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## HOLDING GROUND WON IN THE VOSGES

French Left at Hartmanns-Weilerkopf Firm; Progress on Right

## GERMANS CLAIM THEY RECAPTURED SUMMIT

There Was Fighting Last Night With Grenades in Champagne

Paris, Dec. 23.—The following communication was given out by the war office this afternoon:

"The night was relatively calm over the whole front. To the south of Arras, in the vicinity of Beaumont, our artillery kept up its destructive fire against the positions of the enemy. In Champagne there was fighting at close quarters with hand grenades to the east of Navarin Farm and in the sector of Hill No. 192.

"In the Vosges, at Hartmanns-Weilerkopf, the situation is unchanged on our left. Our right continued to make progress yesterday."

German Statement.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—The war office announced today that the summit of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf, captured earlier in the week by the French, has been regained by the Germans.

"During the fighting yesterday a brave regiment of the 52nd Landwehr brigade recaptured the summit of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf. The enemy suffered extraordinarily severe losses and left 23 officers and 1,500 men in our hands. We are now busy clearing some portions of a trench on the northern slope which is still occupied by the French.

"The figures given in the French report of yesterday evening regarding the fighting around Hartmanns-Weilerkopf on the 21st are exaggerated by at least one-half. Our total losses, including all the killed, wounded and missing, so far as at present ascertained, amount to 1,190 men."

## GENERAL BERTRAM HAS NOT RESIGNED

Neither Have Carnegie and Gordon Severed Connection With Munitions Board

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—From a high official source, which cannot be quoted, a denial was given this morning to the report that General Bertram, deputy chairman and Colonel Carnegie and C. B. Gordon, members of the imperial munitions board, had resigned. It was explained that General Bertram, who was chairman of the shell committee before it passed away at the time the munitions board was formed, has gone south for the winter and will not be back in Ottawa for three months. Further, it was stated positively that when General Bertram returns he will resume his duties on the board.

A positive denial also was given to the report that Colonel David Carnegie and C. B. Gordon had resigned as members of the board. Colonel Carnegie it was stated, went to England with Lord Hithens, personal representative of R. Hon. David Lloyd George, on business connected with the board. As for C. B. Gordon, of Montreal, it was stated by the same authority that his services have been highly appreciated and that there is no prospect of his retirement from the board.

Judging from these authoritative statements it would appear that for the present at least, General Bertram will not be actively associated with the board. He was advised to go south because his health had been affected and also because of the illness of Mrs. Bertram.

Important Mission.

Col. Carnegie's mission across the Atlantic was said to be an important one. He will be absent for some weeks. He intends to spend some time with his family in Scotland, from whom he has been separated for several years.

In regard to the statement that no further shell orders will come to Canada, officials of the munitions board state that there is no reason to think that such will be the case. A number of Canadian contracts for small shells will run out shortly and the board is now engaged in an endeavor to secure further orders so that the factories can be kept running.

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—The bank clearings in Winnipeg during the week ended today were \$54,480,577. During the corresponding period of 1914 the figures were \$24,242,254, and in 1913, \$30,478,157.

## Britain's Losses at the Dardanelles to Dec. 11 Were 112,921

London, Dec. 23.—Great Britain's losses of officers and men at the Dardanelles up to December 11 were 112,921.

This is the grand total of officers and men, including the naval lists of killed, wounded and missing. The number killed was 25,279. In addition to the total of casualties, the number of sick admitted to hospitals was 96,582.

The losses were distributed as follows: Killed—Officers, 1,600; men, 23,670. Wounded—Officers, 2,949; men, 72,222. Missing—Officers, 337; men, 12,114.

## LEYENDECKER AND KOENIG INDICTED

Indictment Returned Also Against Edmund Justice in New York

## GERMAN PLOTTERS MUST FACE TRIAL

New York, Dec. 23.—Indictments were returned today charging Paul Koenig, chief detective of the Hamburg-American line, and Richard Emil Leyendecker, a dealer in antiques, with conspiring to dynamite the Welland canal. Edmund Justice, a Hamburg-American watchman, also was indicted with Koenig on charges of conspiring to secure military information for the German government.

Military Enterprise.

The indictments against Koenig and Leyendecker charge them with conspiring to set on foot in the United States a military enterprise against the Dominion of Canada.

The indictments set forth that a part of this conspiracy was to destroy with dynamite or other means the Welland canal, leading from Port Colborne, Ont., on Lake Erie, to Port Dalhousie, on Lake Ontario.

As a part of the plot to destroy the canal the indictments charge Koenig and Leyendecker planned to secure employment for their agents in various factories and mills adjacent to the canal.

The military force which the indictments charge Koenig and Leyendecker planned to send from this country also was intended to destroy "various plants and property in Canada, other than the Welland Canal."

For German Government.

Koenig and Justice are charged in the indictments with having conspired in the United States to secure for the German government information regarding the character and quantity of munitions and other war materials being sent from Canada to Great Britain. In this connection, it is charged that Justice made trips to Portland, Maine; Burlington, Vt., and Quebec, Canada, during September, 1914, and that all of these trips were a part of the conspiracy to secure military information for the German government. The indictments charge that on several of his trips Justice was accompanied by Frederick Metzger, Koenig's stenographer, who was arrested recently and who appeared before the federal grand jury which returned the indictments today.

The maximum penalty for the offences is three years' imprisonment and \$3,000 fine.

Max Breitung, under indictment with Robert Fay, who says he was a lieutenant in the German army; Dr. Herbert Kienle, Walter Stroh and Paul Daechle on charges of conspiring to blow up munitions ships leaving this country, today admitted through his attorney, John B. Stanchfield, that he had bought 350 pounds of chlorate of potash for Fay. The admission was made when Mr. Stanchfield moved for a second trial for Breitung.

At Fay's Request.

Breitung purchased the chemical, one of the chief components in certain forms of explosives, at Fay's request. Mr. Stanchfield said, and in so doing acted in good faith and was entirely innocent of any plan to destroy ships.

Decision on the motion was put over until January 3, when decisions on similar motions by two other defendants will be rendered.

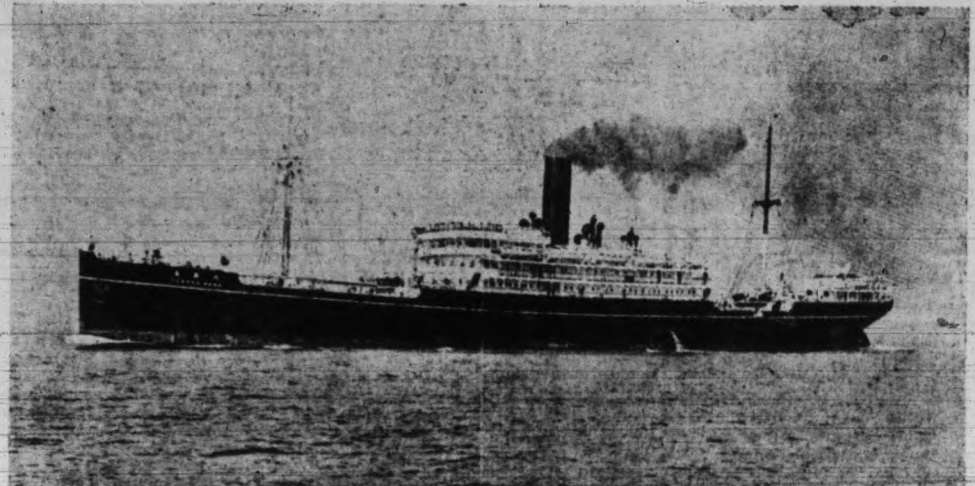
William McCulley, whose name was given first as Robert McCauloy, and who was taken to police headquarters at the request of the department of justice officials investigating the plot to dynamite the Welland canal, was released today, after having been questioned by federal officials.

Although McCulley admitted having known Paul Koenig, chief of the Hamburg-American line detectives, who was indicted today, for five years, and having recently been in his employ as a "trailer," federal officials said there was nothing to warrant holding the man.

MR. ROGERS AT WINNIPEG.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Hon. Robert Rogers left last night for Winnipeg, where he will spend Christmas.

## Sunk in the Mediterranean Sea Without Warning; Yasaka Maru



The agents of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha at Port Said report that the new steamship of that line, Yasaka, with 120 passengers and a crew of 160, bound from London to Japan, was sunk in the Eastern Mediterranean by a submarine without warning. All the passengers and members of the crew were picked up by a French gunboat and landed at Port Said. The nationality of the submarine is not mentioned in the advices from the agents.

## WOMEN IN BERLIN CRYING FOR PEACE, FOOD, EMPLOYMENT

London, Dec. 23.—Food and peace riots in Berlin are increasing daily, according to a dispatch received here today from Amsterdam.

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's residence is protected by a strong guard. Every caller must present evidence that he is on a business mission before he is permitted to enter the imperial offices.

"Women are crying for bread, work, peace and the restoration of their sons," says the dispatch.

## SKIRMISH MONDAY, SAYS CHAMBERLAIN

But No Material Change at Aden During Past Two Months

London, Dec. 23.—On being questioned in regard to the recent Turkish official statement that after successful fighting, Turkish troops were advancing on the British port of Aden, in Southern Arabia, Mr. Hon. J. Austen Chamberlain, secretary for India, said in the house of commons today there had been no material change at Aden for the last two months.

"On Dec. 20, there was a skirmish between our scouts and an enemy patrol," he continued. "The enemy lost nine killed and one prisoner. Our casualties were one wounded."

H. J. Tennant, parliamentary under-secretary for war, declined to state publicly the names of the officers relieved of command in connection with the landing of British troops at Suva Bay, on Gallipoli Peninsula. Mr. Tennant denied a report that one officer had been cashiered.

## LEWIS MACHINE GUN FOR ALLIED FORCES

Retired American Colonel, Inventor, Will Manufacture Weapon in France

Seattle, Dec. 23.—Col. Isaac Newton Lewis, U. S. A., retired, has been authorized by the French government to construct an ordnance factory in a city in France, where the Lewis gun, otherwise known as the "Belgian Rattler," will be manufactured for the use of the allied forces, according to word received here.

The Lewis gun, invented by Colonel Lewis, is an air-cooled machine gun, capable of rapid continuous fire under service conditions. It weighs but 28 pounds and fires 500 rounds per minute. The name "Belgian Rattler" was given after its effectiveness had been proven by its use by the Belgians in the early stages of the war.

## KAISER WILHELM'S SONS SUMMONED TO BEDSIDE

London, Dec. 23.—Kaiser Wilhelm is confined to his bed with a high fever, according to private messages received at The Hague and forwarded here. His sons have been summoned to his bedside. The usual royal Christmas celebration has been cancelled.

## GERMAN NEWSPAPERS ARE ATTACKING JEWS

Controversy Has Broken Out Between Two Groups of Journals

Berlin, Dec. 23.—Anti-semitism, an issue which has been almost dead since the beginning of the war, has been revived this week by the Tages Zeitung and other newspapers. In consequence a controversy which may be described as almost bitter has broken out between papers of the Tages Zeitung stamp on the one hand and those like the Tageblatt, which adopted a liberal attitude in regard to the Jewish question, on the other.

The more liberal papers resent intensely any anti-Jewish movement, particularly as it is asserted the German Jews have borne their share of the war burdens liberally and are doing their utmost for the fatherland in both a military and an economic sense. The present revival of the anti-semitic campaign began with a savage attack by the Tages Zeitung against Eugene Dietrich, of Jena, who had accused "a Berlin morning newspaper—inferentially the Tages Zeitung—of being anti-Jewish."

Blamed Another.

The latter denied that it was the newspaper attacked and further raised Jewish feeling by putting the blame on still another Berlin journal. The Tageblatt entered the controversy, calling the Tages Zeitung's utterances base defamation of the German Jews, many of whom had died for the fatherland after voluntarily joining the army—in which they were notably different from certain anti-semitic nationalist typewriter heroes who had not lived up to the war propaganda type for years.

## ALLOTMENT OF LOAN NOW COMPLETE; BANKS CUT DOWN SLIGHTLY

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The allotment of the \$199,999,999 war loan is now complete. All subscribers to the loan, which was launched as one of \$50,000,000 and afterwards was increased to twice that sum because of over-subscription, have been allotted their subscriptions in full, with the exception of the chartered banks. The latter have been cut down to about 80 per cent of their subscription, which totalled \$25,000,000.

## OSCAR II. GOES ON WITHOUT MR. FORD

Christiania, Dec. 23.—For the first time in his life, Henry Ford, American multi-millionaire and peace advocate, called a physician today. He contracted a cold on the voyage across the Atlantic and he is now threatened with pneumonia. His physician has advised him to remain indoors.

The peace ship Oscar II. sailed for Stockholm today without Mr. Ford. He will leave for Stockholm later by rail.

## INDICATION OF THE SHORTAGE OF FLOUR IN AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

Vienna, Dec. 23.—A ministerial decree has been issued forbidding the baking of rolls, biscuits and other fancy breads, and permitting only the making of loaves of ordinary bread. The order does not apply to households.

A further order requires persons possessing raw oil, benzol and tar oil to report the quantity on hand on the first and fifteenth of every month. This order authorizes the expropriation of mineral oils if such a step is found necessary.

## MUST WAIT UNTIL COMMANDER REPORTS

States Will Hear From France Regarding Removal of Germa's From Ships

Washington, Dec. 23.—Ambassador Sharp, at Paris, notified the state department today that France would not reply to the American note protesting against the removal of Germans and Austrians from American vessels on the high seas by the French cruiser Descartes until the commander of the warship had reported.

The French government is endeavoring to secure a report from the commander.

Watching Mail.

## PRIVATE G. W. WILDER RETURNS FROM FRONT

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—Invalided home from the front, where he served with a Maxim gun section, Pte. G. W. Wilder, of Victoria, a member of the regular Canadian military forces, arrived in Vancouver on the C. P. R. Imperial express this morning and left for the capital on the connecting steamer. He was wounded by shrapnel, having several of his ribs broken and sustaining other injuries that incapacitated him for further active service.

## DRIVEN ON COAST OF SPAIN BY SUBMARINE

Tortosa, Spain, Dec. 23.—The small French steamer Loukkous, with a cargo of sugar, ran ashore at the mouth of the Ebro river yesterday while attempting to escape from a submarine.

The captain of the Loukkous asserts the submarine attempted to torpedo his vessel and also fired several shots without effect.

The Ebro river flows into the Mediterranean about midway between Barcelona and Valencia.

## ASKING CANADA TO SEND KOOLBERGEN

Authorities at San Francisco Want His Evidence in Bomb Cases

## SAILORS OF MAVERICK TO GIVE INFORMATION

Was Planned to Establish Submarine Base on Coast of Java

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Negotiations between the United States and Canada for the purpose of bringing J. H. Van Koolbergen, now in prison at Lethbridge, Alberta, to San Francisco as a witness, were the most important development today in the government's prosecution of the three German bomb plotters, Baron-von Brincken, who says he is an attaché of the German consulate-general here, C. C. Crowley, charged as the head of the plot, and Mrs. Margaret Cornell, who was employed by Crowley.

Defence Counsel Confident.

It is the opinion of the attorneys for the indicted trio that the indictments are not sound and legal and will not stand. Should their plan to knock them out—prove successful, then no trial would be held and Van Koolbergen's testimony one way or the other would be of no use to the government.

Attorney O'Brien declares that Mrs. Cornell was indicted illegally, for the reason that she had been summoned before the grand jury as a witness against the others on charges which were made to involve her; in other words, that she was called as a witness against herself, which is against the law.

U. S. District Attorney Preston opposes this view and declares that Mrs. Cornell, while called as a witness, failed to give any testimony, hence she cannot claim immunity. He has now offered her complete immunity if she will tell all she knows of the plots of Brincken and Crowley.

The demurrer to the indictments has been perfected, and when it is argued to-morrow morning before Judge Dooling, counsel for the defence will attack the indictments on a dozen grounds, the main point being that they are too vague and general.

Crew of Maverick.

Three members of the crew of the Jebeon steamship Maverick were called by District Attorney Preston yesterday and asked about the plans of someone who controlled the movements of that ship to locate a secret submarine base on the coast of Java, and land arms for the purpose of fomenting a revolution in India.

Members of the crew and officers have been subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury. Among them are H. C. Nelson, master of the ship; First Officer Nels Erickson, First Assistant-Engineer O. Magee and five members of the crew. They returned recently from Singapore, after the Maverick had been captured by the Dutch and interned at Batavia.

## NEWFOUNDLAND MAY SEND FISH TO GREECE

Embargo Placed by the Imperial Government Has Been Removed

St. Johns, Nfld., Dec. 23.—Announcement was made today that the Newfoundland government had been advised of the removal of the prohibition of exportation of fish from this colony to Greece. This embargo was imposed by the British government some time ago as part of the effort of Britain and her allies to obtain the support of Greece in the Balkan campaign. Several vessels laden with cod, which had been held at Gibraltar, have been permitted to proceed to their destinations.

The French government has declined the request of the Newfoundland government, made through the British colonial office, that Newfoundland fish be permitted free entry into France during the war. It was explained that such action would necessitate an extension of the same privileges to all countries with which France has "most favored nation" treaties.

## CANADIANS HONORED BY THE KING TO-DAY

London, Dec. 23.—The king invested the following Canadians with decorations at Buckingham palace today: Distinguished Service Order—Capt. Costigan and Capt. Smith.

Military Cross—Lieut. Craig and Lieut. Wrightson.

## MARTIAL LAW IN GREECE VERY SOON

Reported Unofficially Government is on Point of Proclaiming It

## GROWING FEAR IN ATHENS BULGARIANS WILL CROSS

Large Russian Fleet Expected to Attack Bulgarian Port of Varna

London, Dec. 23.—The proclamation of martial law in Greece is reported unofficially to be imminent. Although no confirmation of this report is available, there is evidence of growing uneasiness at Athens over the possibility that Bulgarian troops will cross the border.

The only thing which has occurred to relieve the situation is the announcement that the Bulgarian officer in command of the forces which clashed with the Greeks in Epirus had been punished and that the incident is considered closed.

A recrudescence of submarine activity in the Near East is signalled in a startling manner by the sinking of the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru. Apparently there was no loss of life, but according to marine insurance men the property loss was the heaviest incurred in any maritime disaster of the war. The nature of the valuable cargo remains undisclosed.

Expected to-morrow.

Rome, Dec. 23.—Martial law will be declared throughout Greece to-morrow, according to a dispatch received here today from Athens.

Large Fleet Near Varna.

The mystery of the bombardment of Varna, at first described as a formidable Russian attack on the chief Bulgarian port, has stirred London, but, according to reports from both sides, it was nothing more than a minor naval action among torpedo boats, in which shore batteries took part. However, a large Russian fleet is said to be in the vicinity of Varna and the action may be merely the preliminary to a serious Russian attack.

Punishment for Officer.

London, Dec. 23.—The Athens correspondent of Reuters sends the following: "In reply to representations made to the German and Bulgarian governments regarding the Koritza incident, in which a Bulgarian detachment in the alleged pursuit of a small Serbian force violated the Greek frontier, the Greek government has received assurances that the Bulgarian officer responsible will be punished."

Torpedo Boats.

London, Dec. 23.—Investigation of the reports that the Russians had captured Varna, the Bulgarian port on the Black Sea, and that a large force of Russian boats had landed there, has proved that the rumors were untrue. The operations of two Russian torpedo boats in that vicinity were responsible for the report of the disembarkation of Russian troops.

Greek Cabinet Meets.

Athens, Dec. 23.—Premier Skouliodis summoned the members of his cabinet for a meeting today. Important military decisions were expected. It is reported that German and Austrian forces are concentrating at Giavelli and that an invasion is imminent.

Pursued Bulgarian Craft.

Petrograd, Dec. 23.—It is announced that on Tuesday two Russian torpedo boats chased a Bulgarian torpedo boat into Varna Bay, on the Black Sea, where the coast batteries opened fire on them. The Russian craft, however, escaped without damage.

The Russian fleet sank two Turkish sailing vessels bound for Constanza, capturing the crews.

## AUSTRIA PREPARING REPLY TO LANSING

Vienna, Dec. 23.—The new American note regarding the Ancona has made a good impression here.

An early answer may be expected. Work on it has been begun already.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The state department received today from Ambassador Penfield, at Vienna, a brief dispatch announcing the receipt of the note regarding the Ancona at 4 p.m. on Tuesday.

TORONTO BANK CLEARINGS.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—The bank clearings in Toronto during the past week amounted to \$50,457,921. During the preceding week they were \$45,077,490. During the week in 1914 corresponding with the week just closed they were \$24,252,445, and two years ago \$28,252,449.

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## TEN PRESBYTERIES

### TO BE HEARD FROM

Results of Vote on Church Union as Shown So Far

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Only ten Presbyteries are to be heard from in Canada on the church union vote. The returns to date by Synods are as follows:

Synods	Total Sessions		Communicants and Adherents		Congregations, Including Communicants and Adherents	
	For	Agst.	For	Agst.	For	Agst.
Maritime Provinces	173	71	2,647	19,379	183	94
Montreal and Ottawa	186	64	31,476	23,126	133	61
Toronto and Kingston	196	85	30,980	28,321	212	123
Hamilton and London	162	39	16,748	15,322	91	81
Manitoba	98	80	9,780	1,569	117	9
Saskatchewan	94	13	1,214	2,144	189	16
Alberta	67	14	6,860	3,984	102	27
British Columbia	66	11	6,882	2,694	80	34
Totals	864	326	141,267	84,264	1,111	434

## 300 WOMEN KILLED IN EXPLOSION IN GERMANY

London, Dec. 23.—Advices from Amsterdam state that according to accounts received there, 300 of the 600 women employed in the powder mill at Muenster, Westphalia, Germany, were killed when that plant and several other munitions factories were destroyed by explosions.

## MORE THAN 1,300

### GERMANS CAPTURED

Fighting Continues at Hartmanns-Weilerkopf; Artillery Actions Along British Front

London, Dec. 23.—The following official statement was issued last night: "During the last twenty-four hours there has been artillery activity on

many portions of the front, principally around Fricourt, on both sides of La Bassée canal, and at Tynes. Our artillery replied effectively."

French Report. Paris, Dec. 23.—The following official communication was issued last night: "In Belgium the artillery displayed activity in the region of Hel Sas and Boesinge. We exploded a mine which seriously damaged an enemy trench along the road to Lille."

Before Dinant, in the region of Rode, a strong German patrol taken under our fire fled, abandoning several wounded. "On the heights of the Meuse our batteries caused the explosion of an ammunition depot. "In the Vosges, at Hartmanns-Weilerkopf, after a series of local actions, the enemy gained a footing in one section of the trenches which we captured yesterday, and which were held by our advanced detachments. The number of German prisoners taken at this point exceeds 1,900."

The following Belgian communication was issued last evening: "To the north of Dixmude our heavy guns completed the destruction of the blockhouse overturned yesterday, which the enemy attempted to restore."

