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THE TIMES WISHES A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL

DEFENCES SPLENDID, STATES CASTELNAU

Allies at Salonica Prepared for Any Attempt Enemy May Make

MONTENEGRINS WIPED OUT AUSTRIAN DETACHMENT

Captured 1,500; German Report About British Being Landed Near Kavala

Paris, Dec. 31.—The situation at Salonica, as General Edouard de Castelnau, chief of the general staff of the French army, is said to view it, after visiting the entente forces at that place, is given by the Rome correspondent of the Journal as follows:

"A person who discussed the situation at Salonica with General de Castelnau informs me that the general said: 'We are at Salonica and have no intention of leaving. We are waiting for them to attack us, for that they have made up their minds to great sacrifices I am more than satisfied. I am enthusiastic at the defences prepared.'

"A member of the general's suite declared: 'An offensive at Salonica would cost the invaders 150,000 men. Anglo-French troops continue to land.'"

Captured 1,500.

Paris, Dec. 31.—The capture of 1,500 prisoners by the Montenegrins in an engagement in the sanjak in which an Austrian detachment was wiped out, is announced in the Montenegrin official statement received here to-day. The statement follows:

"On the sanjak front, on December 29, we annihilated an enemy detachment, making 1,500 prisoners. There also have been severe artillery and outpost combats.

"On the southern front, an Austrian attack in Bouchindino was repulsed.

"The enemy succeeded in recapturing Raskovogora.

"We repulsed the enemy on the Lysovan front."

A German Report.

Berlin, Dec. 31.—A report that British troops have been landed on the Greek coast near Kavala was given out to-day by the Overseas News Agency, which said its information had been obtained from the Secolo, of Milan.

Kavala is on the northern coast of the Aegean Sea, near the Bulgarian border. It is about 30 miles northeast of Orfano, at which place, it was reported from London last night, the British have landed troops sent from Salonica. The intent of such operations presumably is to checkmate any attempts to advance on Salonica across the Bulgarian border.

STILL SEARCHING FOR THESSALONIKI

New York Officials of Greek Line Expect Steamship in To-morrow

New York, Dec. 31.—Search was continued to-day by the coastguard cutter Seneca for the overdue Greek liner Thessaloniki, last reported in radio messages yesterday as being in distress, due to storms, about 200 miles east of Sandy Hook.

Officials of the Greek line said they expected the vessel to reach here some time to-morrow, despite the fact that some messages yesterday indicated that she had been able to make little or no progress.

The radio messages picked up by the shore stations yesterday brought the information that the crippled steamship, which has been slowly nearing this port since last Wednesday, was burning signals of distress and that the steamship Florizel was searching for her. The location of the Thessaloniki was then in doubt but one message reported her 120 miles east of Sandy Hook.

BULGARIANS SOON WILL BE ATTACKED

Expected Italian Forces in Albania Will Strike Against Invaders

HOW RUSSIANS ARE EXERTING PRESSURE

Provisions of Compulsion Measure to Be Submitted to British Parliament

London, Dec. 31.—While Vienna reports that the battles in Galicia are increasing in extent and violence, Russia maintains a mysterious reticence concerning her military operations there.

It seems certain, however, that extremely important events, the full significance of which are not as yet officially disclosed, are occurring at the only point where Russian armies can bring any pressure to bear on the Balkan situation without actually crossing Rumanian territory.

Many reports have reached here that the Austro-German and Bulgarian forces are not only abandoning all preparations for an advance in Macedonia, but actually are withdrawing troops from that front, their action being attributed to the Russian offensive on the Bessarabian front, but most of these dispatches bear the impress of the wish being father to the thought.

In Albania.

Action operations in the Near East are now centering in Albania, where the Serbian army is said to be suffering from harassing attacks made by Albanian forces. From the progress they have made in Albania, it is predicted that the Italians will soon clash with the Bulgarians in that territory.

Athens claims that the diplomatic situation shows a growing cordiality between Greece and the entente powers.

A historic meeting of the British cabinet to adopt the final draft of the compulsion measure, was expected to-day. The bill, it is reported, will embody the following principles:

Compulsion to be applied to all single men who fall to attest; for this purpose the machinery of the Earl of Derby's plan to be made statutory, and the provisions of the law to be enacted to apply only for the duration of the present war.

The Labor conference on conscription came to no decision as to its attitude, but a strong feeling of suspicion toward the reported cabinet solution of the problem is manifest.

CLAIM THEY SANK FRENCH SUBMARINE

Austrians Say Monge Was Sent Down Off Durazzo Wednesday

Berlin, Dec. 31.—An official Austrian report received to-day from Vienna says that the French submarine Monge was sunk on Wednesday by an Austrian flotilla.

The action occurred in the Adriatic off Durazzo. The statement follows: "An Austro-Hungarian flotilla, consisting of the cruiser Helligoland and five destroyers, on the morning of December 23 destroyed the French submarine Monge. The second officer and fifteen sailors were captured."

The Monge was built in 1905. She was 168 feet long and of 395 tons displacement above water. Her speed on the surface was 12 knots, and submerged 7 1/2 knots. Her maximum cruising radius was 2,000 miles. Her complement was 24 men.

HENRY FORD EXPECTED IN NEW YORK SUNDAY
New York, Dec. 31.—The steamship Bergenafjord, on which Henry Ford is returning from his peace expedition, has been delayed by high westerly gales and will not reach this port until Sunday morning, according to a radio message from the steamship.

Reported Roumania is Being Blockaded

Paris, Dec. 31.—The Russian Black Sea Fleet is blockading Roumania, according to a dispatch received here to-day from Bucharest. No reason is assigned in the message for this action by Russia against Roumania.

WASHINGTON HAS AUSTRIA'S ANSWER

Officials Think There is No Danger Now of Break in Relations

OTHERS WILL FOLLOW LATEST ANCONA NOTE

Washington, Dec. 31.—The official text of the note from the Austro-Hungarian government regarding the sinking of the Ancona was received to-day at the state department. It came in sections. Secretary Lansing said this forenoon that one section had been translated and that he expected the complete translation would be in his hands before night.

The demands of the United States on Austria-Hungary apparently have been met in the new note from Vienna.

If the official text of Austria's reply conforms to press dispatches saying the communication announces that the submarine commander who torpedoed the steamship was punished, virtually only one phase of the incident remains to be cleared up. That is the payment of an indemnity for American lives lost, for which Austria expressed a willingness to make reparations.

Further Notes.
Later, however, there may be full exchanges between the United States and Austria on the question of submarine warfare and the necessity for warning before attacking merchantmen.

Officials who had read the unofficial version of the reply received in press dispatches from London apparently were much gratified to-day at its nature. Danger of a break of diplomatic relations with Austria-Hungary no longer was considered imminent. Officials said, however, that additional correspondence on the subject was sure to ensue. Secretary Lansing declined to comment on the reply until he had the complete official text before him.

It was considered doubtful that the official text would be given out for publication either to-day or to-morrow.

Secretary Lansing has received from Ambassador Penfield a brief resume of the contents of the note.

Bernstorff Saw Lansing.
Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, called at the state department this forenoon and conferred with Secretary Lansing. The ambassador said he believed the news summary of the Austrian note was correct. He declined to comment upon his visit.

Later it was learned that the German view is that Austria-Hungary has granted complete concessions to the American demands.

Secretary Lansing let it be known that he and the German ambassador had discussed the Lusitania controversy, but it was not indicated what had been the result. There have been assurances lately that the ambassador would be authorized by his government to present, at the beginning of the new year, proposals of settlement which would be acceptable to the United States.

BRITISH CASUALTIES IN DECEMBER WERE ABOUT 620 EACH DAY

London, Dec. 31.—British casualties recorded in lists published during the month of December totaled 1,001 officers and 17,548 men. These are the returns from all fronts.

GERMAN ATTACK IN CHAMPAGNE REPULSED

Paris, Dec. 31.—The war office statement to-day says: "In Champagne the enemy last night tried to capture by an attack with hand grenades a small observation post near Hill No. 193. The attack failed completely. 'The night was relatively calm elsewhere.'"

CENTRAL POWERS LONG FOR PEACE

Cardinal Hartmann Went to Rome as Emissary of Kaiser

OVERTURES REJECTED BY ENTENTE NATIONS

Rome Newspaper Gives Details of Interview Man Had With Pope

Rome, Dec. 31.—"If the entente powers were willing, peace negotiations could begin to-morrow." This declaration is ascribed to Pope Benedict in an article published to-day by the Tribune as a part of an interview an exalted personage, whose name is not disclosed, had with the pope.

The pope is directly quoted as declaring that Germany and her allies want peace at once and are willing to make great concessions to gain it.

Central Powers Ready.
The utterance attributed to the pope was made a few days after the recent consistory. His holiness, the Tribune's informant declares, said he was determined to continue his efforts for peace despite their futility to date.

The pontiff stated that the central powers had freely declared their willingness to accept mediation by the Vatican, but that all overtures by the Vatican to that end had been flatly rejected by Great Britain, France and Russia.

Cardinal von Hartmann, of Cologne, it was declared, had come to Rome as a peace emissary of the Kaiser. He had definitely offered Pope Benedict the presidency of a peace congress and, as part of his offer, made a promise that if peace negotiations began, the Turks would stop at once their persecution of the Christian Armenians.

GREEK GOVT. WILL NOT CHANGE ITS ATTITUDE

M. Venizelos Still is Hoping but Does Not Believe It Will

London, Dec. 31.—The correspondent of the Telegram at Athens says: "Former Premier Venizelos received me. Referring to the abstention from voting in the general election on the part of the members of his party, he said: 'The people, by refraining from voting, condemned in no unmistakable manner the policy of the king and the government. The threat of war, revolution and ruin and the stories on which they have been fed during the last nine months did not influence them. I asked the people to do a thing which is contrary to their character, for the Greek understands action, but frets under restraint. The policy of abstention was the wisest thing I could have brought about. 'If I had participated in the election, international turmoil would have led the country into internecine strife and revolution when a real enemy was knocking imperiously at the frontiers. My one hope now is that the result of the elections may influence the king and the government to follow the policy I advocated, and thus, at the eleventh hour save our fatherland.'"

Asked whether he had any grounds for believing that his hope would materialize, Mr. Venizelos replied: "It is only a possible hope which I am entertaining as a patriotic Greek, for what I know does not warrant the belief."

GERMAN MARK FALLS IN VALUE IN SWITZERLAND

Berne, Dec. 31.—The price of 100 marks was quoted to-day at 98 1/2 francs and that of 100 Austrian crowns at 65 1/2 francs. It is predicted in financial circles that the mark will fall still lower in the next few days.

The Vienna post office has fixed the rate of exchange for postal orders at 144 crowns for 100 German marks and 113 crowns for 100 Swiss francs.

WILL APPEAR IN COURT JANUARY 20

Fowler, Martin, Schulteis to Be Given Hearing in New York

REP. BUCHANAN WILL RAISE NO OBJECTIONS

Indicted Under Sherman Law in Connection With German Plots

Washington, Dec. 31.—Former Representative S. H. Robert Fowler, Henry B. Martin and Herman Schulteis, identified with Labor's National Peace council and indicted in New York under the Sherman anti-trust law for conspiracy to restrain trade in munitions, demanded a preliminary hearing when they appeared to-day before United States Commissioner Taylor to await formal return of the indictments. A hearing was set for January 20.

Representative Frank Buchanan, of Illinois, indicted on the same charge, sent word to the department of justice to-day that he would waive all questions of immunity, go to New York as quickly as possible, probably within a week, furnish bail, and adopt no dilatory tactics.

Surprise to Government.
The demand for a hearing came as a surprise to the government. Assistant United States District Attorney Archer announced he understood the defendants intended to give bonds for their appearance in New York to answer to the indictment.

Henry E. Davis, for the defendants, explained that he did not believe that such an indictment should come under the Sherman law or any other law, and that he intended to ask the commissioner to determine whether there had been a bona fide intent on the part of the government to charge a crime against the United States.

"The Sherman law was aimed at the suppression of competition among traders, while the men named in this indictment are in no way competitors with the men with whose trade it is charged, they were conspiring to interfere," Mr. Davis said.

A bond of \$5,000 for appearance here on January 20 was required of each of the defendants.

POSSES KILLED SEVEN NEGROES IN GEORGIA

Blakely, Ga., Dec. 31.—The excitement caused throughout this section by clashes between posses of white men and negroes near here in which seven negroes were killed and two whites seriously hurt, had not entirely died down to-day.

Five of the negroes were shot and killed and two others were burned to death, according to reports here, as a result of three pitched battles yesterday between the negroes and various bands of whites seeking to capture Gradison Goolsby, a negro farmer, and his two sons, accused of assassinating Henry Villibigue, an overseer, who had thrashed one of the younger Goolsbys.

C. M. O'BRIEN JOINS AMERICAN SOCIALISTS

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 31.—Announcement was made to-day that Charles M. O'Brien, former Socialist member in the Alberta legislature and one of the most widely known Socialists in Canada, has withdrawn from the Socialist party in Canada and joined the American Socialist organization. O'Brien spoke here last night.

O'Brien's actions, it is said, was due to what he termed "the revolutionary character of the Socialists in Vancouver, who are ruining the movement in Canada."

STRONG RUSSIAN FORCES ENGAGED IN ATTACKING

Amsterdam, Dec. 31.—Dispatches received here state that the Russians have concentrated very strong forces on the Bessarabian front and are endeavoring to break down the Austrian defence.

NO ISSUE OF TIMES ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

As to-morrow will be a public holiday, with all business suspended throughout Canada, the Times will not be issued in the evening. Should anything of importance occur in the war zones or elsewhere, the news will be bulletined in the windows of the Times business office. Wire communication will be maintained during the day for this purpose.

MAJ.-GEN. HUGHES THANKS THE PRESS

Appreciates Spirit of Papers in Assisting With Work of Recruiting

SIR ROBERT BORDEN IS INDISPOSED AT PRESENT

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Major-General Sir Sam Hughes expressed his gratitude this morning to the press of Canada "for its loyal and patriotic spirit in helping out in every legitimate way the work of recruiting and the development of the forces to meet the common enemy."

"I do not know of a single instance in which confidence has been violated," he said. "I wish to pay this tribute of respect and gratitude to the press for the admirable assistance it has rendered."

Borden Indisposed.
Sir Robert Borden at present is doubly afflicted. In addition to a very severe attack of influenza, Sir Robert is suffering from lumbago. He will be unable to leave his bed until after New Year's day; in fact he may be confined to his house for some considerable time. There are many cases of pneumonia in this city; hence those attacked by a gripe are advised to remain at home until thoroughly cured.

Lady Borden has almost completely recovered.

DECISION RECEIVED WITH GENERAL FAVOR

Plan for Military Service Has Strengthened Asquith and Lloyd George

London, Dec. 31.—While the government's decision to institute compulsion has been received with general favor, the voluntarists are hastily rallying their forces for a renewed campaign, hoping to obtain some delay or modification even at the eleventh hour. Their favorite argument continues to be that first the single men who failed to attest should be compelled to appear before tribunals, stating their individual positions. Should the tribunals decide the men's reasons are unsatisfactory and should they refuse to accept the decisions, the total of such refusals should be ascertained and, if considerable, compulsion could then be introduced.

"Feeling about eventually compelling the genuinely proved residuum to serve would be very different from that excited by a premature proposal of conscription, as now urged, in breach of the prime minister's pledge," says the Daily Chronicle.

Later If Not Now.
Mr. Lloyd George brushed these arguments aside in the cabinet with the declaration that such delay meant a fight over an issue which must be undertaken at a later date.

The Daily News, which strongly supported voluntarism, admits that the conscription proposal has been received much more favorably than once seemed possible. It is said by those in close touch with political organs that public opinion is now very different from what it was even three months ago. The huge number of attestations and the large enlistment under the Derby scheme, added to the existing army of 8,000,000, by giving so many homes throughout the land a direct interest in those serving or about to serve, has produced a different state of mind in many of those who previously opposed compulsion.

Interest now centres upon two points: possible cabinet resignations and the attitude of the Labor party. The dissenting cabinet ministers include Mr. Runciman, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Harcourt, Sir John Simon and Lord Buckmaster, but it is generally hoped they will follow the example of Mr. Balfour and other members of the cabinet who, while intensely disliking conscription, have sunk their individual preferences for the sake of national unity. Many Labor members, expressing deep resentment, demand a national conference of trades unions to formulate opposition. The attitude of labor is unsettled as yet and much depends upon it.

One result of the cabinet's decision has been a great strengthening of the positions of both Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George. The feeling recently prevalent in the country that Mr. Asquith's tendency was to drive his cabinet with too loose a rein, delaying decisions for the sake of union. His firm stand has now modified this view.

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The Telegraph summarizes the general sentiment thus: "It is not going too far to say that the cabinet's decision with regard to the redemption of Mr. Asquith's pledge to married men has brought about a wholesome change in the political atmosphere such as the country has not known for months past and such as some of us seemed to think had disappeared forever."

NATAL SANK AFTER INTERNAL EXPLOSION

Fact Announced in London; Approximately 400 of Crew Saved

WAS IN HARBOR WHEN DISASTER OCCURRED

Completed in 1907; Displaced 13,550 Tons; Carried Six 9.2-Inch Guns

London, Dec. 31.—British armored cruiser Natal sank in harbor yesterday afternoon as the result of an internal explosion. There are about 400 survivors. Official announcement to this effect was made here to-day.

In accordance with its procedure of late, the admiralty has given no indication as to the locality of the disaster. The military regulations make it impossible to give this information publicly.

Enemy Suspected.
The loss is generally attributed to foul play. In support of this theory attention is called to similar disasters which overtook the British battleship Bulwark, which was blown up off Sheerness in November of last year with the loss of 700 or more men, and the British steamship Princess Irene, blown up in Sheerness harbor last May with a loss of 300 to 400 lives.

The sinking of the Natal is the most severe loss which the British navy has sustained in several months. No British naval vessels of importance had been sunk since last May, when the battleships Triumph and Majestic were torpedoed at the Dardanelles. The Natal, although a powerful minelayer, was laid down twelve years ago and, completed in 1907. Her displacement was only about one-half of the largest British sea-fighters.

The Natal's normal complement was 704 men. Her displacement was 13,550 tons. She was 480 feet long and had a beam of 73 1/2 feet. Her designed speed was 22 1/2 knots, but her best recent speed was 23 knots.

Six 9-inch Guns.
She carried six 9.2-inch guns, four 7.5-inch guns and twenty-four 3-pounders and was fitted with three submerged torpedo tubes.

The Achilles, Cochrane and Warrior are sister-ships. The class is known as the Warrior class.

The Natal carried from Portsmouth to New York the body of Whitelaw Reid, American ambassador at London, after his death in 1912, remaining at New York for two weeks.

POINT: POSSIBLE CABINET RESIGNATIONS AND THE ATTITUDE OF THE LABOR PARTY

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FAILED THOUGH THEY WERE FIVE TO ONE

Germans Did Not Capture Post on Rhodesian; East African Border

London, Dec. 31.—Details have arrived of the manner in which a small outpost of British and Belgian troops near the Rhodesian-German East African border, withstood a ten days' siege on the part of a German force which was far stronger numerically and also was much better armed. The scene of the operations was a small frontier post called Saisi, a place which had been the object of very considerable attention on the part of the Germans in their efforts to break through into Rhodesia. The siege took place in August, but the region is so remote, and means of communication so poor that news of the affair was very slow in coming out.

The force of the Germans was about five times that of the besieged and consisted of 400 Europeans, 200 Arabs and 900 native troops. They had in their possession a heliograph, rocket apparatus, signaling stars of different colors and heavy artillery.

Day and Night. For the ten days of the siege the fighting was continuous day and night, and this added to the difficulties of the garrison, which was obliged to fetch its water, a few bucketsful at a time, under fire. The defenders were on half rations, and had scarcely any rest, the trenches of course being

manned night and day, yet so well were they entrenched and so magnificent was the spirit displayed that the losses were small. The trenches of the besiegers, dug among ant hills, almost surrounded the post and the Germans kept up such a severe fire that it was no wonder that the German force thought the garrison was quite prepared to surrender, especially when a relief convoy had been captured. On the seventh day of the siege, a party came forward from the Germans with a white flag, and Major O'Sullivan, with two Belgian officers, went forward to meet it. They were fired on by maxims and rifles. The envoy was the bearer of a letter from the German commandant summoning the garrison to surrender, and requesting that a person fully empowered to arrange terms be sent to the Saisi bridge an hour later. Major O'Sullivan indignantly refused to surrender, and formally complained that he had been fired upon.

Ruse Failed. The night following this incident, every gun on both sides was engaged, and the Germans sounded the Belgian "cease fire," but the ruse was unsuccessful. Evidently they were preparing to rush the trenches, as the officers were heard urging their men forward. Although they almost surrounded the Anglo-Belgian positions, they never got nearer than about 50 yards. During the next two days there was much shelling, but on August 3 the Germans definitely retired.

BRITISH AVIATORS ATTACKED AERODROME

Also Dropped Bombs on Communications Station; French Artillery Busy

London, Dec. 31.—The following official statement was issued last night: "Yesterday sixteen of our aeroplanes bombarded the communications station and hit the station lines and sheds in the vicinity. Ten of our aeroplanes attacked heavily the aerodrome and did considerable damage. In both cases all the machines returned safely.

"During the day there were twelve encounters with enemy aeroplanes. One of our machines engaged four of the enemy's one of which is believed to have been brought down. Another was damaged and all four were driven off. One of our aeroplanes was brought down as the result of an engagement with two machines.

"During the night the enemy heavily shelled our trenches south of Fricourt. A few Germans entered one of our front trenches, but they were immediately driven back.

"The weather has been fine. Our artillery has been active at several places on the front. North of Ypres there has been activity on both sides."

French Report.

Paris, Dec. 31.—The following official communication was issued last night: "In Artois our artillery exploded a munitions depot to the southward of Beaureains. Between the Avre and the Oise our trench guns were active, especially shelling enemy works and destroying a munitions depot in the sector of Beuvraignes. Between the Oise and the Aisne our batteries destroyed machine gun shelters near Vailly."

"To the north of Soissons the fire from our artillery, directed by aeroplanes, silenced and damaged a German battery.

"In the Vosges the cannonade was very active during the day, especially in the regions of Hartmannsweilerkopf and the Linge. One of our shells caused a fire in the wood to the north of Muhlback, in the valley of the Fecht, and five successive and powerful explosions followed. In the region of Reichen a German attack with grenades was easily repulsed."

The following Belgian official communication was issued last evening: "The activity on the front held by the Belgian army was less pronounced to-day than during the preceding days. Artillery duels took place chiefly in the region around Dixmude and further to the north."

STATED ESSAD PASHA HAS DECLARED WAR

Reported Provisional President of Albania Will Oppose Austrians and Bulgarians

Paris, Dec. 31.—The Journal's correspondent at Avlona, Albania, sent the following under date of Thursday: "The Italians now have a fairly strong contingent here, and have sent a regiment to Durazzo. All these troops seem intended for garrison duty pending the march toward Macedonia, although an effective blow could be struck at the badly-equipped Bulgarian army, which could be taken on the flank."

"It is reported that Essad Pasha, provisional president of Albania, has declared war on Austria and Bulgaria. He has 20,000 armed men. His action, if confirmed, will be of real assistance to the entente allies."

SERBIAN TREASURY SENT TO THE FRENCH CAPITAL

Toulon, Dec. 31.—The staff of the Russian legation in Serbia has arrived here aboard an auxiliary cruiser. The vessel also brought the Serbian treasury, which was forwarded to Paris under guard of Serbian officers.

