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## FRENCH FORCES ARE USING HEAVY GUNS

Already Have Forced Bulgarians to Fall Back in Strumnitza Region

## BIG BATTLE IN THAT DISTRICT IS STARTING

French Troops and War Materials Arriving Steadily at Salonica

London, Dec. 8.—With the Serbian armies behind the Albanian and Montenegrin frontiers, it is reported the bulk of the German and Bulgarian armies is being concentrated against the allied armies holding the southeast corner of Serbia. Heavy fighting has been in progress there for the last few days.

There is no confirmation of hints from various sources that the French troops have been forced definitely to abandon the positions held by them since the beginning of the campaign. The fall of Monastir and the southward progress of German and Bulgarian forces, however, has placed the northern wing of the French expedition in a precarious situation, and withdrawal from the angle formed by the Vardar and Cerna rivers apparently has begun.

## Landing Troops

The constant arrival of French forces and war materials at Salonica gives evidence that the allies have no intention of abandoning their efforts in this region.

Although the Germans have announced the capture of Ipek, Montenegro, the Austrian and Bulgarian armies evidently are confronted with a harder task on the Montenegrin frontier than elsewhere. The Montenegrins continue to offer spirited resistance and to check the invaders wherever possible by sharp counter attacks.

In Albania, the Serbians, who have been compelled to leave behind quantities of war materials, appear incapable of organized resistance. Even an ordinary retreat is made difficult, as the Serbians are encumbered with large numbers of civilians and prisoners.

The latest dispatches state that the French are bringing heavy guns into action in the Strumnitza section, causing the Bulgarians to retire with heavy losses. A battle of large proportions between the Bulgarian and Franco-British troops appears to be pending.

## BRITISH CRUISER SEIZED WINNEBAGO

Caught Former German Vessel Between Buenos Ayres and New York

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 7.—Word has been received here that a British cruiser has captured the steamship Winnebago.

It also is reported that a British cruiser has captured on the high seas on board the steamship Vauban, a German officer who was involved in certain affairs in the United States, from which country he made his escape.

The American steamship Winnebago probably is the vessel taken by the British. She left Newport News on August 21 last and arrived at Buenos Ayres on October 14. She belongs to the American Trans-Atlantic company, which recently asked the American government to send a warship to convey her from here to New York, the American government declining. She was transferred some time ago from the German flag to the American. The British government, as with all such vessels, refused to recognize the transfer from German registry during the war.

## HOSPITALS IN BELGIUM BOMBARDED BY GERMANS

Havre, Dec. 8.—German aeroplanes recently attacked allied hospitals behind the Belgian front five times, it was learned here to-day. The hospitals, which are conducted under the supervision of the Queen of the Belgians, were seriously damaged, it is stated.

## COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS

Washington, Dec. 8.—Congress was not in session to-day. Both houses adjourned over Friday in order to complete the organization of working committees.

## TOWING MINNESOTA TO SAN FRANCISCO

Iaqua and Dauntless Pulling Liner at Three Knots an Hour.

## GOT LINES ABOARD AT 8 LAST EVENING

One or More Tugs May Be Sent Out to Assist

San Francisco, Dec. 8.—The disabled Hill liner Minnesota was taken in tow at 8 o'clock last night and is being brought here at the rate of three knots an hour, according to a wireless message received to-day from the wrecking steamer Iaqua, which, with the tug Dauntless, reached the vessel yesterday at a point 700 miles south of here.

The Iaqua reported that the Minnesota had been using some power, but cut it off when taken in tow.

C. W. Wiley, marine superintendent of the Great Northern Steamship Co., said that Captain Garlick, of the Minnesota, had reported to him that the last of the sixteen boilers gave out on Sunday morning and that the vessel had been drifting helplessly for three days. The superintendent said he was unable to reconcile the conflicting statements. Positions announced by Mr. Wiley previously showed that the Minnesota must have drifted 50 or 75 miles south if in reality she was 700 miles south of here last night.

A heavy northwest swell was running and a light wind was blowing, the Iaqua reported.

One or two more tugs may be sent to aid in the towing if they can be chartered, Mr. Wiley said. Yesterday he was unable to obtain any aid. He said he wished to increase the speed on the voyage here for repairs.

No further information has been given on the cause of the Minnesota's breakdown, other than the suggestion by Mr. Wiley that chemicals secretly placed in the water may have corroded the boilers.

## GERMANS ALLOWED PRISONERS TO DIE

500 Russians and 82 British Succumbed to Typhoid at Wittenberg

London, Dec. 8.—A Daily Chronicle correspondent, who traveled through Holland from Rosendaal to Flushing with a party of British prisoners just released from German internment camps on account of being unfit for further service, says that some twenty deaths from Wittenberg, on the conditions at which camp the American ambassador reported. The released men declared that the conditions had been appalling until last July.

The Russians and British in the camp were left almost alone in filth and practically without food. Typhoid started, carrying off 500 Russians and 82 British. They had no soap for six months and a change of clothing was impossible.

Fearing of the typhoid ravages, Majors Iry and Priestly, Captains Vidal, Sutcliffe and Field and Lieut. Tander volunteered and were allowed to go there from another camp to attend the men. All those now living owe their lives to these six officers of the Royal Army Medical Corps. Three of the doctors caught the disease and died.

## GERMANS CONTINUING EFFORT TO MAKE PEACE

Berne, Dec. 8.—The executive committee of the International conference to study the basis of a durable peace will meet here on December 14. April of next year has been suggested as the time for holding the conference.

It has been established, through a statement by a Hungarian cabinet minister, that this is not an attempt purely by neutrals, but is supported by Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey in an effort to arrange peace. The allies, of course, are taking no notice whatever of the attempt.

## BUSINESS IN GORIZIA IS AT A STANDSTILL

London, Dec. 8.—The Italian bombardment of Gorizia has almost put a stop to the ordinary business of the city. An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Zurich says the Bank of Commerce and Industry, which remained in Gorizia until its buildings were struck by shells, has been transferred to Vienna.

## FORD'S EMPLOYEES IN MANCHESTER ENLIST

Manchester, Eng., Dec. 8.—White Ford "peace ship" is speeding toward Europe, the whole body of the employees of the Ford automobile works here enlisted to-day under Lord Derby's group scheme, engaging to serve in the army when called on. The men marched through the city headed by a brass band in celebration of their enlistment.

## ITALIAN GOVT. HAS ACTED GENEROUSLY

German Cardinals Allowed to Travel Through Italy to Attend Consistory

## ORLANDO'S STATEMENT IN CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES

Rome, Dec. 8.—The Law of Guarantees (regulating the status of the papacy in Rome) can not be regarded as having resulted from negotiations between Italy and the papacy, but Italy nevertheless upholds it loyally as one of the fundamental laws of the state, without expecting any return from the papacy, said Signor Orlando, minister of justice, in his reply in the chamber of deputies to the allocation of Pope Benedict. The minister spoke with particular reference to the statement of the pope that certain ambassadors and ministers accredited to the holy see had been obliged to leave the vatican in order to preserve their dignity and the prerogatives of their office.

## Their Own Free Will

Signor Orlando insisted that the ambassadors and ministers to the holy see who had departed when Italy entered the war, had done so of their own free will after they had been assured they were at liberty to remain without molestation or interference with their prerogatives.

"If, however, they wish to make it appear that they were forced to leave, that is their affair," the minister continued. "It is greatly to the credit of Italy that during this unprecedented upheaval the papacy has been able to maintain its prestige throughout the world."

Cardinals from belligerent countries, including Germany, have been permitted to travel through Italy and gather here for the consistory without molestation. The same thing can not be said of other nations.

The chamber applauded this last remark of the minister, which was intended as a reference to the fact that Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, had refrained from coming to Rome for the consistory on account of restrictions imposed by the German authorities.

## INTEREST OF STATES IN EUROPEAN WAR

Americans Must Hope Germany Will Be Crushed, Says Westminster Gazette

London, Dec. 8.—Asserting that the Monroe doctrine, which President Wilson reasserts is the most probable cause of "the next war," the Westminster Gazette says of the president's message to congress:

"We hope from President Wilson's message that the American people are beginning to understand that this is not merely a war between Great Britain and Germany or France and Germany, but a conflict between two kinds of civilization. If this war ended in the triumph of Germany or the downfall of British sea power, the American people would discover at once that what President Wilson now describes as the aberration of a small minority, had become a dangerous cancer in the heart of their state, and they would find also that the Monroe doctrine, which the president reasserts with such vigor, had become the storm centre of world politics and the most probable cause of the next war."

## BRITISH NAVAL FORCE STILL WITH SERBIANS

London, Dec. 8.—The British naval force under Admiral Ernest C. F. Troubridge, which assisted in the defence of Serbia, accompanied the Serbian army in its retreat, it was announced to-day.

According to a statement by Thomas J. McNamara, financial secretary of the admiralty in the commons, the naval contingent will "remain in touch with the Serbian forces as long as its services promise to be useful."

## AWAIT WORD FROM TANKER PETROLITE

Standard Oil Officials Think Reports Ship Sunk May Refer to Her

## TANKER COMMUNIPAW WAS AT ALEXANDRIA

Was to Have Sailed From There Yesterday for New York

London, Dec. 8.—A telegram from Alexandria, Egypt, received to-day by Lloyd's, says that the American steamship Communipaw, reported sunk off the coast of Tripoli by a submarine, arrived at Alexandria on Monday. It is inferred that possibly some confusion has arisen in regard to the identity of the vessel torpedoed.

If the report of the torpedoing of the Communipaw, which was owned by the Standard Oil company, is substantiated, she must have discharged her cargo of oil and have been on the way to another port when attacked. It is recalled that the point at which the Communipaw is said to have been sunk corresponds closely to the position of the American tanker Petrolite when she was attacked by a submarine on Sunday.

An announcement last night from Rome of the torpedoing of the Communipaw said she had been sunk near Tobruk, Tripoli. The position of the Petrolite when attacked was given as off the southeast coast of the island of Crete. The island lies directly north of Tripoli, about 200 miles from the African coast.

## To Have Sailed Yesterday

New York, Dec. 8.—A dispatch from Alexandria, Egypt, apparently confirmatory of the report received by Lloyd's in London, that the oil tanker Communipaw was safe, was received to-day by the Standard Oil officers here. This message stated that the Communipaw had reached Alexandria on Sunday last, and would sail for New York on Tuesday (yesterday).

The dispatch came from Captain Norstrom, of the Communipaw, and was given out by David T. Warden, manager of the foreign shipping department of the Standard Oil company.

"We are anxiously awaiting word from our vessel, the Petrolite," said Mr. Warden, "but have received no news except what we have seen in the papers."

## Can Only Conjecture

Whether a mistake has been made in reporting the Communipaw torpedoed or whether she was torpedoed after leaving Alexandria on her home voyage, the Standard Oil officials can only conjecture.

The Communipaw could go only nine knots an hour, Mr. Warden said, and assuming she left Alexandria on Tuesday or even Monday, she could not have gone 350 miles to a point near Tobruk, Tripoli, off where the original cable dispatch from Rome said the ship had been struck. This dispatch was filed at Rome at 7:45 p. m. Tuesday, the day the Standard Oil company had been advised the Communipaw left Alexandria.

"I feel sure the Communipaw is safe," said Mr. Warden, "but we are still puzzled as to what, if anything, has happened to the Petrolite."

"We do not expect any word from her until she reaches Algiers."

## Meagre Details

Rome, Dec. 8.—American Ambassador Page to-day requested the government to make every effort to ascertain the fate of the crew of the steamship Communipaw and full details of the torpedoing of that vessel.

Meagre details received here to-day say that the vessel went to the bottom quickly. Several Italian fishing schooners responded to the S. O. S. calls, but the vessel had gone to the bottom before their arrival.

The Communipaw formerly was the Deutschland, flying the German flag and sailing from Hamburg.

Suspense at Washington. Washington, Dec. 8.—Conflicting dispatches from Rome and London as to the American tanker Communipaw, one reporting her sunk off Tobruk, Tripoli, and the other announcing her arrival at Alexandria, Egypt, left officials here in suspense.

Advices from Ambassador Page, at Rome, reporting that an American ship "held to be the Standard Oil tanker Communipaw," had been torpedoed and sunk, were received during the forenoon by the state department. Ambassador Page's source of information was not divulged, but it was thought likely that he had received the same report as that transmitted in press dispatches last night from Rome.

## No Details

Rome, Dec. 8.—The efforts of the American embassy officials here to-day to obtain definite details regarding the safety or destruction of the American tanker Communipaw resulted in failure. It is believed by embassy officials, however, that the vessel escaped destruction.

## BETHMANN-HOLLWEG SEES THE KAISER

Two Planning Speech on Peace Chancellor Will Make in Reichstag

## GERMANS AWAIT REMARKS WITH FEVERISH INTEREST

President of People's Progressive Party Talks in Berlin of Peace

Amsterdam, Dec. 8.—Dispatches from Berlin state that Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, has gone to confer with Kaiser Wilhelm at army headquarters. It is said the purpose of his visit is to discuss with the kaiser the details of the chancellor's coming speech in the reichstag, which is awaited with feverish interest by the public.

Germany's intentions regarding the Balkans and the possibilities of peace are the chief topics upon which the chancellor is expected to give light.

## Peace Talk

Berlin, Dec. 8.—In an address before a convention of the Progressive People's party, the president, Friedrich von Payer, member of the reichstag, raised the question whether Germany, "being the stronger and having won the victory, ought to hold out her hand for peace"—Herr von Payer replied to his own question by asserting that this would be possible only when the enemies of Germany realized that they had been defeated, as they had not thus far.

The world did not understand this, he continued believing the German military or annexationist party was opposed to peace at the present time, desiring to carry on the war to a further stage.

## Still Talking Annexation

Berlin, Dec. 8.—At a caucus to-day of the Free Conservative members of the reichstag, resolutions were adopted "demanding as the object of peace, a Germany strengthened in its position of power and importantly enlarged and recompensed for its expenditures through the retention to the utmost extent possible of all districts now occupied."

Freedom of the seas also is demanded. The party expressed regret over the increase in prices of the necessities of life, but declared that the cost of living is lower in this country than in the countries with which Germany is at war. It was said there is sufficient food for the people, if distributed properly and used economically.

The resolution declares the war must be continued "until a decisive victory has been won."

## Reinforcements Are Arriving for Nixon's Army in Mesopotamia

London, Dec. 8.—Reinforcements ordered to Mesopotamia before the advance to Ctesiphon, near Bagdad, began, already are arriving at the front, Rt. Hon. J. Austen Chamberlain, secretary for India, informed inquiring members of the house of commons to-day.

Beyond this and the statement that the casualties at Ctesiphon and vicinity totalled 44 killed, 3,339 wounded and 594 not yet accounted for, to which has to be added losses of 300 during the retreat, he refused further information of the operations.

## D. A. THOMAS IS IN LONDON ONCE MORE

Representative of Minister of Munitions Declines to Speak of Conditions in States.

London, Dec. 8.—D. A. Thomas, representative in Canada and the United States of Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George, minister of munitions, has arrived in London from New York.

When visited by a reporter, Mr. Thomas asked to be excused from talking of the situation in the States.

"What you tell me about the German plots against the United States is the first I have heard," he remarked. "While I was in the United States, I was unable to talk for publication of the American people, and until I have gauged the situation it is obviously unfair to do so on this side."

## ONE OF NAMUR FORTS DESTROYED BY EXPLOSION

Amsterdam, Dec. 8.—Fort Cognac, one of the most important features of the old defenses of Namur, Belgium, has been destroyed by an explosion, according to the newspaper Echo de Belgique. The explosion is said to have caused the death of eighty German soldiers.

## Enemy Nations First Must Sue For Peace Declares Mr. Asquith

London, Dec. 8.—"If proposals of a serious character for a general peace are put forward by the enemy belligerents, either directly or through a neutral power, they will first be discussed by the allied governments. Until this contingency arises, I can not give any further pledge."

The foregoing was Mr. Asquith's reply, made in the commons to-day, to the request of Philip Snowden, Socialist member for Blackburn, for a pledge that proposals for negotiations based on the evacuation of conquered territory should not be rejected by the British government without the knowledge of parliament. Mr. Asquith added:

"As soon as proposals for peace are put forward, it will be the desire of the cabinet to take parliament into its confidence at the earliest possible moment."

## RETAKEING TRENCH IN THE CHAMPAGNE

French Have Made Progress With Grenades South of St. Souplet

## GERMAN ATTACK NORTH OF ARRAS WAS STOPPED

Paris, Dec. 8.—The official statement to-day says:

"In Belgium, our machine guns last night prevented the enemy from reconstructing the fieldworks near Het Sas previously destroyed by us."

"To the north of Arras, at a point west of Hill No. 140, our fire put a definite check to a German attack."

"During yesterday our artillery bombarded and destroyed the Saincur mill, near Roye."

"In the Champagne district we have progressed by means of hand grenades in that front trench where the enemy secured a footing yesterday, to the south of Saint Souplet. To the east of Butte-de-Souain our counter attacks mastered the German attack which yesterday evening had been cut in two by us. The fighting here is still going on."

## German Statement

Berlin, Dec. 8.—The capture of a French position more than 500 yards in length on Hill No. 193, north of Souain, in the Champagne district, is announced by army headquarters to-day.

## ALLIES MAKING PLANS WITH THOROUGHNESS

Paris, Dec. 8.—The war council of the allies had another meeting to-day at the general headquarters of the French army. General Joffre presided.

This was the third of the present series of sessions, one having been held yesterday and one the day before.

## SHIPS OF BRITISH NAVY SEARCH FOR SUBMARINE

Rome, Dec. 8.—The British authorities have given orders to the squadron of warships at Malta and the Egyptian squadron to give chase to the submarine reported to have sunk the American oil tanker Communipaw. Descriptions of the submarine thus far received indicate that she was of an unusually large size.