## ENEMY THROWN BACK ON FRONT IN GALICIA

Russians Took Prisoners and Ammunition West of Trembowla; Success in Caucasus

Petrograd, Dec. 23.—The following official communication was issued last night:

"In the Riga region our artillery successfully cannonaded German aeroplanes and captive balloons. Near Shlock, on the Island of Dalen, an artillery duel ended in our favor."

"In the region of Jacobstadt and Dvinsk our artillery fire dispersed Germans who were carrying out works near Arbidan, Iluket and Tennenfeld. South of Wisley there were successful encounters with enemy scouting patrols. Our aviators again bombarded enemy trains travelling toward Swentshany."

"In Galicia, west of Trembowla, in the region of the village of Tuzkov, the enemy carried a height before our lines. One of our detachments assumed the offensive and charged the enemy, capturing about forty prisoners. The retreating enemy was surprised by our patrols and cavalry scouts, who took another forty men, including three officers, and also a large quantity of arms and ammunition. South of Buczacz, in the region of Chnielewa, we frustrated an attempt by enemy forces clad in white uniforms to approach our trenches."

Caucasus Front. "On the Caucasus front on the night of the 19th our scouts on the front between the village of Akla and Mount Putluzeff, twenty-two miles to the southwest, vigorously attacked the Turks, and after driving them from the trenches, made an advance. The Turks brought up reserves and delivered four counter-attacks, all of which were repulsed. We inflicted heavy losses upon the enemy, our artillery co-operating successfully."

"In the region of Van our detachments drove back an enemy detachment of 150 men and occupied Binor Pass, twenty-five miles southwest of the town of Urumiah."

"In Persia our troops occupied Novaran Kum."

## WHY FRENCH ATTACKED AT HARTMANNS-WEILERKOPF

Paris, Dec. 22.—The successful action of the French at Hartmanns-Weilerkopf, in the Vosges, was made for the purpose of bringing to an end a situation which the French regarded as intolerable. On the summit of this mountain there was incessant firing on both sides. The trenches were separated by only a small distance. The result of this fighting was an appreciable loss of men each day. The French success resulted from careful artillery preparation and the dashing onslaught of the troops. The Germans have been forced back some distance on the eastern slopes of the mountain.

## THE MUNITIONS ACT

### WILL BE AMENDED

Workers in Motherland Have Been Complaining Some Provisions Unjust

London, Dec. 23.—A bill to amend the Munitions Act has been drafted to meet complaints that provisions of the original act are unjust.

Under the original act it is necessary for men who leave the government-controlled factories to get certificates from their employers before they can obtain work elsewhere. Many employers have refused to grant such certificates to men they have dismissed. A proposed amendment makes it obligatory for the employer to furnish certificates even to discharged men, and it also forbids him to endorse on the paper the offences that caused the discharge. It is expected this change will do much to conciliate the complaining workers.

A second amendment extends the application of the act. It states that munitions work, for the purposes of the act, shall include not only all direct work on munitions, but all subsidiary work such as building and repair work on munitions factories, the supply of light and power for the manufacture of munitions, and the manufacture of machinery and raw material for munitions. Thus practically all work for the government and all the working people employed in it come under government control, which means the employees lose the right to strike, and even the right to leave a job voluntarily.

Change in Tribunals. The Labor party has asked for still another change. All offences against the act are tried before a tribunal, at present composed of a chairman appointed by the minister of munitions and two other members, representing employers and employees respectively. The deciding vote rests with the chairman. The labor leaders ask that employers and workers be given two representatives each, and the decision, to go to the majority of the five votes, the accused reserving the right to appeal to the courts. They also ask that when a workman is tried for neglect of duty and acquitted, he be paid for the time spent in court.

Standardization of wages and working conditions also is asked as the proper corollary of the measure depriving the workman of the right to strike or leave his job.

There also is discussion of the proposal to give women representation on the tribunals on account of the large number of women workers employed in munitions factories.

Rt. Hon. Lloyd George, the minister of munitions, recently circularized a letter to the effect that the best possible use is not being made of either machinery or labor in government-controlled establishments. In some districts night shifts are not properly organized. Employers are requested to furnish detailed information as to the assignment of their skilled labor and to take steps to replace skilled men with unskilled men or women wherever possible, so as to use the skilled workers as foremen for increased work.

## MANY SWISS FIRMS ON GERMANY'S BLACK LIST

Basle, Nov. 23.—Swiss industries have to grapple with increased difficulties arising for the most part from the want of raw material and the cessation of coal imports from Germany. In northern and eastern Switzerland a number of works, notably weaving sheds, are idle in spite of ample orders. On the other hand, the St. Gall lace industry, the largest and most important of its kind, is doing very well.

Over fifty Swiss manufacturing firms receive no coal from Germany, that country having put them on her black list because of real or imaginary delivery of war materials to her enemy. It was hoped that the Swiss Import Trust's operations would diminish the general anxiety with which the winter was looked forward to, but people are disappointed with the progress.

## PRICES OF PAPER HIGHER IN NORWAY

Christiania, Dec. 23.—Prices of all sorts of paper in Norway have gone up thirty to forty per cent, and are still on the increase. Some sorts can not be manufactured by the Norwegian paper mills, as, for instance, blue paper, for want of blue dye-stuff, which usually is supplied by Germany.

The central valleys in Norway are great lumber districts. The principal trees are pine and other evergreens, and, thanks to the numerous cellulose and paper mills which have been built in the last fifteen or twenty years, the value of the woods has increased considerably. So many foreign factories had to stop because of the war that prices on the products from the Norwegian plants have gone up—on cellulose from 40 a ton before the war to 70 a ton now.

## FIFTEEN ICE-BREAKERS AT ARCHANGEL NOW

Newcastle-on-Tyne, Dec. 23.—The master of a local steamship just arrived in the Tyne from Archangel, states that there are now fifteen ice-breakers at work in the vicinity of that port. Some were constantly stationed there, others have arrived from Canada and some came from Vladivostok to the White Sea via the north of Siberia. Hopes are entertained that steamship traffic will be maintained to and from Archangel till the end of January, when the railway line to Yolg Bay should be ready for use.

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## R. KLEHMET IS DEAD; "KAISER INTERVIEW"

Berlin, Dec. 23.—Reinhold Klehmet, who retired from the German diplomatic service in 1911 with the title of envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary after having served his country for several years as consul-general at Athens, is dead.

Minister Klehmet's title to remembrance will rest chiefly on the part he took in the famous "Kaiser interview" in the Daily Telegraph, of London, which was passed by him for publication after the emperor had submitted it to the then chancellor, Prince von Buelow, for an opinion as to its advisability of publication. The article did not come under the eyes of Prince von Buelow, the secretary of state for foreign affairs, and other high officials owing to illness, absence and other causes, and finally came into the hands of Klehmet, then an attaché in the foreign office. He saw no objection to it; his opinion was endorsed in turn by his superior officers before whom the interview came in its return course; and in due time the interview appeared. When the storm over the interview burst, responsibility for reading and approving it was traced to Klehmet, who exchanged his post in the foreign office for the consular appointment at Athens.

Since his retirement as consul-general he had been the German delegate on the international finance commission at Athens.

## THREE CAMBRIDGE MEN HAVE EARNED THE V. C.

London, Dec. 23.—More than 11,000 Cambridge men went to join the colors, according to the university's latest war list. Of these men, 614 have been killed, 900 wounded and 123 are missing or prisoners of war. Three have won the Victoria Cross and others have received medals for distinguished conduct. Trinity heads the colleges, with 2,500 soldiers, and Pembroke follows with 1,952.

## DEMAND FOR INDIGO.

London, Dec. 23.—The absence of the usual supplies of German synthetic indigo from the leading markets of the world has led to an eager demand for the natural product and record prices are being paid for the small quantities of this indispensable blue dye, which come from India. India is the principal producing country, but the expanding demand for indigo has led to a revival of the industry in China, where interesting developments are expected.

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### NOTABLE CHANGE AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY

Oxford, Dec. 22.—The announcement that the official "boundaries" of Oxford university have been extended to include all the country within a radius of three and a half miles of "Carfax" alters one of the most venerable and binding regulations of the ancient university.

Hitherto "residence" at Oxford university, which is one of the requisites for a degree, has meant a house or lodgings within a radius of one and a half miles. The extension of the limits is a concession to the speeding up of locomotion in these modern days.

"Carfax," from which as a centre the frontiers are measured, is the college term for the meeting place of High street and three other thoroughfares in the centre of the city. The word is a corruption from the medieval Latin "quadricursus," or four-forged.

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### AUSTRIA WILL MEET DEMANDS OF STATES

Reported That the Emperor  
Has Advised His Government  
to Give In

The Hague, Dec. 22.—Emperor Franz Josef has counselled Foreign Minister Burian to grant the demands of the United States in the controversy over the sinking of the Ancona, according to a message received by a neutral diplomat here to-day from a reliable source in Vienna.

"Franz Josef," the message says, "wishes the world to understand that Austria is not at odds with the United States over the principles of humanity involved in the Ancona affair, that the issue is merely one of facts and the facts presented by the United States will be accepted."

"There will be no break between the United States and Austria."

London, Dec. 22.—The United States clearly has made up its mind: there shall be no repetition of the evasion which attended the Lusitania correspondence," says the Westminster Gazette, dealing with the note just sent to Vienna by Secretary Lansing.

The Gazette believes it is probable Austria will conciliate the United States rather than take an extreme step, as the result of the American ambassador would be an injury to the central powers whose present disposition, it says, is to keep on as good terms as possible with the United States.

### MAGAZINE EXPLODED IN CONSTANTINOPLE

Constantinople, Dec. 22.—An official statement given out last night said that on the Irak front, in Mesopotamia, near Kut-el-Amara, the Turkish artillery sank two enemy monitors and caused an explosion on board another by a direct hit.

An enemy attack on the Caucasus front in the neighborhood of Id, in Turkish Armenia, on Dec. 20, resulted in losses for the enemy of 8 officers and 300 men, while the Turkish losses amounted to only one-third as many, according to the statement.

In a magazine on the Golden Horn a quantity of dynamite exploded. Five soldiers and ten civilians were killed and a number of civilians were wounded. One house was burned.

The Golden Horn is a narrow inlet of the Bosphorus separating the main part of Constantinople from Galata and Pera.

### YASAKA MARU SUNK WITHOUT WARNING

New Japanese Liner Sent  
Down in Eastern Mediter-  
ranean; All Saved

London, Dec. 22.—The new Japanese liner Yasaka Maru, which was sunk in the eastern Mediterranean by a submarine while on her way from London to Japan with 120 passengers and a crew of 160, was sent to the bottom without warning, according to a report from Port Said from the agents of the owners. All those on board the ship, including one American passenger, W. J. Leigh, were saved. The nationality of the submarine is not mentioned by the agents; previous reports referred to the sinking of the ship as done either by an Austrian or a German submarine.

The Yasaka Maru was sunk on Tuesday. A French gunboat picked up the passengers and crew at midnight and landed them at Port Said on Wednesday. On the passenger list were fifty-one men, fifty-four women and fifteen children, most of whom were British subjects.

W. J. Leigh is an American citizen born in China. His father was a Californian.

Mr. Leigh has spent most of his life in China, but he recently has lived in England. He was returning to China on the Yasaka Maru to take a position with a business firm. His family is in London. Mrs. Leigh has received a telegraphic message saying her husband is safe.

Excitement in Tokio.

Tokio, Dec. 22.—News of the sinking of the Yasaka Maru reached Tokio to-day and caused great excitement. The advices here say that the steamship was sunk by a submarine near Port Said.

Advices received by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha state that the Yasaka Maru was torpedoed without warning and that she sank in forty-nine minutes. This occurred on the afternoon of Tuesday and it was midnight when the passengers and crew were rescued by a French gunboat.

### BOMBARDMENTS CARRIED OUT BY ITALIAN GUNS

Rome, Dec. 22.—The following official communication was issued last night: "In the Giudicaria valley on Monday night our artillery and aircraft effectively bombarded Fort Por, of the La Saro Group. On Tuesday the bombardment was renewed with success. An enemy aeroplane which went up in the course of action was attacked and forced to retreat."

"In the Sugana valley our artillery fired on the railroad station at Lelico, where movements of troops were reported. On the Asiago plateau on Tuesday an enemy aeroplane was forced to land. The pilot was captured. On the rest of the front there is nothing to report except a few shots from the enemy's batteries against the Caporetto basin and an attack by enemy aircraft against our positions at Badgera and opposite Perma. No damage was caused."

Vienna, Dec. 22.—The following official communication was issued last evening: "The activity of the Italian artillery against the Tyrol southern front continues. On the other fronts there have been some isolated artillery combats. An attack of one enemy company near Doij, at the Tolmin bridgehead, collapsed before our fire."

London, Dec. 22.—The most rapidly promoted man in the British army is Lieutenant-Colonel W. F. Austin, of the 17th reserve battalion of the Cheshire regiment, who enlisted as a private in that regiment on August 30, 1914. He enlisted as a stranger, with only some militia experience behind him, and rose rapidly through the non-commissioned ranks to a commission, and then from quartermaster to adjutant, company commander and battalion adjutant, with the result that now he is commanding a regiment.

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### CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The following casualty list was issued last night:

Third Infantry Brigade Headquarters—Wounded: Cpt. E. Briston, no particulars given.

First Battalion—Died of wounds: Pte. Henry Staye, England.  
Wounded: Pte. W. A. Scott, Scotland.

Second Battalion—Wounded: Pte. T. G. Alexander, Ottawa; Cpl. Geo. Haigh, England.  
Wounded, but returned to duty: Pte. Ole Stevenson, Norway.

Third Battalion—Suffering from shock: Pte. J. B. Fenwick, Horton, N. S.

Fourth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. C. W. Hall, Humboldt, Sask.

Seventh Battalion—Seriously wounded: Pte. J. C. Robertson, Scotland.

Wounded: Pte. F. Thain, Scotland.

Twentieth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. F. Gibbons, England; Pte. D. Hodge, England.

Twenty-first Battalion—Severely wounded: Pte. Harry Sutton, Sandpoint, Ont.

Twenty-fifth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Reginald Cullen, Stollarton, N. S.

Twenty-sixth Battalion—Seriously wounded: Pte. V. I. Henshaw, New York.

Twenty-ninth Battalion—Dangerously wounded: Pte. S. W. Laidman, Binbrook, Ont.

Wounded: Pte. P. H. Adams, Halifax.

Thirty-first Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Amos Mitchell, Halifax.

Fourth Canadian Mounted Rifles—Died of wounds: Cpl. H. B. Hodge, Winnipeg.

Killed in action: Pte. W. U. Fulford, Simcoe, Ont.; Pte. R. T. Craig, Brantford, Ont.; Cpl. B. Tradey, England.

Canadian Divisional Supply Column—Wounded: Cpl. M. D. Macdonald, Mattawa, Ont.

### PROHIBITION MOVEMENT IN THE COMOX VALLEY

Courtenay, Dec. 22.—J. Burr Morgan, president of Vancouver Island of the Prohibition League of British Columbia gave an interesting talk in the basement of the Presbyterian church here to a very attentive audience. The main point the speaker wished to impress upon his hearers was that prohibition is in no sense a political issue. The two or three hundred gathered together at the convention held last August in Vancouver were men of widely different opinion in politics, creeds, etc., but were all unanimous on the subject of prohibition. After a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Morgan and the National Anthem was sung, the meeting adjourned.

A branch has been formed here with Wm. Duncan as president and R. Willoughby as secretary-treasurer. It is likely that a women's league also will be organized to act jointly with the W. C. T. U., as soon as the latter is established here.

### CLAIMS MADE BY THE TURKISH WAR OFFICE

Constantinople, Dec. 22.—The war office gave out the following statement last night:

"Along the northern front our troops are approaching the barbed entanglements of the enemy trenches."

"On the Dardanelles front, near Suddul Bahr, there have been temporary artillery and bomb encounters. Our artillery on the Anatolian coast of the straits successfully bombarded Mortolman and the landing places at Tellek Burma. Near Mortolman we sank two small boats and near Tekke a small ammunition vessel. In one sector which we cleared of the enemy we found provisions of all kinds sufficient for an army corps for a long time, 1,000,000 sandbags, some thousands of tents, 500 blankets, 400 stretchers, one mortar near Aghine Dere and many mortar bombs hidden in the ground."

### JOAN OF ARC TO BE CANONIZED AFTER WAR

Paris, Dec. 22.—Mons. Touchet, bishop of Orleans, asked the pope during a visit to Rome to hasten the canonization of Joan of Arc, says the Rome correspondent of the Petit Journal.

The pontiff, however, pointed out the significance attaching to such a step at the present time, when Joan of Arc more than ever is a symbol of the military valor and heroism of France, and said that to avoid the appearance of hastening the canonization, which would be considered contrary to the neutrality that the Vatican desired to maintain towards all the belligerents, he had decided to postpone the proceedings until after the war.

"How is it," asked the mistress, "that you say you are a book, yet you have no references?" "Oh! I'll tell 'ez th' truth," replied Bridget. "O! wuz always in wan place, mum, till th' people died."

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**THE REVERSE SIDE.**

Those who have been dismally depressed by the temporary bulging out of Germany's boundaries have missed the essential facts of the war. The chief military effect of the Teuton occupation of Belgium, French, Serbian and Russian territories will be shown in the complete, unescapable overthrow of Prussianism, which means not only Prussian militarism but Prussian hegemony in the German empire. That job never could have been finished in one conflict under any other conditions than those which, unfavorable though they have seemed on the surface, now exist. Suppose Germany in the west had retired to the Rhine after the battle of the Marne and in the east had entrenched herself in the Mazurian swamps, along the Silesian border and behind the Carpathians. Operating on interior lines, with vast supplies of artillery and munitions and avoiding the terrible wastage of men involved in the campaigns she has conducted since, she could have presented an impregnable defence. The disadvantages of operating on far-extended fronts would have been with the allies; theirs would have been the costly offensives, the fearful wastage, the tremendous wear and tear. Moreover, it is certain that they would have been much less thorough and complete in their organization than they are now; suffering no severe checks in their sweep on the west and east, they would have made the mistakes of over-confidence. We should remember that it was the reverse we encountered, which brought about the enormous mobilization of resources for the production of munitions and numerous other readjustments and improvements in our methods. It was Russia's misfortunes which directed attention to the defects of her military policy and organization for war. France learned her strength and weakness from the German successes early in the struggle.

Had the allies been on the frontiers of Germany last October or November, no doubt there would have been much jubilation by their people; everybody would have been certain that the war would be over by Christmas and plans for the entrance of their troops into Berlin would have been discussed. But in reality their position would have been unpromising to say the least. They would have been exposed to terrific concentrated offensive blows, for which the enemy would have prepared behind his snug ramparts, and in all likelihood these would have pierced the allies' lines, because they would not have developed the perfect system of defence they have learned in the school of adversity. We know how Russia was caught unprepared last spring in Poland and on the Donajec. There she was practically on the German borders. But she had exhausted her supplies of munitions and her troops were weary from their exertions. A million Germans and Austrians with thousands of heavy guns concentrated at one or two points did the trick. They would have done the same under similar conditions in the west, and it is altogether probable that with less opportunity to manoeuvre to safety such as the Russians had the French and British would have suffered a staggering blow.

There would have been, too, the danger of a collapse of the entente coalition. The German armies, having been driven behind their country's borders, the people of the entente states in any case would not have contemplated the further expenditure of millions of lives and billions of money in a march through Germany with the same unanimity that now prevails. But Germany's occupation of the soil of Belgium, France, Russia and Serbia has made this war a conflict of nations rather than of armies. It has united the entente powers in a common bond with

a single objective—the overthrow of Prussian militarism, which they now know for what it is, and the punishment of the barbaric outlaws for the crimes they have perpetrated. The allies have become so deeply committed to this one set purpose that they could not depart from it a hair's breadth without risking extinction as free and independent nations. Thus Germany's initial successes have made this a war to the end. Were the positions of the opposing sides reversed it is virtually certain that there would have been a patched-up peace and Prussia, forming new alliances, would have sprung again when conditions were infinitely less favorable for the cause of civilization than they are now.

**THE AFFAIRS OF SAANICH.**

In the very nature of things there must be an intimate community of interest between Victoria and the neighboring municipalities. There must be problems which can be settled only by joint action in the spirit of mutual concession and compromise. The differences and disagreements which arise from time to time reflect the close inter-relationship of their affairs. Residents of Victoria own considerable property in Oak Bay, Saanich and Esquimalt. It was only natural, therefore, that Reeve MacGregor's review of the administrative record of the Saanich council for the year, which was published in these columns yesterday, should be read with an attention secondary only to the interest with which the Victoria public peruses the annual report of its own mayor.

The municipal council of Saanich has its vigorous critics. All administrative bodies have, especially in these days when economic stress distress the public mind to a study and an analysis of municipal and provincial affairs in a search for remedial conditions. While much of the criticism may be unjust it is, on the whole, a good thing. There are breakers ahead of the community whose people, for whatever reason, are not sufficiently interested in the management of their civic-business to study and analyze it.

Saanich can point to a record of substantial achievement during the year now almost ended and in this connection it might be borne in mind that every notable public improvement in the adjacent municipalities is an asset to this city. While Victoria can claim that the converse of this is true, that public improvements carried out here are assets to the neighboring municipalities, the rule is less general in its application. In Saanich eight miles of road have been paved; important new roads are being made and facilities for more than a thousand water services are nearing completion. The municipality has financed itself for a considerable period ahead, its various loan issues having been placed at terms which, considering the times and in comparison with issues by the cities and even the provincial government, may be regarded as eminently satisfactory. The general tax rate has been reduced from 7.2 mills in 1914 to 6.9 mills. The mill rate, of course, does not indicate the amount of taxes a man may have to pay. It is the assessment figure that tells the whole tragic tale. But while there has been a considerable advance in the assessment from 1913 to 1915 the increase over last year is not large and there has been, therefore, a real reduction in the general levy. This, we understand, makes no allowance for the paving work done, the assessment for which has not been made, but even with this addition the general rate in Saanich probably will not be more than eight or nine mills, a rate which must make the average Victoria taxpayer shed tears of envy. A gratifying feature of the revee's report is the announcement that the labor situation in the district has become almost normal coupled with the prediction that it will be still further improved next year.

**AN IMPORTANT CAMPAIGN.**

The appointment of Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien to the chief command of the forces operating against German East Africa emphasizes the importance of this campaign, for which comprehensive preparations are being made. German East Africa is Germany's last and largest colonial possession. Its area is 384,000 square miles; its total white population is 5,235 and its native population is 7,700,000, of whom 135,000 are serfs, according to the benevolent Prussian theory of colonial development. Not only is the colony rich in natural products of all kinds, but it has more than six hundred miles of coastline on the Indian Ocean.