INTERFERENCE NOT TO BE TOLERATED

Germany's Designs on Mediterranean Must Be Checked, Say Italian Papers

Paris, Dec. 31.—M. Carrere, special correspondent of the Temps in Rome, notes that not only has the torpedoing of steamships in the Mediterranean and the dropping of bombs on Verona, Brescia and other frontier towns inflamed Italian public opinion against Germany, but that the press has been allowed to voice the feelings of anger which these actions have evoked. Formerly the Italian censor was extremely careful to keep out of the press anything which savored of an attack against Germany, or any allusion to the possible participation of Germany in the war which Austria is carrying on against Italy. So entirely have these government precautions ceased that many of the Italian papers have been coming out with large headlines to the effect that Italy must declare war on Germany. The Popolo d'Italia, of Milan, the Gazzetta della Sera, of Livorno, and such influential papers as the Giornale d'Italia, the Corriere della Sera, the Secolo, and even the Tribune, all have declared that if the submarines which torpedoed the Ancona and the Firenze were German, there must be no hesitation in declaring war on Germany. Most of the papers make it clear that they have no doubts as to the nationality of the submarines in question.

German Interference. But far more important than the question of the submarines and one which is equally freely discussed in the press is the fact of the violent intrusion of Germany into the Mediterranean affairs. On this matter of supreme moment, M. Carrere defines educated opinion to be as follows: "Italy must not declare war on Germany out of sheer caprice, and history must not be able to say that Italy had attacked her former allies without sufficient reason. Assuredly, there are sufficient moral reasons for an attack, but with an adversary such as Germany, concrete and solid reasons must be advanced which cannot be gainsaid. The affair of the submarines therefore is not sufficient, for though the people all have the moral certainty that these were German, it can not be proved. Hence the embarrassing position of the Italian government."

We Italians are, however, of opinion that Germany is waging war on us at the present time in quite another way than by torpedoing our liners. Her entrance into the Balkans, and into the Mediterranean, is a casus belli which far surpasses the firing of a few torpedoes, for this political action is of capital importance to us. The whole gist of the Green Book shows that we are making war on Austria perfectly legitimately because she disturbed the status quo in the Balkans by her declaration of war on Serbia, and by refusing to guarantee the integrity of Serbian territory. Is not what Germany is doing at the present time far worse than what Austria did in 1914?

Must Declare War. Such is the current of public opinion on the situation, and it has found expression in several very cogent articles appearing in the press. Among these is a notable one published in the Idea Nazionale.

"The state of uncertainty with regard to Germany which has existed in Italy since May," the writer says, "must not last a single day longer. We must declare our war on Germany at once. We must take this step first of all because, without any declaration Germany is waging war on us by land and sea, sending Bavarian battalions against our soldiers in the Trentino, and her submarines against our merchant vessels in the Mediterranean. For while the German armies, in spite of the heroic, but desperate resistance of the Serbs, have carved for themselves, by means of fire and sword, an open road to Constantinople and to Asia Minor, that is to say, to the very heart of the Mediterranean, the German submarines in the same waters, between our coasts and those of our colonies, are systematically sowing devastation."

By Land and Sea. Germany, therefore, both by land and by sea is endeavoring to take possession of the Mediterranean. And who speaks of the Mediterranean speaks of Italy. If Italy does not wish to renounce, in the sight of the world, her place as a great power, that is a Mediterranean power, if she does not intend to give up the future to which her place on the Mediterranean entitles her, if she does not intend to give up her very existence, she cannot permit any power to take a predominant place on the Mediterranean without opposing a deliberate and armed resistance. That is why we should declare war to-day on Germany.

"We shall declare war on Germany because, if we do not exclude her from the Mediterranean (as we have already done in preventing her action in Lybia), she will certainly stifle us. The guns of the Piemonte at Dedegatch were the prelude to fresh operations on our part in the Mediterranean."

TURKS ARE HOPING TO ENTER GREEK TERRITORY

Rome, Dec. 31.—According to news from a neutral source, the bulk of the available Turkish troops are being concentrated on the Greco-Bulgarian frontier to co-operate with the Austro-Germans in an attack on Salonica.

The Turks will invade Macedonia when the Austro-Germans attack Salonica, while the Bulgarians probably will be entrusted with the task of opposing a Russian invasion and the defence of the Aegean and Black Sea coasts.

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CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—The following casualty list was issued last night: Third Battalion—Died of wounds: Pte. A. A. Murray, Oakville, Ont.

Wounded: Pte. Geo. Webb, Montreal. Accidentally wounded: Pte. Chas. Blandford, Toronto.

Fourth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. J. S. Stickney, St. Cloud, Florida. Previously reported missing; now officially reported killed in action: Pte. J. J. Flynn, Hamilton, Ont.

Severely wounded: Pte. Chas. Miller, England.

Seventh Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. Harry L. Wintemute, New Westminster, B. C.

Wounded: Pte. Wm. McAdam, Scotland.

Tenth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. D. Hounson, England; Pte. Jas. Gilchrist, Scotland.

Sixteenth Battalion—Dangerously ill: Pte. Peter Burch, Montenegro.

Seventeenth Battalion—Seriously ill: Pte. W. A. Bennett, Winnipeg; Pte. D. McPherson, Glen William, P. E. I.

Nineteenth Battalion—Seriously ill: Cpl. Joseph Fearman, Hamilton, Ont. Wounded, but on duty: Pte. E. F. Chestnut, Toronto.

Wounded: Pte. Henry Scott, Scotland; Pte. J. W. Buchanan, Scotland.

Twenty-fourth Battalion—Severely wounded: Pte. Jas. Smith, England.

Thirty-first Battalion—Wounded: Pte. W. F. Haxeldene, Edmonton.

Thirty-fourth Battalion—Dangerously ill: Pte. Albert Bundy, Guelph, Ont.

Thirty-sixth Battalion—Died: Pte. Ben. Wright, England.

Thirty-eighth Battalion—Dangerously ill: Pte. Harry Wrance, England.

Forty-third Battalion—Seriously ill: Pte. E. A. MacLean, Winnipeg.

Princess Patricia's—Seriously ill: Pte. Victor Montemerle, New York.

GENERAL SARRAIL HAS HAD CONSULS ARRESTED

London, Dec. 31.—A dispatch to the Times from Salonica says: "The consuls of Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria, with their staffs and families, have been arrested by order of General Sarrail, commander of the French forces, and taken aboard a French warship. "Their consulates are now occupied by allied troops."

"Now," said the professor of chemistry, "under what combination is gold most quickly released?" The student pondered a moment. "I know sir," he answered. "Marriage."

ALLAN IS BACK AFTER TAKING DOGS TO FRANCE

Montreal, Dec. 31.—"Scotty" Allan, the most famous driver of racing dogs in Alaska, returned from France to-day after conveying to the firing line more than 400 cartridges from Alaska and Labrador. One hundred dollars apiece was the price paid for the dogs, some of which were winners in the 400-mile races over the frozen trails of Alaska. Mr. Allan is on his way to Berkeley, Cal., to visit his family.

Mrs. Hawkins—Can't you do anything with these boots? Bootmaker—No, too far gone. Mrs. Hawkins—What yer mean? You call yer shop a boot 'ospital, don't yer? Bootmaker—That's right; but it ain't a mortuary.



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TIMES' FUND, \$15,000,000.

London, Dec. 31.—After fifteen months of collecting, the Times' Red Cross fund to-day reached the stupendous total of \$15,000,000. This is by far the largest fund ever gathered by a single newspaper.

ARRESTING SOCIALISTS.

Rotterdam, Dec. 31.—Vorwaerts, the Socialist paper of Berlin, announces the arrest for high treason of ten German Socialists, including a woman named Clara Zetkin. They are charged with engaging in peace propaganda.

VIOLENT FIGHTING IN EAST GALICIA

Austrians Admit That Russian Forces Are Attacking With Increasing Energy

Petrograd, Dec. 31.—The following official communication was issued last night:

"On our western front, an attempt by the enemy to approach with armored motor cars our trenches on the Bansk road was frustrated easily by our fire.

"In the Riga region there have been artillery duels and rifle fire. The fire was particularly heavy near the bridgehead of Ikskul. Successful operations of our artillery are reported from various points.

"On the rest of the front, as far as the Pripet region, there has been the usual artillery and rifle fire.

"The fighting continues on the front south of the Pripet.

"Caucasian front.—On the coast region of the Black Sea, and southwest of Mount Tortum, our fire stopped Turkish working parties constructing fortifications."

Austrian Statement.

Vienna, Dec. 31.—The following official statement was issued last evening:

"The battles in East Galicia are increasing in extent and violence. The enemy yesterday directed assaults not only against the Bessarabian front, but also against our position to the east of the lower middle Strya. His advance failed, due mostly to the fire of our batteries. Where the storming columns endeavored to penetrate our positions, they collapsed under the fire of our artillery or machine guns.

"When attacking the bridgehead of Burkanew, the enemy left 900 dead or wounded. Three officers and 870 men surrendered. The total number of prisoners taken yesterday in East Galicia was 1,500.

"On the Ikwa-Purtiowka front there were local artillery duels. On the Kormyn brook, a tributary of the Strya, we repulsed several Russian attacks."

MUNITIONS PLANTS INCREASING IN ITALY

Wherever It is Possible to Produce Ammunition It is Produced

London, Dec. 31.—A correspondent sends the following from Rome:

I have been through a great part of Italy in these last months. The period of uncertainty in economic and social life common to every country at the beginning of a great war has passed away everywhere. The national spirit is ready for the sacrifices which a great war imposes for a longer or shorter time; certainly it is not depressed by the news of the deal upon the battlefields, by the sight of the wounded returning from the front, or by the new higher cost of living.

The present war has given Italy the opportunity of showing some of her virtues more clearly and immediately—qualities which her race and her long history have produced in her, and not one moment in the life of this race alone.

Despite the War.

In the midst of mobilization, in the summer, in spite of various classes having been recalled, the harvest was gathered in without great difficulty, and was generally abundant; when the men were wanting, the women were ready to work, those wonderful Italian peasant-women, prodigal of children, and desirous of taking the place of their husbands in all the labors of the field. The Valley of Aosta, scantily populated, has given all its eligible men to the Alpini; the women are doing the men's work.

All the bathing stations on the Mediterranean and the mountain places in Abruzzi, Tuscany, and parts of Lombardy and Piedmont were more frequented this year than last. This proves that even the middle classes look to the future. At Courmayeur, in northern Piedmont, the hotels were full, whereas they were almost empty last year, when Italy's war had not yet begun. The traffic on the railways has become almost normal again.

Ammunition.

A part of the ammunition with which Italy was armed for the war was made in the country. The lesson learned by the others was useful to Italy. General staff set to work in time. Of course, the work of this great industry is now intensified. The transformation of the machinery, which has been one of the great difficulties of those nations taken unawares and unprovided by the war, was made by the Italians during the time of peace.

Now, work is being rushed energetically in Piedmont, in Lombardy, in a part of the Veneto, in Liguria, and in the great naval docks of southern Italy. I saw many large factories closed at the beginning of the European war, and now they are open, working for this purpose. This new industrial organization is spreading everywhere, and wherever it is possible to produce ammunition it is produced. At Bagni di Lucca a little village of Tuscany, famous for its baths, as its name indicates, at the turn of a river, where there was an unused mill, I found a little manufactory of ammunition, hidden in the folds of the valley, far from the noise of the town, jealous of the secrets, even though modest of its productions.

SEVEN STATES "DRY" AFTER JANUARY 1

Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Colorado, Iowa, Arkansas and South Carolina

Chicago, Dec. 31.—State-wide prohibition of the sale and manufacture of intoxicants will become effective in seven states at midnight to-night.

More than 3,000 saloons, a large number of breweries, wholesale liquor houses, and distilleries will be put out of business. The states which are to enter the "dry" column are Iowa, Colorado, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Arkansas and South Carolina. Many counties in all of the seven states have prohibited the sale of liquor for a number of years under local option laws.

In Washington, Seattle, Dec. 31.—The last day of liquor sales in the state of Washington opened with saloons expecting a tremendous business and the cities preparing for more than usually large crowds on the streets to-night, but it is likely that the night's celebration will be more orderly than those of previous New Year's Eves. The number of saloons open to-night will be smaller than for many years, owing to the gradual elimination during the year of saloons dropping out to-day as stocks were exhausted.

All the police reserves in the cities will be on duty, and they will be assisted by a new law-enforcement body—the owners of buildings. If any liquor is sold in any building in the state after 12 o'clock to-night the owner of the building may be proceeded against, and owners, therefore, are co-operating with the police. Saloon-keepers and their employees in Seattle have been notified that if they are arrested to-night they will be kept in jail until Monday, as bail will be refused. All saloon doors must be locked at midnight.

Many permits to alter store fronts have been taken out, and the removal of liquor signs and remodeling of buildings will proceed at once.

In Colorado.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 31.—Citizens who joined in the final rush for supplies of the liquor for private use to-day, the last upon which it may lawfully be sold or given away in Colorado, except for medicinal or sacramental purposes, found only a depleted stock for sale, which melted rapidly at increased prices as the day advanced.

According to one authority, between two and three million dollars has been expended for liquor in Colorado within the last few days. One purchase of sixteen barrels of whisky by one man was reported. Dealers, unable to replenish their supplies by freight, resorted to express orders, which also are said to have been inadequate to supply the demand.

In Iowa.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 31.—"Bargain Day Sale" in the 502 saloons of Iowa were in progress to-day preparatory to the final closing to-night. To-morrow the state will have joined the list of "dry" states of the Union. Under the act statutory prohibition is restored pending the action of the next legislature and the people on the proposed constitutional amendment for prohibition, which is to be disposed of within the next two years.

In Iowa fifteen breweries were closed down finally to-day.

In Idaho.

Boise, Idaho, Dec. 31.—Statutory prohibition comes into force throughout Idaho at midnight to-night.

In Oregon.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 31.—The prohibition law comes into effect at midnight to-night.

25,000 Pints.

Charleston, W. V., Dec. 31.—Twenty-five thousand pints of whisky, brandy and rum, confiscated by the state prohibition department, were emptied into a sewer here yesterday.

The department has received a report from a deputy stationed in a town on the Kentucky border telling of the arrest of ten alleged bootleggers, each of whom wore from four to six pairs of trousers and two coats, with many small bottles of whisky in the pockets.

GERMANS FEAR BRITISH WILL LAND IN BELGIUM

London, Dec. 31.—The Evening News this afternoon received the following dispatch from Rotterdam:

"British monitors continue bombarding German batteries along the Belgian coast. The Germans at Westende are in constant fear that the British will attempt a landing at night."

BUYS HALSEY LIBRARY.

New York, Dec. 31.—Henry E. Huntington, financier and railroad man, has purchased the great library, of Frederick B. Halsey for about \$750,000. Mr. Halsey, a broker and bibliophile, was the owner of a library consisting of about 20,000 volumes comprising many early English editions and valuable Americana which he had been collecting for 35 years.

SCHOOL DESTROYED.

Bristol, Tenn., Dec. 31.—Sullins College, a large Methodist female school here, was destroyed by fire which originated in the boiler room early to-day. The loss is placed at from \$150,000 to \$200,000.

15-MINUTE EARTHSHOCK.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 31.—An earthquake lasting 15 minutes was recorded at 6.30 a. m. to-day on the seismograph of St. Louis University. The direction apparently was southeast by south and the distance was approximately 1,700 miles from St. Louis.

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THE YEAR OF WAR. The end of the year finds the entente nations in an infinitely more secure position than they were twelve months ago.

AT SEA.

The supremacy of the allies on the sea is more firmly established than ever. There is no longer any doubt of the original partners of the entente together as strong as ever but two other great naval and military powers have formally bound themselves to support them to the logical end.

IMPORTANT GROWING FACTORS.

Factors which were subordinated to the purely military and naval operations in the early months of the conflict have grown to formidable dimensions during the year. The economic argument has begun to play its inevitable role.

TERRITORY GAINED.

While the Teutons by virtue of the strategic advantages their preparedness and geographical situation have given them have been able to make substantial territorial gains, the net result on the whole is against them.

THE LOSSES.

The entente's losses have been very heavy during the last year. Russia was the chief sufferer in this respect, having done the greatest amount of fighting, her gallant armies laboring under frightful handicaps.

THE MILITARY OPERATIONS.

In purely military operations on the main battlefields the score for the year favors the enemy if the verdict be based upon the area of territory occupied. But in the effect of their efforts upon the final issue of the war the balance is on the side of the allies.

lost is beside the question. They can fill their ranks with ease; Germany and Austria cannot. The Teutonic offensive, while recording large territorial gains, soon will be shown to have been an irreparable disaster, because it failed in the one essential purpose for which it was undertaken.

PEACE EFFORTS.

During the last twelve months frequent efforts to detach one of their enemies from the ring around them by a separate peace have been made by the central empires.

THE ORACLE.

The oracle informs us, defending the status of the Minister of Works and his proposed tour of the province at the public expense for the purpose of informing himself as to conditions, that no cabinet minister need seek election until the time approaches for him to take his seat in the house.

INTERNATIONAL HUMOR.

Fay and Scholz smiled as they confessed that they had made and had intended to use mines in American waters. Putting things over on Uncle Sam has grown to be one of the most humorous of international outdoor sports.

SOMETHING NEW.

A man entered a famous restaurant and asked for coffee. After he had finished his repast he called the waiter and said: "Water, this coffee has its good points and its bad points. One of its good points is that it is not chicory in it."

LOOKS AFTER THE FURNACE?

Mr. C. H. - Is it necessary at an evening debutante reception for the husbands of the hostesses to stand in the receiving line with their wives? Ans. - It is unnecessary and most unusual for the husbands to stand in line with their wives who may be receiving with the hostess at a reception for a debutante.

ply of more than 3,000,000. But if we had the same relative losses as the Teutonic powers we would have lists several times as long. Germany, according to her own figures, has had altogether 3,500,000 casualties and Austria's losses are generally believed to have been even greater.

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FAVORS BORROWING ON OVERDUE TAXES.

Delinquency Tax Certificate Idea Opposed by Premier; Arbitration Proceedings. An announcement of general interest to the municipalities of British Columbia is given in the premier's reply to the deputation from Vancouver who waited on him recently with regard to charter amendments.

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Victoria Times, December 31, 1890

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The city council agreed yesterday to subscribe the moiety of a subscription to publish a book about Victoria, with illustrations.

OLD 1915

One of the most significant things about the latter part of 1915 has been the trend of general advertising towards the newspapers.

As one keen observer recently put it: "Manufacturers are beginning to realize that they must have the loyal support of the local dealers if their advertising campaigns are to win."

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Copyrights Granted.—The department of agriculture of Canada has granted copyrights to Rodolphe LeMay, Powell River, of photographs of salmon spawning, to John H. Powell, Vancouver, of photographs of Rocky Mountain resorts on the C. P. R., and to Harry L. Shaw and George W. Chalmers, Vancouver, of the words and music of the song: "I'm only a khaki-clad soldier and I hail from old British Columbia."

Rowland's Band at Pantages.—The first concert of 1915 will be given by Rowland's band at Pantages theatre on Sunday evening. Bandmaster Rowland has arranged a capital programme which includes the well-known and popular opera "Rigoletto," a splendid overture, and a selection of "Songs of the Day." Amongst those assisting will be Mr. and Mrs. J. Longfield who will contribute violin and vocal solos. Walter Charles will act as accompanist.

Export Prohibited.—By proclamation of H. R. H. the governor-general the export of scrap steel and scrap wrought iron is prohibited to all destinations except the United Kingdom and British possessions and protectorates, of oatmeal and rolled oats to all foreign ports in Europe and on the Mediterranean and Black seas other than those of France, Russia (except the Baltic), Italy, Belgium, Spain and Portugal, and of hay except to the United Kingdom, British possessions and protectorates, France, Russia (except Baltic ports), Japan and Italy.

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Insurance Company Licensed.—The Northern Life Assurance Company of Canada has been licensed to transact in British Columbia the business of life insurance.

New Company.—The only company incorporated this week in the province is the Holmans Orchard Co., Ltd., which has an authorized capital of \$100,000 and has its head office at Kelowna.

Forbidden the Mails.—The Germania Herald, a daily paper, and the Milwaukee Sonntag-Post, a Sunday paper, both published in German and printed in Milwaukee, Wis., are forbidden the use of the Canadian mails, and possession of a copy of either renders a person liable to a fine of \$5,000 and five years in jail.

Voluntary Winding-up.—In the B. C. Gazette to-day is published notice of the decision of the shareholders of the Island Realty Co., Ltd., to wind up its affairs voluntarily, with David Fowler, accountant, as liquidator.

Timber Licenses for Sale.—The minister of lands will receive tenders up to January 12 for the purchase of timber license X550, to cut 612,000 feet of spruce on a small island in the Skeena river, and timber license X447, to cut 490,000 feet of cedar, hemlock and spruce on Kumdis island, Queen Charlotte Islands.

New Year's Rally.—The members of the Fairfield Sunday school, including the Bible classes and home department are requested to assemble at the church, corner of Fairfield road and Moss street not later than 10 o'clock on New Year's morning, in order to take part later in the big Sunday school rally at the Metropolitan church.

Ford Cars Pay.—While Henry Ford is returning home from his comic opera peace picnic, his company in Canada is doing so much money for him and his shareholders that it has been decided to increase the capital from one million dollars to ten million dollars by the issue of ninety thousand shares of \$100 each and providing for the issue of stock dividend under special circumstances.

Trust Powers Abandoned.—The following companies have acquiesced in the intention to abandon the trust features of their business, in order to comply with the requirements of the Trust Companies act: B. C. Milk Condensing Co., Ltd.; Canada Realty Syndicate, Ltd.; Gonzales Realty Co., Ltd.; Industrial Lands, Ltd.; and MacLean-Burr Auto Co., Ltd.

Provincial Appointments.—Robert Gordon, government agent at Revelstoke, is this week appointed as official administrator for that electoral district in the place of George S. McCarther, resigned. G. A. Kerr, Burns Lake, is to be a deputy mining recorder for the Omineca mining division with a sub-recording office at Burns Lake. S. C. Burton, Kamloops, is appointed a court of revision and appeal for Kamloops, Princeton and Nicola assessment districts.

Insurance Companies in Province.—In this week's issue of the B. C. Gazette the provincial superintendent of insurance, Col. E. F. Gunther, publishes a list of the insurance companies licensed to do business in this province under the federal insurance act or the B. C. Fire Insurance act. There are one hundred and fourteen companies licensed under the provincial Fire Insurance act, and ninety-four empowered to carry on life and other forms of insurance under the insurance act.

St. Andrew's Cathedral.—In accordance with the proclamation of His Royal Highness the Governor-General, Sunday, January 2, will be observed as a day of special prayer and intercession at St. Andrew's cathedral, View street. The Votive mass "In time of war" will be sung at 11 o'clock during which a special sermon will be preached by the Rev. Captain Andrew MacDonell, chaplain to the 57th battalion, Western Scots. After the high mass the blessed sacrament will be exposed for private adoration until the evening service at 7.30. At the evening service, Rev. Father Anselm Wood, S.M., preach on "Christian Ideals in Time of War."

Post Office Changes.—New post offices have been opened at Chief Lake and Dunster, in the constituency of Vale-Cariboo. The offices at Cedar Point, Kootenay, Molly Gibson and Willow Point, all in the district of Kootenay, have been closed on the inauguration of rural free delivery. Five of the post offices in Vale-Cariboo which have hitherto been under the supervision of the inspector at Edmonton for convenience—Lucerne Station, Henningsville, Cranberry Lake, Tete Jaune and McBride, all on the line of the G. T. P.—are to be under the inspector at Vancouver from to-morrow in view of their nearer proximity to Edmonton than to any centre in this province the offices at Pouce Coupe, Rolla, Fort St. John and Hudson Hope, all in the Peace River block and within the British Columbia boundaries, will remain under the Edmonton inspector.

Public Library.—The public library will be open to-morrow (New Year's Day), from 1 p. m. to 2 p. m.

Name Omitted.—In the published list of employees subscribing to the Victoria Patriotic Aid society should have appeared "Employees of Messrs. W. & J. Wilson."

Dr. S. G. Clemence, Dentist, has moved to his new and up-to-date offices, corner View and Broad streets, No. 46-47.

Concert for Patriotic Aid.—The entire proceeds of the concert to be given by the 88th battalion band, Bandmaster Ramsby, will be devoted to the Patriotic Aid fund.