The activity of submarines in the Mediterranean has caused inquiries to be made regarding the American schooner Albania, which sailed from Gallipoli on Friday with supplies for Albania. The schooner is reported to have reached an Albanian port. Among those on board her was William H. Howard, an American.

## SIX STEAMSHIP LINES SUPPLIED GERMAN SHIPS

Washington, Dec. 8.—Officials of the department of justice intimated to-day that at least six steamship companies operating from United States ports had been guilty of supplying German warships or otherwise committing irregularities.

It is understood that the secret service has amassed a quantity of evidence which will be turned over to federal grand juries shortly and new indictments, some of them against Americans, are expected.

## FAILED TO BREAK THE BRITISH LINE

Following Heavy Bombardment Bulgarians Attacked Near Strumnitza; Repulsed

## FRENCH REPULSED ATTACK ON VARDAR

Complications Threatened Between Bulgaria and Turkey; Distrust Increasing

London, Dec. 8.—The Salonica correspondent of Reuter's sends the following dispatch under date of Tuesday:

"Weather conditions having improved, the Bulgarians on Monday bombarded the entire British line at Strumnitza for the whole day. Then they launched an infantry attack, which was repulsed. The fighting on this front still continues. Whether the Bulgarians intend to press the attack and what their strength is, it is difficult to establish at present. The British casualties thus far are reported as slight."

"It is reported here that complications are threatened between Bulgaria and Turkey, and that the distrust is increasing on both sides."

## French Repulsed Attack

Paris, Dec. 8.—The war office, in its report to-day on the hostilities in Serbia, recites the driving back of a Bulgarian attack at Demirkapou, on the Vardar river, on the afternoon of December 5. The text of the communication follows:

"During the afternoon of December 5 Bulgarian forces delivered a violent attack against our bridgeheads at Demirkapou on the Vardar river. This attack was completely repulsed. The morning of December 6 was quiet along the entire front."

## On Frontier

Paris, Dec. 8.—The Athens correspondent of the Havas Agency sends the following under date of Tuesday:

"Telegrams from Florina (Greece) from an official source state that the village of Kenali (Serbia), near the Greek frontier, has been occupied by German cavalry and that the frontier railway station at Kenali has been occupied by several German and Bulgarian officers with eight German cuirassiers."

"Official news affirms the favorable position of the French troops on the Cerna-Krivoiak front."

Montenegrin Success. Paris, Dec. 8.—Following their recent reverse at the hands of the Austrians in northeastern Montenegro, the Montenegrins assumed the offensive on Monday, and, it is reported officially, threw back their opponents to their old positions. The statement given out here to-day by the Montenegrin consular-general follows:

"Our troops counter-attacked the enemy vigorously in the direction of Jabuka-Mataroge, on December 6, and succeeded in throwing him back into his positions. Fighting among advanced posts is occurring in all directions."

German Claim. Berlin, Dec. 8.—It was announced at the war office to-day that eighty cannon were taken with the capture of the Montenegrin town of Ipek.

## INDICTMENTS ARE LOOKED FOR SOON

Grand Jury at New York Investigating Conspiracy Headed by Rintelen

New York, Dec. 8.—Indictments are expected to be handed down within the next week in the Frank von Rintelen conspiracy to investigate strikes in American munitions factories. It was learned from federal authorities here to-day.

The grand jury, which has been investigating the activities of von Rintelen, is expected to reconvene at the end of this week. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, is the only remaining witness, it is believed, who will be called before the inquirers.

United States District Attorney Marshall declared to-day that he had no expectation that the grand jury would take any cognizance of the Mexican intrigues of von Rintelen, which were directed toward creating a revolution in Mexico to restore Huerta to power, with the object of "unrolling the United States with Mexico and so hampering, and perhaps stopping, the supply of munitions to the allies."

## NOT ANNOUNCED YET

Amsterdam, Dec. 8.—Confirmation of the report that Germany had decided to recall Captain Roy-Ed and Captain von Papen, attaches at Washington, was still lacking here to-day.

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### ROUMANIA AWAITS ACTION BY RUSSIA

Opinion Swinging in Favor of Neutrality, Says Bucharest Correspondent

Geneva, Dec. 8.—During the last two months there has been a considerable veering of public opinion in Roumania in favor of the neutrality policy of Premier Bratianu, says the correspondent at Bucharest of the Journal de Geneve. The writer adds: "This has been largely due to the Austro-German invasion of Serbia and to the fear of Roumanians undergoing the lot of the Belgians and the Serbians. A majority of the ruling classes sympathize with France and hope that she will be victorious.

"All Roumanians are convinced that Premier Bratianu will join the Entente, but only when he can oppose to the 600,000 Austro-Hungarians, Germans, Bulgarians and Turks an army of equal or superior strength.

"Roumanian intervention will be dependent on the entry of the Russians into Bulgaria. Italian intervention in the Balkans is regarded with scepticism by the Roumanians."

### MOVIE ACTOR INJURED.

Los Angeles, Dec. 8.—Swinging at the end of a rope suspended from a bridge over the Los Angeles river, Glenn Gano, a motion picture actor, enacting a film thriller, was struck yesterday by a passenger train and injured, not seriously.

### BRITAIN'S CONFIDENCE BASED ON CERTAINTY

Colonel Harvey, Well-Known American, Says Lion is Thoroughly Aroused

London, Dec. 8.—The Evening Standard prints an interview with Colonel George Harvey, who spent a few hours in London.

"When I left the United States," he is quoted as saying, "those of us whose sympathies are most intensely with the allies were perplexed and anxious, returning visitors reported Great Britain to be in a state of gloom and despondency as a result of the developments in the Balkans.

"You can scarcely realize the depression caused in the United States by the publication of such statements, because you can hardly appreciate the extent of the steadily increasing growth of American sentiment against the outlaw nation.

"This sentiment was preponderant in the beginning, but long passive, while now it is active and vigorous. There is still some apathy in the middle west, but as a whole sympathy with the Germans is now confined exclusively to our hypnotized citizens, and even among them it is by no means unanimous.

"Reports of grave apprehension prevailing here naturally caused much disquietude. Some of us could not believe them to be true, but possibly because of your rigid censorship assertions to the contrary were not forthcoming. In fact little trustworthy information of any kind is obtainable.

"It was to satisfy myself and others of like disposition that I came over. If after all these centuries the lion's tail was at last between his legs I wished to behold the spectacle. Of course, it isn't true, as I shall have the gratification in reporting to my countrymen.

At Her Best.

"I find Britain at her best, very sober, perfectly calm and self-possessed, and thoroughly aroused and resolute, surcharged with the confidence that must be based upon the sense of absolute certainty.

"I haven't found in the mind of a single one of the representatives of all classes the slightest doubt as to the outcome of this titanic struggle. How, when and why—that is another question, the time for consideration of which has not yet come.

"For a multitude of obvious reasons past dispute nobody expected to see the lion become the jackal that his enemy proved to be, but it is reassuring to behold him with his feet firmly planted, his head up, his mane flying. A sense of disappointment, if not resentment, was naturally felt by a large portion of our own people, at the failure of the American government to register a vigorous protest against the Hun outrages.

"This sentiment seems to be wearing away, but much yet remains to be done to clear away the mists of misunderstanding that have unhappily been spread over the two countries. Greater candor on both sides seems now the chief requisite."

A Public Nuisance.

Of Henry Ford "peace mission" Col. Harvey remarked:

"Ford, like his friend Bryan, has long been regarded at home as a public nuisance. I take it for granted that since the British newspapers no longer accept his paid advertisements, the British government will not accord him the personal notoriety which he is now seeking free of charge."

### CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—The following casualties, some of which are of comparatively old date, as in the case of Cpl. Sidney Thomas, of Victoria, B. C., were announced last night:

First Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Jas. Lawson, Scotland.

Second Battalion—Wounded: Pte. John Bond, England; Pte. Wm. McCarty, Scotland; Sgt. James Graham, Toronto; Pte. M. Albert, Cornwall, Ont. Seriously wounded: Pte. R. D. Jacobs, England.

Third Battalion—Accidentally killed: Pte. R. S. Hewlett, killed by short burst of our shells, Toronto.

Wounded: Pte. W. C. Macdonald, Toronto; Lieut. Chas. G. Power, Toronto.

Killed in action: Pte. S. B. Richmond, Toronto.

Fourth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. L. T. Garrett, Edmonton.

Suffering from concussion: Pte. J. D. Elliott, Kinross, Alta.

Tenth Battalion—Died of wounds: Pte. C. K. Sutton, Walkerton, Ont.

Fourteenth Battalion—Wounded: Cpl. Geo. Berault, Montreal; Pte. D. Arsenault, River Bridge, N. S.; Cpl. N. H. Etsu, Montreal.

Fifteenth Battalion—Seriously wounded: Lt. G. W. Harris, Bear River, N. S.

Sixteenth Battalion—Killed in action: Cpl. Sidney Richard Thomas, 1149 Johnson street, Victoria; Pte. J. Murray, Hamilton, Ont.

Suffering from shock: Pte. H. A. Chyrlton, 1437 Vining street, Victoria, B. C.

Eighteenth Battalion—Died of wounds: Pte. B. A. Rucker, Richmond, Va.; Pte. L. Sumner, London, Ont.

Killed in action: Pte. Wm. Ryde, Guelph, Ont.

Twentieth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. R. Burns, Salmon River, N. S.; Sgt. W. A. Abraham, Selkirk, Ont.

Twenty-second Battalion—Wounded: Cpl. O. Gariepy, Montreal; Pte. E. Villebon, Montreal.

Severely wounded: Cpl. H. Lavole, Quebec.

Twenty-fourth Battalion—Died: Sgt. E. Haines, Nelson, Jct. Que.

Twenty-fifth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. R. McLean, Reserve Mines, N. S.

Twenty-sixth Battalion—Killed in action: Sgt. James Bentley, England; Pte. E. Lavin, St. John, N. B.

Dangerously wounded: Pte. J. Marshall, St. John, N. B.

Died of wounds: Pte. G. Dunn, Russo, P. E. I.

Wounded: Pte. H. A. Macbeth, Iris, P. E. I.

Twenty-ninth Battalion—Killed in action: Cpl. H. T. Stewart, England.

Severely wounded: Sgt. Thompson, England.

Wounded: Pte. S. Rhodes and Pte. Hamis Bell, England.

Suffering from shock: Pte. A. J. Balford, South Vancouver, B. C.

Thirty-first Battalion—Severely wounded: Pte. Wm. McMaster, Toronto.

Died of wounds: Cpl. Alex. Wile, Scotland.

Fiftieth Battalion—Seriously ill: Pte. A. Emerson, Westville, N. S.

Princess Pats—Dangerously ill: Cpl. Wm. Nelson, Vancouver, B. C.

First Field Artillery—Killed: Cpl. Maurice Hayward, England.

Accidentally wounded: Cpl. Edward Dowling, England.

Second Field Artillery—Died: Pte. P. J. Keogh, Stn. Milbank, N. S.

Wounded: Sgt. Strathcona Horse—Died of appendicitis: Pte. W. A. Wardcliffe, Battleford, Sask.

Second Brigade Headquarters, C. M. R.—Seriously wounded: Lieut. Wilfrid Victor Sifton, Ottawa.

Severely wounded: Pte. E. F. Carr, England.

Third Canadian Mounted Rifles—Killed in action: Pte. J. Busbell, Innisfree, Alta.; Pte. C. Mumford, Holden, Alta.; Sgt. Major Wm. Bloomer, Edmonton.

Wounded: Major Frank W. Fane, Vegreville, Alta.

Second Field Company Canadian Engineers—Wounded, but on duty: Pte. Jos. Rome, England.

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### MONTENEGRIN TROOPS FIGHTING STUBBORNLY

Paris, Dec. 8.—The Montenegrin consul-general here received the following official communication yesterday:

"On the fifth the enemy attacked our advanced positions near Tchelitch and in the direction of Pivlice. Our weak detachments, by stubborn fighting, held out the whole day, and then retired on their principal line of defence. The general situation has compelled us to evacuate the Jajceva district. There is no change on the other fronts.

"On the sixth two Austrian aeroplanes dropped eight bombs on Cetigne, causing insignificant damage.

"On the morning of the 4th an Austrian squadron, composed of a cruiser and seven destroyers, bombarded San Giovanni di Medua. Two steamers, one of which was an Italian, were sunk, as well as ten Montenegrin sailing ships loaded with provisions."

### HOW GERMANS ARE TRYING TO REDUCE COST OF FOOD

London, Dec. 8.—The German prohibition upon the transit of live cattle from Denmark and the Scandinavian countries to Austria, reported late last week, is now proved to have been inspired by an organized effort to reduce prices," says a Reuter dispatch to-day from Copenhagen.

"The monopolization of the Danish market by three buyers, backed by the German Reichs Central Einkauf, already has resulted in a reduction of 25 a head in the price of live cattle.

"It is expected the Central Einkauf's activities soon will be extended to all foodstuffs."

### GAS-PRODUCING MACHINE CAPTURED BY ITALIANS

Rome, Dec. 8.—The following official communication was issued last night:

"There have been intense artillery actions on both sides, especially in the Giudicaria Valley, the Conel Valley and the Cerna district. Vigorous action by our infantry on the Carso front enabled us to capture some war material, including a gas producing machine, two mortars, rifles and munitions."

### BELIEVES FEAR IS GRIPPING AMERICANS

Prefer British Civilization to German Kultur, Says Berlin Paper

Berlin, via London, Dec. 8.—The Lokal Anzeiger says:

"Recognition of the possibility of a German victory over Britain and the fear that such a victory will result in thrusting out Anglo-Saxon civilization to make place for German kultur strikes terror into the minds of many of the best Americans and robs them of their ordinary common sense. For these persons England is and remains the champion of freedom and civilization.

"The year 1914 and 1915 have been in their eyes but a repetition of the European struggle for liberty against Napoleon. England aspires to another Waterloo and beneath the aspiration conceals her treasonable past and mental blindness, against which even the gods struggle in vain which even the equally blinded American partisans.

"Common sense and justice do not come in for consideration in their eyes. There is no choice. Germany must succumb where English civilization and German kultur struggle for mastery. The new Waterloo must save the world from the new nightmare which on the other side of the Atlantic they call German kultur.

"Our time and the time of all self-respecting German journals is too precious to waste in a vain attempt to reason with such people."

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### ONLY IF THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT APPROVES

Paris, Dec. 8.—"It would be a mistake to believe that a discussion of peace conditions in the reichstag will be instituted against the will of the German government, according to trustworthy information from Germany," says the special correspondent of the Temps at Berne.

"It must not be forgotten that the interpellator is the Socialist member, Philipp Scheidemann, well-known to be in harmony with the government and violently opposed to the small group of opposition Socialists of which Dr. Karl Liebknecht is the leader. The Social Democrats seek by means of the interpellation to prevent this minority from voicing a claim that it is inducing the government to express itself publicly on the question of peace, and they are endeavoring at the same time to facilitate indirectly the propaganda of certain groups of Socialist pacifists in allied countries."

### THINKS GERMAN SHOULD BE WORLD LANGUAGE

London, Dec. 8.—Houston Stewart Chamberlain, son-in-law of Richard Wagner, has an article in the latest number of the Berlin Internationale extolling the German language.

In his article Mr. Chamberlain, who, although born an Englishman, has lived in Germany for many years, says:

"Germany alone of all the nations still guards a living treasure, unattainable as is everything which comes from God. It is her language.

"It is an urgent necessity that German not English, become the universal language. Should the English language prevail the culture of mankind will find itself before a closed door, that means death. No effort must be spared to make German the language of all higher culture. People must learn to see that he who does not speak German is a pariah."

### ITALIAN PAPERS SAY POPE'S WORDS AMBIGUOUS

Paris, Dec. 8.—The passage in Pope Benedict's allocution alluding to a peace "not advantageous to one alone of the belligerent parties" is generally commented upon by the Italian press as ambiguous, says a Havas dispatch from Rome.

Some of the comments express the opinion that the pope meant by his words to condemn the annexationist ambitions of Germany and Austria-Hungary, while others think that he wished to plead in behalf of those powers, since he must regard their defeat as certain, the dispatch adds.

### ABOUT 950,000 ACRES.

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### THINK THEY CAN START TRAINS ON JANUARY 1

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### Expected He Will Give Orders for Their Withdrawal From States

Washington, Dec. 8.—Kaiser Wilhelm has a personal interest in the withdrawal of Captain Karl Boy-Ed and Captain von Papan, attaches of the German embassy here.

State department officials have been informed that as the attaches were appointed by the Kaiser personally, he personally probably will give the orders for their withdrawal.

It is understood that the officials considered it probable that the Berlin foreign office was prompted to ask what had caused the action of the United States in declaring the attaches persona non grata so that when a report of the incident was made to the Kaiser it might be complete in all details. The belief prevails in official circles that Ambassador Bernstorff will not be able to inform Secretary Lansing that the wishes of the United States will be complied with before Saturday at the earliest.

An application for safe conducts for Captains Boy-Ed and von Papan will be considered by the allied governments solely as a request of the United States.

The first impulse among representatives of the allies was to refuse to treat the two German officers differently from enemy soldiers or sailors, once they are deprived of their diplomatic immunity.

Further consideration, however, has led to a change of view.

### KILLED FELLOW-CHINAMAN; SURRENDERED TO POLICE

Chilliwack, B. C., Dec. 8.—Yen Hock, a Chinaman, was killed by Chong Li about 5:30 Saturday afternoon near the Sumas Landing, at the east end of the Chilliwack Mountain, according to the confession of Chong Li, who has given himself up to the police. In company with another Chinaman Chong Li and Yen Hock were engaged in cutting wood, when the latter accused the former of stealing some clothing, a quarrel ensuing. With an axe Chong Li hit his comrade over the head, splitting it open and killing him instantly. Chong Li then walked a mile and a half to Mr. Eastrop, where he was asked that the police be informed, and where Constable H. J. Harding arrested him.