Great Britain devoted attention to German East Africa immediately after the outbreak of war. A naval blockade was established off Dar-es-Salaam, the principal seaport, and has not been relaxed. There was considerable fighting along the southwestern border and on the shores of Lake Nyassa, where small British gunboats have been operating. Very little headway was made, however, and honors are about even as far as land operations are concerned. Until recently Great Britain could not spare more than a handful of troops for this sphere, while both was busy clearing the Germans out of South-west Africa. From now onward

the invasion will be conducted on an extensive scale. A large force has been organized in South Africa and will be under the command of the brilliant soldier-statesman, General Smuts, one of the most striking personalities in the empire. No doubt British and Indian troops also will take part, so it may be anticipated that General Smith-Dorrien will have abundant numbers for his difficult task. At any other time this would be regarded as a campaign of the first magnitude, for the British forces probably will be double the number Great Britain sent to the Crimea. Germany is known to have increased her white garrisons in the colony not long before the war began, and these have since been reinforced by arrivals from other countries who have managed to slip through the naval net. She also has trained a large army of natives, so it is apparent that Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien will have stubborn opposition.

While German publicists who discuss terms of peace may differ on many points they are unanimous in their insistence upon the return of their colonies. They might as well ask for the moon. In the first place even were Great Britain ready to make concessions along this line she would meet with unbending opposition from those dominions which participated in the capture of the colonies. The Union of South Africa never would consent to the return of German Southwest Africa. It intends to add the newly gained territory to its own dominion. A glance at the map will help to disclose the immense advantage such an arrangement would bring to the young commonwealth. Nor will Australia and New Zealand let go the German islands taken by their ships and troops. In a wider sense too, it is desirable that those colonies be withheld from Germany. Wherever the Prussian blight exists it should be stamped out.

Commenting on the German chancellor's recent speech in the reichstag, the Boston Transcript says: "To sum it all up, the German chancellor takes the opportunity of his country's great success in the Balkans to wave his sword aloft and say to his antagonists, 'Will you give up now? That is all we do not believe they will give up. They would be false to the cause they represent if they did. Even as to the military situation alone, they know at least this, that the centre of gravity in the war is still in the west. There the might of the warriors is still assembled, and there the Germans cannot progress an inch, and are in danger of being forced by superior numbers to recede. According to the London Times, who presents his data well, the Germans still have 110 divisions of troops on the western front, 50 in Russia and not more than ten in the Balkans. It is in the west that the fighters are at grips. With the sea power still in their hands, the allies have but to hold on, and increase their armies and pile up their munitions, with Russia pouring her new millions against the eastern front, to turn the scale at last. This the Germans themselves realize—and this is the reason why von Bethmann-Hollweg talks peace in the reichstag—this and other potent reason for peace with the Germans, the rising cry for food in Berlin as the winter deepens."

The fates are against the All Highest of Hunland. About a year ago he boasted that he would eat his Christmas dinner in Paris. He was so sure of this that orders were issued to have all things ready for the historic, joyous event. The feast did not come off. This year the Kaiser promised his illustrious ally the Sultan that he would honor him by dining on Christmas day in the palace at Constantinople. Now it seems doubtful whether the All Highest will care for any Christmas dinner at all. If his health should permit him to partake of turkey (and we

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assume the famine that prevails in Germany has not attained such proportions as to debar royalty from such delicacies as beef steaks in Germany. Now the Hun has been heavy on his immediate neighbors for the past year and a half, but he has not entirely escaped the consequences of his ambition and folly, and Germany is not going to enjoy a particularly merry Christmas. Under the circumstances the Hohenzollern family party will not be such as to make merry the heart of the sick monarch.

President Wilson's first note to Austria was regarded generally by the American press as an ultimatum. Austria replied to this alleged ultimatum with bantering, sarcastic note. Now the United States has dispatched a rejoinder couched in somewhat milder terms than the first note. The weakness of American diplomacy seems to be that it does not care or dare to back itself up. Germany carried the Lusitania controversy to a certain point, and then dropped it. She has not been held to "strict accountability." The last note to Austria has been referred to Berlin. Perhaps that is the end of the Ancona matter also.

Germany is going to increase her iron coinage. Real money is becoming scarcer and scarcer, and is steadily decreasing in value in the realms of Kultur. Indemnities have not flowed in with the celerity that was anticipated a year ago. Belgium has been bled white and progress has been slow in other directions which promised to be prolific in monetary exactions. However, in another year the allies hope to be in a position to present the indemnity question in a form which will stir the royal highwayman of Potsdam.

The German press complains that even the comic papers of the United States have turned against their beloved fatherland. There could be no clearer indication of the trend of public sentiment in the republic. Most of the New York comic papers are controlled and conducted by men of German birth or German ancestry, and they had to fall in line with popular feeling or risk financial ruin.

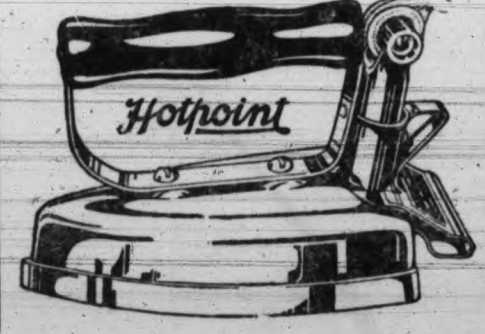
Germany was about to settle the Lusitania case, but now she won't because the president has been saying rude things to Austria. However, she must not forget that she is to be held to "strict accountability," whatever the meaning of the term may be. There is as yet no indication that it means action implementing words.

**THE KAISER WORRIES.**

New York World.  
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**Brown Buff Leather Slippers**, at, pair ... **1.50**  
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It was a merry party that gathered yesterday afternoon in the Seamen's Institute on the occasion of the Christmas tree for the children of His Majesty's naval volunteers.

The hostesses were the Navy League Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire, represented by Mrs. Edwards, the vice-regent, and officers and members of the chapter who were present and worked industriously to give all their small guests a happy afternoon.

The hall was gay with bunting flags, Christmas trees, and pretty lights. This was a consideration of very secondary importance, however, once the tea began to be served, and it was quite half an hour after the first slices of bread and butter made their appearance before the two-relays of the little visitors had attention for anything but the feast.

The Christmas tree was unveiled at 5 o'clock. And a splendid sight it was. From base to crown, gleaming with lights and golden balls, for a moment it dazzled the eyes of the children.

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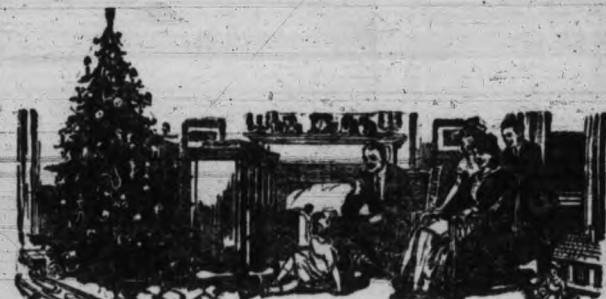
They were a tired but happy lot when the mothers, finally, gathered together their families to go home, and it is safe to predict that even the delights of coming Christmases will not efface the memory of the very merry one they spent as the guests of the Navy League Chapter, I. O. D. E.

The thanks of the organizers are due to Mrs. Thomson and ladies of the Seamen's Institute Auxiliary, and to the committee of the Seamen's Institute for permitting the use of the hall and rooms; also to Percy James, and all the ladies and kind friends who sent cakes, etc.

The conveners for the toys was Mrs. Cecil Cookson; for the tea arrangements Mrs. Mortimer, Appleby, Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Plumb. The committee also wishes to add an expression of thanks to City's, who loaned all the cups and saucers, and to "Charlie Chaplin," who helped so much during the afternoon by handing round the sweets.

St. John Ambulance Association.—The examination of Dr. Houghton's first aid class will take place on Tuesday next, in the Y. W. C. A. building at 7 p. m. sharp.

Rehearsal of "Messiah."—There will be the usual rehearsal to-night of the "Messiah," and all members of the chorus are requested to be at the hall at 8 o'clock sharp. The great performance, which is to be given in aid of the Red Cross society, will be held on January 24 and 25 at the Royal Victoria theatre.



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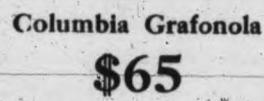
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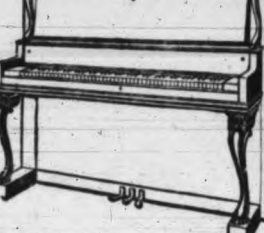
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and Mr. Howard, who are appearing this week in the Pantages' bill. Among the guests present were Rear-Admiral Storey, Commander Shenton, Major Moore, D.S.A., and Mrs. Moore; Lieutenant and Mrs. Sisman, Lt.-Col. Forsythe, O. C., and officers of the 50th Gordon Highlanders; Lt.-Col. Rous Cullin, O. C., and officers of the 88th Fusiliers Battalion, C. E. F.; Lt.-Col. Ridgway Wilson, Capt. Roaf, D. I. O.; the Hon. D. M. Eberts and Mrs. Eberts, Mrs. Rous Cullin, Mrs. Forsythe, and the wives of practically all the married officers present. General dancing filled in the remainder of the afternoon after tea, the polished floors of the big mess-rooms being excellently adapted to this pastime.

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Things Not to Forget.—Platter for the turkey at 75c.; roast pans, 25c. up; nut cracker, 25c.; cups and saucers, \$1.50 dozen; pocket knife for the boy, 15c. to \$1.75; at R. A. Brown & Co., 1392 Douglas St.

Silver Spring Beer, 2 qts. for 25c.

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Some Dads Do Have Cold Feet.—Give him a earthen hot water bottle, 75c. and \$1.00; at R. A. Brown & Co., 1392 Douglas St.

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Nice Hand-painted China at R. A. Brown & Co.

Give to aid the Union Jack; There are those who'll not come back. Patriotic Aid Society, 1210 Broad St.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, December 23, 1890.

For the first time last night the Victoria Rice and Flour mills were electrically illuminated, the new plant having been successfully started. In the new year a run of 24 hours a day will be commenced.

By the steamer Barbara Boscowitz, which arrived from the northern canner ports yesterday afternoon, the news of heavy snow storms and violent gales is brought. The weather has been so bad that the steamer was delayed several days, having had to take shelter, the thick snow and lack of a moon rendering navigation at night impossible.

Mr. S. Perry Mills sat as a court of revision to-day to receive any appeals against the assessment roll as arranged by the provincial government assessor. Only a few cases were brought before the court.

FASHION

Some one had described fashion as "the art of making the many wear what is becoming only to the few." There is wit if not wisdom in the definition. Nevertheless, few men or women have the courage to utterly disregard the "mode."

They want to be in sartorial tune with public opinion. They take it as a mark of knowing "what's what."

And for this reason most people like to glance through the advertising in a live newspaper like the Times to see news of fashion.

Phoenix Beer—2 qts. for 25c.

Save Your Money by purchasing Xmas Gifts at Wenger's—25 per cent. discount, 623 Yates.

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Something for mother, father, sister, brother. Also friends, at Wenger's.

Good Sensible Gift for Xmas, 25 per cent. discount at Wenger's.

An assortment of toys, equal in variety and kind to anything shown in previous years, is to be seen at the City Fair, 645 Yates street, in the premises recently vacated by Fitzpatrick & O'Connell, and a few doors west of Douglas street. The fair, in removing from 736 Fort street to the more central location on Yates, will continue to carry a complete as near complete as is possible under present conditions—line of not only toys but kitchenware, dinnerware and fancy china notions, etc. In the matter of dinnerware all patterns arrived are stock and modern in decoration. No trumpets are sounded with regard to values. Keen competition as a matter of fact, invariably requires the end of any business, and the City Fair is prepared to meet all competition in honest-dealing.

Silver Spring Beer, 2 qts. for 25c.

We for whom our boys have fought. Patriotic Aid Society, 1210 Broad St.

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Turkeys—Having secured the celebrated Oldfield's turkeys, Elk Lake, we can supply you with any size bird also Island geese and Eastern turkeys. Brown & Cooper, phone 587.

Xmas Flowers always give pleasure to old and young, sick and well. A choice assortment to choose from. Poinsettias, Cyclamens, Freesias, Chrysanthemums, Carnations and many others, at our new store, New Spencer block and 615 Fort street, A. J. Woodward.

H. B. "Imperial" Lager Beer, pints, \$1.00 per dozen.

For the Misses and the kids Left behind—who pays, who bids? Patriotic Aid Society, 1210 Broad St.

Xmas Gift Problem Solved at Wenger's, 623 Yates street, 25 per cent. discount.

Victoria Poultry Show Entries Close December 24. Entries may be made at Ford & Greenwood's, 716 Johnson St., or P. O. box 928.

Luncheon Set Raffle.—The holder of ticket No. 41 can obtain the luncheon set given for the benefit of the Florence Nightingale Chapter, I. O. D. E., by telephoning 268.

Rowland's Band Concert.—H. J. Davis and Mrs. K. Edmunds will be the assisting soloists at Rowland's band concert next Sunday at Pantages theatre. The band is preparing a special programme of Christmas music.

Service of Praise.—Next Sunday evening a service of praise will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, when special Christmas music will be rendered by the choir. The solo parts will be taken by Mrs. Longfield, Miss Morton, Mr. Wolton, Mr. Pritchard and Mr. Williams. A short organ recital will be given previous to the service.

Victory Copper Medal.—Ticket No. 165 will procure for its owner the interesting medal presented by Mrs. Troup for raffle in aid of the Seamen's Institute funds. The medal is of copper from H. M. S. "Victory," and was cast by the British and Foreign Sailors' society on the centenary of Nelson's death. For some weeks it has been on view in Weiler's window, and has attracted a considerable amount of notice. The proceeds of the raffle, \$19, will be handed to the Seamen's Institute funds. The holder of ticket No. 165 is asked to apply to Mrs. Troup for the medal. The drawing took place yesterday afternoon at the institute.

Raffle of Doll.—The drawing for the doll given by Mrs. Umbrecht, of Oak Bay, to be raffled for the Red Cross took place yesterday. The doll was a very handsome one, having been dressed with great delicacy and taste, and tickets were much in demand. Eight hundred tickets were issued, and the total proceeds of the raffle were \$49.80, the net sum for the Red Cross being \$47.75 for the expense of printing, etc. The sum has been handed over to the Oak Bay sub-committee of the local branch of the Red Cross society, for which Mrs. Henry Pearce, to whom the doll was given to be raffled, has been working. The winner of the doll was Mrs. Monty Gosnell.

GIFTS

Here are a few sensible suggestions we have to offer: Ladies' Handkerchiefs—Irish Lawn Initial Handkerchiefs, 2 for 5c. Embroidered and Lace Edged, each, 50c to 10c. Handkerchiefs in fancy boxes, \$1.25 to 1.50. UMBRELLAS: Straight, Plain Handles, from \$2.50 to \$3.00. Bone Handles, \$3.00 to \$3.50. Fancy Handles, gold and pearl, etc., \$5.00 to \$5.50. Children's Fur Sets, Kid Gloves, Hosiery, Silk Scarves, Cashmere Tops, etc.

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- Fruit Wines, large bottle for .33c
Welch's Grape Juice, bottle, 25c and .50c
Nice Table Apples, box, \$1.15 to \$1.75
Eastern Cranberries, pint 9c
Reception Plum Puddings, each, 50c to \$2.50
Lowney's and Cadbury's Chocolates, box .25c to \$2.00
Mixed Candy, lb. .18c
Mixed Nuts, lb. .19c
Dromedary Dates, pkg. 12c
Jap Oranges, box .49c and .54c
Smyrna Figs, lb. .25c
Crystallized Fruits, box 95c
Almond Paste, lb. .40c
Canadian Stilton Sage Cheese, lb. .27c
Eastern Oysters, pint .50c
Splendid Butter, lb. .37c or 3 for \$1.05
Bon Bon Crackers, box .25c to \$2.00
Santa Claus Stockings, 10c to \$2.50
Cluster Raisins, lb. .15c 19c and .25c
Sausage Meat, lb. .20c
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AT THE THEATRES

CHAPLIN AT COLUMBIA.

A big double bill has been arranged by the management of the Columbia theatre for the last three days of the week, and will be headed by the greatest of all movie comedians, Charlie Chaplin, in a new two-act Essanay comedy entitled "Charlie's Night Out."

Charlie is funny in any picture, but in this great screen comedy has far outdone any of his previous efforts, introducing many new "stunts" that have never been seen in pictures.

The balance of this big two-hour performance is provided by the five-act Pathe Gold Rooster feature play, "At Bay," featuring the famous star, Florence Reed, and adapted from the well-known play of the same name by George Scarborough.

The Moving Picture World in reviewing "At Bay," says "this picture will class as one of the best of the season's screen productions."

With this well-balanced programme consisting of a dramatic masterpiece and a Chaplin comedy seats ought to be at a premium at the Columbia for the balance of the week.

BOSWORTH IN "FATHERHOOD."

An exceptionally strong week-end bill will be presented at the Variety theatre commencing to-night. The headline attraction is the four-act Broadway feature, "Fatherhood," with

Knox Wilson

The great Musical Comedy Favorite.

Continuous Performance Saturday, commencing at 2.30.

Gifts for Men. Silver Mounted Umbrellas \$5.00, Solid Gold Tip Tie Clips \$3.25, Solid Gold Cigar Cutters \$5.00, Solid Gold Signet Rings \$3.00, Solid Gold Cuff Links \$3.00, Silver Match Boxes \$1.50, Silver Cigarette Cases \$4.50, Silver Mounted Cans \$3.00, Gold Locketts \$5.00, Ebony Military Hair Brushes \$3.50, Leather Bill Folds \$3.75, Fine Wrist Watches \$6.75, Good Gunmetal Watches \$5.00.

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PANTAGES THEATRE ALL THIS WEEK THE 4 CASTERS 4. Wizards of the Air, in the World's Greatest Casting Act.

Big Double Bill. The one and only Charlie Chaplin in the new two-act Essanay comedy Charlie's Night Out. the greatest of all Chaplin comedies. Also Florence Reed in the five-part Pathe Gold Rooster play "At Bay". Two Hours of Solid Enjoyment. COLUMBIA

novel in the way of comedies is presented in the two part L-ke comedy, "Under New Management" featuring Hank Mann, who will be remembered for his mirth provoking antics in "The Tale of Twenty Storeys," which was shown at the Variety some weeks ago.

SEVEN ACTS AT PANTAGES.

Manager Rice, of Pantages, has received many compliments on providing such a large and characteristically holiday bill at the popular vaudeville house this week. Seven big acts are provided, and their quality can be judged from the following summary of them.

Four Casters—made aerialists, in the best gymnastic act—ever seen in Victoria.

Knox-Wilson, former star of "The Burgomaster" and other big favorite musical comedies, is now in vaudeville. Act is full of humor, made harmonious by saxophone and concertina selections.

Alaska Quartette, four splendidly blended male voices in southern plantation melodies, and recent popular favorites.

"The Girl of the West" a melodrama with an effective background, well acted by small company.

Leach and Holland, in modern dances, done to tunes like the "Humoresque" and the "Earl" waltz.

Jarvis and Harrison, in "Flirtology," an act of big-time calibre, full of laughter, wit and repartee.

Harry La Toy, comedy juggler. This is the list of the attractions this week, and everyone must admit that seldom has better value been offered.

On Saturday there will be a continuous performance starting at 2.30.

DEFENDERS OF THE EMPIRE AT ROYAL VICTORIA

This film, taken by authority of the army council, and depicting in a most realistic manner many of the interesting and exciting operations of modern warfare, will be shown at the Royal Victoria to-day, Friday and Saturday.

The different operations shown will be as follows: A landing is effected at a point "somewhere" in the war zone. Sappers construct a pontoon pierhead exactly as they have done in many places during the present war.

The landing force is brought ashore in boats, disembarked, and marches away inland. Trenches are dug and barbed wire entanglements made to stop the invaders. These are not toy trenches, but real trenches dug by soldiers, and provided with thick overhead cover as a protection against shrapnel fire. The attack commences. One sees the trench shelled, and the defenders firing through the loopholes and making the advancing foe pay dearly for every inch of progress.

The invaders are checked, waver for a moment, and the defenders at once launch an effective counter-attack with fixed bayonets. Dynamite in long tubes proves to be the only effective means of dealing with the barbed wire.

After an attempt has been made in vain to sever the wire by means of a special appliance worked at the muzzle of a rifle. Meanwhile the gallant airmen have not been inactive. One sees the aeroplanes leaving their hangars, and notes the intrepid pilots speed away on their latest war-planes.

But the most wonderful spectacle is afforded by the British airships, craft of the lighter-than-air type, as they speed away like a flash into mid-air.

The reports from airmen show that the defenders are hard pressed, and reinforcements are assembled to march to their assistance. Magnificent infantry, second to none in the world (actual members of the First Expeditionary Force, it is interesting to note) with cavalry, guns and transport complete now come into the scene. Actual work on a hospital train, and the interior of a military hospital, with lady members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, all bring home the bitter cost of war.

The last of the picture shows, thanks to the rapid and skilful manoeuvring of the reinforcements, the foe driven over a mined area; an officer manipulates a firing key, there is a terrific explosion, and the invaders are no more. These pictures are of particular interest at a time like this, and should be seen by every man, woman and child in Victoria.

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Fine embroidered Organdie Roll Collars, in different designs from 25c to 85c.

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Dainty Boudoir Caps in Many Pleasing Styles

Of organdie with medallions of shadow lace in crown; has elastic band and frill of pointed lace with bow on side, 75c.

Cap of dotted Swiss Muslin, in colors of mauve, pink, blue or all white, trimmed with heavy lace ruff with ribbon and finished with two rosettes. Price, 85c.

Boudoir Cap of point de esprit net, with deep frill of fine net and finished with wide ribbon bow at side, \$1.00.

Cap of dotted Swiss, trimmed with lace and insertion and shirred pocket, comes in all white and white with mauve, blue or pink, 85c.

Fine Organdie Apron, made with deep frill of lace and insertion, and finished with ribbon bow, \$1.00.

Fancy Striped Organdie Apron with Valenciennes insertion and lace, has shirred pocket which is also lace trimmed, \$1.00.

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Designs must be in the hands of the Recruiting Officer, 88th Victoria Fusiliers (corner of Yates and Douglas), not later than 4.30 p. m. on Tuesday, Dec. 28. \$5 will be paid for the best design submitted, and \$2 for any design used. The decision of the O. C. 88th Victoria Fusiliers as to merit will be final.

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Empress Hotel CHRISTMAS DAY SPECIAL Table d Hote Dinner 6.00 to 8.00 p. m. \$1.50. A Concert will be given in the Rotunda during the evening. Soloist, MRS. ROY TROUP. We Deliver Immediately—Anywhere Phone your order to 4253 THE HUDSON'S BAY CO. WINE DEPARTMENT 1312 Douglas St. Open till 11 p. m.