No Reception.—The Bishop and the Dean of Columbia desire to announce that, owing to the special conditions prevailing at this time, they will not be at home to visitors on New Year's Day.

First Unitarian Church.—At the First Unitarian church on Sunday morning, the minister, Rev. W. G. Letham, B. A., will preach on "The Eternal Nature of the Right." On the following Sunday, Jan. 9, evening services will be resumed, beginning at 7.30.

Fell on Sidewalk.—Thomas Dunn, employed at the Manitoba hotel, while walking along Wharf street slipped on an icy spot on the pavement and fell with such force as to break his leg above the ankle. The police ambulance took him to St. Joseph's hospital, where he was attended by Dr. Briggs.

School Changes.—The following staff changes in the city schools are announced to become effective on Monday next: High school, C. M. Haverstock and C. L. Andrews vice William Grey and Gordon Downes, Victoria West, Miss Carson vice Miss O. M. Hayes; Fernwood, Miss Stiff vice Miss Miller; Kingston Street, Miss Kezia Sehl vice Miss Maude Scott.

Congregational Services.—Rev. Chas. A. Stokes, B. D., will preach a special New Year sermon at the First Congregational church next Sunday. In the morning his subject will be: "Forgiving the Past and Looking Forward and Upward." In the evening his subject will be: "Buying Up the Opportunity." New Year hymns and anthems will be sung, and all strangers and visitors will be welcome.

Mr. Hanington Injured.—H. C. Hanington, inspector of legal offices, was slightly injured in Vancouver on Wednesday when the motor bus in which he was riding came into collision with a street car at the corner of Georgia and Granville streets. He was cut by portions of flying glass from the broken windows, but his injuries were not such as to interfere with his business.

At First Presbyterian Church.—Sunday next will be "Patriotic Sunday" at the First Presbyterian church, in accordance with the governor-general's proclamation. The minister will preach at the morning service on "Patriotism and Prayer," and in the evening "Patriotism and Money." At the morning service Rev. Dr. John Hogg will read the lesson, and offer prayer, and in the evening John McMorris will read the Scripture lesson, and J. R. Cowell will offer prayer.

Fifth Regiment Band.—The assisting artists at the Sunday evening concert at the Royal Victoria theatre by the Fifth Regiment band will be Corporal Willis, clarinetist; and R. Macaulay, baritone. The following are the numbers: God Save the King; overture, "The Bridal Rose," Lavalley; characteristic piece, "In the Chapel," Hartmann; vocal solo, "Passing the Bar" (C. Willeby), Mr. Macaulay; Reminiscences of Scotland, Godfrey; clarinet solo, "Air Varié on William Tell" (Rossini), Cpl. Willis; vocal solo, "Mother o' Mine" (F. Tours), Mr. Macaulay; selection, "The Beggar Student," Millocker; march, "The Cossack," Rimmer. Miss Muriel will act as accompanist.

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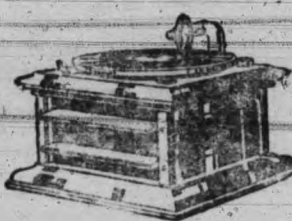
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SPECIAL RATE

Special round trip rate of fare and one-third between all stations on sale January 1, return limit January 2, 1916.

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W. A. Meets.—Christ Church cathedral, senior branch W. A., will meet on Monday, January 3, at 2 p. m., in the schoolroom, Quadra street.

Building Permits.—Building permits have been issued to T. Stothard for a greenhouse at 1716 Lee avenue, and to Holland and McPhillips for alterations to a building at the corner of Fort and Broad streets.

Fire Loss in 1915.—Unless the fire loss is augmented in the next nine hours, the year will close with the total damages amounting to \$26,000, the lowest for many years.

Five Performances.—There will be five performances at Pantages theatre to-morrow, the first commencing at 2.30. This will give practically a continuous show from early in the afternoon till late at night.

St. James' Church.—Service will be held to-night in St. James' church consisting of celebrating the holy communion, commencing at 11.30 a. m. All are invited to attend whether intending communicants or not. On New Year's day, there will be morning prayer and holy communion at 10 a. m.

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First Baptist Church.—The services at the First Baptist church on Sunday will be of unusual interest. In the morning the choir will repeat some of the Christmas music. Mrs. MacCaw and E. R. Hughes will sing. Rev. J. E. Warnicker's topic will be "A New Year's Message." In the evening Geo. Paulin will give an organ recital from 7 to 7:30. The soloists will be Mrs. MacCaw and Miss Mary Middleton. The choir, by special request, will sing several carols. The pastor's topic will be "The Great Events of the Year Just Closed—1915." The organist's numbers will include the Festival March (Smart), Chopin Nocturne; the Halle-lujah Chorus (Braga), and the Angels' Serenade.

St. Louis College
Under the management of the Irish Christian Brothers, will re-open on January 3. Particulars may be had from the Brother Principal.
Phone 3696X 855 Cormorant St.

LEARN FRENCH BEFORE LEAVING FOR FRONT

Young Victorian Writes of Preparation Canadians Are Going Through in England

The following letter describing some of the arduous training the Canadians in England receive before going to the front is contained in a letter received by Walter Foster, of Maywood, from his son. He writes:
"After three weeks at Bramshot camp we were moved to West Sandling camp, where the 48th Battalion are. We are reinforcements for them. I don't know how big the camp is yet, as we only came in yesterday, but I know that it is muddy. We are 30 miles from London.
"There are lots of aeroplanes to be seen—three or four every day.
"Here is the weather in Victoria? It is getting very cold here. Since writing above, we have been on a route march with full kit, going six miles without a stop, and rain coming down in torrents. But the main thing is the grub, which is just O.K.
"I wrote before, but as I told where the bombs dropped and it was a long letter the censor put it in the waste paper basket, which is what they do if they are too long.
"Write I was writing this letter we got orders to be ready in full marching order the next morning (Sunday) at 6.45. We were then marched some miles away to do one week's fatigue at a large artillery camp. I go up for the mail to our camp every day.
"There are about half the 48th gone to the front.
"I am learning French in readiness for the front. It is difficult stuff to get on to. The first thing I learnt was how to ask for food.
"We are in tents where we are now, and it is pretty cold after being in huts. The tents are painted black to keep the light from showing through. It rained last night, and in the morning the tent was frozen stiff, but that is a mere trifle.
"Nearly all the fellows from our office have got commissions now, but not the office boy! I am looking to two officers, and it keeps me busy, as I have to attend all parades too, but it means two or three pounds extra.
"It would make you sorry to see all the wounded going around, some with no legs or no arms. I saw one poor fellow who had been buried alive. He had both legs off and both his arms, and his face, was all twisted.
"We are getting it pretty tough here now. We have night route marches twice a week, trench digging, bayonet fighting and many other things (but I think of Tommy in the trenches).
"Out of 63 men of my platoon half are in hospital with pneumonia, but I have kept fine so far, although nearly every one has been sick. Next week we will be at the rifle ranges, which will be more interesting than trench digging, which is no easy job.
"I have not had any leave yet. I put in for a week-end pass, and paid for the fare which came to 5s. 6d. return, and now at the last minute it has been turned down with all the others. They are always doing something like that."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.
A. McKay of Alberni is staying at the Dominion.
B. Thynne, of Kamloops, is stopping at the Dominion.
B. Reimers, of Metchesin, is stopping at the Dominion.
J. Stewart Clark, of Portland, Ore., is at the Dominion.
N. J. Switzer, of Calgary is a guest of the Dominion hotel.
A. Cairns, of Vancouver, is stopping at the Hotel Strathcona.
A. J. Faulkner, of Calgary, is registered at the Dominion hotel.
Mrs. John Storey, of Vancouver, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.
R. T. Ward, of Bullion, Cariboo, is staying at the Dominion hotel.
Mr. and Mrs. W. Peterkin, of Seattle, are guests at the Empress hotel.
J. R. McLeod, of Vancouver, is registered at the Hotel Strathcona.
H. S. Scott, of Davenport, Iowa, has arrived at the Hotel Strathcona.
P. Margette, is a Vancouver visitor staying at the Hotel Strathcona.
L. F. Caulfield, of Butte, Montana, is registered at the Hotel Strathcona.
Miss M. L. Egan, of Seattle, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.
J. D. McLeod, of Prince Rupert, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday.
E. R. Carson and Mrs. Carson, of Calgary, are stopping at the Dominion.
Mrs. F. C. Quen, of Shanghai, was among yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion.
J. Matthews and Mrs. Matthews, of Grand Forks, are registered at the Dominion.
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To-day, at "Breadalbane," the Rev. Dr. Campbell celebrated the marriage of Millard Harrison and Ada Ethel Marshall, both of Port Angeles, Washington, U. S. A.
The following people are staying at the Hotel Metropolis: H. A. Simmons, Vancouver; Jas. Finlay, Shawnigan Lake; W. M. Cronin, Port Angeles; A. Ruston, Parksville; H. Leishman, Vancouver.
P. R. Brown, the well-known local financial agent, has left for California. Mr. Brown has not been in the best of health lately, and his many friends hope that the change will be of great benefit.

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ANNUAL CONCERT

St. Saviour's Children Take Part in Pleasing Entertainment; Many Patriotic Tableaux.
St. Saviour's church, Victoria West, last night held their annual Christmas entertainment for the small folk of the Sunday school. The various numbers were very pleasingly arranged, and made quite a pretty compensation for the absence of the Christmas tree. The children had voluntarily favored renouncing the money for prizes in order that this might be given to the Red Cross society, and the little Christmas touch was no less enjoyable because it took the simple form of candies, nuts and oranges distributed at the close of the evening.
The tableaux showed Britannia; Florence Nightingale taking the message of a dying soldier at the Crimean war; and three girls waving to the departing troops, whose presence was indicated by the distant sound of a drum. The opening number was a little song given by the small primary boys and girls. F. Saunders gave a recitation, and there was a Red Cross drill by a number of girls. The boys gave several chorus numbers which were much appreciated.
Quite one of the prettiest of the acts was a winter fairy scene.
The prizes were awarded to the leading boys and girls in each class, and indicated unusual activity and industry among the young pupils.
Silver Spring Beer, 2 qts. for 25c.
Hold Regular Meeting.—The Purple Star lodge, 104, L. O. B. A., will hold their regular meeting in the Orange hall, Yates street, on Wednesday at 7:30, when the installation of officers will take place.
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Special at \$1.35
Fine Nainsook Nightgown in slip-over style, square embroidered yoke, finished with lace and bow of ribbon.
Special at \$1.50
Slip-over Gowns with round and square yoke joined with beading through which ribbon is run; neck and sleeves finished with lace and wide ribbon.
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COLUMBIA THEATRE.

Charlie Chaplin is again to be seen at the Columbia in another of his side-splitting comedies, which from the roars of laughter, it evokes from an appreciative audience is undoubtedly one of his most popular. The special feature for the remainder of the week is the five-part Gold Rooster play, "The House of Fear," adapted from the famous Ashton-Kirk stories. Arnold Daly, the well-known American actor, plays the leading role, supported by a strong cast of Pathé players. On account of to-night being New Year's Eve, the management announces that the regular country store will be postponed until Friday next.

ROYAL VICTORIA.

"A Black Sheep," which is the attraction of the Royal Victoria to-night and to-morrow, is a comedy in five acts that is sure to please. Otis Harlan in this merry photocomedy, breaks in to moving pictures with the dash and confidence of a conquering hero. He has played his part with such fervid realism throughout that loud acclaims are the only fitting tribute. As "The Black Sheep" of the Mudd family, of Chicago, he will bring delight to all that see him. The jovial personality with which he in-

vests the wayward son of the Mudds is still further enhanced by his physique. There is also on the same programme a Pathé News with some more than usual interesting events, and another one-act comedy.

VARIETY THEATRE.

Julia Dean, the star in "Judge Not," the six-act film version of Peter B. Kyne's original story, which is the attraction at the Variety theatre for the week end, being shown last night for the first time to crowded houses, has had a short but interesting stage career. Miss Dean never played a minor role. She may be said to have been born theatrically a star. The Universal considers itself particularly fortunate to have secured her services for the principal role in "Judge Not" for Broadway claims her as its own and does not like to let her stray far away. It was only by tempting her by a splendid offer that she finally succumbed to the inducement. Miss Dean was born in Cincinnati on May 23, on the same day that Nance O'Neill was born. The actresses are great friends and when in New York together always celebrate their birthdays by a joint party to which all Broadway which amounts to any-

thing in the theatrical world deems it an honor to be invited.

The star of "Judge Not" made her debut theatrically in "The Lily" in 1910 when she was but a young girl. She was cast in the principal role, that of "Christiane," in "The Lily" and started the dramatic critics with her splendid characterization of a difficult role.

In September, 1911, after a long and successful run in "The Lily," she was featured in George Broadhurst's play, "Bought and Paid For," which created the sensation of the year in base New York. The drama was produced at the Playhouse and as "Virginia Blaine" Miss Dean fairly swept her audiences off their feet by her supreme emotional acting.

Her success was so pronounced that Mr. Broadhurst insisted that she play the principal role, that of Mrs. Harding, in "The Law of the Land," which was first presented at the Forty-eighth Street theatre in New York in October, 1914.

In 1911 the theatrical world was startled by a report of Miss Dean's serious illness. At one time she was playing in "The Lily" in Milwaukee. A special car was provided for her and she was rushed east to her home at Harmon, N. Y., where the best specialists in New York were engaged to attend her. Her life was despaired of for a time but as Miss Dean expresses it, "the good will of my friends pulled me through."

Miss Dean is wildly enthusiastic about moving picture work and declares that it is her secret ambition to say good-bye to Broadway and "settle down" in a little cottage near Universal City, in the sunny California country.

RETURNED SOLDIERS GIVEN A BANQUET

Lads Back From Front Guests Last Night of Welcome Club

Never has the Y. M. C. A. rung to heartier cheers than those given by the returned soldiers, first for the ladies, then for Lieut.-Col. Lorne Ross, at the banquet held in their honor last night. It was a splendid achievement in every sense, and the success of the affair was no less gratifying to the Welcome club and those who assisted them in organizing it than it was delightfully entertaining to the guests and everybody concerned.

From early morning until the moment of the arrival of the boys, the banquet committee worked unrelentingly to get everything in readiness. And the results justified the labor. Three long tables, decorated with bright-berried holly and crimson poinsettias, and weighted with the collation of roast turkey, cranberry sauce, mince pies, Jellies, nuts, fruit and candies, were lined with khaki-clad boys wearing their little badges of distinction for honorable service in the great war. Interspersed was a sprinkling of ladies, and at the head table presided His Worship Mayor Stewart, with two other returned soldiers, Lieut.-Col. Lorne Ross, O. C., 5th Battalion, Western Scots, and Lieut.-Col. Bruce Powley, O. C., 48th Battalion, B. C. "Bantams," on his right and left hand respectively. Mrs. Lorne Ross accompanied her husband.

No Formality. A host of ladies looked after the serving, and attended to under their supervision. It was a happy thought that inspired the provision of such an abundance of Christmas crackers, the pulling of which provided informal introductions and paved the way to conversation between guest and guest. All formality was cast aside and caps, sunbonnets, false noses and grotesque masks were dozed the conventional business of many of the disgruntled guests came into the possession of whistles which thrilled unconscious competition with Mayor Stewart's for a brief space after he rose to his feet. This was for the purpose of expressing the pleasure of the welcome committee in having as their guests—the boys who had come back from the front after having done their bit. They were all proud of the record made by the Canadian soldiers, who were an example to the stay-at-homes. He himself belonged to this latter class, but it was possible that the age limitations would be changed in such a way that it would permit him to go. When this happened he was ready. (Soldier's voice) "Och, but we need a mayor!" Later his worship read a letter from Sir Richard McBride expressing regret at his inability to attend the proceedings.

Appreciated Comforts. Thunderous cheering greeted Lieut.-Col. Lorne Ross when he stood up in response to the mayor's request for a few words from that officer. It had been a very kind thought that prompted the Welcome club and the ladies to prepare the spread, he said, and on behalf of himself and all the boys he expressed sincere thanks and deep appreciation. After the mud and wet of the trenches there was nothing that a soldier appreciated more than the comforts of civilization and the welcome of kind friends. It was the human touch that counted all round. Looking back into those months of fighting last winter he thought all the soldiers would agree with him that it was not so much the battle side of the thing that remained uppermost in their memories. It was not the scream of shells nor the crack of rifles that endured so much as the thoughts of the close friendships formed in the trenches in the very shadow of death. It was there that men came to realize and to understand better the value of character, to appreciate how often underneath a rough coat and a rough manner, beat a kind heart, duty, loyalty, honor and the courage that makes a man face death unflinching.

"I am very proud of you boys tonight. For you each and all have done your duty. You have responded to the call of your country; you have fought for your king. And I know that all Canada is proud of you too. Some of you have scars that you will carry for life. You have my sympathy. Others of you who can will go back to the front. It is a great privilege to be able a second time to go to the service of your king and country. And my wish is that if you do go back you will have better fortune than in the past and will come back unscathed with the conscious pride of having done everything you can to conserve the integrity of the empire!"

Soldiers Speak. Having given three roof-raising cheers and a tiger for the ladies, at the request of Col. Lorne Ross, the boys next accorded that popular officer, who had been with many of them in the trenches, an equally rousing ovation. The chair explained that Lieut.-Col. Bruce Powley, who was to have been called on to speak, had had to leave before the close of the proceedings, expressing his regret at having to depart so early. But an invitation to the soldiers to speak was accepted by a number who were anxious to express their appreciation of the kindly welcome accorded them by the committee of citizens and citizenesses.

First to speak was Pte. Withey, whose expressions of thanks from the N. C. O.'s and men for the delightful entertainment given by the Welcome club was very heartily endorsed in the long applause that followed. A second soldier called attention to the fact that the first speaker had forgotten to include the ladies, who were never very far from the soldiers' thoughts even when they were in the trenches.

A third soldier referred to the fact that the last time he had seen Colonel Lorne Ross had been at the front very shortly after he had been wounded. Rev. K. de B. Owen, on behalf of the ladies of the Welcome club, thanked Lieut.-Col. Lorne Ross and the soldiers for their kindly expressions of appreciation. Speaking for the ladies he was able to say, however, that there was nothing that the women of Victoria thought too good for the brave boys who had offered their lives to their country. In conclusion he asked the soldiers to come at any time to the Welcome club and tell their needs.

On behalf of the Y. M. C. A., Mr. Witham, the general secretary, thanked all the returned boys for going to the association to "eat the spread." He stated that about 600 of the Y. M. C. A. constituency were now at the front, "doing their bit."

This elicited the remark from another soldier that he had seen a great deal of what the Y. M. C. A. was doing at the front, in furnishing comfortable centres where the men in billets could write letters, etc.

John Day, secretary of the Welcome committee, stated that originally the club had been formed for the purpose of welcoming the boys, but more lately it had gone to the mayor with respect to some of the soldiers' complaints, and his worship had promised to back him up. If the Welcome committee could not get for the soldiers what they wanted he, the mayor, would keep the "fires burning" as his share in the effort.

Ladies Speak. Mrs. Richdale, Mrs. McIlree and Mrs. Pilgrim spoke in response to the mayor's request that some of the ladies be heard, and each and all expressed the pleasure which it had given them to be able to do anything for the returned soldiers.

The programme during the evening was under the convenship of Miss Dod, and was as follows: Piano duet by Mrs. Wootton and Miss Dod; song, "Tim Rooney's at the Fighting," by Harry Davis; ventriloquist sketch, Sgt. Frank Morrison; song from "Miss Hook of Holland," Miss Eva Hart; recitation, "Rubenstein's Piano Playing," Robertson Cairns; song, "Canada for Empire," E. Petch; song, "Catch Me," Mrs. D. B. McConnan; song, "Three for Jack," Sgt. Mattheson; song, "Ticklers' Jam," by a returned soldier.

There were present besides those already mentioned at the top table: J. E. Painter, J. Christie, R. A. Crompton, W. A. Marwood and J. Hedley, and the following returned non-commissioned officers and men: Sgt.-Maj. Grant, Sgt. Bewick, W. B. Barton, Johnston, J. B. Wilson, R. N. Nash, James Nelson, E. Homewood, Charles Fletcher, J. F. Tait, T. Dawson, A. Tait, J. Grassick, P. J. Casey, G. Withey, W. Samey, J. Cowan, W. Garver, B. Prior, H. Hart, E. Cavener, E. Avery, N. Smith, E. Robley, J. Briscoe, W. J. Ahearn, E. Lynch, E. Pethel, G. McRae, H. Shepherd, H. Campbell, G. Williamson, G. Herman, J. Robinson, A. H. Tatton, W. McLeod, W. Beans, W. Kirchin, C. Sanford, J. Andrew, J. Anderson, C. Brethour, R. Knight, J. Park, P. O'Hara, P. Davison, J. Cronk, C. Thomas, H. Brazier, A. Whittaker and W. Barton.

The entertainment broke up after the singing of "The Maple Leaf" and the National Anthem.

The convener of the ladies' committee was Mrs. Richdale. Mrs. McIlree was caterer for the occasion, and is indebted to the generosity of those citizens who kindly gave turkeys, etc. for the spread. Mrs. Beaven, Mrs. Jay, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. R. M. Shaw, Mrs. Meakin and Miss Luginr were also active in decorating and other work, and the following ladies of the Y. M. C. A. auxiliary were very active in the arrangements: Mrs. Clements, Mrs. J. G. Brown, Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Melntyre and Mrs. Crompton.

ELECTION MEETING

Saanich Council Will Set Date at Next Meeting; Ward VII. Meeting on Wednesday.

The Saanich council, at its meeting on Tuesday set the date for the meetings in the various wards prior to the election. Since ratepayers' associations were organized in most of the wards, the practice has been to meet the wishes of the local associations, and hold the meetings on the same nights as their organizations assemble. Ward VII. association will meet on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, at the Gorge Presbyterian church, Tillamook road. A candidate is to be selected, and an invitation has been extended to other candidates in the municipality to be present. There is a considerable labor element in the ward who object to the method of handling public works. They are likely to be heard from on this occasion.

On Monday a joint meeting of Wards II, IV, and VII. will be held to receive a report from the committee appointed at the gathering of December 22 to seek a candidate for reeve. The meeting will be held at Tolmie school. While there is every prospect of a contest, the present members of the council who will seek election are saying nothing, waiting to see what measure of opposition will be forthcoming. The contest, however, is likely to be much more strenuous than that of

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MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS

The following militia general orders affecting corps in Militia District No. 11 are published in the last issue of the Canada Gazette: 20th Regiment, British Columbia Horse—Rev. Arthur Vandellour, Chaplain, to be chaplain with the honorary rank of captain; the name of Major and Temporary Lt.-Col. C. Clark is removed from the list of officers of the active militia.

5th Regiment, C. G. A.—The following officers, having qualified, are confirmed in their rank: Lieut. J. B. Denby, Lieut. Superannuated G. E. Havers, M. H. Scott, V. R. Sutherland, G. M. Irwin, J. H. Taylor and M. A. Kent. 88th Regiment, Victoria Fusiliers—Lieut. Superannuated A. D. Crease, J. C. Bridgman, E. B. Hart, H. G. E. Pocock, R. H. Ley and G. B. Benson are absorbed into the establishment; Claude Ivor Mackenzie, to be a lieu-

tenant supernumerary; Richard W. Day, Sergeant Henry B. Greaves, Arthur V. Macan, Victor A. G. Elliot and Edwyn H. L. Johnston, to be provisional lieutenants (superannuated); 104th Regiment, Westminster Fusiliers of Canada—Quartermaster and Hon. Lieut. G. Farratt is permitted to resign his commission; Richard Arthur Henderson, to be a provisional lieutenant (superannuated); 102nd East Kootenay Regiment—Provisional Lieut. R. G. Hirtz is permitted to retire.

