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THE TIMES WISHES ITS READERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS

WOMAN RESCUED FROM SEATTLE KIDNAPPERS AFTER DESPERATE STRUGGLE ON LAKEVIEW DRIVE

Three Who Aid in Escape Are Confined in Hospital Recovering From Wounds Re- ceived in Struggle in Street—Victim Taken Bodily and Thrown Into Tonneau

Seattle, Dec. 24.—Kidnapped by four men and borne to a lonely part of Lakeview Drive at an early hour this morning, Mrs. William Burgoyne, of the St. Lawrence apartments, Eighth avenue and Olive street, only escaped from her captors after a desperate eight-handed fight which has placed three of her rescuers in the hospital. When Mrs. Burgoyne was within a half block of her apartment at 1 o'clock this morning, four men stepped suddenly out upon her, and seizing her by the ankles and wrists, threw her into the bottom of the tonneau of a waiting automobile. Jumping into the car they threatened to take her life if she made any sound, and drove off with her along Lakeview Drive. Arriving at what is known as the second turn, a spot without light and heavily shadowed by the bluff, the machine was stopped. Mrs. Burgoyne asked to be permitted to sit up, and one of the men stepped out of the car. At this moment a car came in sight, driven by H. Williams. With him

were Ed Alderson and Herman Alderson. As this car approached Mrs. Burgoyne leaped from her captors and ran towards Williams' car. The second car stopped and the three passengers stepped out. Catching a few words of her distress, Williams bade her jump in, which she did, followed by Alderson and another man. Herman Alderson seeing the four men advancing, waited their approach. The four kidnappers rushed towards the rescue car, and with one blow from the butt of a revolver laid Alderson cold on the road. They then boarded the running board of Williams' car, and were only fought off after a desperate struggle, in which Williams' companions received serious wounds from brass knuckles or revolvers. Williams made a dash to town and found Patrolman Prendergast, and then went back and picked up Herman Alderson, but no trace of the four men or the machine could be found. The three passengers of the rescuing party are badly injured and are in the city hospital.

CONDEMNED MAN WILL SEE NEW YEAR DAWN

Reprieve Granted Until January 24 for
Man Who Was to Die
December 31.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—William Campbell, the negro murderer of Geo. Muir, who was to have been hanged on New Year's eve, was reprieved to-day by Justice Cross on representations presented by William Cooper, counsel for the condemned man. Mr. Cooper presented a letter from the minister of justice saying he had not time to read over the lengthy evidence before the time set for the execution. Campbell was reprieved until January 24.

S. O. S. SIGNAL HEARD FROM ARCTIC CIRCLE

European Wireless Stations Tuesday
Heard From Norwegian Steamer
in Distress.

London, Dec. 24.—The first wireless call for help ever received from the Arctic circle is told about in the Yorkshire Observer to-day. "Bergen is working S. O. S. Watt and Hertz," the paper states was the message which went the rounds of Europe's wireless stations at 1 o'clock Tuesday morning. All did as requested, and the fact was then established that the Norwegian steamship Sagnvald Jarl had gone ashore on one of the Lofoden islands, 200 miles north of Bergen, Norway. This is double the working distance of the ship, and to enable Bergen to communicate all stations were asked to close down so that the faint signals might be read. No more definite news of the accident is yet to hand.

EX-ALDERMAN IS SHOT.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—A sensational shooting affray occurred here to-day when Charles Alling, former alderman and of recent years attorney for the state board of health, was shot in the eye by an unidentified man, who then turned the pistol on himself.

SANTY LOSES WHISKERS WHEN PLAYFUL GIRL HOLDS CANDLE FROM TREE TO GRAND BEARD

Punxsutawney, Pa., Dec. 24.—A near-tragedy, not unmixt with humor occurred at the Christmas exercises of the kindergarten school here last evening. Sunday School Superintendent Spriggs, a venerable gentleman whose beard rivals (or did rival) "Santy's," was selected as the patron saint, in distributing the gifts. During the course of the distribution, one little tot whose curiosity in Santa Claus was manifestly greater than her companions, in a playful mood snatched one of the lighted candles from the tree, and touched Mr. Spriggs' whiskers. Pandemonium immediately broke loose and in the excitement one of the spectators mistook a bottle of "mucilage

for water, throwing it in Mr. Spriggs' face, whose beard had by this time disappeared. The flames drove everybody from the immediate vicinity of "Santy," who was desperately striving to quench them. Part of his outer garments were burned. At length someone thought of a hose, and in a few moments the flames were extinguished. The only ones who saw the humorous side of the affair were the little ones, who laughed and clapped their hands in delight at the picture of "Santa Claus," whose "antlers" rivalled those of an Irish jig dancer. Mr. Spriggs' face and shoulders were slightly burned, but what is troubling him most at present is the thought of what he said during the excitement.

VISCOUNT HALDANE



LORD HALDANE NOT WORTH HIS SALARY

Lord High Chancellor Says So; Holds
No Service is Worth Over
\$25,000 Annually.

London, Dec. 24.—The publication yesterday of evidence taken before a government commission to inquire into the salaries of officials revealed the fact that Viscount Haldane, lord high chancellor, testified that in his opinion nobody is worth more than \$25,000 a year. Lord Haldane gets a salary of \$50,000. The evidence recalls the repeated declaration of John Burns that nobody earns more than \$2,500 a year. He entered the cabinet at a salary of \$25,000. Viscount Haldane's less modest estimate invites the inference that he, like John Burns, does not object to receiving more than he is worth. He will get a pension of \$25,000 a year when he retires.

MONA LISA SMILE IS WOMEN'S LATEST FAD

Faces Are Covered With Fat and Pow-
der Crust, to Give Immobible
Effect.

Paris, Dec. 24.—The "inscrutable smile" of "Mona Lisa" is the latest craze affecting women. Women of all ages and dimensions have fallen victims to the craze. The mode of operation is to dab over the face with a fatty substance, and then apply yellow face powder. A few women have succeeded in getting a semblance of the smile of La Vierge's masterpiece. How they do it is a mystery, as the manner in which they have treated their faces makes the features almost immobile.

LEADING POLITICIAN OF DENMARK IS DEAD

Jacob Broennum Scavenius Estrup,
Who Defied Parliament
Was Aged 88.

Copenhagen, Dec. 24.—Jacob Broennum Scavenius Estrup, for many years the leading politician of Denmark, died here to-day. For nineteen years, from 1875 to 1894, he was premier and finance minister in the Danish cabinet. He was born on April 16, 1825, and entered politics in 1854 as a member of the lower house. Estrup, together with the king of Denmark, defied parliament for many years, when it demanded that the monarch should choose the ministers of state from among the representatives of the people. On many occasions Estrup dissolved the chamber when they refused to pass his budgets and the finances of Denmark were kept in order by means of provisional laws.

DENNIS FAMILY PET CAT HAS GONE ON JOURNEY

Tacoma, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Charles Dennis, of Seattle, appealed to police headquarters late last night for aid in recovering her pet cat, which she said her brother, who lives in Tacoma had taken from her. She came to Tacoma yesterday, went to Fernhill seeking her brother, and told the police she learned he was living on D street. The police could not furnish a clue to the missing cat. Mrs. Dennis was deeply affected.

HON. F. McLEOD NAMED CANDIDATE IN YORK

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 24.—Hon. F. McLeod, provincial secretary of New Brunswick, and one of the leading Conservatives of the province, was the unanimous choice of the Liberal-Conservatives of York county in their Christmas eve convention here to-day to select a candidate for the bye-election called as a result of the appointment of O. S. Crockett to the supreme court bench.

TWENTY THOUSAND IN SAN FRANCISCO IDLE

Wave of Crime Will Continue
Says Mooney While Con-
ditions Last

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—"A wave of crime in San Francisco, certainly there is a wave of crime, and it will be higher before it subsides." The speaker was Captain Mooney, defending to-day the bureau of detectives of which he is chief and the police department in general. "Necessity knows no law and hunger has no conscience," continued the captain. "There are 20,000 men out of work in San Francisco. Many of them have nothing to eat and no place to sleep. They are desperate and you can't blame them. Moreover, they are going to get more desperate, take longer chances and become a worse menace, if the board of supervisors does not provide them with employment of some sort. "Thirty-two thefts and burglaries were reported to the police yesterday. Sunday morning, in broad daylight, robbers smashed the Market street window of a dealer in sporting goods and looted the showcase of arms and ammunition. Many persons have been beaten in the last few weeks and one man shot dead."

WOULD DESTROY NOTES IF PARDON GRANTED

D. H. Tolman Seeks Freedom From
Prison at Price of Half
Million Dollars.

Albany, N.Y., Dec. 24.—D. H. Tolman, through his attorneys, made a proposal to Governor Glynn yesterday that he would burn half a million dollars' worth of notes of people who had borrowed from him as a Christmas present to those who have been called his victims if the governor would release him from his six months term in the New York prison. He has served two and a half months for charging usurious interest on small loans, and wants to pass Christmas with his family. The governor took no action on the application last night, insisting that it come through the regular channels of the pardon clerk. Attorneys had come to Albany with Mrs. Tolman, his son and four young women managers of his branch offices in Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and Albany. They had \$500,000 worth of notes which they carried to the governor's office in three bundles.

STEEPLEJACK DYING FROM TERRIBLE FALL

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Olar Czarnowski a steeplejack who has won notoriety in many cities of the Pacific coast as "the human fly," was found dying to-day on the first floor landing of St. Francis hotel annex, now in process of construction. His skull was fractured and nearly every bone in his body was broken. Apparently he had had a terrible fall, but where he fell from or when nobody knew. Czarnowski was speechless though still half-conscious, and there was nobody to speak for him. He had not been employed on the St. Francis, and nobody saw him enter the Annex. His clothes were wringing wet, and he seemed to have been out in the rain all night. The nature of his injuries seemed to preclude the theory of an assault. Cards in Czarnowski's pockets bore the vague address New York. He had on his climbing clothes. Hospital surgeons said there was no evidence that he had been drinking.

LINOTYPE OPERATOR ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Seattle, Dec. 24.—Despondency caused by ill-health caused W. H. Stivers, a linotype operator, to attempt suicide this morning by jumping in front of a Northern Pacific switch engine at the foot of Virginia street. Engineer John Marip brought the locomotive to a stop in time to prevent Stivers from being ground to death beneath the wheels. Stivers was removed to the city hospital, where he was treated for a lacerated scalp and later locked up in the city jail.

KILLED IN TRAIN CRASH WHILE RIDING TO WORK

Brockville, Ont., Dec. 24.—A light engine overtook and crashed into a Grand Trunk train here this morning. Daniel Cahill, who was riding to his work on the shunter, was killed. Arthur Knill, who was riding with Cahill, saved his life by jumping. Engineer Wikinon and Fireman Coutlee had a miraculous escape from injury. Frank Orr, yard conductor, suffered a fractured leg.

MARCH TO MEXICO CITY SEEMS EASY TO VILLA

Nine Thousand Constitutionalists Will Sur- round Torreon Within Ten Days and if Successful Will Next Attack Federal Stronghold of Zacatecas

Juarez, Mex., Dec. 24.—Convinced that northern Mexico has been virtually swept clear of federal opposition, General Francisco Villa sent south from Chihuahua to-day supplies of ammunition and soldiers in preparation for an attack on Torreon. General Villa was optimistic over recent events in the north, saying now nothing prevented his continuing southward toward Mexico City. He expects only feeble resistance at Torreon. General Velasco, the federal commander at Torreon, has a formidable defence there, but General Villa says with eight or nine thousand men he will far outnumber the garrison and will surround the city within ten days. South of Torreon the important federal stronghold is at Zacatecas. Telegraphic communication between rebel headquarters at Juarez and General Villa at Chihuahua was restored to-day.

COMMISSIONER STARR OF TORONTO IS DEAD

Was Formerly Methodist Minister and
First Canadian Juvenile
Judge.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Commissioner J. Edward Starr, of Toronto juvenile court and first appointee to the juvenile judgeship in Canada, died this morning following an operation for appendicitis. He was 58 years old and was formerly Methodist minister, having filled appointments in many cities in Ontario and the west. He was a big-hearted man and recognized wherever he was known as ideal for his judicial position, but was recently much criticised for recent judgment in the Chubb case, when he ordered a stiff sentence and deportation for an Englishman who declined to send his eleven-year-old girl to school. To him more than to any one else was due the credit for the adoption of the Gibson bill which ensures juvenile protection. During his various pastorates Mr. Starr was stationed at Winnipeg, and Victoria, B. C.

SHOOTING AFFRAY IN STREET AT BRANTFORD

Entire Police Force Called Out When
Colored Man Shoots Through
Windows.

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 24.—A double shooting affray occurred at an early hour this morning in Brock's Lane in the east ward, largely settled by colored people. As a result Emma Jones is in the City hospital with one of her hands almost shot off, and Constable Cobden has gunshot wounds in the forehead over the right eye, but neither is in a serious condition. The shooting was done by W. Murray, colored, of 22 Brock Lane. The entire police force, all armed, were called out and after an exciting chase ran the negro down at the home of his sister, where they arrested him. Prior to the police chase Murray had asked for admission at several houses and when refused, fired shots through the doors, several having narrow escapes.

IN BROTHER'S CLOTHES VANCOUVER GIRL LEAVES

Fourteen-Year-Old Daughter of D.
Baillie Passes Seattle Immi-
gration Inspectors.

Seattle, Dec. 24.—Dressed in her brother's clothes, Miss Mary Baillie, of Vancouver, B. C., fooled the immigration authorities last week and came to Seattle disguised as a man. The girl is 14 years old, and, according to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Baillie, had a desire to travel. Inquiry at Vancouver developed the fact that the girl had taken a boat to Seattle last Tuesday. So complete was her disguise that she was passed by the immigration authorities without question. D. Baillie, the father, arrived in Seattle yesterday in quest of his daughter. He called at police headquarters and solicited the assistance of the police department in locating her.

ZELAYA GOES TO FRANCE.

New York, Dec. 24.—Jose Santos Zelaya, former president of Nicaragua, sailed to-day for France, whence he will go to Barcelona, Spain, to visit his family. His departure is the consequence of efforts of the government of Nicaragua to have him extradited to that country.

LANDSEEKERS NOW PREFER AUSTRALIA

Passengers on Niagara Tell
Antipodeans Canada is
"Busted"

WHEAT CROP OF NEW SOUTH WALES RECORD

Labor Party Wins State Elec-
tion With Fifty Seats Against
Thirty-Eight

CRIMES ARE REPORTED FROM NEW HEBRIDES

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 24.—"Western Canada is dead; it has been boomed until it is busted." This was the melancholy statement of a number of landseekers who have just arrived here from Canada aboard the Canadian-Australian liner Niagara from Victoria. The party is going to try farming in Australia and the members of it assert that they have much better chances of "making good," here than on the prairies. Amongst the grievances they cherish against Canada is that land there is too costly and the climate too cold, while they have too often found unpleasant neighbors in the same district. They particularly mentioned the Russian Doukhobors in this connection. Wheat Crop Is Heavy. The New South Wales wheat crop is now no inconsiderable addition to the world's granary. According to the returns just issued the crop for this state is 41,800,000 bushels, a record figure. When the wheat production of other states is taken into account it will be seen that Australia is rapidly making headway as a wheat producing country, although, of course, she is still far behind Canada in this respect. Labor Party Succeeds. The elections in New South Wales are now complete and the figures indicate a great preponderance of Labor members in the new legislature. The party secured 55 seats against 38 for the Liberals and two for the Independents. Slavery Again Charged. Charges of slavery in the New Hebrides continue to be made. Rev. Mr. Gillian, a Presbyterian missionary there, alleges that a virtual condition of slavery is in existence. The French settlers, he asserts, treat the natives like dogs, and buy and sell them like cattle. One Frenchman, he declares, hung a little boy by the hands and ankles, his feet and chest against the ground. The boy remained in this plight for 24 hours, and when the Frenchman was prosecuted for the offence he escaped with a fine of \$15 or two days' imprisonment. Neither penalty was enforced. Mr. Gillian says the French do as they like, while the British cannot. He wishes Britain or Australia would take over the islands, and put an end to present conditions.

SHOOTING AFFRAY IN STREET AT BRANTFORD

Chicago Attorney Wounded
by Convicted Man Whom
He Offers to Help

Chicago, Dec. 24.—An attempt on the life of Charles Alling, Jr., former alderman and now attorney for the state board of health, was made to-day by an alleged "snack" medical practitioner, Frank Kilmek, who then turned his pistol on himself. P. H. Schwaba, an assistant to Mr. Alling, was wounded slightly. Mr. Alling was shot in the eye and lost consciousness. A physician who was called could not tell from a surface examination whether the wound would prove fatal. Kilmek will die, it was reported. The shooting occurred in Mr. Alling's office in the presence of a number of clients, and grew out of the prosecution of Kilmek for practicing medicine without a license. Kilmek was fined \$200. To-day he called on Mr. Alling with reference to the case, asking that Mr. Alling try to get the fine reduced as Kilmek said he was destitute and would have to serve out the fine in the work-house. Mr. Alling replied that he would recommend that the fine be reduced to \$100. "You don't need to do that," said Kilmek, "because I have to go to jail anyway. I haven't got \$100 and I don't want to go to jail." Mr. Alling was about to reply when Kilmek is said to have drawn his pistol and fired. Schwaba rushed forward and was stunned for a moment by a second bullet which grazed his head. Kilmek then shot himself in the side. Mr. Alling staggered into an adjoining office, when he was removed to St. Luke's hospital.

KILLED FOUR CHILDREN IMPRISONED FOR LIFE

Meridan, Tex., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Ellen Ethbridge, who confessed to killing four of her step-children a few months ago, was sentenced to-day to life imprisonment. She had been found guilty of the murder of Oscar, her step-son, 5 years old. Mrs. Ethbridge is the wife of a stockman, whom she married in March, in her confession, Mrs. Ethbridge said that last June she gave poison to two-year-old Beulah, because the child that morning got up puffy and fretful. Later she said she gave poison to her step-son, Harrison, and in October, according to her statement, she gave doses to Oscar, Dick and Pearl Ethbridge, because they looked like they were going to be sick. Pearl recovered.

MONTREAL SHIPPERS WILL OPPOSE RATES

Montreal, Dec. 24.—The proposed one cent increase in railway cartage rates is intended by the railway companies to be permanent. The companies, however, have to secure railway commission approval of their new tariff, and when this comes up for consideration there will be protests from the Montreal shippers and, it is anticipated, from shippers elsewhere. The railway companies will certainly not get the increase without a stiff fight, and there is even talk of a boycott, though how this could be put into effect is not stated.

HEADACHE POWDERS SUBJECT OF BULLETIN MAY BE DANGEROUS TO HEALTH AND LIFE


Ottawa, Dec. 23.—A McGill, chief analyst of the Dominion government, has issued a bulletin dealing with an analysis which has been made of 181 samples of headache powders, purchased by inspectors of the inland revenue department during February. It would seem that manufacturers and the public find that sufficiently marked results are not obtained with two-grain doses, and they prefer, therefore, to declare their preference for the drug and to employ larger amounts. The bulletin says: "It is evident that most of the headache powders offered for sale exceed the maximum amount in the pharmacopoeia, and, no doubt, serious results would more frequently follow their use were it not that they contain other drugs, usually caffeine, which act as stimulants to the heart. A little reflection should convince the consumer of these powders that they are taking great liberties with their health and life. "A highly objectionable statement to the effect that the powder is a cure is found on many labels. Headache is not a disease, and consequently no cure is needed. Headache is merely a warning of something being wrong, and a cure for that fundamental something is what is needed."

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COURT COMMENTS ON MINERS HELD IN JAIL

Bail for Five Accused in Coal Strike Cases Given by Mr. Justice Murphy

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—"Why are these men not tried, if they are not out on bail?" asked Mr. Justice Murphy of A. D. Taylor, K. C., crown prosecutor, yesterday in regard to a number of the Vancouver Island miners still held in jail. "The court of law is sitting for the trial of these men has been sitting for over a month, and it is only right that justice should have its way. I understand that some men put on bail have been tried. Why have these men been held without a trial?"

Mr. Taylor explained that he had tried everything in his power to get the trials pushed forward. He said he had arranged the order of the trials with the counsel for the defence. J. E. Bird said he was the senior counsel for the defence and he had never been consulted by the crown as to a single arrangement. In fact, though the order of the trials had been made up by the crown at the start, it was changed from day to day with the most serious inconvenience to the counsel for the defence. Only seven men were still held without bail yesterday, and Mr. Justice Murphy ordered the release of five of them out on bail till the first day of the holidays after the holidays, when the matter will again come before the court.

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CLERGY TAKING UP SUFFRAGE QUESTION

Bishop of Kensington Makes Plea That Plea of Women Be Heard

London, Dec. 24.—A fresh development in the suffrage campaign is the entrance of the Church of England on the field in the person of the Bishop of Kensington. Already the Bishop of Winchester has contributed a noteworthy letter on the militant side of the movement to the columns of the press. The Bishop of Kensington has gone further and has issued a circular letter to clergymen inviting them to a conference to decide on steps to be taken in protest of forcible feeding. This letter has opened the door to the animadversion of the deans of St. Paul and Durham, and in a leading article in the Times, in which the movement for the enfranchisement of women is treated as a lost cause, the genuine nature of the bishop's letter is called into question in an amazing manner, in the statement that the bishop allowed himself to be "engineered" by the National Political League, a suffragist body. The Bishop of Kensington was a lay figure worked unseen by the league.

