospel meeting, 7 p. m.

The Victoria Progressive Society of Spiritualists will hold services in the A. O. U. W. hall, Yates street, Sunday at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. Miss Gartley, speaker. The Theosophical Society meets Sunday, 8 p. m., at 802 Campbell building.

Seventh Day Adventist, corner Hillside avenue and Graham street. Services Sabbath (Saturday), 10:30; prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.; special service Sunday, 7:30 p. m.

Wesley, McPherson avenue, Victoria West. Rev. S. L. Thompson, pastor. Services Sunday, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school and adult Bible classes at 2:30 p. m.

Metropolitan, corner of Pandora and Quadra streets. Pastor, Rev. C. T. Scott, B. A., D.D., associate pastor, Rev. Jos. Philip, M. A., R.D. Class meeting, 12:30 p. m.; prayer worship at 11 and 7:30; Sunday school, 2:30; brotherhood, 7:45. The pastor will preach at both services.

Contemlar, Gorge road, one block from Government street. Rev. Thomas Green, M. A., B. D., pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The pastor will preach at both services. Sunday school and adult Bible classes at 2:30 p. m.

James Bay, corner Menzies and Michigan streets. Rev. F. N. Stapleford, M. A., B. L., pastor. Services at 11 and 7:30. Sunday school, 2:30 p. m., open session, music and lantern pictures. Rev. L. S. Albright will preach in the morning and in the evening.

Belmont avenue. Rev. John Robson, B. A., pastor. Services, 11 and 7:30. The pastor will preach in the evening. Sabbath school at 2:30 p. m.

Esquimalt, corner Admiral's road and Lyall street. Pastor, Rev. Thos. Key. Morning services at 10:30 o'clock. Sabbath school and adult Bible class, 2:30 p. m. Evening service at 7 o'clock.

Oaklands, Rev. C. G. Brown, B. A., pastor. Sunday school and Bible class, 2:30. Services at 11 and 7:30.

BAPTIST. St. Manuel, corner Fernwood road and Gladstone avenue. Fernwood church. Rev. William Stevenson, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school and adult Bible classes at 2:30 p. m.

First, Dominion Theatre building, Yates street. Rev. J. H. Wainston, B. A., pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school and adult Bible classes at 2:30 p. m.

St. Paul's, corner Princess avenue and Chambers street. Rev. Otto George G. Rector. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school and Bible class, 2:30.

First Unitarian, Fernwood road and Bolekine street. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Rev. H. B. Speight, M. A., pastor, will preach at both services.

Library Books

The following new books have arrived at the public library:

SOCIOLOGY. Chatterton, Edward Kable—Sailing ships; the story of their development from the earliest times to the present day. 1909. 387-C-1384. Cowan, Minna G.—Education of the women of India. 1912. 376-C-878. Hannay, David—Naval courts martial. 1914. 393-13-1122(a). Higgins, Alexander Pearce—Hague peace conferences and other interesting national conferences concerning the laws and usages of war; texts of conventions with commentaries. 1909. 341-C-1163(a). Owen, Douglas—Ocean trade and shipping. 1914. 387-0700. Wickett, Samuel Morley—Municipal government in Canada. 1907. 352-0-12. Wilson.

LANGUAGE. Emerson, Oliver Farrar—History of the English language. 1914. 429-3-253(b).

NATURE SCIENCE. Huxley, Erasmus—Ornithology: an individual in the animal kingdom. 570-1198(b). Poynting, John Henry—Earth; its shape, size, weight and spin. 1912. 551-1-133(a).

USEFUL ARTS. Corbett, Lee Cleveland—Garden farming. 1913. 635-C-78(a). James, Alice—Chating dish; together with directions for the preparation of sandwiches. 1911. 413-35-123(b). Procter, Henry Richardson—Making of leather. 1914. 675-156(a).

FINE ARTS. Isaacs, Lewis Montefiore, and Rahtson, Kurt Julian—Hansel and Gretel, a guide to Engelbert Hutterli's book opera. 1913. 782-3-173(a). Jekyll, Gertrude—Color schemes for the flower garden. 1914. 716-1-100.

LITERATURE. Baker, Ernest Albert—Guide to historical fiction. 1914. Ref. 803-B16(b). Brooke, Stopford Augustus—English literature from the beginning to the Victorian Compromise. 1898. 802-2-B78(e). Chesterton, Gilbert Keith—Mugger; a fantastic comedy. 1913. 822-C-22(a). Dixon, William MacCallum—English epic and heroic poetry. 1912. 810-102(e). Martin, Edward Sandford—Reflections of a Victorian. 1914. 808-1-N2(a).

Tagore, Rabindranath—The dark chamber. 1914. 819-112(k). Tagore, Rabindranath—Sadhana; the realization of life. 1912. 819-112(a). Trevelyan, George Macaulay—Chlo, a muse and other essays, literary and pedestrian. 1914. 822-781(f).

TRAVEL. Durham, Mary Edith—Through the lands of the North. 1914. 914-57-109(b). Enock, C. Reginald—Republics of Central and South America; their resources, industries, history and future. 1912. 915-1059(e). James, Winifred—Mulberry tree. 910-4-729(b).

Keppel, Horace—Our Southern highlands. 1913. 917-5-113(b). Pickhail, Marmaduke—With the Turk in 1911. 1914. 914-96-1561(a).

BIOGRAPHY. Berezford, Admiral Lord Charles William de la Poer—Memoirs of Admiral Lord Charles Berezford, written by himself. 1913. 917-5-113(b). Gardiner, A. G.—Prophets, priests and kings. 920-622(p).

HISTORY. Adams, George Burton—European history; an outline of its development. 1905. 940-A12(e). (Gift.) Atteridge, A. Hilliard—Famous land fights. 1902. 940-A12(e). (Gift.) Bourdon, Georges—German enigmas; being an inquiry among Germans as to what they think, what they want, what they feel. 1914. 945-875(f). Grinnell, George Bird—Indians of today. 1909. 970-1-092(b).

Life, John Ian Standish Monteith—Staff officer's scrap-book during the Russo-Japanese war. 1912. 952-1-101(a). Koverly, William—Chronicle of three free cities; Hamburg, Bremen, Lubeck. 1914. 945-854(c). Miller, William—Ottoman Empire. 1901. 949-6-245(f).