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MEXICAN AUTHORITIES TO PREVENT CEREMONY

James Coffroth is Confident Track Will Be Successfully Opened To-morrow

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—Mexican authorities will prevent the opening of the race track and casino at Tijuana, Lower California, New Year's day, if it will be closed soon afterward, according to a message received to-day by C. S. Seguin, Mexican vice consul here, from C. Ruiz, sub director of consulates of the Mexican state department. The message was in answer to a specific inquiry on the subject.

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SPORTING NEWS

EX-COAST LEAGUE HOCKEY PLAYERS ARE SENSATIONS OF EASTERN HOCKEY

But Three P. C. H. A. Hoppers With Canadiens Are Utter Failures; N. H. A. Clubs Are Crippled

P. C. H. A. cast-offs and "jumpers" are now sensations of the N. H. A. Three men cut loose by Lester Patrick and two "hoppers" from the Victoria team have landed steady jobs with teams in the east. Three of the players cut adrift by Patrick are now on the league leaders. Bert Lindsay, Walter Small and Don Smith are regulars with the Wanderers, and Silent Ulrich is first reserve. These players were not good enough to hold down jobs in this circuit, and it is a pretty fair indication that the western body is much the stronger league. Goldie Rodgers, former Victoria demence player, is the sensational of the N. H. A., however, was not cut loose, but jumped to the east. Goldie is the only member of the Canadian team that is playing good hockey. Twice he has saved his team from being "whitewashed."

their nearest rivals, Quebec, and they have yet to lose a game.

Teams Are Crippled. Odie Cleghorn is still out of the game for the Wanderers. He is laid up with a gripp, Ottawa are minus Angus Duford and Art Ross, who are on the hospital list, but they have added to their fold Hamby Shore. He has been a holdout for a long time, and came to terms Wednesday. He acted as first sub. in Wednesday night's game.

Tickets On Sale. Tickets for Tuesday night's game at the local arena went on sale this morning at the Fit-Rite clothing store. There was a big rush to procure the choicest seats near the ice. It is anticipated that the crowd will exceed that of the opening game. It is expected that Moose Johnson will be back on the Rosebud defence, but Lester Patrick may not have sufficiently recovered to participate in the game.

Regina Vics. Beat Soldiers. Regina, Sask., Dec. 31.—In one of the fastest games played on local ice this season the Victorias won last night the 68 Battalion by a score of 8 to 2. The game was featured by fights, not only among the teams, but also among the spectators, feeling running very high. The crowd, supporting the Victorias, took umbrage at the attitude of the soldier-rooters who, when they saw the game going against them, thrived to start a recruiting rally which proved out of favor.

Lindsay is in Business. Bert Lindsay who is playing goal for the Wanderers hockey team, conducts a very profitable "jitney" business in Renfrew. When the hockey season came around he hired a man to manage his business until after the season. Bert introduced the "jitney" business into Renfrew and on starting out he found a five passenger car sufficient, but business increased and now his largest car has a seating capacity for 20 persons.

GROUNDS ARE IN EXCELLENT CONDITION FOR TO-MORROW'S SOCCER FIXTURE

Civilian Eleven Will Oppose United Service Team at Royal Athletic Park

Ideal weather prevails for the annual soccer fixture between the Civilian eleven and a team selected from the naval and military forces of the city and vicinity, which will be played to-morrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock at the Royal Athletic park. Both teams are crippled by having representatives on the Victoria Rep. team which is to play at Vancouver to-morrow. The Civilian have been dealt the hardest blow, and have been forced to substitute several youngsters to fill the gaps left vacant by the absence of the veterans.

The forward line is made up of youngsters. Chick McLeod on the right wing is a fine forward, while Kerley, Cummins, Livingstone and Shakespeare, though lacking in experience, are considered equal to any line that the United Service can field. Jack Robertson and Willie Church, both of the Wests, are on the reserve list. Giddy Goward will officiate at referee. This is the second annual meeting of the Civilian and United Service teams. Last year they played a 3-all draw.

Return Game at Vancouver. This afternoon the Victoria representative team embarked for Vancouver, where they will meet the mainlanders to-morrow. On Christmas Day the teams met here and the game resulted in a draw, each team netting three goals. The following team will represent Victoria to-morrow: Goal, Matheson (88th Regiment); backs, Sheriff (Jacksons) and Whyte (Wests); half-backs, Niven (Jacksons); Petticrew (Wests), Allen (Jacksons); forwards, Sherratt (Wests), Nichol (Jacksons), Filmore (Thistles), Muir (Thistles), and Douglas (Wests); reserve, to travel with the team, Grant (Jacksons). John Wilson will manage the team.

Will Enter Jackson Cup. That the 108th Battalion will be represented in the Jackson cup competition is the announcement made by the chairman, Lieut. George Hymer. He reports they have twenty-one active players in the battalion, and he is confident they will make a strong bid for the championship.

MULDOON PLANS FORMING LADIES' HOCKEY LEAGUE

Seattle, Dec. 31.—A women's hockey league, in which teams from Vancouver, Victoria, Portland and Seattle will compete, is the plan of hockey authorities in the Pacific Coast association. Manager Muldoon, of the local rink, announced last night that it was probable that a team would be formed here in a short time. There are women who have played the ice game in this city, and many other good skaters, and he says a team could easily be organized.

MERGER OF BASEBALL LEAGUES IS ANNOUNCED

Boston, Dec. 31.—A merger of the New England league and the Eastern association, both class B organizations, was decided upon at a meeting of baseball interests held in this city to-day. The new league will consist of ten clubs, including Lynn, Lawrence, Lowell, Worcester and Portland, of the New England league, which will be dropped from the new organization. It will be given an opportunity to enter the combination if they desire.

DISTANCE REDUCED.

Indianapolis, Dec. 31.—The annual Indianapolis motor speedway automobile race will be run only 300 miles May 30, 1916, instead of 500 for the past five years, according to the entry blanks which were sent out to-day. The purse for the race also has been cut from \$50,000 to \$30,000, the first prize being fixed at \$12,000. There will be ten prizes at the same as in former years.

IS GOING EAST.

Los Angeles, Dec. 31.—Miss Molla Bjurstedt, woman national tennis champion, is on her way to New York. Before leaving she said she expected to return to California next year. During her visit here she was twice defeated by Mrs. May Sutton Bundy, former woman world tennis champion.

FULTON SHOWED REAL CHAMPIONSHIP FORM

Dropped Fifteen Ruffians and Freed Girl; But It Was Done Before the Camera Man

Fred Fulton proved his right to battle Jess Willard for the heavyweight championship of the world recently. No heavyweight in modern times accomplished a feat such as Fulton put over shortly before dusk on the north side. The ex-farmer boy, working his long arms like piston rods, knocked out fifteen opponents, one right after the other, in a saloon brawl. It was probably the toughest battle a ring fighter ever took part in. After ten minutes of battling, his enemies were stretched on the floor and Fulton did not bear a mark. According to the story, which was not turned over to the police for business reasons, Fulton walked into a north side cafe for a drink of buttermilk. While imbibing Fulton heard strange cries from the back room. It aroused his suspicion. He was about to leave the place when the cry was repeated, this time in a muffled tone. This was too much for the fighting farmer boy. He was not going to see harm done to an innocent party while he was in the neighborhood. Dashing through the swinging doors, Fulton caught sight of a score or more of rowdies trying to kidnap a young girl. She was bound and gagged and her captors were endeavoring to torture her into telling the hiding place of the family jewels. This she refused to do. Fulton made a dash for the villains and they pulled revolvers and "blitzed" and attempted to fight back. The young heavyweight was not to be denied, however. He swung mightily and whenever his fist landed a man hit the floor. Finally fifteen were stretched out in the room, the rest jumping through windows to make their escape.

The girl, Fulton untied the girl, escorted her to her limousine awaiting without and proceeded downtown, where he went through his usual workout at O'Connell's gymnasium, boxing four rounds.

P. S.—This happened at the studio of the American Bioscope company, 622 Broadway, where Fulton is being featured in a three-reel drama, entitled "From Farmer Boy to Challenger of the Heavyweight Championship of the world."

WINTER LEAGUE WENT BANKRUPT LAST WEEK

The Imperial Valley Winter league blew up last week. With the gate receipts dwindling, the directors of the four teams decided to quit while the quitting was profitable. The season began November 14, way too late, the directors say now. At that time each team received \$250 forfeit money to finish the season. About ten days ago the Brawley directors, after their team paid up their bills, settled with their players and withdrew. The players continued on a percentage basis, and first crack out of the box was a game, but it was only a flash. Another of the teams, in the hurried corraling at the opening of the season, picked up some bushers and kept them rather than turn them out into the cold, so the league has been unevenly matched. Now all teams may pull down their feet for the season. The local directors say El Centro is the only town which settled up. Here the players will be paid to date and given transportation to Los Angeles. The following is the crepe-hung standing of the clubs as the league expired:

Table with 2 columns: Club Name, Amount. El Centro 19 2, 323; Imperial 7 5, 330; Calexico 4 7, 303; Brawley 1 10, 300.

BIKE RIDERS WILL FIGHT NATIONAL CYCLING ASSN.

New York, Dec. 31.—Twenty-nine bicycle riders, most of whom competed in the recent six-day race at Madison Square Garden, it became known here, have thrown down the gauntlet to the National Cycling association, which threatens to suspend and further punish any rider who competes in the Chicago six-day race, which will be held February 1 to 9 in the Coliseum. A conference of riders and promoters of the Chicago race was held in Newark, N. J., Tuesday, at which was discussed the probable outcome of defiance at the National Cycling association, and then the riders signed to enter the Chicago race and fight the National association if it carried out its threat to suspend all its members who compete in the race. They all agreed, it is reported, that if they were suspended they would never ride for the National association.

COFFIN NOT YET NAILED ON TACOMA BOXING GAME

Tacoma, Dec. 31.—Although announcement to the effect that the lid would go on the boxing game January 1, along with the prohibition law, was made several weeks ago, it became known to-day that local affairs between Seattle and Tacoma boys and boxers living in this section will be permitted by the authorities. The lid has been put on importing high-class eastern talent, however, and none but men with purely northwestern reputations will be allowed to appear in public smokers. It is probable that no smokers will be held until the latter part of January, as the Tacoma fans have been pretty well "fed up" on boxing in the past month, three general events being staged.

A Good Resolution For Every Man to Make for 1916. Resolve to dress better. Resolve to wear good clothes. Resolve to get the latest and best of everything. Resolve to keep abreast of the styles. Resolve to see what Fit-Reform can offer in the way of Suits and Overcoats. Resolve to visit the Fit-Reform Wardrobe without delay. ALLEN & CO. Fit-Reform Yates St. Corner Broad

ARENA HOCKEY Tuesday, January 4 8.30 p. m. PORTLAND vs. VICTORIA Seats now on sale at Fit-Rite Parlors, cor. Government and Yates Sts.

Liquor Store at the Old Stand, 745 Fort Street. Phone 2677. Wines and Liquors For the New Year. Reception Brand Scotch Whisky, per bottle \$1.00. Whyte & Mackay's Scotch Whisky, per bottle \$1.25. Teacher's Glenlivet Scotch Whisky, per bottle \$1.25. Usher's Glenlivet Scotch Whisky, per bottle \$1.25. PORT WINE. Native Port Wine, per bottle .35c. California Port Wine, per bottle .50c. Bailey's Superior Port, per bottle \$1.00. Bailey's Extra Superior Port, per bottle \$1.25. H. O. KIRKHAM & COMPANY, Ltd. Liquor Branch, 741 Fort Street, the Old Stand Phone 2677

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL NOTES. Captain Frederic M. Aston, of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, who has been killed, earned his Cambridge "blue" in the latter eighties for association football, the period which immediately followed the Cobbold era, which included George Cotterill, Francis Ford and J. C. Veitch. The captain's son, serving in the same regiment, is reported missing, believed to be killed, and he was a Rugby cricketer, assisting his side in the defeat of Rugby at Lord's four years ago.

JAMES GREEN Gunmaker and Rifle Expert. We repair guns, safes and pistols, golf sticks, cricket bats, croquet mallets, fishing rods, skates, lawn bowls, re-stringing tennis racquets. Gun barrel boring is a special feature of our business. 1319 Government St., Upstairs Phone 1734.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE. The Royal Victoria Yacht club will hold a dance this evening at the club quarters at the Uplands. Dancing will commence at 8.30 o'clock and continue until 3 a. m. Tickets can be obtained from the secretary, room 101, Pemberton Block, or from the steward at the club.

Good For Man And Beast. Kendall's Spavin Cure has now been refined for human use. Its penetrating power quickly relieves swellings, sprains, bruises, and all forms of lameness. It is just what you need around the house. Write for many letters from users to prove its effectiveness.

Wales won the International Association championship for the first time in season 1906-7, and Ireland in 1912-13. In 1888-9 Preston North End won the league championship without losing a match, and in the same season they won the English cup without having a goal scored against them throughout the competition. Busy equalled Everton North in 1895, when they also won the trophy without losing a goal in the five rounds.

—has been used by horsemen, veterinarians, and farmers for over 35 years. Its worth has been proved for sprain, splint, curb, ringbone and the many other hurts that come to horses. Read this letter from James F. Wilson, Kingsland, Sask. "I have used your Spavin Cure time and again with good results for swellings of rheumatism, both for man and beast, and found it very satisfactory. Get Kendall's Spavin Cure at any drug store. For horses \$1. bottle—6 for \$5. Refined form \$5.—4 for \$2.50. Treatise on the Horse free from druggist or write to Dr. R. J. KENDALL CO. Kansas Falls, W. U.S.A.

Lieutenant G. A. M. Chapman, of the R. A. M. C., killed in action—hit by a shell while tending a wounded officer in France—was a New Zealander who played for Cambridge at rugby football in three seasons (1897-8-9), and afterwards aided London Hospital. He was a hard-working scrumrunner.

Lieutenant Harold Whitson, Second Highland Light Infantry, is also among those killed in action in France. He was educated at Kelveside Academy and at Petes College, from where he proceeded to Sandhurst, and was there when the war broke out. Four brothers are serving at the front, and word has been received that Captain Whitson, who played for West of Scotland F. C., has been slightly wounded. Their father, ex-Councillor Whitson, was a well-known cricketer some thirty years ago, being a member of the old Caledonian club, which in these far-off days, was one of the foremost clubs in Scotland.

The phrase "Entente Cordiale" was first used to express the friendly relations existing between France and England in 1904.

DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

DAVID SPENCER'S, LIMITED, 38TH JANUARY SALE STARTS MONDAY NEXT, JANUARY 3

The Balance of Women's Suits

\$13.75, \$18.75 and \$27.50

Regular Values \$20.00 to \$57.50

Every Suit must be cleared, and to do it we have cut the prices to the lowest margin for the January Sale. All Suits are grouped into the following three prices:

\$20.00 to \$27.50 Values.
January Sale Price \$13.75
 Included are beautifully tailored Serge Suits in plain tailored style, satin lined; Tweed Suits in Norfolk styles, also Tailored Suits with ripple hips.

\$29.75 to \$39.75 Values.
January Sale Price \$18.75
 Suits in this group are made of Fancy Tweeds, Fine French Serges, Gabardines and Corduroy Velvets. All styles, including pleated ripple hips, and featuring high-neck closing.

\$40.00 to \$57.50 Values.
January Sale Price \$27.50
 Only nine Suits in this lot, so you will have to shop early. They are mostly in velvets, with silk braid trimming and lined with Skinner's satin; mostly black and navy, and all extra quality garments.

—First Floor

CLEARANCE OF WOMEN'S COATS

Values \$10.00 to \$45.00 Grouped Into Three Prices

\$5, \$10 and \$15

We have made extraordinary price reductions to clear out our stock of Women's Winter Coats. This will afford all the chance to buy one of the season's newest models at a mere fraction of its true value.

30 Serviceable Coats \$5.00
 To go at
 This lot includes Fancy Tweeds and Plain Cloths, in blue, brown and black; plain tailored styles; others finished with velvet pipings.

95 Winter Coats \$10.00
 To go at
 Beautiful Quality Coats, in fancy tweeds, stripes and plain colors; also curl cloths; some feature the high neck closing with fur collar. All this season's models.

45 Handsome Coats \$15.00
 To go at
 Coats with fur collars, chin muff collars and other styles, in Fancy Tweeds, Plain Velvets and Corduroys. Practically every size to 44 bust. Most extraordinary bargains.

—First Floor

A Great Clearing Away of Men's Suits at \$5.75, \$9.75, \$13.75 and \$19.75

Reg. Values \$10.00 to \$32.50

In announcing this January clearance of Men's Suits we would particularly point out that this is the first sale of Men's Suits we have held for six months. The reason is obvious and speaks for itself. The following price reductions will therefore attract considerable attention, especially when the fact is remembered that there is a considerable advance on all woolen clothing.

\$10.00 Suits for \$5.75
 Serviceable Tweeds and Worsteds, but mostly small sizes, suitable for youths and small men. Sizes 32, 33, 34 and 35.

Values to \$15.00, for \$9.75
 This lot includes all sizes in Men's to 33, Smart Tweeds, Worsteds and Mixtures, in browns, greys and greens. Splendidly tailored suits and fashionable models. Suits priced to \$20, to clear at \$13.75. Suits priced to \$22.50, to clear at \$19.75.

In all sizes and O. S., and all the very latest designs and features.

Men's Navy Blue Serge Suits
 Mostly in double-breasted style, but a few single-breasted. These are all high grade suits and would make excellent service uniforms for steamship or railway officers. Three Splendid Bargains—\$18.00, \$20.00, and \$22.50 values. To Clear at **\$13.75 and \$19.75**

Boys' Double-Breasted Suits
 In strong, serviceable Tweeds and Worsteds; fancy stripe and plain shades, in light, medium and dark colors. Well tailored, and trimmed and with bloomer pants. All sizes from 24 to 35. Regular values to \$5.75 for **\$3.75**
 Regular values to \$7.50 for **\$5.75**

—Main Floor

January Clearance of Millinery

Brings Extraordinary Bargains

Entire balance of Fall and Winter Millinery must be cleared out, and the January Sale prices will do it quickly. These extraordinary clearance prices will bring crowds of customers, so get here early Monday morning.

TRIMMED MILLINERY GROUPED INTO THREE PRICES

\$1.00, \$2.50 and \$5.00

Untrimmed Hats, in velvet and felt. To clear at **\$2.50** and **\$1.00**

Colored Corduroy Velvet Outing Hats. To clear at **\$1.00**

Children's Hats, in cloth and felt. To clear at **25c**
 Children's Corduroy Velvet Hats. To clear at **50c**
 Children's Velvet Hats clear at **\$1.00**
 Children's Silk and Wool Bonnets clear at **50c**
 Flowers, a bunch **25c**
 Wings, each **50c**

—Second Floor

The January Sale of Silks Brings Prices "Startling" to Say the Least

The continued economic conditions affect the silk department, perhaps as much as any. The absence of all high-class balls, dances and other functions easily accounts for our heavy stocks, which we intend clearing out during our January sale at prices nothing short of startling. For examples of these offerings see the goods displayed in View street windows.

35c Silks for, Yard, 15c
 Check and shepherd plaid designs, in colors pink, red, brown, green, rose and cerise.

\$1.00 to \$1.75 Silk Crepe de Chine, go at, Yard, 50c
 Pretty floral designs, in light and dark shades, and all very neat effects, suitable for waists or dresses.

\$1.50 Fancy Vestings for, Yard, 50c
 Timmled Vestings, in tapestry designs and shades, also all-over effects, suitable for trimmings, novelty bags and many other purposes.

\$1.00 to \$1.50 Fancy Silks for, Yard, 50c
 Various fancy designs, checks and spots, also two-tone shades; a good variety of colors.

75c Colored Satins for, Yard, 25c
 In shades of green, mauve, brown, olive, grey, reseda, apricot, orange, cardinal, pink and grey.

Reg. \$1.15 Colored Figured Pongees and Silk Foulards Clear at, Yard, 50c
 Good wearing and washing qualities that will make most serviceable waists or dresses at small cost. Double widths, 36 to 40 in., in colors green, blue, grey, tan, violet and cerise.

—First Floor

January Sale Bargains in Cloth Skirts

Values \$4.75 to \$9.75, Go at \$2.75, \$3.75, \$4.75 and \$5.75

For the January Sale we have grouped a wide range of Cloth Skirts into the above four prices. This assortment includes skirts in practically all materials, styles and sizes, and we draw particular attention to the two higher prices. The skirts in these two offerings are of a very high standard, and include the very latest novelties, with patch pockets, also a range of Sample Skirts. Be sure and look these over.

—First Floor

A Big Clean-Up of Reprints. Reg. 60c Books Clearing at 25c

All good authors and books that have had a big sale in their copy-right and reprint editions. A few titles follow—there are many more: "The Message," by A. J. Dawson; "Red Men and White," by Owen Wister; "Myrtle Boldwin," by Chas. Clark Munn; "The Roses of Creim," by Beryl Symons; "The Family Gentleman," by Irving Bachelor; "The Flute of the Guards," by M. E. Ryan; "The Old Wives for New," by David Graham Phillips; "Hope Loring," by Lillian Bell; and others.

—Main Floor

January Sale of Flannelette Nightgowns—Three Big Specials 95c, \$1.20 and \$1.45

Well-made Nightgowns of good quality flannelettes, grouped into three prices:

The **95c** Gowns come in white and pink flannelettes, made with tucked yokes, long sleeves, open front and lace trimmed.

The **\$1.20** Gowns are made on slip-over style, also open fronts, all sizes, and some O. S., extra full in skirt. Heavy quality white and pink flannelette, lace trimmed.

The **\$1.45** Gown is a heavy quality flannelette, made in slip-over style and open fronts, yoke effects and embroidery trimmed.

—First Floor

Ladies' Glove Bargains

150 Pairs Ladies' Kid Gloves Clear at, pair, 25c
 Slightly imperfect—makes this extraordinary price possible—and every pair will be sold in double quick time. Tan and brown only, 2 clasp and all sizes.

200 Pairs White Glace Kid Gloves, Reg. \$1.00 Value for, pair 50c
 2 clasp and in all sizes. Another offering that will clear quickly.

75 Pairs Trefousse Glace Kid Gloves, Reg. \$1.50 Grade for, pair 75c
 All perfect goods and a beautiful quality—one of the best glove offerings for some considerable time. In champagne shade only, all sizes.

—Main Floor

Complete Clearance of All French and Oriental Dress Trimmings

We are making a complete clearance of all our high class French and Oriental Dress Trimmings. These goods were purchased for trimming dresses for afternoon and evening wear, but the absence of all high class functions—due on account of the great war—leaves us with a stock that must be reduced, and to do it prices have been sacrificed to a sensational degree.

Dress Net Flouncings, colored embroidered and cream lace. Former prices, \$20.00 to \$25.00. January Clearance at, per yard **\$5.00**

French Trimmings—Beautifully hand made and hand embroidered. Laces, Novelty Trimmings in cord, braid and bead effects; 3 to 12 in. wide: \$1.00 to \$2.00 values go at yard, 50c. \$2.00 to \$3.00 values go at yard, \$1.00. \$3.00 to \$5.00 values go at yard, \$2.00. \$5.00 to \$12.50 values go at yard, \$3.00.

Neck and Sleeve Frillings—\$1.00 to \$1.75 values for, yard 50c.
 Lace Embroidered Centre—\$1.00 values for, yard 50c.
 Gold Trimmings—Clear at yard 50c.
 Black Lace—75c values for, yard 50c.
 \$1.25 values for, yard 75c.
 \$2.50 values for, yard \$1.25

Lace Flouncings, in colors and black— Values to \$4.50 clear at, yard **\$1.00**

Chiffon Rosebud Trimmings—Reg. \$1.00 value clearing at, yard, 25c

—Main Floor

Two Big Offerings in Women's Waists 45c and 95c

Suitable Quality Waists here that will find a quick sale at these prices.

AT 45c
 There are Fancy Waists, in all white, white and colored stripe, percale, with pique collars and cuffs; blazer stripes, also black and white and grey and white stripes, with organdie collars and cuffs. Very dainty styles and extraordinary values.