In a few words in his letter of reply the bishop disposes of the calumny and sets himself, understood, to put the case of the militant suffragist in a fair light. A horrible state of things exists, he declares, and shows no sign of abatement. The task of the peace-maker can never be discharged by assigning all the blame to one side; it is useless to term women "criminal anarchists, convicted of the heinous felonies known to the law," in forgetfulness of the fact that they have never received fair treatment either from the government or from the public at large.

Those women who have adopted militant methods, he says, have been goaded to their actions because they have been refused the opportunity to advance a claim which the dean of St. Paul's himself allows is justified on democratic principles. Their cause has only received that kind of recognition which selects only outrages for notice. It is exactly this misrepresentation which enables the Times to state that "the chief cause of the unfavorable turn in parliament and public opinion is the proceedings of the militant suffragists." And this is due to the fact that public opinion has never had a chance to be informed by the press of anything in the movement save of the proceedings of that section of the movement.

"Is it fair," the bishop asks, "to treat a great cause in such a manner? We refuse," he continues, "to allow a great movement and a noble cause to be condemned unheard because some of its uncontrolled and desperate supporters have resorted to lawless methods."

LOCAL CONFERENCES IN TOWN PLANNING

Two Hundred Authorities in England and Wales Are Improving Centres

London, Dec. 24.—As a result of the deputation which waited on Mr. Asquith and Mr. Burns in July of this year, a road conference has been held under the presidency of Mr. Burns. The point which the deputation brought up very strongly in their representations to the ministers was the necessity in town planning schemes of co-operation between the various local authorities and the central authorities for the purpose of securing the construction of suitable and proper roads.

Speaking on this subject at the conference, Mr. Burns said that there were signs in every direction that popular taste, executive desire and administrative necessity were all tending toward a greater grip of the road and town planning problem. Now that the town planning act was available for roads, as well as for town planning, they ought to utilize the general sentiment and, in each particular case, unite the central and the local authorities, so as to secure the best results. This was already being done in England and Wales, as was proved by the fact that 200 local authorities were town planning, whilst in Greater London there were 80 local authorities of whom 28 were at work on different stages of town planning and road making.

To further local co-operation in carrying out these schemes of town planning and road making, Mr. Burns proposed that first of all local conferences of the authorities of adjoining districts should be held. To these conferences should fall the duty of deciding the character, the varying methods, and above all the alignment of local roads, and the cost and its division among the various authorities interested.

To these local authorities co-operating among themselves would be given help, guidance, advice and perhaps some money for individual schemes from the central authority. His own opinion was that there was less need for money than for ideas and co-operation. In the discussion which followed Mr. Burns' speech, the proposal for local conferences was warmly approved, though there was not complete unanimity, on the need of ultimate control of road schemes by a central authority. Complete agreement was expressed with the view of the Middlesex county council and the city corporation that where roads were constructed of a greater width than was required by local needs, some portion at least of the cost should be borne by the imperial exchequer.

Sir George Gibb of the road board also gave his support to the conference scheme, saying that in his opinion it was the only step that could be usefully taken at the present moment. With regard to the formation of a central authority, he considered that it would be a strong step for an outside authority to decide what money was to be paid out of local rates without the consent of the local authority. Mr. Burns in summing up the results of the conference said that he gathered that it had been agreed to hold local conferences to be convened by the local government board. Mr. Burns further referred to the coming necessity for the drawing close together of existing central authorities.

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SENATE MAY INQUIRE INTO COST OF LIVING

Present Inquiry Board Will Not Start Real Work on Matter Until After Holidays.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—"We will first collate the information we have at Ottawa," stated John McDougald, head of the inquiry board into the high cost of living, yesterday, "and after that we will decide where to go and what form the further investigation will take." The board are arranging for a tour in the labor movement. Mr. McDougald stated that until he confers with his colleagues he is not in a position to indicate the procedure of the inquiry, or the time that will be required for it. The investigation will start in earnest only after the holiday season. It is said here to be quite probable that a special committee of the senate may be constituted for the purpose of conducting an inquiry and with that end in view will summon witnesses to give evidence touching upon the subject.

PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER DISTRIBUTES PRESENTS

Children of Settlement Receive Automobile Load of Toys and Candies.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—Miss Eleanor Wilson, youngest daughter of the president, played Santa Claus to a half hundred little children yesterday. With Christmas greetings from the president she took an automobile load of toys and candies to a settlement on the Virginia side of the Potomac through which her father rides on his way to play golf. Miss Wilson visited about fifteen families. "There has never been such a time before in Virginia," commented one aged woman as the automobile stopped at her home. "We haven't seen the president come by," chimed in one of the children. "Where is he?" "He has been ill," said Miss Wilson. There was a general inquiry as to his health from those assembled, and Miss Wilson said her father sent his love and best wishes, and was now going to Mississippi for a vacation.

STEER CHARGES SHOPPERS.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 24.—A steer broke out of a car in the railway yards in Argentine, a Kansas City, Kas., suburb, yesterday and charged the Christmas shoppers on the principal streets. Women shrieked and ran into the stores. The steer finally was roped and returned to the stockyards.

English Ale and Stout.—The only genuine brew in B. C., is the Oliver Spring.

CHILD SEEKS FATHER AS CHRISTMAS PRESENT

County Attorney at Butte Has Ready Answer and Present for Little Girl.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 24.—The nine-year-old daughter of Lewis Sanderson, a miner, and her mother want him back for a Christmas present so the little girl yesterday afternoon confided in County Attorney Henry Meyer. "Mama and I had been talking about Santa," the child told the official, "and mama asked me to pray to God to send back my daddy for a Christmas present. Uncle told me that the county attorney is the only man to send daddy back, so I ran away and came here to ask the county attorney if he would not do it."

Mr. Meyer told the child to tell mamma to come to him and he'd try. Then he took the child to a nearby store, bought the largest doll he could find, saying, "Daddy left this for you," to which the child assented. "I knew daddy wouldn't forget," said the little girl. No one knows where Sanderson is. That he left his wife after a misunderstanding, Meyer was led to believe from the child's story.

WASHINGTON DOES NOT FAVOR CHINESE MOVE

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—The proposal to withdraw the international forces from China has at no time met with favor among officials here. When Minister Rehnack recently conveyed to the state department Russia's proposal for the withdrawal of troops, officials took the ground that absolute assurance of the maintenance of order in Chi Li province would be the first condition of acquiescence. No such assurance, however, was forthcoming, and on the contrary officials observed with some apprehension recent uprisings and plottings against Yuan Shi Kai's government.

DEATH FROM EXPOSURE.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—A woman who was found in a south side alley yesterday clad only in an apron and one shoe was later identified as Hanna Laughlin, of Battle Creek, Mich., died to-day as the result of exposure, without giving any explanation of how she happened to be in the alley.

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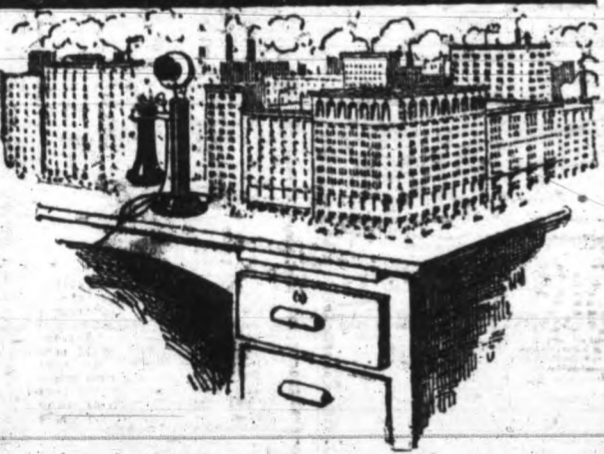


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ALASKA AND THE MARY ADAMS WOULD LEARN ALL VIEWS ON TOLLS

Karluk Was Seen in Ice at Pt. Barrow August 19 by Dr. Anderson

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Dr. R. M. Anderson, chief anthropologist with the Stefansson expedition, reported to Mr. George J. Desbarats, deputy minister of naval affairs, yesterday, that all the scientists and members of the crews of the Alaska and Mary Adams, two of the explorer's vessels, are safe and well in winter quarters at Collinson Point, fifty miles from Flaxman Island in the Arctic circle. The report arrived by mail and states that the two vessels is damaged to any extent. The Mary Adams was caught in the ice pack last September, but can be easily repaired. Dr. Anderson reports last having seen the Karluk in the ice pack near Point Barrow, August 19. The mail received yesterday was sent from Collinson Point on October 13 by a runner to Circle City, Alaska, and thence it was sent south by steamer. Dr. Anderson, who was formerly chief anthropologist of the American Museum of Natural History, states that the charts prepared by E. D. Jenness, the American explorer, were of inestimable value. The Mary Adams, with Kenneth Chapman, a geologist, in charge, and the Alaska reached Collinson Point on August 17, and the party decided to winter there.

CHARGES MAN WITH HOLD-UP AND MURDER

Man Arrested Has Watch Answering Description in Police Bulletin.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Identified by Arthur Cole, who had been a passenger on the train, as the bandit who held up the Sunset express near Los Angeles on December 1 and killed James Montague, a man giving the name of Jacques Bostick was arrested by the San Francisco police to-day.

Cole saw Bostick as he was walking down the street, jumped from the car on which he was riding and pointed the man out to the police.

The prisoner carried a watch answering to the number and description called for in a standing notice carried for some time in the Los Angeles police bulletin; the watch is a Hamilton movement, 21 jewel timepiece, with a gold-filled case bearing the case number 1840297, and the work number 281421.

The Los Angeles bulletin asked that any prisoner carrying this watch be returned to Los Angeles, but did not specify on what charge he was wanted.

BORDEN DEMOCRATIC AND DECLINES TITLE

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Premier R. L. Borden has again declined a title in connection with the forthcoming New Year's honors, according to a London dispatch to the Journal. Mr. Borden, it is said, is democratic in his tastes and prefers to follow the example of Balfour, Chamberlain, Gladstone and Bright, each of whom refused to accept a title.

STORE FIRE INJURES FIVE; \$100,000 LOSS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—Five firemen were seriously injured though not fatally in a fire to-day which burned out a five-and-ten-cent store, with a loss of \$100,000, fully insured, and threatened an entire block in the downtown business section. The firemen were buried in the wreckage when the burning floors collapsed, but were rescued by their comrades after four of them had been given up for lost.

NINETY-EIGHT PER CENT. OR MEN WOULD STRIKE

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 24.—A count of nine-tenths of the ballots cast by telegraphers in the employ of the St. Louis & San Francisco railway on a proposition to strike as a result of a refusal of the receivers of the railroad to grant an increased wage and an eight-hour day, shows 98 per cent. of the men voted in favor of a strike, according to a statement by J. A. Newman, of Chicago, vice-president of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

CHEWING GUM BILL WOULD BUY WARSHIPS

New York, Dec. 24.—"Just think, \$30,000,000 spent yearly in the United States on chewing gum, enough to pay for three dreadnaughts, and \$2,000,000,000 in fighting John Barleycorn, enough each year to pay for 200 battleships," Hudson Maxim presented this novel method for furnishing a greater navy at Dr. Madison C. Peters' Sunday "peace" service at the New York theatre.

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Resolution Introduced to United States Congress Yesterday for Suspension

Washington, Dec. 24.—When the joint resolution to conditionally suspend the operation of the provision of the Panama canal act granting free passage to American coastwise vessels was introduced yesterday, Chairman Adams, of the House committee, did so on his own responsibility, and it will go before congress as an administrative measure. It was said in high official circles, however, that the silence of the administration did not mean that the proposed step was disapproved.

Representative Adams, in a statement explaining his resolution, declared it did not involve the principle of granting subsidies to special interests, but did afford an opportunity to clear up the international phase and to test the contentions of all sides of the canal toll controversy.

"Those of us who advocated uniform tolls," said Mr. Adams, "rested our case largely on the contention that the tolls would be needed to operate the canal and prevent its maintenance from becoming a charge on the treasury. Most of those who advocated exemption for the coastwise trade professed that if the government really needed the tolls to operate the canal, then they would not insist on the exemption, but they contend that there would be a large surplus of tolls from other vessels and that the exemption could well be afforded.

"On the other proposition, the advocates of uniform tolls, while it was still a domestic proposition, and before England had been heard from at all, considered the treaty stipulations and sought to avoid violation of them. The advocates of exemption, insisting that there was no violation of treaties, asserted they would not consent to violate a treaty, and that if it really was a violation of a treaty, they would not insist upon the exemption.

"When a leading exponent on the floor of the House suggested that the exemption be made and that if England objected that a case be made for determination at The Hague. Since that exemption was made, that gentleman and others of his associates object to arbitration at all.

"This resolution proposes two things: First, an experimental test to demonstrate whether or not the tolls will pay the expenses of operating the canal, exclusive of the tolls of the coastwise trade, and the other is to afford opportunity to adjust all questions of diplomacy touching the tolls. Assuming that the advocates of exemption were sincere in their contention on these two propositions, it should not prove embarrassing to them at all, nor be regarded as any abandonment of their hesitation to adopt this resolution to test the correctness of the two contentions on the two propositions. If it is demonstrated that the tolls are sufficient to operate the tolls to the coastwise trade, the state department will be allowed time to adjust questions growing out of the treaty stipulation, and if the advocates of exemption are found to have been correct in their contention as to the sufficiency of revenue, and the diplomatic questions are settled in their favor, an execution rider will then be put into force."

ASKS BISHOP TO RUN THEATRE.

Albert Chevalier Has Schemes to Reform the Stage.

London, Dec. 24.—Bishops have before this "run" public houses, wherefore why not an Episcopal theatre? The suggestion comes from that admirable comedian, Albert Chevalier.

"Let the Bishops of London and Kensington," advises Mr. Chevalier, "and others interested in the keeping of public entertainments up to the standard of their views, let them run a theatre and a music hall, engage a manager of experience, insist that their views concerning what is decent and what is indecent shall be observed, allow nothing to be staged of which they do not approve—make all this known to their followers, then give a good show, and it would not surprise me to find in a very short time that the bishops were in possession of two of the most paying concerns in the city of London.

"In making this suggestion I take it that each of the bishops has a sense of humor. Without it neither should enter into the entertainment world. Once there, however, even their congregations would not forgive them should they prove dull.

"They would find plenty of artists willing to appear and capable of entertaining their audiences without shocking any susceptibilities, and, who knows, the managerial bishops might even draw to their churches through their theatrical enterprise. Incidentally, it might lead to the gathering together once more of many intelligent play lovers who do not crave for the abnormal in art, music or the drama."

LOCKROY WITTIEST STATESMAN

Late French Cabinet Member Had Remarkable Career.

Paris, Dec. 24.—The late M. Edouard Lockroy had the reputation of being the wittiest man in French politics. He was the son of one of the best known dramatic authors of the first half of the last century, Joseph Philippe Simon, who wrote under the name of Lockroy. Edouard first thought of an artistic career and was a pupil at the Ecole des Beaux Arts. He acted as Renan's private secretary during the famous journey to Palestine in 1860-64, and afterward fought under Garibaldi in Sicily. He then took to journalism and was on the staff first of the Figaro

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and afterward of the Rappel. His articles displeased the imperial government and he got several months imprisonment.

During the siege of Paris he was an officer of the Garde Nationale. He was elected a representative of Paris in the national assembly in February, 1871. Two months later he resigned and was then arrested for his share in the Commune and imprisoned for several months at Chartres. After his release he was editor of the *Peuple Souverain*, and was prosecuted for an article in that paper, but was acquitted by the jury.

He was elected a deputy of the department of Bouches-du-Rhone in 1873, and sat for that constituency until 1881, when he was elected in Paris. He continued as a representative of the capital until 1910, when on account of his health he retired from public life. M. Lockroy was minister of commerce in 1885-86, minister of education in 1888, and twice minister of marine, first in 1896-98 and the second time in 1898-99.

He married in 1877 the widow of Charles Hugo, elder son of the poet. She survives him.

MRS. YOUNG REINSTATED.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, whose forced retirement as superintendent of Chicago schools resulted in a number of mass meetings of protest, was declared reinstated at a stormy meeting of the board of education yesterday. Thirteen votes were cast for Mrs. Young. Seven others were present but did not vote.



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THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

To-morrow will be Christmas Day—the day of all days in the year to the Christian world. There at one time was considerable divergence of opinion, and doubtless much bitter controversy, respecting the date of the nativity of the Saviour. Some of the Fathers held to the 25th of March, others to the 6th of January, as the true date of the arrival in the world of the Babe of Bethlehem. Some authorities go so far as to say that the festival ceremonies of the 25th of December are of pagan origin and were practiced by our forefathers in Alibion long before the dawn of the Christian era. But these controversies, happily, do not concern us at all now. We are unanimous in recognizing the 25th of January as the anniversary of the day of days for humanity. We have heard of but one man raising his voice in protest. He is Andrew Carnegie, who says he does not recognize the occasion at all. But then he is a Scot, and the fact is well known that the Scots in this matter, as well as in some others, are notoriously recalcitrant. At the same time we think that if Andrew were to take a trip to Skibo about this season of the year he would find some change in public opinion there, as in other parts of Scotland, regarding the celebration of Christmas. Anhow, we are disposed to think that even the views of Andrew Carnegie will not have a great deal of weight upon the world in this matter. It is going to celebrate the season of joy and gladness with greater heartiness than ever before. And why shouldn't it? Notwithstanding some slight financial furries during the year now rapidly closing in, no one will deny that "all's well with the world."

Including in particular the pleasant and favored part of the world in which our lot fortunately has been cast. The Pittsburg millionaire may choose to play the part of Scrooge, but the multitudes will exchange good wishes and bestow gifts in accordance with custom, and will feel all the better and live all the better for it. The Times extends the season's greetings to all.

SELKIRK WATER BRIDGE.

It is scarcely likely that the city council will vary its attitude relative to the Canadian Northern Pacific bridge across Selkirk water. It is on record as opposing anything but a permanent structure in harmony with the surroundings, and we think it would be unwise to retreat from this stand. We observe that a special committee of the board of trade recommends that the company be allowed three years in which to prepare for the erection of a permanent bridge, using a pile structure in the meantime. But we have no assurance that the company will be in a better position to build a steel bridge three years hence than it is in now, and if permission for a temporary affair is granted it is altogether probable we shall have to wait much longer for a suitable structure than the board of trade committee anticipates.

If the approach to the company's terminals on the reserve is to be part of a great transcontinental railway system there is no reason why a permanent bridge should not at once be laid down. We have quoted several times from the agreement between the company and the province to show the obligations which must be met by the two parties to the contract. The people are involved in heavy guarantees on account of the system in British Columbia; they have furnished a site for the terminals; they have exempted the company from taxation; they are committed to a loan of \$840,000 per year for the first three years' operation of the system in the province. Surely in these circumstances it is not unfair to insist upon

the company at once meeting its obligations in such limited measure as the construction of the bridge across Selkirk water!

The people of Victoria endorsed the contract by a large majority because they were assured that the line on this island in every respect was to be a concrete part of a transcontinental railway system—the standard of the undertaking to be equal in all particulars to the standard of the company's line between Winnipeg and Edmonton. So far as the bridge and terminals are concerned, the city council should insist upon the maintenance of this standard according to the bond. Any other course would be a tacit recognition and condonation of gross deception of which the people were the trusting victims.

ANOTHER FICTION EXPLODED.

The report received at Ottawa from Dr. Anderson, chief anthropologist with the Stefansson expedition, measures the real importance that should be attached to the many rumors regarding this undertaking which reach the outside world from time to time. Not very long ago a circumstantial story came from Seattle describing the loss of the schooner Mary Sachs, one of the explorer's auxiliary vessels. It was alleged that the captain of this boat had written to some person in Nome telling how the Sachs had been crushed to pieces in the icepack and the crew rescued only after great difficulty and peril.

Dr. Anderson now disposes of the fiction in all its weird details. The scientists and crews of the Alaska and Mary Sachs are safe and well at Collinson Point and neither of the two vessels was seriously damaged in the pack. It will be found, probably, that there is as much truth in the hair-raising reports concerning the Karlik as there has been shown to be in the story of the destruction of the Mary Sachs. The arctic atmosphere apparently has an expanding effect upon the naturally vivid imaginations of whalers and others, from whom most of these yarns have come, and we shall expect to hear many more purple accounts of misadventure overtaking Stefansson and his men. In fact it is not unlikely that these stories will continue to emanate from the arctic circle long after the explorer and his staff have returned to civilization.

ROYAL BANK OF CANADA.

The statement of the Royal Bank of Canada for the year ending November appears on our financial page. Of special interest to shareholders, in addition to the attractive profits that have been made, will be the strong financial position the bank has maintained itself in at a time when demands from its customers, under the conditions that have prevailed, undoubtedly have been unusually heavy.