Sarolea, Charles—Anglo-German problem. 1912. 945-824(a). FICTION. Adams, Samuel Hopkins—Clarion. 1914. 1942-3-1182(b).

Valentine, Henry—Life and adventures of Valentine Vox, the Ventriquist. 1914. 1942-3-1182(b). Dancan, Norman—Bird-story man; an omnibus of stories. 1914. 1942-3-1182(b). Jacobs, William Wymarc—Night watches. 1914.

Lyton, Edward George—Earle Lytton Bulwer, 1st Baron Lytton—Light and shadow. 1914. 1942-3-1182(b). Merrick, Leonard—When fate flies out of 'Youth's' encounter. 1914.

Princess, Bertha—Baroness—When thoughts will soar; romance of the immediate future. 1914. 1942-3-1182(b). Lyton, Jack—Strength of the strong. 1914.

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CHILDREN'S BOOKS. Non-Fiction. Baden-Powell, (Sir) Robert Stephenson—Boy Scouts beyond the seas. 1912. 376-1-813(b). Fiction. Howells, William Dean—Christmas every day and other stories told for children. 1912. 376-1-813(b).

Howells, William Dean—Christmas every day and other stories told for children. 1912. 376-1-813(b). Vaizey, Jessie (Bell) (Mrs. George de Horne)—About Peggy Saville. Vaizey, Jessie (Bell) (Mrs. George de Horne)—College girl. Vaizey, Jessie (Bell) (Mrs. George de Horne)—More about Peggy. Vaizey, Jessie (Bell) (Mrs. George de Horne)—More about Pixie.

RELIGION. Abbott, Lyman—Letters to unknown friends. 1913. 242-A122(e).

"I AM A LUCKY FELLOW." Private G. Fennell, of the 2nd Battalion Wilts Regiment, writes to his wife from hospital stating, "Do not trouble about me. I am mending as quick as possible. I am not going to tell you much now. Still, I am a lucky fellow to be here at all. Last Thursday week our trench was blown in with liddite from the Germans. Four of us were buried in some tons of earth. Many of our men ran away at the moment, leaving me with my hands like a trussed chicken, with my hands pointing up. Thus by scratching up, I was able to get out. I had made a small hole big enough to breathe. I shouted for all I was worth, and although the trench was badly blown in one plucky fellow came with a spade to dig me out. While so doing another shell came in almost the same place and filled up the small hole I had made, and my mouth and eyes. Still, he worked and soon cleared me. Next day, Friday, I was shot by a sniper on leaving the trenches. I rolled toward the trench, making a couple of yards or so. Then my only chance was to get up. I have three men to thank I am here. I had two and a half miles to walk after I was shot, but the same fellows that pulled me into the trench supported me on either side. In fact, they attempted to carry me, but I could not stand the weight of my legs dangling. So far, so good. Still, I think I promised you to be back before Christmas."

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In another half-hour we had got on another half mile to another ruined farm, behind which we waited for the rest of the line. Soon we saw them advancing to our right, and got the signal to carry on. In little parties we left the farm and crawled along the ditches till we were lined up along a hedge another quarter of a mile further on, and here we came under heavy shrapnel fire. Every few seconds the shrapnel came whistling and tearing through the tall poplars or the hedge, behind whose trunks we were crouched. A bit of shell as big as a brick went over my right shoulder within an inch of my ear."

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NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application has been made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next Session by the Corporation of the District of Saanich for an Act to be entitled "Saanich Municipality Act, 1914".

(a) Authorizing the Council of the Municipality in addition to the powers contained in Subsec. 102, of Sec. 54 of the Municipal Act, to pass a By-law charging the owners or occupants of any house, property, tenement, lot, or part of lot, or both, in, through, or past which any water main or pipe shall run, a reasonable rent or charge for the use or opportunity of use of the water, whether such owner or occupant shall use the water or not, or is connected or not with the water main or pipe, and for charging the owner or lessee of each vacant property, lot or part of lot, fronting on any street, by, through or past which any water main or pipe are to be placed, provided the pipe or main runs in, through or past the said property, lot or part of lot, with a reasonable rent or charge for the use or opportunity of using the water, whether there is any connection or not, and for providing that these powers shall apply to all waterworks heretofore constructed under Local Improvement System and taken over by the Municipality, and to all waterworks hereafter constructed with moneys heretofore voted.

(b) Authorizing the Council of the Municipality when a work is to be or has been done either under the Municipal Act or Local Improvement Act when a frontage rate is imposed or a frontage assessment is to be made, to charge an equitable proportion of the cost of any such work against any area or areas whether subdivided or not, and whether the same has or has not any frontage on any street; and to assess such charge by a special rate.

(c) To take over, alter and improve any waterworks, mains, pipes or plant heretofore or hereafter constructed, and to assume all liability in connection therewith, and particularly to exercise jurisdiction over the same as provided by Subsec. 102 of Sec. 54 of the Municipal Act, and all rights to be granted by the Act to be therein.

(d) Authorizing the Municipality to borrow any amount for fire protection purposes.

(e) Validating the Merigold and Blackwood Local Improvement By-Law and additional By-Laws affecting the same to be hereafter passed defining the areas set out in said By-Laws and fixing the assessments and permitting the Municipality to assess and collect the actual costs of the works.

(f) And for such other powers as may be necessary or convenient in connection with the foregoing.

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"THAT GIRL FROM TEXAS."

Realistic scenes of ranch life in Texas are faithfully depicted in "That Girl From Texas," which is to be the Christmas week attraction at the Princess theatre commencing next Monday night. The first act opens with a scene on the Hudson. From there the story takes one to Ireland, thence back to "Big-hearted Texas"—the land which is generous to a stranger and unforgetful of a friend.

Miss Verna Felton will appear as the sweet girl from Texas, reared on a ranch and taken to Ireland to receive an inheritance. It is her quaint sayings and manners which give rise to much of the excellent comedy of the play. The role is very similar to Peg in "Peg o' My Heart," in which Miss Felton made such a hit a couple of months ago. On account of the scenic opportunities the play allows, it is splendid, but the beautiful gowns to be worn by Miss Felton, Miss Allen and the other ladies of the cast will be an interesting feature. Seats may be reserved now by telephone.

IN THE LODGE ROOM

I. O. O. F.

Meetings Next Week.