AT 95c
 There's a big range of Waists in Delaines, Ratines, Embroidered Voiles, Figured Vestings, and Variegated Stripe effects. Styles that show novelty and convertible collars, as well as the plainer tailored effects. Most serviceable grades.

—First Floor

January Sale of Silk Waists Brings Values \$2.90 to \$7.50 Down to \$1.90, \$2.90 and \$3.90

Women will be delighted with these offerings in wanted Silk Waists because the values are so great and the waists are all suitable for present wear.

The **\$1.90** Waists
 Are mostly tailored styles with detachable French collar and link cuffs, chiefly messaline silks and in shades of navy, Copenhagen and black.

The **\$2.90** and **\$3.90** Waists
 Come in fancy colored silks in stripes and plaids, with convertible or novelty collar. Silk crepe de chine and georgette crepes in shades of flesh, maize, navy, white and black. Beautiful qualities.

—First Floor

Entire Balance of Children's Coats Go at Especially Reduced Prices

Investigate these in Mantle Department.

—First Floor

Extraordinary January Savings on Men's, Women's and Children's Shoes

Thousands of pairs of good serviceable Boots for men, women and children have been selected from our large stocks for this January Clearance Sale. Some of our best and highest-priced Shoes are included, and all are reduced to extraordinarily low prices that mean big savings to you.

Women's \$6.00 and \$7.00 Boots. \$4.65
 January Sale Price
 Included are Queen Quality Patent Button Boots, with double calf top. Military Lace Boots, with black cloth tops. Patent Button Garter Boots, cloth tops; also Bronze Kid Gipsy Button Boots and Gunmetal Lace Boots, with dark grey cloth tops, extra high leg. Also a great many other styles, all of which are right up to date and in every way superior qualities.

Women's \$5.00 and \$6.00 Boots. \$3.95
 January Sale Price
 This offering contains Military Lace Boots, in patent, with grey or fawn cloth tops. Black Cloth Top Patent Garter Button Boots. Patent Lace Boots, with cloth top and short stage vamp. Gunmetal Lace Boots, with black cloth tops. Queen Quality brand and grey top Gunmetal Button Boots.

Women's \$4.00 and \$5.00 Boots. \$2.95
 January Sale Price
 Serviceable qualities in Fawn and Grey Top Military Lace Boots, patent vamp. Patent Button Boots, with cloth top, in black and fawn. Gunmetal Calf Button Boots and Bluchers, with welted sole; also Suede Button Boots in black, brown and green. These are all \$6.00 values. All \$5.00 and \$6.00 Queen Quality Tan Button Boots included.

Women's \$3.50 Boots. \$2.45
 January Sale Price
 About 150 pairs Black and Tan Calf Button and Lace Boots. Also Glazed Kid Button and Lace Boots.

—First Floor

Men's \$6.00 Boots. \$4.65
 January Sale Price
 All high grade present style Footwear, mostly "Quite Right" brand. Included: Tan and Black Calfskin Lace Boots, English last, low heel. Tan and Black Winter Calf Blucher Boots, waterproof double sole, leather lined. Cloth Top Black Calfskin Lace Boots. Finest quality black or tan calf Bluchers or Button Boots, on all the most favored lasts, selling regularly at \$6.00, and some at \$7.00. January Sale Price \$4.65

Men's \$5.00 and \$6.00 Boots. \$3.95
 January Sale Price
 Included are Waterproof Winter Calf Bluchers, leather lined. Tan Mexico Winter Calf Bluchers, waterproof sole. Black Calfskin Blucher Boots, genuine oak tanned soles, leather lined. "Quite Right" \$5.00 and \$6.00 Tan Calf Blucher and Button Boots, also Button and Lace Boots, in fine velour calf, on good lasts and welted sole.

Men's \$4.00 Boots. \$2.95
 January Sale Price
 About 250 pairs Men's Black Calf and Velour Calf Blucher Boots, some leather-lined, in a variety of styles. Excellent values at \$4.00. Great Bargains at, per pair **\$2.95**

60 Pairs Men's Boots. \$2.45
 To Clear at, Pair
 Box Calf Blucher Boots, drill lined and all sizes from 6 to 10. This is an extra special January Sale offering at, a pair **\$2.45**

—Main Floor

Our Regular \$1.00 Print Negligee Shirts 75c

In light and fancy stripes, coat shape and 3-in. starched cuffs. Sizes 14 to 16½.

English Oxford and Cotton Shirts—With turndown attached collars. Sizes 14 to 16½ only. January Sale—Values to \$1.50 for **95c**

Dark Stripe Flannel Shirts—With or without separate collars. Sizes 16, 16½ and 17. Values to \$2.00 clear at **95c**

Men's Wool Mixture Shirts and Drawers—\$1.00 value for **75c**

Men's Union Flannel Pajamas—\$3.50 values clear at **\$2.45**

Men's Police Braces—Good leather ends. 56c value for **35c**. 25c value for **25c**

—Main Floor

Great Bargains in Men's and Boys' Sweater Coats

\$5.75 Values for \$3.75—Men's heavy all-wool sweater coats, with military collar, in colors white, navy and maroon. About seven dozen only to clear.

\$1.25 Values for 95c—Men's wool mixture sweater coats, vest shape; navy with maroon only and medium sizes.

\$1.50 Values for 95c—Youths' sweater coats, with shawl collar or vest shape, in plain and combination shades. Size 34 only.

\$1.25 Values for 50c—Boys' sweater coats in wool mixtures, with shawl collar. Sizes 24 to 32. Colors, grey, khaki, fawn, navy and maroon.

—Main Floor

30 Reg. \$12.75 Eiderdown Comforters to Clear at \$6.75

These are quilted, ventilated and faced with satin and drill effects; filled with good quality Eiderdown.

20 Eiderdown Comforters, values to \$7.50 for \$4.75

—Main Floor

950 Yards Striped Flannelettes

33 and 35 ins. Wide, to Clear at, Yard, 12½c

Herrockes' White Flannelette—30c grade for **25c**

36-in. White Cottons—12½c grade for **9c**

—Main Floor

Blanket Bargains

40 Pairs Good Quality Blankets— These got badly soiled, so we had them laundered. Usual values, \$4.50 to \$6.00. We clear them out at, pair **\$2.75**

Slightly Shop Soiled Blankets— Being cleared out at prices according to size. A pair, \$3.25 to **\$5.50**

—Main Floor

Sale of Sheets and Pillow Cases

75 pairs, full size, strong quality, bleached and neatly hemmed. Reg. \$1.75 grade for, pair **\$1.35**

\$1.85 grade for, pair \$1.50 **\$2.35 grade for, pair \$2.00**

\$1.95 grade for, pair \$1.65 **\$3.00 grade for, pair \$2.50**

\$2.15 grade for, pair \$1.95

Plain Hemstitched Pillow Cases— By the pair, a dozen—
 Plain Hemmed, all sizes, 20c grade for, each **15c**
 Plain and Hemstitched, 25c grade for, each **20c**
 Hemstitched, 30c grade for, each **25c**

—Main Floor

500 Yards Wool Delains

Reg. 65c grade, clearing at, yard **35c**

Balance of our fall stock in stripes and spot designs, suitable for waists, dresses and dressing gowns.

—Main Floor

January Sale of Women's Hose

Black Cashmere Hose—Special at, pair **35c**
 3 pairs for **\$1.00**

Silk Hose—In black, tan and white. Special at, pair **\$1.00**, 3 pairs for **\$1.00**

Silk Hose—In black, tan, pink, blue, cardinal, sky, gold and white. Special at, pair **50c**

—Main Floor

January Sale of Ladies' Neckwear and Ribbons

Muslin and Organdie Collars and Vestees—Values to \$1.00 clearing at **25c**

Fancy Dresden and Striped Ribbons—5 and 6 in. wide. Values to 50c clear at, yard **25c**

Handkerchiefs—Some better grades that got soiled in the Christmas rush. To clear at, each **10c**

Remnants of plain and fancy Ribbons at clearing prices: **15c**

—Main Floor

Bargains in Drug Sundries

Tooth Brush and Tooth Paste— Usually sold at 25c each. Monday, the two for **25c**

French Face Powder— Finest quality, in flesh and white. Reg. 35c grade for **20c**

Shaving Brush and Shaving Stick— Value 50c. Monday, the two for **35c**

25c Perfumes— Monday, each **15c**

—Drugs—Main Floor

Wonderful Bargains in High-Grade Corsets

Some of our best and higher priced Corsets are included in this January Sale, and the prices mean Wonderful Bargains to you. For instance—

Values to \$15.00 \$3.95
 Included are such makes as Bon Ton, La Diva, as well as the La Victoire Corsets. These are made from beautiful quality Brocaded Silks and boned with wundacone.

\$2.50 Corsets for \$1.50
 D. & A. Thomson's Glove Fitting and Royal Worcester makes, and qualities regularly sold up to \$2.50.

Broken Assortments and Sizes Clear at 50c
 A few pairs of Corsets in broken assortments and sizes, usually sold at \$1.25. We clear up the lot Monday at, pair, 50c.

\$1.50 Corsets for \$1.00
 Regular \$1.50 Thomson's Glove Fitting and Royal Worcester makes.

Regular \$2.50 Brassieres for \$1
 Made of Silk, with arch shield, beautifully trimmed with lace, and hooks up in front.

—First Floor

TAKE A LOOK AT THESE

9 1/2 ACRES

ALL CLEARED, METCHOBIN DIST. On main road, opposite church and school. ONE OF THE CHOICEST PIECES IN THE DISTRICT. Anyone intending to go in for poultry raising should not fail to take a look at it. PRICE \$395.00 PER ACRE. Terms to suit the purchaser. Will accept an automobile as part payment. Come in and let us give you full particulars.

SWINERTON & MUSGRAVE

Winch Bldg., 500 Fort St.

MAY HAVE TO SPEND

NIGHT AT STATION

Monteagle Will Arrive at William Head on Sunday at 6 p. m.; Japan Leaving

According to a radiogram received this morning the C. P. R. liner Monteagle, Capt. Halley, is not likely to succeed in passing quarantine on Sunday. The message said that she expected to reach William Head at 6 o'clock that night, in which case she will be about two hours behind official schedule. There is little probability of a special order being granted by Ottawa for the passing of the ship, as she carried part of an Asiatic crew and about 70 Chinese passengers. The Monteagle may gain a couple of hours during the last few days of her run, and escape the overnight detention at the station. The Monteagle is running one day behind her schedule. She no doubt has encountered heavy weather on the Pacific. On her last outward trip she was three days late reaching Yokohama. Part of her bridge was torn away by the heavy seas and other damage done to her deck and fittings. The damage was repaired at Hongkong. The passenger list coming on the Monteagle is very light. She has but 29 saloon and 70 steerage travelers, the lightest list she has carried since resuming service.

No Word From Titan. It was expected that some word would have been received to-day from the Blue Funnel liner Titan, Capt. Reid, which is scheduled to arrive here on Sunday from Hongkong and Yokohama. There was a report that she might succeed in docking to-morrow, but the weather undoubtedly has been too rough to enable her to cut a day off her passage. The Titan is bringing in a very heavy cargo and has a few hundred Chinese passengers. Japan Sails To-morrow. The C. P. R. liner Empress of Japan, in command of Capt. R. L. Davidson, will put to sea from this port at 5 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. Word received this morning, the steamship is carrying a full cargo and will have a number of saloon passengers. Next week the steamship Shimpo Maru, under charter to the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, is expected to arrive. She should be along about Wednesday or Thursday. At this port she will discharge 300 tons of freight, the bulk of which will be transhipped to Vancouver and overland points.

TONNAGE INCREASED DESPITE WAR TIMES

Lloyd's Report for Year Ending June 30, 1915, Has Just Been Issued

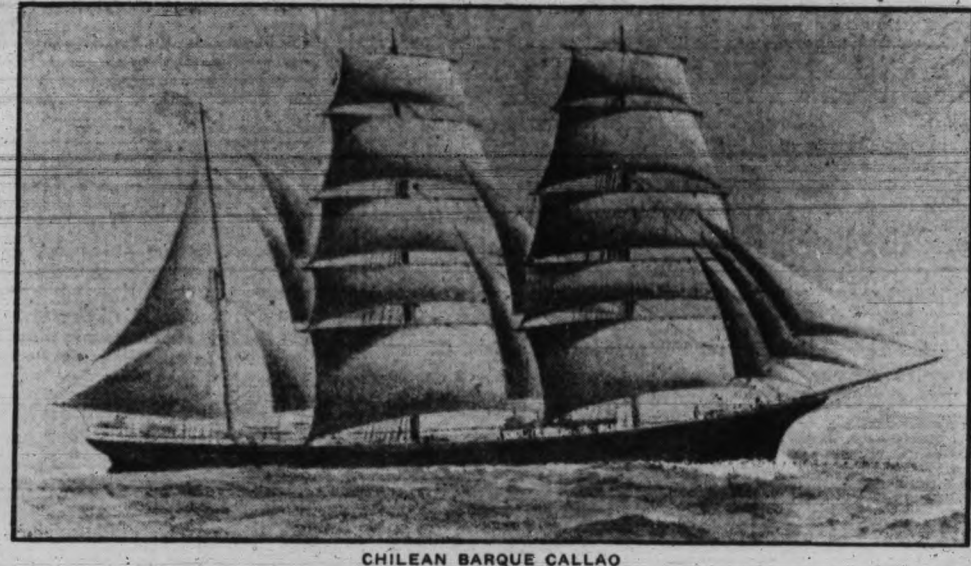
NEUTRAL COUNTRIES DOING WELL WITH SHIPBUILDING

Belligerent Countries Are Restricted to Certain Extent; 571 Ships Built

Despite the losses incurred by the mercantile marine through the war Lloyd's Register of Shipping, in reviewing the operation during the year ending June 30, 1915, records that the tonnage of vessels classed was 300,000 tons in excess of that at the corresponding date in 1914. The register book shows that at the end of the 1914-15 year there were 5,399 steam and sail British vessels registered with a total tonnage of 12,299,948, and that the tonnage of foreign countries entered in the book was 10,874,929, making a grand aggregate of 24,174,877 tons. At the same time, the report adds, it will be readily understood that the war has not been without effect on the work of the society during the past year. Merchant shipbuilding in the United Kingdom has necessarily fallen off owing to the great demands upon the shipbuilding resources of the country for the production of war vessels of various kinds. Construction has been greatly delayed, and in some cases entirely stopped. This has been not only in the United Kingdom, but in all the belligerent countries. The displacement of shipbuilding in those countries has naturally given an impetus to the industry elsewhere. Thus one finds greatly increased activity in shipbuilding in the United States, in Japan, in the Scandinavian countries, and in Holland. The increase is most marked in America, where there are at present under construction and on order, for classification with Lloyd's Register, the largest amount of tonnage upon record for that country. It thus occurs that the actual volume of tonnage which is in hand throughout the world is not materially different from what it was twelve months ago, but it is differently distributed amongst the several shipbuilding countries.

The vessels actually completed and classed in Lloyd's Register during the year ended June, 1915, numbered 571, of 1,295,423 tons, of which 536 were steamers, or motor vessels, of a tonnage of 1,289,827, and 35 were sailing vessels, of 5,596 tons. Of the total, 864,247 tons, or about 67 per cent, were built for the British Empire (United Kingdom 844,184 tons, Colonies 20,063 tons), and 431,176 tons, or about 33 per cent, for other countries. The following table sets forth the net tonnage classed by the society during the last ten years: Year. Steam. Sail. Total. 1906-7 1,198,279 4,996 1,203,275 1907-8 1,179,212 14,419 1,193,631 1908-9 1,147,547 4,244 1,151,791 1909-10 845,719 9,265 854,984 1910-11 923,703 6,243 930,946 1911-12 1,089,123 9,363 1,098,486 1912-13 1,455,988 12,178 1,468,166 1913-14 1,643,259 21,417 1,664,676 1914-15 2,044,287 2,788 2,047,075 1915-16 1,289,827 5,796 1,295,623 Diesel Engines. During the year there have been several additional vessels fitted with Diesel engines, and there are now 35 vessels holding the society's classification which are fitted with engines of this type. Of these the East Asiatic Co., of Copenhagen, own ten; the Nederlandsch-Indische Tankstoom Maatschappij eight, and the Rederi Aktieselskab Nordstjernen six. Of the Diesel-engined vessels at present classed by Lloyd's, thirteen have been built and engaged by Messrs. Burmeister & Wain, of Copenhagen, and eleven have been engaged by the Nederlandsche Fabriek van Werktuigen en Spoorweg-Materieel, usually termed the "Werkspoor," of Amsterdam. The former firm have also in course of construction a large number of engines under the society's survey.

MYSTERIOUS SHIP WHICH Baffles LIFE-SAVERS



CHILEAN BARQUE CALLAO

Nothing has been learned today of the mysterious ship. There is no doubt that she is still adrift and acting as a plaything for the breezes and currents, but for all the news that has come from her the waters of the Pacific might have engulfed her. Despite persistent efforts on the part of the life-saving tug Snohomish, and the west coast life-saving boats, no word has been received here of the Callao for three days. A week had now passed since the Peruvian barque was first sighted in distress. Last Friday morning the craft was reported bearing 14 miles S. S. E. of Pachena, and the lifeboat went off to her from Banfield. She refused assistance, despite the fact that her sails were all gone, and asked for a lifeboat to be sent her. No tug was sent. Then on Christmas night this city was startled by the news that a ship in distress was sighted off Pachena with flames burning. This proved to be the American schooner Sausilto, which is now a total wreck on Waaddah Island. Her bottom has been torn open and two of her masts have gone by the board. Three nights ago another ship, supposed to be the Callao, appeared off Long Beach displaying signals of distress.

TEES WILL BE ONE DAY LATE LEAVING PORT

Owing to certain repairs being necessary, the C. P. R. steamer Tees, Capt. Gilliam, will be one day late sailing for Holberg and her officers and crew will be able to spend the New Year's day. The Tees is scheduled to sail to-morrow night, but officials of the company announced yesterday that she would not depart until 11 o'clock on Sunday night.

STILL NO WORD COMES FROM MYSTERY VESSEL

Callao Continues to Elope Rescuers; One Week Ago Since She Was First Seen

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JAPANESE SHIP WAS BATTERED BY SEAS

Kenkon Maru Badly Damaged While Crossing Pacific; at Seattle to Survey

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 31.—Showing the effects of the hammering and battering she resolved during three gales encountered on her trans-Pacific voyage, the Japanese steamer Kenkon Maru, No. 3, Capt. N. Yamaguchi, reached Seattle yesterday afternoon, twenty-five days from Moji, Japan. Officers of the vessel, which is lying at pier 5, had one of the most thrilling experiences in their whole seafaring career on December 11, when there was a gale of the freighter being engaged in the great sea which swept over her. This storm began at 11 o'clock in the morning and lasted three hours, but during that time the giant comers did considerable damage to the deck house forward, crushed in doors, carried away part of the deckload of hardwood lumber, broke in ports, bent bulkhead plates and damaged the hand-steering gear.

At the height of the storm officers of the vessel discovered that she was leaking one inch an hour in No. 1 hold and the pumps were immediately put to work. They explained that the steamer was not taking water when she reached Seattle. The Kenkon Maru loaded all of her cargo, consisting of 16,921 bales of hemp and 5,441 pieces of hardwood lumber, at Manila, and then went to Moji, where she took bunker supplies, sailing from that port for Seattle on December 5. The Kenkon was formerly the British steamer Alisaeraig. She is making her first voyage to Seattle. The vessel is under charter to the shipping firm of Frank Waterhouse & Co., and will load a full cargo for Vladivostok. The Kenkon was so seriously damaged during her trans-Pacific voyage that her master has asked for a survey.

MONGOLIA AT NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 31.—The steamer Mongolia, one of the four big cargo carriers purchased from the Pacific Mail Steamship company by the Atlantic-Transport Line, arrived in New York yesterday, after a voyage from San Francisco around Cape Horn. She will start on her first trip to London January 5.

PUBLIC MARKET.

The following average prices prevailed at the public market this morning: Fruit—Apples, No. 1, \$1.40; No. 2, \$1.10; pears, 3 cents per lb. Dairy Produce—Butter, 40 to 45 cents per lb.; eggs, 50 cents per doz. Vegetables—Cabbages, 1 cent per lb.; turnips, 1 cent per lb.; parsnips, 1 cent per lb.; carrots, 1 cent per lb.; Brussels sprouts, 6 lbs. for 25 cents; water-cress, 5 cents per bunch; lettuce, 2 heads for 5 cents; squash, 5 cents each; pumpkins, 5 cents each; cauliflower, 5 cents and 10 cents each. Meats—Beef, 8 to 15 cents per lb.; veal, 15 to 20 cents per lb.; pork, 12 1/2 to 15 cents per lb.; mutton, 12 1/2 to 20 cents per lb.; fowl, 15c. to 20c. per lb.; chicken, 25 cents per lb.; duck, 25 cents per lb.; geese, 20 to 25 cents per lb.; turkeys, 35 cents per lb. Fish—Fresh herring, 7 1/2 cents per lb.; cod, 10 cents per lb.; halibut, 7 1/2 cents per lb.; smelts, 10 cents per lb.; crabs, 10 to 12 cents per lb.; shrimps, 20 cents per lb.; smoked salmon, 15 cents per lb.; smoked fillets, 15 cents per lb.; kippers, 10 cents per lb.; bioaters, 16 cents per lb.

TAINTED PATRIOTISM.

Events over which we have no control have placed the United States in a critical position in respect to Germany and Austria. The situation is not of our seeking or of our making, and the outcome may depend quite as much upon the sanity and loyalty of the American people as upon anything the president may do. Private opinions are pitifully unimportant in comparison with the grave issues that are at stake. The sort of patriotism that is insufficient to stand together and uphold the hands of the government at such a time as this is tant of from the start. Heaven help the country that had to plunge into war with that kind of citizenship behind it!—New York Herald.

STEAMER IS FLOATED

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 21.—Dominion Coal company's collier Coban, which went ashore Sunday at Ptolema, Newfoundland, has been floated. She suffered very little damage.

TIDE TABLE.

Table with columns for Date, Time, High, Low, etc. for December.

THE TIME BALL

The time ball on the Belmont building will be raised halfway at 12.45, at the top at 12.55, and dropped at 1 p. m. J. F. Napier-Denison, superintendent, the Observatory, Gonzales Heights.

PRESIDENT IS SAILING SOUTH WITH SMALL LIST

At 5 o'clock this afternoon the Pacific Coast Steamship President, Capt. Zeb, is leaving port for San Francisco, San Pedro and San Diego. She is taking out a very small list of passengers, owing to the approaching holiday. Those who are embarking at this port are as follows: W. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. J. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Searle, Miss M. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. D. Spillius, Mr. and Mrs. C. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. W. Strick and Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Carson.

RICH BULLION SHIPMENT

Seward, Alaska, Dec. 21.—The steamer Northwestern, of the Alaska Steamship company, sailed for Seattle on Wednesday with \$500,000 worth of gold bullion brought by dog teams from the Iditarod, and \$50,000 worth of copper. The Northwestern will take on \$100,000 worth of copper at Prince William sound points before proceeding to Seattle. This is one of the most valuable consignments of gold and copper ever sent out of this part of the north.

TRANSPORTATION

Canadian Pacific Ry. New Year's Holiday \$2.70 to VANCOUVER and return. Tickets on sale Dec. 30th, 31st and Jan. 1st. Final return limit, Jan. 4th, 1916. Steamers leave for Vancouver 2.30 p. m. and 11.45 p. m. Returning, leave Vancouver 10.30 a. m. and 11.45 p. m. For reservation and any further information apply to L. D. CHETHAM, City Passenger Agent.