The net profits for the year amounted to \$2,142,100.22, equivalent to slightly over 15 1/2 per cent. on the capital stock. At the end of the previous year there stood at the balance of profit and loss \$610,219.95, and this added to the profits of this year made an amount available for distribution of \$2,752,319.53. Of this amount dividends at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum took \$1,357,200; \$100,000 was applied to pension fund; \$250,000 written off bank promises, leaving an amount of \$1,015,119 to be carried forward to the balance of profit and loss account.

The general statement shows total assets of \$180,246,785.73. Deposits bearing interest stand at \$101,990,790.87, and deposits not bearing interest at \$36,276,871.89, bringing the total deposits up to \$138,267,662.47. The statement of the Royal bank like the statements of other Canadian banks, will be of the greatest benefit to the Canadian situation in London, as it affords a striking proof of the strong position in which our leading financial institutions are holding themselves.

COMING TOGETHER.

The vice-president of the Grand Trunk Pacific expects that the two ends of the railway which are now 106 miles apart will be connected by the beginning of May. After that we may look for the early inauguration of a transcontinental railway system unsurpassed in the world. The line has been laid with careful regard to gradients and curvatures, its builders profiting from the experience of the earlier roads. The economies this will effect in operation are inestimable. Certainly it will place the company in a most advantageous position in the competitive field.

When the line is complete and in operation Canada will have a transcontinental railway from ocean to ocean every inch of which will be in Canadian territory. It will open up a new empire of incalculable wealth and resources. It will do for the region through which it will pass what the Canadian Pacific railway did for the belt along its route. We may look for another great era of land settlement, with the consequent birth of prosperous cities and towns; for another great market for the products of our factories, our forests and fields. Like its great competitor farther south, it is a magnificent object-lesson on the far-reaching vision of the Canadian statesmanship which conceived it, the faith of the Canadian people who endorsed it

and the ability of the men who built it. It has cost much more than the estimate just as the cost of other great works has exceeded the expectations of their promoters; just as the cost of the Panama canal will exceed the forecast of the eminent engineers who planned it; but the benefits that will accrue to Canada from its operation will reduce this consideration to insignificance.

The United States is proud to proclaim to the world its paternity of the Panama canal. It takes pride in the overcoming of great natural obstacles regardless of cost. It glories in the fact that it is contributing half a billion dollars to open a new way to civilization. Canada for similar reasons should be proud of its great new transcontinental system, as it is proud of the Canadian Pacific railway and its other large enterprises. It is an achievement which, though carried out without the blare of trumpets and the roll of drums, is one of the most notable works of the century.

THE DUKE IS COMING.

Hurray! The Duke of Bedford is coming to Canada, according to report. Better than that, he is coming with his trunks, grips and hand satchels bulging with coin of the realm for investment. He has sold his vast real estate holdings in the heart of London, the gift to an ancestor from bluff, open-handed and much-married Harry Tudor, who took it from the church. He has sold his yacht and from the whole of his transactions has reaped a harvest of something like twenty million dollars.

We will give His Grace a right royal welcome. We will show him where he can dispose of those millions to such advantage that he will regret that he did not come to Canada many years sooner. He will regret that he has borne the slings and arrows of that outrageous person, Lloyd George, for seven years, when he could have escaped the pest by crossing the Atlantic and dazzling our real estate market.

No doubt other titled grandees will follow His Grace's example and come to the country to which they formerly dispatched their unruly offspring for reformative purposes. Some day, mayhap, the great part of the British nobility will be flourishing in this fair dominion and a peer will be as common on our streets as an aidman. New York's Four Hundred will make their annual pilgrimage to Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg and Victoria instead of to London, Paris, Vienna and Berlin.

President Woodrow Wilson has been less than a year in office, and two of the most important planks of his platform have been carried out. In themselves the tariff law and the new currency measure just passed are sufficient to form an enviable presidential record, but the chief executive is merely striking his stride. The gigantic privileged interests now realize that their billions cannot frighten, discourage or divert one hair-breadth from his object the quiet-spoken, undemonstrative individual at the White House. With the tariff and currency bills now safely embalmed in the statutes, the other reforms to which President Wilson is pledged will be comparatively easy of accomplishment.

The whirling wheels of all the great newspaper presses in Great Britain will cease to turn to-morrow, for the first time in the history of newspapers in the old land. Nothing could indicate more clearly the growth of the spirit that broods over the land during Christmastide. We have not quite reached that point on this continent. The morning papers in all Canadian and American cities, with the exception possibly of the morning papers in British Columbia, will be issued as usual. All the evening newspapers, however, including the Times, will pay tribute to the day by suspension of publication.

The Winnipeg Free Press has issued to all its subscribers an interesting historical souvenir. It is a fac simile of the metal tablet deposited on March 30, 1743 (one hundred and seventy years ago), in a bluff overlooking the Missouri river by the Chevalier de la Verendrye, as visible and tangible evidence of his having taken possession of the whole of the northwestern part of the United States together with what is now a large part of western Canada, as far west as the Rocky Mountains, in the name of the king of France. But the "thrice illustrious sovereign," Louis XV., did not succeed in conveying this splendid inheritance to his successors.

Again it is announced that King Menelik of Abyssinia is dead. The announcement is said to be authoritative, but so were the other ten reports of his demise. The newspapers, however, no longer will be gulled into giving the dusky monarch extended obituary notices and they positively decline to trace his origin to King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba. After the first reports of Menelik's death some years ago the Abyssinian ruler spent a pleasant and profitable half year in perusing the various entertaining references to himself in the press of the world.

A year ago, or to be more exact, a year ago to-morrow, Miss Victoria



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looked into her stocking and to her intense joy found a manuscript filled with promises. She was to have large railway terminals and a twin station on the reserve; industrial establishments; a shorter road to Esquimalt, and a brand new harbor bridge. But, alas, the benefactor, Sir Richard, who was so lavish of his promises, was miserly in his performances. Not so much as a railroad spike has followed the pulse-quickening assurances of Christmas morning, 1912. What sort of a Santa Claus is this, anyway?

According to Professor Andrew McPhail, the president of the International News Service of the New York American, one of the largest newspapers in the United States, "testified under oath two years ago that he had never heard of the proprietor of the Montreal Star, one of the largest newspapers in Canada. Think what that testimony means. The unlighted creature had never heard of Sir Hugh Graham, whose newspaper is the only thing which stands between the British Empire and dissolution!

The commission on the high cost of living ought to make Victoria its first point of investigation. There is a fine field for it to look into here, the best in Canada. But if the Borden government really is desirous of making life more tolerable for the people it will not wait for the report of a commission. That will have little effect, whereas the abolition of taxes on foodstuffs would afford immediate relief.

Premier Borden will refuse an order of knighthood because he does not think such honors sit well upon men in this democratic country in this democratic age. There is a distinct rebuke in this attitude of Mr. Borden. We wonder whom the cap fits best. But of course democracy does not rule in British Columbia.

There is nothing better that we know of in times of difficulty than presenting a cheerful face. In the east almost every one seems agreed that the financial depression is rapidly passing us by and that during the coming year the sun of business will be shining as brightly as ever.

Officially the winter solstice has commenced, but there is little sign of winter in this part of the world. The sun has reached the ultimate point of its annual trip, and we suppose is now on his way back. He is one champion in his class who never yet has failed to "come back."

In a speech recently delivered in Glasgow Lord Rosebery declared that half a million babies "are wanted at once." If that is true we fear Scotland no longer stands where she did. And, come to think of it, there may be some households in Victoria this evening where there are children sufficient for the day.

The London Standard predicts some surprises in the Canadian railroad world in the early part of next year. It forecasts a concentration of interests which would eliminate one of the existing groups. Does this mean that the Canadian Pacific will absorb the Canadian Northern?

Terrible thing to think of the position of the suffragettes to-day, if any of them are confined in prison, and have gone upon a "hunger and thirst strike."

Merry Christmas!

**What Would Make a More
 Acceptable Christmas Gift
 Than a Handsome Opera
 Cloak or Set of Furs?**

If you wish to give a lady friend a really handsome gift, one that she will appreciate to the full, and give her much pleasure, give her one of these Beautiful Opera Cloaks or a Set of Handsome Furs.

**Beautiful Opera Cloaks in French
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How to tell you about these Handsome Garments would be a puzzle for any author. So refined are they in both design and colorings, that it's absolutely impossible to describe them in a manner that will convey an adequate idea of their beauty and good taste. To see these choice garments in the French room on First floor is the only way to do them justice.

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**A SPECIAL CLEARING-UP OF ODD LINES IN
 OPERA AND EVENING GOWNS—REGULAR
 VALUES FROM \$30.00 TO \$40.00
 CLEARING AT \$10.00**

**Choose From This Splendid
 Assortment of Handsome Furs**

FURS make lasting gifts—gifts that are appreciated by every lady. They give her endless pleasure and warmth, and it would be difficult to find a gift that would be more acceptable at this season of the year.

We suggest the following:—

Marabou Sets, in the short neck ruffs, and in all colors, from \$6.00 to **\$12.00**

Marabou Sets, as above, in the long throw-stoles, varying from 65 to 72 inches, in a good range of qualities, from \$7.50 to **\$45.00**

Muffs to Match—Novelty Sets in Marabou, with ribbon trimmings and shirred linings, from \$35.00 to **\$50.00**

A Very Handsome Labrador Mink Fur Set, with the shoulder cape and big cushion muff, trimmed with heads and tails. A most handsome Christmas or New Year's Gift **\$300**

Fitch Set, with long scarf reaching to knees, and huge pillow muff. Only **\$120.00**

Combination Squirrel and Hudson Bay Seal Set, beautifully lined with satin. The set **\$90.00**

Moleskin Stoles, numerous sets ranging in prices from \$9.75 to **\$65.00**

Muffs to match from \$9.75 to **\$45.00**

Black Fox Set, with shoulder cape, trimmed with heads and tails; huge pillow muff trimmed in same manner. The set **\$80.00**

Goat Sets, muff and stole, for **\$5.00**

We are also offering a few very special values at \$2.50, \$4.75, \$6.75, \$9.75, \$13.75 and **\$19.75**

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BRIEF NEWS OF THE CITY

Ladies' Tailor.—Wm. Stewart, men's and ladies' tailor, room 5, Haynes Bldg., Fort street.

Hanna & Thomson, 827 Pandora avenue, Phone 488. Fine Funeral Furnishings. Lady attendant. Auto Hearse in connection. Calls promptly answered day or night. Frank L. Thomson, funeral director and licensed embalmer.

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The B. C. Funeral Co., Chas. Hayward, president, 714 Broughton street. Calls promptly attended to. Phone 2258.

All Modern Methods in dentistry practiced by Dr. J. L. Thompson, 1214 Government St. Open evenings.

Economy Wet Wash Laundry.—Family wash, 75c a week. Clothes returned on the following day, thoroughly washed. Phone 3389, 2612 Bridge street.

Phoenix Beer, \$1.50 per doz. qts.

Fresh Killed Island Turkeys and Geese; also Eastern at lowest prices. Brown & Cooper, 210 Gordon.

The Umbrella Shop, 610 Pandora St.

Special Prices on Xmas Photos at Young's Studio, 628 Yates.

Wall Paper, 10c Per Roll.—Estimates furnished on Decorating and Papering. H. Harkness & Son, 919 Pandora Ave.

The Key Shop, 610 Pandora St.

Show Cards for Xmas.—W. A. Blake, phone 3565, 1424 Government, opposite Westholme.

The James Bay Hotel—South Government street—This exclusive residential home has a few vacancies for winter residents at special inclusive winter rates. French chef, excellent cuisine. Phone 2304.

Special Xmas Brew Now on Sale.—Silver Spring Brewery.

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

For Purity and Quality try the Xmas Brew. Order early and avoid the rush. Silver Spring Brewery.

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For Keys that fit, go to Wilson's Repair Shop, 614 Cormorant St.

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Special importation Humber Doppel Bock "Imperator," 12 months old, Westholme hotel.

Roller Skates, 75c. 610 Pandora St.

Everyone is Delighted with our Australian coal, it lasts so long. Mackay & Gillespie, Ltd. Phone 149.

Leaky Roofs Repaired with "Nag" Composition. See Newton & Greer, 1326 Wharf St.

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English Ale and Stout.—The only genuine brew in B. C. is the Silver Spring.

Give Your Boy Toys.—Strong tools put up in boxes, \$1.75, \$3 and \$4. Separate Saws, 25c and 50c; Hammers, 25c to 90c; Planes, 50c; Squares, 35c; Chisels, 25c; Rules, 20c. R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas St.

Try New Life—Relieves pain instantly. Free demonstration. Special prices, 721 Yates St.

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Baby Buggy Tires put on to stay at Wilson's Repair Shop, 614 Cormorant.

Have Your Xmas Parcels Delivered by Acme Auto Delivery. Prompt attention, reasonable prices. 1302 Douglas. Phone 3712.

A Tea-pot for Grandma.—She will appreciate it. Brown Pots, 25c to 75c; Decorated, 35c to \$1.50. R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas St.

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That Set of Carvers for Dad.—Made of good steel, nicely finished, put up in pretty cases, \$5.50 to \$10.00. R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas St.

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White Cooks at the Jubilee Cafe. Prices right. 575 Johnson street.

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Good Temperance Drinks.—Served quick and hot or cold, at Strangers' rest, 1427 Government street.

Holiday Week Helps.—Special importations for our delicatessen department. Ring us up for suggestions. "The Kaiserhof."

The Druggists of this city will close on Christmas day at 1 p. m., remaining closed for the balance of the day. F. W. Fawcett, secretary.

Variety Theatre.—A complete change of pictures to-day and amateurs to-night, a dandy good list of amateurs. Mr. Harris is a flute soloist; Mr. Ralph Dineley, the boy tenor; Harris & Clark in duets; and Mr. D. Thurby in character songs. In pictures "The Chinese Death Thorn" is a two-act feature by the Kalem company and it is a sensation. "The Divorce Scandal" is a good drama; "Mystery of the Haunted Hotel," a comedy by the Thanhouser players. An all-star programme in pictures. The vaudeville consists of an excellent single in the person of Madame Carrell the Australian Melba, and The Flying Elbers a comedy bar act. To-morrow there is a complete change of programme in vaudeville and for Christmas day it certainly is an excellent one. There will be five shows on Thursday starting sharp at 6.30 so that everyone will have an opportunity of seeing it. Tea served free to everyone from 2 to 4.

After the Theatre the Balmoral Cafe. Open till 1 a. m.

LARGE CROWDS SEEKING BARGAINS

Crowds are being attracted by the extraordinary bargains offered at the great fire sale, 1419 Douglas street. Large crowds of bargain-seekers have been storming the building since the opening of the sale last Wednesday. The crowds Saturday, Monday and yesterday seemed to be greater than ever. The large staff of salespeople were unable to handle the crush, although working at top speed all day. A large part of the salvage stock from the Vancouver wholesale district fire is being sold with thousands of dollars of perfect goods, which are to be closed out within the next seven days. Coming as it does at this happy season the sale provides many of this city an opportunity to save money on their purchases of clothing, shoes, furnishings, hats. Groceries and dry goods are also being sacrificed at absurdly low prices.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, December 24, 1888.

The Gordon Hydraulic Mining company, at Leech river, has completed its works, and piling was commenced on Wednesday last. If the prospects so far obtained may be taken as a criterion the mine will yield handsomely and prove a veritable bonanza to its owners. The bench is 75 feet above the level of the river, and is supposed to have been the old channel, and is situated near Martin's Gulch, a tributary of the river, out of which a large quantity of gold was taken in the days of the excitement.

A petition has been widely signed in the churches against the proposed excursion of the steamer Islander to Vancouver on Sunday.

Dr. Loftus R. McInnes, of New Westminster, arrived on Saturday night's steamer.

Midnight mass will be celebrated at the R. C. pro-cathedral at 12 tonight. Rev. Father Leternie will deliver the sermon and a choir will sing during the mass.

The Christian churches throughout the city are being decorated by the members of the congregation in a handsome and artistic manner.

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Majestic Theatre.—A splendid bill has been arranged for the new show opening to-day at the Majestic. The leading number is a Pathéplay in two parts entitled "A Modern Portia," a film of unusual excellence. It combines splendid acting and fine photography with a story of great interest and abounding in dramatic situations. "In The Elemental World," an odd story of a business partnership, very pleasing.

"Three in One," good Chicago comedy. "That Suit at Ten" is about how John buys a ready-made suit for \$10, gets caught in the rain, and notices that the suit shrinks until he cannot move a muscle. He has to be carried home. On the same film is a spectacle of performing lions. On "The Pathé Weekly" are some exceptionally interesting news events.

Bank Clearings.—The bank clearings for the third week of December, ending yesterday, were \$2,155,590.

A New Candidate.—In Ward VII, Saanich, where J. B. Adams has been the only candidate so far announced, W. J. Waters is to be a candidate for the representation of the ward on the council.

Reeve Entertains Staff.—Reeve Saunders of Esquimalt will entertain the councillors and staff of the municipality in the Boomerang hotel on Saturday evening.

May Sell Esquimalt Bonds.—Word has been received by the Esquimalt council of a probable purchaser of the municipality's sewer bonds. Particulars of the offer will be available in two weeks' time and the councillors are hopeful of effecting a sale before the election of January 19.

Public Meeting in Esquimalt.—Although so far no opposition to the re-election of any of the present representatives on the municipal council of Esquimalt has developed, the reeve and councillors have decided to hold a public meeting before nomination day to give an account of their stewardship. It is probable that the whole body will stand for reelection.

Receives Souvenir Copy.—F. J. Hayward, who had charge of the British Columbia fisheries exhibit at the Canadian National exhibition in Toronto during August and September, has received a souvenir copy, worked in bronze, of the gold medal presented to the department of marine and fisheries by the National exhibition. On one side of the medal is worked a likeness of Hon. R. L. Borden, while on the other is a design representing agriculture and fishing.

Successful "at Home."—The young people of the First Presbyterian church were entertained at an "at home" given by the Young Men's club on Monday evening, December 22. The proceedings were for the most part informal and a good programme of music, song and story was given by Messrs. Harkness and Christie and Messrs. Petrie, Fraser, Speers and Walker. Several games were arranged which also helped to enliven the evening and refreshments were served at the close. There were about one hundred present.

Charge is Dismissed.—The charge of misappropriating the sum of \$403, laid against Nagina Singh, a Hindu real estate dealer, fell through when the evidence in the matter was heard by the police magistrate. It was claimed that Nagina had failed to turn over to Babu Singh the proceeds of the sale of a piece of property which he had disposed of for him. Genda Singh. It turned out that the money was not to be payable until January, and as the payment was not yet due there was nothing to the case, and it was dismissed.

M. B. Commissioner Here.—H. E. Burbridge, chief tax commissioner of the Hudson's Bay Company, arrived in the city yesterday on his way to Shewanigan lake where he and his family will spend the holidays. He will not be able to remain in Victoria, it is announced, until the awarding of contracts for the new store in Douglas street, but this will be supervised by J. C. B. Holwood, of Toronto, the architect, who will arrive here on January 8.

SPECIAL XMAS ATTRACTIONS AT THE DOMINION THEATRE

On Thursday, Christmas day, there will be an entire change of pictures at the Dominion. The feature par excellence will be a sumptuous hand-colored Pathé play entitled Nero and Britannicus. Mr. Herve, the noted French actor, appears in the role of Nero, supported by an all-star cast from the Odion theatre, Paris. There are many wonderful scenes and the whole pomp and glory of Nero's court is shown to rare advantage in the beautiful coloring and marvellous effects which are introduced into this thrilling drama. The plot is full of strength and dramatic intensity which never loses its hold on the on-looker from start to finish. In addition to the above there are also on the bill many excellent comedies which are sure to produce many hearty laughs and put everyone in a very happy and enjoyable frame of mind in keeping with the festive season. This programme will remain during the remainder of the week at the usual prices. General admission 15c; box seats 25c; matinee 10c.

Western Canada's Largest Music House wishes its many patrons the Compliments of the Season

ADOPT THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT FOR YOUR DAILY PRACTICE AND PROFIT BY IT

A LINE O' CHEER EACH DAY O' TH' YEAR

MAY EVERY HAPPINESS BE YOURS THROUGH THIS AND EVERY SEASON

SENTENCE SUSPENDED

A Christmas Present for the Boy

FOR SALE CORDWOOD

We Wish You All a Happy Time

Safety Deposit Boxes for Rent

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Along the Waterfront

Shipping News from Day to Day

JACK'S CHRISTMAS ASHORE AND AFLOAT

Seaman Always Enjoys Himself to Utmost When in Port for Holiday of This Kind

AT SEA HE GETS CHANGE OF GRUB AND EXTRA Grog

When Out on the Bounding Billow He is Free From the Worries of Shopping

There is one class of men roaming this great, old planet, who never know where they will be destined to spend their Christmas. They are the men who answer the poignant calling of the heavy billow...

How They Spend Xmas. Of course nearly everyone knows how the Jack Tar spends his Christmas when he is ashore. Jack always likes a good time, and he revels heartily until his last nickel has left his pockets...

Follow home this time of the year. God bless all the dear ones anyhow.

