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### TORY CONFIDENCE IN HARRY PRICE

Conservative Association Will Not Hear of His Resignation as Secretary

### ATTEMPT TO REMOVE HIM IS A FAILURE

Attacked Official Turns Upon His Accusers and Routs Them; Cannot Be Dismissed

Harry Price is still in high favor. Not only is there no resignation of his position, but he has just been tendered an almost unanimous expression of the confidence felt in him by the Conservatives of this city as represented in their political body.

There were three noteworthy events in British Columbia political history on Wednesday. It was the forty-fifth birthday of Sir Richard McBride and the day he laid down the premiership. It marked the beginning of Mr. Bowser's reign as premier and the entry of A. C. Plummerfelt into the cabinet. It also had this third distinguishing feature, closely connected with the other two, that on that day the Victoria Conservatives declared they could not do without Harry Price.

Within six hours of the time the lieutenant-governor had sworn in his new advisers, the local head of the machine that Mr. Bowser is chief of, was assured that the facts would not affect his standing in the eyes of the members of the party. It is true that there was some objection to this, but the objectors were swept off their feet, and the secretary raked some of them fore and aft with hot shot.

The meeting of the Conservative association which was held on Wednesday evening was one of the liveliest of many of its kind in the annals of the association, and with the understanding that there would be an attempt made to get rid of the official whose connection with it is so bitterly resented by the best elements of the party there was a crowded attendance.

When it closed Harry Price was exactly the victor, and the machine remains unscathed. The premier who announces that he is to give the province clean government need not fear that he will be without the invaluable aid of the energetic little arbiter of political destinies when the time comes for his finance minister to face the electors.

The friends of Price are greatly elated since the meeting, and if anything they are more bitter against the Conservatives who sought to rid the party of their idol than against the Liberals who have been making things too hot for him lately. They openly boast that he cannot be "fired" or forced to resign. They claim an utter rout for the forces which tried to effect this on Wednesday evening. In fact, one of them got so worked up over the matter in talking with a Times representative that he forgot prudence and declared: "The people over the bay can't fire Harry; he knows too much, and he ain't going to stand being made a goat."

This rather bears out what a member of the present administration told a prominent Conservative who recently protested against Price being allowed to hold his position in the party longer, when the humiliating admission had to be made that if Price was turned out the members of the government would be turning themselves out. It is apparent as has long been suspected, that he "has something" on them all, and it is rumored he has threatened, if he is got rid of, to make public documents that did not get in the garbage bin.

It is understood that the anti-Price party went to the meeting with vigor and determination in their hearts, but it seems to have petered out in sight of the overwhelming Price forces which had been brought up in anticipation of attack. One of the ward associations had entrusted its officers with a resolution calling for the dismissal from office of the offending official, but this was never presented. The gentleman who brought the motion to the meeting before the meeting came to the conclusion that it was better not to do so, and this caused an explosion from other dissenters who had more fight in them.

Price gave the meeting a long explanation of his coal dealings and made it appear that he was an honest tradesman, whose fifty cents a ton was simply a fair commission on orders which he had succeeded in securing for a wholesale firm with which he dealt. He accused the wicket Grits of trying to injure one who had spent his life in fighting for the maintenance of crown and constitution, and whose connection with the Conservative party in Victoria was without a blemish. He had some of his supporters almost in tears as he pathetically described all the good he had tried to do to his fellowmen without respect to whether they were Grits or Tories, how many men he had got jobs for, how he had fed men and families temporarily in distress, and

### WILL MEET LAURIER IN OTTAWA MONDAY

Representative Liberals From All Parts of Canada Will Gather

### WILL DISCUSS PROBLEMS FACING THIS COUNTRY

Plans for the Period Following the War Will Be Made

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Representative Liberals from all parts of Canada will gather in Ottawa on Monday to meet Sir Wilfrid Laurier and discuss questions of vital moment to Canada. The gathering will consist of laymen, senators and members of parliament and members of the provincial legislatures.

An announcement regarding the conference says:

"The war caused the abandonment of the general convention plan. However, the leaders feel that, with war, conditions have so changed that both the political parties of Canada must plan for the future, so that the people may be relieved more speedily of the burden of taxation and the disorganization of business which the war is causing.