THE NEXT SAILINGS TO ENGLAND. Holland-American Line, "RYNDAM," New York to Falmouth... Jan. 4. Cunard Line "PANNONIA," New York to London... Jan. 14. White Star Line "BALTIK," New York to Liverpool... Jan. 6. 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. American Line "PHILADELPHIA," New York to Liverpool... Jan. 15. Allan Line "SCANDINAVIAN," St. John to Liverpool... Jan. 15. Lowest rates available. Every detail of your trip from Victoria to England arranged. Baggage checked in bond to steamer. For further particulars call, write or telephone. Great Northern Railway. Phone 699. W. R. DALE, Gen. Agt. 120 1/2 Douglas St.

ATLANTIC SAILINGS TO ENGLAND. In connection with Northern Pacific Railway. S. S. "Adriatic," 25,000 tons, from New York... Jan. 12. S. S. "Philadelphia," 11,000 tons, from New York... Jan. 15. S. S. "Orduna," 14,000 tons, from New York... Jan. 15. S. S. "Finland," 12,185 tons, from New York... Jan. 19. S. S. "Tuscania," 14,500 tons, from New York... Jan. 22. LETTERS OF IDENTIFICATION, SERVING AS PASSPORTS, ARRANGED WITHOUT COST, FOR ALL BRITISH SUBJECTS GOING TO GREAT BRITAIN. These letters will save you any inconvenience in embarking on steamer or landing in the Old Country. Baggage checked through to Steamship Pier "IN BOND," thus saving passengers inconvenience with U. S. Customs. Agency for all Trans-Atlantic Steamship Lines. For rates and reservations call on or address E. E. Blackwood, General Agent, Northern Pacific Railway, 121 1/2 Government Street, Phone 656, or A. D. CHARLTON, A. G. P. A., Portland, Ore.

"SUPERFLUITIES" NEEDED

Retail Shop To Be Opened in Belmont Block Requires That Increased Donations Be Made. It is less than two months since the idea of holding a "superfluties" sale came to a head. The rooms were opened about November 5 in the Belmont block, and in the intervening weeks the committee has cleared \$4,500 for the Red Cross funds. This is a splendid achievement. But the committee is increasing its efforts. In order to make the undertaking an established thing for the duration of the war, the new year is to see the inauguration of a retail store in the Belmont block, where a business will be carried on under the direct supervision of Mrs. Pearce. To make the new branch of the work thoroughly successful the co-operation of the public is required. The "superfluties" committee can find customers. What they cannot find, however, at least in sufficiently large quantities, are the superfluties themselves. There are scores of families in the city who have not yet even tapped their rich resources under this heading, and it is to these that the committee appeals. Gifts should come in constantly in sufficiently large numbers to replace the constant drainage by sales, and the people of Victoria whose homes are full of things which might be turned into money to provide Red Cross necessities, for the wounded soldiers will surely not turn a deaf ear to the call. The financial success of the undertaking to date signifies that with combined effort the public and the superfluties committee can turn in sufficient funds to keep the local Red Cross society well financed.

Through Steamers to San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego

Leave Seattle Tuesdays, 11 a. m. S. S. Congress or Queen. To Alaska. S. S. City of Seattle. Leaves Seattle Jan. 5, 25. Calling at Prince Rupert, Ketchikan, Wrangell, Juneau, Skagway. J. P. Rithet & Co. 117 Wharf St. R. L. OSBORNE, 1009 Government St. H. B. "Imperial" Lager Beer, quarts for 50c. Phoenix Beer—2 qts. for 25c.

TIMES SHIPPING CHART

Shipping chart with columns for Steamer, Master, Tonnage, Agents, From, Due. Includes sections for Deep Sea Arrivals, Deep Sea Departures, Coastwise Services, and For Vancouver/Seattle/Port Angeles/San Francisco/Comox.

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Life Unbearable From Indigestion
Health Restored by "Fruit-a-tives"



MELLE C. GAUDREAU

"Rochon, P. Q., Jan. 14, 1916.
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"A neighbor advised me to try 'Fruit-a-tives.' I did so and to the surprise of my doctor, I began to improve and he advised me to go on with 'Fruit-a-tives.' I continued this medicine and all my indigestion and constipation was relieved. I consider that I owe my life to 'Fruit-a-tives' and I want to say to those who suffer from indigestion, constipation or headaches, try 'Fruit-a-tives.' Give this lovely fruit medicine a fair chance and you will get well the same as I did.

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First Unitarian Church

Corner Flanagan Street and Fernwood Road.
Sunday Service at 11 a. m.
The minister, Rev. W. G. Latham, B. A., will preach.
Subject:

"The Eternal Nature of the Right"

Beginning on Sunday, Jan. 9, both morning and evening services will be held in the church at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., respectively.

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SERVICES
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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

ANGLICAN.

Christ Church Cathedral, Burdett avenue. Holy communion, 8 a. m.; matins and sermon, 11 a. m.; preacher, the dean; children's service, 3:30; holy baptism, 4 p. m.; evensong and sermon, 7 p. m.; preacher, Rev. G. H. Andrews.

St. Matthias' Mission, Walsley street, Ford Bay. Holy communion, 8 a. m.; children's service, 11 a. m.; evensong with sermon at 7 p. m.

St. Barnabas', corner of Cook street and Catalonia avenue. Holy eucharist at 8 a. m.; matins, 10:30 a. m.; children's service, 2:30; choral evensong, 7 p. m. Rector will preach at both services.

St. Mark's, Tolmie road, Rev. J. W. Flinton, rector. Holy eucharist, 11 a. m.; sermon, 11 a. m.; Sunday school, 3 p. m.; evensong and sermon, 7 p. m.

St. Mary's, Burns street, Oak Bay. Holy communion at 8 a. m.; matins and sermon at 11 a. m.; holy communion, 12 noon; children's service, 3; holy baptism, 4 p. m.; evensong and sermon, 7 p. m. Preacher, Rev. A. H. Greenwood, Rev. G. H. Andrews, M. A., rector.

St. Saviour's, Victoria West. Rector, Rev. Robert Connell. Morning prayer and holy communion, 11 a. m.; children's service, 3 p. m.; evening prayer and intercession at 7 p. m.

St. John's, corner of Quadra and Mason. Rector, Rev. F. A. D. Chadwick, M. A. Holy communion, 8; morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.; Sunday school and Bible class, 2:30; evening prayer and carol service, 7:30 p. m.

St. Paul's, Royal Naval Station and Garrison church, Esquimalt. Rector, Rev. W. Baugh Allen. Holy communion at 8 a. m.; matins, 10:30 a. m.; evensong and sermon, 7 p. m.

St. James', corner Quebec and St. John streets. Rector, Archdeacon of Victoria, Rev. W. G. Latham, M. A. Holy communion, 11 a. m.; children's service, 3 p. m.; evensong and sermon, 7 p. m.

Oaklands Church of England Mission, Rev. H. A. Collier, B. A. Sunday school at 3 p. m.; evening prayer and sermon at 7 p. m.

Pemberton Memorial Chapel. Morning prayer, hymns and sermon, 10:30 a. m. Nurses, patients, members of hospital staff and residents of the neighborhood cordially invited to attend.

St. Jude's Mission, Obed avenue, Rev. M. E. Hilton. Litany and holy communion, 11 a. m.; evensong and sermon at 7 p. m.

REFORMED EPISCOPAL

Church of Our Lord, corner Blanshard and Humboldt streets. Rector, Rev. A. deB. Owen. Morning service, 11; evening service, 7:30; Sunday school, 2:30 p. m.

BAPTIST.

Emmanuel, corner Fernwood road and Gladstone avenue, Fernwood car. Rector, Rev. William Stevenson, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school and Bible classes, 2:30 p. m. Branch Sunday school, Shelburne street and King's road, 2:30 p. m.

First Dominion Theatre building, Yates street. Rev. J. B. Warnicker will conduct the service at 11 and 7:30. Sunday school and adult Bible classes at 2:30 p. m. Douglas street, at car terminus. Services will be held Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school, 2:30 p. m. Preacher, Rev. T. M. Habershon.

Tabernacle, Fairfield road and Chester street. Rev. Robert Cameron, D. D., pastor. Morning service, 11; evening service, 7:30; Bible school, 2:30.

PRESBYTERIAN.

First, corner of Quadra and Flanagan streets. Minister, Rev. J. G. Inkster, B. A., will preach at both services.

St. Columba, Mitchell and Granite streets, Oak Bay. Rev. H. A. Macconnell, minister. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.

Gorge, corner Tillicum road and Walter avenue. Minister, Rev. S. Lundie, Rev. S. A. hall, Yates street. Bible study, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

SYNAGOGUE.

Congregation Emanu-El, Blanshard and Pandora. Services, 8 every Friday evening. Helman J. Elkin, rabbi.



Letters addressed to the Editor and intended for publication must be short and legibly written. The longer an article the shorter its chance of insertion. All communications must bear the name of the writer. The publication or rejection of articles is a matter entirely in the discretion of the Editor. No responsibility is assumed by the paper for MSS. submitted to the Editor.

GOVERNMENT EGG-LAYING CONTEST.

"To the Editor.—On 23rd inst. I was up at the Willows, where by the courtesy of Mr. Stroykin, visitors are allowed to have a look round the runs, and I was horrified at the vile state of the ground and surroundings. It is wonderful how the man in charge manages as well as he does, for after this heavy rain, such as we get at this time of the year, the whole area is flooded. To start with, the locality is unsuitable, but what beats me is that, although these contests have been got up to stimulate interest in our principal farm industry, and have now been held for three years, no attempt has been made to drain the ground or even to have ash put down, with the result that birds are pestered with constant adverse conditions and with some of the finest birds, representative of the chief breeds, are sent from all parts of the island, and, in fact, from England, New Zealand, America, etc. It is scandalous that such a condition of things should be allowed to continue. In a letter to the daily Colonist the same day I wrote of this matter, and, incidentally, appealed to the Victoria and Cowichan Poultry Association to wake up and agitate to have things bettered.
I might have saved myself the trouble, for, naturally, the Colonist did not print the letter. I say naturally, because I have found from experience that if anyone writes to that paper criticizing anything in connection with the government or Victoria, it is a waste of time. The editor frowns, that critic is no good for public affairs as a competitor in business, and a year or so ago I wrote him and told him bluntly that concealing a sore does not heal it!
In the present case I appeal to lovers of birds to do what they can to rouse public opinion. More especially do I ask the local poultry associations to move in the matter, and you, sir, in the interest of the poultry industry, to print this letter.

W. B. COLLYER.

FORD EXPEDITION.

To the Editor.—One would have thought that intelligent and thoughtful persons of any community would have applauded instead of derided the Ford expedition, even though there might be good reason to suppose such an expedition would be a futile undertaking. It is astonishing to note the absurd and stupid comments of many writers upon Mr. Ford's motives and purposes. Here is a wealthy manufacturer, making a vast fortune, venturing through the arduous operations of the war, pouring out large sums of money in order to stop it! Such an altruistic attitude must be jeered at, scoffed at, and such a man must become the butt of witless buffoonery and scurrilous penny-a-liners. Surely the least that could have been done would be to wish him God-speed and respect the motives that prompted him to undertake his mission.
Even editors of papers—responsible and well-conducted journals—are carried away in the unthinking tide of opinion. Just at the present the current of public opinion has set towards a vigorous prosecution of the war, hence the promoters of peace in any country are objects of eloquy and ridicule and derision; their motives are impugned, and base insinuations are uttered concerning them.
Fulfil and press, politicians and militarists, alike unite in condemning persons who for humanity's sake seek to find a way for the cessation of wholesale slaughter, rapine and pillage. Years have not taught wisdom to such nor experience brought saner judgment. The greatest Teacher the world ever saw or knew taught His followers a maxim that many seem to have forgotten: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. The leaders of thought and might in Christ's day showed their belief in His teaching by crucifying Him, and men who are professed teachers of His faith are to be found maligning a man like Ford who is trying to carry out practically His precepts. I wonder how many clergymen in Victoria have in their private or public devotions offered a prayer for the success of Ford's mission. I am persuaded their Master would have done so, if He were on earth, which simply goes to show how unlike Him many of them are.
If Mr. Ford could but have inaugurated a movement which might have led to a permanent peace he would have deserved a monument as high as Mount Olympus. No one can tell what may be done until an effort is made. Every reformer is styled crazy and foolish when he commences his reform; afterwards they are ready to canonize him, and later generations marvel at the stupidity of the men of his day who derided.
Do you not think, Mr. Editor, that you might editorially urge the thinking persons of this community to suspend judgment and at least to calmly weigh in the just balances of their consciences the true considerations of the Ford expedition? It may be that not a few will find themselves from their hearty saying: Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
When persons who profess to be guided by Christian teaching are found

UNITARIAN.

First, corner Fernwood road and Flanagan street. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Pastor, O. G. M. Gerlach.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Nazarene, corner Flanagan and Chambers streets. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Pastor, O. G. M. Gerlach.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 933 Pandora avenue. Services are held on Sundays at 11 a. m.

METHODIST.

Metropolitan, corner of Pandora and Quadra streets. Pastor, Rev. C. T. Scott, B. A., D. D. Class meeting, 10 a. m.; public worship, at 11 and 7:30; Sunday school, 2:30; Brotherhood, 2:45.

Centennial, Gorge road, one block from Government street. Rev. A. B. Colwell, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school and Bible classes at 2:30 p. m.

Burnside, corner of Burnside and Millgrove roads. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Fairfield, temporary premises, corner of Fairfield road and Moss street. Rev. A. H. Osterhout will preach at 11 and 7:30. Sunday school and Bible class at 2:30.

Wesley, McPherson avenue, Victoria West. Pastor, Rev. S. J. Thompson. Regular services at 11 and 7:30.

James Bay, corner Mackenzie and Michman streets. Rev. F. N. Stapleford, M. A., B. D., pastor. At 11 a. m. Sunday school and adult Bible classes, 2:30 p. m.; evening service, 7:30.

Oaklands, Goswold road. Sunday school and adult Bible class, 11 a. m.; evening services, 7:30.

Helmont avenue. Rev. John Robson, pastor. Morning service, 11 and 7:30; Sabbath school at 2:30.

Garden City, Creach road. Sunday school, 2:30 p. m.; preaching service, 7:30 p. m. D. Anderson will preach.

Esquimalt, corner Admiralty road and Lyall street. Pastor, Rev. R. Hughes. Morning service at 10:30 o'clock. Sabbath school and adult Bible class, 2:30 p. m. Evening service at 7 o'clock.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

St. Joseph's church, Esquimalt. Holy communion at 7:45 a. m.; Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Week day mass at 8 a. m.

St. Mary's, Victoria West. Mass and Communion at 8:30 a. m. Sunday school at 10:15 a. m.; rosary, short instruction and benediction at 7:30 p. m.

OTHER MEETINGS.

Connaught Seaman's Institute. J. Wright Hill, secretary and port missionary.

The Psychic Research society will hold their Sunday services in the hall, 715 Courtney street, at 3 and 7:30 p. m. Conference by Mrs. M. A. Danks, of Liverpool, England.

Christians gathered to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ meet in Victoria hall, 145 Blanshard street, near Pandora street. Sunday, 11 a. m., breaking of bread; 3 p. m., Sunday school; 7 p. m., gospel meeting.

Christians meet in Oakland Gospel hall, corner Hillside avenue and Cedar Hill road. Lord's day, 11 a. m., breaking of bread; 3 p. m., school and adult Bible class; 7:30 p. m., bright Gospel service.

The Theosophical Society meets at 3 p. m. Friday, and from 3 to 4 p. m. Wednesday, at 202 Campbell building.

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

Welsh services, Knights of Columbus hall, Fort street, 7:30 p. m.

Strangers' Rest. Service will be conducted on Sunday evening at 7:30.

Progressive Thought League, corner Pandora and Blanshard streets. Dr. T. W. Butler will lecture at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. Children's school at 2.

The Divine Psychic Society will hold service at 7:30 Herald street on Sunday evening at 7:30. Soul messages after the lecture. Mrs. L. Reese will lecture.

Universal Spiritual Church. Every Sunday, 8 p. m., in Odd Fellows' hall, 1221 Douglas, corner Johnson. Pastor, W. E. Anselvy, Vancouver.

Cloverdale Hall. Gospel service. Sunday, 7:30 p. m. Pastor, O. S. Benner. Sunday school and Bible class, 3 p. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 8 p. m. Gospel service, Thursday, 3 p. m., at the Strangers' Rest.

Shelburne Street Hall. Sunday school and adult Bible class at 2:30.

Christadelphians meet in Orange hall, 810 Yates street, every Sunday at 6:15. Lecture at 7:30.

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Congregational church, corner Quadra and Mason streets. Rev. Charles A. Sykes, B. D., pastor. Regular services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sabbath school and adult Bible class, 2:30.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.

Society of Friends, meeting house, Fern street (off Fort street). Meeting for worship, 11. Evening special address by Henry Clark, 7 o'clock.

BIBLE STUDENTS.

Associated Bible Students meet in I. B.

condemning any man who seeks to make for peace and thus establish the kingdom of God upon earth, they are "crucifying the Son of God afresh and putting Him to an open shame."
GEORGE GORDON.
Dec. 30.



SONS OF ENGLAND.

Lodge Pride of the Island met on Tuesday evening when the usual business was transacted. Interesting letters were read from Bro. Millard, Hays and Freeman now at the front. Juvenile Lodge Young England will meet next Thursday in the A. O. F. Hall, Broad street at 7 o'clock. Installation of officers takes place on this night, and members of Adult Lodges are invited. Lodge Alexandra will meet the same evening at 8 o'clock in the A. O. F. Hall, Broad street. This being the first meeting in the new hall, all members are asked to attend. Installation of officers for Alexandra Lodge will take place on Thursday, Jan. 20, and Pride of the Island Lodge on Tuesday, Jan. 25.

I. O. O. F.

Meetings Next Week.
Monday—Colfax Sewing Circle, 2 p. m. General Relief Committee, 7:30 p. m. Victoria Lodge No. 1, 8 p. m.
Tuesday—P. N. G. Association, 3 p. m. Vancouver Encampment, 8 p. m. Wednesday—Columbia Lodge No. 2 Thursday—Dominion Lodge No. 4

Colfax Sewing Circle.
The regular weekly meeting of the circle will be held next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

General Relief Committee.
As there will be considerable routine business to transact next Monday evening in order to close up the business for the year 1915, all members of the committee are requested to be on hand.

P. N. G. Association.
The regular monthly meeting of this association will be held next Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Vancouver Encampment.
The officers of the encampment will be installed into office next Tuesday evening, and all members are requested to be present.

Colfax Hebrew Lodge.
The social dance held by this lodge last Tuesday evening was a very successful affair. The brothers who had charge of the arrangements are to be congratulated upon the successful result of their labors.

Columbia Lodge No. 2.
The Christmas tree held by this lodge last Wednesday evening proved a success in every way. There were a large number of children and parents present, and after the distribution of presents by Santa Claus the room themselves playing games. The tombola prizes were an added feature this year which created much amusement.

Installation of Officers.
The officers of the various lodges will be installed Wednesday evening, Jan. 12, by Br. J. Murkar, D. D. G. M., and will be assisted by Bro. R. Livingstone, G. M., and other grand lodge officers.

Mess Cook—Ere. Bill, next time you send up a crate of chickens, see that they don't get loose. I've spent hours scouring the neighborhood, and only been able to find ten. Orderly—'Ush, 'Erb, 'ush. I only sent yer six.

"Now, my son," said the conscientious farmer, "tell me why I punished you."
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BABY'S FIRST NEW YEAR—Have a photo of it at the new Platinum Studio. Jones & Co., Arcade Building, Government View and Broad streets. d31

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION—I will get a suit from Cooper & Potts, "The Yates Street Tailors," 706 Yates street, Metropolitan Block. d31

TO LET—Three-room cottage, Second street, No. 1733, near Mount Tommie car line; modern; rent \$7. Apply 2338 Fowl Bay road, near Arena. d31

WANTED—Second-hand automobile; will pay cash. T. P. McConnell, 228A Pemberton Bldg. d31

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WANTED—By doctor and wife, lot of February or March, 4 or 5 roomed cottage of bungalow, 2 bedrooms, furnished or unfurnished, with garage, close in. Box 1066, Times. d31

WANTED—To buy, small Taylor safe, must be cheap. Box 1965, Times. d31

FOR SALE—High-grade furniture, contents of four rooms. Apply Box 2377, Times. d31

EXCHANGE—Victoria West, four roomed cottage, good lot, small garage, small taxes, mortgage only \$600; will take lot for equity. Dunford's, 312 Union Bank. d31

VISITORS—The "Platinum Studio" is just opened. Everything first-class. The Arcade Building, View, Broad and Government streets. d31

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LOST—One silver ring, 215 Robson street. Suitable reward paid if returned to 25 Upper Bushy street, Ross Bay. d31

LOST—Child's silver bracelet. Reward at this office. d31

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WANTED—Small apartment, close in, modern rent. Box 2038, Times. d31

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ESQUIMAULT—Five roomed cottage to rent, near Navy Yard, \$10 per month. Apply 578 Yates street. d31

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LOST—Thursday evening, from C. P. R. wharf, rubber cover belonging to baby carriage. Finder please: Phone 2383X1. d31

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CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. Geo. Wood and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Furman and family wish to tender their heartfelt thanks to their many friends for their kindly manifestations of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes during their recent sad bereavement, and regret that they cannot thank them personally.

WANT ADS BRING RESULTS.

POPULAR RESIDENT OF VICTORIA PASSES AWAY

John McKillop Died Yesterday Afternoon in Calgary After Lingered Illness

The sad news reached the city this morning of the death of John McKillop, of this city, at the home of his mother in Calgary. Death occurred yesterday, after a lingering illness. The deceased who was 59 years of age had a wide circle of friends in this city, as well as in Nevada and the Yukon. He was a partner in the well known local tobacconist store of Two Jack's Dope. Some months ago his illness became more serious, and he journeyed to Rochester, Minn., to consult the well known physicians, Mayo Brothers. He returned to the home of his mother in Calgary, he was confined to his bed, and gradually got worse until death intervened.

In 1890 the late Mr. McKillop paid his first visit to the coast, travelling for the McCleary Stove company, a well known eastern firm. He resigned and took up his residence in Victoria in that year, and since that time has spent the greater part of his days in this city. He was a member of the Park West Victoria Lodge No. 1, Knights of Pythias.

He gained rapid popularity by his genial disposition and a host of friends will mourn his loss. Besides his mother, he leaves to mourn his loss a brother, Rev. David McKillop, of Calgary, and a sister residing in Hamilton. The remains will be forwarded to Hamilton for burial.

NO SURPRISE HAS BEEN OCCASIONED Attitude of Government to Delinquency Certificates Was Expected

The announcement that the government will not favorably regard the delinquency tax proposal, for the issuance of certificates on overtaxers, aroused no surprise at the city hall today. The committee which is drafting a report for the meeting of council on Monday will doubtless recommend the alternative proposal of borrowing up to 70 or 75 per cent, of the arrears of taxes.

One of the members of the Retrenchment association said today that it was not astonishing that the proposal of delinquency certificate had received the cold shoulder. He claims that all the objectionable features could not be modified. There does not seem the slightest prospect now that the principle will be incorporated in the municipal act. Municipalities with diminished incomes evidently will have to adopt the other alternative. The government having conceded the principle that borrowing against arrears is the best course, will have to give to the municipalities under the general act the same power which Vancouver has under its incorporation act in a limited form, and which is to be extended.

This afternoon the aldermen, in addition to regular streets committee business, will have a statement on financial matters before them, with some suggestions as to proceeding in the coming year in order to meet obligations now maturing.

Previous holders were the C. P. R. and John Hays Hammond.

The six claims of 50 acres each have been worked for about ten years, and have a producing record of about \$1,000 a day during the working season.

A strong objection was taken by mining men to the claims being furnished by Mr. Hopp. The case was argued before the government in February, 1913. After months of deliberation the council referred the legal point to the court of appeal, which in May, 1915, decided that it had no jurisdiction. A further argument before the attorney-general and E. V. Bodwell, K. C., as legal adviser, took place in July; the decision being given only yesterday.