On a windjammer the skipper generally has something stowed away to give his crew for Christmas. The old gale is ordered to make extra good duff, put a few more prunes and raisins in it, add not to put too much "shortening" in it...

Passenger Liners Feed. The crews of the passenger steamships live high on Christmas Day. They are given all kinds of good things to eat, are happy the whole day long...

The stewards of the big liners see that their larders are well stocked before they put to sea, and when Christmas Day comes round they are prepared to give the passengers a sumptuous spread...

The men on the tramp steamships fare better than the man on the windjammer, but not like the seaman on the liner. His man of salt beef from the harness-cask and other foodstuffs...

And so the seaman spends his Christmas when at sea. He never worries a great deal because there is no cure if he does. He must work just the same, the ship must be kept going so outside of a little extra grub, which may taste good at the time...

SULPHUR SHIP ASHORE. Norfolk, Va., Dec. 24.—The American steamer Frieda, from Sabine Pass, Texas, to Baltimore, loaded with sulphur, is ashore near Little Island, twelve miles south of Cape Henry...

SIGHT OVERTURNED BOAT. San Francisco, Dec. 24.—An overturned fishing launch, rolling bottom down, was sighted a mile south of Point Lobos, outside the Golden Gate to-day...

PROTESILAUS TO LOAD. The Blue Funnel liner Proteus, Capt. Milhinch, is returning here late next week to load 400,000 feet of lumber, 15,000 cases of salmon and considerable general merchandise.

LAUNCHES TO STEAM ACROSS TO SEATTLE

Fine Craft Put Off by Yacht Cyprus to Go South to Frisco

After making several futile attempts to have the two little launches put off here by the palatial yacht Cyprus taken south to San Francisco by one of the steamship calling here, the owner has ordered that they be taken across to Seattle under their own power.

Leaving This Afternoon. Capt. Morgan and Engineer West arrived here from Seattle this morning and announced that if the weather held good they would get away this afternoon. The largest craft is about 40 feet in length, and has a cabin and a splendid motor, and is built for speed...

BOAT'S CREW THROWN INTO STRAIT WATERS

Agent and Inspector of Marine Department Jumped Ashore; Everyone Was Wet

While making a landing at Discovery Island yesterday afternoon to land the agent of the marine and fisheries department and the inspector of lights and beacons, as well as put ashore some supplies for the lightkeeper there, a boat from the fishery cruiser Newington, Capt. Bliton, capsized and precipitated the whole party into the cold water of the strait. Everyone made the shore in safety, but they were wet to the skin...

The boat left the Newington while a fairly heavy sea was running. She was manned by five men, with Chief Officer Saul in charge. The little craft was propelled close in shore, and then there was a wait for a favorable chance to make the beach. The boat ran into the surf and a great comber was seen sweeping down on the craft...

Stuck to Their Boat. The men after coming to the surface to blow, all headed for the boat. They could have reached the shore, but they all seemed bent on saving the craft. It is fortunate that they all did think alike, for if some had gone ashore and the others remained by the boat, the latter might have got into difficulties. The boat was run ashore and what cargo remained rushed in place was thrown on the beach. Two holes were punctured in the little craft. After inspecting the plant at the island the party headed back to the Newington to dry out. Chief Officer Saul and his men are to be complimented on the way they acted after being thrown into the cold water.

SUPERINTEND BUILDING OF TWO NEW VESSELS

Seattle, Dec. 24.—C. C. Lacey, marine superintendent of the Great Northern Steamship Company, by direction of officials of the Hill railroad system, will leave Seattle within a month to assume direction of the completion and equipment for the full interests of the two palatial steamships now building at the Cramps shipyards in Philadelphia.

RECEIVES XMAS GIFT



CAPT. D. DONALD. Before proceeding across to Vancouver last night to spend the Christmas holiday with his family, Capt. D. Donald, the popular commander of the G. T. P. steamer Prince George, now in dry-dock at Esquimalt, was presented with a handsome gold silver tea set by the deck officers and crewmen of the ship on which he reigns master. Capt. Donald is highly respected on the George by all his men and the gift came as an expression of their esteem for him.

WRECKED BARQUE HAS POUNDED TO PIECES

Mimi Disappears From Mouth of Columbia River; Hincmoa Not Badly Damaged

Astoria, Ore., Dec. 24.—The barque Mimi, which stranded at the foot of Necanic mountain, was broken to pieces during the gale of the past few days and has practically disappeared. The only things saved from the wreck were two small boatloads of stores and a sail or two.

The survey of the British barque Hincmoa, which was in collision with the barque Thistlebank Sunday morning, was completed yesterday. The diver examined the keel of the craft and found that aside from the paint being scraped off for a short distance no injury was done.

Beaver Hills Big Wave. Portland, Ore., Dec. 24.—Boarded by a monstrous sea at 11 o'clock Monday night, off the Columbia river bar, which struck her aft and on the starboard side, the steamer Beaver sustained damage to two staterooms and railings on the upper and promenade decks. The after section of the promenade deck was forced upward by the force of the wave, splintering beams and decking.

A force of ship carpenters were sent to work on the Beaver's arrival here yesterday. She will be ready to sail Saturday.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Dec. 23. San Francisco, Cal.—Arrived: Str. Hilonian, Hilo; str. Claremont, Willapa Harbor; str. Persia, Hongkong; str. Phoebeus, Iquique; str. Daisy, Columbia River. Sailed: Str. A. M. Simpson, Cook Bay; str. Daisy Putnam, Astoria; str. Shark, Hamburg via Seattle. San Pedro, Cal.—Arrived: Str. Compress, Seattle and San Francisco. Sailed: Str. Henry Scott, Puget Sound; str. Davenport, Port Ludlow. Aberdeen, Wash.—Arrived: Str. Temple E. Dorr, Shoshone, Gray's Harbor, San Francisco. Tacoma, Wash.—Arrived: Str. William Chatham, San Francisco; str. Musclan, Vancouver; str. Leona, Vancouver, B. C.; str. Canada Maru, Hongkong via Seattle. Seattle, Wash.—Arrived: Str. Newbraskan, San Francisco; str. Wilmington, San Francisco via Mukilteo; str. William Chatham, Tacoma; str. Musclan, Tacoma. Sailed: Str. Humboldt, San Francisco; str. Senator, San Francisco via Victoria; str. Governor, Puget Sound ports; str. Santa Rita, San Luis. Juneau.—Sailed: 22nd, str. Alameda, southbound. Ketchikan.—Sailed: 22nd, str. Alameda, southbound.

SAT ON CHRISTMAS EVE. Christmas Eve had no sentimental effect on the mind of Mr. Justice Adette, the sealing commissioner, and two very business-like sessions were held to-day, beginning and ending at the usual hours of 10.30 a. m. and 4.30 p. m. White men's claims were taken up for the most part, although a few stragglers Indians who are still coming in one at a time from their reserves were also heard.

L. C. Gilman to-day confirmed reports that to Lacey it is to be assigned the big job of handling the completion and equipment of the new Hill liners. The new ships will have a speed of twenty-three nautical miles an hour, and will be among the finest passenger carrying vessels afloat.

LAST TENDER DOCKS

IN TIME FOR XMAS

Quadra Came Into Port Today; All Vessels of Fleet Report Very Hard Voyages

Last of the lighthouse tenders to come into port, the Quadra, Capt. LeBlanc, steamed into port at noon to-day, and now the whole fleet is safely moored at the inner harbor docks, and the officers and crews are preparing to spend Christmas Day with their families ashore. As the tenders have to blow down their boilers and load heavy cargoes for their next cruises, it is not likely that any of them will be gone before New Year's Day, so the men are extremely fortunate in being able to spend the holidays ashore.

The tender Estevan, Capt. Barnes, lead the fleet into port, arriving yesterday afternoon, and last night the Leebro, Capt. Hupper, made port from the west coast. This morning the Quadra took up her berth after a lengthy trip in northern waters. The fishery cruiser Newington, Capt. Bliton, is also here, having come in on Monday night from patrolling the west coast.

All Have Rough Trips. The masters of the tenders report exceptionally hard voyages, raging southern gales impeding their work at many stages. On the way north the Estevan picked up the crew of the wrecked steamer Jeanie, which ran hard aground on Clarke Point, Calvert island, last Friday night, while bound north from Seattle to Southeastern Alaska. She will be a total loss, according to the officers of the Estevan.

The Estevan proved a rescue ship on two occasions during her last voyage. She helped search for the crew of the wrecked barge Georgian while bound north, and on the way south came across the steamer Jeanie's crew. The Estevan was in a very heavy blow off Rose Spit, Queen Charlotte islands, and had a rough time of it.

ONLY ONE LIFE LOST IN EVERY 700,000 CARRIED

Washington, Dec. 24.—Approximately 700,000 passengers were carried for every life lost on steam vessels in the United States during the last year, according to the annual report of George Upler, supervising inspector-general of the federal steamboat inspection service.

More than 300,000 persons were carried on vessels required to report, and of this number 436 lost their lives. Of the lives lost, however, only 210 can be attributed, the report says, to accident, explosion and foundering of vessels, the remainder being suicides, accidental drownings and similar causes.

General Upler objects to the fact that to obtain a motor-boat license "one need not be a citizen of the United States, 21 years of age, or able to read or write. No questions are asked regarding accuracy of vision or knowledge and understanding of pilot rules." He recommends that examination be required of motor-boat operators as to color sense, visual acuity and knowledge of pilot rules and laws.

A force of the great variety of work now being done by the steamboat inspection service, General Upler recommends that its name be changed to marine inspection service.

WIRELESS REPORTS

Dec. 24, 8 a. m. Point Grey.—Cloudy; calm; 29.62; 32. Cape Lazo.—Cloudy; S. E., light; 29.85; 55; sea smooth. Tatoosh.—Part cloudy; E. 48 miles; 29.62; 42; sea rough. Out. S. S. Santa Rita, 8 p. m. Outside bound in, barque General Falderbe. Pachena.—Cloudy; S. E.; 29.45; sea smooth. Estevan.—Cloudy; S. E.; 29.54; 44; sea rough. Spoke, 10.30 p. m. S. S. Tacoma Maru, 6 p. m. position 49.53 N., 139.29 W., 11.15 p. m.; Sequoya, 8 p. m. position 47.04 N., 138.20 W., west-bound. Triangle.—Cloudy; E., strong; 29.68; 40. Spoke, 5.15 p. m. S. S. Ajax, 8 p. m. position 51.15 N., 137.46 W., due Victoria Friday morning. S. S. Empress of India, 8 p. m. position 1.156 miles from Vancouver. Ikeda.—Cloudy; S. E.; 29.40; 42; sea smooth. Prince Rupert.—Cloudy; S. E.; 29.80; 38; sea moderate. Dead Tree Point.—Cloudy; N.; 29.31; 32; sea moderate. Alert Bay.—Cloudy; S. E.; 29.53; 40. Spoke, 9 p. m., tug Tatoosh, southbound. Noon. Point Grey.—Cloudy; S. E., 29.50; 32. Cape Lazo.—Cloudy; S. E., 29.77; 37; sea smooth. Spoke, S. S. British Empire abeam, 7.10 a. m.; southbound. Tatoosh.—Cloudy; E.; 40 miles; 29.65; 42; sea choppy. Pachena.—Cloudy; N., 29.32; 43; light swell. Estevan.—Cloudy; calm; 29.44; 40; heavy swell. Triangle.—Cloudy; N. E. gale; 29.57; 40; sea rough. Spoke, S. S. Prince Albert, 10.25 a. m.; Queen Charlotte Sound, southbound; 11.50 a. m., S. S. Princess Maquinna left Winter Harbor, 11 a. m.; southbound. Ikeda.—Cloudy; S. E., 29.37; 45. Heavy swell. Prince Rupert.—Cloudy; N. W., 29.62; 25; sea moderate. Alert Bay.—Overcast; S. E., 29.49; 44; sea smooth. Dead Tree Point.—Overcast; S. E., light; 29.62; 35; sea moderate.

GRAND TRUNK SYSTEM Important Change in Service (Winter Schedule, Effective January 1st, 1914)

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC STEAMSHIP SAILINGS TO PRINCE RUPERT: 10 a. m. Mondays and Thursdays. GRANBY BAY, 10 a. m. Mondays. STEWART AND MASSETT (via Prince Rupert), 10 a. m. January 12, 26; February 9, 23; March 9, 23. QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS (via Prince Rupert), 10 a. m. January 8, 22; February 5, 19; March 5, 19. SEATTLE, 10 a. m. Sundays. VANCOUVER, 10 a. m. Mondays and Thursdays. Sunday, Dec. 28, S. S. Prince Rupert sails for Seattle at 10 a. m., and Monday, Dec. 29, for Vancouver, Prince Rupert and Granby Bay at 10 a. m. C. F. EARLE, City Pass and Ticket Agt. Tel. 1242. Dock and Freight Agt. Tel. 2431. Office, Wharf Street, Near Post Office. JAS. MCARTHUR, Office, Wharf Street, Near Post Office.

Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Excursions Christmas and New Year Holidays Between all points on the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway. The regular first-class fare and one-fifth for the round trip will apply. Tickets on sale Dec. 24 and 25, also Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 1914. Final return limit January 2, 1914. L. D. CHETHAM, 1102 Government St. District Pass. Agt. Phones 174, 1594

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AIDS TO NAVIGATION (404) Vancouver Island, west coast, Barkley Sound, Sechart.—Whaling steamer not now available for life-saving service. Previous notice—No. 14 (85) of 1907. Steamer not available for life-saving. The whaling steamer Orion is not available for life-saving service, etc., on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Consequently the paragraph in the supplement to the British Columbia Pilot, 1905, page 52, describing the use of the Orion for such purposes should be cancelled. (404) Chatham Sound, Prince Rupert, Pillsbury Point.—Fog bell established. Position—On Pillsbury Point, on crib-work pier about 150 feet west of railway track; lat. N. 54 deg. 17 min. 56 sec. Longitude, W. 123 deg. 21 min. 9 sec. Characteristic of fog bell—The bell, rung by machinery, gives two strokes in quick succession every ten seconds. Structure—The bell stands on a platform surmounting an open framework tower, square in plan, with sloping sides, Color—White. Remarks—The top of the tower is 25 feet above high water mark.

FRISCO'S MARINE NEWS San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Weathering heavy rolling seas off port the British steamer Persia, which operates in the intermediate transpacific service of the Pacific mail, arrived in the harbor early yesterday. With the exception of a few days of dirty weather off the Japanese coast the Persia had a pleasant voyage from the Orient. She brought 166 passengers, 2,588 tons measurement of cargo and 411 bags of mail. The German steamer Sank sailed yesterday for Hamburg via Seattle. The German tank steamer Phoebeus, of the Standard Oil company, arrived this morning from Iquique in ballast. The following are the latest freights and charters: A Strath steamer, British, time charter one year, at 4 per cent, by Davies & Felton. French barque Champlainy, 3,729 tons, to load wheat at Portland for the United Kingdom, with usual options, at 28s, by M. H. Houser. The Matson liner Honolulu left yesterday afternoon for Honolulu with forty passengers and a heavy cargo of general merchandise. The Matson steamer Hilonian arrived this afternoon from Hilo after an uneventful voyage. She brought no passengers, but a good-sized general cargo, including 33,700 bags of sugar.

MARAMA OFF TO-NIGHT. The Canadian-Australian liner Marama, Capt. Rola, will leave port tonight at 9 o'clock for the Antipodes. She is due here from Vancouver at about 7 o'clock. A number of passengers will embark at this port. The Marama will be full up with passengers and freight when she clears for the south.

WILL NOMINATE TICKET Voters' League Will Endorse Full List of Ten Candidates for Aldermen. The Voters' league, at a meeting last evening, decided to nominate ten names from the candidates for aldermen to recommendation to the general body of citizens at the forthcoming municipal election. There will be a session on Friday week, at which the selection will be made of those who are to receive the endorsement of this league. Officials stated this morning that the ten selected candidates would not necessarily have to be members of the league, or identified with it, but should be citizens whose attitude to public questions were well known. This year six or seven were supported, but it was not found to answer well, and the executive has decided to abandon the scheme for a better project as mentioned above. Attention is to be given to the referendum for women's suffrage and the shortening of the hours of the sale of liquor, to be submitted next month, and a campaign of education will be conducted meanwhile to show the electorate the advantage of both proposals. Phoenix Beer, \$1.50 per doz. qts.

TIMES SHIPPING CHART DEEP SEA ARRIVALS. Steamers, Master, Tonnage, Agents, From, Due. Aki Maru, Noma, 4,478, Dodwell & Co., Hongkong, Dec. 23. Bellerophon, Bobb, 5,744, Dodwell & Co., Liverpool, Mar. 14. Colusa, Minster, 3,622, R. R. Hetherington & Co., San Francisco, Jan. 10. Cardanabie, New, 3,789, C. F. R., Hongkong, Jan. 7. Den of Atride, Garucha, 4,738, C. F. R., Hongkong, Jan. 7. Empress of Japan, Hoperoff, 3,939, C. P. R., Hongkong, Jan. 7. Empress of Russia, Hamath, 4,739, C. F. R., Hongkong, Jan. 7. Gleaner, Jones, 4,797, Balfour, Guthrie & Co., Salina Cruz, Dec. 24. Callano, Wheeler, 3,141, F. D. & B., Hull, Feb. 27. Kenira, Turner, 4,091, C. P. R., Hongkong, Jan. 7. Makura, Phillips, 4,521, C. P. R., Hongkong, Jan. 7. Marama, Tolle, 3,929, C. P. R., Sydney, Mar. 7. Nagsara, Moreby, 2,750, C. P. R., Sydney, Feb. 8. Panama Maru, Farnby, 3,850, C. P. R., Hongkong, Jan. 23. Rosario, Shelton, 3,705, R. R. Hetherington & Co., San Francisco, Jan. 25. Seattle, Sato, 3,839, R. R. Hetherington & Co., San Francisco, Jan. 9. Sado Maru, Asakawa, 3,829, C. P. R., Hongkong, Jan. 7. Siam (motor ship), 3,811, Dodwell & Co., Liverpool, Jan. 17. Tacoma Maru, Hamada, 3,730, R. R. Hetherington & Co., San Francisco, Jan. 25. Talliusius, Allen, 4,526, Dodwell & Co., Liverpool, Feb. 14. Yachima Maru, Wado, 4,040, G. Northern, Hongkong, Jan. 23.

DEEP-SEA DEPARTURES. Canada Maru, R. P. Rithet, H'k'g., Dec. 23. Marama, C. P. R., Australia, Dec. 24. Titan, Dodwell & Co., Liverpool, Dec. 24. Tamba Maru, G. N., Hongkong, Dec. 23. Empress of Asia, C.P.R., H'k'g., Dec. 31. Tacoma Maru, R.P. Rithet, H'k'g., Jan. 6. Empress of Japan, C.P.R., H'k'g., Jan. 14. Aki Maru, G.N., Hongkong, Jan. 8. Makura, C.P.R., Australia, Jan. 21. SAILEDERS COMING. Aryan, American ship, from San Francisco, to load lumber for S. Africa. Battle Abbey, British barque, Newcastle, N. S. W. Sailed Oct. 18. Alliance, Peruvian barque, Iquique. David Evans, British schooner, from Japan for Royal Roads for orders.

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"Avon, Ont., May 14, 1913.
"I am younger since I have been taking 'Fruit-a-tives.' I was troubled very badly with piles, constipation and stomach disorder, but I found 'Fruit-a-tives' was the panacea for the whole three.
"Now I am free of all these diseases and enjoying perfect health and able to work whenever I like. Five years ago, I started taking 'Fruit-a-tives' I took two every night and they worked wonders for me.
"No other medicine could get was so good and I took lots of different remedies before I found out how good 'Fruit-a-tives' were.
"I keep 'Fruit-a-tives' on hand all the time, and am never without them. I even take them with me when I go motorizing, so I can have them handy. 'Fruit-a-tives' are worthy of every good word I can say about them. The fact that they cured me of piles, was something to be everlastingly thankful for.

"GEORGE LAUR."

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**SAANICH MUNICIPAL
ELECTIONS**

The Saanich Central Ratepayers' Association wish all Saanich Taxpayers a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. To ensure the future prosperity of Saanich, vote for COUN. GEORGE MCGREGOR for REEVE, and his ticket for the COUNCIL, as follows:

- WARD 1—COUN. F. C. BORDEN
 - WARD 2—MR. A. R. SHERWOOD.
 - WARD 3—COUN. S. WILLIAMS
 - WARD 4—MR. J. O'CONNELL
 - WARD 5—MR. JAS. A. GRANT
 - WARD 6—MR. A. E. NOLBY
 - WARD 7—MR. J. ADAMS
- Committee Rooms 1236 Government St. Phone 1656

**DIVIDEND
NOTICE**

**The Imperial Canadian
Trust Company**

Head Office, Winnipeg.
Notice is hereby given that a Dividend at the rate of SEVEN per cent. per annum, upon the paid-up Capital Stock of the Company, has been declared for the year ending December 31, 1913, payable at the Head Office of the Company, and its Branches, on and after Friday, January 2, 1914.
The transfer books of the Company will be closed from the 15th day of December, 1913, both days inclusive.
By order of the Board.
W. T. ALEXANDER
Managing Director.
Winnipeg, Dec. 2, 1913.