### MANY PLANTS CONTROLLED.

London, Dec. 8.—Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George, minister of munitions, announces that there now are 2,926 government-controlled munitions establishments in the United Kingdom.

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## PART OF GROUND IN CHAMPAGNE RETAKEN

### Advanced Trenches South of St. Souplet Recaptured by French

Paris, Dec. 8.—The following official communication was issued last night: "In Belgium our artillery, in concert with the Belgian artillery, shelled an enemy work in the region of Het Sas. The work was completely destroyed and two munition depots were blown up.

"In Artois the artillery engagement became more pronounced in the course of the day. The bombardment was violent on both sides in the region of Givenchy, to the north of Le Bois-en-Hache, where fighting with large bombs took place. In the sector of the road from Lille our artillery successfully shelled the enemy's underground passages.

"In the Somme district patrol fighting to our advantage is reported.

"In Champagne the action continued for the possession of the advanced trenches to the south of St. Souplet. Our counter-attacks have enabled us already to regain a large part of the lost section. One local attack of slight importance has occurred to the east of the Butte de Souain.

"The following Belgian communication was issued last evening: "Besides effective shelling of the enemy groups to the north and south of Dixmude, our batteries bombarded the German trenches in the direction of Women, in retaliation for the employment by the enemy of shells containing irritating gases.

"Positive indications permit of the conclusion that the extensive inundation in the region of the Yser canal has caused great difficulty to the opposing troops, who have abandoned, under the menace of the water, a great number of their advance works."

### SAID THEY OCCUPIED SEVERAL POSITIONS

Sofia, Dec. 5 (delayed).—The following statement was given out by the Bulgarian war office to-day: "On both sides of the Vardar river our troops have continued the pursuit of the French, who are retreating. A column advancing north of Monastir, across the Smelevo, toward the road from Monastir to Resno, defeated the Serbians after severe fighting at High mountain and occupied the town of Resna.

"A column advancing north of Monastir from Kichevo to Ochrida captured, after bitter resistance, strongly fortified positions near the villages of Medovo and Miranmore, and is now marching towards Ochrida. A column advancing from Kichevo towards Dibra, after a sanguinary battle, defeated the Serbians at the watershed which follows the ridges of the Jama mountains and occupied Dibra, from which place they are pursuing the enemy in the direction of Struga."

### HOW DOMINION GOVT. IS AIDING IMPERIAL GOVT.

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—Officials of the militia department explain that it is incorrect to say that the imperial government has requested Canada to raise her own war expenditure and finance Britain's purchases here of shells and other munitions. No such request has been received or is expected. What the Dominion government has done is to finance temporarily the shell committee to the extent of \$50,000,000, repaid from time to time during the past year, and to set aside now \$50,000,000 more from the proceeds of the war loan. This all has been done on its own initiative by the government.

### NOTABLE COMPANY AT LUNCHEON WITH BRIAND

Paris, Dec. 8.—A notable company of military authorities and diplomats lunched with M. Briand, the prime minister, yesterday. His guests were General Joffre, the French commander-in-chief; Field Marshal Sir John French, British commander-in-chief; General Glinisky, aide de campe to Emperor Nicholas, of Russia; General Porro, under-chief of the Italian general staff; Jules Cambon, general secretary to the French ministry of foreign affairs; the British, Italian and Russian ambassadors and the ministers of Belgium and Serbia.

### BERNSTORFF WILL NOT MAKE RECOMMENDATION

Washington, Dec. 8.—From a source close to the German embassy it was learned last night that Ambassador von Bernstorff will make no recommendations to Berlin regarding the recall of Captains Boy-Ed and von Papan. Embassy officials believe the United States is requesting the recall of the two attaches purely on the suspicion "that they have been up to something" without knowing what that something is. Ambassador von Bernstorff will merely state the situation as he believes it to exist and permit Berlin to pursue the course it sees fit.

### BRITISH S. S. COMMODORE SUNK; ONE LOST LIFE

London, Dec. 8.—The admiralty announces that the British steamship Commodore has been sunk. All the members of the crew excepting the cook were saved.

The Commodore was owned by the Charlton Steamship Co., Ltd., of Liverpool. It appears from the latest advices. The Commodore had a gross tonnage of 5,885.

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## COULD NOT REMAIN AMONG THE GERMANS

### American Surgeon Found the Whole Race Suffering From Mental Aberration

Boston, Dec. 8.—Dr. Joseph Shohan, of Roxbury, who has arrived in Boston from Germany said last evening that the reason he had quit Germany was that he could not live and work in a country where a people gloat and rejoice openly over such crimes as the sinking of the Lusitania and the destruction of the homes of civilians by Zeppelin bombs and where Americans are known and spoken of as hogs and swine.

For more than a year Dr. Shohan was a member of the German military medical staff and had charge of X-ray laboratories both in Hamburg and Heidelberg. He is, however, an American citizen and was studying in Vienna when the war broke out.

"I do not know whether the British are more hated to-day by the Germans than are the Americans, but there is no person more ridiculed in the whole of the German empire than President Wilson. I could stand it no longer and am glad to be back in the United States," declared the doctor.

"It is not that I hate the Germans, but their supreme conceit, their contempt for anything not German, their inability to understand the point of view of other nations and their policy of might making right is exasperating to an American citizen.

"There has been excuse for all atrocities and for every inhuman method of conducting the war on the grounds that Germany was attacked by a world surrounding and hating her. The nation as a unit holds this view and it is common belief that any methods are legitimate which would be used against a burglar entering a house for theft and murder.

"At first I wore a little American flag on my lapel for identification and safety, but it soon became more safe to go without it.

"I found the Germans, after working with them for a year, imbued with the idea that they are superior to all other races and nations and that because of this superiority it would be well for German culture to dominate the world, even though the rest of mankind had to be beaten into subjection. They do not want a spot in the sun, as has been said, but they want the whole sun, and even then I do not think they would be satisfied."

### FORMER PREMIER OF HUNGARY URGES PEACE

Amsterdam, Dec. 8.—A long speech delivered by Count Julius Andrássy, former premier of Hungary, dealt mainly with the possibility of peace, according to a dispatch from Budapest. This message quotes Count Andrássy as follows: "It is the human duty to make peace at the earliest possible moment. I am completely convinced that we shall be able to conquer the most extreme resistance of our enemies and continue the war until our adversaries are forced to ask for peace, but it would be a blessing if it were possible to conclude peace before this last moment comes.

"All signs demonstrate that our adversaries have not yet acknowledged the present result of the war and they are doing everything in order, perhaps, yet to obtain a change in the fortune of war. The declarations of the French premier and the speeches made in the House of Commons also offer little promise of an early peace."

### HARDEN URGES NO ATTACKS ON STATES

Amsterdam, Dec. 8.—A vigorous protest against attacks made in Germany against the United States and Americans appears in an article by Maxmillian Harden, editor of the Berlin newspaper Die Zukunft. In the last issue of that paper, Harden states that at a recent meeting of a great corporation one of the directors referred to the American people as "that pack of scoundrels in America." He adds that nobody protested and the chairman did not rule the remark out.

"Such proceedings," says Harden, "disgust every right-thinking German and disgrace us before the whole world, and before our own conscience. It is little wonder that we are hated."

### DAVIDSON HEARING EVIDENCE IN OTTAWA

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—An interesting session of the Davidson investigating commission was held here to-day. The case was the charge of James Acton, editor of "Men's Wear," of Toronto, declared through the columns of his paper, that a contract for shirts had been awarded to a real estate man who had never made a shirt in his life. Hon. A. E. Kemp, head of the war purchasing commission, denied that such was the case and Mr. Acton reiterated his statement.

The commission later will take up the question of the purchase of the two submarines.

### ROUMANIANS AMONG AUSTRIANS

Kiev, Russia, Dec. 7.—Among prisoners from the Austrian ranks who have arrived here are sixteen Roumanians. These prisoners, according to Russian officials, declare that Roumanian subjects in Austria-Hungary had been outlawed by the government and were regarded as spies.

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**ANOTHER WESTERN OFFENSIVE.**

Their efforts to avoid another winter campaign through a peace or truce falling, the Germans very likely will try to accomplish their end by a desperate offensive on the western front. They are believed to have concentrated every available man and a vast quantity of artillery in that region. They have abandoned serious efforts to advance in the east, where they have fallen upon the defensive. It is not improbable that they have withdrawn troops even from the southern front, leaving the Bulgarians with Austrian stiffening to deal with that situation for the moment. The German forces in the west are reported to number 2,200,000 men. For a final furious offensive along the whole line the total concentration might be larger. But whatever it may be, it cannot equal the force opposed to it. Great Britain and France now have a marked superiority in numbers, and there is every reason to believe that the margin of advantage extends to artillery and munitions. We know it covers the aircraft services. Why in the face of these conditions the Germans would attempt another advance, with the terrible losses that would ensue, at first blush might seem inexplicable, but it is not strange when we reflect that Germany cannot win this war except in the west, and that every passing day which does not record the momentous decision in her favor brings her nearer to downfall.

It is the internal situation of the Teutonic empires which determines the military hazards. The winter has scarcely begun, yet conditions are becoming intolerable to the masses of the people. The German losses, which now must exceed four millions, the food scarcity, the suffering in the great industrial centres, the food riots, the restlessness and discontent, have conspired up in menacing proportions the spectre which never has been absent from the Hohenzollern mid—the spectre of revolution. Nor can these conditions be alleviated no matter how much the press or the Reichstag may discuss them; artificial restrictions and devices are futile, the cause cannot be reached by government ordinances. Germany is besieged on land and sea, and unless that siege be raised the present domestic situation rapidly will become worse. The Balkan campaign brought no relief. How could it? Bulgaria and Turkey can do no more than feed themselves, and they cannot equip their armies or supply them with munitions. Moreover, were Germany or Austria to attempt to commandeer the stores of their southern allies for their own people they would lose the support of both. They cannot advance in Russia, and even if they could the internal conditions of the Teutonic empires would not be bettered.

Germany's only hope of winning the war or relieving her internal conditions lies in a victory in the west. If she defeated the allies in France she could replenish her food supplies and butress her tottering financial fabric with indemnities. By dominating the French coast on the Atlantic and in the Mediterranean, she could force the British navy to abandon its present effective dispositions through the necessity of extending the scope of its blockade. But Germany cannot gain a decision in the west. She had her chance at the battle of the Marne—her only chance—and lost it. Then she had all the trumps. She had a pronounced superiority in everything but valor and generalship. She outclassed her adversaries in artillery, munitions and field equipment. She had the advantage of absolute preparedness and the even greater advantage of the initiative. She knew what her plans were; the allies did not, yet they won. From the moment of that defeat the war was lost to Germany. It may be that she lost it to the little infant finger at

Lege, which, poking among the machinery, disturbed a cog. Whether she will try to retrieve the situation again by operations along the beaten pathways remains to be seen. Argonne, Champagne, Artois and Flanders have recorded numerous costly failures; winter makes campaigning in the Vosges difficult. She might try a dash through Switzerland, hoping to penetrate into France before the Swiss could offer effectual resistance. We shall know before many days have passed.

**THE BOARD PROTESTS.**

The Victoria Board of Trade has joined other bodies on the coast in objecting to the discrimination against British Columbia shipbuilding firms by the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company as shown by the car-ferry contract award. The board's action was expected; no institution sincerely interested in the industrial welfare of this province could afford to remain silent under such circumstances. What would Seattle have done if a company similarly subsidized by the state of Washington discriminated against Puget Sound shipbuilders? Its various trade and commercial bodies would have protested so promptly and vigorously that the company never would have repeated the experiment.

The local government organ is curiously subdued on this subject. This morning it published an interview with Sir Richard McBride in which that gentleman professed to be ardently in favor of a policy designed to assist the shipbuilding industry, but he had nothing more to say about the car-ferry contract. How anybody can be genuinely interested in shipbuilding on this coast and yet approve of the action of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company in that transaction passes our comprehension.

**RUSSIA'S FIGHTING RESOURCES.**

According to the British under-secretary for war the number of men of military age in Russia when the struggle broke out was estimated at 21,400,000. Deducting twenty per cent., the recognized proportion of those unfit for military duties, the aggregate of men available for active service was 17,120,000. Russia's losses are believed to have been as great as those of Germany, notwithstanding the fact that the Kaiser's armies have been fighting on two long fronts, and these may be estimated at four millions at least. Russia, therefore, should have thirteen million men of military age from which to fill her fighting ranks. Several millions of these, however, must be kept at work in the arsenals, on the railroads and in other important services allied to the military organization. Considerable forces must be stationed in the larger cities to guard against revolutionary outbreaks incited by German emissaries. The possibility of an irruption from Sweden must be taken into consideration; but after allowing for all these demands upon Russia's supply of men of military age, there must remain ten or eleven million men at least who are available for service against the Teutonic combination.

The availability of this vast host, in itself larger than Germany, Austria and Bulgaria could scrape up from all sources, is not immediate. A considerable part of it may not have been trained, although this proportion is likely small, because practically the bulk of it was called to the colors last summer and has been in training at Petrograd, Moscow, Kiev, Odessa and other great military centres.

The training of recruits is no trouble; the chief difficulty is in equipping them, but that happily is a difficulty which can be and is being overcome. For this Russia can draw upon several sources, including the splendid industrial organization of Japan. It is easy to believe the assertion of Russian military men that a new army of three million well-trained, well-equipped Russian soldiers will be in the field by spring and behind that three million will be another army of three million in preparation, with yet a third host of similar proportions as a reserve. In fact, it may be shrewdly suspected that the Russian reorganization will be completed before spring; a well-known Japanese officer stated a few weeks ago that the Russian army would be completely equipped by the end of December.

When Maximilian Harden warned the German people that not only had Russia not been broken but that she had not even been seriously hurt, he must have been studying the Russian census statistics. He realized that a conquest of that empire was impossible; that Germany's only hope of detaching Russia from her allies lay in destroying the Muscovite field army of that time and by gaining possession of certain important military centres to bring about revolutionary disturbances which would compel the Czar to make peace. The whole plan failed as disastrously as Plan 2 failed in the west. Russia, determined to fight to the bitter end, could afford to lose more men than Germany and Austria can maintain in

the field and still would have the largest army in the world.

**CLAMORING FOR PEACE.**

The demands of Germans for peace are becoming frantic. Which is strange considering the possibilities of the situation and the claims that the armies of the all-highest have been victorious all along the line and that the navy of the august one controls the seas. The war was begun with a light heart in order that Germany might attain "her place in the sun." It was not a mere matter of impulse, because the fact has been proved that a year before the rush into Belgium began Germany had completed all arrangements making the United States a naval base. Why is it, then, that with every prospect of all Europe being placed under foot of the Kaiser and Kultur attaining its "place in the sun," that the heart of the Teuton seems to be heavy and he is clamoring for peace? Even the Kaiser seems to be far from as vainglorious as he was a year ago. He is not exchanging very many messages of congratulation with his illustrious allies, the supreme lord of Austria, the sublime Turk and Ferdinand the Fox. Nor are the armies of the great war lord executing any goose-steps over the remains of Serbia as they did when trampling upon Belgium. Can it be possible that the Germans are having brought home to them a new experience respecting the meaning of war—that they are learning a lesson they never expected to learn, and that they do not relish the application to their own case of treatment they thought was reserved exclusively for weaker nations? The resolution of the allies to prosecute to a conclusion this war Germans are roaring to be inflexible, and the clamors of Berlin for peace will fall upon deaf ears. Peace will not be proclaimed at the time Germany thinks most opportune.

An inflexible German economic authority rushes forth to explain to the world that his country is gaining and growing richer as a result of the allied blockade. The process is simple. Prevented by her enemies from buying abroad, Germany is spending all her money at home, consequently she is conserving and even adding daily to her wealth. It is easy to see by this elementary process of reasoning that the longer the war lasts and the blockade continues the richer Germany shall be. What do the dunderheads mean by clamoring for peace?

Some military and naval observers predict another great international competition in armaments after this war is over. Well, if this conflict be prolonged to a decision—the one safest will be that the war of armaments has been ended. Any attempt to add fresh burdens to the colossal annual charges already incurred would be followed by a revolution in every country in Europe.

The Germans appear to be quite as anxious to impress the world with the alleged fact that the war was forced upon them as the esteemed secretary of the Victoria Conservative Association was to convince the public that his connection with that organization was purely "honorary."

We cannot help thinking that European belligerents would have been more interested in Henry Ford's Jitney submarine which was guaranteed to make an end of all wars than in the peace mission of that eccentric gentleman.

The morning paper returns again to its pet delusion of the impotence of the provincial government in regard to the industrial welfare of the province. Why labor the obvious so persistently? The public discovered it several years ago; that is why they want another government.