The Choral Society.—The usual weekly rehearsal of the Choral society will be held next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the King's Daughters' rest room, Carter block, Courtney street, opposite the Alexandra club. Practice will commence on the new work "The Ancient Mariner," which is to be given at the next concert. The committee will be pleased to welcome new members as it is desirable to have a larger chorus for this work. Preference will be given to those who, in addition to possessing good voices, can read well. There is no fee or subscription to active members.

Bridget was engaged as housemaid, and had not been in her new employment for more than an hour when she came to her new mistress. "Sure, mum," she said, "would yes moidh givin' me a recommendation?" "A recommendation," Bridget exclaimed the mistress, with a look of alarm. "Whig you have only just come." "Ye 'm'm," admitted Bridget, "but you might not be wantin' to give me one when O'm lavin', m'm."

BIG CHINESE OPIUM JOINT IS BROKEN UP

Police Make Raid on Club at Midnight With Great Success

Liberty hall must have been transported to the premises of the New Chinese Merchants' club at 549 Fisgard street, if the score of men, who were found there last night are to be believed. Free pipes for opium smoking, free meals and free beds are to be had—or so they say.

It was just about midnight when Inspector Heatley, Sergeant Fry and a number of constables visited the place, which is next door to the house where a raid was made a few days earlier. There were gathered in, after half a dozen doors had been broken down, 21 Chinese and a very large amount of opium and the materials for indulging in the illegal practice.

The hearing of the cases occupied nearly three hours in police court today, and the ocular evidence made an imposing array in the court. Of the whole number only one man had the sense to plead guilty, and he was remanded on bail until Monday, for sentence to be pronounced on him. The other five will come up on bail on Monday for trial, they being represented by R. C. Lowe.

Sergeant Fry described the raid. There is an outer stair leading to the top of the building, there being two upper storeys, or in reality three, the first floor above the street being converted into two floors. The sergeant went first, followed by Inspector Heatley, Constable Jones and the other officers, breaking through three doors before they got to the top floor. The first was ten steps up the stairs from the street and had a glass panel through which a watchman inside was able to watch approach from the street. It was controlled by the watchman, who had his station on the first landing at a second door. Third door was closing as the police passed through the first door and had to be broken open. It was of double thickness of planks.

Inspector Heatley and Constable Jones took the first landing and the others continued on. At the top of the stairs was another heavy door which had to be broken down, and this gave access to a small hallway in which were found four Chinese who gave the impression of having rushed from some room. These were Sing, Su, Chong and Chow Quong. The latter had an opium pipe in his hand.

Found Opium Layouts. In the first room, lit by an oil lamp, were two opium layouts with the lamps for "cooking" the drug alight. In the other rooms there was also paraphernalia, but no persons. At the end of the hall was a barred strong-door, which was opened by a Chinese when it was seen that the police, by attacking it, were determined to get in. In a small room off the hall into which this gave were ten Chinese—Lee Jim, George, Chu Dick, Ah Sing, Chu Jit, Chee Wah, Joe Goy, Joe Ming, Joe Sam and Joe Chuck—and a large quantity of smoking materials, including four pipes, twelve pipe-bowls, six lamps, money and many receptacles with remains of opium. There was nothing like the accommodation for so many men in the room, and the atmosphere was thick with opium smoke.

In another locked room which was opened by Wong, the only prisoner to plead guilty, he was found, together with three pipes, eight pipe-bowls, pipe-cleaners, lamps, and pipe-scraps (yen-shee). The air was impregnated with opium.

Inspector Heatley took up the story from the point where he and Constable Jones turned into the first floor after passing through the second door on the stairs. He was faced by a door, produced in court, barred against further progress. This door is of double thickness of half-inch lumber, one layer crossing the other, and has an elaborate system of springs, bars and catches. In the room, forty by twenty, were seven Chinese—Tom Hin, four of the men on bail and two sick men who were allowed to go—a small wooden cask of opium, several small jars with opium or remains of opium, one pipe, four pipe-bowls, a lamp, other materials and \$5.65 in small change.

Constable Bishop produced a bucket containing a large quantity of opium in blocks found under the floor at the far end of the second hall. Sergeant Fry had spoken of. In other rooms than those already mentioned were two pipes, two pipe-bowls, several trays, lamps, scales and other impediments of an opium-smoking establishment.

Innocent Errands. It was curious what innocent errands brought the Chinese to the house. One went there for a mustard plaster for his headache, another for his key as he could go and get dinner, a third because he was asked to take a meal, and a fourth dropped in because he had no place else to spend the evening.

Ah Sing went to get back a loan of \$1.50 made to Lee Jim. There was perfect unanimity among them as to there having been no smoking and no smell of opium in the air. Ah Sing could not imagine what use the paraphernalia in court could be put to—he did not know what opium or opium smoking was—but he knew they were not such articles as were in use in dwelling houses.

George Hing's excuse was that he had gone to see a friend—strange to say, these friends are never found, and are not in court—and there was some question of medicine. Cross-examined, he admitted having been before the court twice before on opium charges. Lee Jim apparently is the keeper, in spite of his denial. He claimed that the owner had been Lee Tung, who was dead, and left money to pay the rent, and Jim had paid one month's rent. Joe Chuck has evidently some connection with the business, too, as

he and Jim share the expense of the food.

Chow Quong explained that he had picked the pipe seen in his hand up from the floor, but he admitted that he had smoked there before and intended to smoke that night. Asked who he paid he stated that they got pipes free but bought the opium elsewhere. "Down below in the same place," was where he bought it, and Bak Fong, whose place was raided the other day, was the vendor.

Magistrate Jay found that there was no doubt whatever as to the nature of the place and the reason for the men being there. The excuses given and the ignorance professed by the defendants could not be believed. Each would be fined \$10 and \$11 costs, or a month in jail.

Keo, Kong, Lee So, On and Low Say were all out on bail, and were able to secure counsel. Mr. Lowe was granted a remand of their cases until Monday, as he was only instructed this morning, and then so meagrely that he came to court expecting to defend a charge of allowing a chimney to smoke. When he got there he found that the smoke was from many opium pipes.

Wong, the man who pleaded guilty and who had been able to give bail, was nearly lost. He must have got a "not guilty" and to get a smoke was stealing out of the court when Sergeant Blackstock caught sight of him and brought him back.

LOCAL NEWS

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No Police Court Tomorrow. The holiday will be kept in police court and there will be no sitting to-morrow.

St. Paul's Church.—A watch night service will be held in the St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Victoria West, to-night.

Dancing Class Postponed.—Miss Roberts' private dancing class has been postponed for a week from to-morrow night. Members are requested to note the alteration.

Bishop to Preach.—The sermon at St. Mary's church, Victoria West, on Sunday night, Jan. 2, will be preached by the Rt. Rev. Alexander Macdonald, D. D., Bishop of Victoria.

Seven Returned Soldiers Arrive.—Seven men who have seen active service, most of them en route to the Esquimalt Convalescent hospital, arrived on the afternoon boat to-day.

Florence Nightingale Chapter, I. O. D. E.—The monthly meeting of this chapter will be held next Monday, Jan. 2, in the room of the Y. W. C. A., at 2:30 p. m. This being the first meeting of the New Year a good attendance is looked for.

Information is Sought.—Thomas J. Stinson, 1623 1/2 Eighth avenue West, Seattle, has asked the police to assist him in finding Mrs. Thomas Larkin or Fred Larkin in reference to some business he had with the late Thomas Larkin.

Special Services To-night.—Watch Night services will be held to-night at 11 o'clock at the Methodist Naval and Military church, Esquimalt. A week of intercession and prayer will commence on Sunday, January 2, and will be held continuously each evening until Friday, January 7.

Salvation Army "Watch Night."—Watch Night services are to be held from 10:30 to 12 o'clock to-night in the Salvation Army barracks. To-morrow there will be a special New Year's gathering for the soldiers of the corps at the same place, commencing at 5 o'clock.

Extracts From "Messiah."—There will be special musical services on Sunday evening at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, the soloists to be Mrs. Longfield and Mr. Pritchard. Extracts from the Messiah will be given among other things. Mr. Longfield will preside at the organ.

To Join Battalion.—Captain H. S. Laughlin, of 624 Battery street, is leaving to-morrow for Sussex, New Brunswick, where he will train with the 104th battalion for service overseas. Captain Laughlin recently qualified for his captain's certificate at the last school of instruction held in this city.

Telegram of Greetings.—Noel Marshall, chairman of the central committee of the Red Cross society, Toronto, has sent a telegram of greetings to the local branch of the society. The telegram contains thanks for the excellent work performed by the branch and other branches under the local jurisdiction.

Leaving for Detroit.—Rev. T. W. Gladstone, formerly pastor of the Reformed Episcopal church, and recently returned from an extended visit in the south will leave on Monday for Detroit, Michigan, where he has accepted a call to the Church of the Redeemer. On Sunday Mr. Gladstone will preach in the Church of Our Lord.

Blue Cross Entertainment.—The programme to be given to-morrow night at the Rex theatre, Esquimalt, for the benefit of the Blue Cross society funds will commence at 7:30 sharp. The entertainment will include vaudeville and moving pictures. An invitation has been extended to all the soldiers at the Convalescent home to be present.

Australian Cadets Coming.—The Australian cadets who were in this city early in October, will return here on Monday, January 17. They will sail from here on the Niagara two days later. An official send-off will be given the boys by the provincial

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government, and it is understood that the Daughters of Empire are arranging for them to repeat the concert, which was such a success when given here before.

New Thought Lectures.—On Sunday Dr. T. W. Butler will lecture both morning and evening at the Progress Temple, Pandora avenue. His morning subject will be "Continuous Advancement." In evening at 7:30 o'clock he will speak on "The Coming of the New Age." Mark Sampson will sing, and an anthem will be rendered by the choir.

Metropolitan "Watch Night."—Watch Night services will be held at the Metropolitan Methodist church this evening at 11 o'clock. The pastor will be in charge. On Sunday morning there will be special services of intercession in response to the special appeal sent out by the governor-general of Canada. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be held at the evening service, the pastor to be in charge of this as well as the morning devotions.

New Patriotic Song.—A new song which has the treble virtue of being patriotic, military and devotional, published recently by J. D. A. Tripp, a well-known composer and player, of Vancouver, has made its appearance in the lists of local music dealers. The song was quite an outstanding feature at a recent concert given by the 12nd battalion at the Orpheum theatre; Vancouver, and the following day both the Sun and the News-Advertiser referred to the new composition in laudatory terms. "Musically the song has that something about it which lasts, while the words and their sentiment are of British honor, love and country," said

the Sun. The words are by Miss Margaret Fawcett, and the fine dignity and patriotic fervor that pervade the three stanzas are expressed in music which is original, yet simple enough to appeal to the man in the street, while the martial time in which it is written has already made the composition popular as a marching song. There is a refrain for each verse, and this too has a fine ring of the sort that catches the ear. "Hail, Britain, Hail!" will shortly be heard at a local concert, and as the composition has been arranged both for band and orchestra as well as for the voice it is certain to be in wide demand.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS

NATIONAL RESERVE.
Lieut.-Col. Gregory, commanding.
No. 2 company will parade at headquarters on Wednesday, January 5, at 8 p. m. sharp. Maywood company will parade at Tommie school, Boleskine road, Thursday, January 6, at 8 p. m. sharp.
Ambulance class will be held at headquarters on Friday, January 7, at 7:50 p. m.
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Regimental orders by Capt. D. B. McConnan, R. O., commanding.
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Lieut. P. D. S. Honeyman, Lieut. C. H. D. Robertson, Lieut. C. B. Garland, Lieut. J. H. Roof, Lieut. J. A. Cresswell, Lieut. F. W. Dalton, and Lieut. R. H. Wilson, of the 6th Regiment, D. C. O. R., Vancouver; Lieut. F. E. Jekill and Lieut. S. Layton, of the 11th Regiment, New Westminster; Lieut. J. F. Brandt, of the 58th Regiment, Prince Rupert; Lieut. H. F. Loughlan, of the 71st Regiment, of Fredericton, N. B.; Lieut. W. A. J. Marshall, Lieut. R. K. Johnston, Lieut. E. J. H. Cardinal, Lieut. H. J. Bush, of the 72nd Regiment, Seaford Highlanders, Vancouver; Lieut. D. James, of the 88th Victoria Fusiliers; Lieut. E. D. C. Martin, of the 88th Victoria Fusiliers; Lieut. J. McHugh, of the 164th Regiment, New Westminster; Lieut. H. T. Logan, of the Canadian Officers' Training Corps; Lieut. A. H. Lawder, of the Victoria Independent Squadron.

Provisional Lieut. B. Salmon, of the 6th Regiment, D. C. O. R., obtained his lieutenant's certificate.

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GOODS FOR GERMANY BY PARCEL POST

Manchester Guardian Says Foreign Office Should Have Free Hand

London, Dec. 31.—In an editorial on the subject: "Contraband by Parcel Post," the Manchester Guardian to-day says:

"Despite protests by the Dutch and Swedish governments, to be followed by all probability by one from the American government, there can be no doubt that the mails give no protection to the carriage of contraband. The immunity of postal correspondence, conceded by the Hague convention, was expressly stated by Herr Krieger, German delegate at the last Hague convention, not to include parcels sent through the post."

The editorial continues by arguing that while it is unfortunate that delays of the regular post should be occasioned by examination of parcels, protests on this subject should be addressed to neutral governments which permit an abuse of the mail service. The paper continues:

"There is no question of law involved at all, except, of course, the old question on which the American government has already argued so voluminously and so cleverly, about the validity of the March orders-in-council."

The Guardian expresses the hope that the British foreign office will be allowed a free hand to deal with the question, and asserts that "only the foreign office, which is in possession of the facts, can strike a true balance between the inconvenience inflicted upon neutrals, which might redound to our detriment, and the actual injury done to the enemy by the stoppage of this trade."

ALL MEMBERS OF CABINET ATTENDED

Compulsory Military Service Bill Was Considered in London To-day

London, Dec. 31.—All members of the cabinet attended the meeting to-day to consider the draft of the bill for compulsory military service, and it appears, consequently, there have been no resignations.

Rumor still is busy, however, with the names of Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer; Walter Runciman, president of the board of trade; and Sir John Simon, home secretary.

The foreign secretary, Sir Edward Grey, and the war secretary, Earl Kitchener, are also mentioned in connection with possible changes in the cabinet, but even if several members withdrew it is now clear that the government will not break up over the question.

Sir Edward Grey's health is again put forward as a reason he may retire in case of any reorganization of the ministry.

The general impression is that opposition to the plan for compulsory service on the part of labor is lessening, although the decision of Labor leaders to refer the matter to the Trades Union congress leaves this question still open.

PHYSICAL TRAINING AND BAYONET DRILL

Maj. H. G. Mayes Made Inspector for All the Canadian Forces

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—Major H. G. Mayes, well known before the war as a tennis player, has come back from England, having been appointed Inspector of Physical Training and Bayonet Drill for all the Canadian forces, whether stationed in Canada, England or France. He is opening his first class of instruction for officers in Winnipeg, which also will be attended by a number of Calgary officers. He will open another class in Montreal on January 3. On January 15, he will sail for England, but will return in the summer to inspect this branch of the military training in the summer camps.

Major Mayes, who is a Winnipeg man, enlisted and went to the front with the 34th Battalion (Fort Garry Horse). He is accompanied in his new work by Lieut. R. A. Bayden, also of the 34th Battalion.

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Financial News

OIL STOCKS AFFORD FOREMOST INTEREST

STRENGTH IN PRICES OUTDOES WEAKNESS

Strong Market for Issues Generally in Wall Street To-day

Coronation Makes New High Figure; Other Stocks Go Higher

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

New York, Dec. 31.—Specialties, notably the oil shares, afforded the greatest interest, while the underdog elsewhere were strong, barely any irregularity being observable. "It is confidently said that a merger including Mexican Petroleum and California Petroleum, and perhaps Associated Oil, is on the tape. The action of the shares suggests something of that sort, but, of course, all of the oil shares have been favored recently by the advances in crude and refined products. The publication of the Austrian reply is awaited anxiously, and its tenor may provide a new incentive, but even so the bull crowd seems determined to endeavor to force a higher range of prices."

Conflicting influences played on prices, resulting in setbacks for Lucky Jim, American Marconi and Slocan Star. Shares of the latter changed hands at 15. Softness in these three issues was easily counterbalanced by strength elsewhere in the list, so that for the winding-up session of the year prices had quite a healthy appearance and were inclined to reflect their strong subtitle.

Coronation made a new high point at 107 and Granby again struck the 85 mark. Standard Lead rose moderately on general bull inquiry, and Howe Sound Mining featured prominently in firmness. The situation in mining issues shows broadening scope.

Stock	High	Low	Close
Blackbird Syndicate	117.00	123.00	123.00
Cop. Copper Co.	52.00	52.00	52.00
Croft's Lead	115.00	115.00	115.00
Coronation Gold	107	107	107
Granby	85.00	87.00	87.00
Int. Coal & Coke Co.	109	109	109
Lucky Jim Zinc	108	108	108
McPhillips Coal	21	21	21
Portland Canal	81	81	81
Rambler Cariboo	171	171	171
Rid Cliff	109	109	109
Standard Lead	157	157	157
Snowstorm	18	18	18
Stewart M. & D.	15	15	15
Stocan Star	15	15	15
Stewart Land	7.00	7.00	7.00
Victoria Phoenix Brew.	115.00	115.00	115.00

Unlisted:

American Marconi	3.25	3.75
Canadian Marconi	1.00	1.20
Clasico Creek	7.00	7.00
Island Investment	22.00	22.00
Union Club (deb.), new	60.00	60.00
Do., old	90.00	90.00
Victoria Opera Debts.	30.00	30.00
University School Debts.	100.00	100.00
Howe Sound M. Co.	7.00	7.75
Portland Tunnels	65.00	65.00
Pingree Mines	18	18

Sales:

500 Slocan Star	15
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PRESSURE OVERCOMES INITIAL PIT SUPPORT

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

Chicago, Dec. 31.—The May wheat option all but reached its recent high figure of 125, but a preponderance of selling ability broke the market nearly four cents from best levels. Cables were strong, but much realizing pressure, largely of pit origin, overcame the support, notwithstanding an amount of short covering typical of a pre-holiday session. The market has enjoyed an advance of fully seven cents and the selling encountered has been a natural fall in what to all intents and purposes is a strongly controlled market.

Wheat	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	124 1/2	125	124 1/2	124 1/2
May	128 1/2	129	128 1/2	128 1/2
July	124 1/2	125	124 1/2	124 1/2

Corn:

Dec.	74 1/2	75	74 1/2	74 1/2
May	77 1/2	78	77 1/2	77 1/2
July	75 1/2	76	75 1/2	75 1/2

Oats:

Dec.	44	44 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2
May	48 1/2	49	48 1/2	48 1/2

Port:

Jan.	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
May	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2

Metals:

Jan.	9.90	10.00	9.85	9.87
May	10.22	10.30	10.12	10.15

Short Rib:

Jan.	10.25	10.30	10.22	10.25
May	10.60	10.65	10.52	10.57

METAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 31.—The metal exchange quotes lead offered \$5.50; spelter not quoted. Copper firm; electrolytic, \$22.50 per spot, iron flat and unchanged. Tin strong; spot, \$40.25 per lb.

SIX WERE BURNED TO DEATH IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Dec. 31.—An explosion due to spontaneous combustion of lined dust at the plant of the American Linseed company in South Chicago, to-day caused the death of six employees and the injury of ten, according to police estimates this afternoon.

Fred Miller, Michael Barnett, Michael McCue, Matthew Colburner and two unidentified Austrians are missing and it is thought certain they were trapped by the flames.

The property loss is placed by the company officials at \$2,000,000. More than 100 men were working in the plant when the explosion occurred. The escape of those who lost their lives and those who were injured was cut off by the flames.

Commander of Govt. Troops in Kiangsi Against Yuan Shi Kai

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—General Li Shun, commander of the Chinese government troops in the province of Kiangsi, has declared his independence of Yuan Shi Kai, prospective emperor, according to a cablegram received here to-day from revolutionary headquarters at Shanghai by Tong King Chong, former member of the Chinese senate and president of the Chinese Republic association.

The Chinese Republic association, according to Tong King Chong, has a membership of about 80,000 in the United States and 200,000 in North, Central and South America. It is devoting itself to the revolutionary movement to maintain a republic in China, known as "the punitive expedition against Yuan Shi Kai."

A message received by Chinese in Victoria from Shanghai this forenoon states that after the independence of the province of Kiangsi had been declared, as stated above, conditions remained as peaceful as usual.

Fungki Chang, the governor of Nanking, asked the other provinces to join the revolutionists. The government troops in the province of Szechuan have disregarded Yuan Shi Kai's order with regard to strong measures against the revolutionary movement, and have joined the revolutionists, according to the message.

In Peking troops in Chingtu, under Changwan, are regarded as a danger.

JOE MURPHY, ACTOR, DIED TO-DAY; AGED 83

New York, Dec. 31.—Joe Murphy, an old time actor, best known for his impersonation in "Kerry Gow," died to-day of pneumonia. He was 83 years old and left an estate estimated at \$2,000,000. Mr. Murphy went to California in 1850 and was widely known among the early California pioneers.

STATEMENT GIVEN OUT IN CONSTANTINOPE

Constantinople, Dec. 31.—The war office to-night issued the following statement:

"In the fighting near Materah, Senusi tribesmen captured 138 English. On the Dardanelles front, on the 29th, a battleship and a torpedo boat fired some shells on Anafarta and withdrew. Our artillery drove off a torpedo boat which attempted to approach Ari Burnu.

"Near Seddul Bahr, on the night of the 28th, there was a vigorous bombardment encounter on the right wing. Toward noon two enemy vessels bombarded our positions in the centre for some time. The enemy expended three mines, one of which caused two further explosions, destroying an enemy trench which remained in the enemy's hands.

"On the 28th, a French battleship, anchoring west of Yenishahr, bombarded our Anatolian coast. The vessel was hit by two of our shells and, enveloped in flames and smoke, steamed away.

"On the night of Dec. 28-29 our batteries successfully bombarded the surroundings of Seddul Bahr, the landing place at Tekke Burnu and enemy camp sheds. On the 29th, one of our sea planes bombarded the enemy camp at Seddul Bahr, causing a fire."

EXPECTED J. H. TURNER WILL BE KNIGHTED

London, Dec. 31.—Rumor states that J. H. Turner, agent-general here for British Columbia, will be among those to receive knighthood in the New Year's honors.

TRIAL OF W. LORIMER.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—William Lorimer, former United States senator and president of the defunct La Salle Street Trust and Savings bank, was formally placed on trial to-day on a charge of looting the institution of \$2,000,000 in money and securities, and the case was then continued to Jan. 17, when the selection of jurors is to begin.

DIAMONDS FOR AMERICANS.

New York, Dec. 31.—Imports of diamonds and other precious stones through this port during the year ending to-day are estimated by William B. Treadwell, the government's diamond expert, at \$25,000,000, a gain over last year of about \$6,000,000. Diamonds, as usual, predominated in the year's imports.

S. S. RODDAM DAMAGED.

London, Dec. 31.—The Red Star liner Roddam was in collision with another vessel and is being towed to Queens-town, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch.

THREE MEN BURNED.

Traverse City, Dec. 31.—Three men were burned to death here to-day in a fire which practically destroyed the Farmers' Inn, the leading hotel of Traverse City. The fire started from an unknown cause.

KAISER WILHELM IS SUFFERING WITH BOIL

London, Dec. 31.—A wireless dispatch from Berlin says the Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung gives confirmation from an authoritative source of the report that Kaiser Wilhelm is suffering from a boil. The Kaiser is not confined to bed. His affection is described as harmless.

COLLEGE DESTROYED.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 31.—The Sacred Heart College for boys, at Caraquet, N. B., owned by the Buddhist Fathers, was completely destroyed by fire at 3 o'clock this morning. The loss is estimated at \$300,000, with insurance of \$100,000.

The college was founded in 1890 as a preparatory institution for boys, and now has about 110 students. Father J. M. Mery is the superior.