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men and women are subject to the numerous ailments caused by defective or irregular action of the organs of digestion and elimination. Headaches, lazy feelings, depression of spirits are first consequences, and then worse sickness follows if the trouble is not removed. But thousands have discovered that

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**MISTLETOE MAY BE
GROWN AT HOME**

**Both White Berry and Holly
Were Used in Ancient
Rites**

Though most people have from childhood's days been accustomed to regard holly and mistletoe as the Christmas decorations par excellence, it is to be wondered how many realize that in using them they are actually perpetuating a pagan custom. It was in connection with the great Saturnalia that the Romans first used the scarlet berries to adorn their homes and temples, and the early Christians were simply diverting the heathen custom when they adopted holly as a symbol of their own Christmas festival.

The pagan origin of the mistletoe is more widely known, but it is through its connection with certain rites of the little god of love and not only its association with Druidical ceremonies, that precludes it from a more prominent place in the Christmas decoration of the churches. It is, however, sometimes found in exquisite carvings of wood and stone in continental churches, and in England there are two notable examples to be seen; one on a very beautiful tomb in Bristol cathedral, and the other wreathing the exquisitely sculptured columns of the private chapel attached to one of the best known of the north country public schools.

White mistletoe is such a costly and saleable commodity, it is no difficult matter to grow it at home. This may be done by taking a berry and pressing it into a crack in a branch of some tree, on the under side of the branch so that the seeds will not be washed out by rain. Since, however, the beautiful parasite grows by what it feeds on, care should be taken to select a tree upon which no value is set. The growth is slow, taking some three or four years to produce a good crop, but when it does reach maturity, there is always a market for the pearly berries which is by no means over supplied.

A WOMAN'S COURT

**Starting of One in Vancouver May Be
Followed by Request for
One Here.**

There has been a woman's court started in Vancouver, at which woman offenders are to be tried by the police magistrate with only court officials, police and press representatives present. This will relieve them of the staring which they might otherwise be subjected to from the court frequenters.

Some discussion has taken place here as to the same thing, the local council of women taking the matter up with the magistrate and others. What may be done is as yet unknown.

In this city there is not the same need for a separate court as in Vancouver, where there are so many women coming up before the court from time to time. In any case there is virtually all necessary privacy afforded here in cases where women are concerned. Magistrate Jay and City Prosecutor Harrison see to it that in every case where there is any necessity for it, the court is cleared, when a woman is before it, and very often this is done when a woman is to be a witness and is unwilling to give her testimony before the crowd in the court.

As a rule the women offenders who appear before the court here—and there are few, anyway—are considered by being placed where they are comparatively screened from observation while waiting for their case to be called.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

**Police Will Enforce Them Against All
Persons Using the Roadways
of the City.**

There is reported by the police to be a mistaken idea on the part of many drivers of horse-drawn vehicles that the traffic regulations apply only to motor vehicles. Nothing could be further from the fact, as some of them are apt to find out through the medium of a fine for breaches of the regulations.

The police have orders to enforce the law strictly in every instance, equally against all drivers of vehicles, no matter what class these belong to. One thing that will be insisted upon is driving upon the proper side of the road. There is a rather common practice of driving on the right hand side when there is no traffic in sight coming the other way, and this will be put a stop to. Drivers must keep on the left hand side of the road at all times, and in passing a vehicle from behind must pass on the right hand. In turning corners a wide turn must

be taken when this is necessary, as in taking a turn to the right from the road being travelled. The almost invariable practice of cutting a corner will have to be stopped, the police declare, and they will see to it that it is. These rules apply to bicycles and handcarts and to every sort of vehicle using the thoroughfares.

SONS OF MEN.
An Appeal to the Attorney-General.
and to show thy pity
Upon all prisoners and captives."



Guiding star and gifts of men
Sought the Babe at Bethlehem.
Hearts of love and moving awe
Greeted the Apocalypse.
Prayer and heartfelt thanksgiving,
Worshipped Jesus Christ the King.

Sons of men this blessed morn
Knew Emmanuel was born.

O, ye sons of men, this day,
Let your charity have sway,
Be not slothful to forgive;
Live and let your brother live,
On this joyful, happy morn
Let another age be born.

Sons of men, the world around,
Let sweet charity abound.

Let us be a mighty throng,
Help the unselfish age along.
"Sons of men," along the road
Bear some weaker brother's load,
"Sleep to conquer" now and then,
O, ye valiant sons of men.

Sons of men, O, whatst we can,
Let us help our brother man.

Sons of men, revive the thought,
We are in His image wrought;
Is not this the best of gifts?
It enables and uplifts;
Prompts to acts of pure compassion,
Toward brethren of humbler fashion.

Sons of men who would inherit,
Sow to-day rewards of merit.

Sons of men, whilst vouchsafed us,
Sing "Venite adoremus,"
Sing the shepherds' song of old,
When the wondrous tale was told,
"Dum pendebat Filius,"
Was the mercy given us.

Sons of men, can we do less
Than shed abroad forgiveness?
DANVER OSBORN.



Letters for publication in Daily Times must be received at the Times office not later than the day before the day of publication. When received later they will be held over until the following day. While unobjectionable anonymous communications will be published, the name and address of every writer of such letters must be given to the editor.

THE PRODIGAL'S RETURN.

To the Editor:—Re your article in Monday's issue on the 144,000 eggs being received from China, per Empress of Asia, are they "China laid" eggs or are they Canadian or U. S. laid? In other words, has the prodigal (cold storage), returned?

TOM BURKE.

SAANICH ELECTION.

To the Editor: Taking a keen interest in the elections in Saanich, it appears to me that a number of the "independent" candidates are actively using political influence to have themselves returned to the Saanich council.

I leave it to the Saanich electors to say whether they are going to lend their support to this sort of electioneering methods. Because a candidate is a good Conservative or a good Liberal is no sane reason why he should be returned to a council board. If a man cannot show his ability to represent us in the council, without endeavoring to gain our support on political lines, then I say turn him down and elect a man who is not afraid to go before the electors as a non-political candidate. We do not want a parliament at Royal Oak. What we want is a non-political business council who will represent our interests without political influence being brought to bear upon their deliberations.

Methods are being adopted in Saanich at the present time which every respectable ratepayer will condemn. A branch of the "machine" has been formed in Cloverdale district with a view to getting one of the "machine" members returned to Saanich council. The "machine" in Victoria has become so overcrowded that they are now sending new members to Cloverdale to build up the "machine" in that district. Let the ratepayers in Saanich and in Ward 2 show their contempt for such electioneering methods by voting solid for ratepayer candidates who have been nominated at open meetings held in the municipality.

RATEPAYER.

NEW THEATRE.

To the Editor:—Since reading your last week's article regarding the new theatre, I have had the opportunity of inspecting the building and must express my admiration for this fine building, as well as appreciation of the energy and enterprise of those gentlemen who are chiefly responsible for the project.

Victoria has more of nature's attractions from a residential and tourist standpoint than any other city I know of, but many artificial features, almost equally essential, have been lacking; among these latter, a good theatre. The public owe a great deal to those citizens who have carried through this undertaking. I understand that it is necessary to have the balance of the stock taken up to finance the undertaking, and as a newcomer to this fair city I am very glad to take up a few of the shares. Every newcomer should, I think, respect the new building for himself, and be satisfied with what he sees should do his part by purchasing some of the stock in the company, thereby identifying himself with the future of this fine theatre, which will mean so much to all Victorians.

JOHN R. GREEN.
Victoria, B. C., Dec. 19, 1913.

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THE SURPLUS

If so your cup
With joy fills up
That it is over-brimming;
Pray keep in sight
The hapless wight
In difficulties swimming.

Just take the waste
You cannot taste
To some poor soul in sorrow;
I'm quite inclined
To think you'll find
Your stock increased to-mor-

1914

—By John Kendrick Bangs.

SPORTING NEWS

DUGDALE WILL ORGANIZE NEW BALL LEAGUE FOR NEXT SEASON

Seattle Magnate Dissatisfied With Northwestern Schedule; Victoria Games Cut Down

Portland, Ore., Dec. 24.—The Northwestern league schedule-makers finished their work at 7:30 o'clock last evening, having been in session without a recess from 11:30 o'clock in the morning. While the adoption will stand on the records as unanimous, the true feeling of the magnates resembled that of a wildcat that had been deprived of a choice bit of meat.

President Parr, of Spokane, was the only one who would not have supported a resolution to the effect that he was disappointed at the draw. Spokane got thirteen weeks, which is three more than a year ago, while Seattle and Vancouver apparently fell short a trifle of what they got last season.

"As the finish was reached," said Bob Brown, "the figures showed that Vancouver had eleven and one-half weeks and Seattle thirteen. Some of the older clubs transferred games, so that I think Vancouver will have approximately fourteen weeks." President Dugdale said that he did not hesitate to voice his disappointment. "Seattle receives about fourteen weeks of ball," he said, "which is less than last year. The Northwestern league is not keeping pace in its treatment with the support it has received from Seattle. We should have at least seventeen weeks, but on the final count it looms up that we have been cut down instead of increasing from past schedules. This is not right and will cause Seattle to look out for itself more. I shall proceed with the organization of the Puget Sound league."

The schedule gives both Portland and Seattle less baseball than in 1913, cutting Portland from ten weeks to eight, and Seattle from sixteen to fifteen. Seattle wanted seventeen or eighteen weeks, and Dugdale promised the directors they would hear more from him.

The season opens April 14, and closes on September 27, giving twenty-four weeks in all. Opening and holiday dates are: April 14, Portland opens at Seattle; Victoria at Spokane; April 14, 15 and 19, Tacoma at Vancouver; April 16, 17, 19, and May 24 (Queen's birthday), Seattle at Vancouver, Tacoma at

Portland, Spokane at Victoria; May 30 (Decoration Day), Portland at Seattle, Vancouver at Spokane, Victoria at Tacoma; July 1 (Dominion Day), Seattle at Vancouver, Tacoma at Victoria, Victoria at Spokane; July 4, Vancouver at Seattle, Portland at Spokane, Victoria at Tacoma; September 7, (Labor Day), Victoria at Seattle, Spokane at Portland, Vancouver at Tacoma; September 27 (closing day), Victoria at Tacoma, Spokane at Seattle, Portland at Vancouver.

The schedule gives Spokane twelve and a half weeks at home, Vancouver fifteen and a half, Tacoma twelve, and Victoria ten weeks. McGinnity was the chief opponent to giving Seattle more home time.

Indianapolis, Dec. 24.—The Indianapolis American Association baseball club was sold by Sol Meyer, owner, to J. C. McGill, of Denver, and W. H. Smith, of New York city, for \$175,000. The sale of the Indianapolis team includes the franchise of the Springfield, Ohio, Central League club, Mr. Meyer said late last night. The Springfield team has been used as a farm by the Indianapolis club.

Northwestern Men Do Well. Recent publication of the National league fielding averages reveals the fact that ex-Northwestern league players are showing the way no less than five of the nine positions. Joe Tinker, Portland, '01, leads 'all short-stops; Bert Whaling, Seattle, '12, leads all catchers, and Dick Egan, Spokane, '05, is second among all second basemen. Lee Magee, Seattle, '09, ranks second among all outfielders who played in 100 or more games, and Tom Seaton is fourth among pitchers who took their regular turn. Ralph ("Hap") Myers was fourth among first basemen.

Bob Brown is angling for Pitcher Martinout, the good-looking youngster who was with Portland last year.

Walter Cartwright, who used to play with Spokane, but who held down third base for San Francisco last year, may be tried on first next year.

Jerry Meek, the Victoria slugger, is running a bowling alley in Portland and keeping his lamps trimmed so he can clout that old horsehide for Los Angeles next year.

New York, Dec. 24.—"Tener and Robinson," the battery of the old Haverhill team of the New England league in 1885, will be the battery at Ebbets' field next spring, when on April 14 the fans will gather there for the opening game of the National league season.

The collection taken up at the senior game will go towards the hospital expenses of Sid Thomas, the Ward captain who sustained a broken leg a couple of weeks ago.

Ward Soccer Team.

The North Ward intermediate soccer team for Saturday: McKenzie, J. Ord, Tunnycliffe, Baker, Ord, J. Cummings, C. Thomas, McDougall, Jones, Mulcahy, J. Cummings; reserve, S. McDougall.

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PROTEST WESTS' WIN OVER NAVY

Brace of Football Fixtures at Beacon Hill Park To-morrow

Victoria Wests' victory in the intermediate series over the navy eleven on Saturday will be protested by the latter club because of the Wests having played several ineligible players. It is said that Jock Robertson, the senior's goal tend, and Stan Stewart are the men who played, though not eligible for intermediate company. The navy will probably file their protest to-day, but the result will not affect the final standing of the teams, the Wests having clinched the championship beyond a doubt.

Saturday's games are:

Wests vs. Empress, Macaulay Point. Referee, Mr. Thomson.

Wards vs. Pandoras, North Ward Park. Referee, Mr. Jasper.

There will be two soccer features on Christmas Day on the Beacon Hill grounds. The senior match, England vs. Scotland, will start at 1:30 o'clock in the morning, while the intermediate, Native Sons vs. Old Country game,

SURVEYOR'S PLAY PICKED FIFTEEN

Surveyors rugby team will get a chance to make up for their defeat at the hands of fourteen captained by K. Dennistoun at Oak Bay on Christmas morning, arrangements having been completed for this contest. The match will start at 11 o'clock sharp.

The following have been selected to play for the Wanderers against H. M. S. Algerine in Saturday's Barnard Cup Rugby match at the Canton grounds: A. F. Hudson; D. M. Grant; H. H. Beckett; G. G. Grant and H. G. Humphreys; A. Yates and A. Chalk; W. J. Baum; G. Carstairs; J. B. Ackland; W. F. Patterson; K. Dennistoun; R. N. Clarke; R. A. Collinson; H. R. Columbine. The game will commence at 2:45 o'clock, and players are requested to leave town on the 2 o'clock car.

Special Humber "Imperator" Doppel Boer, imported direct. Kaiserhof hotel.

REMARKED ON THE SIDE

Spokane Club Must Be Counted Upon. There may not be enough money in this Old World to buy any ball player in the world, but when it comes to handling a minor league aggregation, possession of the kale is half the battle. When Mike Lynch was let out by the Bees last season, he landed in a real soft spot, for the Spokane magnates appear to be willing to spend any amount of money, providing they can get a winning team together. They are giving Melodious Mike a free hand and the florid Celt is not stopping at trifles. Lynch can be counted upon to produce a winner with a live bunch of ball players, as it is a cinch that he will not let the men rest for an instant. Spokane right now have a grand collection of minor league stars and with four months to go, Lynch will surely round out a team that should finish in the first flight next year. Victoria club owners have promised an improvement in the standing of the Bees and it is up to them to strengthen if they are to keep pace with Lynch and his gang.

Australia and Henley. The New South Wales Rowing association has decided to write to the Henley stewards asking if they would accept the entry of a crew drawn from the various Australian states (writes "Olympic" in the Sydney Referee). At present the Henley rules provide that nominations shall be accepted from clubs only, and that crews shall be financed by their clubs. There are at least two essential reasons why the matter is vital to Australian rowing. A practically insurmountable obstacle at present is the question of finance, and no rowing club in Australia could undertake single-handed to provide adequate funds to dispatch a crew on such a journey. Apart from the question of finance, the N. S. W. R. A. takes a very correct view of the situation, inasmuch as no single Australian club could hope to beat a crew at Henley that would be sufficiently strong to justify hope of success against the powerful Leander club, which is in the extremely favorable position of being able to call in the cream of English oarsmen. The request of the N. S. W. R. A. should meet with the favorable consideration of the Henley stewards, if only in view of its reasonableness, and both Australia and Canada would then be in a position to send their best available men to try to win the Grand Challenge Cup.

STILL CHAMPION



JACK JOHNSON

New York, Dec. 24.—Jack Johnson is still heavyweight champion of the world, according to a decision of the New York State athletic commission cabled to Paris. The opinion was given at the request of French promoters who have tried to strip Johnson of his title because, they say, he refuses to defend it.

MORAN TO LEAVE FOR NORTH SOON

Bayley Expects Win in Steveston Bout Next Month

Given a chance to get back into the limelight, Joe Bayley, the Victoria lightweight, is working as never before to be in the pink of condition when he meets Owen Moran at Steveston on January 8. Bayley is working out every afternoon against Cyclone Scott and a couple of other sparring partners, and he looks for a win over Moran. The latter is still in California but transportation has been wired to the English lightweight, and he will reach here some time next week. Moran will train at Vancouver, and if Bayley succeeds in beating him he will like for California to secure a bout with Johnny O'Leary or Frenchie Vaise.

Jack Burke, famed as the man who fought the longest glove battle, died a few days ago in New York from heart failure. Thus passes the last survivor of a record-making fight—the referee, Prof. Duffy, and the other boxer, Andy Bowen, died long ago. Burke and Bowen met at New Orleans April 6, 1893—two lightweights considered near the top of the class in those days—and their bout lasted 110 rounds. The crowd arrived early, watched the fight till midnight, went out and got a meal returned, and found the boys still fighting. Vaudeville actors who saw the early rounds, then left to do their stunts, dropped in after show time, and found the fight just getting good. Daylight was breaking when Burke, feeling very tired in the feet, stumbled and failed to rise. Somehow or other the modern record books call the fight a draw, but if memory serves right, Bowen got the decision. Bowen kept on battling, and was finally killed in the ring while fighting George Lavigne. Burke, probably exhausted by that long battle, never cut any figure in the ring, but, with his wife, did a boxing turn in vaudeville.

CHANGE MADE IN STATES DEFENDER

Bristol, R. I., Dec. 24.—A departure from the original plans of the America's cup defender candidate under construction, here developed yesterday when orders were given to add another foot of lead to the keel that was cast December 12. It is understood that the change means merely the carrying of ballast outside instead of inside, and that the waterline will not be altered. The weight of the keel will be increased from 62 to 75 tons. As a result of the changes numerous alterations in the specifications will be necessary.

TO-DAY IN PUGILISTIC ANNALS

1882—George Holden defeated Charlie Lynch in 64 rounds at London. This was the first battle for the featherweight championship of the world. Holden was an Englishman, and Lynch an American. The first featherweight champion of the world under Marquis of Queensberry rules was the O'Neill Weir, "the Belfast Spider," who was a native of Ireland, but did most of his fighting on this side of the Atlantic. Weir won the world's title in 1887 as the result of his battle in Minneapolis with Tommy Warren, the American title-holder.

1873—Jim Flynn, "the Pueblo Fireman," born in Brooklyn.

1883—Chester Goodwin, formerly well known as a boxer, born at Chelsea, Mass.

1888—Matty Matthews defeated George Kirwin, Canadian welterweight champion, at Toronto.

TIMES' CHRISTMAS GREETING

To all good sports, greeting:
A merry Christmas to you, and a happy, prosperous New Year.
One of the greatest stories of this country is that it abounds in "good sports."
The nation that runs all to mind soon goes to seed. It withers up and blows away and that is the last of it.
And it is another glory of this country that it demands that its sports be clean and decent and fair and square and humane.
The nation that delights in cruel and crooked pastimes, such as bull-fighting and gambling, stands about as much chance when pitted against clean-livers as a snowball in Panama. See what has happened to Spain and Mexico.
Sport-loving Englishmen and Scotchmen and Irishmen, two-fisted men who fought hard but fought fair, carried the Union Jack to the four corners of the earth, and founded an empire on which the sun never sets. They could do it because they were strong and they were strong because of their long devotion to outdoor sports.
The mighty civilizations that now stretch from the Atlantic to the Pacific were hewed out of the wilderness by "good sports" with stout muscles and clear brains.
Will the work of these pioneers be carried on by the present and succeeding generations?
The answer to that is that this and every other newspaper between the two oceans finds it necessary to publish a daily sports page.
So long as this interest in many sports and athletics continues, the calmly croakers are doomed to disappointment.
But if the time ever comes when the sporting pages disappear from the newspapers, then look out!
The fate that overtook Rome, of which we on this side of the Atlantic have been reminded so often, will be due, and overdue.

SUGGESTED CHANGES FOR BISLEY MEET

London, Dec. 24.—Important changes in the conditions of shooting for the King's prize, and others of the more important competitions at Bisley are recommended in the communications sent to the national committee of the Rifle Association, General Sir C. W. Douglas, of the war office, has been considering proposals for modifying the Bisley programme to bring it more into harmony with the military relations of the territorial forces. The agitation for the abolition of the bullseye, and the knowledge that the officers favored "service competitions" has created uneasiness among rifle clubs, who fear that the adoption of the War office policy may kill interest in rifle shooting. Specific schemes are set out for the King's and St. George's competitions, introducing rapid firing and snaphooting in the second stage of the former, and the first stage of the latter. For example, for the second stage of the King's prize, five rounds deliberate, ten rounds rapid and five rounds snaphooting at 300 yards

are suggested. The shoot in the second stage in the last meeting was ten rounds at 300 yards, and ten at 600 yards, deliberate firing. The recommendations are to be submitted to members of the National Rifle Association, at the general meeting in February.