Monday—Victoria Lodge No. 1. General Relief Committee.
Tuesday—Colfax Rebekah Lodge No. 1.
Wednesday—Columbia Lodge No. 2.
Thursday—Dominion Lodge No. 4.

General Relief Committee.

This committee will meet on Monday evening next at 7:30 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.

Victoria Lodge No. 1.

At the meeting of this lodge on Monday evening last the first degree was conferred on one member. The second degree will be conferred next Monday evening.

The lodge expressed itself in favor of a joint installation of officers of the three lodges for the next term and appointed a committee to make arrangements for the same in the event of the other lodges concurring therein.

Colfax Rebekah Lodge No. 1.

This lodge will hold a snow dance on Tuesday evening next, and a large attendance is expected. Sisters are requested to bring refreshments.

Vancouver Encampment No. 1.

The attendance at the meeting of the encampment last Tuesday evening was not quite up to the average, due no doubt to members attending other attractions. The second degree was conferred by the degree team, and business of a routine nature engaged the attention of those present. The officers of the encampment will be installed by Pat. D. Dewar, D. D. G. P., on Tuesday evening, January 5, 1915. The encampment has had a very successful term, and it is expected the semi-annual reports will show the affairs of the encampment in a satisfactory condition.

Columbia Lodge No. 2.

The attendance at this lodge last Wednesday evening was considerably

"CHRISTMAS CAROL"

Excelsior Bible Class Produces Famous Dickens Story With Very Excellent Results.

Dickens' "Christmas Carol" is not often nowadays performed by amateur dramatic societies, and that which was given on Thursday evening by the Excelsior Bible class at the Fabrik Methodist church drew an enthusiastic audience, including in addition to members of the church and young people of the district a large representation from the Dickens' society and from the Victoria Literary society.

The scenes were splendidly staged and excellent acting characterized all the parts. In the role of Scrooge H. N. Moore, who so cleverly adapted the story and produced the play, was convincing in interpretation of the croakily characterized immortalized by the famous English writer. Frequent rounds of applause punctuated the performance, in which the actor portrayed the various emotions of the "miserable old rascal." Special mention is also due William Barker, who in the dual roles of Cratchit and Pezziwig, was excellent; of Miss E. Robinson, as Mrs. Cratchit; of Miss M. S. Keenan, as Mrs. Whittier, the niece and nephew; Eric Bellby, as Marley's ghost; W. H. Settle, as Marley as a young man; and Miss Edna Sparling as his former sweetheart. Other principal parts were capably filled by Mesdames I. Grayson, Mabel Dymon, Rubie Hume, M. Playfair, I. Whitley, and Miss A. E. Edie.

The class is indebted to the Murphy brothers for lighting, to the B. C. Electric Railway company, and the Speer Walton company for properties; and to the Harmony Hall Flamb Co. for the use of a piano. The proceeds of the entertainment are being used for the church.

"AT THE THEATRES"

ARLISS IN "DISRAELI"

George Arliss, supported by his English company, will again offer his brilliant interpretation of Britain's great premier, in Louis N. Parker's comedy, "Disraeli," at the Royal Victoria theatre this evening.

It was a daring task for a dramatist to offer as the central figure of a play a famous statesman of a day that is still marked by the vigor and activities of thousands of that statesman's contemporaries. More presumptuous still was the task of endeavoring to win sympathetic regard for such a character at a time when the original is most vividly remembered through the constant denunciation and merciless ridicule of him that occupied the journalists and caricaturists of the whole world—throughout the entire period of Disraeli's public life. Yet the playwright often seems to rush in where the historian fears to tread. The achievements of Benjamin Disraeli, Lord Beaconsfield, the man who made Britain his gaming table arouse pride in every loyal British heart. Their fruits were empire.

Louis N. Parker's "Disraeli" might not have been written had not the only actor been available whose art, technique, and personality fitted its titular role. It was the personality of this actor, too, that determined the period of Disraeli's life dealt with in the play.



Scene From "The Virginian" With Dustin Farnum, Royal Victoria Theatre, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Matinee Each Day

"WILL NOT FADE FROM MEMORY."

A corporal of the Imperial Light Horse describes the fighting in South Africa in the course of a letter to his father. He states: "There are two pictures that I carry from that first little skirmish among the desolate sand dunes that will not easily fade from memory. The one was of two brothers, Window by name, the one shot through the heart, and the other kneeling over him—a water bottle dropped from his unclenched hand and a Mauser bullet hole from angle to angle of his jaw. The other picture was of the horses (one lost six and the Germans four), a horse that I had myself ridden was standing and looking pitifully bewildered with a broken leg painfully drawn up. The others, I am glad to say, were as still as the Germans who lay around. By far the worst feature of our soldiering out here is the utter dearth of news from home. This is a damn uncertainty is, I think, worse than could ever be full realization of the worst news." The official casualty list gives the names of the two Windowes as both killed at Graspan on September 25.

above the average, and as a result the first degree was conferred in a very impressive manner. The team captain had requested all members of the team to be on hand, and as a result the full team was present.

The whist tournament will be continued next Wednesday evening. Bro. G. Jones and Bro. P. Scott are tied for first place at the present time, but there are a number of others within a point or two below them, which means that the next session will be a very interesting one.

The initiatory degree will be conferred by a picked team on Dec. 30.

The Christmas tree and entertainment committee have practically completed all arrangements, and now only await the evening of Dec. 29, when it is expected a very large number will attend. There will be a short programme of songs, recitations, etc., and after the presents have been distributed from the Christmas tree there will be games and other amusements for the little ones. There will be dancing in the small hall on the same evening for those who wish to do not attend the Christmas tree.

Dominion Lodge No. 4.

This lodge completed a very successful whist tournament on Thursday, in which Bro. J. Wilby, of No. 2 lodge, captured the first prize, donated by Bro. J. Gardner, N. G. The booby prize was gratefully received by W. H. Cullen, P. G. M.

It is the intention to continue this tournament next term, as Bros. Cleary and Trenitt have designed and presented a shield on which the name of the winner of each tournament will be inscribed.

There will be a dance held on Thursday, December 31, when all the lodges are expected to participate.

A. O. F.

Court Camosun.

Court Camosun, No. 2233, held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening, the event being well attended. The officers elected for the ensuing term were: A. E. Hawkins, C. R.; W. Veale, S. R.; A. R. Colby, Treasurer; T. W. Hawkins, Secretary; W. P. Farmer, S.