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**Extra Deep Fibre Case**, with metal corners and leather handle. Nicely finished inside. 26in. each .....\$2.00

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**Better Grade Suit Cases**, in fibre, with leather handle and corners, brass lock and side clasp, shirt fold and straps, 24in., \$2.50; 26in., \$2.75

**Same Case**, with two outside leather straps, 24in., \$3.00; 26in. ....\$3.50

**Tan Sheepskin Leather Suit Case**—Steel frame, leather corners, brass lock and catches, swing handle, fancy lining, with pocket and straps inside. Size 24in., each .....\$5.25  
 Size 26in., each .....\$5.75

**Same Case**, fitted with 2 outside leather straps, 24in., \$6.00; 26in. ....\$6.50

**Deep Club Bags**, in black and walrus grain leather, japanned frame, brass lock and catches, leather lined with inside pocket, stitched leather corners and strong handle, 14in., \$3.50; 16in., \$4.00; 18in. ....\$4.50

**Deep Club Bags**, in black dull sea lion leather, brass lock and catches, double straight handle, heavy stitched leather corners and leather lined, with pocket. 16in., \$4.75; 18in. ....\$5.25

**Fibresoid Covered Trunk**—3-ply veneer construction, with round edges at back and front, vulcanized fibre binding, heavy brass corners, Valence clamps and knees, brass lock and extra heavy bolted iron bottom, and fitted inside with tray. Size: 36in. Special sale at .....\$10.75

**Waterproof Canvas Covered Trunk**, with hardwood slats, heavy steel binding and centre band, brass steel dome corners, brass lock and large bolts, iron bottom and two outside straps, deep tray, with covered hat compartment. Size, 34in., \$8.75; size 36in. ....\$9.25

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THIS is Winter Coat time, sure, and women are interested in the special values we are offering at \$10.00, \$13.75, \$14.90 and \$18.90. These are all specially priced garments and some of the most attractive styles and fabrics are included. For instance:

**The \$10 Coats**  
 Include warm, serviceable styles, showing belted effects and convertible collars, in good quality fabrics in shades of brown, navy, green, black and fancy checks.

**The \$13.75 Coats**  
 Are in heavy serges, checks, and plain cloths. Fancy styles with belts or belt effects, also the loose Balmain. These are extraordinary sale values.

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 Include beautiful curl cloths in black with velvet collars and cuffs, diagonal serge in green, brown, navy and black, also fancy checks and mixtures.

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**The Special Christmas Sale of Better Waists Continues at \$4.90 \$3.90 and \$2.90**

These are beautiful quality Waists, to say the least, and at the above reduced prices make most attractive and exceptional bargains. There are Silk Crepe de Chine and Georgette Crepes of all descriptions and most shades; also many dainty styles in Colored Silks in stripes and checks, also Embroidered Silk Crepe de Chines in white and flesh. Values in the lot formerly priced as high as \$12.50. Every Waist is a Genuine Bargain.

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 Very dainty chinaware, and most appropriate for Christmas or wedding gifts:  
 Sugar and Creams, a pair, \$1.50, \$1.25 and .....\$1.00  
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 Nut Bowls, each, \$1.50 and .....\$1.35  
 Fern Dishes, each \$1.50, \$1.25 and .....\$1.00  
 Mustard Pots, each, 35c and 25c  
 Bon Bon Dishes, in assorted shapes and patterns, each, \$1.00, 75c, 50c, 35c, and, 25c  
 Celery Trays, each .....\$1.25  
 Spoon-Trays, each \$1.25, 50c and .....\$1.00  
 Cake Plates, each, \$1.75, \$1.50 and .....\$1.35  
 Fruit Bowls, each, \$1.75, \$1.50, 1.25 and .....\$1.00  
 Butter Tubs, each, \$1.05 and 75c  
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**60c and 75c Fancy Linens for 35c**  
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 25 dozen assorted Fancy Embroidered Runners, Squares, Battenberg Runners and Lace Edge Runners and Squares to choose from. Many of these pieces will make useful Xmas gifts.  
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Beautiful quality Ribbon, suitable for making up into fancy articles for Christmas gifts. 3 1/2 in. wide, usually sold at \$2.25. Special at, yd. ....\$1.00  
 Fancy Stripes and Dresden Ribbons at, yard, up from .....25c  
 Plain Taffeta Ribbons, in all colors, 5 in. Special at, yd. ....15c  
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**Cream Cashmere Dresses for Children**  
 In very dainty styles, trimmed with fine tucks and embroidery. Various styles, some with long waist with belt, others pleated from yoke and with belt of self material. Sizes 1 1/2 to 8 years, at prices to \$3.50 from .....\$1.25  
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Victoria Times, December 8, 1890.

Mr. James Fell, twice mayor of Victoria, died this morning. He had served the city several times as councillor, and was mayor in 1888 and 1887. He was an unsuccessful candidate for the Dominion house for this constituency.

The annual dinner of the B. C. Pioneer society was held last evening the usual toasts being honored. Hon. J. H. Turner spoke on behalf of the government.

The police have received instructions to see that the city wharves are better lighted, and that life buoys are maintained thereon.

THE MAN'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

It is not such a hard matter for a woman to choose a suitable gift for a man as some imagine. Men's tastes run pretty much in grooves—men's goods are well standardized.

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Silver Spring Beer, 2 qts. for 25c. Plaintiffs in Action.—In the report of a case in county court yesterday the plaintiffs were described as the Pacific Motor Sales Co. instead of the Pauline Motor Sales Co.

Red Cross Society.—The regular meeting of the Oak Bay committee of the above society will be held in the municipal hall, Oak Bay, on Thursday, December 9, 1915, at 8.30 p. m.

St. James's Church.—An important meeting of the parishioners of St. James's will be held in the church this evening at 8 o'clock, when the bishop of the diocese will be present. The presence of all parishioners is requested.

Weekly Whist Drive.—The Ivy Leaf Social club will hold their weekly whist drive on Thursday night in the K. of P. hall, North Park street, commencing at 8.15 p. m. Visitors will be welcome.

Blue Cross Headquarters.—The work of the Blue Cross is increasing to such an extent that the committee finds it necessary to open an office in the city. The headquarters of the society will for the present be found at 602 Broughton street, where information regarding the work can be obtained.

Sings for Red Cross.—Miss Laurie Ordway, the merrie English comedienne appearing at Pantages this week, will give a performance at the Westholme hotel on Friday night in aid of the Red Cross fund. Last year Miss Ordway sang for the Patriotic Aid society and netted a nice sum for the fund.

Raffle for a Gun.—A twelve bore, two-barrel shotgun by Greener has been donated to the Blue Cross society, and will be raffled. Tickets at twenty-five cents each may be obtained from Fox's Cutlery store, 1239 Broad street, where the gun can be inspected.

Meeting Called Off.—In view of the holiday season, and there being nothing calling for the immediate attention of the board, the monthly general meeting of the board of trade, which would have been held to-morrow afternoon, has been cancelled. The president will call a special meeting should anything requiring action crop up.

Christmas Mail Coming.—A large old country mail came in yesterday afternoon, which left London on November 9. In the consignment were 110 sacks of papers and 80 hampers of parcels post. The time which has elapsed by the way, will give an idea of the length of time ahead one needs to dispatch parcels to those at the front or to friends in the United States.

Struck by a Jitney.—John Baylis, 2515 Rose street, a lad of sixteen, was injured yesterday afternoon in a collision with a jitney, driven by F. Bolton Young Baylis was driving a horse and wagon on Vancouver street when the jitney, skidding on the wet pavement, struck the vehicle, and he was knocked off the seat and badly bruised. He was taken in the police ambulance to his home.

Passed Tests.—On Monday evening, Mrs. Armstrong and Miss Hennessey, two members of the Victoria Ladies' Swimming club, successfully passed their tests in practical life saving. These ladies will in due course receive each a certificate of proficiency and a bronze medalion awarded by The Royal Life-Saving society. The examination was conducted by C. E. Hopper at the Victoria Y. M. C. A. swimming bath.

Fisheries of the North.—William Manson, M. P. for Skeena, who is in the city for some days on business, and is at the Empress, says that the fishing industry is thriving at Prince Rupert. If the representations being made by Ottawa to the allied governments as to the value of fish as an article of diet for the soldiers succeed it is expected to give a considerable impetus to fishing on this coast. The concessions promised to the herring fisheries as to area in which they may fish are expected to have a good effect on the industry.

Another White Bear Found.—Another fine specimen of the white bear which is native to this province has been caught by hunters on Prince of Wales island, according to advices received by Frank Kermode, curator of the provincial museum. It was Mr. Kermode who discovered and classified this animal, to which naturalists have given the name of Ursus Kermodei in his honor, and the finding of a specimen on Prince of Wales island is an added proof in support of his theory that there is a distinct species of ursus in this province. There are several specimens mounted in the provincial museum, which are among the most striking of the exhibits there.

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Solution of Payment for Sooke Watershed Has Been Found by Making Transfer

The purchase of the \$5,000 acres of Sooke watershed from the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway will be paid for by transferring the sum borrowed for local improvements last year, and standing at the bank to the city's credit.

A sum was borrowed last spring in the hope of carrying out local improvement work, when the labor organizations were pressing for work to be found for the unemployed at a critical time, but the owners could not be induced to allow work to proceed, the ebb tide of inactivity having already set in. Therefore the money could not be spent for the reasons mentioned. A similar state of things has prevailed since that time.

In making the announcement last evening Mayor Stewart said that the railway company insisted on being paid in cash, in view of its gradual reduction in price from the figures originally quoted. The original price was \$204,000, prior to the formal survey, which was cut early this year to \$254,000 or \$17.19 an acre on 15,000 acres. The amended figures upon which it is based was eventually reached was \$12.50 an acre for the same acreage. The survey has been made this fall, and as a result the drainage area of Lewis lake, which property belongs to Leech river watershed, and a section near Shawigan Lake has been cut off.

The cost of the reduced area will be \$185,000, and there are sufficient funds at the bank to meet the call. Apparently the matter can be concluded now as soon as the formal plans of the survey have been turned over to the water commissioner. Before this arrangement was made with the bankers, the city scarcely knew where to turn for cash, as the latter part of construction of the waterworks had to be done on a loan hypothecating the unsold waterworks debentures. Two or three times it was mentioned that the company might be willing to take bonds, or receive the interest till the end of the year, but this the company will not do at the reduced price, so cash is to be paid.

Building Permit.—A building permit has been issued to Dr. Garache for alterations to the block on Yates street.

Whist Drive.—The Victoria-Pueble Whist No. 104, will hold their regular whist drive to-day, at 8 p. m., at the Orange hall, Yates street.

Knights of Pythias Social.—The Knights of Pythias have arranged a big social and dance for Friday night, to take place in the K. of P. hall, commencing at 8.15.

Special Meeting.—The Purple Star lodge, No. 104, L. O. B. A., will hold a special meeting in the Orange hall, Yates street, to-morrow at 2.30 p. m.

Victoria Volunteer Reserve.—The reserve will parade at the new drill hall at 8 p. m. to-morrow. All the members are particularly requested to be present.

Class Postponed.—The gasoline class under the auspices of the city board will not meet again this week on account of the illness of the instructor. Work will be resumed on Monday.

"Colonial" Cakes.—To-morrow the people of Victoria and district will be given an opportunity to help the Red Cross funds by buying "Colonial" cakes. This new, delicious confection will be placed on the market in Victoria to-morrow for the first time, and the total proceeds of the day's sale will be turned over to the Red Cross funds.

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To balance oneself out over the street at an angle of forty-five degrees on the top of a twenty-storey building is not a very pleasing position. This is how Hank Mann the L. K. comedian thrilled the large audience in the Variety Theatre last evening in the two- reel comedy production "A Tale of Twenty Stories." This great comedian of the movie world, together with his associates and the police do such dare-devil stunts on the very edge of the roof of the largest hotel building in Los Angeles that spectators are uncertain whether to hold their breath or laugh. One minute falling over the edge of the tall building, and the next balancing at an angle of forty-five degrees from the top of the cornice, with the street and death far below, proves that the film game has reached a stage where no danger is too great for the actors providing they can produce something to entertain the multitudes. This is positively the greatest comedy seen in this city, and as it will be shown for the last time to-night, no one should miss the opportunity of seeing Hank Mann in his death-defying stunts.

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To balance oneself out over the street at an angle of forty-five degrees on the top of a twenty-storey building is not a very pleasing position. This is how Hank Mann the L. K. comedian thrilled the large audience in the Variety Theatre last evening in the two-reel comedy production "A Tale of Twenty Stories." This great comedian of the movie world, together with his associates and the police do such dare-devil stunts on the very edge of the roof of the largest hotel building in Los Angeles that spectators are uncertain whether to hold their breath or laugh. One minute falling over the edge of the tall building, and the next balancing at an angle of forty-five degrees from the top of the cornice, with the street and death far below, proves that the film game has reached a stage where no danger is too great for the actors providing they can produce something to entertain the multitudes. This is positively the greatest comedy seen in this city, and as it will be shown for the last time to-night, no one should miss the opportunity of seeing Hank Mann in his death-defying stunts.

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Laura Ordway

(Pantages' Circuit) Will give a performance in aid of the RED CROSS FUND at the

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at 11 p. m.

Ten per cent of the proceeds of the Grill for that day will be given to the Red Cross Society.

GRAFT?

Law Offices Moved.—J. Charles McIntosh, who has had his law offices for some time at 1118 Langley street, has moved to suite 327-8-9 in the Pemberton building.

Held Regular Meeting.—The regular meeting of Queen of the Island lodge, No. 209, L. O. B. A., will be held in the Orange hall, Yates street, to-morrow, at 7.30 p. m. All members are asked to be present as the election of officers for the ensuing year will take place.

Damage to Skylights.—The damage to the skylights at the High school, through the gale, is estimated at about \$400. The material fell through to the auditorium, breaking some leaded glass.

Dance To-morrow.—The Queen of the Island lodge, No. 209, L. O. B. A., will hold a dance in the Orange hall, Yates street, to-morrow, from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m. Heaton's orchestra will be in attendance. All men on his majesty's service are especially invited to attend. Members are requested to bring refreshments.

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**AT THE THEATRES**

**PROGRAMME NIGHT.**

At 8 o'clock to-night the management will call the numbers of two programmes issued last week, from the stage, and will purchase same from the holders who must be in the theatre, for \$10 and \$5 in gold respectively. The feature film to-night will be the five-part Vitagraph comedy, "Crooky," with Frank Daniels in the title role. This is Mr. Daniels' first appearance in the pictures, and if the enthusiasm which greeted him at the Columbia is any criterion he will soon be the most popular comedian in the movies. "Crooky" is a convict story, and is one continuous laugh during the entire five reels.

**ROYAL VICTORIA.**

Robert Warwick will be seen for the last time to-night at the Royal Victoria in "The Flash of an Emerald." The story of the play is not only thrilling, but holds the attention of the audience from start to finish. The first scene shows a crowded race track on the afternoon that a thief and his accomplice steal the silver cup offered for the feature event. The second scene is the famous church of St. Ann de Beaupre in Canada, where pilgrims are seeking miraculous cures and relief from their afflictions. The religious ceremonies are pictured in some detail, as is the strategy of the thieves in securing the emerald. They get the emerald, but in the end of course suffer for their misdeed. The story is one that has lent itself to the screen with more than ordinary facility and has been converted into one of the most acceptable of motion picture photoplays. Included on the same programme is a Pathé News showing some fine views of events that are now taking place in England and other parts of the world, also a George Ade comedy that secures more than the ordinary amount of laughs.

**DOMINION THEATRE.**

To-day will be the last day of the Lasky feature, "The Explorer," at Dominion. The superb acting of Lou Tellegen has been the admiration of all and has gone far to assure the success of the production. Future appearances of this admirable actor will no doubt be looked forward to. "The Explorer" is full of action and contains many thrills notably in the jungle scenes. The whole production provides capital entertainment. On Thursday a splendid attraction has been secured—"In Still Waters," a Famous Players' subject with Marguerite Clark. Miss Clark is one of the most popular actresses on the screen and "In Still Waters" she is seen at her best. A country circus figures in this picture and affords many touches of comedy that alternate with the more dramatic phases of the action. All next week the superb photo spectacle, "The Eternal City," will be shown. Every-



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by Paul Panzer, Charles Ogle and an all-star cast. "Under Southern Skies" was adapted from Lottie Blair Parker's famous novel of the same title by William Addison Lathrop and was produced under the direction of Lucius Henderson. Many of the scenes of the southern classic drama were filmed in the Bonaventure Cemetery, at Christ Church and on the Shutter estate, in Savannah, Ga.

Miss Fuller, who is one of the most famous and highest salaried stars in the photoplay world, left New York with a company of fifty players early in June on board the S. S. "City of St. Louis." In order to make the play a banner production, Julius Stern, manager of the Universal's Eastern Coast studios, decided that the "big company" would have to go south despite the torrid weather. It was 98 in the shade when the Universal star and players reached the foot of Canal street pier in Savannah.

After registering his company at their hotels, Mr. Henderson, the director, inserted an "ad" in a Savannah paper for "extras." Three hundred garters and old trunks were ransacked for costumes of the war period. Many of these were worn by the granddaughters of the original owners while other costumes, moth eaten and yellow with age, were duplicated by Savannah dressmakers. Savannah was intensely interested in the filming of the play and the local newspapers ran stories daily regarding the progress of the picture and the roles enacted by native sons and daughters.

**PANTAGES THEATRE.**

There have been big crowds at Pantages this week to witness a programme of superlative excellence. Chief among the items is the Doree Opera Co., under the supervision of Madame Doree, who comes on the stage before each of the three scenes which are presented from grand opera, and explains their meaning and significance. The members of the troupe all have fine, and well-trained voices, and present excerpts from "Trovata," "Carmen" and "Faust," with dramatic feeling and intensity.

Laurie Ordway, the English comedienne, is making a big hit with audiences all the week, and is funnier than ever.

The bill boasts a good playlet this week which has quite a military atmosphere. There is some good acting by all three members of the cast. The Harmony Four also find favor with the crowds.

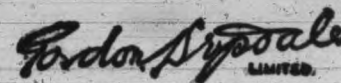
The first item on the bill is Alice Teddy, the bear which is almost human. Alice Teddy obeys her trainer like a child, runs races on roller skates, and wrestles with skill and intention. She is in fact, the cleverest bear ever seen here.