KAMLOOPS AND VICINITY TO RAISE A BATTALION

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Authorization has been given for the raising of a battalion in the Kamloops district, British Columbia.

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—The last market of the year closed down after a strong bull run at the opening. The drop was 4 to 1 cent. Attention was given mainly to the closing ceremonies, and beyond covering by belated shorts, there was no feature in the market after the first hour.

Wheat	Open	Close
Dec.	119	115 1/2
May	121 1/2	124 1/2
July	123	123

Oats	Open	Close
Dec.	42	41 1/2
May	44	45 1/2

Flax	Open	Close
Dec.	194	194
May	201	201

Cash prices: Wheat—1 Nor., 115; 2 Nor., 112; 3 Nor., 106; No. 4, 104; No. 5, 95; No. 6, 81; feed, 75.

Feed: 2 C. W., 34; 3 C. W., 34; extra 1 feed, 34; 1 feed, 34; 2 feed, 24.

Flax—1 N. W. C., 130; 2 C. W., 130.

MONTREAL STOCKS

(By F. A. Borden & Co.)

Montreal, Dec. 31.—There was only one session of the local market to-day and business naturally was curtailed. Canada Car Foundry was quite weak again and the most active stock, Laurentide Power, will appear on the unlisted department on Monday, when \$6,500,000 bonds and \$1,500,000 common stock can be traded in; \$1,500,000 worth of these bonds is held by New York interests, which eventually will take the balance of them. The Power common shares of Laurentide probably will come on the market at \$5 or thereabouts.

Stock	High	Low	Last
Antes Holden	211	208	211
Bell Tel.	145	145	145
Brazilian Trac.	145	145	145
C. P. R.	181 1/2	181 1/2	181 1/2
Can. Loco.	63	63	63
Can. S. S. com.	16	16	16
Do., pref.	71	71	71
Can. Cement, com.	39	39	39
Can. Cottons	41	41	41
Crown Reserve	54	54	54
Can. Car Foundry	88	85 1/2	86
Cedar Rapids	78	78	78
Detroit United	71 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2
Dom. Bridge	224	224	224
Dom. I. & S.	91	91	91
North American Co.	75	75	75
Gen. Elec.	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2
Ill. Traction	61	61	61
Lake of Woods Mig.	135	135	135
Laurentide	130	130	130
Montreal Power	234	234	234
N. S. Steel, com.	107	107 1/2	107 1/2
Ontario Power	120	120	120
Pennams. Ltd.	61	61	61
Quebec Railway	121	121	121
Shawinigan	125	125	125
Steel of Can.	89	89 1/2	89 1/2
Textile	74	74	74
U. S. Rubber	54	54	54
Twin City	55	55	55
Winnipeg Elec.	55	55	55

NEW YORK CURB PRICES.

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

Stock	Bid.	Asked
Amn. Marconi	32	33
Buffalo	1	1 1/2
Can. Car Fdy.	86	86
Do., pref.	102	102
Can. Copper	1	1 1/2
Can. Marconi	65	65 1/2
Crown Reserve	58	58
Daly West	38	38
Dome Mines	28	28
Em. Phon.	18	18
Hedley Gold	72	72
Howe Sound	29 1/2	29 1/2
Gold Cons.	1	1 1/2
Hollinger	25	25
Kerr Lake	44	44
La Ross	71	71
Mines of Am.	32	32
Nipissing	12	12
Standard Lead	12	12
Stewart	61	61
Steel of Can.	60	60 1/2
Success	62 1/2	65
Tonapah	61	61
Yukon	51	51

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

Month	Open	High	Low	Close
Jan.	12.35	12.35	12.19	12.23-54
March	12.43	12.52	12.41	12.46-50
May	12.67	12.75	12.67	12.69-70
July	12.82	12.89	12.79	12.85-87
Oct.	12.47	12.51	12.45	12.48-49

NEW YORK SUGAR.

New York, Dec. 31.—Raw sugar steady; centrifugal, \$4.05 1/2; refined steady.

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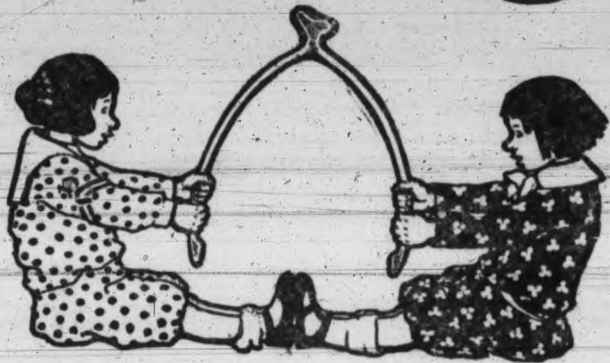
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WEILER'S DAILY STORE NEWS

New Year Greetings



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Handsome Mahogany Bedstead

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BOARDS OF EXAMINERS IN ISLAND COLLIERIES

Annual Appointments Made by Department of Mines for Whole Province

The annual appointments of boards of examiners for the collieries of the province are announced in the B. C. Gazette to-day. Each of these consists of three members, one each appointed by the men and the operators, with two alternates in each case, and a third, who acts as secretary, named by the lieutenant-governor in council. The boards for the Vancouver Island collieries are as follows:

Cumberland Collieries.
Appointed by the owners—Frank Jaynes.
Alternates—Hugh Sloan, John Gillespie.
Appointed by the lieutenant-governor in council—John G. Biggs.
Elected by the miners—John Bennie.
Alternates—Samuel L. Robertson, John Liddell.
All persons interested may obtain full information by applying to the secretary of the board, John G. Biggs, Cumberland, B. C.

Nadaino Collieries.
Appointed by the owners—John Hunt.
Alternates—Thomas R. Jackson, Geo. B. Bradshaw.

Appointed by the lieutenant-governor in council—R. R. Hindmarsh.
Elected by the miners—Richard Batey.

Alternates—Thomas Smith, James Miller.
Secretary of the board—R. R. Hindmarsh, Nanaimo, B. C.

East Wellington Colliery.
Appointed by the owners—W. H. Moore.
Alternates—Alex. Bryden, H. Heper.

Appointed by the lieutenant-governor in council—Thos. Budge.
Alternates—James Cartwright, Colin McKenzie.

Secretary of the board—Thos. Budge, Nanaimo, B. C.
South Wellington Colliery.
Appointed by the owners—Arthur Smith.

Alternates—William Roper, Joseph Neen.
Appointed by the lieutenant-governor in council—Albert Manifold.

Elected by the miners—William Jno. Neen.
Alternates—James E. Parrott, Geo. Spowart.

Secretary of the board—Albert Manifold, Nanaimo, B. C.
Extension Colliery.
Appointed by the owners—William James.

Alternates—William Wilson, James Strang.
Appointed by the lieutenant-governor in council—Ira E. Lowe.

Elected by the miners—Wm. Anderson.
Alternates—John H. Foster, John Rogers.

Secretary of the board—Ira E. Lowe, Ladysmith, B. C.

STURGEON FISHING

Regulations Put Into Force at End of Four-Year Close Season.

The fishery regulations of the federal government in the prairie provinces and the territories north of these prohibiting the taking of sturgeon for four years expire to-morrow, and as they then will permit fishing with gill nets of not less than 14-inch mesh and baited hooks throughout the year, except for the short close season from May 15 to June 15, new regulations have been framed and promulgated. During last summer the department of naval affairs, under which the fisheries now come, has been making investigations through the local inspectors of fisheries to ascertain if sturgeon are sufficiently plentiful to warrant the resumption of fishing after the end of the year. These officers have reported that the present regulations are not adequate, but that with proper regulations fishing might safely be resumed.

The inspectors are of opinion that the fishing season should be restricted to a few months each year, and that as the roe of sturgeon, from which the valuable caviar of commerce is produced, is usually lost altogether if fishing is carried on during the winter, the season should be limited to the portion of the warm weather period, beginning on June 15 and ending on October 15.

They have also ascertained that the sturgeon of lake Winnipeg grow larger than those in the other waters of these provinces; but that even in lake Winnipeg fishing could not be carried on profitably with nets having meshes larger than 12 inches, extension measure, and in the other waters with nets having meshes larger than 11 inches extension measure.

The new regulations restrict fishing to gill nets and baited hooks in the open season recommended by the inspectors, and forbids penning, tying up or tethering sturgeon, or the retention of any which would scale less than 18 pounds undressed. Not more than three fish in one week may be taken for domestic purposes, and the fishers cannot use more than 100 yards of net or 50 baited hooks. For commercial purposes a permit to use not more than 200 yards or 500 baited hooks may be had for \$5.

The teacher had a great idea of teaching her young pupils to love good music by letting them hear it on the gramophone. The other afternoon she put on the machine a record of two famous operatic stars singing a duet. When the song was ended she turned round. "Now, children," she said, "who can tell me the name of the singer we have just heard?" "Caruso!" replied a small-boy promptly. "Good!" exclaimed the delighted teacher. "And who was that singing with Caruso?" "Caruso's man Friday!" was the disquieting reply.

SCHOOLS RE-OPEN ON MONDAY MORNING

Christmas Holiday Ends To-morrow; Problem of School Grounds

The short holiday which divides the fall from the spring term in the public schools of the province comes to a close this week. A few divisions are to be rearranged, reducing the total number of teachers by those who have withdrawn from the profession for other occupations, the board as far as possible now amalgamating classes rather than filling up vacant positions. Two new instructors will take their places at the city High school.

One of the problems which confronts the board at the present time is the improvement of the grounds. This is entirely a matter of finance, and because the period of retrenchment has set in, expenditure on anything but necessities has to be omitted. The reminders which the board has had during the past year with regard to Victoria West grounds applies to other parts of the city, where, however, parks exist, and the children have somewhere else to play. One of the most conspicuous cases of neglect is that of the High school grounds. People who have come to the city in recent years, or whose memory does not go back to the conditions under which the site was acquired, are perhaps not aware that the school undertook to grade the grounds and lay several inches of soil all over, an arrangement which was embodied in an agreement. The city has never carried out the full measure of its undertaking, and there is still an unsightly mass of debris around part of the buildings. In other school grounds there has been a considerable improvement in the part devoted to the school garden. The instruction given in the teachers' summer course which has been held here during the last two summers has instilled a greater interest in school grounds, and small education-

al plots are being regarded now as a practical advantage, and no longer as a fad. The board has been, till last year, closely pressed for school accommodation. Buildings had to be erected first, so that attention to grounds took second place. Unfortunately when construction ceased up then came the necessity for curtailment of all expenditure.

JUDGING COMPLETED OF PRIZE POULTRY

Annual Show Ends To-day; Has Been Very Successful One With Record Exhibits

The twenty-eighth annual show of the Victoria Poultry association in the market building ends to-day. It has been described as the best show, both in regard to the number and the class of birds, this association has had. There has been a fairly good attendance of people interested in poultry, and advantage has been freely taken of the opportunity for instruction in candling eggs given by Professor Aull, of the Dominion department of agriculture.

Judging in utility classes, pigeons, rabbits and eggs was completed yesterday afternoon, the awards being as follows:

Utility class, non-weight pens—1st,

H. A. Hincks; 2nd, S. V. Laing; 3rd, Y. H. Wilson; 4th, E. A. Hincks. Weight class pens—1st, V. H. Wilson; 2nd, H. A. Hincks; 3rd, G. D. Adams; 4th, Dean Bros.

Single entries, non-weight—H. A. Hincks, all awards.

Utility weight class, males—1st, H. A. Hincks; 2nd, G. D. Adams; 3rd, Judge Lampman. Females—1st and 2nd, G. D. Adams; 3rd, H. A. Ismay.

Pigeon class—Long-faced Red Tumbler, cock; 1st, C. J. Macdonald; Black Beards, 1st cock and 1st hen, C. J. Macdonald; Bald Head, 1st cock and 1st hen, C. J. Macdonald; Flying Homers, 1st cock and 1st hen, C. J. Macdonald; Dragons, 1st and 2nd cock and 1st and 2nd hen, Gordon Appleton; any other variety, 1st cock and 1st hen, J. Moon.

Rabbits—1st and 2nd buck, 2nd and 3rd doe, Norman Fatt; 3rd buck and 1st doe, Mrs. Girling; Flemish Giant, 1st buck, J. Siderin.

Eggs (white)—1st, H. A. Hincks; tinted, 1st and 2nd, Dean Bros.; 3rd, D. Adams; brown, 1st, G. D. Adams; 2nd, E. Bainbridge; 3rd, Mrs. Rudd.

Roasters—1st, Mrs. Bainbridge; 2nd and 3rd, Dean Bros.

Broilers (pair)—1st and 2nd, Dean Bros.

Best pair of fowl—1st, Dean Bros.; Turkeys—1st cock and 1st hen, W. S. Mitchell.

Ducks—1st drake, 1st and 2nd duck, J. S. Nicholson.

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Now that the coldest weather of the year is with us, wouldn't it be wise to thoroughly overhaul the boy's wardrobe? There is sure to be some warm winter garment that has done yeoman service and requires replacing. If not now, certainly before the month is out.

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STEWARDSHIP ACCOUNT ASKED FROM TRUSTEES

Civic Retrenchment Association Will Invite Members to Meeting on Wednesday

The Civic Retrenchment association has asked the members of the school board to meet its members on Wednesday evening at eight o'clock to discuss further economies.

The meeting will be held in the board room at Belmont House. The trustees will be asked to give an account of their stewardship, and to indicate the possibilities of economies in the coming year. The association has in view a further reduction of from \$29,999 to \$25,000 in the estimates as

submitted tentatively to the council this month, which were about \$244,000. How that reduction will be made, and on what items, the officials of the association desire to remain neutral, leaving the matter to the judgment of the trustees. There are, however, some lines upon which information will be sought, as for instance:—(1) Cannot the night schools be made self-supporting? (2) Is it necessary to have a school health officer when the city has a medical adviser? (3) Are the supplies provided for the schools in excess of absolute necessity? (4) Is the board watching to see that senior pupils are not taking advantage, and staying on free after the age limit of the act has been reached? These are some of the points which will be presented with a view to securing information upon them from the trustees. The association does not desire to make any statement as to the policy of maintaining teachers' salaries on the basis of the ten per cent. cut of 1915, saying that the method of retrenchment must be found by the trustees themselves. With regard to manual training, domestic science, etc., called for in the curriculum, it is argued that if the government insists upon these facilities, they should not be maintained at the expense of the taxpayers.

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NEW YEAR GREETING FROM MAYOR STEWART

Says "Every Cloud Has a Silver Lining" Is Optimistic for 1916

"Every cloud has a silver lining." That is my message for the new year to the people of Victoria," said Mayor Stewart this morning.

"I have a great hope that in 1916, the year into which we are entering, conditions will be better in the European war, and in the local business situation. People should now more than ever have faith in the country where they live, and buy the articles made at home. Let our patriotism be, first Victoria, second British Columbia, third Canadian, when we buy our supplies. In doing that we are building up our payrolls, and thereby returning our industries to happier times and more demand for labor.

"Employment is easier than it was twelve months ago, and in the coming year we should see an improvement, if the people will aid the industries already here, as well as seeking to bring others.

"In the civic field, retrenchment is our slogan. We are in a finer condition financially than people will admit. Our tax collection surprised the pessimists, and showed there is confidence, however disturbing may be the present circumstances. We have no large works on hand, and when the northwest sewer is finished, our programme will end. The maintenance then in efficiency of our institutions is the most important necessity.

"The new year should see the commencement of construction on the Canadian Northern railway crossing of Selkirk water. While we cannot offer any promise to the citizens about the new harbor bridge, I would remind them that when it can be constructed, and industries induced to locate, the sooner we shall bring the reserve into the city for taxation.

"Our attention will be devoted among other things to finding new avenues of custom for our water supply in neighboring municipalities and settlements which can be served by the Sooke line. At least three times the capacity of the present demand can be supplied by the existing system. Not only will it help other localities to develop, but it will aid the city taxpayers to meet the interest and sinking fund upon the investment, which is of course large.

"The citizens of Victoria should have courage and confidence in the city's future, and the council will do its duty in preserving the best interests of all."

WESLEY ENTERTAINMENT

Tableaux and Drills Constitute Items on Interesting Programme by Sunday School.

Wesley Methodist church last evening held the annual Sunday school entertainment, a big crowd of youngsters and their parents being present for the event. A. J. Daniels, superintendent of the Sunday school, made an excellent chairman, and there was a very fine programme given by the children themselves.

Songs, drills, etc., and four very fine tableaux filled up an evening which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The tableaux were "Faith, Hope and Charity," "Britannia Mourning for Her Heroes," "Britannia and Her Allies," and "Rock of Ages." Mr. Wilson photographed the tableaux previous to the entertainment, and photographs may be procured from any member of the Sunday school staff. The proceeds will go to supplement the Sunday school fund.

In connection with the proceedings last night a liberal offering was given for the purpose of purchasing Bibles for the Sunday school children. At the close of the entertainment the children were presented with bags of candies, oranges, etc.

Special assistance was given by Alfred McKel and Paul Rush, who helped a great deal in fixing extra lights.

MORE THAN \$20,000

November Contributions From Government Officials to Victoria Patriotic Aid Brings Year's Total Over Above Amount.

The Victoria Patriotic Aid society are to-day in receipt of the following letter from R. F. Tolmie, the chairman of the Parliament Buildings sub-committee of the Patriotic fund:

Robt. H. Swinerton, Esq., Secretary, Victoria Patriotic Aid Society, Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir,
I beg to hand you herewith the sum of \$1,996.43 with sub-receipts representing the November contributions from the government officials to the Victoria Patriotic Aid fund, and making the total contribution from this source for the period of fifteen months well over the \$20,000 mark.

Yours faithfully,
R. F. TOLMIE,
Chairman, Sub-Committee,
Victoria Patriotic Aid Society.

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A few of this line we wish to close out, in navy, black and Belgian. They are made in a plain but neat style. Collars and cuffs are of pique and muslin. Reg. price \$6.75.

Important Values in This Sale of Millinery

Velour Shapes Will Soon Be Snapped at This Small Price

Purple, navy, green, red, Belgian blue, brown, old rose, brass and taupe are the colors to choose from, and they come in a great variety of good shapes. Reg. values to \$8.50. January Sale price.....\$2.25

Two Prices for These Smartly Trimmed Hats

Reg. values to \$7.50. **\$2.95**

January Sale price **\$5.00**

Reg. values to \$13.50. **\$5.00**

Among these two lots almost any woman should find one that will suit her particular taste. Some of our prettiest models have been included. Come early and get the best selection.

ALL CHILDREN'S HATS TO CLEAR AT HALF-PRICE

Four Suit Bargains Created for the January Sale—Selling Will Be Fast and Furious

These four groups come in all the staid sizes and there are plenty of styles, but the numbers in some cases are very limited. This is a good reason why you should not hesitate to come down and look them over, or if you wish, try some of them on. The values are extraordinary.

\$6.75 Plain and semi-novelty suits in smart styles that should appeal to any woman who cannot afford to pay a higher price. Materials are black, navy and putty serge and tweed suitings. Reg. values to **\$18.75.**

\$13.75 These suits are smartly tailored in good styles. You have a choice of navy, black, French blue and tweeds. Their regular selling prices were as high as **\$30.00.**

\$19.75 A number of well-tailored suits, made in a nobby Norfolk style. The coats are made to button high to the neck. Colors are tan, brown, navy, French blue and black. Reg. price is **\$45.00.**

\$29.75 Our smartest winter novelty suits are included in this lot. The most popular features of the season are represented. The materials are purple, black, Belgian blue and forest green broadcloth, also fancy suitings in navy and green.

The Daintiest of Silk Dresses at Clearance Sale Prices



These Dresses come in colors, materials and styles that have become such favorites this season. There are shades, styles and fits for all individual types and tastes. Four lots are here for you to select from.

\$5.00 Neat dresses made of a very good quality messaline silk. The style, although simple, shows excellent taste and good lines. Colors are navy, wisteria and sage. They were originally marked at the regular price of **\$15.00.**

\$12.75 Some very pretty dresses are among this lot. For example, one is made of deep lavender charmeuse satin; the skirt is made in a three-tier effect, while the blouse is made with sheer lace sleeves and yoke of the same material. Another dress of unusual daintiness is made of sage blue messaline; the blouse is made in Cos-sack effect, with collar and cuffs of organdie. Navy messaline is the material used in another pretty dress, the skirt of which has a pretty fancy yoke; the blouse having a collar and yoke of pretty shadow lace-crest grids. Other dresses can be had in sage, navy, black and tan, in various styles.

\$17.75 Those desiring eye-drawing dresses. Among them have seen this season, silk poplin, charmeuse, the making, while silver grey, violet, wisteria and sage. Regular values to \$35.00.

January Sale of Dress Goods

Charmeuse and Oriental Satins in sky, tan, wine, bronze, red, electric, green, apricot, pink, brown and sage; 49-in. wide, Reg. \$2.50 to \$2.75. January Sale price, yard.....\$1.25

Shot Messalines in all the leading shades, 36 in. wide, Reg. \$1.25. January Sale.....\$0.59

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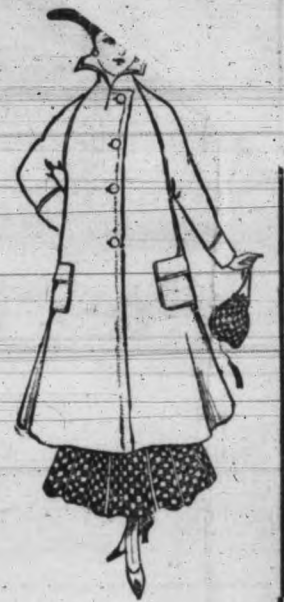
\$5.00 is indeed a very small price to pay for such smart coats as are to be found among this lot. Plaids, tweeds and fancy coatings in navy, grey, stripes and check. The regular values are as much as **\$15.00.**

\$9.00 At this price, too, you have a large number of neat, stylish coats to select from. Colors are brown, Belgian blue, plaids, green, tweed, red, navy, black and many two-toned effects. Regular values to **\$22.50.**

\$13.75 These are mostly made in long styles and are unusually well tailored. Materials include diagonal stripe coating, coating serge, tweeds, chinchilla and colored Melton cloth of very fine quality. The styles are all fine, showing many of the smartest novelty effects. They were bought to sell at the regular price of **\$30.00.**

\$18.75 Women wanting a real high-grade coat should make a special point of seeing this lot. They are well made in black, navy, plaids and tweeds. Regular values to **\$37.50.**

\$21.75 Our very best coats have been included in this lot. This means a lot, as our stock of high-grade coats have become so well known for their exclusive and dignified styles. Colors that are to be found among this lot are plaid, black, black and white check, French blue, blue grey and mixture. Regular values to **\$40.00.**



January Sale Bargains in Waists

Lingerie and Shirt Waists to Clear at 50¢

Most of these are slightly shop soiled, but at this price they should find many ready buyers. You will find lingerie waists and shirt waists of fancy striped shirting and in light and dark colors.

Japan Silk Waists to Sell at \$1.00

Made in a neat style of a splendid washing quality Jap. silk. The collar can be worn either in a turned back V-shape or buttoned high to the neck. Cuffs are double and turned back.

Messaline Silk Waists Specially Priced for This Sale.

Ladies who favor simple semi-tailored waists will be pleased with this announcement. The colors are sage, purple and tan. We have only a few of them, so do not delay in securing yours. January Sale price, **\$3.65.**

A Timely Sale of Warm Woolen Sweater Coats

With the snow beginning to flurry there should be a rush for these warm sweater coats. They are made in a good style; the roll collars can be buttoned close to the neck. They are made with two patch pockets. Colors are cardinal, grey and tan. Sale price, **\$1.00.**

January Sale of Bedding

Cotton Filled Comforters at Sale Prices

An assortment of beautiful comforters in a wide variety of patterns. The covers are made of the softest flannel. They are of the latest styles. They are of the best quality and worth the money. Light and dark colors. Regular price \$2.00. January Sale price, **\$1.50.**

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