W. W. J. Johnson, J. W.; W. G. Ross, S. B.; F. Oliver, J. B.; A. D. Bechtel, M. D.; A. H. Mann, Organist; F. W. Jenkins, Trustee. The installation of officers will take place on the evening of January 5 and will be a joint installation of the officers of Court Maple Leaf and Court Camosun. The social committee of Court Camosun is arranging for a programme and dance to follow, to which all Foresters are cordially invited.

OUR LETTER BOX

Letters for publication in Daily Times must be received at the Times Office not later than the day before the day of publication. When received later they will be held over until the following day.

While unobjectionable anonymous communications will be published, the name and address of every writer of such letters must be given to the editor.

WANTS JUSTICE.

To the Editor: Your correspondent very rightly draws attention to the fact that recently a man was sentenced to one year's imprisonment for stealing \$25, whilst others who run away or embezzle thousands are not proceeded against.

Let me draw attention to the following facts: Recently two Chinamen were each sentenced to a term of three years' imprisonment for the theft of a small bundle of cloth. The evidence against one was fairly conclusive, but against the other an element of doubt existed. The police "thought" these men were "regular culprits."

About the same time an attack was made on a Chinaman who had let a room to some white men. The latter in addition to the attack committed a robbery by violence. No element of doubt existed in this case and no "thinking" had to be done. The white men were let off with a fine of \$5 each. Comment is useless. All we want is "justice."

E. MITFORD ABRAHAM.
Victoria, Dec. 18, 1914.

WORK ON RIFLE RANGE.

To the Editor:—It appears that none but supporters of the government are to get work on the job of preparing the new rifle range in Saanich.

A resident and taxpayer of the municipality out of work and with a large family to support was told by the boss that he would have to get his name on the Conservative lists in order to get on the work.

It would appear from this that the government of this province exists solely for the benefit of those who are supporters of the party in power. All others are beyond the pale and have no right to consideration.

We hear high-sounding phrases from the premier and his ministers about patriotism and making sacrifices for the empire. If the exhibition of sordid partyism in the time of stress and suffering in our midst is a measure of their patriotism, then we might well pray that British Columbia may be delivered from that brand of patriotism.

Saanich, Dec. 17.
F. G. ORR.

CIVIL SERVICE SHOOT

Second Round of Rifle Association Completed and Good Scores Made.

Keen excitement prevails amongst the members of the Civil Service Rifle and Drill Association, who have just completed the second round of their tri-weekly sports and turkey shoot. Excellent marksmanship was shown, especially by some of the new members, and H. Sherwood made top score, returning a card showing at 25 yards 31 points and at 50 yards 25 points, a total of 56 out of a possible 70 points.

The winners of the spoons are: A class, F. T. Murray; B class, H. Sherwood; C class, D. G. Ricketts.

This week's shoot made considerable difference in the aggregate scores for the turkey, which are being keenly contested for. The scores follow:

A Class.	
F. T. Murray	67
C. Macpherson	65
T. H. Bewley	65
W. S. Taylor	64
N. P. Pile	63
C. I. MacKenzie	63
A. B. Hoyle	58
P. A. Richardson	58
W. H. Evans	58
H. Nairne	58
J. C. Lowe	58
B Class.	
H. G. Sherwood	67
O. Barton	67
R. McKane	66
E. G. Ricketts	66
C Class.	
A. J. Lindsey	61
R. M. C. Hemberow	61
H. A. Howell	61
H. A. Jell	61
C. E. Tidley	61
Whittaker	60
H. G. Garrett	60
G. M. Irwin	60
H. C. Smith	60
R. Gillow	58
D. Beattie	58
H. M. Wright	57
H. W. Eades	57
W. H. Cullen	57
Jas. Mayer	56
J. E. Unruh	56
T. Rogness	56
A. J. Cantwell	52
A. Lawrie	52
W. S. Beckwith	51
A. Hood	51
D. G. E. Ricketts	51
C Class.	
Col. E. F. F. G. G. G.	61
A. D. Anderson	60
A. S. Jones	60
A. L. Fraser	57
W. A. Mulcahy	57
F. E. E. E. E.	56
G. H. A. Bell	54
J. McEwan	54
N. Taylor	51
N. P. Blandy	50
P. O. Morris	48
H. N. Curtis	48

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Inside the Kettle and Out

Old Dutch Cleanser



who was lying with his two little children, a victim of the dreadful effect of a high explosive shell, which had killed his wife and destroyed his house, leaving him beggared. He himself had lost a leg, and his poor little girl, four years old, had had to have both a leg and an arm amputated and had lost an eye. The other poor little mite had lost both legs. Such are some of the horrors of war. . . . I took charge of an ambulance going up to the thick of the fighting at—J—. Here I saw the horrors of war. . . . The fighting had been terrific; the heaviest during the whole campaign; 4,000 wounded had been brought into the town within a week. . . . I stayed two days there—sleeping in a shed—and helped to collect the wounded from the dressing stations and bring them to the clearing hospital. The horrors of a clearing hospital beggars description. But how splendidly the British doctor works under almost impossible conditions! Hundreds of wounded men were brought in daily. The hospital was only about two miles from the fierce battle which was raging and from the ward we could see the shells bursting.

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Along the Waterfront

Shipping News from Day to Day

JUST MISSED BEING CAPTURED BY EMDEN

Discoverer Left Calcutta One Week Before Diplomat, Which Was Sunk

Among the deep-sea mariners who rejoiced over the destruction of the German cruiser Emden in the Indian Ocean by the Australian cruiser Sydney was Capt. Rushforth, master of the Harrison liner Discoverer, in port to-day from Liverpool on her maiden visit. This splendid ship, which has only been in service for one year, just missed capture by the Emden in the Bay of Bengal.

Speaking of the narrow escape of his ship, Capt. Rushforth said this morning that the steamship Diplomat, which followed but one week later the same course which he had taken, had fallen into the hands of the notorious commerce raider. "Discoverer left Calcutta just prior to the receipt of the reports of the first destructive raid made by the Emden. When leaving the Indian port the captain was in-
 formed that two German cruisers were reported to be in the Bay of Bengal, but he did not take any notice of this, through the fact that it was generally understood that the British navy had all Asiatic waters clear.