On Saturday afternoon a special matinee will be held at the theatre for little ones and their parents. After the performance Alice Teddy will hold a reception on the stage to all the youngsters and their guardians, and souvenir postal cards will be given away.

one has heard of Hall Caine's famous play, and no one should miss the opportunity of seeing it in photoplay. The production is by the Famous Players Co., with that distinguished actress, Pauline Frederick. The picture is presented in eight parts and patrons should note the times of the performances which are as follows: 1.30, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30 and 9.30.

**VARIETY THEATRE.**

"Under Southern Skies," in which Grace George made such a sensational hit a dozen years or so ago, makes its bow in photoplay form at the Variety theatre on Thursday, December 9, under the auspices of the Universal Film Mfg. Co. Mary Fuller plays the role of Lella Crofton and is ably supported



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**SOCIAL AND PERSONAL**

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

- M. R. McCuaig, of Vancouver, is at the Dominion hotel.
- A. C. Hampton, of Vancouver, is registered at the Hotel Strathcona.
- M. P. Gordon is visiting his brother, J. L. Gordon, in Kamloops.
- A. C. Cosgrove, of Calgary, is stopping at the Dominion hotel.
- James Moore, of Vancouver, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.
- Mrs. Geo. Gowland, of Duncan, is staying at the Hotel Strathcona.
- Mrs. McIntyre and sister, of Cumberland, are guests of the Dominion.
- Miss G. E. Miller has taken up her residence at the Hotel Strathcona.
- Mrs. O. E. Ribbins, of Cleveland,

- registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.
- C. W. Dunne and family, of Crofton, are staying at the Hotel Strathcona.
- A. E. Crofton, of Ganges, was among yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion.
- Rev. A. D. and Mrs. McKinnon, of Vancouver, were in the city yesterday.
- Wm. Milligan is in from Otter Point and is staying at the Dominion hotel.
- G. M. Pinson and W. J. Allan, of Seattle, are guests of the Dominion hotel.
- J. J. Warren, Toronto, president of the Kettle Valley railway, is in the city for the purpose of consulting with the

- premier in regard to the progress of that line towards completion. The construction of the line is proceeding well on the heavy sections in the mountains which will give the last link with the coast through a junction with the C. P. R. at Hope, and comparatively little remains to be done.
- L. Ramsell and Mrs. Ramsell, of Nanaimo, are stopping at the Dominion hotel.
- Tom Wilson, of the Dominion ethnological department, is registered at the Dominion.
- Charles M. MacAlister and Mrs. MacAlister, of Calgary, are stopping at the Dominion.
- J. R. Grant, the well-known New Westminster lawyer, was in the city yesterday.

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ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY  
IN ANNUAL SESSION

A. W. McCurdy, Re-elected  
President, Reads Paper on  
"Planet of Romance"

A. W. McCurdy, the retiring president, was re-elected to that office at the annual meeting last evening of the Victoria centre of the Royal Astronomical Society. The complete election of officers resulted as follows: Honorary president, Dr. J. S. Plaskett; president, A. W. McCurdy; vice-president, W. S. Drewry; secretary-treasurer, Dr. L. F. Houghton; auditor, James Forman; executive committee, F. Napier Danison, A. Symonds, J. Umbach, Rev. Robt. Connell, F. C. Green, George McTavish and K. M. Chadwick.

That there were only 41 members in good standing at present, owing to the withdrawal of several who had enlisted. Seven general meetings had been held, the lectures being on the following topics: "The Planet Mars," "The Evolution of the Calendar," "The Influence of Astronomy on Our Language and Literature," "Jupiter and His Moons," "The Planets Jupiter and Saturn" and "The Sun." There had also been seven meetings of the executive during the year. Of more material interest was the statement of the treasurer, showing that the society had in the bank a balance of \$45.70. The treasurer, Dr. Houghton, appealed to members to pay their dues at the earliest possible date, so that members entitled to the journal might be determined.

Instead of the more usual type of annual address the president, A. W. McCurdy, read a very instructive paper on "The Planet of Romance," which was listened to with great interest. The attractive name has been associated by astronomers and writers with Vulcan, a mythical planet whose influence may be observed on the planet Mercury, although it has never yet itself been actually seen by astronomers.

Mercury, the lecturer explained, revolved round the sun in a little less than three months. When starting from a point between the earth and sun it has completed a revolution, and the earth has moved forward on its orbit so that nearly 30 days more were required for Mercury to catch up and come again between the earth and the sun. Its greatest distance from the sun was 43,000,000 miles, and its least distance 29,000,000 miles. Its greatest distance from the earth was 135,000,000 miles, and its least distance 51,000,000. But there was a vagary in the motion of the planet which was a subject of much debate among astronomers. When nearest the sun the motion of the planet was faster than it ought to be if under the attraction of known bodies of the solar system only. All manner of questions were agitated, all containing some suggestion to the solution of the puzzle. Were there other planets at present unknown between Mercury and the sun? Was it possible that such bodies, although numerous, were too small to be observed? Was there even one unknown planet revolving inside the orbit of Mercury?

All opinion summed up, anyway, there seemed certainly to be an influence on the movements of Mercury that might be accounted for by the presence of an inner planet. So astronomers had christened the mythical body "Vulcan." "The Planet of Romance," perhaps, explained Mr. McCurdy, there had been some difficulty in observing Vulcan owing to its supposed nearness to the sun. If it did not exist, however, there should come a time when it would appear as a dark spot moving slowly across the face of the sun. Even the very best of telescopes might, however, fail to detect a starlike point in that position. The sun had been photographed nearly every day for many years, but nothing indicating the presence of such a planet had been shown.

"There is another method, however, by which new planets in the vicinity of the sun may be detected," said Mr. McCurdy. "That is to take observations during the total eclipse of the sun. If there are no clouds at such a time, when the sun vanishes, the stars appear. This would be an excellent time to look for this mysterious planet. During the total eclipse of the sun in 1878, Dr. Watson saw an object which he thought might be the long-sought-after 'Planet of Romance.' In order to confirm his report careful examinations have been made during all the eclipses since that time, without, however, any such object being discovered. It is now the general belief among astronomers that no planet has yet been found within the orbit of Mercury, and the source of the attraction, not yet located, must be looked for in some other place."

In conclusion Mr. McCurdy offered another solution—that Vulcan might

exist within the orbit of Mercury as a glowing mass. In this event it might not be readily detected by any of the methods tried up to the present. Perhaps when the new director of the Victoria Observatory on Little Saanich got installed he would be able to make some observations that would be of interest in respect to this much-debated question.

LIUT. VERRALL  
TO COMMAND

Base Company of 1st Canadian Pioneer Corps Expecting to Go to England

Orders have been received by Captain Gaisford, of the 1st Canadian Pioneer Corps, who was sent from Winnipeg where the unit was finally mobilized by Lt.-Col. A. Hodgins, his O. C., to recruit a base company in Victoria, to report at Ottawa as soon as the latter has reached its authorized strength of 300. This means that the company will be sent to Shorncliffe, the Canadian base in England, as soon as it is numerically complete.

Lieut. H. C. Verrall, formerly of the 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles and prior to the outbreak of the war a B. C. land surveyor, with headquarters at Vernon, B. C., has been given the command of the new pioneer detachment. It is expected that he will receive instructions to proceed to the old country for the purpose of joining Col. Hodgins at an early date. There is no question but that the 100 men required will be forthcoming almost immediately. As a matter of fact already 50 are enlisted, which is considered highly satisfactory, as the appeal for recruits was made only a short time ago.

The company, the raising of which is being supervised by Captain Gaisford, is temporarily attached to the 103rd Battalion, C. E. F. It will move to the new Drill hall with the later unit, on or about next Friday. In the meantime Captain Gaisford may be communicated with at the officers' mess of the 103rd at the Willows' camp. When the change of quarters is made he will be available at the same mess at the Drill hall. In the evening he is to be found between 7 and 8 o'clock at the James Bay hotel.

SAVAGE WOMEN HEALTHY

The savage lives in the open, eats simple, knows nothing of household drudgery or social life, gets plenty of sleep and exercise and is perfectly healthy and strong, but the civilized woman is a slave to home duties and society, often becomes run-down, nervous and physically unfit to be a companion or wife. Our local druggist, D. E. Campbell, druggist, Victoria, B. C., has a reliable, non-secret remedy that is a boon to such women. Its component parts being peptonate of iron for the blood, the nourishing properties of beef peptone and the medicinal extractives of fresh, healthy cod's livers, all dissolved in a delicious native wine. It is really wonderful how rapidly weak, run-down women are built up by its use.

DOING WORK OVER AGAIN

Committee on Workmen's Compensation is Covering Ground Gone Over by Labor Commission.

The "committee of investigation" which is conducting an inquiry into the experience of other provinces in the matter of workmen's compensation laws—in other words, going over again the ground covered by the forty-thousand-dollar labor commission—so far as this subject is concerned—is advertising a final meeting in the court house at Vancouver on Thursday of next week and following days, "for the purpose of hearing all parties interested who desire to attend or be represented at such meeting."

The "committee" consists of Avard V. Pineo, departmental solicitor in the attorney-general's department; David Robertson and James H. McVety. They have been as far east as Halifax, and have visited all the other provinces in the course of their investigations, just as the labor commission did. Any organizations of employers or workmen, or other bodies, or individuals wishing to be heard, are requested to notify the committee by letter addressed to the chairman at the parliament buildings here. It has been decided to hold but the one session for the provinces at a central point, rather than visit the different sections of the province, as the labor commission did, and hear both sides together so that each side can hear the arguments of the other, it is explained as the reason for having this meeting at Vancouver.

OPEN SAMPLE ROOM

War Emergency Committee Ready to Take Orders at 727 Fort Street.

The war emergency committee, which was organized seven months ago with the aim of giving work to the women of Victoria who would otherwise have found it difficult to secure employment, has opened a sample room at 727 Fort street, where they will be glad to receive orders for cadet suits, weaving, etc. The committee secured the sample room through the kindness of Major Small, of the Western Lands, Ltd., while their work rooms in the Scot building were secured through the kindness of Robert Scott. During the seven months that the work has been in operation \$1,793 has been spent in wages and material, several women having had almost constant employment.

CHORAL SOCIETY AT  
WILLOWS Y.M.C.A.

Highly Appreciative Audience Listens to Notably Fine Programme

The Choral society visited the Willows camp last evening and gave a very enjoyable concert to the soldiers. Several part songs were rendered, the chorus proving to be in excellent form. Perhaps the most effective were Dudley Buck's "Hymn to Music," Macfarren's "You Stole My Love," and Sullivan's "The Long Day Closes." The concert finished with Sir Michael Costa's setting of the National Anthem in which the first verse is sung by the sopranos alone, the second verse by the altos, and the third verse by the full chorus and audience.

The society was fortunate enough to obtain the assistance of Mrs. J. Macdonald Fahey and Alf Adams. Mrs. Fahey's singing aroused the audience to the highest pitch of enthusiasm, and when it is stated that she was in magnificent voice and did not spare herself at all but was most generous in responding to repeated encores it will be easily realized what a treat she gave to all present. Two outstanding numbers were "Peace" and "Rule Britannia." She was ably assisted by her accompanist, Mrs. Nasmit.

In his own peculiar style, Alf Adams was equally successful. His humorous selections were very popular if one may judge by the roars of laughter and vociferous demands for encores which they produced. Mr. Adams is undeniably clever, and is possessed of a good voice, and as his work is of a high-class and refined nature he should be in great demand for programmes on which items of the lighter kind are included. "The Curate," "The Zzz," and "Sister Susie" were great favorites.

J. Douglas Macey, honorary conductor to the Choral society, and all others taking part may have the satisfaction of knowing that, in braving the rain, they added greatly to the enjoyment of the soldiers who thronged the Y. M. C. A. building.

Lieut. R. McDiarmid of the 57th Western Scots was the chairman, and in his remarks at the close of the concert expressed the thanks of the soldiers to the Choral society, the soloists and accompanists for the excellent programme that had been rendered, and to the Y. M. C. A. who had charge of the arrangements.

FINE ARTS STILL OPEN

Galleries at Panama-Pacific Exhibition Being Retained Till May 1.

In response to a petition from San Franciscans and leading clubs in and around that city the directors of the Panama Pacific International Exposition have decided to keep the Fine Arts Palace open until May 1, 1916, retaining on exhibition all of the works now there which it is not absolutely imperative to return. The collection will be supplemented with other works to be secured. Exhibitors have been sent circular letters asking permission to retain their works in the galleries until the close of the post-exposition.

It is interesting to find in the statement of John E. Trask, chief of the department of fine arts at the exposition, that the sales of modern art from the exhibition have amounted to over \$200,000. Of this seventy-five per cent is American. Mr. Trask is now in New York city to secure replacements and additions to the exhibition.

SCHOOL CONCERT TO-NIGHT.

The concert to be held to-night at the George Jay school will be under the auspices of the board of school trustees, and will be for the raising of funds for cadet uniforms for the school corps. The concert will begin at 8 sharp, and will be under the direction of H. Charlesworth. The following is the programme: Pianoforte Duet—Military March; H. Charlesworth and W. H. Muncey; Chorus—Boys of the King; School Girls; Song—When the Boys Come Home; Mrs. Hudson; Indian Club Drill; Messrs. Christie, Temple, B. Harkness and M. Fleming; Recitation—An Obliging Sister; Miss Ruby Wagner; Song and Chorus—Mamma's Soldier; Boy; Miss Laura White and School Girls; Scotch Dances; R. Nichols; (Piper, Mr. D. Cameron); Song—Selected; Corp. Robert Morrison; Humorous Selections; Alfred Adams; Chorus—For King and Country; School Girls; Scotch and Irish Dances; Misses Mary and Jessie Shearer; (Piper, Miss Wallace); Song and Chorus—Take Me Back to Canada; Miss Regina Waxstock and School Girls; Exhibitions in Ventriloquism; Sergt. F. W. Morrison; Chorus—The Best Old Flag on Earth; School Children; National Anthems of the Allies; School Children.

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SOLDIERS' FIELD COMFORTS

Lieut. Joan Arnoldi Writes From Shorncliffe Thanking Women's Canadian Club for Donation.

The treasurer of the Women's Canadian club, Mrs. P. Andrews, has received from Lieut. Arnoldi, of the Canadian Field Comforts Commission, Shorncliffe, the following letter under date of November 18:

Dear Mrs. Andrews,—Will you please convey our deep gratitude to your club for the splendid donation of £42 13s. 1d. for our Xmas fund? I cannot tell you how this generosity cheers and encourages us. Our fund is not yet by any means complete, but every day brings letters from Canada with small and large amounts, so that we can go right ahead with the work, as we feel that no one at home would like one man left out of this general distribution. The presents are mouth-organs, books, games, handkerchiefs, note-paper, cards, pipes, etc., and with each article is sent either tobacco, cigarettes or sweets.

CITIZENS THANKED

Lieut.-Col. Henniker and Officers of 103rd Battalion Grateful for Courteous Treatment.

Lt.-Col. Henniker and officers of the 103rd Battalion wish to express their appreciation and proffer their thanks for the courteous treatment received by them during the construction of the new recruiting station on Fort street. All the labor has been carried out by men of the battalion, but this could not have been so speedily done had it not been for support so generously given by the civic authorities and the citizens of Victoria. They specially wish to thank the following: Mr. Luxton, of Messrs. Pooley, Lux-

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ton & Pooley, for kindly lending the lot on Fort street on which to erect the recruiting station. The mayor and civic authorities for helping forward the movement in every possible way and for providing cartage, gravel, boulders and crushed rock. Carter & Mackenzie for donation of all the wiring for electrical work and expert advice regarding the installation of same. Melrose & Co. for a special rate on painting materials. H. C. Electric for assistance and special rates. B. C. Telephone for their assistance. Mr. Deville, of the Exchange, Fort

street, for his courtesy in lending his store, phone and necessary furniture. The Ritz hotel for lending a room and writing materials. Mr. Campbell, of the drug store, for a Union Jack flag. The Island Hardware Co. for loan of lanterns. Drake Hardware for loan of tools. Luney Bros. for loan of tools. This timely and material assistance means a great deal, as the expense of the work has to be borne by the battalion.

"I am not wealthy," he said, "but if the devotion of a true and tender heart goes for anything with you, Miss Clara—" "It goes well enough with me Mr. Spoonbill," interrupted the fair lady, with a pensive look on her face, "but how will it go with the grocery?"

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From the birth of railroads a traveler has had to pay a very steep price for a meal, but while he may get the worth of his money, he receives such a quantity that he cannot eat it all. The special plate service eliminates the heavy meal. For instance, if a man wishes one egg and one slice of bacon for his breakfast he can get it. Formerly he had to take two eggs and plenty of bacon and pay for it all. The new service makes it possible for a man to get a meal for a reasonable price. The Milwaukee officials are being congratulated on solving the food question.

The new service does not say anything regarding the tip to the waiter.

### WILL NOT TAKE OVER S. S. HOCKING AT ONCE

Washington, Dec. 8.—Requisitioning by the British government of the American Trans-Atlantic steamship Hocking, protested by the state department, has been postponed for three weeks, Secretary Lansing was advised today. The steamship is at Halifax, where she was taken by a British warship.

### TEES MET ANOTHER DELAY LAST NIGHT

Steamer Had to Remain in Clayoquot Owing to Storms Outside

Heavy storms off Clayoquot further delayed the C.P.R. steamer Tees on her homeward voyage from Holberg. The vessel was unable to steam through Templar channel, and put back to Clayoquot to spend the night. She proceeded this morning, and after calling at Uchelet will proceed to Uchelet to load fish. A long-distance telephone message from Port Alberni said that the Tees was expected there early this afternoon. After an hour's stop the steamer will start on the last leg of her voyage. It will take her fourteen hours to make the trip to Victoria, and she is looked for here early to-morrow morning, providing the weather does not further interfere with her progress.