"It is understood that Monday's gathering will take steps to arrange for a study of the problems which will confront Canada at the close of the war. One of the great problems will be the devising of plans to provide vocations for the 200,000 returned Canadian soldiers, so they may early return to civil life and find places in the productive industries of the country. It is presumed that technical education may have to be resorted to to assist in this.

System of Taxation.

"It is felt that the Canadian system of finance and taxation, which has been entirely changed since the war began, will have to be adjusted again when peace conditions once prevail.

"The development of Canada's natural resources will require a vigorous immigration policy. Homesteading has been carried on to such an extent in the west that immigrants hereafter can not be secured by the offer of free lands. Some other plan will have to be devised to take the place of that which was so successful in the past."

It is stated that the gathering is a step in the direction of more thorough preparation of the Liberal party to take care of the affairs of Canada to the best interests of all classes in the Dominion, as the signs are multiplying that the Liberal party will be charged with the direction of Canada's course after the next election.

### AUSTRIA HAS LOST ANOTHER SUBMARINE; STRUCK A MINE; SANK

London, Dec. 18.—An Austrian submarine struck a mine off Cattaro, Dalmatia, and sank with the officers and crew, according to a Central News dispatch received here from The Hague.

### DEPEND ON TENOR OF VIENNA'S REPLY

Friendly Relations Between the States and Austria Nearing Breaking Point

### ANOTHER NOTE FROM WASHINGTON AT ONCE

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### GERMANS PLAN TO MOVE INTO GREECE

Reported They Are Preparing to Attack Allies at Salonica

### COMPLICATIONS SHOULD THE BULGARIANS CROSS

No Candidates of Venizelos Party Will Stand for Election To-morrow

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### TEXT OF AUSTRIA'S NOTE TO STATES

Plain Vienna Wishes to Start Lengthy Discussion Regarding Ancona

### COMPLAINS OF LACK OF DETAIL IN WILSON'S NOTE

Says Austria is Free to Form Own Opinion Regardless of Berlin

### WASHINGTON AT ONCE

Washington, Dec. 18.—The official text of Austria's reply to the American note on the sinking of the Ancona, made public here to-day, reveals that the Vienna government denies that the views presented by the United States, even if correct, warrant the blame for the disaster being placed upon the commander of the submarine.

The reply denies also that blame can be placed upon the Austro-Hungarian government even if "a most rigorous legal construction be applied to the judgment of the case."

The Text.

American Embassy, Vienna, Dec. 18, 1915.

To the secretary of state, Washington, D. C.

The following note was received from the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs at noon to-day:

In reply to the much-esteemed note which his excellency, Mr. Frederick Penfield, ambassador, extraordinary and plenipotentiary from the United States of America, had directed to him in the name of the American government under date of the 9th instant in the matter of the sinking of the Ancona, the undersigned, preliminary to thorough and meritorious treatment of the demands, has the honor to observe that the sharpness with which the government of the United States considers it necessary to blame the commander of the submarine concerned in the affair and the firmness with which the demands addressed to the imperial and royal government appear to be expressed, might well have warranted the expectation that the government of the United States should precisely specify the actual circumstances of the affair upon which it bases its case.

Dodge the Blame.

As is not difficult to perceive, the presentation of the facts in the case in the aforesaid note leaves room for many doubts, and even if the presentation were correct in all points and the most rigorous legal conception were applied to the judgment of the case, it does not in any way sufficiently warrant attaching the blame to the commanding officer of the war vessel or to the imperial and royal government.

The government of the United States also failed to designate the persons upon whose testimony it relies and to whom, apparently, it believes it may attribute a higher degree of credibility than to the commander of the imperial and royal fleet. The note also fails to give any information whatsoever as to the number, names and precise fate of the American citizens who were on board the steamship at the critical moment.

Ready For Discussion.

However, in view of the fact that the Washington cabinet has now made a positive statement to the effect that citizens of the United States of America came to grief in the incident in question, the imperial and royal government is in principle ready to enter into an exchange of views on the affair with the government of the United States. It must, however, in the first place, raise the question as to why that government failed to give judicial reasons for the demands set forth in its note in reference to the special circumstances and the incriminating events on which it lays stress, and why in lieu thereof it refused an exchange of correspondence which it has conducted with another government in similar cases. The imperial and royal government is then able to follow the Washington cabinet on this unusual path since it by no means possesses authentic knowledge on all of the pertinent correspondence of the government of the United States, nor is it of the opinion that such knowledge might be sufficient for it in the present case, which, in so far as it is informed, is, in its essential point, of another nature than the case of cases to which the government of the United States alludes.