Stopped by Warships.
 The Discoverer arrived at Colombo, Ceylon, without sighting the Emden, but Capt. Rushforth believes that he must have passed pretty close to the cruiser. "The Diplomat, one of the newest and finest ships of the Harrison fleet, left Calcutta one week after the Discoverer and she was sent to the bottom by the Kaiser's fighting ship.

When steaming through the Mediterranean Sea on her way home, the Discoverer was stopped twice by French warships. Upon arriving off Victoria early this morning Captain Rushforth had another taste of the stringent measures enforced by the admiralty. The Discoverer rounded Race Rocks at 1 o'clock and the master wanted to wait until daylight before coming up to the docks. He proceeded to the Royal Roads to anchor, but was intercepted by the patrol boat and informed that he could find an anchorage off Victoria. Capt. Rushforth proceeded to a spot between Brothie Ledge and the shore, but soon found that a row of piles drove close to the bows of his ship. He backed his ship away and let her drift outside the ledge until the pilot came on board. When Capt. Rushforth was here just before the breakwater and pier were not in such an advanced stage as they are to-day and the skipper was surprised to find the work progressing so well.

COLUSA'S NARROW ESCAPES.

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—After a series of hairbreadth escapes from capture by vessels of the now destroyed German fleet off the British coast, the W. R. Grace line Colusa, Capt. Lober, arrived here on Thursday night from Valparaiso.

The Colusa, which is one of the largest and finest vessels of the Grace line, formerly flew the British flag and was changed to American register while at Valparaiso.

While in South American waters the vessel was twice pursued by the German cruiser Prince Frederick Nitel. She brought a full cargo of nitre. Upon discharging here she will proceed north to load a portion of her outbound cargo and will return here for the balance.

GOVERNOR SAILS SOUTH.

The Pacific Coast steamship Governor, Capt. Thomas, sailed from Victoria last night at 11 o'clock for San Francisco with 345 passengers, 79 of whom embarked at this port.

TIMES SHIPPING CHART

Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	From	Due
Discoverer	Flynn	1,800	Dodwell & Co.	Liverpool	Dec. 19
Antiochus	Flynn	1,800	Dodwell & Co.	Liverpool	Dec. 20
Yokohama Maru	Komatsubara	4,000	C. P. R.	Hongkong	Dec. 21
Tambora	Guthrie	2,723	C. P. R.	Hongkong	Jan. 5
Nippon Maru	Nishimura	3,200	C. P. R.	Hongkong	Jan. 10
Awa Maru	Tomihata	3,200	C. P. R.	Hongkong	Jan. 11
Yokohama Maru	Tomihata	4,000	C. P. R.	Hongkong	Jan. 11
Makura	Phillips	4,701	C. P. R.	Sydney	Jan. 11
Yokohama Maru	Tomihata	4,000	C. P. R.	Hongkong	Jan. 24
Yokohama Maru	Tomihata	4,000	C. P. R.	Hongkong	Jan. 27
Yokohama Maru	Tomihata	4,000	C. P. R.	Hongkong	Feb. 3
Niagara	Rolls	2,500	C. P. R.	Sydney	Feb. 11
Deucalion	Rolls	4,150	Dodwell & Co.	Liverpool	Mar. 10

Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	From	Due
Niagara	C. P. R.	Sydney	Dec. 23		
Cyclops	Dodwell	Liverpool	Dec. 23		
Panama Maru	H.P. Rutherford	Hakg's	Dec. 23		
Sado Maru	G. N.	Hongkong	Dec. 29		
Seattle Maru	R.P. Rutherford	Hakg's	Jan. 12		
Yokohama Maru	G. N.	Hongkong	Jan. 12		
Makura	C. P. R.	Australia	Jan. 23		
Antiochus	Dodwell	Liverpool	Jan. 23		

Coasting Vessels	From	Due
Princess Royal	G.T.P. R.	Report Dec. 29
Princess Mary	G.T.P. R.	Charlottes Dec. 25
Princess Margaret	G.T.P. R.	Charlottes Dec. 25
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Sailers Coming	From	Due
Columbia	American schooner	from Salaverry, Peru, for Royal Roads. To load lumber at Vancouver for Australia.
Walfrid	Norwegian barque	from Arica, Chile, to load lumber at Victoria. Left Arica Oct. 23.

Ferry Services	For	Due
Princess Victoria	leaves 1.45 p.m. daily.	
Princess Alice	leaves 11.45 p.m. daily.	
Princess Victoria	leaves 1.45 p.m. daily.	
Princess Charlotte	arrives 4.30 p.m. daily.	
Princess Mary	arrives 6.30 a.m. daily.	

EXPECT ANTILOCHUS IN PORT TO-MORROW

Blue Funnel Liner Due From Liverpool and Orient; Ship May Dock on Xmas Day

Shipping men expect to see the big Blue Funnel liner Antiochus, Capt. Flynn, in port some time to-morrow from Liverpool via the Orient. Her schedule called for her arrival here yesterday, but she was two days late sailing from Yokohama due to the heavy cargoes which she worked at different ports of call. The Antiochus is a fast vessel and as the weather on the Pacific has been very good of late as a result of the prevailing northerly winds, there is every reason to think the ship should dock here to-morrow.

The Antiochus has a large number of Chinese passengers who will disembark at this port. While here on her first call she will unload a small shipment of freight, which is urgently required, and then proceed to Tacoma to put off her million-dollar cargo of silk. She will return to Victoria at the end of next week to land the remainder of the local freight, amounting to 1,500 tons.

One For Christmas Day.
 There is a feeling in the boxes of outer-wharf shipping officials that a vessel will be here on Christmas Day and make it necessary for them to work. The Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner Seattle Maru, Capt. Saito, is due to berth on Thursday next and with favorable weather should make port that day, but if stormy weather springs up off this coast she may not get up until the following morning. She has about 30 tons of freight for Victoria and will take about six hours to discharge it.

The departures next week include the Panama Maru, Capt. Kanoo, of the Osaka fleet, which clears on Tuesday for Yokohama, Shanghai and Hongkong—the Blue Funnel liner Cyclops, Capt. Arthur, which departs for Oriental ports and Liverpool on Wednesday, and the R. M. S. Niagara, Capt. Bolla, which sails on Wednesday for Honolulu, Suva, Auckland and Sydney.