The Tees is having a hard voyage. Under favorable conditions she usually makes the run in six days. She is out eight days already, and it is possible that another day will pass before she makes her lines fast at the inner harbor docks.

Held at Clayoquot.

Last evening the Tees tried to leave Clayoquot for Uchelet, but the sea was running so heavily that Capt. Gillin had to put back and wait for an abatement. Early this morning she resumed her trip, and after a stop at Uchelet shifted to Uchelet to load fish. It is not known how long she was held at the cannery, but she was looked for at Alberni early this afternoon.

On the northbound run the Tees encountered very heavy weather and was delayed some time in reaching Holberg. On the return trip, however, she caught the southeasterly in all their fury and for a night she was unable to get out of Quatsino Sound. The five survivors of the wreck of the Chilean ship Caremapu joined the Tees at Clayoquot. Arrangements have been made to attend to the men at this port.

### THE TIME BALL

The time ball on the Belmont building will be raised halfway at 12.45, at the top at 12.55, and dropped at 1 p. m. day and night. My appetite was very poor and I frequently had pains in the back. After using a few boxes of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food the headaches disappeared, appetite improved and I gained in health and strength. I am very thankful for the benefit obtained from the use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, for I am well again after two years of misery.

### CONSTANCE LEAVES

The Seattle fishing schooner Constance, which put in here yesterday afternoon with her crank shaft broken, was towed to Seattle this morning.

### SHIP WITH CHRISTMAS GOODS HAS REPORTED

Musician Reaches San Pedro; Due Here Next Week; News of Other Ships

Advice from San Pedro this morning announces the arrival there of the Harrison liner Musician. For some days past the agents here have been looking for some news of the ship, which is bringing a shipment of Christmas goods, which are being eagerly awaited by the merchants of this city. The Musician should leave San Pedro to-night and be in San Francisco on Friday. She will spend about two days at the Bay City discharging and it is expected that she will berth at Victoria about Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning of next week.

The Musician reached Colon from Liverpool just after the blockade. She waited there for 100 weeks, while the owners decided as to what course they would pursue. Finally she was ordered to use the Strait of Magellan. The Musician was due here early last month, and the delay has proved very vexatious to the consignees in Victoria as well as other coast ports.

Talithybus Out To-morrow.

The Blue Funnel liner Talithybus experienced a delay at Seattle in getting away, and did not arrive here this morning as was announced. She will lie up at the outer docks to-morrow morning, and after 500 Chinese have embarked with their luggage will proceed to Yokohama and Hongkong. The Talithybus is taking out a full cargo of freight, totalling nearly 17,000 tons.

To-morrow afternoon the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Shidzuka Maru will arrive in port from the Orient, after a smart winter passage. She will discharge 1,360 tons of freight here and proceed to Seattle on Friday morning. Leaves For Orient.

The Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner Mexico Maru sails for the Orient at 5 o'clock this afternoon. She is taking out 7,000 tons of cargo, but a light list of passengers. Thirty steerage passengers are embarking at this port.

On Saturday morning the Osaka liner Hawaii Maru will dock from the Orient.

### CHANGE OF ROUTE IS CAUSE OF ARGUMENT

Owners of Steamship Erroll Want Higher Rate to Steam Via Strait of Magellan

Because of the closing of the Panama canal and the much greater cost of a voyage to the United Kingdom via the Strait of Magellan than by the artificial waterway an interesting dispute has arisen between the owners and charterers of the British steamship Erroll. Capt. I. F. James, now at Comox, B. C., James Warrack & Co., of Leith, Scotland, owners of the big craft, maintain that she was chartered to the shipping firm of Kerr, Gifford & Co. to load a cargo of wheat at Portland for the United Kingdom with the understanding that the voyage was to be made via the Panama canal. The waterway is now closed by slides and they assert that they should receive a higher rate via the Strait of Magellan on account of the much greater cost of a voyage by that route.

Kerr, Gifford & Co., charterers of the Erroll, contend that when they fixed the vessel for a voyage from Portland to the United Kingdom no route was stipulated and that the charter rate agreed upon should hold good via the Strait of Magellan as well as by the Panama canal.

The rate at which the vessel was taken was not made public, it being announced as private terms.

The Erroll left Seattle at 2 a. m. December 2 for Portland via Comox, B. C., where she called for bunker supplies. She has finished bunkering and was to leave for Portland yesterday to begin loading. Pending the settlement of the dispute, however, the vessel will remain at Comox for orders.

The Erroll reached Seattle from Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic, recently with 4,000 tons of South American corn consigned to the Albers Brothers Milling company.

### CURACOA PURCHASED BY HER FORMER OWNERS

Vancouver, Dec. 8.—After being submerged for 14 months in Alaskan waters, salvaged and then tied up in Vancouver for over a year, the steamer Curacoa has been purchased by the Pacific Coast Steamship company, her owners at the time of the wreck. The Curacoa will leave for Seattle and will re-enter the Alaska trade next spring.

The Curacoa has had an interesting history and the story of her salvage is one which attracted much attention in shipping communities for the work was carried out under great difficulties and at a point far removed from a base of supplies.

The Curacoa was wrecked at Warm Chuck, Alaska, on June 21, 1913. She is a vessel 257 feet long and 28 feet beam. When she foundered she had on board 200 tons of coal and 750 tons of general cargo. She sank in 78 feet of water with a tidal range of 25 feet. On August 25, 1913, the wreck was purchased by the Vancouver Dredging & Salvage company, and the first salvage crew was sent north in September of that year and removed the general cargo. No work was done during the winter, but in April, 1914, the salvage crew went north again. The Curacoa's bow was laying hard up against an abrupt beach and the first of the most difficult tasks was to dredge a channel ahead of the ship for one hundred and ten feet to the same grade as the beach on which she rested.

The vessel had settled some eight feet in the sand and silt, and hydraulic jets were used to work a passage underneath the hull for the lifting slings. Six hundred gasoline drums, stowed in number two hold, were used as a steady power for the hull as well as to assist the lifting screws. It was necessary to lift the ship bodily and pull her forward into the dredged channel to permit of pumping out. On the first attempt the hull was hauled ahead 60 feet and the following day she was hauled another 40 feet. She was finally floated on July 29, and a remarkable salvage feat was concluded.

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### ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREATEST SEA FIGHT

To-day the British empire celebrates the first anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Islands. One year ago Germany's commerce raiding squadron was annihilated. It was the first real test of metal in the great war, and it demonstrated the real superiority of the British ship and the Jack Tar over the products of Germany's navy.

The story of the battle is well-known to everyone and does not need narrating again. The mentioning of the fact that this is the anniversary will stir up in the mind the glorious fight of Rear-Admiral Sturdee's squadron. Victorians can appreciate more than the majority of the people of the Empire the brilliance of the victory through the fact that one of the war-scarred ships, H. M. S. Kent, was in Esquimalt harbor and her officers and crew spoke here for the first time of the triumph.

The Battle of the Falkland Islands is recorded as the greatest naval fight of the war. Great credit has been given to Rear-Admiral Sturdee for the splendid manner in which he set the trap for von Spee. This battle demonstrated to the Germans the inadequacy of their own fleet and has been one factor in persuading von Tirpitz to keep his ships within the peaceful confines of the Kiel canal.

### RUPERT WANTS WORK FOR LARGE DRYDOCK

Huge Floating Dock is Lying Idle; Suggestion That It Be Brought Here

Prince Rupert is beginning to wonder as to what the Grand Trunk Pacific intends to do with the 20,000-ton floating drydock which was completed there a month or two ago. So far the dock has scarcely been used, and the prospects are that it will get very little to do for a long time. The latest news from Prince Rupert states that all the men with the exception of the foremen of the different departments, have been laid off.

The Rupert people think some work should be found for the dock, and the Journal of that city has the following editorial dealing with the matter:

"What the exact plans of the G.T.P. are with respect to the drydock here have not been revealed. It is evident that the dock is constructed for actual work. The G.T.P., as would be the case were it owned by any private individual, undoubtedly is open to engage in a commercial way and utilize the dock plant. The Dominion government manifested a deep interest in seeing the dock completed. The government, we should think, would now use its best endeavors to see that business is secured for the dock. The offices of the Dominion government, we should imagine, would be of very considerable value in diverting of contracts towards this dock. There are small craft being constructed for the admiralty in Canadian docks, and in some instances where there are dry docks. It would seem but the natural thing that some influence should be exerted by the governments to turn some such contracts here, now that the dock is ready for carrying them out. If that were done the company would be placed in a position where a staff would be employed, and where material would be on hand. This would enable the company to take care of any repair work that may present itself, like that of the steamer City of Seattle.

For Robert Rogers, on his recent visit to the coast, seems to have conveyed to the people of Victoria the need of docking facilities there. We are inclined to think that some assistance in the securing of work for a dock like the one here would be of quite as much importance. The Dominion government will have overhauling of its ships during the winter months. Why cannot some of that work be done here? This city might well bring pressure to bear upon the powers that be, in order that we should get what would benefit not only the companies directly concerned here, but would be of decided advantage to the citizens indirectly."

Dock Needed Here.

It seems peculiar that the government should see fit to subsidize the construction of a dock at Prince Rupert, where there is no need of one at present, and neglect Victoria, where there is an omnipresent demand for a dock. Prince Rupert is bound to become a great port, but it will be several years before a 20,000-ton dock is required to attend to its shipping. Seattle, Vancouver and Victoria, have shipyards which will do most of the repair work for years to come. An instance of how Prince Rupert is being passed up by a disabled ship was the ordering of the City of Seattle to Seattle for repairs. The ship was hauled out on the dock, and although considerable damage was done the craft, it was decided to have the work done in the south.

The only business the dock has to draw on is from the fishing schooners and steamers. A small dock, one section of the big dock, could easily handle this.

The suggestion is made that the dock be brought to Esquimalt until there is need of it in Prince Rupert. There is need of a good dock here at the present time.

### FRISCO'S MARINE NEWS

San Francisco, Dec. 8.—The Matson liner Wilhelmina, which arrived from Honolulu yesterday, brought 146 passengers and a small cargo of 1,649 tons, there being no sugar, as the new crop has not begun to move.

Making her first voyage in the new service of the Oceanic company, which will hereafter maintain three vessels in the Australian service, the liner Sierra sailed for Sydney yesterday afternoon. Under the new arrangement there will be a departure every twenty-one days from this port and the steamers will call at Honolulu and Pago Pago, both outward and homeward bound.

TUG TO MAKE LONG TRIP.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 8.—On the greatest winter towing job in northern waters in years, the Puget Sound Tug Boat company's powerful tug Goliath, Capt. T. Nielsen, steamed on Monday night for Dutch Harbor, Alaska, to bring the barge Big Bonanza of the Alaska Barge company to Puget sound. In summer the Goliath often makes voyages of equal length, but not in years has such a feat been attempted in winter when storms and gales rage on the open ocean.

The distance from Seattle to Dutch Harbor is 2,079 miles. When the Goliath returns to Seattle with the barge she will have steamed a total of 4,158 miles on one job. Captain Nielsen and his men, however, look on the long winter voyage as only an incident in their work.

### GALES INTERFERED WITH WORK IN OUTER HARBOR

During the month of November work on the breakwater and piers was considerably handicapped owing to the heavy weather. The derrick scows were unable to work owing to the heavy seas. Two of the big dolphins which mark the angles of the breakwater were carried away.

J. S. MacLachlan, supervising engineer, gives out the following figures to show the work accomplished during the past month:

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Miss Evelena M. Risser, Dublin Shore, Lunenburg, N.S., writes:—"I suffered from severe headaches for two years. In fact, I had headaches day and night. My appetite was very poor and I frequently had pains in the back. After using a few boxes of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food the headaches disappeared, appetite improved and I gained in health and strength. I am very thankful for the benefit obtained from the use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, for I am well again after two years of misery."

The object of pain seems to be to give warning that something is wrong in the human system. For this reason, when you have a headache, for instance, you should honestly seek for the cause.

Headache is not a disease in itself, but rather a symptom. If you find other indications that the nervous system is exhausted—if you are restless, nervous, sleepless and irritable—you may rightly suppose that to be the cause of the headache.


The headache warns you that with neglect of the nervous system you later expect nervous prostration, locomotor ataxia, or some form of paralysis. Wisdom suggests the use of such treatment as Dr. Chase's Nerve Food to build up the system, and thereby remove the cause of the headache, as well as prevent more serious troubles.

The use of headache powders is not only a dangerous practice, but the shock to the system of drugs which are so powerful and poisonous as to immediately stop pain is most harmful. The relief is merely temporary, and with this danger signal removed the disease which caused the headache continues to develop until results are serious. The moral is, when you have headaches or pain of any kind look for the cause and remove it.

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Seattle, Dec. 8.—Seattle celebrated  
their entry into the P. C. H. A. hockey  
circuit in a blaze of glory last night  
when they downed the fast skating  
Victoria visitors by the score of 3 to 2.  
It was the introduction of the premier  
Canadian winter sport to the Seattle  
public, and it took well. Some 2,500  
persons were seated in the new struc-  
ture, and nine-tenths of this number  
had never seen the game before. But  
the game had been in progress only a  
few minutes when they were up in  
their seats yelling advice to the home  
players. As the score indicates the  
play was close throughout. Victoria  
established an early lead. Bobby Genge  
and Ran McDonald made a combined  
rush through the Seattle defence which  
resulted in the latter scoring. This  
occurred just five minutes after the com-  
mencement of the game, and it was  
the only tally in the first period.

At the start of the second period,  
both teams battled hard, Victoria  
working to gain a substantial lead and  
the Metropolitans doing their utmost  
to equalize the count, which they suc-  
ceeded in doing after two minutes of  
play. Foyston, playing rover, made a  
brilliant individual rush and beat Mc-  
Culloch with the tying goal.  
Victoria set up a furious pace and  
pressed the home team defence hard.  
Patrick took the puck up the ice and  
passed to O'Leary in the Seattle goal-  
mouth, who easily slipped the rubber  
past Holmes, once more showing Vic-  
toria to the fore. Seattle, however,  
again tied up the score before the in-  
terval, Walker taking the puck up the  
ice single-handed and scoring. The  
teams were working hard to take the  
upper hand before the whistle sounded  
for the few minutes' rest, but neither  
team succeeded in breaking through  
with the defender.

The last twenty minutes of play

both teams hit up a terrific pace. The  
score was tied, and they bucked each  
other tooth and nail. Both net guard-  
ians were kept hustling, while the  
Victoria defence, composed of Messrs.  
Patrick and Genge, were at their best,  
and seldom permitted the opposing  
forwards to get within close range of  
the net. The visitors came close to  
breaking the tie on numerous occa-  
sions, sending in terrific shots at the  
net, but Holmes played a wonderful  
game. With but two minutes from  
the end, Bernie Morris, the former  
Victoria forward, who is playing  
centre for Seattle, took a pass from  
Walker and beat McCulloch with the  
deciding goal. A tremendous cheer  
went up from the crowd when the goal  
referee raised his hand as an indica-  
tion that the rubber had bulged the  
net with what proved to be the de-  
ciding goal.

It was a strenuous game through-  
out, all the players showing up in mid-  
season form.

The Lineup.

Seattle	Position	Victoria
Holmes	Goal	McCulloch
Rowe	Point	Genge
Carpenter	Cover point	Patrick
Foyston (Capt.)	Rover	Mallen
Morris	Centre	O'Leary
Walker	Left wing	Kerr
Wilson	Right wing	McDonald

Substitution—Second period: Hans  
for Walker on account of injury.  
Goal summary—First period: 1, Mc-  
Donald (assist. by Genge), 5:21. Second  
period: 2, Foyston (unassisted), 2:22;  
3, O'Leary (Patrick), 3:05; 4, Walker  
(unassisted), 2:22. Third period: 5,  
Morris (Walker), 18:00.

Penalties—All penalties five minutes  
off the ice unless otherwise specified.  
First period: Seattle—Wilson, Morris;  
Victoria—Kerr. Second period: Seattle—  
Carpenter, Morris; Victoria—Kerr,  
O'Leary. Third period: Seattle—Wil-  
son (twice); Victoria—Patrick, Kerr,  
Wilson and Kerr were put out for the  
remainder of the game well along in  
the third period for rough work.

Officials—Referee, Mickey Iop;  
judge of play, J. E. McDonald.

## ROSEBUDS SHUT OUT THE CHAMPIONS 2 TO 0

4,000 Enthusiasts Witness  
Unexpected Downfall of  
Millionaires at Vancouver

Vancouver, Dec. 8.—Playing in the  
presence of some 4,000 fans the Van-  
couver hockey champions went down  
to a 2-0 defeat at the hands of the  
visiting Portland septette in a strenu-  
ously-fought game. Both teams were  
badly off on their shooting, and  
especially Vancouver. The whole  
seven aimed scarcely a score of shots  
at the Portland nets during the entire  
game, while it was not until the third  
period that the Rosebud sharpshooters  
came to their form and broke through  
with a brace of goals.

It was intimated before the com-  
mencement of the game that the net  
guardians would be kept on their toes  
during the entire proceedings, but only  
in the final period did either have any  
great amount of work to do, and that  
was when the Rosebud forwards pep-  
pered Lehman. It was a clean game,  
and only eighteen minutes did the  
players spend on the rail. Vancouver  
had an early chance to establish a  
lead when Lloyd Cook, on the left  
wing, had a goodly Murray to beat on  
three occasions. His efforts, however,  
were feeble. Thrice he drove the rub-  
ber direct at the net guardian.

The Lineup.

Vancouver	Position	Portland
Lehman	Goal	Murray
Scaborn	Point	Irvine
Griffis	Cover Point	Johnson
Taylor	Rover	Oatman (Capt.)
Mackay	Centre	Dunderdale
Cook	Left Wing	Harris
Stanley	Right Wing	Tobin

Goal summary: First period, none;  
second period, none; third period: 1,  
Portland, Tobin from Oatman; 2,  
Portland, Dunderdale from Tobin.