Many Xmas Lines to Clear at Wescott's To-morrow. Men's 75c Boxed Neckwear for \$50c. A late arrival, therefore this sharp price cut. Heavy silks, well made, in all popular patterns and shades. A very acceptable gift to-morrow at \$50c. Another Big Neckwear Special at \$35c. In a wide range of neat striped patterns, in heavy silks, wide flowing ends, all shades. To-morrow 3 for \$1.00. Men's 75c Boxed Suspenders at \$60c. Here is your opportunity. Best quality elastics and fixings, neatly boxed in fancy holly boxes; all smart colors. To-morrow, while they last, \$60c. BIG VALUES AT 25c. See this wonder bargain table full of hundreds of useful and acceptable gift articles, such as Collars, Ties, Mitts, Bibs, Novelty Boxes, Carls, etc. All at 25c. Fancy Tea Cosies, Linens, 40c. Tea Cosies worth to \$1.50, in linen, fancy embroidered and satin trimmed; plain white, neatly embroidered; also many fancy linens to go to-morrow at 40c. Fancy Handkerchiefs—Wonders at 25c. Hundreds of new neat styles in the best of materials, exquisitely finished. See these to-morrow at 25c. Men's High Grade Umbrellas \$1.75. Values to \$2.50, in scores of different handle designs; strong steel frame and covers of linen and silk mixtures, all to go to-morrow at \$1.75. Merchandise Scrip Makes an Acceptable Gift. WESCOTT'S 1313 Douglas St. Near Yates St. Phone 5150. Infants' Dresses. A Good Gift. Prices 5c. to \$2.00.

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The People's Favorite Creamery Butter, 3 lbs. \$1.00

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People's Pure Cane Granulated Sugar, 20 lb. cotton sack \$1.50

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FINE MIXED PEEL Orange, lemon and Citron. Per pound 30c

70-80 Prunes, 4 lbs. 25c

New Mixed Nuts, Per lb. 19c

Fancy Seeded Raisins, 3 Pkgs. 24c

Fine Re-cleaned Currants, per lb. 10c

New Sultana Raisins, 2 lbs. 23c

Best Seeded Raisins, 2 large 16 oz. Packages, 25c

Xmas Candies, many varieties, choice stock, per lb. 15c

Bulk Raisins, 4 lbs. great value 25c

Xmas Apples - Fancy rosy Pippins, per box \$1.25

Cooking and Eating Apples, per box 95c

Heinz Plum Pudding 40c

Wetley's Mince Meat, per lb. 10c

Nuts - New stock, Brazil, Pecans, Almond and Walnuts, per lb. 20c

Fancy Three-Inch Imported Figs, per lb. 23c

Californian Fancy Layer Figs, per lb. 20c

Fancy Navel Oranges, per dozen, 50c to 18c

Pure Lard, 3-lb. tins, 45c; 5-lb. tin 75c

Back Bacon, piece or half-piece, per lb. 23c

Breakfast Bacon, piece or half-piece, per lb. 24c

Large Tin Quaker Tomatoes 10c

Co-operate with us, we will help you.

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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.

P. C. Rawling of Cowichan Bay, is at the Dominion.

A. E. Collyer, of Chemainus, was in the city yesterday.

J. A. Kendall, of Port Alberni, is staying at the Dominion hotel.

James Finlay, of the Shawigan Lake hotel, is at the Dominion.

C. J. Kay, of Vancouver, is registered at the Hotel Stratheona.

W. S. Shelly, of Vancouver, is stopping at the Dominion hotel.

Floyd Atkinson, of Calgary, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

Hans Helgeson is in from Metehosin and staying at the Dominion.

E. D. Sherington, of Mill Bay, is staying at the Hotel Stratheona.

Malcolm R. McCuaig, of Portage la Prairie, is at the Dominion hotel.

M. J. Chesbro is registered from Pictou, Ont., at the Hotel Stratheona.

Dr. O. C. Gilbert has returned to the city and is at the Hotel Stratheona.

C. Thomas Hall, of Seattle, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

Wm. Sprout and Mrs. Sprout, of Virder, Man., are at the Dominion hotel.

S. T. Chapman, of Genoa Bay, is spending a few days at the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. J. K. McIntyre and family, of Blairmore, Alt., are staying at the Dominion.

F. F. Trumbull and son, of Port Angeles, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday.

David M. Cowan is here from Cranbrook, and is staying at the Hotel Stratheona.

G. H. Morrison and Mrs. Morrison, of Portage la Prairie, are at the Dominion hotel.

Seattle arrivals at the Empress hotel yesterday included C. L. Betterton and Dr. R. H. Thomas.

J. Hughes and Mrs. Hughes have arrived from Sooke and are staying at the Hotel Stratheona.

Mr. McCallum, of Westaskin, registered for himself and Mrs. McCallum at the Hotel Stratheona.

J. McMichael and Mrs. McMichael, of Winnipeg, were among yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion.

L. Lloyd, John Matheson and Mrs. Matheson of Saskatoon, were among yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion.

MANY IN VICTORIA TRY SIMPLE MIXTURE

Many Victoria people are surprised at the QUICK action of simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-ika. This simple remedy acts on BOTH upper and lower bowel, removing such surprising foul matter that ONE SPOONFUL relieves almost ANY CASE constipation, sour stomach or gas. A few doses often relieve or prevent appendicitis. A short treatment helps chronic stomach trouble. THE INSTANT, easy action of Adler-ika is astonishing. Hall & Co., Druggists, 702 Yates St.

A deaf man went into a butcher's shop and inquired the price of a large piece which he thought would be useful for making soup. "Oh, I'll give you that," said the butcher. The customer did not catch the butcher's reply, "can't you take something off?" he asked querulously. "Yes," said the butcher; "you can have it for two pence!" And the customer paid.

THE JANUARY OUTING.

Along in the Caribbean, the first installment of a cruise in a sailing canoe along the length of the Lesser Antilles. The start was made from Grenada, which is near the southern end of the islands at the eastern side of the Caribbean, and then north, touching at the small islands on the way, such as Guadeloupe, Martinique, St. Vincent, St. Lucia, St. Kitts, etc. The article is illustrated with many descriptive pictures of people and places.

Just Knocking About, a series of six photographs giving the attractive, practical side of winter tramping in the woods. It is part of the material collected by members of the staff last winter for the express purpose of calling attention to the pleasure of outdoor life in winter.

Winter in the Rockies, a series of photographs showing the changing phases of life at high altitudes from October to June.

Other articles include: Studying Bird Photography, Resourcesfulness Necessary for a Soldier, A Dog Derry, When Are Owls Not Owls, Cooking in a Hole, A Day With the Forest Service, etc.

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## FRONTIERSMEN LOOK AFTER THE VETERANS

Club Quarters Being Furnished for Returned Soldiers in Camosun Building

That the returned soldiers appreciate what is being done for them, and that in particular they appreciate the comforts that are being provided by friends through the Victoria unit of the Legion of Frontiersmen, was given expression to last evening at a meeting of the unit held in the Camosun building, Langley street.

Within the last fortnight there has been formed the Veterans' club of British Columbia, in affiliation with the Veterans' club of London, and it has been granted quarters in the headquarters of the Frontiersmen. Here are being furnished dormitories, a reading and lounge room and other accommodation, the furnishings being the gift of citizens. To soldiers returning here who are not subjects for the military convalescent hospital at Esquimalt, and who have no place to stay, and as a result of some mismanagement, no funds to keep them, the club offers a temporary home.

The thanks of the Legion are given to donors of furnishings and material, these being James Leigh & Sons, lumber; Mrs. P. E. Irving, two beds, with spring mattresses, top mattresses, pillows and quilts; Miss Wyld, six chairs; Mrs. Lund, two wicker chairs; Mrs. Hartless, bed, mattress, gas cooking range and gas heater; Mrs. Monteith, bed, mattress and table; Fred Kroeger, chair; Mr. Harding, table; Herd & Greenwood, printed letterheads and envelopes; Victoria Book & Stationery company, large oak table; Skillings & Hammond, hauling from any part of the city to the rooms.

A representative of the Times visited the club premises last evening and can vouch for the air of comfort that is being lent to an otherwise cold and bare office building by what has been done with these gifts by the Frontiersmen. There are still a few articles that no doubt some generous person will be able to supply, such as floor covering, a couple of lounges, some more chairs and blankets. Pictures and books, of course, are always welcome in such a place, and any illustrated papers and magazines.

A number of the men who have returned from the front have put their names to the roll of the Victoria unit, half a dozen joining it last night, and there are now about fifty on the roll.

Last evening Major Seymour Rowlinson, commander of the unit, and Lt.-Col. Andrew C. P. Haggard, D. S. O., explained to the men what is being done for them in the way of supplying a temporary home in the Veterans' club, and invited them to extend its privileges and refuge to any returned soldiers who are in need of these.

Several of the men spoke, and while they had to complain of the dilatoriness of the militia department in many ways, they were unanimous in their grateful appreciation of all that these fellow-citizens have done to help them and make things comfortable for them. The club quarters and the kindnesses of the men of the Legion of Frontiersmen especially were referred to very feelingly.

At a meeting of the members of the Victoria unit held later further plans were made and at it a tribute was paid by Major Rowlinson to the energy and enthusiasm of Lt.-Col. Haggard. The annual meeting of the unit for the election of a commander and officers will take place at headquarters on the first Wednesday in January.

The Legion of Frontiersmen, the Canadian headquarters of which are at Calgary and which numbers in its ranks men who have seen service in many an outpost of the empire, have volunteered en bloc or offered to raise battalions no fewer than thirteen times since the war began. This will be news to the general public, but to those who have watched the antics of the minister of militia and his department it will not be wondered at that these offers were all either ignored or refused. On one occasion the Legion was told that officers who had seen active service were not required and on another, when the suggested officers of a Canadian battalion had Canadian qualifications, they were told that non-battalion officers with an Imperial staff college training would be accepted.

THE JANUARY OUTING.

Along in the Caribbean, the first installment of a cruise in a sailing canoe along the length of the Lesser Antilles. The start was made from Grenada, which is near the southern end of the islands at the eastern side of the Caribbean, and then north, touching at the small islands on the way, such as Guadeloupe, Martinique, St. Vincent, St. Lucia, St. Kitts, etc. The article is illustrated with many descriptive pictures of people and places.

Just Knocking About, a series of six photographs giving the attractive, practical side of winter tramping in the woods. It is part of the material collected by members of the staff last winter for the express purpose of calling attention to the pleasure of outdoor life in winter.

Winter in the Rockies, a series of photographs showing the changing phases of life at high altitudes from October to June.

Other articles include: Studying Bird Photography, Resourcesfulness Necessary for a Soldier, A Dog Derry, When Are Owls Not Owls, Cooking in a Hole, A Day With the Forest Service, etc.

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# SPORTING NEWS

## PUBLIC WILL NOT BE PERMITTED INTO DRESSING-ROOMS DURING INTERVALS

Players Complain About Smoking in Quarters and Manager Patrick Decides to 'Keep Doors Locked'; Wanderers Lead N. H. A.

No longer will the public be permitted to visit the hockey players' dressing-rooms during the intervals of the games, this was the decision of Lester Patrick following a protest from the players and the club doctor. When Manager Patrick gave permission to the public to visit the dressing-rooms he stated that the privileges must not be abused, but so great were the crowds that swarmed into the quarters that the players did not have breathing room. In addition to this, several persons smoked, and in a strenuous game like hockey the players certainly require all the pure air they can possibly get. Smoke is a great injury to the players and it was absolutely necessary to keep the doors closed to the public.

The Victoria leader wants the boys to produce all that is in them and he could not expect them to display their true form if their lungs got choked up with smoke during the intervals.

Team Will Workout To-night.  
Wanderers lead N. H. A. ... Yesterday's Results.  
Wanderers, 3; Canadiens, 2.  
Ottawa, 7; Toronto, 1.

Kennedy After Baker.  
George Kennedy, manager of the Wanderer N. H. A. team, has wired an offer to Hobey Baker, the American hockey player. Baker appeared in Montreal the other week in the Ross

cup series with New York team and his work was sensational. Kennedy thinks he has about landed Baker, but few are of the opinion that the New Yorker will take the plunge.

McGiffen Announces Retirement.  
Toronto, Dec. 23.—Minnie McGiffen, a prominent player on last year's Toronto of the N. H. A., in a letter from Linuba, California, states that he is through with hockey and is keeping the contract sent him by Jack Marshall as a souvenir. Regarding the rumor that he wanted to play with Ottawa, McGiffen says:

"I would not play with Ottawa for \$1,000 a week as I think they are the poorest sports in Canada. There is nothing would please me better than to get turned loose in Ottawa with a blind referee and just see how many of that bunch of yellow pikers I could lay out."

Will Not Adopt New Rule.  
The proposed free shot rule to be adopted in the N. H. A. has proven to be an utter failure, and President Quinn of the eastern body has decided not to use the new rule. Instead the players will be fined and ruled off for rough tactics. The free shot rule has been tried out in the practices and nine out of every ten shots are easily blocked by the goal tender, as the custodian has plenty of time in which to get set to ward off such a shot. This makes the rule ineffective.

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Standing—P. W. L. P. A. Pts.  
Wanderers ... 2 2 0 11 7 4  
Ottawa ... 1 1 0 7 1 2  
Canadiens ... 2 1 1 4 4 2  
Quebec ... 1 0 1 5 8 0  
Toronto ... 2 0 2 2 9 0

Next Games December 25.  
Ottawa vs. Quebec; Wanderers vs. Toronto.

## SECOND GAME IS WON BY V.A.H.C. SEPTETTE

Scots Make Splendid Rally but Could Not Overcome Lead

By their defeat of the Western Scots' hockey septette last night the Victoria Amateur Hockey club took a strangle hold on the city championship, this being their second victory over the soldiers in the championship series.

When the teams met recently the result was a 3 to 1 victory for the Civilians, but last night the Scots showed great improvement and only lost by a margin of three goals, the final score being 7 to 4. In the opening period the Civilians had all the better of the play, scoring their seven goals, while the Scots managed to score but one. When the teams took the ice after the interval the soldiers revised their lineup, placing Faulkner in the nets instead of Lieut. Marsden. The substitute proved to be an iron man, and did not permit the Civilians to score while his team mates succeeded in scoring three goals. George Straith scored twice, Wakeley three times, Wickson one and Archibald once for the V. A. H. C., while Morton scored twice, and McDiarmid and Peters each one for the Scots. Charley Wakeley and George Straith played good hockey for the winners, while Morton, McDiarmid and Peters were the pick of the soldier septette. The next game of the series will be played the first Wednesday in January.

NO GOLF RATING.  
New York, Dec. 23.—Frank L. Woodward, of Denver, president of the United States Golf association, says there will be no official rating of golf players for next season. According to Mr. Woodward there will be two names at the head of the list, those of the open and amateur champions. All the others will be grouped alphabetically.

GUS CHRISTIE WON.  
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 23.—Gus Christie, of Milwaukee, Wis., outpointed John Howard, of Bayonne, N. J., in an eight-round bout here last night. Both are middleweights.

## MASKED WRESTLER HAS NEW YORKERS GUESSING

Mysterious Entry Into International Tourney is a Marvel

Last week in New York a "mysterious masked marvel" swooped down and entered the international wrestling tournament which is now being held in Gotham, giving a wonderful demonstration of skill and strength. He tossed Waldek Zbyzsko about the mat for 20 minutes, and undoubtedly would have pinned the Pole's shoulders to the floor had the match lasted a few minutes longer. In the tourney the men meet in 20-minute periods, and if both men have avoided being pinned down when the time is up, the match is called a draw.

Next to Aberg, Zbyzsko is considered the best wrestler in the tournament, and the manner in which the "masked stranger" handled him astonished the large crowd. When Referee George Bothner sounded his whistle for time was up the "mysterious marvel" had his opponent in a vice-like scissors and toe hold, with Zbyzsko's left leg bent almost to the back of his neck. At the conclusion of the match the "masked marvel" was fresh as when the match started, while his opponent was in a bad way. Several times during the match the strong Pole tried to pin his opponent's body with a "scissors," but the stranger pried the hold apart with his fingers with the greatest ease. After the match several of the spectators thought that the marvel was Charlie Cutler or Dr. Roller, but the next night the promoters trotted out both these men to wrestle the stranger.

Is it possible that Joe Stetcher, the highly-touted Nebraskan heavyweight wrestler has quietly slipped into New York, and to avoid his identity becoming known slipped his identity becoming known slipped a mask over his face? Stetcher is known to be very powerful, and is a past master of the "scissors" hold. The match between the "mysterious one" and other entries in the big tournament have been very attractive, and it may be that the promoters have taken some outsider and placed a mask on him and framed the match. Old-timers who have followed wrestling look upon that branch of sport much as a city man regards the shell game of the country fair faker, or the poor farmer who falls a victim of the gold brick sale from a slippery big town crook.

GRAVES HAD SHADE.  
St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 23.—Kid Graves, of Cleveland, Ohio, last night outpointed Mike O'Dowd, of St. Paul, in a fast ten-round, no decision bout. Both men are welterweights.

SOLDIER TEAM LEADING.  
Regina, Sask., Dec. 23.—By winning from Moose Jaw last night in a poor game of hockey by a score of 3 to 4, the 68th Battalion team now takes first place in the Southern Saskatchewan league.

## EUGENE CORRI PAYS TRIBUTE TO SLAVIN

Premier Boxing Referee of Europe Expresses His Opinion of Veteran Heavyweight

Eugene Corri, the premier fight referee of Europe and one of the best referees of boxing tribes in the world, pays the following tribute to Frank Slavin, now a member of the 6th Battalion, Western Scots, in the November 27 issue of John Bull:

"Slavin, when he met Peter Jackson some twenty odd years ago at the National Sporting club in what I shall always regard as the greatest fight I have ever seen in this country, was a man of iron, and fierce and courageous; a man who, compared with the majority of present-day pugilists, stands high above them all. By his fixity of purpose, the devil that was in him, he captured me wholly and completely. Fortune with him played many pranks; first flush of good things, prospects goods, then—awish, and it meant beginning de novo; again the rush to Klondike, with Frank, as I can only picture him in my mind's eye, bang in the rush. He weathered the cruel, uncertain life that was lived in the early poker-like days of Dawson City; more than once we were told that he had met with an untimely death—but he came through all the storm and stress; he stuck it until he could rejoin his wife and was on the way to making a pile when—awish, again back to bad times. And now Slavin who, I am glad to learn, is splendidly fit, is preparing for a fight with the Huns. Should he come this way, I hope to see him and tell you his own story of his high adventures since that memorable and never-to-be-forgotten night in Cowpat Garden when he sprawled, a gallant loser, at the feet of the greatest black boxer who ever lived."

PALZER SCORED KNOCKOUT.  
St. Paul, Dec. 23.—Al Palzer knocked out Andre Anderson, the Chicago heavyweight, here last night in the first round of a scheduled ten-round bout. The promoters are now endeavoring to bring Palzer and Fulton together for New Year's Day.

MITCHELL OUTPOINTS LEONARD.  
Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 23.—Ritchie Mitchell, Milwaukee lightweight boxer, outpointed Benny Palmer, of Memphis, in a ten-round bout here last night.

ARELLANES SIGNED BY TIGERS.  
San Jose, Cal., Dec. 23.—The Vernon Coast league club to-day signed Pitcher Frank Arellanes, formerly Sacramento's star right-hander, according to an announcement made here last night by Arellanes.

ALL STARS WON.  
Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—Putting up a game of hockey that augurs well for a high-class brand of the great winter pastime in Winnipeg this winter, the soldier all-stars defeated the 51st Battalion team in the opening contest of the season here last night four to two.

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## RUBE EVANS SOLD TO SPOKANE BY M'CREIDIE

Portland, Dec. 23.—The report of a trade of Rube Evans, of the Portland Beavers, for Gard Gislason, formerly of Vancouver, but recently traded to Spokane for Pat Callahan, is lacking confirmation. Evans has been sold outright to the Spokane club, and it is possible Gislason, of whose work Walter McCreddie thinks well, will be purchased from Owner Farr. The deal has not yet reached that stage, however.

Evans is a big southpaw flinger and has the ability to pitch good ball, but he failed to do so because he did not pay attention to training rules. He looks and acts a good deal like Ben Hunt, and, like Hunt, he is a corking hitter. He may brace up and behave himself with Spokane, and if he does, he will help the club, for there is no discounting his ability.

## BENNETT RETAINS TITLE

Portland, Ore., Dec. 23.—Jockey Bennett retained his title of Northwest bantamweight champion last night, fighting a six-round draw with Billy Mascot, featherweight champion of the Northwest. Mascot took off considerable weight to make the 116-pound limit. The bout was staged at the Rose City Athletic club.

## BUTTE MAKES PREPARATIONS

Butte, Mont., Dec. 23.—Announcement was made at a meeting of the Butte Boosters' club to-night that a lease on a downtown site for a baseball park had been secured, the step being taken in connection with the plan to place a Butte team in the Northwestern Baseball league.

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**DAM TO SERVE AS COURSE.**

Panama, Dec. 23.—The broad flat top of Gatun Dam is to serve for a golf course, and a club is now being organized by officials of the Panama canal and others. Major-General George W. Goethals, U. S. A., governor of the Panama canal, has approved the formation of the club and has given permission for the use of Gatun Dam.

The club will be organized under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian association, which already has a suitable club building at Gatun.

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**MAY BOX IN TORONTO.**

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Toronto fans will have the opportunity of seeing Jess Willard next month. The giant boxer and his manager have both expressed a willingness to pay a visit to Toronto and give some help to the Sportsmen's Patriotic association's pursuit of funds for the soldiers' club. An appearance here about the middle of January is what they advise Tom Flanagan would suit their arrangements.

**WARD BEAT MANTELL.**

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 23.—Bobby Ward was too strong for Abe Mantell, of Winnipeg, and it was only by his clever stalling, covering up and hanging on that the Canadian stayed the ten rounds. Ward knocked him down for the count of five in the fifth round and might have put over the knockout had he not been over-anxious with his punches and wasting strength in wild hitting.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE.**

The Royal Victoria Yacht club will hold a dance at the Uplands on Friday, Dec. 31. Dancing will commence at 8:30 o'clock and continue until 3 a. m. Tickets can be obtained from the secretary, 191 Pemberton Block, or from the steward of the club.

**SIR JOHN JACKSON CLUB DANCE.**

A dance will be held in the Knights of Pythias hall, North Park street, on Christmas Eve, under the auspices of the Sir John Jackson Football club. Tickets are \$1 and can be had from members of the football team.

**GOLF COMPETITION.**

Next Monday the golf competition for the H. M. C. S. Rainbow trophy will be played over the Oak Bay links. The entrance fee is 20 cents for each player, and the proceeds will be donated to the Red Cross fund. Entries can choose their opponents.

Phoenix Beer—2 qts. for 25c



IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE VICTORIA PUBLIC

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SPORTING NEWS (CONTINUED)

BASEBALL MAGNATES SIGNED PEACE TREATY AT CINCINNATI YESTERDAY

Two-Year War Was Brought to a Close; Outlaw Players Will Be Permitted to Return to Their Former Teams

Cincinnati, Dec. 23. — Organized baseball to-day began to make plans for the 1916 season, following the successful termination of the two-year war which was effected by the signing of the agreement by representatives of the two major leagues, and the Federal league.

After the signing of the agreement last night a telegram was received from Baltimore saying that Federal club officials in that city would try to upset the peace plans by requesting Federal Judge Landis not to dissolve the anti-trust suit which the Federal officials brought against organized baseball.