ISTHMIAN IS STEAMING SLOWLY TO SAN DIEGO

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 19.—Wireless reports to-day from the American Hawaiian freighter Isthmian, which ran aground yesterday 300 miles south of San Diego, stated that the steamer was proceeding steadily northward under her own steam. The sea was smooth and the ship's speed was being maintained at seven-and-one-half knots, which should bring her into this port at midnight. She was bound for New York.

SAILER THROUGH CANAL

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—The four-master ship John Ena, now loading oil for Japan in Philadelphia, will be the first square-rigger to pass through the Panama canal, according to advices received here yesterday by the marine bureau of the chamber of commerce.

The vessel will carry about 115,000 cases of oil and will cut down the voyage to Japan by approximately 8,000 miles by taking advantage of the canal.

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DISCOVERER HELD UP BY SLIDE AT PANAMA

Harrison Liner Remained at Anchor Near Culebra Cut for Eight Days

Owing to a heavy slide in the Culebra Cut, the Harrison liner Discoverer, Capt. Rushforth, was held in the Panama canal for eight days, and as she carried the shipments of Christmas goods from the United Kingdom for San Pedro, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Victoria and Vancouver, the delay has proven of great inconvenience to the consignees. The ship also had to work a tremendous amount of cargo at the Golden Gate, which further delayed her in landing the shipments for British Columbia ports.

The Discoverer steamed from Liverpool to Colon in eighteen days and three hours. She was locked up into Gatun lake, but upon reaching the Cut the authorities informed Capt. Rushforth that there was not sufficient water to float the ship. For eight days the steamship swung at anchor. The officers and men made many trips ashore and obtained large quantities of fruit and the time was passed in an enjoyable manner.

After getting through the new water-way the Discoverer steamed from Balboa to San Pedro in eleven days and fifteen hours. The steamship had fine weather on the outward run, and on the last leg of the voyage from San Francisco she had fair winds. She steamed over the distance in about 64 hours. The Discoverer is only a year old and is a fairly fast vessel.

Plenty of Liquor.

The Discoverer brought out from the Old Country about 4,000 tons of liquor. At the Bay City she discharged 3,000 tons of whisky, ale, champagne, wine and other alcoholic beverages which are greatly in demand at this season of the year. The steamship is discharging heavy shipments of similar liquors at the outer docks to-day.

Besides the consignments of "booze" the Discoverer is discharging a new motor car for Mrs. Pemberton, 100,000 feet of redwood for the British barque British Yeoman, and much general merchandise. The steamship will finish unloading to-morrow and proceed to Vancouver.

HUGE COTTON AND GRAIN CARGOES ON OSAKA SHIPS

Tacoma, Dec. 19.—Cotton valued at approximately \$624,000 and flour valued at about \$180,000 will be taken from Tacoma on the next two sailings of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha steamers from this port, making the two vessels, with their other general cargo included, have cargoes nearly as valuable as any ever taken out of the port from this port.

The O. S. K. liners will be the Panama Maru, which returned yesterday from Seattle and Vancouver, and the Java Maru, which is now at Vancouver.

The cotton cargo thus far in sight for the two steamers is about 8,000 bales, and it is quite possible that this total will be exceeded by further rail shipments before time for the vessels to depart. The flour cargo consists of about 5,000 tons.

It is announced now as certain that an extra O. S. K. steamer will be sent to Puget Sound in February, but there is no information as to what the vessel will be. It is possible the company will detach another of its Bombay fleet for the run.

PATRICIA HITS VENTURE

Vancouver, Dec. 19.—Vancouver waterfront was the scene of a collision which resulted in some damage to the stern of the Princess Patricia, Capt. Ritchie. The Venture, Capt. Park of the Union Steamship company, was the other vessel concerned.

Each master claims that the other was at fault.

The Patricia proceeded upon her way to Nanaimo and the Venture sailed last night for the north.

OVERDUE SHIP ARRIVES

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 19.—The Dutch steamer Helma, ten days overdue from Rotterdam, passed in the Delaware cape early to-day and is expected this afternoon.

GLENROY LEAVES JAPAN

The Royal Mail liner Glenroy sailed from Yokohama on Thursday for Victoria. She is coming via Honolulu and will dock here about the middle of January.

RHODESIA ON HER WAY

The East Asiatic company's steamship Rhodesia sailed from Tyne, Eng., on November 28, according to belated advices received here. She will arrive at Victoria next month.

PRICE OF GUNHILD.

Through a typographical error in last evening's paper the Dominion government has been paid by the Dominion government to W. H. H. Price for the yacht Gunhild was set down as \$2,000, whereas it should have been \$12,000. The former figure was ample enough for the craft in the shape she was in, but \$12,000 was the price Mr. Price got.

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COOS BAY POUNDS TO PIECES AT VENTURA

Steamer Swung by Tide Into Dock, is Battered and Sent to Bottom

Ventura, Cal., Dec. 19.—Backing into the wharf here early to-day to take on a cargo, the steamer Coos Bay swung against the structure, pounded it to pieces under a heavy swell and was wrecked. Captain James Brown, master of the vessel, said the ship probably would be a total loss.

The Coos Bay was about to be moored when a strong rip tide swung her hard against the piling. The timbers gave way and the forepart of the vessel went under the wharf. The pounding also opened the seams of the Coos Bay and her hold was filled with water, the seams of the hull being opened by the blows received both from the wharf structure and the sea bottom.

The Coos Bay was a wooden vessel of 544 gross tons, built in 1884. She has been plying between San Francisco and Ventura.

LATEST CHARTERS

The latest charters announced at San Francisco are as follows:
 Bioglio, O. Italian ship, 1,942 tons, lumber from North Pacific to Bristol channel, 75s.
 Lawhill, Russian ship, 2,745 tons; lumber, from Columbia river to India.
 Strathesk, British steamer, 2,863 tons; wheat, from Puget Sound to United Kingdom or Continent, 42s 6d; by Kerr, Gifford & Co.
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Financial News

LOCAL MARKET BORE STRENGTH GENERALLY

Refining and Copper Both Are Broadened; Calgary at Field Resumes

The local market disclosed some strong features this morning. Portland Canal and Snowstorm were off a little, but with these two exceptions the list held decidedly firm and several advances were scored.