All penalties three minutes: First  
period—Mackay (Vancouver), Mackay  
(Vancouver). Second period—Johnson  
(Portland), Dunderdale (Portland),  
Harris (Portland). Third period—  
Mackay (Vancouver). Total penalti-  
es—Portland, 9 minutes; Vancouver,  
9 minutes.

Referee—Tommy Phillips.  
Judge of play—Ed. Black.

## ERTLE SCORES KNOCKOUT.

Philadelphia, Dec. 8.—Johnny Ertle, of  
St. Paul, claimant of the bantamweight  
championship, made short work of Young  
Duggins, in what was to have been a  
six-round boxing bout here last night.  
The contest lasted only 45 seconds, half  
of which was spent on the mat by Duggins,  
who was knocked down three times.  
Ertle weighed in at 114 and Duggins at  
115 pounds.

## CROSS STILL FIGHTING.

New York, Dec. 8.—Leach Cross and  
Jimmy Barry, lightweights, have been  
matched to box ten rounds before the  
Brooklyn Athletic club Saturday night.

## DATE OF TOURNAMENT HAS BEEN CHANGED

Many Entries Received; Pro-  
ceeds Devoted to Furnishing  
Convalescent Home

Owing to the fact that the Royal Vic-  
toria Yacht club decided upon Decem-  
ber 16 as the day for their ball, the  
committee in charge of the military  
and naval tournament, which was to  
have been held at the Willows on that  
date and the day following have  
altered the dates of their attraction.  
Friday, December 17, and Saturday,  
December 18, are the days now decided  
upon for the staging of the event.

Numerous entries are being received  
from the various units stationed in the  
city as well as from the navy, and the  
event should be the greatest attraction  
of its kind ever staged in this city.  
Entries for individuals from detach-  
ments desiring to participate will close  
on Friday next at 10 p. m. An admis-  
sion fee of fifty cents for reserved  
seats, and twenty-five cents for un-  
reserved seats will be charged. The en-  
tire receipts will be devoted to the  
much-required improvements to the  
convalescent home for invalided sol-  
diers. One necessity at the home is the  
building of a balcony enclosed with  
glass to permit the soldiers to enjoy  
the sun without being exposed to the  
air. Another is the fitting out of a read-  
ing room.

## PROMOTERS GRAFTING.

New York, Dec. 8.—The reorganized  
state athletic commission to-day took ac-  
tion to investigate the reports that  
various boxing clubs had deprived the state  
of many thousands of dollars through  
erroneous returns of receipts.

## THE GIGANTIC KITCHENER.

Gulliver, whom the Lilliputians of a  
jealous and malevolent press sought to  
lie and destroy, rises day by day to  
greater height. One day Lord Kitch-  
ener, who was proclaimed to have re-  
signed in disgrace, appears at Paris at-  
tending a meeting of the great states-  
men and generals of the allies. He dis-  
appears for a short time and emerges  
from the mists of mystery at Salonica.  
Again he is lost to sight and reappears  
at Athens. While the papers are still  
wet with the ink which tells of the  
story of the change in attitude of  
Greece he flashes like an apparition  
across the Adriatic and is announced  
as being busy in Rome.

Where Kitchener goes there goes the  
centre of interest in the great strug-  
gle. War lord still, he appears also  
to be the great war statesman. Silent,  
taking the attacks of the spiteful with  
dignity; cool headed, solving unexpected  
and perplexing questions as they  
arise, he has confounded his enemies  
and figures more than ever as Great  
Britain's hope. Well may the race be  
thankful for such a man!—New York  
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## U.S. CREWS MAY ADOPT ENGLISH METHOD

Possibility of Yale, Harvard  
and Princeton Opposing  
Poughkeepsie Crews

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 7.—Efforts to  
bring college crews together to decide  
the American inter-collegiate rowing  
championship under a system like that  
revalling at the famous English Henley  
regatta are being made by the  
American Inter-collegiate Rowing as-  
sociation. A decision to standardize the  
sport was reached at the second annual  
meeting of the association, which  
was held at the Yale club in New York  
recently, with representatives in at-  
tendance from Columbia, Cornell, Har-  
vard, United States Naval academy,  
Princeton, University of Pennsylvania  
and Yale.

It was decided to work upon some  
scheme that would do away with many  
of the early season races and would  
make it possible to settle the college  
rowing championship definitely.  
The judging will be reported at the spring  
meeting of the association, to be held  
in Philadelphia on May 12, the night  
before the American Henley races.

At the meeting it was shown that  
the present American Henley brought  
together the second crews of the com-  
peting colleges, the first varsity crews  
being reserved for the regattas at  
Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and at New Lon-  
don, Conn. As a result, it was said,  
it was impossible to determine inter-  
collegiate rowing supremacy in a de-  
cisive manner, and sentiment was ex-  
pressed in favor of a more representa-

tive regatta to be held later in the sea-  
son, probably early in June.

While it was considered likely that a  
new American Henley would do away  
with the annual Poughkeepsie regatta,  
representatives of Harvard and Yale  
insisted that the classic meet between  
the Blue and the Crimson on the  
Thames must be held as usual, prob-  
ably a week or ten days after the  
Henley.

The association is considering new  
arrangements for making the races  
more interesting for the spectators by  
signal systems and methods of judg-  
ing similar to those prevailing at the  
English Henley. Efforts will be made  
also to standardize the distance of  
early season races to replace the ir-  
regular schedules now in vogue, in  
which the length of the races varies  
considerably.

## SATURDAY'S SOCCER.

Senior League.  
Thistles vs. Western Scots at  
the Willows. Referee, Govard.  
Jacksons vs. 88th Fusiliers at  
Beacon Hill. Referee, Malbon.  
Junior Standard.  
Congos vs. James Bay at the  
Albion grounds.  
Esquimalt vs. Y. M. C. A. at  
Macaulay Point.

## SETTLE DISPUTE BETWEEN N. H. A. AND OTTAWA ARENA

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—The dispute between  
the managements of the Ottawa club in  
the National Hockey association and the  
local arena has been settled. Local  
matches will be played as arranged in  
the recently adopted schedule of the as-  
sociation.

When the Ottawa club received the  
ultimatum that they could not have the  
arena on Monday nights or on New  
Year's night, the Hockey club executive  
retorted with notification that the con-  
tract with the arena called for the use  
of the rink for "all scheduled games in  
the N. H. A." They intimated they would  
stand behind this contract. Manager  
Dey of the arena then arranged that the  
Hockey club should have the rink on  
Tuesday nights when the hockey club  
are scheduled to appear here on Monday.  
The Hockey club will have to pay heavily  
for the use of the arena on New Year's  
night, though.

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## PATRICK IS CONFIDENT OF VICTORY FRIDAY

Breaks in Luck Gave Seattle Opener; Record Crowd Anticipated

Victoria's 1910-11 hockey team returned from Seattle to-day, defeated but not disgraced, and every member of the club is brimful of confidence that the tide of battle will turn in their favor on Friday night when they will meet Seattle at the local Arena. Victoria had equally as much of the play as did Seattle last night, but luck broke against them. As the 3 to 2 score indicates the play was very close, and it was not until a few moments before time that the game was decided. Manager Patrick does not wish to deprive the Metropolitans of any of the credit due to them, for they certainly played a great brand of hockey. Nevertheless he does not hesitate to say that he is confident of a decisive victory on Friday night.

Tickets for the game Friday, which are on sale at the Fit-Rite clothing store, are selling rapidly, and it is anticipated that every seat in the Arena will be occupied.

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cellent form, and the teams looked 20 per cent better than last year's lineup.

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ONLY WHEN GERMANY HAS BEEN CRUSHED. Peace Impossible Now, Says Dr. Dillon, Dealing With Pope's Statement. London, Dec. 8.—Dr. E. J. Dillon sends the following to the Daily Telegraph from Rome: Judge from the carefully chosen phraseology of the pope's allocution, he probably agrees with the German cardinal, Martmann, that it is still too soon to expect the belligerents to end hostilities definitely, but thinks it is high time to prepare the way for peace, and indicates his favorite means.

Session at Ottawa Will Begin Jan. 12. Ottawa, Dec. 8.—An order-in-council was passed this afternoon fixing the date of the opening of parliament for Wednesday, January 12. CONCENTRATING FORCE IN REGION OF DOIRAN. Bulgarians Preparing to Attack French; Germans Forming Before Allies' Line. Paris, Dec. 8.—It is reported that an important Bulgarian force, estimated in some quarters to number as many as four divisions, is being concentrated in the region of Doiran, about half way between Salonika and the northern extremity of the French front, says a dispatch to the Temps from Salonika. Simultaneously German forces are forming in front of the allies' line. The German forces, according to the dispatch, probably are of the army of General von Gallwitz, which, since the Austro-German army of Field-Marshal von Mackensen and the Bulgarian army of General Boyadjieff have effected a junction, has been detached from the mass and sent toward the south, while General von Koevesse and General Hoyadjieff continue operations against the Serbians and Montenegrins. Quiet prevails in Salonika.

SUGGESTS PLAN TO RAISE MORE MONEY. Secretary McAdoo Advises U. S. Congress to Make Changes in Income Tax. Washington, Dec. 8.—Radical changes in the income tax to reach thousands not now subject to its provisions and to improve the machinery of collection were suggested to congress to-day in the annual report of Secretary McAdoo as means by which the greater part of the additional revenue needed to pay for the administration's national debt plans can be provided. The secretary proposed to lower the exemption limits as to tax married persons with incomes as low as \$3,000, and single persons with \$2,000 incomes. The exemptions now are \$4,000 and \$3,000 respectively. Mr. McAdoo expressed the belief that with a return of peace in Europe the customs receipts, which fell off \$86,000,000 in the last year, will increase, and that the legislation suggested, with a provision to make the surtax of the income tax law applicable to \$10,000 instead of \$20,000, the whole or part of the additional revenue can be raised. Taxes on gasoline, crude and refined oils, horsepower of automobiles and "various other things" are suggested as further revenue-raising measures. The total estimated appropriations for the fiscal year which begins July 1 next, Mr. McAdoo puts at \$1,285,857,808, including \$318,366,879 for the post office, which is reimbursable, and about \$90,000,000 more for the Panama canal and sinking fund. Receipts for the same year based on existing law without extension of the sugar duty or the emergency tax, Mr. McAdoo puts at \$589,200,000, and ordinary disbursements at \$822,901,000, leaving an excess of disbursements over receipts, if legislation is not passed to change conditions, of \$252,701,000. As explained in his recent statement, however, that amount would be reduced to about \$56,000,000 by the extension of the emergency and sugar tax laws.

F. W. STEVENSON & CO. STOCKS AND BONDS. 104-106 Pemberton Building Tel. 362. Financial News. SLACK SESSION OF VICTORIA EXCHANGE. Share Offerings in Coronation Decreasing While Demand Grows. MARKET ABSORBED STOCK OFFERINGS. Less Urgency in Demand and General Evening-up Operations.

CAMPAIGN TOTAL IS STEADILY MOUNTING. B. C. Telephone Co. Donated \$1,000 To-day; Lists Not Yet Complete. "Steadily mounting" was Chairman A. C. Burdick's description of the progress being made by canvassers for the patriotic fund when asked by the Times at noon to-day. "We are not in a position to make any estimate," he said, "but we can say that practically without exception the response has been generous, and the fund is growing very satisfactorily. The canvassers are finding their work more arduous than had been expected, and it will be some days before the lists are all completed. We expect then to be able to make a definite estimate."

SOME CRITICISM BY LORD CHAS. BERESFORD. Says There Has Been Weakness in Britain's Conduct of War. London, Dec. 8.—Criticism of the government's conduct of the war and predictions of disaster if the present course of "hesitating procrastination" should be continued, were offered to-day by Admiral Lord Charles Beresford. He said: "We are in a tangle and muddle of mismanagement. Our military campaigns are conducted without objective or definite plan. The war staff is not consulted as to whether there are men and materials available for enforcing the policies which the cabinet inaugurates. The result—disaster in every direction. We have not taken full advantage of our mastery of the sea, and in every department there has been doubt and hesitating procrastination. "The danger to the British empire is becoming more and more apparent each day. The present methods will prolong the war indefinitely. The entire country is waiting for a strong, clear head."

Desperate Conspirator. "This is not a war for territory, for dynasty or for vindication of national honor. It is a deliberate conspiracy to overthrow civilization, including its Christian groundwork, and to set up Teutonism in place of religion and the state. The allies are wrestling, not as the pope supposes, with a God-fearing belligerent, but with a desperate conspirator against Europe who fears neither God nor the devil, but only hostile military, naval and aerial forces. From such a miscreant no concessions can reasonably be expected nor safely accepted. "The only peace which can endure is one which will thrust one belligerent group or the other from the ranks of the world powers. And more than one convulsory possibly will be held before that fateful event is consummated. That the war has inconspicuously the holy see as its every institution, is certain. The pope, while recognizing the goodwill of the Italian government, complains that the Austrian, Bavarian and Prussian diplomats accredited to the vatican felt obliged to quit Rome at the outbreak of the war in order to safeguard their dignity, and since then communications with Roman Catholic peoples in those countries are slow and uncertain. Just as Now. That doubtless is true, but it would be equally true if he possessed all the papal states down to the sea. He would not be one whit better off, for in that case Italian warships would simply hinder the dispatch of ciphered communications to the enemy countries, so that the pontiff and the Austrians, Bavarians and Prussian representatives would be just as badly off as they are now.

MASS MEETING ON STEAMSHIP OSCAR II. Ford's Followers Heard Ellis O. Jones Condemn Wilson's Message to Congress. New York, Dec. 8.—Wireless messages received to-day from the S. S. Oscar II, signed by Henry Ford, and prepaid, tell of a mass meeting held on board last night, at which extracts of the message of President Wilson to congress were read by S. S. McClure, the publisher. Some discussion followed, during which Ellis O. Jones, a writer, of New York, referred to the passage as "reactionary," and said it should not be received in silence. "We are going abroad now," he said, "on a mission to stop a terrible war among nations, every one of which is prepared in a military way. This is no time to disturb American traditions and prepare the United States for war."

AMONG THE SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED THIS MORNING WAS ONE OF \$1,000 FROM THE B. C. TELEPHONE CO. OF VANCOUVER. This handsome donation will make a good addition to the day's receipts. It was also reported this morning at headquarters that the employees of the various banks in the city had organized and will subscribe a sum equal to approximately \$3,000 per year. Below are the latest subscriptions received: Subscriptions of \$1,000 to \$1,500—L. H. Aylard, \$1,200. Subscriptions of \$500 to \$1,000—Hudson's Bay Co., \$575; Pither & Leiser, \$600; R. P. Rithet & Co., \$600; B. Wilson Co., \$1,000; C. F. Todd, \$1,000; W. C. Todd, \$1,000; E. D. Todd, \$1,000; Anonymous, \$1,000; G. H. Barnard, \$1,000; A. C. Plummerfelt, \$1,000; Keith Wilson Co., \$600. Subscriptions of \$250 to \$500—W. S. Fraser & Co. Ltd., \$300; Turner-Beecon Co., \$300; Simon Leiser Co., \$300; A. W. Vowell, \$500; John Raymond, \$480; H. F. Bullen, \$500. Subscriptions of \$100 to \$250—W. A. Lavigne, \$150; E. C. Mess, \$102; P. Wootton, \$120; Wilson Bros., \$250; Victoria Machine Depot, \$250. Subscriptions of \$50 to \$100—E. B. Andron, \$100; E. W. Haynes, \$60; S. W. Mitchell, \$60; Findlay, Durham & Brodie, \$100; B. C. Canning Co., \$100; F. D. Little, \$100; P. A. Raymond, \$100. Amounts up to \$50—A. D. Ford, \$10; Miss Helena McLimont, \$20; Friend, \$50; Victoria Furniture Co., \$10; Orl. Ed. Dewardney, \$20; W. S. Gore, \$10; J. O'Reilly, \$10; W. L. Affleck, \$10; E. S. Tillicum, \$5; A. W. Harvey, \$2.50; E. S. Wilkinson, \$10; Miss M. W. Turner, \$12; Ryan & Lang, \$25; A. L. Cameron, \$50.

ANOTHER TUG TO AID IN TOWING MINNESOTA. San Francisco, Dec. 8.—The tug Sea Rover left here to-day to aid in towing back the disabled Hill freighter, Minnesota, now being brought here by the wrecking steamer Inaqua and the tug Dauntless. MEN ON GUARD DUTY. Last of 88th Battalion Men on This Work to Be Recalled by End of Week. The last of the 88th Battalion men on guard duty at outside points will be recalled by the end of the present week. On Monday fifteen, in charge of a sergeant, arrived from Banfield, and yesterday Lieut. James brought a further 15 from the same point. Capt. Gray is bringing the last of the Banfield-Pachena guard down on Friday, to the number of 15. The men have been at the West Coast station for the past four months, and most of them are glad to be back in Victoria. Probably they will be posted as a complete platoon with one of the companies of the 88th in order that they may remain together. A guard from the 50th Gordon Highlanders, which is to take over all outpost duty henceforth and leave the men of the overseas battalion free to undergo training with their unit, has gone to relieve Capt. Gray's men at Banfield. Recruiting in the 88th is still progressing splendidly, and following the recent measures adopted by Lt.-Col. Rous Cullin for the bringing in of new men, a big response is already beginning to be heard. The machine gun section of the battalion is now in full swing under Lieut. Richards, and it is intended by the officer commanding that eventually half the men in the battalion at least will be put through this work.