COPELAND TO HANDLE AUSTRIAN ATHLETES

New York, Dec. 24.—All doubt as to the selection of Al Copeland to train the Austrian athletes for the Olympic games of 1916, was dispelled yesterday by the receipt of a cablegram by Jas. Sullivan, secretary and treasurer of the A. A. U., from the Austrian Olympic committee. The cable stated that the selection of Copeland had been ratified and he would be in entire charge of conditioning of the Austrians for the Berlin meet.

HUNT CLUB RUN.

The Victoria Hunt club will hold a run on Christmas day, starting from the Willows at 10:30 o'clock.

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COLORED GIANTS WILL PLAY HERE
Chicago Ball Club Will Tour the Northwestern Cities

Once again will Victoria ball fans have an opportunity of witnessing the Chicago-Giants, the famous colored ball-team in action. This club will tour the Northwestern cities next spring, and President Wattleit is sure to sign them up for a couple of games. The Giants beat the Bees twice last spring, and incidentally walked all over the other clubs in this league. The coast clubs refused to play them because of their class, but the Northwestern teams gave them all the games they wanted. Bob Brown has booked them at Vancouver on April 9 and 10, and they will appear here a few days after their appearance in the Terminal City. Spokane will travel north with the Giants, playing a series of games with this team in order to get into the best of shape.

Manager Lynch, of the Indians, will have his squad limber up at Boyes Springs, Cal., and he plans a game or so with the Chicago White Sox, also a game with Sacramento. Portland Colts will also be sent south to take the kinks out of their throwing arms, while the Seattle, Tacoma, Vancouver and Victoria clubs will train at home, as decent weather, the teams that perform at the home lot will save a bunch of money on a spring training trip, and will also be able to look over more

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recruits instead of taking only a few to the training camps.
Portland, Ore., Dec. 24.—President Jones last night announced the appointment of Joe McGinnity and F. C. Parr as a commission on the revision of the league constitution, to report to-day. A schedule of games between the Colored Giants and various teams of the Northwestern league was arranged. They will open at Seattle April 4 and 5, move to Tacoma for April 6, Victoria April 7 and 8, Vancouver April 9 and 10, Tacoma April 11, and Portland, Sunday, April 12.

PAID BIG PRICE.
Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 24.—Sitting a new record for price paid for a Pacific coast bred dog, G. C. Israel, of Tacoma, sold his world's champion English bull terrier, Sound End Sombro, to Andrew Albright, a wealthy New York clubman, who owns some of the finest fox terriers in America, and who is now taking up the bull terrier strain. The consideration was \$1,500.

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SPORTING NEWS

LEADING TEAMS ARE CLOSELY BUNCHED

Four Leading Old Country Soccer Leagues Are Being Keenly Contested

Blackburn Rovers and Manchester United are still setting the pace in the English League. Both teams are tied at the top of the table with 24 points, but the Uniteds, by reason of their brilliant victory over their rivals last Saturday have the best chance. They have played one game less.

In the second division Bradford led the lead by losing to Blackpool, while Notts county added two more points to their total. However, Bradford are in a good position as they are only one point behind the county with a couple of games in hand.

Swindon continues to set the pace in the Southern League. They are four clear points ahead of Crystal Palace, their nearest rivals.

Coltles are out in front in the Scottish League, but their lead is so slight that they have nothing to boast about. Hearts are chasing them up, strongly, with Rangers a good third. The league leaders have only had one goal scored on them in the past ten weeks. Here is the standing of the teams in all four leagues:

Table with 5 columns: Team, P, W, L, D, F, A, Pts. Includes First Division and Second Division teams like Blackburn Rovers, Manchester United, Sunderland, etc.

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VICTORIA PLAYERS CONFIDENT THAT THEY WILL WIN FRIDAY

Nighbors' Absence Will Break Up Vancouver Attack; Special Skating Sessions for Holiday

Figuring it out that the Vancouver attack will be considerably weakened with Nighbors on the fence, Lester Patrick looks for a decisive win for the champions Friday night at the Willows Arena. The local manager says that Nighbors was the chief trouble maker for the champions when they last met the Terminals, and with the former Toronto boy on the injured list, the chances of the Senators are raised accordingly. Victoria would probably win, even with Nighbors at left wing, but with the latter out of the game, the task is somewhat easier.

Victoria showed a great return to form in the practice at the Arena this afternoon, and the Senators, to a man, are confident that they can outscore the mainland septette when they next clash. Skinner Poulin has been admonished to stay on the ice, where his presence will help the club, while Bobby Rowe, Dubbie Kerr and Tommie Dunderdale are showing a lot of nifty team play in their recent work out. Silent Jack Ulrich will probably be given a chance to make good during the latter part of the game. Victoria will pay particular attention to the rushes of Vancouver's Big Four, Pitre, Taylor, Griffis and Patrick, and the locals hope to outlast the Terminals. Sibby Nichols will play centre for the Vancouver team at Victoria next Friday night, and the forward line will be switched round. Cyclone Taylor will be moved back to rover; "Bullet" Pitre will go over to right wing, his proper position, while Fred Harris will be shifted back to his former position at left wing.

of the English league only scored five goals. The first of the international trial matches resulted in a win for the English team, the South going under at Fulham by 2 goals to 1.

Very few Victoria West players will figure in the exhibition games because most of them are native sons.

Young Davies, the sensational Empire player, has been chosen to play inside left for the Native Sons.

The whole North Ward team is divided. Some will play with the Native Sons while the remainder will figure on the Old Country lineup.

A Seattle team will visit Victoria on New Year's day and meet an all-star local eleven.

Jimmy Pettierew fell off a roof recently and slightly strained both ankles. He will be in shape for the opening of the Island League.

Five J. B. A. A. players have secured positions on the Englishmen's lineup for Christmas morning.

Caskie will appear on the Scottish lineup; he has not played for some weeks.

Yonson, Thackeray and Jones are the subs for the English team.

Jack Niven, who has been playing half back for the Rangers in the City League, will play for the Scots tomorrow morning.

INTERNATIONAL GAME.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 24.—St. Louis soccer "fans" will see the best soccer eleven of the country in action here in the holidays when the Toronto professionals of Toronto, champions of the eastern professional football association, and the Rovers of Fall River, Mass., champions of New England, come here for a series of games with the teams of the St. Louis soccer association at Robinson field.

RUGBY LINEUP.

Following is the Welsh Rugby lineup for Saturday's game at Oak Bay: Jones, Willis, Sid Thomas, Goldsworthy, Hines, Stan James, Fred Hill, Boyde, Grey, Honeychurch, A. Griffin, Baxter, Adams, Hood and Stevens.

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TO QUIT GIANTS



TILLY SHAFER

Los Angeles, Dec. 24.—Tilly Shafer, New York Giants' utility star, announces he is through with baseball. He said he told Manager McGraw when the latter was here on the Giants-White Sox exhibition tour that he had quit the game to take care of his father's estate. McGraw's arguments and offer of a bigger salary, he declared, were unavailing.

SPORTING GOSSIP OF THE DAY

Sid Thomas, who was injured recently, is doing nicely. His injury is still very painful.

A considerable sum should be collected towards the benefit of Thomas at tomorrow's game.

Beech, the Sons of England player who was injured in a game a short time ago, is on the road to recovery.

Neither Stanford nor the University of Nevada will send their Rugby fifteen to Vancouver for a series of matches during the Christmas holidays. Nevada University refuses to go to British Columbia, while the union refused to consider Stanford's challenge.

"Once a professional, always a professional," is the O. H. A. motto, unless you happen to be wanted for some town where an executive officer of the big association hangs up his hat.

Bruce Ridpath has been refused a contract with the Torontos. If Ridpath ever gets back his stride one Jack Marshall will be sorry.

The Brooklyn tourists, who went to Cuba, are back home. While the players were in Cuba they presented Jake Danbert with a handsome diamond

ring as a mark of their esteem and appreciation for what he had done as manager of the team on their trip.

The M. A. A. A. club goes to New York in February to play exhibition games in St. Nicholas rink. The Wings and Wheelers are working regularly.

Macdonald, the Ontario's holdout, wanted \$1,300. The club was willing to give him \$1,000.

Bill Brennan, of the National League, umpiring forces, was recently introduced at a prize fight as the umpire of the New York Giants. It is not the first time the name has been applied to him. Charles Doolin called him that and others, too, last summer.

Several clubs in the American league are after Catcher Owens, who was drafted by the Nationals from the Minneapolis club last fall. It is likely that the Old Fox will use Owens in a trade, as he expects Henry and Ainsworth to do most of his catching next year.

In the five old country leagues on Saturday, 25 teams failed to score, 25 only counted once, 13 twice, and 19 clubs registered three goals apiece. Hull, with seven, held the high card. The losing teams in the first division

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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

H. G. Green, of Calgary, is registered at the Dominion.
W. S. Kelly, of Kamloops, is a guest at the Dominion.
T. H. Goring, of Clo-ose, is at the James Bay hotel.

Mrs. Findley has arrived back at the James Bay hotel.
Mrs. J. Hicks, of Regina, is registered at the Dominion hotel.
T. K. Patterson, of Vernon, B. C., is at the James Bay hotel.

H. Boyd Wallis, of Vancouver, is a guest at the Empress hotel.
G. A. McLaine, of Summerland, is a guest at the Empress hotel.

A. E. Lindsay, of Edmonton, is registered at the James Bay hotel.
Chas. O. Marston, of Vancouver, has arrived at the James Bay hotel.

Among those staying at the Dominion is A. E. Bartley, of Bluff, Man.
Arthur G. Glaser, of Irvington, is among the new arrivals at the Empress hotel.

Mrs. and Miss Pawley, of Telford Harbor, B. C., are staying at the Dominion.
G. M. Hughes and Mrs. Hughes, of Saskatoon, are registered at the James Bay hotel.

M. J. Cafferata is over from the mainland, and is staying at the James Bay hotel.
John A. Morgan, of Vancouver, is among the new arrivals at the Empress hotel.

S. R. Green, of Calgary, is in the city for a few days. He is registered at the Dominion.
A. Porter, of Nanaimo, is in the city on a short visit. He is a guest at the Dominion hotel.

W. B. Ellis and T. J. Henderson, of Vancouver, are among the guests at the Empress hotel.
S. L. King, of Hickmansworth, arrived in the city yesterday and went to the Empress hotel.

Ingram Clarke, of Canook, Stafford, England, is staying at the Empress hotel for a few days.
Mr. and Grace arrived in the city last night from Vancouver. They are staying at the Dominion.

Thomas Speed, of Ganges Harbor, paid a visit to the city yesterday, and registered at the Empress hotel.
Humphrey Binney left yesterday for the Okanagan valley, where he intends spending Christmas with relatives.

James Turnbull, of St. Benwell, Sask., arrived in the city last night. He is registered at the Dominion hotel.
Mrs. C. Roberts, of Frostburg, U. S. A., is spending the winter months with her sister, Mrs. W. J. Pendray, 309 Belleville street.

R. Marpole, Mrs. Marpole and Miss Alice Marpole came over to Victoria yesterday to spend the holiday in the capital. They are at the Empress hotel.
Mr. Charles R. Blake, Pembroke street, for some years attendant at the law courts, who has been ill for some months past, is now altogether confined to his room.

Mrs. Angus McSwain has returned from a visit to Seattle and Vancouver, accompanied by her daughter Winnifred. Mrs. and Miss McSwain will spend the winter in Victoria, having taken apartments on the Dallas road.

TOO OPEN ABOUT IT.
Two little girls were playing together one morning, and another girl passed by.
'Oh, she is a horrid girl!' said Marion. 'She's always wishing that she was a boy.'
'Well,' replied Flora, 'I'm sure I wish she was, too.'
'Of course,' said Marion, 'but she wishes it out loud, so the boys can hear her.'—Harper's Magazine.

A PERFECT GENTLEMAN.
Landlady: 'If you do not pay your bills, Mr. Maltravers, how am I to pay mine?'
Maltravers (actor): 'Madame, will at least admit that I have some delicacy. I do not urge her to pay hers.'—Sydney Bulletin.

ARCHDUCHESS WHO IS

NOW RED CROSS NURSE

Former Princess of Bavaria, Who Flew From Husband, Devotes Time to Hospital

Vienna, Dec. 24.—Should Austria ever become involved in a war—and she has been dangerously near it several times in the years just drawing to a close—there will be one nurse at the front in whose arms all good Austrians will deem it an honor to expire. She is Sister Irmgard, better known to the newspaper public as the archduchess Isabella Maria, whose marriage in February, 1912, to Prince George of Bavaria turned out so unhappily. It will be remembered that the Princess ran away from her husband a few days after the ceremony and returned to her parents here. Hers is said to be the unhappiest royal marriage on record. She blamed the incompatibility of her character with that of her husband, but mystery lurks here somewhere. Many attempts were made to take the Austrian archduchess back to her new home, but she refused absolutely. Her husband, accompanied by his father, Prince Luitpold, brother of the now reigning King of Bavaria, even made a special visit to Vienna to see the archduchess, but having always had a will of her own she refused even to see her husband, and so the matter ended. There has always been much mystery regarding the real reason the archduchess so soon deserted her husband. The truth probably will never be known as the archduchess has turned to her new life with heart and soul devoted to her duties.

Marriage Annulled by Pope

The marriage was declared null and void by the Pope on January 17 of this year. It was formerly the custom for Catholic princesses under such circumstances to enter a convent. Archduchess Isabella, however, had made her plans to become a hospital nurse. Her parents pleaded with her to change her mind, but it was made up. Even the aged emperor himself could not change it. Accordingly, last May the archduchess presented herself to the lady superior of the school of nurses of the Red Cross here, applying for admission as a probationer. She was adopted under the name of Sister Irmgard and passed her time of probation at the school to the fullest satisfaction of the doctors. Then she was definitely accepted as a pupil.

According to the regulations of the Red Cross the princess, like ordinary pupils, then had to bind herself after one year's apprenticeship to serve two years as a nurse in the Rudolfsternhaus hospital. In the future she must place herself at the disposal of the Red Cross, particularly in time of war.

This once haughty princess wears today the ordinary dress of a Red Cross nurse and occupies a cheerless little room on the top floor of the hospital. She spends the day like any other hospital nurse. In the morning she is employed in the ambulatorium, where hundreds of outdoor patients of the poorest classes are treated daily free of charge. In the afternoon, when it is her turn, she performs her duty in the surgical ward for men and assists at operations of all kinds.

Rarely Leaves the Hospital

Archduchess Isabella, who is now 25 years of age, gives very little time to recreation. Because of her headstrong will which made her a nurse against the wishes of her family a slight estrangement has arisen between the archduchess and her family, and sometimes weeks go by without her leaving the hospital grounds to visit her father's palace.

The archduchess, who has long been known as one of the best looking women in Europe, was brought up as an outdoor girl on the vast estates of her father on the lower reaches of the Danube, in Hungary. Here the great hunting ground Karapanza is situated, which the Kaiser has visited on several occasions. Fifty years ago the Karapanza was a primeval forest and little has been done since in the way of cultivation. Among these wilds and at Presburg, Hungary, the archduchess and her sisters were educated.

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The greatest empire and the greatest republic that the sun, in its long course, has ever shone upon, will extend their hands across the seas to-day to commemorate ninety-and-nine years of peace.
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The treaty which officially terminated the last war between Britain and the United States was concluded at Ghent, the ancient Belgian city, on December 24, 1814. In the negotiations Great Britain was represented by Lord Gambier, Henry Goulburn and William Adams, and the United States by John Quincy Adams, James Bayard, Henry Clay, Albert Gallatin and Jonathan Russell.
The Americans met in Ghent in July, and the British commissioners assembled early in August. The negotiations were entirely friendly, and the people of Ghent manifested great interest in the proceedings. After the treaty was concluded the American commissioners gave a banquet to the British delegates, at which sentiments of mutual friendship were offered. A few days later the intendant of the department, Count H. van Steinhuysser, gave an entertainment to the distinguished men of both nations.
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NOTICE

Whereas the Legislative Assembly has passed the following resolution: "That the City of Victoria be authorized to amend the Municipal Act in so far as it affects the Municipality of the City of Victoria, but not otherwise, as hereby amended in manner following:

1. To confer upon the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria power from time to time to make, alter and repeal By-laws for any of the following purposes or in relation to matters coming within the classes of subjects hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:

(1) For regulating the location, construction and use of huts, shacks, sheds, garages, barns and other buildings, which, if unrestricted as to location, tend to reduce the value of assessable property;

(2) For prohibiting, licensing and regulating tents and the location, erection, construction and use thereof, in the City of Victoria, and in any part or area of the said City;

(3) For permitting areas or openings to be constructed in or under any sidewalks and streets in the City of Victoria, and to make and collect an annual charge for the use of any such areas or openings previously constructed or hereafter to be constructed, and the amount as the Council may deem reasonable;

(4) For compelling owners or occupiers of lumber factories, sawmills, slaughter houses, shoddy mills, distilleries, tanneries, rag or bone works, laundries, electric light works and other works, or any other works where any manufacturing or trade process whatever is carried on in connection with the operation of which smoke, dust or effluvia are emitted or produced, to install and maintain such chimneys or other apparatus as shall consume the smoke and effluvia or prevent the same from fouling the atmosphere, or being carried by the wind or otherwise to other shops, houses or premises, to the inconvenience or injury of the neighboring premises or residents thereof;

(5) For regulating the distance from the centre of all buildings hereafter to be built upon lands abutting upon any street in any specified areas within the City of Victoria, and prohibiting the erection of any such building except at such distance from the centre of such street in any specified area as the Council may deem advisable;

(6) For regulating the measuring or weighing (as the case may be) of butter, bread, potatoes, milk and other articles of food, and for seeing and enforcing the same when of light weight or short measure, and for imposing penalties for light weight or short measure, or for measurement in any cordwood, firewood, coal or other fuel, and in butter, bread, potatoes, milk and other articles of food;

2. In the event of the Council of the said Corporation of the City of Victoria undertaking as a work of Local Improvement the opening, widening or extending of any street within the City of Victoria, and for such purpose it becomes necessary for the Council to enter upon, expropriate, take and use any lands or real property or interest therein, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Act and amendments thereto, the said Corporation shall be entitled immediately upon receiving the notice mentioned in Section 399 of the Municipal Act to take possession of, use and enjoy the said lands or real property, interest therein, shall not be under obligation to pay the compensation therefor to the respective owners in a lump sum, but at the option of the Corporation to be indicated by a resolution of the Council to that effect, the said amount shall be paid in equal instalments of the same number of instalments as those by which the special assessment shall be made payable as set out in any order required by Section 30 of the Local Improvement Act, and said instalments shall be included in cost of the work to be actually executed in accordance with the provisions of the Local Improvement Act. The Corporation shall pay to the respective owners interest at the rate of five per centum per annum on all unpaid instalments yearly, said interest to be paid out of the general revenue of the Corporation, and not to be included in the special assessment.

3. In the event of the Corporation of the City of Victoria exercising any of the powers conferred by Section 38, subsection 2 of the Municipal Act, of entering upon any lands within the Municipality and digging the ground and constructing tunnels and underground conduits and carrying wires, cables and necessary fittings and apparatus therein, and placing poles upon the said lands and attaching thereto wires and other telephone apparatus and affixing the same to buildings and other improvements upon the said lands, and carrying said wires over and across said lands and improving and operating and maintaining, altering and replacing the same, and for the purpose of construction, reconstruction, operation, alteration and maintenance and repair from time to time entering upon the said lands, and the Municipal Council of the said Corporation, passing a By-law expropriating the said rights above mentioned, or any of them, in respect of any lands within the limits of the City of Victoria, it shall not be necessary for the said Corporation to procure any grant of such right and easement, but the Corporation shall file a copy of the By-law with the Registrar of the City of Victoria, a certified copy of the said By-law, accompanied by a plan certified under the hand of the City Engineer of the City, showing the lands in respect of which the said rights and easements have been expropriated thereunder, and also accompanied by plans and specifications of the work proposed to be done thereon; and thereupon the rights and easements expropriated under said By-law shall forthwith vest in the said Corporation and its assigns and registration of the said By-law and the plan so filed shall not be necessary. For the exercise of any of the said powers the said Corporation shall pay such compensation as may be agreed upon in the event of failure to agree, shall pay such compensation as shall be determined by arbitration in the manner directed by Part XV. of the Municipal Act. The notice required by Section 399 of the Municipal Act shall be deemed to have been sufficiently served upon all owners and persons interested in said lands if the same, addressed generally to the owners and persons interested in the various lands affected by the said By-law, be published for at least eight consecutive issues in a newspaper published in the City of Victoria.

4. The Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria shall consist of a Mayor and ten Aldermen. The said Mayor and Aldermen shall be elected from the City at large.