President Tener of the National league, who acted as spokesman for the peace conferees, said they would go ahead with their plans and ask permission of Judge Landis to withdraw the suit.

All of the players of the Federal league, including those who jumped their contracts with the two major and the minor leagues were given an immunity bath and are now eligible to organized baseball. No general distribution of players will be made, but the Federal league, which is to assume all of the contracts of players of that organization probably will sell the desirable men to the highest bidder.

Other questions to be settled, chiefly in connection with the International league have been left to a committee which will meet January 3, in Cincinnati, the same day as the National Commission will hold its annual meeting.

That there will be a wild scramble for some few of the best of the Federal league players was clearly indicated by a provision in the treaty that the Federal league, as a league, and which, in so far as actual baseball playing is concerned, ceases to exist, will assume all of the contracts of the Federal League players. In this connection rumors flew thick and fast here to-night regarding the future status of a number of Federal league players. One that would not down, despite the lack of confirmation, was that Benny Kauff, of the Brooklyn Federal league, would be seen next spring in a Giant uniform.

Semi-officially it became known that several former Federal players will be seen on the New York American League club.

Weeghman and Ball will be permitted to keep what players they desire of the Federal League clubs in Chicago and St. Louis.

The announcement concerning the re-emburment of the Ward interests in the Brooklyn Federal league club was short. It was:

"The Ward interests will be reimbursed, both major leagues assuming this responsibility."

No announcement of any figures was given in respect to this, but it is unofficially, though authoritatively, stated it would be \$400,000, payable at the rate of \$20,000 a year.

These five principal conditions took little of the time of the meeting, which extended over two days. The chief stumbling block in the way of a quick settlement was the International league. Two propositions were concerned. One was that the Buffalo Federal league club wanted to be consolidated with the Buffalo International league club, but the International league would not agree to this. The other was relative to the Baltimore Federal league park. Jack Dunn, of Richmond, Va., has for some time, according to President Barrow, of Richmond, Va., of the International league, been considered as having the legitimate right to an International league franchise in Baltimore when peace was declared. Dunn appeared here to-day and demanded this right, and it was reported, made an offer for the Federal league grounds.

A committee will be appointed with full power to act in settling both of these questions. Those who signed the agreement were: August Herrmann, chairman of the national commission; President John K. Tener, of the National league; President B. D. Johnson, of the American league; President James A. Gilmore, of the Federal league; President Charles Weeghman, of the Chicago Federal League club; Harry Sinclair, of the Newark Federal league club; Secretary J. H. Farrell, of the National association; President Edward Farrell, of the National association; President Edward Barrow, of the International league; and President Thomas Chivington, of the American association.

WEST HOLME QUINTETTE RETAINS CHAMPIONSHIP

The final match of the series for the city English billiard championship was played last night at the Broad-street rooms, and resulted in Westholme quintette retaining the Burroughs & Watt's trophy by a margin of 202 points' advantage in the five games played. Grimsby, for the winners, made a break of 71. The following are the scores of last night's match:

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes Grimsby, Cameron, Coldicutt, Ashworth, Jordan, Richardson's, Irish, Marshall, Ashley, Robertson, Sales.

SINCLAIR GETS STARS

St. Louis, Dec. 23.—Harry F. Sinclair, the Oklahoma oil magnate, owns Benny Kauff, outfielder, and Lee Magee, second baseman, both stars on the Brooklyn Feds last season, it was learned here to-day. The information came from Mr. Sinclair himself, who will place the players on the market.

Dealer—"This engine will develop 70 horse-power without a vibration." Buyer—"And how much with one? I want the best money can buy."

PRICE'S COMMISSION SUBJECT OF INQUIRY

Public Accounts Committee Will Take It Up at Coming Session

The last has not been heard of Harry Price and his fifty cents a ton "commission" on the coal supplied to the dredges in Victoria harbor, nor of the connection of a government official with a contractor on government work, leading to the "resignation" of John L. Nelson.

The auditor-general of Canada is moving in the matter, and will have inquiry made into some of the transactions by the public accounts committee as soon as parliament meets. In the Toronto Globe of last Friday appears the following despatch from the capital:

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—A large scandal is developing in connection with British Columbia dredging under the department of Honorable Robert Rogers. The auditor-general, who has been making some investigations during the past few weeks, has it is understood, held up payments to contractors.

The recent "resignation" of John L. Nelson, who was appointed superintendent of dredging for British Columbia by Hon. Mr. Rogers in 1912, is one of the first developments so far made public. It may be explained that Mr. Nelson, who was one of Mr. Rogers' associates in Manitoba, and who was a contractor, was given the federal position after the previous inspector, H. A. Bayfield, a qualified engineer and most reliable official, had been forced out.

Thousands Lost on Coal. Shortly after Nelson assumed the position there were rumors in British Columbia that the patronage and middleman system was being exploited to the full. One case recently has been investigated, Mr. H. P. Hill of Ottawa, who was sent out by the government as a special commissioner. Briefly what he found was that through the connivance of Nelson coal for the Dominion dredges and tugs of the Pacific coast, was supplied through W. H. Price, secretary of the Victoria Conservative association, who secured the order for Kirk & Co. at \$7.50 per

ton. The evidence taken by Mr. Hill showed that Price got a commission of fifty cents per ton from Kirk & Co., and that the coal could have been bought from other coal dealers at \$5.25 per ton.

Nelson swore that he had certified to the prices charged as being fair and just, even after repeated notification had been given him that coal could be got cheaper from other firms. The loss to the federal treasury on the coal contracts alone is shown to have been several thousand dollars.

Padding of Dredging Accounts

A much more serious and sensational scandal in connection with the padding of accounts for dredging in Victoria harbor has been brought to the attention of the auditor-general here, and will be further investigated when parliament meets. The first facts made public concerning it have just come out in a court case at Victoria, relative to a question as to the ownership of certain documents taken from the files of C. E. McDonald, a sub-contractor on the dredging of earth and rock for the new piers of the outer wharf. Gordon E. Mallory, who was superintending engineer last summer for McDonald, gave the documents in question to G. H. Barnard, M. P. for Victoria. The latter turned them over to the court for a declaration as to who was the rightful owner, and as to whether or not any of the facts contained in them could be made use of publicly.

Fourfold Over-classification

When the question came before the court last week at Victoria, Mallory swore that there had been an over-classification of the work from approximately 5,000 cubic yards of solid rock to 20,000 cubic yards or more. The price allowed by the government for rock excavation was \$7 per cubic yard. In his evidence Mallory declared that the fraud on the country was approximately \$150,000.

The evidence further showed that Nelson, although occupying the position of superintendent of dredging, and therefore responsible for seeing that the work was done honestly and economically, assisted McDonald to get the contract, backed him financially, and saw that he got generous estimates of the quantities excavated, so that progress payments would be sufficient to make the financing easy.

The court has decided that the documents shall remain impounded for three months, pending further investigation. Meanwhile Mr. Nelson's resignation has been accepted. It may be noted that Hon. Robt. Rogers recently made a trip to Victoria, and it is understood that he looked carefully into the evidence, which was

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Advertisement for A. McKinnon. Text: 'A. McKinnon Phone 1903 Cash Grocer 709 Pandora Avenue. Order Early for Friday.' Includes a small anecdote about a florist.

Large advertisement for Richardsons & Stephenson. Text: 'STORE FULL OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS AT SALE PRICES. To-morrow being the last day to buy Christmas Gifts we are making special offers on many suitable gifts.'

Advertisement for clothing sale. Text: 'Clothing at About One-Half the Regular Prices. Read This List Carefully. Men's Suspenders, put up in fancy boxes. Specially priced at 75c. Men's Flowing-End Neckwear in Christmas boxes. Price 75c. 50 Dozen Men's Neckwear, boxed to suit buyer. Specially priced \$1.00. Better Lines of Neckwear in plain, fancy or knitted. Specially priced at \$1.50. Men's Silk Elastic Suspenders, boxed, at, pair, \$1.25. Men's Neckwear, nicely boxed. Specially priced at 50c. Men's Flowing-End Neckwear in Christmas boxes. Price 75c. 50 Dozen Men's Neckwear, boxed to suit buyer. Specially priced \$1.00. Better Lines of Neckwear in plain, fancy or knitted. Specially priced at \$1.50. Men's Silk Elastic Suspenders, boxed, at, pair, \$1.25. Men's Neckwear, nicely boxed. Specially priced at 50c. Men's Flowing-End Neckwear in Christmas boxes. Price 75c. 50 Dozen Men's Neckwear, boxed to suit buyer. Specially priced \$1.00. 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### TENDER LUNCHEON TO SIR RICHARD M'BRIDE

Citizens of Victoria, Under Auspices of Board of Trade, Will Give Send-off

The passing of Sir Richard McBride from the province to its service in London as agent-general is to be

marked by a luncheon in his honor of a non-political character, at which his fellow-citizens of the capital will unite in wishing him well and giving him a fitting send-off.

It was decided at a meeting of the council of the board of trade yesterday afternoon, to which representatives of other public bodies and clubs had been invited, that the affair should take the form of a luncheon, as it was felt that a larger attendance could be secured to such a function than to an evening dinner during the holiday season, and that it should be under the auspices of the board of trade as being a non-political body and in close touch with the business objects

for which the province maintains an agent in London.

The matter was thoroughly discussed at the meeting, and from the expressions of co-operation which were heard there is no doubt that the occasion will be eminently successful. A formal invitation has been sent to Sir Richard, who is asked to name the most convenient date.

As a committee to take charge of the affair the acting president named J. O. Cameron, W. J. Ambrey, W. J. Shortt, J. A. Mara and Herbert Cuthbert. With a view to securing the success of the luncheon the co-operation of the other bodies is being formally invited, and the Victoria Automobile association, the Canadian club, the Rotary club and the Victoria and

Island Development league will be asked to name representatives to act with the others named on the general committee.

As soon as the committee is complete it will proceed to go into the matter of arrangements actively.

### SMART MILITARY WEDDING

Marriage of Miss Mary Wylie and Lieut. G. B. Benson, of the 88th, Took Place Yesterday.

A smart military wedding of great interest took place yesterday at 12.30 at St. Mary's church, Oak Bay, the principals being Lieutenant Geoffrey Bernard Benson, assistant adjutant of

the 88th Battalion, Victoria Fusiliers, C. E. F., and son of the Venerable Archdeacon Benson, of Ballymoney, County Antrim, Ireland, and Mary, daughter of the late A. Eaton Wylie, Esq., of Leamington, England. The rite was celebrated by Major the Rev. G. H. Andrews, chaplain to the 88th Battalion, and the ceremony throughout was military in character. The 88th Fusiliers' orchestra furnished the music, both the Mendelssohn Wedding March and the Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin being played. There were present a big concourse of the relatives and friends of the bride and bridegroom, among the guests at the church being many of the officers of the unit to which the latter is attached. The bride was given away by her brother,

Allan Wylie, and looked very handsome in a chic costume of white corded silk trimmed with fur, and a black velvet picture hat. She carried a bouquet of white roses and white carnations. Attending her were two bridesmaids, Miss Muriel Rant and Miss Pearl Ross, wearing blue serge suits trimmed with fur, and carrying bouquets of palest pink carnations. The best man was Capt. R. H. Ley, adjutant of the 88th. The orchestra played appropriate wedding music while the bridal party were in the vestry signing the register, and later, while the bride and bridegroom passed down the aisle under the crossed swords of Lieutenant Benson's brother officers, the Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin was given. Amid showers

of rice the happy pair drove from the church to the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Grant, 1589 Wilmut place, where the reception was held, the bride and bridegroom receiving many cordial good wishes for their future happiness from their many friends. Later they sailed by the afternoon boat for Vancouver, where they will spend their honeymoon. The wedding took place from the home of Captain and Mrs. Tant, McKenzie street.

An Irishman was cutting turf, when a friend came up to him, crying: "Patrick is stuck in the bog up to his ankles." "Don't worry then," was the reply. "If he's only up to his ankles he can soon get out again." "But he went in head first," retorted the other.

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**SUBSTANTIAL CUT  
IN WORKS ESTIMATES**

**Pruning Knife Again Has  
Been Applied; Committee  
Meeting To-night**

When the estimates committee of the council meets again this evening the aldermen will be asked to pass estimates for the engineering department reduced by approximately some \$35,000. As the estimates of the department prepared last month are about \$118,000 less than those framed a year ago, and adopted with the 1915 budget, it is estimated that about \$150,000 will be cut from the figures as compared with 12 months ago. The actual figures of 1915 were \$374,515 as against the present estimates of 279,088, which does not give so wide a margin as indicated above, but there were some minor changes which account for the balance. These figures do not include waterworks, which is a separate account.

Alderman McNeill announced these figures to-day, and gave the assurance that to-night, being the fourth session, would complete the work of the committee. The pruning already reported has been considerable.

Another important department, in which some salaries are to be reviewed, is the health branch. As the payment for indigent cases at the Jubilee Hospital comes under this head, some information is being gathered at a meeting this afternoon on the part of administration. This information will be laid before the committee this evening.

A hopeful view of the Selkirk water reclamation scheme negotiations, which have been renewed this week with both parties to the conference, is taken by Alderman Todd, chairman of the committee, following the meeting with the resident engineer of the Canadian Northern Pacific railway and the city member yesterday. The alderman, while not expecting that the plan in all its details as laid before the streets committee some weeks ago can be carried out, thinks that eventually the principles for which the city representatives stood, and which were further explained in the letter of the alderman in this paper at the time, will be accepted by the other parties to the agreement.

To-morrow a court of revision on local improvements will be held at ten o'clock. The streets affected are Regent's place, Sylvia, Front, Chestnut, Market and Hulton streets, and Seaview avenue.

**SIGNALLING OFFICER**



**LIEUT. SIMMONDS**

Of 103rd battalion, has charge of the signalling section of that unit.

**NORTHWEST SEWER**

Little Work South of Selkirk Water Remaining; Arrangements North of Inlet.

Having smoothed away the problems of right-of-way for the Northwest sewer north of Selkirk water, the approach of the year's end still finds the trunk sewer requiring considerable work to be done, before it will be of service throughout the drainage basin it is planned to embrace.

The section of the tunnel in which pipe is being laid at sea terrace is to be completed first, so that the whole route from Pine street may be in use. A connection will then be given to the Esquimalt municipality near that point for some sewerage, which is naturally drained from the bottom land near the city boundary. That will leave only the unfinished portion at the Beau Street shaft to be carried out. In the sewer tunnel south of Selkirk water. By the end of next month this work should be completed.

The cost of the work has been much less during 1915 than the estimate, and doubtless when figures are submitted by the city engineer later, the matter will be the subject for satisfaction.

North of Selkirk water the connections between the Cecilia road tanks and Washington avenue, where work now ceases, will be made in a short time, leaving only the portion from Washington avenue to Chapman point and the syphon across the Gorge to be executed. Arrangements to make a start on the syphon are now in hand.

**RECENTLY WOUNDED**



**PTE. J. CRAWFORD BROWN**

Who recently was injured in action in France. He formerly was a traveler for Martin & Robertson, resigning his position to join the B. C. Horse. He left here with the 2nd C. M. R. on June 1. He is a native of Scotland and a son of Rev. John Brown, of Edinburgh. A cousin, R. R. Elliott, resides at Strawberry Vale.

**RIDE FOR CHILDREN**

Automobile Association and Development Association Making Feature For Christmas Morning.

The Victoria and Island Development association and the Island Automobile association intend undertaking a Christmas Day automobile run as an advertising feature for Victoria. A large photograph of cars is to be taken on Christmas morning at Beacon Hill park. Both organizations have combined to make the occasion one of pleasure to the children who live at the Protestant Orphanage, Hillside avenue, and owners of cars will assemble at the orphanage at 10.20 a.m. and take the sixty children there for a ride until 11.30. The photographs are to be sent all through the northwest provinces.

Each child attending the drive will be given a package containing a toy and some fruit. The fruit has been donated by F. R. Stewart & Company. All automobile owners who take part will receive from the automobile association a pennant of the club.

**SOLDIERS' CHILDREN**

**GUESTS OF HONOR**

Christmas Tree and Entertainment for Little Ones by Women's Canadian Club

The trustees of the Victoria school board have done a patriotic service to the city in lending the High school for the big Christmas tree and entertainment for soldiers' children held yesterday under the auspices of that splendid organization, the Women's Canadian club. No other available building in the city could possibly have accommodated the thirteen hundred youngsters and their mothers, but the fine auditorium of Victoria's central educational building, together with the convenient dining-rooms used by the students, and the big gymnasium, made it possible to handle the multitude of excited boys and girls with comparative ease.

Only unflagging zeal on the part of the ladies could have made the undertaking so successful. The mere ushering of such a throng would require some considerable ingenuity, and when the entertainment and feeding had to be considered in addition to the distribution of Christmas gifts to each and all it required the organization of skilled workers in each of these special departments.

**Had Merry Time.**

It was a rollicking and merry time that the youngsters had. The wide halls and the big rooms echoed again to the happy laughter of boys and girls between the ages of almost nothing at all up to the early teens. Everyone wanted to see all the fun, so it was very early in the afternoon when the first arrivals came, and not much later when the last of the small guests toddled up the steps in charge of its mother. There was a reception committee, consisting of Mrs. Barnard, honorary president of the Women's Canadian club, and who worked with untiring energy to make the event a success; Mrs. Bower, Lady McIrvine, and Mrs. Jenkins (the president), and everyone had a welcome word. Immediately the visitors were led off to the cloak-room and discarded little wraps and mufflers. Thence, as might be decided by the ladies in charge, either to the entertainment or to the tea-room. Owing to the numbers that had to be accommodated at the tables a system of relays had been arranged, and while part were revelling in the dainties provided at the happy meal another part were listening with something akin to rapture to the delightful entertainment prepared under the direction of Lady McIrvine and Mrs. Harry Pooley. There were vocal solos by Mrs. Roy Troup, Mrs. Robert Baird, Mrs. R. H. Pooley, and Cpl. Robert Morrison; magic and conjuring by Sgt. Burton; two highly entertaining "funsters" from H.M.C.S. Rainbow, Messrs. Creed and Craig; and a succession of band numbers by the 85th Regiment band under Bandmaster Rumsby. Mrs. A. J. Gibson played the accompaniments for the vocalists in her usual capable manner.

A ventriloquist sketch by Sgt. Morrison was an item which brought wonder into the eyes of the tiny tots, and there were little feet throbbing with unconscious desire to dance when the pipers' band of the Western Scots broke into lively Highland tunes. A clown, very closely resembling some of the jacks-in-the-boxes which some of the children later got from Santa Claus, provided a short but delightful act also.

The tea was a feast of good things, and the old adage about the boy whose eye was bigger than his stomach' oft proved too true, owing to the very attractive appearance of the cakes and other delicacies provided. In charge of the arrangements for the meal were Mrs. Ker, Mrs. McDiarmid, Mrs. Perry, and Mrs. Hyndman, who were very ably helped by a number of capable young ladies.

Christmas Tree. The great moment of the whole afternoon came when every one of the 1,300 youngsters, accompanied by the mothers, swarmed down to the gymnasium. Here the Christmas tree, a giant of its kind, spreading out great branches a-glint with tinsel and finery, occupied the centre of the room, reaching from the floor to ceiling and nodding its lights in welcome as the little folks trooped in. Here, again the foresight of the committee on arrangements came to light. Anticipating the effect of the big crush a row of stout forms had been placed round the room, and behind this barrier Santa Claus and his assistants could move freely on the broad shelf which ranged the walls. To simplify the work of dispensing the presents they were arranged in sections: For boys from 3 to 4 years of age, for girls of the same tender years; boys and girls respectively from 4-9 years; and boys and girls respectively from 10 upwards. Father Christmas made short work of his gift-giving by the help of this quick scheme, and was helped by Mesdames Heisterman, Brett, McDiarmid, Elliott, Ker, Campbell, Stuart Robertson, Burdick and Ballantyne, and the Misses Andrews and Westwood.

For a time high excitement reigned while parcels were opened and new toys tried in the few instances where the mothers permitted this indulgence. The Christmas tree was the latest chapter in the eventful afternoon, and shortly after this the little guests began to leave, burdened with toys and reluctant enough to bid goodbye to the scene of so much happiness.

So generous were the donations of cake and sandwiches and leas and toys through the kindness of the public that quite a quantity was left over, and this the Women's Canadian club to-day sent to the Protestant Orphanage, the Victoria Day Nursery, the Children's Aid, and the W. C. T. U. mission. Thanks are also due to the B. C. Electric company, who arranged the lights on the Christmas tree.



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### JAPAN LOSES ONE OF HER PREMIER LINERS

#### Torpedoing of Yasaka Maru Likely to Irate Nippon Kingdom; Was Fine Ship

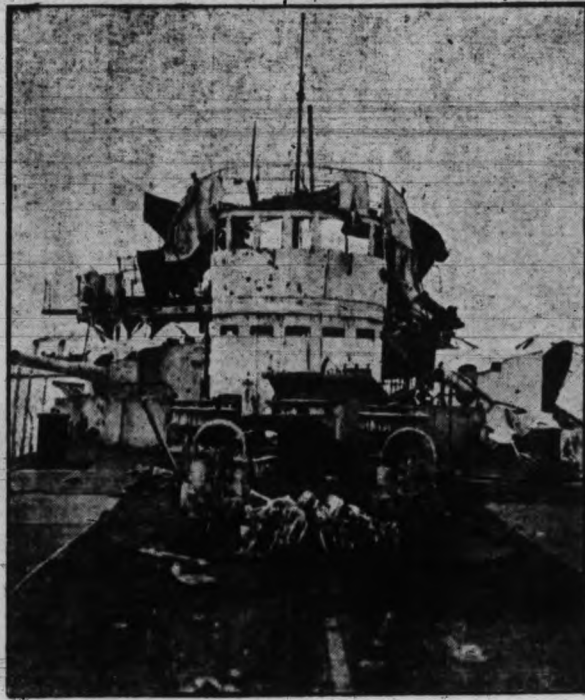
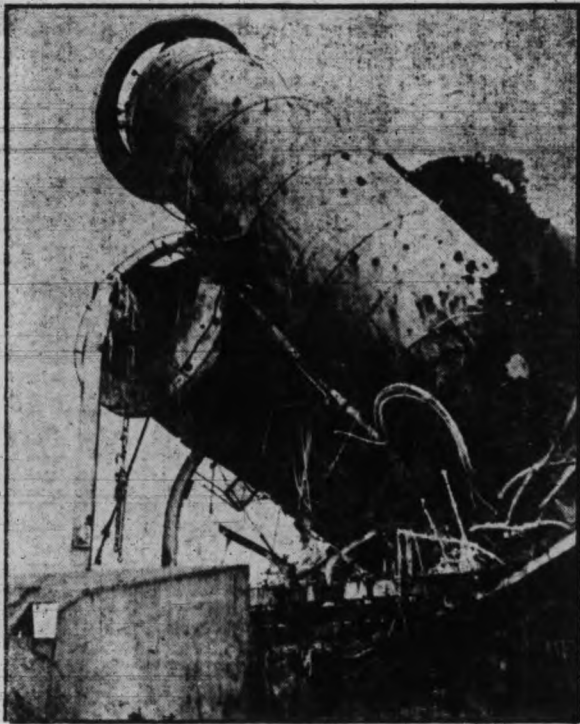
When a hostile submarine torpedoed the new Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Yasaka Maru in the Mediterranean sea on Tuesday afternoon, Japan lost one of her finest ships. She was only turned over by her builders to the owners last year, and with a gross tonnage of 11,900 tons, was the largest ship flying the Japanese flag. She was especially constructed for the trade between Yokohama and Liverpool via the Suez canal. Her loss, no doubt will raise a storm of indignation in Japan, as it is the first Nippon passenger ship which has been torpedoed without warning.