Blackbird, Syndicate	38.00
B. C. Refining Co.	35.00
B. C. Copper Co.	35.00
C. N. P. Fisheries	40.00
Coronation Gold	64.00
Lucky Jim Zinc	62.00
Merrillway Coal	38.00
Nugget Gold	38.00
Portland Canal	30.00
Temple's Carbide	25.00
Red Cliff	30.00
Standard Lead	1.00
Snowstorm	32.00
Stewart M. & E. Mills	60.00
Stewart Star	30.00
S. S. Island Creamery	3.00
Stewart Land	7.50

EXPORT DEMAND SENDS WHEAT PRICES HIGHER

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—The wheat market was decidedly strong from the outset. Local prices opened 1 to 1 1/2 higher, and before noon had gained 1 to 1 1/2 over Friday's close. A keen demand for export was the cause of the strength, and about 1,000,000 bushels were worked. One firm bought over \$200,000 worth, and declared that wheat was more easily sold to-day at present prices than when the market was ten cents to fifteen cents per bushel lower. The cash situation is firm, few offerings are being put on the market, but a keen demand exists for all grades. Oats were also in good demand and barley, too, but of the latter there is little to offer.

Wheat	Open	High	Low	Close
Jan.	7.25	7.30	7.20	7.24
March	7.45	7.50	7.35	7.38
May	7.65	7.70	7.50	7.54
July	7.85	7.90	7.70	7.74
Sept.	8.05	8.10	7.90	7.94
Dec.	8.25	8.30	8.10	8.14

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Wheat futures closed 11 to 12 higher, cash closed 2c to 2 1/2c up for contract grades, oats closed 1c to 1 1/2c higher, and flax closed 1/2c to 3/4c higher.

BUY BEET SUGAR AND STEEL AT NEW YORK

Important Event of Week on Market Was Interstate Rate Increase Decision

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)
 New York, Dec. 18.—The most important event of a week replete with interesting developments was the decision of the interstate commerce commission to grant a five per cent rate increase to the eastern railroads. Announcement of the commission's action was made early yesterday at a time when stocks were manifesting their greatest weakness. It was effective in arresting the decline.

Alaska Gold	High	Low	Bid
Alaska	54	52	54
Amal. Copper	30	28	30
Am. Beet Sugar	214	212	214
Am. Can.	26	24	26
Am. Locomotive	224	222	224
Am. Smelting	24	22	24
Archeron	301	299	301
B. & O.	70	68	70
B. P. T.	81	79	81
C. P.	158	156	158
Central Leather	374	372	374
C. M. & St. P.	89	87	89
E. & W. G.	54	52	54
Erie	42	40	42
Do. 1st pref.	301	299	301
G. N. Ore str.	29	27	29
Gen. City Southern	22	20	22
High Valley	134	132	134
New Haven	59	57	59
Nev. Cons.	121	119	121
N. Y. Central	84	82	84
Nor. Pac.	102	100	102
Pennsylvania	1084	1082	1084
Reading	36	34	36
Rock Island, pref.	21	19	21
Sou. Pacific	84	82	84
T. & N. O.	32	30	32
Twin City	22	20	22
Union Pacific	114	112	114
U. S. Steel	54	52	54
U. S. Steel, pref.	149	147	149

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
7.25	7.30	7.35	7.40	7.45	7.50	7.55	7.60	7.65	7.70	7.75	7.80

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET

Wheat	Open	High	Low	Close
Jan.	114	114	114	114
May	122	122	122	122
Sept.	130	130	130	130

APPOINTS LIQUIDATOR

London, Dec. 18.—Creditors of the Canadian Agency to-day appointed a liquidator. The stated liabilities amount to \$1,500,000 and the assets are estimated at \$200,000. The receiver for the debenture holders expressed the opinion that the assets would not produce \$100,000 in which case there could be no dividend for unsecured creditors.

MUST DESTROY MURDER FACTORIES OF GERMANY

Wells Says Britain's Mark is Westphalia, Dusseldorf and Above All Places, Essen.

London, Dec. 18.—In a Christmas survey of the war, H. G. Wells writes: "What reparations have to be exacted for this stupendous crime against civilization? First to Belgium, then to France, then to Russia, then to Serbia, then to Japan, Germany must pay off the gigantic costs of this insane, outrageous, insanely premeditated war. We British, who have suffered least, can be most generous here. The permanent abolition of the German and Austrian fleets, and a naval convention between Russia, France and Great Britain that will keep German warships off the seas, will mean an annual reduction in our national expenditure of between 30 and 40 million pounds. That alone will be indemnity enough for us.

"Our mark on the western side is not Berlin at all; our line lies through Bonn and Cologne, to the industrial district of Westphalia—Crefeld and Duisburg, Dusseldorf, Elberfeld and Barmen, above all, Essen; these are the places that must pay. If any German places are to pay, for Louvain and Liege and Rheims. We will make no revenge on peasants' hopes and old-world halls and ancient churches. But at Essen the guns are cast, the steel plate was made, there the 'mighty sword of Germany' and the 'shining armor' that has been the curse of all Europe were forged. There has been no reckoning and nothing is paid for while the murder factories of Essen endure."

BERLIN STILL FESTIVE, HOPES REPORT CORRECT

Lack of Particulars in Bulletins Issued Causes Disappointment Among the People.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—Berlin was still in festive array to-day celebrating the reported victory in Poland, but the people experienced a shade of disappointment from the brevity of the official war bulletin which failed to supply any further details of the Polish engagement. The papers point out this afternoon that the present developments in the eastern arena of war will require several days to reach a stage where the net results can be approximately set forth. In the meantime various rumors are in circulation concerning the large number of prisoners taken by the Germans.

COMMEMORATE DEATH OF OVERDANK SUNDAY

Italian Government Taking Steps to Prevent Anti-Austrian Demonstrations.

Chiasso, Italy, Dec. 18.—More than 500 meetings throughout Italy have been arranged for to-morrow to commemorate the anniversary of hanging the soldier Overdank, who paid the death penalty December 20, 1882, for attempting to take the life of Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria. The Italian government is taking extraordinary measures to suppress anti-Austrian demonstrations in connection with these meetings.

CONSPIRACY CHARGED TO ALDERMAN OF EDMONTON

Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 18.—Alderman Joseph Clarke was arrested this morning on five charges of conspiracy to incite specific crimes and to bring men here to break the criminal code.