5. The term of office for an Alderman shall be three years and for the Mayor one year.

6. At the next annual election of Aldermen and at every third annual election thereafter four Aldermen shall go out of office, and at all other annual elections thereafter three Aldermen shall go out of office. The four Aldermen to go out of office at the next annual election shall be those of the Aldermen who respectively received the least number of votes at the last annual election; the three Aldermen to go out of office after the second annual election hereafter shall be those of the remaining six Aldermen who received the least number of votes respectively at said last annual election and the remaining three Aldermen shall go out of office at the third annual election hereafter. Thereafter the Aldermen to go out of office at any annual election shall be those who have been longest in office since election, notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, however. The retiring Mayor and Aldermen shall continue in office after the annual election until the 1st day of January next following, and on said date the newly elected Mayor and Aldermen shall take office. The Council shall meet on the first Monday in January (not being New Year's Day), or if the same be New Year's Day, then on the first Tuesday in each year and thereafter as the Mayor may appoint.

7. In the event of the election of an Alderman to fill a vacancy in office the term of his office shall be the unexpired term of the Alderman whose office has become vacant.

8. The election for Mayor and Aldermen for the said Municipality shall here-

FINDS FINANCES ARE RUNNING SHORT NOW

TO EJECT RESIDENTS?

Still Saanich Municipality is in Better Condition Than Other Districts

The Saanich council found itself at the meeting last evening obliged to forego considerable repair work on the roads, as the balance remaining from taxes has been called upon for destitution cases in the municipality recently.

However, when it was reported in the finance committee's statement that \$2,602 was overdue after the government grant came to, Reeve Nicholson said the municipality was in a better position than any municipality on the lower mainland.

The council decided to persist in its attitude with regard to Crox place, in spite of representations on behalf of J. W. Toimie that the original public square was being encroached upon, the engineer to give the lines according to the records in the land registry office.

On sanitary grounds the council refused an application made by Mason and Mann on behalf of Lin Yow and Ah Hoy for a stable for six horses on Cloverdale avenue.

An echo of the recent litigation over the use of water in Garden City Park came up in a petition for a water supply in the area to be supplied from the Elk-lake water-main at the junction of the West Saanich road and the Wilkinson road to Burnside road. Thence from the junction of the proposed main at the corner of the Wilkinson road and Chandler avenue, the petition set out, the applicants wished it to run along market street in an easterly direction, by Trinity road, thence along that road to Grange road; thence along that road to Blanchard road, under the B. C. Electric railway tracks to Blackwood road, thence to Burnside road.

The petition was very widely signed by owners.

Councillor Dunn said it could not be settled by way of a supply from Elk lake, on account of the hill on Wilkinson road being impossible, and Burnside road could give the only relief, through the Sooke supply.

The council decided to obtain further information from the engineer on the cost of the work.

The clerk said the owners interested had been given till October 1 to have a supply put in, by order of the court, and unless they did so by then the injunction to restrain water being taken from Garden City mains would become operative.

Another petition was received for improvement of Davin street, which was referred to the works committee. A similar application came with regard to the New Prospect lake road, which went to the new council, no money being available.

Dr. Holmes, medical health officer, reported that the charges of attendance at the Isolation hospital were reasonable, as fixed by the city, and bills referred to him were accordingly ordered to be paid.

The council decided to pay its quota towards the maintenance of F. A. McDiarmid as solicitor to watch legislation at the next session of the legislature in the interests of the B. C. Union of Municipalities.

Further complaint was made by the engineer with regard to the character of the Lost lake culverts, being put by the Canadian Northern Pacific railway engineers, and the subject was referred back to the engineers of both parties for further consideration.

SAANICH COUNCIL APPOINTS COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ROYAL OAK HALL INCIDENT

Councillor McGregor asked Reeve Nicholson last evening at the meeting of the Saanich council, who was responsible for the appearance of the police at the meeting held in the Royal Oak hall on December 11?

The revee declared he knew nothing about their presence, but on further reference to the matter, he agreed to appoint a committee to investigate.

Councillor McGregor said the question of possession of the hall was a civic matter, which should have been determined by the sheriff, and not the police. He claimed that the chief constable and his assistant stepped on the platform to eject Messrs. Daly and McIvor, two officials of the Ratepayers' association.

Councillor Quick said he protested that he had hired the hall, and had the receipt in his pocket at the time, when the chief constable went on the platform to deliver a message to the chairman, Mr. Daly.

Councillor Dunn justified the appearance of the police at the meeting as a preventive measure against disorder. The hall had been privately hired, it seemed, and should be retained by the tenant.

The revee said that as a witness of the proceedings he saw nothing to require the exercise of his authority.

Councillor Williams said the meeting was orderly, and there was no intention of a disturbance.

Councillor Quick maintained he had hired the hall, and should have been placed in possession. He denied there was any intention of ejecting the tenant.

The revee appointed Councillors Dunn, Quick and McGregor, but objection was taken to the last two as interested in the proceedings.

Ultimately the committee was constituted of Councillors Dunn, Verrier and Borden, to report back to the council.

WHAT ACTUALLY TOOK PLACE AT JERICO

One Authority Says Destruction Was Not as Complete as Sacred History Indicates

What actually happened at Jericho? The question has been raised by the deductions made by Mr. P. S. Hancock, in his lecture at the British Museum, from the results of the German excavations, says the Pall Mall Gazette. Mr. Hancock considers that the very substantial remains found show that the walls were not destroyed to the extent a reader of the Book of Joshua would naturally suppose.

Joshua thus describes the destruction of the city:

"So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets, and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city."

And Joshua adjured them at the time, saying:

"Cursed be the man before the Lord that rimeth up and buildeth the city of Jericho. He shall lay the foundation thereof, in his first-born, and in his youngest son shall he set up the gates of it."

In a letter to the Daily Mail expressing his amazement that Mr. Hancock should state that Joshua was inaccurate, because ancient city walls have been found at Jericho, the Rev. R. Phillips of Hoxton, reminds the lecturer that in the reign of King Ahab Jericho was rebuilt:

"In his days did Hiel the Beth-elite build Jericho; he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by Joshua the son of Nun."

"Hence," says Mr. Phillips, "the remains now discovered."

Rebuilt Many Times.

"There is a good deal of sense in what Mr. Phillips says," remarked an Egyptologist who discussed the question with a representative of the Pall Mall Gazette recently. "There is not sufficient evidence to show that the ancient walls that have been excavated are the remains of the walls destroyed in the time of Joshua."

"Jericho," this authority added, "being a place on a caravan road, was probably fought for and pulled down and built up again dozens of times. If you have inscriptions you know, of course, where you are; but apparently there are no inscriptions on the remains that have been found, and it cannot, therefore, be held that they settle with exactness anything with regard to the period to which they relate."

Speaking from the archaeological point of view, another authority declared that it was scarcely to be believed that the walls of Jericho actually did, as stated, "fall down flat." He preferred to regard these words, as said, as a poetic description. But even if the description was taken literally, he saw no reason why there should not be foundations remaining to be revealed by excavation.

Mr. Hancock and a Critic.

Meanwhile, Mr. Hancock, in the following letter to the Pall Mall G-

NO BY-LAW IN JANUARY

Saanich Ratepayers Will Not be Asked to Sanction Contribution Yet.

After all it appears there is to be no by-law for the northwest sewer submitted to the ratepayers of Saanich in January. Promises of its immediate submission have been repeatedly made on the platform by the councillors in good faith. However, legal difficulties have arisen, because it is found that the municipality has no power to expend public funds outside its boundary, and a special act is to be introduced under government auspices at the forthcoming session to legalize it.

Reeve Nicholson said last evening that the council has no power by statute to contribute to a scheme which will only carry a sewer to the boundary of the district. This situation is different with Esquimalt, where the sewer runs through the district, although the city is building it, and thereby differing from the policy of the northwest sewer in which Oak Bay built its own section.

In Saanich the district only gets an outlet, the whole of the lateral system to be built subsequently by the municipality, the council is placed in a different position from its neighbors. However, as the city at present has the work under way, no delay will arise from the discovery of this legal entanglement.

JOINS IN PROTEST

Local American Telegraphists Unite in Movement for Nationalization of Telephones and Telegraphs.

Feeling strong sympathy with Postmaster-General Burleson's announcement with regard to the acquisition by the United States of the great telegraph and telephone interests as part of the dispatch service of the country, the American telegraphists resident in Victoria have signed a memorial for transmission to the postmaster-general supporting the views of the head of the postal service.

The fight which the Western Union Telegraph company has put up against the commercial telegraphists' right to organize in a union has embittered the public, and the public control of these utilities throughout the United States is naturally favored by the men, who believe that the management would be more equitable under a government department.

The telegraphs of the United States are largely in the hands of the Western Union Telegraph company, which had in 1910-11 219,219 miles of line, 1,487,345 miles of wire, and 24,926 offices. The number of messages sent was 77,789,732, not including messages sent over leased wires or under railroad contracts. The profits were \$7,195,357.

The Bell Telephone company had in 1911 4,933 exchanges, and nearly ten million miles of exchange service wire, and 4,006,000 subscribers.

PREPARATION OF ESTIMATES

Civic Departments Are Figuring Upon Expenditure for 1914.

Now that the city comptroller has received instructions in connection with the preparation of the civic estimates for 1914, the departments will hasten the preparation of their figures. The engineering department has already been at work in estimating the requirements of next year.

Practically nothing has been done in the way of public works this year, outside the waterworks, therefore the estimates framed for 1913 will require very little modification. Two important items which have arisen since the time are the repairs or reconstruction of the Rock Bay bridge, which would be a much cheaper matter than the Gorge ravine bridge, built out of revenue in 1912, and the repair of the Oxford street sewer, which will necessarily be a large amount.

The school board has prepared its estimate, but it is not yet presented, and may not be till after the first of January. An estimate of the capital expenditure, which is figured at \$45,000 will be presented in time for the submission of the by-law at the January election.

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QUEEN MARY'S TASTE.

The Tango Banned—Blouses and Coiffures—Royal Dislikes.

To those who know her majesty's quiet taste in such matters, the news that Queen Mary has expressed a decided opinion as to the unsuitability of the tango for ballrooms will occasion no surprise, says the Glasgow News. Her opinion is shared by the king and endorsed by the Kaiser. Neither at Buckingham Palace nor at the great houses honored by the presence of their Majesties will the craze dance of the moment or any newer importations be permitted to figure on the dance programme.

It does not necessarily follow that society as a whole will discard the tango, but all people associated with the court will naturally follow the court's example.

Queen Mary is not influenced in her attitude by any personal dislike of dancing. As a matter of fact, she is extremely fond of a light-footed measure, and at the court balls thoroughly enjoys a waltz, particularly with her brother, who is considered one of the best dancers in the royal circle.

Other Royal Dislikes.

Not only in regard to dancing does Queen Mary set her face against extremes. For instance, she distinctly disapproves of young girls making themselves conspicuous in either dress or manners. The "hobble" skirt had a short life at court, as also did the low-necked (or open) blouse, while none of her Majesty's maids of honor or any of the ladies connected with the household would dream of appearing in the Queen's presence in the slit skirt as at present worn.

The Queen has the most excellent taste and dresses in a sensible yet becoming style. It is equally refreshing to see Princess Mary attired in simple and girlish frocks in these days when young girls and their mothers dress exactly alike.

A Plain Hint About Hairdressing.

Her Majesty does not take any pains to hide her displeasure when she is brought into contact with anything she considers "bad form." The other day she gave her maids of honor a very strong hint that she liked to see them with their hair well brushed and tidy, so that the "towel" style of hairdressing now so common is not likely to be adopted by any of her attendants.

Opneys are another of the Queen's pet aversions, and never an opsey adorn any hat worn by her; but to feathers she is specially partial, either as a trimming on a hat or made up like a boa for neckwear.

It is said that women criminals have larger hands and feet than average women.


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Most of the churches in the city will hold special Christmas services, and already many of the edifices are bright with their interior decorations of holly, evergreen, and, in the case of St. Andrew's cathedral and one or two other churches, colored candles. The attendance at the Christmas day services is usually very good, and the 11 o'clock services, particularly, are popular with nearly everyone.
At Christ Church cathedral there will be celebrations of holy communion at 6, 7 and 8 a.m. to-morrow, followed at 9.15 a.m. by a choral celebration. The regular morning service will take place at 11 o'clock, when the Bishop of Columbia will preach, and there will be another celebration of holy communion at the close of this service. Evensong will be held at 5.15 p.m.

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members, and is under the leadership of Bandmaster Vaughan.
In the Liberal committee rooms, Corner street (opposite the fire hall), there will be a conference of Christians to-morrow afternoon from 3 to 5 and from 6 to 8 p.m., during which short addresses of a Christmas character will be given.
Special Christmas services will be held in St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Victoria West, when the minister, Rev. Dr. MacLean, will speak on "Sight-Seeing in Bethlehem." At the evening service, which is also to be of a special character, the sermon will be on "Pilate's Predicament." The young ladies of the church have spent much time in decorating, and the results justify the efforts expended.
CHRISTMAS MAILS DELAYED.
Disappointing News Regarding Mail From Halifax; Delays En Route.
Another record-breaking mail arrived in Victoria from New York this morning, and the sorters were at work upon it from an early hour. City packages are pouring in and the carriers with all their assistants are loaded down under their seasonable burdens. Disappointment is in store, however, for those who have looked forward to receiving their mail via Halifax in time for Christmas, as the authorities report that, owing to further delays en route, it cannot now arrive until to-morrow morning. In spite of this unwelcome news there will probably be few stockings hung up to-night in vain and the prospect of a further installment of gifts from friends in the old country will justify the younger spirits in hanging out a further mute appeal when the recalcitrant mail arrives.
CHIMNEY WAS AFIRE.
Chinese is Fined Twenty Dollars For Failure to Have the Flue Cleaned.
Lim Sing was fined \$20 and \$2.50 costs this morning for having allowed his chimney to take fire. The cause of the fire was the failure of Lim to clean the chimney for which he was responsible at 1760 Government street, and the chief of the fire department laid the information when he found this out.
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TO-DAY IN CANADIAN HISTORY

Isabella Valancy Crawford, one of the most notable of the very few Canadian women who have sought literary expression in poetry, was born in Dublin sixty-three years ago to-day, the daughter of Dr. Stephen Crawford, a physician. She was eight years old when the family came to Canada and settled at Paisley, Ont. Her youth in the Canadian backwoods was marked by poverty and privation. The family was large, the doctor hard driven to make a living for his brood, and the wolf of poverty often snarled at the door of the Paisley home, and at the later abode at Lakeside, near the Kawartha lakes. The girl sought relief in perusing the poets and in weaving her own thoughts and observations into ballads of poetry. She was thirty-four, and had removed to Toronto with her mother, when she first saw her name on a volume of verse. It was a crude, paper-bound volume, with the impossible title, "Old Spook's Pass, Malcolm's Katie, and Other Poems." In spite of its absurd title, the volume attracted some attention, and lovers of literature recognized talent in these verses dealing with the people and characteristics of the Canadian wilderness. The author died on February 12, 1887, and, after her death, a volume of her more mature work was published and found numerous appreciative readers.

wonders in the way of a better understanding and increased good feeling between the two countries. Just how newspaper editors would get the money to pay for such extended journeys he has failed to explain. He also advocates the establishment of reciprocal traveling scholarships for newspaper men, "to enable the journalists of the two great English-speaking countries to become acquainted with the life, customs and problems of each other on a basis of broad intelligence and sympathy."

Mr. Brittain was associated with C. Arthur Pearson in the work of the Tariff Reform league and the organization of the tariff commission. He was formerly on the editorial staff of the London Standard, and later was director of The Sphere and The Tatler.

Viscount Morley of Blackburn, better known to American readers of his famous biographical works as John Morley, was born seventy-five years ago to-day. He began his literary career in 1867, when he wrote a life of Edmund Burke, which was followed by his notable biographies of Voltaire and Rousseau. The distinguished author was chief secretary for Ireland in Mr. Gladstone's third and fourth administrations, and took part in drawing up both the first and second home rule bills. Lord Morley has always been a strong and consistent advocate of home rule for the Emerald Isle.

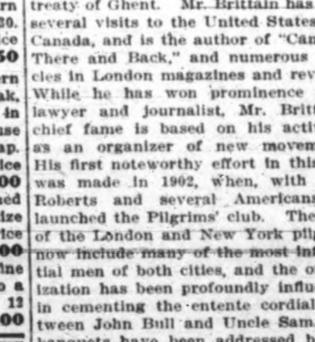
FIRST THINGS

The first diplomatic agent of the United States was Silas Deane, who was born at Groton, Conn., 1763 years ago to-day. He became a merchant, and was a delegate to the first continental congress. In the spring of 1776 he was sent to France as a secret diplomatic agent. He posed as a merchant from Bermuda, and upon his arrival in Paris sought an interview with Count de Vergennes, the minister for foreign affairs, who refused to receive him. Deane was reduced to the direst poverty, and was ejected by his landlady. Subsequent American ambassadors have complained of the lack of suitable embassies, but Deane was reduced to a point where he had to accept poor lodgings from a sympathetic Frenchman. Eventually he was given an audience with Vergennes, and began the diplomatic relations which eventually resulted in the French alliance. In 1777 Deane was recalled. In the bitter controversy which followed his recall, Thomas Paine revealed the fact that supplies for the colonies had been furnished by the French government—a diplomatic indiscretion which cost Paine his place as secretary of the committee on foreign affairs. Deane, driven into poverty and exile, died in England in 1789. Half a century later his claim for his services abroad was adjusted by congress and a large sum was paid to his heirs.

HUMAN PROCESSION

One of the leaders in the Anglo-American "hands across the sea" and "Blood is thicker than water" movement is Mr. Harry E. Brittain, barrister, author, father and honorary secretary of the Pilgrims' club and member of the British committee for the celebration of the hundredth anniversary of peace among English-speaking peoples. Mr. Brittain is still a young man, and will celebrate his fortieth birthday to-day, as well as the ninety-ninth anniversary of the signing of the treaty of Ghent. Mr. Brittain has paid several visits to the United States and Canada, and is the author of "Canada; There and Back," and numerous articles in London magazines and reviews. While he has won prominence as a lawyer and journalist, Mr. Brittain's chief fame is based on his activities as an organizer of new movements. His first noteworthy effort in this line was made in 1902, when, with Lord Roberts and several Americans, he launched the Pilgrims' club. The rolls of the London and New York pilgrims now include many of the most influential men of both cities, and the organization has been profoundly influential in cementing the entente cordiale between John Bull and Uncle Sam. Its banquets have been addressed by the greatest statesmen and leaders of thought in both countries. As chairman of the overseas dominion committee of the peace centenary movement, Mr. Brittain has given a great impetus to the celebration plans. The pilgrims of England and America, headed by Ambassador Page, recently presented Mr. Brittain with a portrait of his wife as an appreciation of his ten years' work for the club.

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LOCAL NEWS

Phoenix Stout, \$1.50 per doz. qts.

Merry Christmas—and a bright and
happy New Year. "The Kaiserhof."

Appoints Teacher.—At a meeting of
the city school board yesterday Gordon
Downes, B. Sc., was appointed to the
start of the high school. He will take
over his duties next month.

Building Permit.—C. A. Glocker, of
1722 Duchess street, has taken out a
building permit for additions to the
dwelling at that address.

Cornish Association.—A special
meeting of the Cornish Association
will be held at 8 o'clock on Friday, De-
cember 20 in the A. O. U. W. hall, for
the election of officers, and the transac-
tion of important business.

With Many Thanks.—The "boys of
the top floor" of the Times building
desire to thank the Penman Advertis-
ing service for their kind remem-
berance of the festive season.

Action Adjourned.—The action of
Johnston v. Producers' Rock and
Gravel company has been postponed
until the re-opening of the courts on
January 5, when it will be resumed
before Mr. Justice Gregory.

Prayer Meeting.—The session of St.
Paul's church, Victoria West, has de-
cided to hold the usual Thursday
night prayer meeting at 7:30 o'clock on
Friday of this week. This was done
to avoid a clash with the Christmas
Day celebrations.

Seeks a Settlement.—The land pur-
chasing agent of the city is negotiat-
ing with Mrs. Prior as to the amount
of compensation to be paid for land
damage in connection with the widen-
ing of Fort street, between Cook street
and Ormond street. The city offers
the same figure per foot as was ten-
dered Hon. T. W. Paterson for property
on that street.

Misappropriation Charged.—R. Kane
was charged in police court to-day
with the misappropriation of \$16.70,
which it is alleged he received from
the San Juan Mining Company with
directions to pay it to Oscar J.
Marshall, but instead converted to his
own use. He is charged with the
guilt and elected for a summary
trial. He is being defended by J. S.
Brandon. The case will come up on
Saturday morning and meanwhile bail
was allowed.

Bishop's Remembrance.—The Lord
Bishop of Columbia has this year sent
out to his clergy a Christmas remem-
brance than which nothing from him
could have been more appreciated and
valued by the recipients. This is a
very handsome photo-gravure of his
lordship, by Elliott & Fry, Baker
street, London, put up in a neat and
attractive cover, and inscribed, "With
the Bishop of Columbia's dear wishes
for a Happy Christmas." The bishop,
it will be recalled, spent several months
in England this year, and the photo-
gravure is not only a reminder of the
fact, but is a souvenir and remem-
brance which is highly prized by all
those who have received it.