Some years ago the Nippon Yusen Kaisha officials decided to enter the Liverpool trade, and despite the competition and long-standing of the Peninsular & Oriental line, North German Lloyd, and other lines, the company gradually worked a wedge in and has been prying the business away ever since. Fine ships were constructed for the trade, but in a few years became too small. About three years ago the line decided to add three sister ships to the European fleet, and named them the Yasaka Maru, Fushimi Maru and Suwa Maru. The ships have proved very popular with the travelling public and carry large flats on all their trips.

**Elaborately Finished.**  
The Yasaka Maru was built at the Kawasaki shipyards, Kobe, Japan, and was 595 feet long, 63.5 feet beam and 33.4 feet draft. The vessel was well appointed and elaborately finished. Owing to the fact that the greater part of her route lay through very hot latitudes, the directors paid particular attention to the conveniences for the public. The Yasaka had a swimming bath and her staterooms were large and splendidly ventilated. Her lounge rooms, saloon, library, writing rooms and other apartments were excellently arranged.

The loss of the Yasaka is the first total loss sustained by the Nippon line. One of its European liners, the Katori Maru, was damaged by a bomb in London during one of the Zeppelin raids.

### TWO VIEWS OF FAMOUS GERMAN CRUISER EMDEN AS SHE LIES ON BEACH AT COCOS ISLAND



These photographs were taken by an officer on the R. M. S. Empress of Japan, which arrived here yesterday, and which for many months did patrol work for the British admiralty. She arrived off the wreck a few days after the historic battle. On the right is a picture taken from the forecastle head, showing

ing the battered bridge, conning tower, gun turrets and deck fixtures. To the left is a picture taken from what remained of the bridge, graphically revealing the terrible execution done by the gun of H. M. A. S. Sydney. The funnels are jumbled together with a mass of other wreckage.

### A BOMB EXPLODED CLOSE TO HER AND PERCEDED THE STERN WITH HOLES. MORE TRIPS TO HONOLULU.

Word has been received by local agents of the Great Northern Pacific Steamship company that two more trips will be added to the schedule of the liner Great Northern, between San Francisco and Honolulu. She will leave the Golden Gate on March 5 and March 24. Travel between these ports has been very heavy this winter and the Great Northern, which was placed in the trade to test it, has done wonderfully well. Upon completing her schedule to Honolulu she will return to the run for which she was constructed between San Francisco and Flavel, Ore.

### ESTEVAN RAN WITH GALE, THEN HOVE TO

#### Lighthouse Tender Has Thrilling Time in Hecate Strait; Nearly Ashore at Ikeda

Terrific southeast gales assailed the lighthouse tender Estevan, Captain Barnes, on her trip to Cape St. James, the southern extremity of the Queen Charlotte Islands, and came within an ace of piling her up on the beach at Ikeda. The vessel returned to Victoria yesterday and her officers have a very interesting and exciting story to tell of their experiences. One of the crew was removed to St. Joseph's hospital to have a crushed foot attended to. He was caught under a large can buoy when a big sea flooded the deck.

The Estevan sailed from Victoria during the first week in November, and had favorable weather until Sunday, November 28. Victorians will recall that a frightful storm swept over this city that day, and a report was spread about that two more sailing ships had met the same fate as the Carlemapu on the previous Thursday. On the Sunday the Estevan left her anchorage in Morris Bay, Milbank Sound, at 4 a. m. bound for Cape St. James. Four hours later she was in the grip of a fierce southwester and the big beam sea was throwing the tender about like a chip. The Estevan could not hold her course, so Capt. Barnes put her before the wind and bore down on Low Island, where he hoped to arrive before night-fall to anchor.

Wind Blew 90 Miles.  
Officers of the ship estimate that the wind blew 90 miles an hour. The sea kept working up, until it had the Estevan tumbling about badly. At 10 a. m. three waves broke over amidships and the spar, before which was carried on the forward deck, was noticed to be working in its lashings. The second mate and five men were sent to secure it and while doing so another big sea came over amidships and flooded the deck. Seemingly by a miracle the men escaped going overboard. When the sea had receded the second mate and one seaman were on their feet, three others were in the lee scuppers, and another was pinned under a can buoy.

It appears that the water on deck floated the buoy and the seaman was swept underneath it. When the ship rolled the water chased to the other side and the buoy settled on the man's foot. The watch pried the buoy up and freed the man. It is thought that several bones were broken.

At 2:30 p. m. the Estevan had run her distance to make Low Island, but it was hazy and as no land was seen, Capt. Barnes decided to put her head to the sea. He was a little anxious about turning her in such a seaway, but she answered smartly and did not ship a drop of water. The ship was then hove to for the night, and at 5 o'clock the next morning she run down to Ikeda. The weather was still bad and she could not make a landing at Cape St. James.

**Nearly Ashore.**  
For eight days the Estevan rode at anchor in Ikeda Bay unable to do any work. On Sunday, December 5, at 6 p. m. the wind came on from the south-east with hurricane force. The vessel only had one anchor down, as with a second out there was danger of entangling them through the fact that the wind takes such queer directions in the small bay. The Estevan commenced to drag and there was danger of her piling up on the beach. The engines had not been working for a week and it usually takes about an hour to warm up the cylinders before they will turn over. In this case there was need of immediate steam power, and within three minutes the engines managed to get the engines to turn over, amidst a great deal of squeaking and grunting. The anchor was weighed

### PREPARE TO LAY KEELS OF TWO NEW STEAMERS

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 22.—With the work of preparing the materials progressing steadily, the Seattle Construction & Drydock company will be ready in another thirty days to lay the keels for the two steamships which it will build for the Ward Line of New York. The keels will be laid simultaneously. The construction of the two vessels, the first to be built on the Pacific coast for the Atlantic coast trade, will occupy a year.

The Ward Line awarded the contracts to the Seattle Construction & Drydock company late in the fall. The line operates its fleet in the New York-Cuban-Gulf routes and, as indicated, is the first Atlantic coast company to come to the Pacific coast for new vessels.

Work on the three submarines under construction at the plant for the United States navy is 48 per cent completed. Good progress is also being made on the preliminary plans for the \$550,000 destroyers which the plant will build for the navy under a contract awarded late in the fall.

Hull repairs to the Alaska Steamship company's liner Mariposa, which ran ashore last October in Lama Passage while en route from Seattle to Alaska, are nearing completion. The vessel will leave the plant in a week or so and proceed to Esquimaux, B. C., where she will undergo interior repairs.

### VICTORIANS DEPARTED TO-DAY FOR ENGLAND

A party of Victorians, booked by E. E. Blackwood, of the Northern Pacific, left the city this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock bound for Liverpool. They are travelling on the steamer Princess Alice to Seattle, where they will embark on the Northern Pacific for New York and there embark on the White Star liner Lapland for Liverpool. The travellers will spend Christmas Day on the train and New Year's day at sea.

The party is made up of the following: Mrs. F. Uden, Miss Minnie Uden, Miss Uden, Master Eric Uden, E. A. Burton, F. W. A. Green, Mrs. W. Marriott, P. Cross, John Badcock and W. Clark.

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### ATLANTIC SAILINGS TO ENGLAND

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### MONTEAGLE DAMAGED ON OUTWARD VOYAGE

C. P. R. Liner Lost Part of Bridge and Officer Was Seriously Injured  
With part of her bridge missing and slight damage to her decks and fittings as well as one of her officers confined to his bunk with serious injury, the C. P. R. liner Monteaagle, Capt. Hailey, arrived in Yokohama last month, according to information received by the steamship Empress of Japan, which was in port yesterday from the Orient. The Monteaagle is now on her return passage from Hongkong and will arrive on January 3.

Capt. R. L. Davidson, who crossed the Pacific on the Monteaagle and returned on the Japan to take command of her at Vancouver, said that the passage of the four-master was the worst he had known in many years. The sea was very severe and lashed the Monteaagle so badly that considerable damage was done. One huge lumber struck the bridge and carried away a portion of it. The officer of the watch had a narrow escape from being taken overboard. He sustained very painful injuries and was confined to his berth for the rest of the passage. The Monteaagle put into Yokohama two days behind her schedule.

Was Delayed Leaving.  
The vessel was about one week late leaving Victoria on her last outward trip. When nearly loaded fire was discovered in one of her holds, and when it was extinguished the cargo had to be discharged, the ship surveyed and new cargo loaded. When she departed she carried a very large list of saloon passengers, and for the first few days at sea, there was much misery, as nearly everyone was sick. Upon recovering, however, the travellers had a very nice time, although at times they were given a thrill as a heavy sea struck the ship and caused her to shiver from stem to stern.

The Monteaagle sailed from Yokohama on her return trip on Monday last and she is due to arrive here on January 3, spending both Christmas and New Year's at sea.  
Everett, Dec. 22.—Arrived: Sir J. A. Chancellor, from San Francisco, via Port Wells.

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White Star Line "BALTIC," New York to Liverpool.....Jan. 5  
American Line "ST. LOUIS," New York to Liverpool.....Jan. 8  
Cunard Line "CAMERONIA," New York to Liverpool.....Jan. 8  
White Star "ADRIATIC," New York to Liverpool.....Jan. 12  
Cunard Line "ORDUNA," New York to Liverpool.....Jan. 15  
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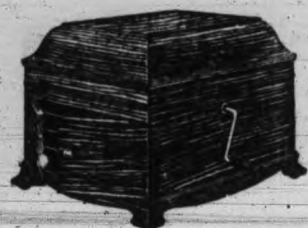
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### RED CROSS REPORT

#### UP TO CHRISTMAS

Victoria and District Branch of Society Collects \$4,969

The following is a report of the receipts, in cash and kind, by the Victoria and district branch of the Canadian Red Cross society up to the date of closing for the Christmas season: Cash receipts—Holly shower (first payment), \$115; sale of war lyrics (Ernest McGaffey), \$14.25; "superfluous" sales, \$3,500; the "Colonies" Chapter, I. O. D. E., \$60; the "Ganges"

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Chapter, I. O. D. E., \$75; the "Seaside" Circle of the King's Daughters, Metochiosin, \$5; Oak Bay Red Cross sub-committee, \$650; Esquimaux Red Cross sub-committee, \$28.63; Ward II, Saanich (per Miss S. Toimie), \$12; Ward VI, West Saanich (school collection, per Mrs. Lindsay), \$100; the Similkameen Women's Institute (prisoners' fund), \$6.75; Sir James Douglas' school (per Mr. E. Campbell), \$5.90; Kingston street school (proceeds of entertainment), \$82; St. Jude's Mission (per Miss Orwin), \$94; by sales—Christmas cards, \$1; G. H. Aylard (monthly), \$50; Mrs. Bevington, \$68.57; E. Bonner (Westholme hotel), \$20; "Anonymous," \$2; A. Friend, \$10; Mrs. F. Errington, \$5.50; Mrs. Hovey, \$2; Miss Pauline Lange (January and February), \$10; and Canadian prisoners' fund, \$5; Mrs. Solly, \$5; by raffle of quilt (Mrs. Ferguson, Saanichton), \$27.50; raffle of bowl, \$1; sales, \$2.50; Miss M. A. Hall, \$2; Miss Freeman, \$2; Minnie Baker, 40c; Bob Plenderleith, 10c; total, \$4,969.60.

Hospital supplies—The "Florence Nightingale" Chapter, I. O. D. E., 30 surgical shirts, 2 pairs socks, 2 hot water bag covers; the "Ailies Chapter, Sidney, 14 surgical shirts, 4 pairs socks; the Red Cross committee, Langford Women's Institute, 25 surgical shirts, 30 doz. surgical packs, 280 rollers, 75 wash cloths, 16 surgical shirts, 12 pyjamas, 36 handkerchiefs, 168 tri and 8 chest bandages, 1,000 wipes and old linen; the Service club, Queen City Chapter, O. E. S., 336 roller-bar jages, 20 wash cloths, 2 scarves, 3 mitts, 5 wristlets, 14 pairs socks, 11 dozen shirts, 1 pyjama, 15 packets surgical dressings, 48 hot water bag covers; the Mayne Island Red Cross Work committee (per Mrs. Rushton), 15 pairs socks, 72 tri bandages, 48 wash cloths, 23 pyjamas, 20 pillow cases, 2 surgical shirts, 9 day shirts, 1 bed socks, 1 knee cap, 3 pairs operation stockings; the Canadian Woman's club, Seattle, 2 pairs socks, 8 pairs mitts; Mrs. Hayes Duncan, Seattle, 4 pyjamas, 9 bottles of preservatives; Victoria private hospital, dressings;

Mrs. Mitchell, Sidney, 6 bath towels; Mrs. F. W. Hicks, Galiano Island, 4 mufflers, 12 pyjamas, 39 wash cloths, 13 pairs socks, 66 tri bandages; Mrs. Cuthbert, Holmes, 36 tri bandages; Ward VI, West Saanich, contents of kit bags; Wilkinson Road Methodist church workers, 6 kit bags completely fitted; Mrs. Lavenderdale, old linen; Mrs. E. F. Fleming, autoharp, socks, mitts, scarfs and wash cloths, from Miss Shields, Miss Dwyer, Mabel and Eveline Hardiman, Agnes Turnbull, Mrs. Leigh, Mrs. A. T. Goward, Mrs. Lotman, Mrs. Hewlings, Mrs. Grilling, Mrs. Harry Rowley; Mrs. Keenan, Mrs. Dickinson, Miss "Cridge," Mrs. Stevenson (Shawinigan); Miss Henry, Miss Munsie, the Social club of the Y. W. C. A. (Douglas street) and Mrs. Max Leiser.

From the schools, Christmas donations—65 wash cloths, 163 tri bandages, 200 pairs mitts, 9 mufflers. The schools represented by this gift are as follows: Girls' Central, North Ward, Moss Street, South Park, George Jay, Victoria West, Oaklands, Burnside, Bank Street and Margaret Jenkins. It was a pretty sight to see the little parties of children coming into the Red Cross rooms and taking such an interest in all that was going on there. Miss Boorman brought a numerous party on Saturday morning which visited every department and viewed the stores of material, of made and unmade garments, the bales of wool, and the activities of the packing committee, with much intelligence and delight. St. Margaret's school (per Miss Barton), 18 surgical shirts, 3 pyjamas, 13 wash cloths.

Mrs. W. E. Home reports from the Auxiliary workroom (corner Wharf and Langley streets) from December 2 until December 21, 22 cases of dressings packed and dispatched, amounting to 27,264 articles. Work is gratefully acknowledged from the Nurses club, the Victoria Private hospital, the Colfax Rebekah Sewing circle, the Ganges Chapter I. O. D. E. and Duncan. The number of workers is well maintained, and to these it is announced that this

room will also be closed until Monday the 3rd of January, when the evening work will be resumed—while the regular work will recommence on Wednesday, January 5.

J. Angus reports for the packing committee that a Christmas shipment of 65 cases will go forward immediately. This is a record number for one week, and has helped to earn the short respite for the workers. It has been good to hear that Miss Sara Spencer, who was a member of this committee, is now assisting Miss Plummer at Moore barracks, Shorncliffe.

The committee takes this opportunity to thank all supporters of this most urgent and necessary work. In taking a brief respite for the Christmas season and pausing awhile "to hear the angels sing" and to attend to the nearer call of children—and home—there will be no cessation in the true continuity of service—and with the New Year all will be ready to meet again with sterner courage for every difficulty and with a renewed faith to "carry on."

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### JUSTIFYING MURDERING ON THE SEAS.

It was never known to fail! The very morning when Americans might have been getting their dander up over British trade wrongs is selected by "twenty-one German authorities on international law" to put out a justification of the murdering of American citizens on the Lusitania because, as one of their number put it, the Lusitania might have rammed the submarine and "probably had concealed cannon on-board, and perhaps even Canadian auxiliary troops." This reminds us: Has Germany yet atoned for

### apologized for that murder?—New York World.

FRANCE WOULD NOT HAVE DONE IT. Mr. Owen Johnson recently asked General Joffre on behalf of Collier's Weekly, whether he thought a French submarine could have been ordered to sink the Lusitania. Joffre replied: "No French government would impose such an order, knowing that it could not be obeyed. We cannot give inhuman commands to human beings. With us the army is not the master but the servant of the nation, and the

nation reposes on a public conscience which is the sum of the consciences of its soldiers, and our responsibility to that conscience is higher than any military necessity."—New York Outlook.

Charles and Nancy had quarrelled. After their supper mother tried to re-establish friendly relations. She told them of the Bible verse, "Let not the sun go down upon your wrath." "Now, Charlie," she pleaded, "are you going to let the sun go down upon your wrath?" Charlie squirmed a little. Then: "Well, how can I stop it?" Phoenix Stout—2 qts for 25c.

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**LOCAL NEWS**

**Office Stationery for the new year at Sweeney-McConnell, Limited, 1019-12 Langley St.**

**"White Gifts to the King."**—The beautiful Christmas service, "White Gifts to the King," will be given to-night by the Fairfield Methodist Sunday School, corner Fairfield road and Moss street, commencing at 7.30. Everybody is invited.

**Lots of Work.**—A letter received to-day from a young farmer who came to this province to take up land but had to leave it when he found he could not get it states that there is any amount of work in Wellington—for the man who can show that he has been rejected by the military authorities. If

**Answers to Times Want Ads.**

The following replies are waiting to be called for:

**TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY**

**DIGGONISMS.**—In Hindustani a coffee cake is called a "dammir." From this probably comes the expression, "It isn't worth a continental." Diggon Printing Co. Personal Xmas cards, 126 Yates street.

**NITROGEN BULBS for 1916 Ford cars give more and better light, especially for wet pavement.** At Jameson & Ross, corner Gordon and Courtenay streets (next Union Club). 412

**BEST RECEIVED.**—A new shipment of the latest fancy wadded suitings. Drop in and inspect our range of patterns. We won't press you to buy. Cooper & Potts, tailors, 705 Yates street, just above Douglas.

**ACCOUNTANT with ability and efficiency, qualified by many years' experience with big corporation, will be open for position Jan. 1, satisfactory local references. Box 55, Times.** 424

**CHRYSANTHEMUMS FOR SALE.**—Wholesale and retail, at Barnshaw Nursery, 170 Fairfield road. Phone 64. 414

**TO LET.**—Fairfield home. E. W. Whittington Lumber Co. 422

**ESQUIMAULT OYSTERS.**—Fresh from the boat, at all dealers. 424

**TO LET.**—Three-room cottage, Second street, No. 173, near Mount Talmie car line, modern; rent \$7. Apply 233 Fort Bay road, near Arena. 411

**BRITISH MILITARY HAIRCUTTING.**—Our Mr. Purchase is an expert hair-cutter, and particularly of this style, having been employed for ten years at J. Cousins's gentlemen's high-class hair-dressing saloon, No. 3 George street, Plymouth, England. Mr. Purchase is now located at the Palace Barber Shop, 220 Government, just five doors north of Post Office.

**AFTER THE SHOW.**—Try some Esquimault oysters, they are delicious; fresh daily at all restaurants. 424

**PIANO.**—\$150, cost \$400; cabinet grandola, \$100, cost \$200; Gibson mandolin, \$57, cost \$60. All in perfect condition and as good as new. —S. L. Montreal and Michigan. 427

**COSY THREE ROOMED APARTMENTS.**—Montreal and Michigan. Le Roy apartments. 427

**MILLWOOD.**—\$75 double load; \$150 single load. Phone 410. 427

**FOR SALE.**—Cigar stand, in good location; good lining. Box 57, Times. 430

**FOR RENT.**—\$16 a roomed cottage, near Mount Douglas, \$8 per month; and 8 roomed brick house near Sluggert Station, with one stable. Big basement, bath, house, etc., with about 19 acres good land, \$12 per month. Featherston, Mount Talmie P. O. 420

**FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS DINNER.**—Don't forget the Esquimault oysters, fresh daily. 424

**HOUSECLEANING OR WASHING.**—In hour. Mrs. Stephenson, General Delivery, city. 429

**BOSTON BULL PUPPIES for sale.**—Avery Christmas box. Phone 1013. 423

**FOR SALE.**—Fine upright Heintzman piano, monthly payments, \$17. 1917 Quindra. 427

**HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS.**—\$11 suit bachelors. 522 Fort. 420

**MILLWOOD.**—\$75 double load; cordwood, \$4.50 (above length). Phone 3331. 423

**LOST.**—A gold bracelet, of no value except to owner; valued as a keepsake. Phone 6142. Reward. 427

**TO LET.**—\$10 month, near Parliament Buildings, 3 roomed cottage, has electric light, bath and gas. 438 Helmecken St. 427

**CUSTOMERS' DAY THURSDAY, DEC. 23rd. VICTORIA PRINTING & PUB. CO.**

he cannot show that "he has to make tracks for the town hall," and there he is enrolled or gets the certificate which enables him without trouble then to secure work.

**Y. W. C. A. Swimming Club.**—The Young Women's Christian association is now enrolling members for the new term of the swimming club, which begins on January 1. Those wishing to join would be wise to apply as soon as possible at the office of the general secretary of the association, Douglas street.

**Public Market.**—The Christmas market will be held on Friday, December 21, owing to producers having large quantities of all seasonable products. The market will be extended during Christmas Eve. Large quantities of local turkeys, geese, chickens, local meats, fish, fruits, vegetables, home-made pastry, Christmas decorations, flowers and plants.

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**In Maxim Gun Section.**—Pte. G. W. Wilder of this city, arrived to-day on the afternoon boat, having been wounded on active service by shrapnel. Several ribs were broken, and he sustained other injuries incapacitating him from further active service. He was engaged in a maxim gun detachment with the first Canadian Expeditionary force.

**A Warning to Parents.**—We would ask you especially at this time of the year to see that you get pure candies for your children. As a lot of the cheaper candies are made from substitutes such as starch, paraffine wax, etc., and are dearer in the long run, because they are injurious to health, and are indigestible, and it is only a square deal to the children that they get pure candy, everything we use in the manufacture of candies is of the finest quality, guaranteed absolutely free from substitutes and manufactured fresh daily. Sugar fancies, pigs, elephants, etc. Christmas novelties and a large assortment of chocolate boxes, now on show. Special for Christmas week, K. Mixture, the finest mixture in Victoria, 20c per lb. Quality backed by 14 gold and silver medals and endless diplomas, while in competition with the leading firms in England. Wiper & Co., K. Confectioners, 1219 Douglas street, opposite Sayward block.