HUNDRED MILLIONS FOR UNITED STATES NAVY

Washington, Dec. 18.—The army appropriation bill aggregating \$101,000,000, agreed upon to-day, by the house military committee, carries a special fund of \$15,000 for United States military observers in Europe.

ROBBED PORTLAND SALOON

Portland, Ore., Dec. 18.—Two unmasked robbers late last night entered a saloon near the retail center, lined up eight men with their faces to the wall, shot the proprietor, Richard Dungees, looted the cash register of the day's receipts, about \$100, and escaped with their booty.

Three hundred and eighteen statues of William I. of Germany have been erected in German towns to the present date, at a total cost of about \$1,000,000.

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What a Sight at Finchs' Bankrupt Sale

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- Suits, Reg. to \$35. To-day **\$15.00**
Smart Suits, made of 12 oz. serge. Mostly plain tailored styles. Also English Golfing Suits, navys, fawns and greys. To-day **\$15.00**
- Model Suits, Reg. to \$115. To-day **\$37.50**
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New Cape effects, Balmainians, Colonial; all this season's materials. Select range of colors. To-day, only **\$9.75**
- Coats, Reg. \$40. To-day **\$7.50**
This season's garments, of course. Checks, stripes, fancy checks, plain colors. Individual models, every one. To-day **\$7.50**
- Coats, Reg. to \$15. To-day **\$5.00**
Dark and light shades, checks, Matalasse and clouded effects. Good warm Coats. To-day **\$5.00**

EVENING AND AFTERNOON DRESSES— HUGE REDUCTIONS
 Silk, Crepe de Chine, and Messaline Gowns in the basque and semi-basque styles. Every one this season's buying. Reg. to \$25. To-day **\$10.00**

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Right in the cold season and the gift season comes your opportunity to get Furs at a mere fraction of what they're really worth.

- Mink Marmot Stoles and Muffs, reg. \$25 each. To-day **\$14.75**
- Black Coyote Stoles and Muffs, reg. \$18 each. To-day **\$8.75**
- White Coyote Muffs and Stoles, imitation ermine trimming. Reg. \$25 each. To-day **\$9.50**
- Grey Squirrel Scarf, reg. \$60. To-day **\$23.50**
- Grey Squirrel Muffs, reg. \$25. To-day **\$12.50**
- Natural Coon Scarf, reg. \$40. To-day **\$19.50**
- Natural Coon Muffs, reg. \$75. To-day **\$32.50**
- Red Fox Muffs, reg. \$45. To-day **\$16.50**
- Red Fox Stoles, reg. \$25. To-day **\$23.50**
- Blue Wolf Stoles, reg. \$45. To-day **\$15.00**
- Blue Wolf Muffs, reg. \$45. To-day **\$15.00**
- Hudson Seal Muff, reg. \$22.50. To-day **\$19.75**
- Hudson Seal Scarf, reg. \$40. To-day **\$20.00**
- Alaska Sable Scarf, reg. \$85. To-day **\$39.50**
- Alaska Sable Muff, reg. \$95. To-day **\$50.00**
- Real Mink Muff, reg. \$195. To-day **\$73.50**
- Real Mink Stole, reg. \$200. To-day **\$80.00**

PRICES ON SMART MILLINERY CUT TO PIECES

- Hats, Reg. \$12.50. For **\$2.50**
- Nice line of Trimmed Hats, small or large shapes, velours, felts and velvets. Trimmed with mounts, ribbons and flowers. To-day **\$2.50**
- Greatest of all Hat Bargains. Values to \$25.00. To-day **\$10.00**
- Hats, Reg. to \$22.50. To-day **\$7.50**
- Included in this lot are some handsome Gainsborough models. Large or small shapes. Some trimmed with ostrich. To-day **\$7.50**
- This is truly a Millinery sensation—for it comprises such world-known makes as Vogue, Gainsborough, and New York models. Gloriously trimmed. To-day **\$10.00**

MODEL GOWNS FOR AFTERNOON OR EVENING WEAR

- Regular to \$200. for **\$25.00**
- Regular to \$65.00. for **\$10.00**
- Regular to \$115. for **\$15.00**

Mothers, Don't Miss This—**CHILDREN'S COATS, Reg. to \$12.50 \$1.50**
 For There never was a Children's Coat sensation before like this, and it's a sure thing it won't be repeated. There are corduroys, blanket cloths, curl cloths, Bedford cords; pretty little box and cape effects. Reg. to \$12.50, for **\$1.50**

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purchase of Christmas hampers for
local tubercular cases. The Misses
Kitto and Hanington, as Miss Ara-
bella and Miss Angelina Brown (two
antiquated spinsters) caused great
amusement in their respective roles,
each wearing quaintly old-fashioned
frocks, and cleverly assuming the
manners of the period to which the
characters belonged.

There were other entertaining fea-
tures in the programme. The vocal
quartettes were most pleasing, as were
also the artistic and sympathetic vi-
olin solos of Mr. Sprague. Mrs. Mc-
Connell's solo, "I Love the Moon,"
called forth a hearty encore, and Miss
Dorothy Kirk sang very pleasingly
Green's "Come Sing to Me," a Scotch
reel was cleverly danced by Miss
Sarah McIntyre, and two particularly
fine male voices were heard in "Be-
cause" and "Florence Aylward's."
Three songs by Russell Macaulay,
and in "Boys of the Ocean Blue,"
sung by W. Hudson.

Local Temperatures.—An interesting
statement was made yesterday by
Napier Denison, of the Observatory,
Gonzales Hill, who has recently put
down a glass thermometer in addition
to the standard thermometers at the
observatory. When the latter yesterday
morning registered 31 degrees (but one
degree below freezing) the former,
which rests almost level with the
ground, showed 21 degrees (eleven de-
grees of frost). The standard ther-
mometer stands four feet above the
ground. In view of the fact that when
the standard thermometer on Gonzales
hill registered 31 the standard instru-
ment in some of the lower levels of the
city registered 26, it may be assumed
that a grass thermometer set in the
latter districts would have registered
somewhere in the neighborhood of 16
degrees, (16 degrees of frost). It is
small wonder, in view of this, that
many people have been inclined to dis-
pute the statement of the weather
bureau as to the minimum tempera-
tures during the past few days, when
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