"Everykid" Dance.—The "Everykid"
dance, which is to take place under
the auspices of the Victoria Dramatic
club next Monday night, will com-
mence at 9 o'clock, and, in order that
those who go to the theatre may par-
ticipate in the supper, this feature of
the proceedings will be kept back until
after the close of the play, so that late
arrivals may join the dancers for this
part of the festivities. Tickets for the
dance may be obtained from Mr. Mas-
son, phone 637; from Ford Young;
and from Mr. Horton, phone 462. The
Empress orchestra will supply the
music.

Pipers' Band Dance.—Everything is
at last complete in connection with
the preparations for the Pipers' band
dance to be held on Friday evening, at
the Connaught hall, when the new
regimental band will appear in uni-
form, and will pipe the strathspeys,
reels, etc., which will constitute part
of the programme. Miss Thain's or-
chestra will supply other numbers on
the programme, which is to consist of
both Scotch and Canadian dances.
Mrs. Murray has charge of the cater-
ing, and the sit-down supper shortly
before midnight is to be one of the
features of the event.

A Constable's Gallantry.—Sergeant
Wright of the city mounted police
force, stopped a runaway with consid-
erable gallantry on Douglas street and
undoubtedly prevented accident. The
horses and wagon were dashing along
the street and were just turning in on
the sidewalk opposite the Royal bank
in the Fairfield block when Sergeant
Wright ran across and seized one of

**LEELAND LICENSE
FINDS NEW HOME**

One of the Oldest Licensed
Houses Moved to Wright
Block on Douglas Street

**SOCIAL REFORM BODIES
RESIST APPLICATION**

Mayor Dissents on Ground of
Proximity to North
Ward School

After hearing considerable argument
in connection with the application for
the transfer of the license of the old
Leeland house to the Wright block,
corner of Bay street and Douglas
street, the license commissioners this
morning decided on a majority vote
to grant the transfer, the mayor, as
chairman of the board, dissenting.

Objections had been taken by the
city school board, the teachers of the
North Ward school, the Voters'
League, Social Service Commission,
W. C. T. U., and similar organizations

to the application, on the ground that
it would have a deleterious effect on
the North Ward school, which is almost
opposite the new building erected by
Andrew Wright for apartments and
stores.

H. B. Robertson supported the appli-
cation, and F. A. McDiarmid repre-
sented the opponents of the concession.

Mr. McDiarmid in support of the
objectors urged that the premises were
too close to the school, and therefore
adverse to the undoubted policy of the
government not to allow licensed pre-
mises too near to a public school, for
although it was actually outside the
300 feet limited in the statute, the com-
missioners should be in a position to
exercise their discretion to prevent the
mischiefs which the statute aimed at,
although it was not within the word-
ing of the statute.

He further argued that there was no
necessity for a license in the neigh-
borhood, in fact there was more hotel
accommodation in the city than was
needed at the present time, while some
15 new hotels were qualifying. He
laid emphasis on the objections of the
school board and teachers to the ap-
plication. Mr. Burridge, whose provi-
sion store would adjoin the proposed
licensed premises opposed the applica-
tion, while the militia officers were
opposed on account of the proximity to
the new drill hall. The license ap-
plied to the board as a matter of
favor, and not as one of right.

Mr. Robertson, in support of the ap-
plication, said Col. Currie had signed
the application. The premises were
outside the 300 feet mark from the
school, and as a matter of fact they
had a license in the neighborhood, the
Leeland having been in existence for
60 years close to the spot, without
damage to anyone. It was in no sense
the creation of a new license. The op-
position came from temperance men,
who were opposed to licenses on prin-
ciple. He claimed a majority of the
residents in the block in favor of the
proposal (which was disputed by Mr.
McDiarmid). There was no real danger
to the school, and the petition was
a myth. The public were safeguarded
both by the fact that the applicant
had enjoyed a license for eight years,
without conviction, and that the
license laws were being strictly ob-
served.

The mayor, in announcing his ob-
jection to the grant, indicated that the
representations about the proximity to
the school, and the opinion of resi-
dents in the block ought to be seri-
ously considered.

Alderman Cuthbert favored the grant
on account of its being merely the
transfer of an old license to new pre-
mises in the same neighborhood, and
not transferring a license from the centre
of the city to a new district. The ma-
jority of the children used the east
sidewalk, passing the old Leeland fre-
quently, while from his personal
knowledge on the west side few chil-
dren passed that way. Requests had
been made to petitioners to know their
reasons for supporting the application
which ought not to be made on re-
sponsible citizens. No place that
could be had selected on the street
would more effectively hide the license
than that now proposed.

Mr. Popham concurred, and the li-
cense was then granted.

Although not formally before them,
the commissioners indicated that they
would not consider the application of
the Retreat saloon for a license for
the Scott block, corner of Douglas
street and Hillside avenue.

The court granted the application of
H. A. Maclean, K. C., for approval of
the Western hotel guest rooms, some
of which are below the standard of
100 square feet, but the building is
new, well-ventilated, and the dimen-
sions are only just below those set out
in the by-law.

To the attention of the commis-
sioners Mr. Maclean also brought the
application for the license of the Metro-
polis block, now under construction on
Yates street. He said arrangements
made to transfer a saloon license had
just been completed with the
Omneca saloon for transfer of its
license. He wanted an assurance that
some approval might be given so that
a license would be available.

James McEwan, president of the
Voters' league, declared this could not
be done, as time for notice had
not elapsed.

The mayor observed that the Char-
ence hotel had a license next door, and
informed Mr. Maclean that an applica-
tion would have to be made in a differ-

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FOR STUDY OF SUNNY SKIES



No place is more popular now than the Observatory on Gonzales hill for a Sunday afternoon ramble, and numbers of people visit the building, which is unique in western Canada, and in fact contains provision for improvements for meteorological and seismological work almost unrivalled. F. Napier Denton's appointment to its charge recently is the culmination of his devoted effort to make the institution of real value to the community. The above view from the south shows the progress made on the building.

**FESTIVE PREPARATIONS
AT LOCAL Y. W. C. A.**

Christmas Welcome Extended to
All Friendless Girls; Great
Preparations for Rejoicing

The busy workers of the Y. W. C. A. are making festive preparations for their Christmas rejoicings, and judging from the glimpse vouchsafed the Times this morning, there is ample cheer for all who care to accept the association's generous invitation. As already reported, they are keeping "open house" on Christmas Day and are very anxious that there should be no girl in the city that day unbenefitted.

Down the length of the dining tables twenty-four miniature Christmas trees were arranged, joined with long streamers of ribbon in scarlet, green, and gold, and the big Christmas tree which is to be the main feature of the evening's entertainment stands in the room dedicated to the memory of the late Miss Agnes Deans Cameron—its branches laden with beautiful things.

A special feature of the decorations in this room which must be noted are two bowls of glorious yellow chrysanthemums, which have been sent in to commemorate the birthday of this noted lady.

The members of the Y. M. C. A. are all looking forward to a happy day to-morrow. Many have gone to spend the day in their own homes, others are being entertained by friends, and quite a number are going down to the Y. M. C. A. to partake of the Christmas cheer the ladies are so amply providing.

Mr. Raymond is out of town till Monday, educational work being, for the time, suspended—but he leaves capable officers at the head of affairs, and anyone looking in to the great hall on Thursday evening will find a merry programme provided for their entertain-
FELL OFF TRUCK.

At 2 o'clock to-day Irwin Wright fell off a motor-truck at the corner of Craigflower and Phoenix, sustaining somewhat severe injuries. The police ambulance was called, and Sergeant Wright and a constable brought him to Dr. Barty's office, whence he was con-
veyed to the Jubilee hospital. No bones are broken, and the man is said to be suffering chiefly from shock.

MUNICIPAL VOTERS' LISTS.

There are some 18,000 names on the municipal lists of the city of Victoria, and the municipalities of Saanich, Oak Bay and Esquimalt. The total (revised) of the city is 8,794, and the unrevised totals for the municipalities are: Saanich, 6,048; Oak Bay, 2,100, and Esquimalt, 1,375, or 18,117 in all in the four organized districts of southern Vancouver Island. Courts of revision are set by statute for January 5.

OBITUARY

The funeral of Edward Harold, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jordison, 428 Niagara street, took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the B. C. Funeral chapel.

The funeral of the late Mr. Charles Prior Estlin took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of his sister, Mrs. F. E. Aitkens, of Gordon Hotel. The interment took place at St. Luke's cemetery, Cedar Hill, and service in the church was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Collinson, the pallbearers being Messrs. A. B. Estlin, F. E. Aitkens, J. D. Roberts, A. E. Cameron, N. P. Buckingham and J. O. Dunford.

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**BODY FOUND FLOATING
IN INNER HARBOR**

Identified as William Hender-
son, a Hack Driver of
This City

At 2:30 this afternoon the body of a man was seen floating in the inner harbor. On the police being apprised of the fact Sergeant Webb went out and identified the man as William Henderson, a hack-driver of this city. The body was removed to undertaking parlors.

Henderson is a man of about 45 years of age, and leaves a widow to mourn his loss. He was working for Richard Bray of this city; formerly he had been in business for himself, after which he went to Australia, returning to Victoria about three months ago. He was last seen at his home yesterday afternoon, and up to the present there is nothing to show how he came to his untimely end.

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THE CITY MARKET

Dealers this week are showing a tempting array of poultry and other Christmas supplies...

Table listing various market goods such as Cracked Wheat, Wheat Flakes, and various oils.

Table listing various market goods such as Eggs, Butter, and various meats.

Table listing various market goods such as Flour, Beans, and various vegetables.

Table listing various market goods such as Apples, Potatoes, and various fruits.

Table listing various market goods such as Fish, Shellfish, and various specialties.

Table listing various market goods such as Cereals, Nuts, and various oils.

Shiloh

ISSUES HARDENED AT CLOSE OF SESSION GOOD FEELING ON VICTORIA EXCHANGE

Reading Strong but Action in C. P. R. Irregular on Selling

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.) New York, Dec. 24.—The list was quite firmly inclined with advance tendencies somewhat dampened by the irregular action of Canadian Pacific...

The practical settlement of American Telegraph difficulties has lent hope to many fearing drastic and evil consequences growing out of government interference.

Table listing various market goods such as Alaska Gold, Amn. Smelting, and various stocks.

Table listing various market goods such as Wheat, Flour, and various commodities.

EFFORTS TO DEPRESS WHEAT UNSUCCESSFUL

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.) Chicago, Dec. 24.—Very little headway was made in the depressing wheat prices for the day...

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MAY TAKE CHARLES I FROM CHARING CROSS

Statue of the Martyr King Said to Interfere With Traffic

London, Dec. 24.—Charles I. blocks the way. In other words, it is suggested that the statue of King Charles the Martyr at Charing Cross obstructs the roadway and interferes with traffic.

The old cross (that is, the Eleanor Cross from which Charing Cross takes its name) stood on the ground now occupied by the equestrian statue of Charles I. This was the first equestrian statue ever seen in England.

Table listing various market goods such as Balfour Patents, Blackbird Syndicate, and various stocks.

LITTLE BUSINESS DONE IN MONTREAL STOCKS

Montreal, Dec. 24.—The Christmas spirit pervaded the stock exchange to-day and there was little business transacted.

Table listing various market goods such as B. C. Packers, Bell Telephone, and various stocks.

QUARTER CENT CHANGE IS GREATEST IN WHEAT

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—A holiday market here with fluctuations not exceeding a cent in any line. American markets were a trifle weaker. Liverpool lower, but continental markets up.

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having the story, Londoners do not perceive that the saddle girth is there. Site Chosen in 1660. Augustus J. C. Haro ("Walks in London") may also be quoted.

The figure of the king is what it professes to be—royal, and gains by being attired not in the conventional Roman costume but in a dress such as he wore, and by being seated on a saddle such as he used.

Ordered to Destroy It. "Walpole relates that it was sold by the parliament to one John River, a brazer living in the Dial near Holborn."

Table listing various market goods such as American Maroon, B. C. Coal & Oil, and various stocks.

LIABILITIES

Table listing various market goods such as Notes of the Bank in circulation, Deposits bearing interest, and various financial items.

ASSETS

Table listing various market goods such as Current Gold and Silver Coin, Dominion Government Notes, and various financial items.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Table listing various market goods such as Balance of Profit and Loss Account, Profits for the year, and various financial items.

SEVERE COLD ON LUNGS AND CHEST QUICKLY RELIEVED

by Na-Dru-Co Syrup of Linseed, Licorice and Chlorodyne. Mr. J. Seward, Bromptville, Que., writes: "Two weeks ago I took a severe cold which settled on my lungs and my chest was very sore, breathing tight and severe hacking cough."

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EXTRACT FROM "BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL" March 22, 1907.

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At a time when the preparation of artificial foodstuffs is receiving more attention than ever before, and when new forms of easily assimilable fat to take the place of cod liver oil are being frequently brought to the notice of the medical profession, it is desirable that some of the older forms of administering natural fats should not be lost sight of. Among natural fats, butter easily takes first place for nutritive value, and when combined with a suitable soluble carbohydrate, a most valuable food is produced.

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STOLE RUGS FROM MOTOR ON STREET

Six Months in Jail is Punishment Given for Theft Committed This Morning

There have been several complaints of late of small thefts from motor cars standing on the street while the owners have been on business elsewhere. A particularly serious charge was laid by Glen C. Holland last night in regard to the theft of three rugs from his father's car, and sometime later Constable Hall brought in the rugs and the man who had taken them.

Mr. Holland told the magistrate this morning when Charles McGuire, alias Stewart, was arraigned on a charge of stealing the rugs, that the car was standing at the corner of Government and Cormorant streets for some time around midnight. When he returned to it the rugs had gone and he at once complained to the police.

Constable Hall had seen McGuire passing along Store street with a bundle under his arm at ten minutes to two o'clock this morning and stepped into a dark doorway to observe him. As the man passed with what seemed to be a log's roll of blankets, the constable noticed some fur tails hanging out from one end. This was enough for him and he took McGuire in charge and brought him to the station.

There it was found that he had two very valuable rugs wrapped up in a Hudson's Bay blanket. One was made from Canadian skins worth, in the undressed stage, eight dollars a piece. The other was made from skins of the South African Jackal, and the two, Mr. Holland said, were worth about five hundred dollars.

McGuire pleaded drunk as the cause of his offence, claiming that he did not know what he was doing. The constable, however, stated that while the man had taken drink he knew what he was doing.

A sentence of six months in jail with hard labor was given.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department

Victoria, Dec. 24—5 a. m.—An important area of high pressure has developed from the northward and now overlies the prairie provinces and the middle west states. It is central in Saskatchewan and is accompanied by a decided cold wave reaching 20 below zero at Prince Albert.

On the coast the pressure is low, with fresh easterly gales on the outside waters; rain has fallen on the American coast and snow east of the Rockies in the Canadian provinces and the adjoining states.

Forecast:—

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Thursday: Victoria and vicinity—Fresh easterly winds, generally fair and colder. Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and colder.

Reports:—

Victoria—Barometer, 29.7; temperature, 35; minimum, 27; wind, 8 miles E.; weather, clear.

Vancouver—Barometer, 29.9; temperature, 32; minimum, 22; wind, calm; rain, .01; weather, clear.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, 24; minimum, 24; wind, 6 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.91; temperature, 59; minimum, 48; wind, 14 miles S.; rain, .08; weather, cloudy.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.94; temperature, 32; minimum, 30; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Edmonton—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, 4 below; minimum, 12 below; wind, 4 miles S.; snow, .04; weather, clear.

Winnipeg—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, 9; minimum, 0; wind, 14 miles N.W.; snow, trace; weather, clear.

Victoria Daily Weather.

Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Tuesday:

Temperature.

Highest 44
Lowest 34
Average 39

Rain, trace.
Bright sunshine, 24 minutes.
General state of weather, cloudy.

Christmas Week Fare—Will taste like home cooking if you dine at "The Kaiserhof."

QUARANTINE FOR CANADIAN POTATOES

New Regulation Forbids Export Into U. S. Until Passed by Department

The following wire received this morning by American Consul Smith from the agricultural department at Washington is self-explanatory:

American Consul, Victoria, B. C.: Secretary of agriculture has promulgated a quarantine forbidding the importation of the common or Irish potato from the Dominion of Canada, Newfoundland, St. Pierre and Miquelon until such time as it shall have been ascertained to the satisfaction of the department of agriculture that the country or locality from which potatoes offered for import is free from the powdery scab and the black wart diseases. Quarantine effective December 24, but potatoes loaded up to December 23, inclusive, as shown by consular invoices, will be permitted entry up to and including January 15, 1914.

U. S. Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

CITY JAIL REPAIRS

Work Will be Completed by the End of the Year and Conditions Much Improved.

The temporary improvements at the city jail are being completed rapidly and before the end of the year will all be finished. While there have not been the funds to do all that the chief of police would like to see done, the money available has been made go as far as possible through the planning of Building Inspector Northcott, who will see that the work being done is good value for the expenditure.

The corridor between the cells downstairs has been concreted, and so have some of the other passages and the lavatory. It was felt that it would be a waste of money to put in permanent flooring in the cells, since it will not be long until a new jail will be under way. The system of ventilation put in will keep each of the cells much more comfortable than they have been hitherto, as all the foul air is being drawn away by a fan installed in the alleyway between the police station and city hall.

Additional accommodation is being furnished by putting in cells on the upper floors, to which access will be obtained by a stairway from the corridor below. By this means it will be possible to have all the prisoners behind the one door, which is always under the observation of the jailer in the police office.

It is, of course, impossible to make the city jail what it should be owing to its situation in the middle of the city block, but conditions will be somewhat improved by the repairs. While these make things better for the prisoners, the members of the force are no better off and are looking forward to having decent quarters in the new building.

STREETS REDOLENT OF CHRISTMAS CHEER

Eve of Great Festival Marked With Unusual Activity

ORGY OF GIVING HAS DOMINATED ALL

A Good Deal of the Christmas Shopping Done Early

Even Rip Van Winkle, if he sauntered into Government street to-day after another decade of slumbers, could not fail to know to a day the time of year. There would be no mistaking the Christmas expression; the shop, first of all, with their gay greetings, inviting looks and sort of well-turned-over-but-still-something-worth-looking-at blink at one as one passes the windows; the people hurrying in and out with that curiously confused appearance, half triumphant satisfaction, half bewildered puzzlement, but laden to the eyes with a heterogeneous collection of parcels; the good-natured chime of the chimneys and the scraps of paper in the gutter which periodically whirl round in giddy foolishness from very joy of anticipation.

Never has the spirit of Christmas so thoroughly infected the atmosphere. If there were sceptical souls a fortnight ago who dared breathe the "hard lines" and "no money" their whisperings have been stifled in the whirlwind of giving which has seized everyone who has a spare dollar to spend. The very mention of a family in need has been enough to bring forward whole queues of jingling coins and beaming-faced cheques, just dancing to be exchanged for a Christmas dinner for some little boy or girl. If the need has existed, lamentable as it may be, it has at least plumed as never before the hearts of the well-to-do and those more fortunate in the possession of the world's goods.

There is no use disputing the fact. People in Victoria have acquired better habits in connection with their Christmas shopping than they ever had before. There is more giving—at least we take the word of the store-keepers for it—than ever before, but people know better what they are going to give, make up their minds more quickly, and spend far less time over it. Only a student of psychology, working hand in hand with some business statistician, could arrive anywhere near the truth of the reasons for the change; whether due to the shopkeepers, the influence of the press, the awakening of the business and social instincts of the people. But the shopping public is more considerate of the workers in the stores; those who neglect their shopping and go late at night to complete their purchases do so with certain pricks of conscience and sense of having broken some clause in the golden rule. Managers of shops know, too, that they will have the support of the majority, and have ceased the custom of keeping open late at nights for a full month before Christmas.

The result is beneficial to the happiness of all. Christmas comes abroad in the daylight, and for a fortnight before the actual event comes to hand there is a suggestive flurry of it whisking about the streets, making the historic time a full season of pleasure which diffuse the atmosphere with its genial spirit.

Yesterday and to-day the preparations have the air of finality, of accomplishment just on the verge of fulfilment. Motor cars are moving forests of Christmas trees, which, in the mind's eye, are already nodding and bowing beneath a weight of golden balls and twinkling lights which twinkle for bright-eyed youngsters. At every corner one bumps into someone with a chest of prickly holly; old people, whom one has not seen abroad for months, rally forth on particular missions which cannot be entrusted to anyone else; toddlers totter about their debut into the city with its hum and noise; just to see for the very first time the whole mountains of toys and things which Santa Claus keeps stored away behind the shop windows for future use. To-night is the night of nights; postmen, expressmen, messenger boys, who have been rushing from house to house for the past few days with their consignments of letters and parcels will have finished off most of the really important business. Santa Claus will have completed most of his round, and thousands and thousands of people will, by this time to-morrow, be sharing the day in "peace on earth, good-will to men."

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THE PRINCESS HAS A WINNER IN "THE MESSENGER FROM MARS"

This play is especially appropriate at this time of year, for it was taken from one of Dickens' Christmas tales, and the recognition it deserves is being given it, for in spite of the Christmas holidays good-sized audiences find time to admire this beautiful play and the demand for seats for the latter part of the week is very large. The effects are fine, the messengers' entrance and the quick changes in the second act, being well done. To-night is the last time for the \$5.00 gold piece to be given away. There will be a Christmas matinee on Thursday, as well as the usual night performance.

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