**Carol Service.**—A service of carols will be held at the Douglas Street Baptist church on Sunday, commencing at 2.30 p. m. The selection will include a number of well-known traditional carols, as well as some more modern compositions. Among the former will be "The First Noel," "Lovely Voices of the Sky," etc. Among the carols of modern origin will be Sullivan's beautiful setting of "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," Gounod's carol, "Bethlehem," etc.

**Christmas Entertainment.**—Yesterday afternoon in the First Presbyterian church schoolroom the cradle-roll and primary departments of the Sunday school held their annual Christmas entertainment. Nearly 150 little ones were gathered together, and a goodly number of the mothers watched the children taking part in the games, choruses and recitations. During the afternoon tea and cakes were served to all in the basement. Too much praise cannot be given to Mrs. W. Pumphrey and her able assistants for giving to the small folk such a fine entertainment. Rev. J. G. Inkster was present, and seemed well-pleased with the number of recruits in training for his congregation. At the close Santa Claus distributed a box of candy and fruit to each of the little visitors.

**Fifth Regiment Band.**—Mrs. R. Baird, contralto; Mr. Crook, bass; and Bandmaster W. J. Smith and Bandmaster Raine are the artists for the concert to be given under the auspices of the Fifth Regiment band at the Royal Victoria theatre next Sunday evening. Miss A. MacInnes will accompany. Mrs. Baird will sing "Christmas Morn." Mr. Crook will sing "Twilight Thoughts." Bandmaster Smith will, in company with Bandmaster Raine give a corset and trombone duet. The band numbers will comprise the overture to "Peter Small"; the Hallelujah Chorus from the Messiah; the Christmas Carol, and the selection "Broadway Review." It will be seen from this that the programme as a whole will be particularly reasonable and suitable for Christmas.

**MAKURA SAILS SOUTH**

The Canadian-Australian liner Makura, Capt. Phillips, sailed from Victoria this morning at 10.30 o'clock for Honolulu, Suva, Auckland and Sydney. She was held here overnight to await the arrival of the American mail. The tug Columbia was dispatched from Seattle early this morning with the consignment and arrived here about 9 o'clock.

**PRESENTS FOR SOLDIERS.**

London, Dec. 23.—The flow of Christmas presents to the British army in France and elsewhere is in full tide and the government has assigned four channel steamers for exclusive mail service. Six special trains a day are required to take the mail to the channel ports.

**EXCHANGED PROPERTY AND WANTS SOME BACK**  
 Suit Brought in Regard to Deal in Fowl Bay and Oak Bay Lots

Mr. Justice Gregory yesterday heard a suit in which was involved the question of the purchase of real estate through representations of an agent, and whether the agent's statement in a description of the property is binding on the principal. The action was brought by R. J. Cullin against Miss Rant, plaintiff claiming that in an exchange of property by conveyance the defendant had got more than he intended should have been conveyed to her. The defendant held that as the property had been conveyed, and she had obtained an indefeasible title, it was hers.

Miss Rant exchanged a house and lot and \$2,000 at Fowl Bay for property at St. Patrick street, Oak Bay, and in the conveyance got 145 feet frontage instead of 97 feet, as was intended by plaintiff. She alleged that the land was shown her by an agent, and that she bought in the same office, to draw up at the rear. She had the conveyance drawn according to the stakes, and plaintiff and she signed it. Later she received the tax notice and found she was charged for 147 feet, all the while believing she had bought 97 feet. Meanwhile she had begun building a house on the property. Plaintiff said defendant spoke to him regarding the extra tax, and on examination he discovered what he alleged was a mistake. Miss Rant, however, relied on her title and referred him to her lawyer.

Defendant said that when she bought she asked her lawyer, Mr. Milligan, to see that she got the property covered by the stakes she had seen, and when the deed was to be signed Mr. Milligan had said the description was incorrect. He had asked Miss Rant, who was employed in the same office, to draw up any other conveyance, and she had done so, bringing it back to the room where it was signed, the lawyer telling all parties that it was correct.

Miss Rant varied this statement by saying that when she left the room to draw the conveyance Mr. Milligan followed her and said he would do it, and did so.

This afternoon the action was dismissed.

**WARNING ISSUED TO XMAS TREE DECORATORS**

1. Do not keep candles on the tree.
2. Do not use cotton batting on electric light bulbs.
3. Do not place trees near lighted hearths, or heating plant.
4. Keep the electric bulbs away from the fir, which rapidly dries out, and then ignites quickly.

THOMAS DAVIS, Chief of the Victoria Fire Dept.

**OBITUARY RECORD**

The death occurred last evening at the Royal Jubilee hospital of Helen Merie Knight, aged 2 months and 14 days, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Knight, 1204 Finlayson avenue. The funeral will take place on Friday at 2 o'clock from the Sacred Funeral parlour, Rev. D. C. T. Scott will officiate. Interment will be at Ross Bay cemetery.

The death occurred this morning of Miss Maude Evangeline Basso, of 2827 Rock Bay avenue, second daughter of Nicholas Basso, of this city. The deceased was nineteen years of age, and was born in Victoria. She was educated at the North Ward and the Victoria High school. Her illness had been of several months' duration. She is survived by her father, two sisters, Mrs. A. Hermer and Miss Vera Basso, and two brothers, Harry and Victor. The funeral will take place on Friday at 2 o'clock from the B. C. Funeral chapel, where services will be conducted by Rev. E. G. Miller. Interment will be at Ross Bay cemetery.

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**ON RECRUITING TRIP OVER THE HOLIDAYS**  
 Lt.-Col. Henniker, O. C., of 103rd Battalion, Leaving To-day for Okanagan

Lt.-Col. Henniker, O. C., 103rd Battalion, is leaving to-day for the mainland, and will spend the next week or ten days traveling through the Okanagan on a recruiting trip. He will visit Enderby, Armstrong, Vernon, Kelowna, and probably Kamloops, and hopes to bring back an encouraging report of the result of his expedition. To-night also Lieutenants McLagan and Skelton will go as far as Chilliwack in the course of two or three days' recruiting trip which they will make.

The 103rd Battalion hopes before long to have a timber wolf as a mascot, as a Nanaimo citizen has promised to try to get one of these big animals for the unit, which has already become widely known as "The Timber Wolves." A tame deer has been given to the cyclist and signalling section. The commanding officer, officers and men of the battalion wish to extend hearty Christmas and New Year greetings through the press to their many friends in the city and district. Half of the men have been given four days' leave over Christmas, the other half four days over the New Year. Recruiting will be recommenced with renewed vigor after the holidays, and among others who will take up the work with special interest will be Major K. B. Spangin, who is intending to visit Nanaimo early in the New Year.

**RETURNS FROM FRONT**



**CORPORAL R. E. MEREDITH**  
 Corporal Meredith, of the 16th battalion, who arrived yesterday, is suffering from an injured foot. He left here with the 30th battalion, later being transferred to the Canadian Scottish. He was treated in France, and later in England. He was formerly employed here, and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Meredith, of Richmond avenue.

**CORONATION GOLD AT TEN AND HALF CENTS**

Granby Gained for a Second Session and Lucky Jim Higher

Granby scored another good rise and finished at the day's best level after a small sale had been made. Lucky Jim went up above the 68 mark, stock offerings just under 50 showing any advance of consequence. Another quarter of a cent was put on to Coronation Gold, making the highest recorded price of the current bull movement. But few influences combined to affect the list and practically none of immediate local origin. The price trend of outside markets showed leadership to sentiment.

Blackbird Syndicate	218.00	223.00
Can. Copper Co.	2.99	2.25
Crow's Nest Coal	65.00	
Can. Cons. S. & R.	139.00	
Coronation Gold	10.00	
Granby	82.00	83.00
Int. Coal & Coke Co.	39.00	
Lucky Jim Zinc	61.00	68.00
McGillivray Coal	34.00	37.00
Portland Canal	31.00	34.00
Red Bluff	47.00	48.00
Standard Lead	1.97	2.05
Snowstorm	37.00	38.00
Stewart M. D.	35.00	36.00
Sloanan Star	35.00	36.00
Stewart-Fane	35.00	36.00
Victoria Phoenix Brew.	115.00	

**NEW YORK CURE PRICES**

Amer. Marconi	3.75	4.00
Can. Marconi	1.00	1.25
Glacier Creek	1.00	1.00
Gold Investment	22.00	
Union Club (deb.) new	40.00	
Do. old	30.00	
Portland Tunnels	3.00	
Victoria Opera Debts	90.00	
University School Debts	100.00	
Home South M. D.	2.00	
Pingree Mines	1.00	
5 Granby	82.00	

**DISTINCT STRENGTH DISPLAYED IN LIST**  
 Coppers Continued Favorites in General Buying of Securities

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)  
 New York, Dec. 23.—The market displayed distinct strength throughout the session and there was in progress, especially in the coppers, further buying of a sound quality. The principal stimulus insofar as coppers were concerned was the assurance to the effect that a tremendous sale of copper metal for delivery next year to Europe had taken place; also, that the other side had not yet contracted for its full requirements, with the result that a substantial advance in the price of copper metal is not unlikely. Signs were in evidence of the January investment beginning to assert itself. Disturbances will be large and highly gratifying corporate earnings will attract attention to the shares of many companies. The bears are discouraged and the bull element more confident, so that a renewal of operations on the constructive side was in order.

Alaska Gold	High	Low	Bid
Allis-Chalmers	25 1/2	24 1/2	25
Am. Beet Sugar	70	69	69
Am. Can.	69	68	68
Am. Car & Foundry	71 1/2	70 1/2	71
Am. Steel Foundry	62	61 1/2	61 1/2
Am. Executives	70	69	69
Am. Smelting	106 1/2	105 1/2	106
Am. Tel. & Tel.	128 1/2	128	128 1/2
Anacosta	89 1/2	89	89 1/2
Atchafalaya	106 1/2	105 1/2	106
B. & O.	82 1/2	82	82 1/2
C. & N. W.	181 1/2	181	181 1/2
Central Leather	67 1/2	67	67 1/2
C. & O.	64	63 1/2	64
C. & Q. W. pref.	39	38 1/2	39
C. M. & St. P.	94 1/2	94	94 1/2
Colo. Fuel & Iron	51 1/2	51	51 1/2
Crucible Steel	73 1/2	73	73 1/2
Con. Leather	143 1/2	143	143 1/2
Dillers Sec.	69 1/2	69	69 1/2
Erie	42 1/2	42	42 1/2
Do. 1st pref.	56 1/2	56	56 1/2
Gen. Motors	49 1/2	49	49 1/2
G. N. pref.	126 1/2	126	126 1/2
G. N. Ore. effs.	48 1/2	48	48 1/2
Guggenheim	79 1/2	79	79 1/2
Inspiration	47 1/2	47	47 1/2
Baldwin	117 1/2	116 1/2	117
Lackawanna	81	80 1/2	81
Kan. City Southern	31 1/2	31	31 1/2
Lehigh Valley	82 1/2	81 1/2	82
Maxwell Motor	78 1/2	78	78 1/2
Mex. Petroleum	106 1/2	105 1/2	106
Mo. Pacific	44	43 1/2	44
N. Y. Air Brake	137 1/2	136 1/2	137
Nat. Lead	96 1/2	96	96 1/2
N. Y. C.	102 1/2	102	102 1/2
N. P.	47 1/2	47	47 1/2
Pennsylvania	59	58 1/2	59
Reading	82 1/2	81 1/2	82
Rep. Iron & Steel	55 1/2	54 1/2	55
S. P.	102 1/2	102	102 1/2
S. Railway	27 1/2	27	27 1/2
Studebaker Corp.	70 1/2	70	70 1/2
U. P.	128 1/2	128	128 1/2
U. S. Rubber	54 1/2	54	54 1/2
U. S. Steel	86 1/2	86	86 1/2
Do. pref.	116 1/2	116	116 1/2
U.S. Copper	83 1/2	83	83 1/2
Va. Car. Chem.	47 1/2	47	47 1/2
Western Union	88 1/2	88	88 1/2
Westinghouse	62 1/2	62	62 1/2
Granby (Boston)	84 1/2	84	84 1/2

**MONTREAL STOCKS**

(By F. A. Borden & Co.)  
 Montreal, Dec. 23.—Outside of a little trading in the steels at higher prices, there was practically nothing done on the local exchange to-day. The better tone in the steel issues was due to the action taken at yesterday's meeting of the directors of Steel of Canada, who declared the regular 12 per cent. dividend on the preferred stock and 3 per cent. additional to apply on back dividend account. This wiped out half of the arrears. The company also is spending something like \$1,500,000 on extensions. These extensions are mainly to handle war orders and will be financed largely out of surplus earnings.

A morning paper understands that Canada Car and Foundry have arranged to borrow \$10,000,000 from the New York bank to finance their large war orders, but this failed to hold up the price of the stock, which showed a loss of two dollars to-day.

Ames Holden	High	Low	Askd
Bell Tel.	191 1/2	191	191 1/2
Canada Cement	38 1/2	38	38 1/2
C. P. R.	181		181
Can. Loco.	60	60	60
Can. Cottons	38		38
Crown Reserve	28		28
Can. Car. Fdy.	88		88
Dom. Sugar	80		80
Cedar Rapids	77 1/2		77 1/2
Can. S. S. com.	16		16
Do. pref.	20		20
Detroit United	71 1/2		71 1/2
Dom. Bricks	227		227
Dom. Cannery	227		227
Dom. J. & S. Corp.	47 1/2		47 1/2
H. Bracton	41		41
Lake of Woods Milling	139		139
Laurentide	186		186
Mon. Paper	223		223
N. B. Steel, com.	99 1/2		99 1/2
Ogishie Flour Mfg.	77 1/2		77 1/2
Gittawa Power	129		129
Pennams Ltd.	60 1/2		60 1/2
Quebec Railway	154 1/2		154 1/2
Shawigan	137 1/2		137 1/2
Stock of Can. Car.	49 1/2		49 1/2
Textile	101 1/2		101 1/2
Toronto Railway	111 1/2		111 1/2
Twin City	56 1/2		56 1/2
Winnipeg Elec.	139		139
Brazilian Trac.	54		54

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C. & B. Preserved Ginger, at a jar	35c	Malaga Table Raisins, a pound, 40c and	25c
Fancy Jap Oranges, a box 55c		Malaga Grapes, a pound	25c
Non-alcoholic Wines, Ginger, Raspberry and Black Currants, a bottle	35c	C. & B. Salted Almonds, glass jars, each	35c
Large Navel Oranges, a dozen, only	35c	Jardon Almonds, a pound	75c
New Mixed Nuts, a pound	25c	Clark's Plum Puddings, each	25c
California Soft Shell Walnuts in 1 pound cartons, A pound	25c	Crystallized Fruits, assorted, a pound	80c
Crawford's Shortbread, assorted, a tin	50c	Xmas Assorted Candy, splendid assortment, a pound	25c
Local Scotch Shortbread, at a pound	40c	California Figs, a packet	10c
Crystallized Dates, a box	25c	Local Turkeys, Geese and Chickens in abundance	
Imported Figs, a pound	25c	Xmas Apples, a box, from \$2.75 to	\$1.25
Crystallized Cherries			

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### LT. COL. LORNE ROSS ON CONDUCT OF WAR

Made Speech Before Rotary Club This Afternoon; More Men Needed

Advocating government taxation for the maintenance of the widows and wives of soldiers, also some system of general military training throughout Canada or forced enlistment of all able-bodied men, and a business administration of the war affairs of the nation, as the only solution of the present conflict, Lieut. Col. Lorne Ross to-day spoke frankly on the great issue. His address was given before the Rotary club, and was heard by an almost full attendance. He chose to speak of these affairs, he said, not in a spirit of criticism, but as facts, which must be faced.

Position of Germany. The commander of the Western Front first dealt with the position of Germany. He said the reason the Germans had made gains to date had been because for thirty years they had treated militarism from a business standpoint. In 1913, Germany had spent \$494,000,000 in army training, and had gained efficiency. Great Britain's bill had been \$448,000,000, Russia's \$440,000,000, and France's \$311,000,000. Since 1871 Germany had trebled its revenue and had increased its population. The nation also had advanced in art, philosophy and science. Universal service, he said, was the highest form of patriotism. As a result of its preparedness Germany had mobilized 5,000,000 men in seven days. It had been said that Germany could not last. Her debt had doubled since the war began, but compared with other nations it was not very large. Her national income was ten billion dollars annually, and he asserted she could finance the present war until 1920.

A Good Appointment. One step in the right direction had been, he said, the appointment of Lloyd George as minister of munitions. It had been treated as a business proposition for business veterans, and not for army veterans. When Lloyd George began he found one hundred armament plants working. By October there had been 750 plants, and now there were 1,050, working night and day.

As sandy holed out on the first green he found from over the border asked: "And how many strokes did you take?" "Eight," replied the Scot. "Ah," said the Englishman, "I took seven; so that's my hole." The Scotman ventured no reply; but when on the second green the Englishman repeated his former question, and make inquiry as to the number of strokes taken by his opponent, the latter nodded his head, and with an expression of infinite wisdom on his face, gently murmured: "Nay, nay, my mannie; this time it's my turn to ask first."

### HAS FINEST OFFICES OF ANY OF PROVINCES

B. C. House, Opened Yesterday, Memorial to Mr. Turner's Work

London, Dec. 23.—With the opening yesterday of the new offices of its agent-general in Regent street, adjoining Waterloo place, British Columbia possesses the finest London premises of any of the Canadian provinces. Since J. H. Turner was appointed in 1901 as agent-general of British Columbia, the London office has been in Salisbury House. The new offices possess a spacious exhibition hall and a reading-room for visitors. The building is on a corner site, on crown land. The completion of this undertaking forms a fitting concluding testimony to the long period of capable service in London for the province of British Columbia of J. H. Turner.

It is understood here that upon the provincial government implementing by legislation the proposals they have made, which are agreeable to him, Mr. Turner has agreed to resign his position early in the new year to Sir Richard McBride. Although over eighty years of age, he has attended daily to the business of the office, in which he is assisted by his son.

Mr. Turner will take with him into retirement the entire respect of all the interests which have sought his advice and assistance.

### AUSTRIANS BROKE WORD TO SPANISH PRETENDER

London, Dec. 23.—The Daily Telegraph publishes the following from Rome: "It is reported from San Remo that the Spanish pretender, Prince Jaime de Bourbon, is a prisoner in the hands of the Austrians at Fribourg. When the war broke out the prince was in Austria and the emperor permitted him to choose between remaining in Austria and leaving. He gave the prince his word of honor that no one would molest him if he should elect to remain, but when the prince reached Fribourg he received an order not to move thence during the war."

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### 300,000 IN EGYPT, SAYS GERMAN IN A LETTER

Berlin, Dec. 23.—Great Britain has 300,000 soldiers in Egypt, 200,000 of whom are in positions guarding the Suez canal, according to the writer of a letter printed by the Kolnische Volks Zeitung, sent from Egypt on Dec. 12. The correspondent adds that of the troops protecting the Suez canal, 70,000 arrived last week.

### IRON TEN-PFENNIG PIECES IN GERMANY

Berlin, Dec. 23.—The federal council has decided on the coinage of iron ten-pfennig pieces.

### CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILWAY.

New York, Dec. 23.—Kuhn, Loeb & company announced to-day completion of the negotiations in Paris for the purchase of bonds of the Central Pacific Railway company, which is controlled by the Southern Pacific company. The bonds are a four per cent issue and were sold in 1911 to French banking interests, principal and interest being guaranteed by the Southern Pacific. The total amount of the issue is \$50,000,000 francs, or approximately \$25,000,000.

### SHORTAGE OF SHIPS.

London, Dec. 23.—The government is giving consideration to the question of taking over the mercantile marine. Mr. Balfour announced in the House of Commons this afternoon. A shortage of ships, he said, is increasing the cost of living.

### MONTREAL BANK CLEARINGS.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—The bank clearings here during the week just ended were \$67,296,778, as against \$70,468,095 last week, \$44,796,484 a year ago, and \$45,068,025 two years ago.

A young man presented himself at a recruiting office and told the sergeant in charge he wished to enlist. "But you're too small," he objected. "I'm not so small as that man over there," answered the man. "But," said the sergeant, "he is an officer." "Well," replied the applicant, "I'm not a clerk, I'll be an officer too!"

### MUST TAKE ACCOUNTS BEFORE THE COURT

Liquidation and Inspectors of Dominion Trust Must Make All Plain

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—An order was made by Mr. Justice Murphy this morning that the liquidator of Dominion Trust and the inspectors of that institution must appear before him on the morning of January 4 and bring all their accounts before the court for inspection. His lordship further instructed that all parties interested in the liquidation be represented before him, with the purpose of there being a thorough inquiry into the accounts of the liquidation. The order came this morning after a brief but tense argument in his lordship's private chambers upon a motion to fix the remuneration of the liquidator at \$500 per month and to permit him to pay himself out of funds now in his hands. The application was opposed strongly by James H. Lawson, Jr., solicitor for the creditors, who demanded that before any remuneration be granted to the liquidator, he be ordered to bring his accounts into court. In the course of the argument Mr. Lawson stated that though he had been appointed by the court to act as solicitor for the creditors, he was able to know as little about the affairs of the Dominion Trust liquidation as any man in Vancouver, and would refuse to give his consent to the application until he was furnished with facts regarding the affairs of the liquidation. In ordering that the application be adjourned until an inquiry be conducted into the accounts, Mr. Justice Murphy remarked that there had been enough scandal over the collapse of the Dominion Trust, and he was determined that there should be no question in regard to the conduct of the liquidation.

### INCREASE IN THE VOTE AGAINST UNION

Results of Voting in Presbyterian Church Now Compared With 1911-12

### AUSTRIANS HALTED IN MONTENEGRIN CAMPAIGN

Paris, Dec. 23.—The Austrians apparently have come to a halt in the Montenegrin campaign, according to an official statement of the Montenegrin authorities given out by the Montenegrin consul here to-day. The statement says: "The enemy is fortifying himself over the entire front in the sanjak. He has sent all population and livestock away from the right bank of the river Tara. The enemy attacked our troops in the neighborhood of Yarna, but was repulsed with heavy losses, leaving some prisoners in our hands. Up to December 21 the positions were unchanged."

### FROM SOUTHERN STATES TO CANADIAN BATTALIONS

Sarnia, Ont., Dec. 23.—Many southerners from Kentucky, Virginia and other states are arriving to join Canadian battalions for service in the trenches. Most of them seek the recruiting sergeant here or at Windsor, the principal other border town, eager to fight. "Some of us are in straitened circumstances, but most are out for adventure and to help the allies' cause," said one Kentuckian. "On my way I met twenty-two fellows all headed for Canada to join the army. The movement northward has accelerated in the last two weeks."