REVISION OF TREATIES AFTER WAR SUGGESTED. New York, Dec. 8.—Revision of treaties between the United States and European belligerents after the war, with the establishment in the United States of a credit system for foreign buyers and the popularization of foreign investments throughout this country, were suggested yesterday by speakers at the international trade conference. The conference is being held under the auspices of the National Association of Manufacturers. John Bassett Moore, formerly counsel of the state department, said it was probable that after the war the United States would find it necessary to revise its treaties with European nations. Co-operation of American business and financial interests in establishing a credit system for foreign buyers was advocated by V. Gonzalez, banking adviser of the National Association of Manufacturers. BULGARIANS CLAIM FRENCH FALLING BACK. Berlin, Dec. 8.—The Bulgarian war office reports, in a statement dated yesterday and received in Berlin to-day from Sofia, that the French troops in Southern Serbia are being pushed back farther along the Vardar river. This follows the announcement yesterday that the French had evacuated the Vardar salient. "The Serbians who have been attempting to form a junction with the allied troops also said to have been forced back by the Bulgarians, who have captured Resna, in Southern Serbia, to the southwest of Monastir.

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STILL EXCHANGING NOTES ABOUT SHIP WM. P. FRYE. Washington, Dec. 8.—Ambassador Gerard, at Berlin, to-day cabled a resume of Germany's reply to the last American note on the sinking of the American sailing ship William P. Frye. The German note answers the American contention that this government does not consider "an opportunity to escape in lifeboats" as the provision of sufficient safety for passengers and crew of any American vessels, even when carrying contraband. It is reported that the German note does not agree with this contention. PHOENIX BEER—2 qts. for 25c.

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## TO QUARRY ROCK FOR SHELBOURNE STREET

Arrangements Are to Be Made by Saanich Council; Position of School Property

The Saanich council yesterday afternoon approved a recommendation from the engineer to approach William Sloan for permission to use part of his property on Cedar Hill road for quarrying rock for Shelbourne street construction. He advised this course in preference to Mr. Featherston's offer to allow the municipality to use his land, as it did not lend itself to economical quarrying.

All possible preparatory work will be carried out at once. Apart from ditching which is incomplete, work will close down. The shallow cuts and fills remaining are to be left until more favorable weather arrives.

The location of the crusher for the supply of rock for macadam road-work in Ward II, including Anderster road and Holeskine road, was left to the engineer and to the councilor for the ward, Councillor Pointer, to decide. Two alternative proposals were submitted, neither of which entirely met with the approval of the council.

With regard to the proposed sale of old school buildings by the board, a letter was read from the municipal solicitor, and the assessor also reported on the titles of school property.

The solicitor reported that the trustees could not sell the lands (which included buildings thereon) without a municipal by-law, and approval by the council of public instruction and the Lieutenant-governor-in-council.

The assessor reported that the titles of the new schools at Cadboro Bay, Keating, Mackenzie avenue, North Park, and Tolmie, secured in 1912, were vested in the school trustees, and in order. The other ten school titles were considerably confused, some being crown-granted to the municipalities, others were held by the trustees as successors of separate school districts, while Royal Oak school land was divided into three titles, and was particularly tangled. Most of the titles held by crown grant were in possession of the trustees without registered titles.

The council agreed to ask the solicitor to go into the question of titles, and to send a copy of the assessor's report to the school trustees for consideration.

The council authorized the preparation of a map of the beaches for use by the joint committee of municipalities formed to preserve the beaches. Oak Bay already has had such a map prepared.

A tender was awarded to Crane & Co., Vancouver, the lowest bidder for one ton of each quality of leaden pipe required for the waterworks, at the rates of \$7.50 per 100 lbs. and \$8.75 per 100 lbs., respectively.

The clerk reported on the revenue, and stated that there would be about \$6,000 available after making the necessary provision for expenditures authorized or anticipated.

Some discussion took place on the question of purchasing powder, on account of the rising market both for dynamite and stumping powder, and purchases of powder in carload lots was favored. It was stated that the powder might be ordered and taken as required throughout the year, whereby an economy might be effected. The matter will be brought up when the next order is placed.

Very strong criticism was voiced about the alleged absence of police protection in Saanich. It was stated by the councillors that attempts to reach the police in cases of emergency had failed.

Councillor Grant said the police were less organized than before the government took control out of the municipality's hands.

"That is strictly a political issue which should be fought out at an election," said the reverend. "The government has taken the responsibility of public order, and must be held responsible."

The engineer said a great deal of lumber for road work had been stolen in the district.

The appointment of a waterworks collector was laid over for a sub-committee to report upon the qualification of applicants.

Formal arrangements were made for the election next month.

## Thin Folks Who Would Be Fat

Increase in Weight Ten Pounds or More.

"It certainly gives most anything to be able to fat up a few pounds and stay that way," declares every excessively thin man or woman. Such a result is not impossible, despite past failures. Most thin people are victims of malnutrition, a condition which prevents the fatty elements of food from being taken up by the blood as they are, when the powers of nutrition are normal. Instead of getting into the blood much of the fat and flesh producing elements stay in the intestines until they pass from the body as waste.

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## MAYOR PROPHECIES FURTHER REDUCTION

Assessment on Land Will Probably Fall in 1916 Retrenchment Assn. is Told

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Civic Retrenchment association last evening, Mayor Stewart made the interesting announcement that the assessment of 1916 would probably show a proportionate decrease from that of 1915, as the assessment of this year had shown upon the previous year. The figures would be returned early next month. The Esquimalt & Nanaimo alway company would not accept the suggested offer of bonds for the purchase of Sooke watershed, and would require cash. Arrangements for paying them, however, had been found. His worship, who was accorded a cordial hearing, had risen to answer criticisms directed to show that the new jail and its furnishings had been over-expensive. He defied any citizen who went over the premises to show there had been any waste. As a matter of fact, by doing the work this year, 25 per cent. of the cost of construction had been saved.

He defended the city engineer from criticisms levelled in the discussion, and said if Mr. Rust never did another stroke of work in Victoria, and they paid his salary as an annuity, the city would be the gainer. Mr. Foreman had proved his value in connection with organization, particularly about the northwest sewer.

Ald. McNeill explained his stand on retrenchment, and showed that apart from economies already effected, other savings would be possible. So much of the revenue, however, was appropriated to certain definite departments, such as schools, police and fire protection, that the council had to effect its economies from \$550,000 of actual revenue. In answer to an observation from Mr. Beaven as to why the fire department estimates were swollen with an appropriation for water of \$37,500, he said the city did what every district did—it charged the fire department for the privilege of using hydrants if they were needed—just as a fee was paid to the Esquimalt Waterworks company for service in Victoria West, whether water was used or not. It was in keeping with the established policy of each department being made self-sustaining.

Alderman Dilworth also spoke briefly. Ald. Dinsdale said he had entered the school board as an economist. He had assisted in cutting \$50,000 off the school estimates, and he could assure them further pruning was possible.

J. A. Howard chairman moved a motion appealing for economy, which Mr. T. Williams seconded. Mr. Chairman thought the school board had first thrown down the gauntlet to them, but later wiser counsels had prevailed, and a reduction had followed. The city authorities had learned to respect the association because when it demanded something that had the power of the ratepayers behind it, the resolution was:

"That whereas a large amount of taxes were unpaid in 1914; and whereas it is extremely probable that a still larger amount of this year's taxes remain unpaid in spite of the date for payment being extended two months from the due date, and in view of the poor results obtained at the tax sale recently held; and whereas the city indebtedness being over \$15,000,000, requires some \$725,000 for interest and sinking fund annually, which is a great burden on the taxpayers that must in any case be borne, and in view of the fact that the appeals to the courts against the assessment of last year were upheld; and that, therefore, it is apparent that the assessment must be lowered in the coming year, and the assessable value greatly reduced; and whereas it appears that the civic estimates for 1916 are apparently being prepared without making adequate reductions to meet the present crisis;

"Be it resolved by this association in general meeting assembled, that in the opinion of this association it is the absolute duty of the mayor and aldermen at once largely to reduce the expenses of city government, and of the school board to reduce the cost of education by cutting down all possible expenses and reducing salaries, commencing by doing away for the time being of the salaries of the aldermen and the reduction of that of the mayor to what it was in former years."

Officers were elected as follows: President, F. J. O'Reilly; vice-president, J. Keith Wilson; treasurer, F. Moore; executive committee, C. Hayward, T. Shotbolt, F. Landsberg, John Dean, H. J. Saunders and Andrew Gray.

The principal speech was made by F. Landsberg, who devoted his address chiefly to show that Victoria municipal administration was far too costly, compared with cities like Spokane and Winnipeg. He anticipated that there would be a considerable falling off in the taxes received this year, and that the percentage of delinquency would steadily increase. He thought all special subjects should be cut off the school curriculum, for soon it would be a problem in the city how to get bread and butter. He believed the aldermen should immediately announce that they would take no further salaries, and that the mayor should go back to the rate of \$2,000 which formerly prevailed. His worship had been the only member of the council who had agreed to a cut of \$1,000 this year. He asked why the council did not look into affairs existing, and stop the leakages. For instance he had been informed that the city health officer, who received \$4,000 a year from the city, was also holding a military appointment.

A good deal of criticism was directed throughout the evening to the scavenging department. Mr. O'Reilly made an agreeable chairman.

## CHRISTMAS TREE FOR SOLDIERS' CHILDREN

Entertainment to Be Held December 22 by Women's Canadian Club

On December 22 there will be held an entertainment to which all the children in the city whose fathers are serving the colors will be invited. The event will be under the auspices of the Women's Canadian club, which is now busy on details connected with the function. A canvass for gifts and cash donations will be made by the committee, which next Tuesday morning will be at the Alexandra club to accept contributions of the kind. Toys and reasonable gifts rather than necessities such as clothing are being asked for, as the Patriotic Aid society attends to the needs of the little ones with respect to the latter.

The Christmas tree will be the great feature, but in connection with this there will be a very attractive programme of music and dancing. The Victoria Ladies' Musical club is undertaking to supply two numbers, while Bandmaster Rumsby will be present with the brass band of the 88th Battalion. Members of the Daisy Chain Chapter, I. O. D. E. will be asked to contribute some dancing numbers, and Corp. Morrison, of the 47th Battalion, Western Scots, has very generously offered to do a ventriloquist turn. At least a thousand children are expected. The difficulty up to the present has been the finding of a hall large enough to seat so many youngsters at tea, but this announcement will be made in the course of a day or two. In the meantime everyone is asked to send something in the way of a gift, as it is intended that each child present shall get something in the way of a toy or reasonable present.

## CHAPTER MEETING.

Agnes Deans Cameron Members to Send Monthly Subscription to Patriotic Aid.

Mrs. Miller presided at a large meeting of the Agnes Deans Cameron Chapter, I. O. D. E., held on Monday evening in the Y. M. C. A. library. The treasurer's report showed a splendid balance.

The monthly donation of a book was made to the Y. W. C. A. library. A letter was read from the secretary of the London hospital thanking the chapters for the daily papers, and saying how thoroughly the men enjoyed having news from home regularly. It was unanimously decided to renew the subscriptions to the Times and Colonist for copies to be sent to B. C. soldiers in hospitals in England. Mrs. Miller suggested that the chapter take up some definite work in helping one of the Cadet Corps. A committee was appointed to look into the work and report at the next meeting.

As keen interest has been aroused in the work of the Victoria Patriotic Aid society, it was enthusiastically decided to send a monthly donation to the society. The Doreas secretary reported the following articles handed in at the meeting: 22 pairs socks, 2 pairs bed socks, 15 pairs hospital shoes, 3 pairs mitts, 14 flannel-ette shirts and a dozen handkerchiefs. The hospital shoes were a much-appreciated donation from Mrs. E. H. Anderson, a friend who is interested in the work of the chapter.

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### Wednesday Next, Dec. 8

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### MAJOR BRUCE-POWLEY TO COMMAND BANTAMS

Officer Just Returned From the Front Will Lead New Battalion.

The command of the Bantam Battalion recently authorized has been offered to Major Bruce-Powley, who has just returned to Victoria after seeing active service for many months at the front. Having been wounded twice he is now home on furlough until February.

The 13rd Battalion, C.E.F., or, more familiarly the "B. C. Bantams," are to be recruited from all over the province, and it is expected to make up within a very short time after enlistment is begun a complete overseas unit of men who hitherto have been refused admission to any battalion owing to being under the standard in height. The announcement that so popular and able an officer as Major Bruce-Powley has accepted the command of the new organization should be sufficient to bring in applicants very rapidly.

The idea of a bantam battalion is no new one, as in many of the counties of England units of the kind have been made up from among the men who were physically fit but below the height standard. Yet these men were keen to go into service, and were just as able to withstand the rigors of the battlefield as the men who came up to the regulation requirements in height. The "B. C. Bantams" will be the first bantam battalion in the Dominion, and as the officers may take applicants from any part of the province the strength should not be long coming forward.

Officers need not conform to the "bantam" regulations in the matter of height. Their qualifications will just be the same as in other battalions. Recruiting will be started as soon as the unit has been properly organized, and the fact that men who join are not likely to be transferred to any other battalions or drafted out for reinforcements should make greatly for a very fine esprit du corps in the unit.

Already a large number of applicants for enlistment have been heard from, and in a few days a definite announcement as to recruiting headquarters will be made.

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### MUNITION INSPECTORS SUPPORT INSTRUCTION

Varying Influences at Work With Regard to Training Workers

Many currents of feeling have developed since the school board was asked to establish classes for munitions workers. The imperial value of the effort, and the worth of the scheme as aiding unemployment have been the factors which have encouraged the committee, which will make its report at the meeting this evening.

However, there have been two conflicting phases of the question presented. One is the attitude to be adopted by the machinists, who are said to fear competition in their line of craft, and the other an impression which has been circulated that competent men have been turned down at the factories and cannot secure work on the new contracts.

The promoters of the movement for the education of partially skilled workers, who have the hearty support of the inspectors of munitions now stationed here, and from whom the committee proposes to recommend a selection of instructors, answer the first objection of the men interested by saying that no effort is to be made to give training in tools generally, but in one special variety of work, which will cease when the war is over, the men reverting to their original occupations.

The second criticism is answered by the statement that even if the men are not absorbed now, there is plenty of work. With the factories now engaged in munitions doubling their capacity, there are enough orders to carry them at maximum capacity for 18 months from date. There is also the knowledge that an effort has been made to induce men to come in from the United States, an application having been made under the Alien Labor law to import skilled labor for this class of work.

The point on which the committee cannot be specific is that of expense until the city has indicated whether that source fails, is already in the hands of the committee.

Other matters which are expected to be the subject of report are the cadet movement and the necessity for repairs of the High school skylights, damaged in the recent storm.

"I think," said the impatient man, as he put aside the telephone, "that I'll go fishing." "Didn't know you cared for fishing," exclaimed his friend, in surprise. "I don't ordinarily. But it's the only chance I have of finding myself at the end of a line that isn't busy."

### FINAL SITTING ON EXPROPRIATION LEVY

Fairfield Road Case To-morrow; Another Sitting of Court Late in Month

The Fairfield road expropriation by-law will come up for final approval at an adjourned meeting of the civic court of revision on local improvement, which is to be held at the city hall to-morrow morning.

The only point which is unsettled at the present time is how one block will be assessed. When the work was inaugurated an owner held the whole of the parcel of land, and the assessment was of course levied against the property. Since that time the land has been sub-divided, and two owners control the Fairfield-road frontage. They have asked to have the levy spread over the whole block, which involves a new assessment, and which is regarded as the only equitable settlement.

The application of owners to have the assessment made on a frontage basis, instead of on land values, necessarily has been declined by the court.

There will be another sitting of the court on Christmas, eve. Contrary to expectations, the Pandora avenue by-law, expected to be ready, is not yet available, and those which are schedulable, and those which are schedule of them important. The by-laws, character of the work, and amount involved in each (including the city's share) are as follows:

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- Market, Douglas to Rose, paving, etc. ....9,740
- Seaview, Fifth and Huggins, surface drain .....2,754
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In response to a telegram received on October 9 from the national headquarters of the Imperial Order I. O. D. E. in Canada, asking that the chapters throughout the Dominion should combine in a special gift to the British Red Cross on Trafalgar Day, the following donations have been gratefully received by the provincial chapter I. O. D. E. B. C., and have been forwarded to Mrs. John Bruce, the national treasurer:

- Municipal chapter, New Westminster .....\$ 5.00
- Chapters under the Municipal chapter, Victoria—
- "Gonzales" ..... 10.00
- "Florence Nightingale" ..... 10.00
- "Agnes Deans Cameron" ..... 25.00
- "Daisy Chain," C. O. E. ..... 3.00
- Provincial Primary chapters in B.C.:
- The "Bastion," Nanaimo, V. I. .... 25.00
- The "Queen Mary," Prince Rupert, B. C. .... 30.80
- The "Mount Fernie," Fernie, B.C. 100.00
- The "Lady Franklin," Salt Spring Island ..... 17.50
- District branch of the Navy League, Salt Spring Island ..... 2.50
- The "Grand Forks," Grand Forks, B. C. .... 50.00
- The "Ladysmith," Ladysmith, B. C. .... 25.00
- The "Gallipoli," Vernon, B. C. .... 62.00
- The "Kokang," Nelson, B. C. .... 50.00
- The "Christler," Vernon, B. C. .... 75.67
- Total .....\$490.47

### ENLISTED FOUR TIMES.

Brother of Local Resident Died in Edinburgh Recently Had Seen Service in South Africa.

The death is announced in Edinburgh of Sergt. James Webster, who is a brother of Mrs. James Motion, Maple street, Victoria. Her son, Pte. Robert Motion was recently wounded at the front, but is now back again in the trenches.

Sgt. Webster, who had seen twenty-one years service with the colors, and was in the South African war, enlisted for the fourth time when the present war broke out, and was acting as a drill instructor in England when he was struck with the illness which eventually proved fatal.

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