### BERNHARDT ARRANGING AN AMERICAN TOUR

Paris, Dec. 23.—Sarah Bernhardt, a report of whose dangerous illness was denied yesterday, is now said to be afflicted with a malady of the bones which is obscure and perhaps incurable. It does not prevent her from giving occasional public recitations while sitting in a chair. These performances are said to be artistic and effective. Mme. Bernhardt talks of her American tour and is going ahead with the arrangements. Nevertheless she appears to be doubtful whether she ever will be in the proper health and strength to undertake the trip.

### J. W. CLINGER HANGED AT KAMLOOPS TO-DAY

Kamloops, Dec. 23.—J. W. Clinger was hanged here at 10 o'clock this morning. His crime was the murder of his partner, Burton Smith, in the wild bush land near the old Cariboo road. Clinger had come to British Columbia from Montana and formed a partnership with Smith, an Englishman, who owned a pre-emption in the north country. The evidence at the trial in October showed that Clinger had made a deliberate plan to murder Smith in order to obtain his little money and his property.

### PEACE TALK FRUITLESS, SAYS SWISS GOVERNMENT

London, Dec. 23.—The Rome correspondent of the Daily News telegraphs: In the Swiss national council to-day Socialist Leader Greulich asked whether the Swiss government intended to offer the belligerents its good offices toward establishing peace or a truce. Council or Hoffman answered in the name of the government: "We all fervently desire peace. Switzerland is suffering heavily from the war, but any direct action toward peace seems inadvisable. Such action probably would have ill success and might be misinterpreted by the belligerents as unfriendly interference. When the right moment comes Switzerland willingly will attempt to contribute to a durable peace."

### ELECTION IN SPAIN SOON.

Madrid, Dec. 23.—King Alfonso to-day signed a decree dissolving the Cortes. The general election will be held before March. According to Finance Minister Urzabal, the current deficit is \$60,000,000.

### APPEAL TO BE HEARD BY PRIVY COUNCIL

Lengthy Litigation Over Ownership of Deadman's Island in Last Phase

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—The lengthy litigation over the ownership of the valuable island in Coal Harbor known as Deadman's Island to-day entered on its last phase, when the privy council agreed to hear the appeal which the Vancouver Lumber company has entered against the claim of the attorney-general of Canada to ownership of the island in the name of the crown. News to this effect was called from London by E. F. Holmuth, K. C., of Toronto, to R. S. Lemm, K. C., who has acted as counsel for the Vancouver Lumber company throughout the three successive suits. When the case comes before the privy council in the new year it will be for the third time that the law lords of Great Britain will have had the question before them as to the ownership of Deadman's Island. The island originally was leased by Hon. Sir Frederick W. Borden, when minister of militia, to Theodore Ludgate, of the Vancouver Lumber company, on February 14, 1899, for a term of 25 years later to 1924. A few months later the lease was amended so that the lease was to be renewed every 25 years at an arbitrary rental.

### THIS IS WILDEST DREAM OF GERMANS

Send Out No Medical Journals and Disease Will Vanquish Enemies, They Think. London, Dec. 23.—The Chronicle's Amsterdam correspondent says that the German authorities have prohibited the sending out of the country of seven scientific journals, chiefly medical publications. The correspondent continues: "The Germans hope and believe that once the outside world is deprived of scientific medical knowledge disseminated by them, disease will rage unhindered over the rest of the globe, and so the work their machine is failing to accomplish."

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F. O. B. Scotch, per bottle		
Hudson's Bay Special, best procurable, per bot.		\$1.75
Hudson's Bay Grand Old Liqueur, per bottle		\$2.00
H. B. CO.'S SCOTCH WHISKIES IN BULK		
Finest Old Highland, per imp. gallon		\$5.50
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Dewar's Extra Special, per imp. gallon		\$7.00
Hudson's Bay Special, best procurable, per imp. gallon		\$8.50
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Old Rye, per bottle		75c
Old Rye, per oval quart		\$1.00
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Special Old Rye, per oval quart		\$1.15
1899 Rye (Special Reserve), per bottle		\$1.00
1899 Rye, per oval quart		\$1.40
H. B. CO.'S OLD RYE WHISKIES IN BULK		
Old Rye, per imp. gallon		\$3.50
Special Old Rye, per imp. gallon		\$4.00
1899 Rye (Special Reserve), per imp. gallon		\$4.75
Walker's Canadian Club, per imp. gallon		\$5.25
H. B. CO.'S PORT WINES		
(Prices Including War Tax Stamps)		
Native Wine, per bottle		40c
California Port, per bottle		55c
Old London Dock, per bottle		80c
Old Cardinal, per bottle		1.00
Old Duke, per bottle		\$1.25
Vice Regal, per bottle		\$1.50
Imperial, per bottle		\$2.00
£120 Special Vintage (over 50 years old), bot.		\$2.50
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1 Bottle of H. B. Old Rye		
1 Bottle Marion 3 Star Brandy		
1 Bottle H. B. Fine Old Rum		
1 Bottle H. B. London Dock Port		
6 Quarts H. B. Imperial Beer		
11 Pieces.		
<b>HAMPER NO. 2</b>	Reg. \$7.90 for	<b>\$7</b>
1 Bottle H. B. Fine Highland Scotch		
1 Bottle H. B. Special Rye		
1 Bottle H. B. Diamond Brandy		
1 Bottle Ye Olde H. B. Rum		
1 Bottle H. B. Cardinal Port		
1 Bottle H. B. Ginger Wine		
6 Quarts H. B. Imperial Beer		
12 Pieces.		
<b>HAMPER NO. 3</b>	Reg. \$11.60 Value for	<b>\$10</b>
1 Bottle H. B. F. O. B. Scotch		
1 Bottle H. B. Special Rye		
1 Bottle H. B. Special Brandy		
1 Bottle Ye Olde H. B. Rum		
1 Bottle H. B. Old Duke Port		
1 Bottle H. B. Old Duke Sherry		
1 Bottle H. B. Ginger Wine		
1 Bottle Benedictine (small)		
6 Quarts H. B. Imperial Beer		
14 Pieces.		
<b>HAMPER NO. 4</b>	Reg. \$14.85 Value for	<b>\$12.50</b>
1 Bottle H. B. F. O. B. Scotch		
1 Bottle H. B. Special Rye		
1 Bottle H. B. Extra Pale Brandy		
1 Bottle Ye Olde H. B. Rum		
1 Bottle H. B. Old Duke Port		
1 Bottle H. B. Old Duke Sherry		
3 Bottles Ch. Latour Rauzan Claret		
1 Bottle H. B. Ginger Wine		
1 Bottle Creme de Menthe		
6 Quarts Bass' Pale Ale		
17 Pieces.		
<b>HAMPER NO. 5</b>	Reg. \$18.55 Value for	<b>\$15</b>
2 Bottles H. B. Special "Best" Procurable Scotch		
1 Bottle H. B. Special Rye		
1 Bottle H. B. Extra Pale Brandy		
1 Bottle H. B. Ye Olde H. B. Rum		
1 Bottle H. B. Vice-Regal Port		
1 Bottle H. B. Vice-Regal Sherry		
4 Bottles Chateau Brellan Claret		
1 Bottle Creme de Menthe		
6 Quarts Bass' Pale Ale		
18 Pieces.		
<b>HAMPER NO. 6</b>	Reg. \$27.60 Value for	<b>\$20</b>
2 Bottles H. B. Special "Best" Procurable Scotch		
1 Bottle H. B. Special Rye		
1 Bottle H. B. Extra Pale Brandy		
1 Bottle Ye Olde H. B. Rum		
1 Bottle "Gold Lion" Manhattan Cocktails		
1 Bottle H. B. Vice-Regal Port		
1 Bottle H. B. Vice-Regal Sherry		
1 Bottle Yellow Chartreuse		
4 Pint Bottles Charles Heidsieck, Vintage 1906, Champagne		
6 Quarts Bass' Pale Ale		
19 Pieces.		

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Ask for H. B. Old Irish Whiskies, per bottle \$1.00	Ask for any Local Beer, 8 Quarts for \$1.00	Ask for H. B. Fine Old Scotch, per Bottle, \$1.00	Ask for Hudson's Bay Dry Gin, per bottle, \$1.00	Ask for H. B. Old Rye, oval Quart \$1.00
Ask for Hudson's Bay Old Bodega Sherry, per bottle \$1.00	Ask for 1899 Old Rye, per bottle \$1.00	Ask for Marion 3 Star Brandy, per bottle, \$1.00	Ask for Cascade Beer, 12 Pints for \$1.00	Ask for Kuyper's Geneva Gin, per bottle, \$1.00
Ask for Native Wine, 3 bottles for \$1.00	Ask for Zinfandel Claret, 3 bottles for \$1.00	Ask for Flasks of Scotch, Brandy, Rum, Port, etc., 2 for \$1.00	Ask for Hudson's Bay Old Cardinal Port, per bottle, \$1.00	Ask for Hudson's Bay White Label Rum, per bottle, \$1.00

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## DUKE OF CONNAUGHT THANKS BOY SCOUTS

Inspiring Message Sent Out to Members of Assn. Throughout Canada

The following message has been sent out to all the officers and members of the Boy Scouts' association throughout Canada by Gerald H. Brown, honorary Dominion secretary—

Dec. 19, 1915.  
To the Officers and Members of the Boy Scouts' Association throughout Canada:

An appeal was made early in the war from both the British and Canadian headquarters of the Boy Scouts association for the performance of any services which the officers and membership of this organization could usefully render in aid of the war cause. The ready general response thereto has shown that in war as in peace the association is trying to live up to its principles with resultant benefit to the boys themselves and to the community at large.

To the Boy Scouts throughout Canada I am charged to convey this year-end message from His Royal Highness the Chief Scout:

"Thank you Boy Scouts each and all for all that you have done and are doing. The inspiration of your youthful example means far more to many of us seniors than you yourselves know."

During the past year there has not been a spot in the whole Dominion in which the Scouts have not had some opportunity of service related to the war. The opportunities for boyish good turns in aid of the many worthy appeals connected with the war have, indeed, increased with the progress of events and are likely to still further increase with the continuance of hostilities, the raising of larger forces, the extension of the battle line and the return of so many invalided soldiers from the scene of conflict overseas.

When the invalided men began to arrive at Quebec last summer the Boy Scouts of that city, 140 strong, volunteered, on their own initiative, in a body, for any service they could perform, and soon made themselves so useful that they were cordially welcomed by all the authorities concerned. "A squad of twenty," writes Colonel William Wood, "was waiting for a draft to land just after daylight this morning. The boys go aboard and help the crippled men in every way they can. Some go every day to the immigration building to see what is wanted—shopping for men who don't go out, guiding others about, etc. Others help at the Khaki club and the Overseas club, which latter is for invalids only." Here is work worth doing during the coming months at the winter ports of debarkation, and not only at these points alone but elsewhere wherever returned Canadian soldiers are arriving, about, or in any need of help. The ways and means of helping can perhaps best be left to local thought and action.

In some parts of the Dominion the school children are already making scrap books of pictures, short stories and other reading matter such as would be likely to interest the soldier boys overseas. Advice from the front is to the effect that it is well nigh impossible to fill the demand for reading matter in the camps and hospitals. Perhaps this is a want which some Boy Scouts would like to help in meeting. The local branches of the Red Cross society in Canada will welcome reading matter of this character intended for the sick and wounded soldiers and will also give free transportation to scrap books for Canadian soldiers in the training camps overseas, provided the same are so marked and packed in separate cases.

The suggestion is made that letters of cheer and encouragement from Boy Scouts in Canada to sick and wounded soldiers whose names appear in the published lists of casualties among our fighting forces would be both heartening and helpful. If this were to be done each locality might so assist in remembering the lads from its own midst who shall suffer until the casualty lists are finally closed and the blood bought treasures of liberty and justice for which the allied armies are now so worthily contending have been saved from those who sought their destruction.

In conclusion, on behalf of His Royal Highness the Chief Scout and the Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts association, I am to extend their congratulations to all ranks on the results accomplished during 1915 and their hope for even better things in the year to come.

By direction,  
GERALD H. BROWN,  
Honorary Dominion Secretary.

### LICENSE IS RENEWED

Wilson Hotel Application Granted; Complaint Against Comus Hotel.

The license commissioners yesterday afternoon decided to renew the license of the Wilson Hotel from January 15 next, which matter had been held up pending consideration of the circumstances of the case.

After hearing License Inspectors Hatcher and Gregg and Deputy Chief Palmer the commissioners came to the conclusion that the licensees were doing his best to conduct a reputable place, and that he was not blame for a recent stabbing affray which occurred. Complaints involving the reputation of the Comus hotel were laid over until next week for the production of the necessary witnesses by the license inspectors.

Rev. James McEwan asked the commission to prevent the sale of liquor to minors in any licensed premises, and the employment of minors by bottle licensees as delivery boys. Inspector Gregg informed the com-

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mission that every possible effort is made to enforce this provision of the law, but he pointed out the difficulty in some cases where a lad is just under the age but looks and says he is over it.

"What do you think of our scheme for the Christmas decorations?" she inquired. "It is holly over laurel leaves." "Very good," he replied, "but personally I should prefer mistletoe over yew."

### WINTER DANCES.

Series Opened Last Night at Empress Hotel and Proved Complete Success; Manager Complimented.

Invitations were recently issued by the management of the Empress hotel for a series of winter dances. The first dance took place last night, about one hundred people attending. Dancing lasted from 9 o'clock until 11:30.

Mr. Jackson was complimented upon the success of the innovation. The music was by the Empress hotel orchestra, under the direction of Louis Turner.

"I hear you had some trouble at the picnic," said Fred. "Yes," sighed Percy. "The girls called me a coward because I wouldn't get them a horsetail's nest." "Unhappily, eh?" chuckled Fred. "Yes," said Percy, "but unstung."



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### LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN POLICY EXPRESSED

#### Saanich Council Comes in for Criticism at Hands of Suburban Ratepayers

A meeting of ratepayers of Wards II, IV, and VII, Saanich, expressed its opinion after a prolonged discussion last evening that the Saanich council of 1915 had not given a business administration, and then left the chairman, J. C. Richards, to name a committee to seek a candidate to seek a reeve in opposition to the sitting member.

The resolution to this effect, which had been submitted to the meeting by A. Watchman, and seconded by F. G. White, was not supported generally, there being at first 29 votes to 2, and 48 present at the time of the division. The result was challenged, and on a recount the chair announced 24 to 4, there being at least 29 present who declined to take sides.

Councillor O'Connell, who faced a critical audience, being the only member of the present council in attendance, made a sturdy defence of the acts of the council this year, and asked the meeting not to go on record on a snatch vote without hearing the answer of members of the council. However, he was overruled, and a vote was taken. Later Mr. Richards named a committee of three from each ward to seek a candidate for reeve and report back to a future meeting.

It was obvious throughout that the feeling which formerly characterized municipal elections in Maywood, the meeting was held at Totmie school) has not yet died out.

In introducing the subject to the attention of the meeting the chairman pointed out that the reeve's statement published in the Times yesterday was "a masterpiece of electioneering." He criticized financial arrangements, and claimed better terms should have been obtained for the bonds when Saanich had practically no debt. He advocated retrenchment in the engineering department, and said if they continued to spend money as they had been spending in 1915, they would soon be placed in the position of the city of Victoria. He was sorry to see the reeve declare himself for a tax sale (applause) because for three years people had been unable to pay their taxes. The engineering administration of works, he contended, was costing 50 per cent. more than it should. Opposition to the road work was again voiced by the chairman. Ex-Councillor Jones criticized the recent appointment by the Central Ratepayers' association of a school trustee as president, saying it was against the rule for any councillor or trustee to be an officer of a ratepayers' association. He deprecated the introduction of machinery, and the spending of the money on the hall extension at this time.

One speaker wanted the council to abandon the road work till after the war, and reserve the debentures till then.

Mr. Watchman said he had supported the election of the present council, but after what had occurred he had changed his mind. The council had issued this manifesto to "chloroform" the people of Saanich. There was one thing, however, which ought to be praised, and that was the brilliant idea to overlook the neglect of the roads in the suburban wards, and then erect sign posts to give the names of the roads, so that the unhappy taxpayer might know whether he was in a road or a plowed field.

A number of speakers voiced objection to the council paving Quadra street and Saanich road first, and neglecting the streets which the people used. D. W. Jones, a candidate in Ward IV, said the majority of the people would never be in a position to get a benefit from the paving, because they could never hope to own an automobile.

James Pim announced his candidacy also in Ward IV, supported day labor against contractors, and declared there could be great pruning done in the engineering department.

There was not a single good word said for the acts of the council till Councillor O'Connell rose at a late hour. He said the paving had been done in accordance with the contract, and whatever had been urged about repudiating the Warren contract was merely encouraging the throwing away of money instead of getting results for it. The waterworks would not have been proceeded with in view of the delay about obtaining pipe if it had not been that the council desired to find work for the unemployed meanwhile. He praised the efficiency of the staff at the municipal hall, and called the meeting to account for criticizing officials who could not take the platform to defend themselves, and let them confine their attention to the council members, he said. While he had not supported the extension of the municipal hall, more accommodation was badly needed there. The grievances from which the district suffered would never be alleviated until the area was divided, and Wards II, IV, and VII formed into a separate district.

### MIGHT AS WELL BE KILLED FIGHTING.

The appeal of Serbia to the United States minister against the extermination of the civil population by the Germans, fits in with the report to the Berlin Lokal-Anzeiger that "even women and children are fighting. Of course they are! They might as well fight and be killed as be killed without fighting, as happened to many in the former 'drive.' Every boy big enough to shoot, every man not too old to march, and thousands of women, are warriors or potential warriors. Except babies and the very old, there is not much 'civil population.' For almost a whole nation, it is a fight to the death.—New York World.

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### JAPANESE TOYS ARE DISPLACING BAVARIAN

#### Peasant Industry in Island Empire Taken New Life, Says Visitor Here

The Japanese peasantry are reaping a harvest from the shutting off of German-made toys from America, according to W. H. Eldridge, a business man of Omaha, who arrived in the city yesterday from Yokohama on the Empress of Japan, and left on the afternoon boat for Seattle, in order to reach home for Christmas.

Mr. Eldridge has made a thorough investigation of conditions in Japan, with which country he has been familiar for a number of years. On this occasion he desired his visit to coincide with the coronation festivities. Not only did he share in the celebrations at Kioto and Tokio, but he visited many of the resorts in the mountains, and in the centres of activity in the country districts where the middleman collects home-made novelties and toys from the peasantry and small farmers there. Toys he states are mostly of native wood, and are fashioned by the people in the evenings. The small needs of the household are eked out by the sale of them to collectors who handle them for the exporters. Mr. Eldridge told the Times man that there is a growing export of these novelties to America, particularly under existing conditions.

"I wish much to see," he said, "with the remarkable demonstration of every place was decorated, however humble its occupants might be, and however remote from the scene of the coronation at Kioto. Some criticism has been directed by American visitors at the taste displayed, but you must not judge oriental designs by occidental standards. There is a lightness, a femininity of touch about Japanese art that is often missed by western people, and on occasions like the coronation the Japanese rise to the occasion. The shrines and temples formed a setting for the picturesque streams in the streets, many being dressed in the garb of earlier days, and it appeared like nothing so much as a fantastic masquerade ball, but a ball in which the actors were real, and conducting themselves as seriously as ever the Japanese can do. The theatres operate tea rooms in conjunction with the performances and artistically arrayed girls pour tea with a skill that no western cafe attendants could emulate. In passing, I cannot but praise the cuisine in Japan, because they understand the preparation of stews and vegetables, and fish in a way unrivalled elsewhere. This is particularly the case in the native hotels, which of course had to be used on this occasion, as all the foreign hotels were occupied by official parties. "Japan is busier now than ever has been the case, on account of the stimulus given to trade by the war. Not only are the staple trades like textile factories working at high pressure in Osaka and elsewhere, but the demand by Russia for munitions has accelerated the development of the steel, shipping and allied industries in a remarkable way. As the taxation is high, and the undeveloped natural resources are restricted, the opportunity of exports at this time is being made the opening for a great expansion of trade in every direction, and as for the extension of political influence in countries of the Orient overseas from the Island Empire."

### WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT.

Victoria Observatory.  
 From 15th to 21st Dec. 1915.  
 Victoria—Total amount of bright sunshine, 5 hours and 48 minutes; rain, 1.27 inch; highest temperature, 54 on 20th; lowest, 34 on 15th.  
 Vancouver—Total amount of bright sunshine, 2 hours and 39 minutes; rain, 2.82 inches; highest temperature, 50 on 21st; lowest, 32 on 15th.  
 Kamloops—Total amount of bright sunshine, 11 hours and 24 minutes; rain, .33 inch; snow, 1.25 inch; highest temperature, 46 on 21st; lowest, 14 on 15th and 19th.  
 New Westminster—Rain, 2.95 inches; highest temperature, 51 on 21st; lowest, 32 on 15th.  
 Penticton—Precipitation, .19 inch; highest temperature, 43 on 21st; lowest, 29 on 15th.  
 Nelson—Snow, 8.93 inches; highest temperature, 46 on 21st; lowest, 17 on 17th.  
 Cranbrook—Snow, 4.99 inches; highest temperature, 42 on 21st; lowest, 7 on 15th.  
 Barkerville—Snow, 6.29 inches; highest temperature, 29 on 20th; lowest, 4 on 19th.  
 Prince Rupert—Rain, 4.59 inches; highest temperature, 46 on 19th; lowest, 32 on 17th.  
 Atlin—Snow, 7.99 inches; highest temperature, 32 on 19th; lowest, 2 on 15th.  
 Dawson—Snow, 5.59 inches; highest temperature, 4 on 20th and 21st; lowest, 39 below zero on 15th.  
 Nanaimo—Total amount of bright sunshine, 3 hours; rain, 2.30 inches; highest temperature, 53 on 21st; lowest, 39 on 17th.

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### WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

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Forecasts.  
 For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Friday.  
 Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and cold to-day and on Friday.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and cold to-day and on Friday.

Reports.  
 Victoria—Barometer, 30.42; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 38; wind, 16 miles W.; rain, .12; weather, clear.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.38; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 36; wind, 4 miles W.; rain, .19; weather, clear.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.34; temperature, maximum yesterday, 49; minimum, 35; wind, 4 miles W.; rain, .05; weather, fair.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.28; temperature, maximum yesterday, 35; minimum, 18; wind, calm; snow, .19; weather, cloudy.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 34; wind, 4 miles S.W.; rain, .64; weather, cloudy.

Tatoosh—Barometer, 30.42; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 44; wind, 10 miles W.; rain, .39; weather, clear.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.45; temperature, maximum yesterday, 45; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, fair.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.46; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 40; wind, 6 miles S.E.; rain, .05; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, maximum yesterday, 64; minimum, 59; wind, 4 miles S.W.; weather, cloudy.

Temperature.	Max.	Min.
Entrance .....	56	..
Cranbrook .....	43	..
Penticton .....	45	..
Nelson .....	34	..
Calgary .....	40	19
Edmonton .....	38	14
Qu'Appelle .....	35	10
Winnipeg .....	32	18
Toronto .....	34	..
Ottawa .....	34	..
Montreal .....	28	..
St. John .....	29	..
Halifax .....	28	..

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