The imperial and royal government may therefore leave it to the Washington cabinet to formulate particular points of law against which the commanding officer of the submarine is alleged to have offended on the occasion of the sinking of the Ancona.

Regardless of Berlin.

The government of the United States also has seen fit to refer to the attitude which the Berlin cabinet assumed relative to the above-named correspondence. The imperial and royal government finds in the much-esteemed note no indication whatever of the intent with which this reference is made. Should, however, the government of the United States thereby have intended to express an opinion

### German Warship Was Sunk in Baltic Sea; None of Crew Saved

London, Dec. 18.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen to-day reports that a German warship which was guarding the southern entrance of "The Belt," in the Baltic, was sunk on Thursday, either by a mine or a torpedo, and the entire crew lost.

### SAY THEY DESIRE AN EARLY TRIAL

Brincken, Crowley and Mrs. Cornell Before San Francisco Judge To-day

### INFORMER ARRESTED BY NEW YORK DETECTIVES

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Smiling and entirely unperturbed by the storm which has been raging about them for more than three weeks, Baron Wilhelm von Brincken, who says he is an attaché of the German consulate-general here; C. C. Crowley, said to have been the head of the big German bomb conspiracy on this coast; and Mrs. Margaret Cornell, indicted with the two men on a charge of having conspired to destroy ammunition plants and ships, appeared for arraignment this morning before Judge Dooley.

Baron von Brincken, accompanied by his father-in-law and attorney, George McGowan, wore his smile and, his monic as imperturbably as ever, he pleaded not guilty.

Crowley appeared in his customary genial mood and humor and chatted amiably with the United States secret service men and with his attorney, J. P. O'Brien. O'Brien appeared also for Mrs. Cornell.

Early Trial.

An early trial was asked for by United States District Attorney Preston. The attorneys for the defendants declared that an early trial also was desired by their clients, as they were anxious to confront their accusers and secure an early vindication before the American public.

Attorney O'Brien, speaking for all three defendants, asked that the reading of the indictments be waived and the cases set for pleading next Wednesday morning. United States District Attorney Preston agreed.

On Monday the grand jury will meet again to continue its investigation of the plots.

It was learned to-day that Louis J. Smith, the informer against the three indicted persons, has left the city again for parts unknown to any but the federal secret service men, who accompanied him. He is supposed to have gone east to take the federal officers to places where he states Crowley operated.

Informer Arrested.

New York, Dec. 18.—Detectives following the trail of German plotters seeking to destroy ships bearing ammunition to the allies to-day arrested Frederick Schleinid, a clerk in the National City Bank, whom they charge with larceny of documents, cablesgrams and messages, which it is alleged he turned over to representatives of the German government.

These documents, the detectives say, gave information as to which ships bore ammunition across the seas. Schleinid also is alleged to have given information to the German representatives as to what firms were manufacturing war supplies in this country, and also the amounts of money placed in certain banks to the credit of the allies.

Directed by Koenig.

Schleinid, the detective said, confessed to having obtained information regarding shipments of munitions and other matters, saying that he did this

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### FOUR CLASSES OF RECRUITS CALLED

Groups 2, 3, 4 and 5 Under Earl of Derby's Scheme Summoned To-day

### TAKEN TO INDICATE PLAN HAS BEEN SUCCESS

Training of 18-Year-Old Youths Deferred, It is Believed

### WASHINGTON AT ONCE

London, Dec. 18.—Four classes of recruits who enlisted under the Earl of Derby's plan were called out to-day by royal proclamation.

The classes called out are groups 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Derby recruits. The announcement, placarded by the war office, states that their services will begin January 20.

These groups are composed of unmarried men from nineteen to twenty-two years of age.

All recruits on the Derby rolls who did not enlist for immediate service were placed on the army reserve rolls, and therefore the first call for service of four classes is made through the same formality as in the case of old army reservists who heretofore have been called to the colors.

The appearance of placards topped with the royal arms caused a stir in the streets.

The public infers that the Derby enlistment plan has been a success, and that conscription at least is postponed. If it should develop that any large percentage of unmarried eligibles failed to enlist, it is expected they will be subjected to conscription, as foreshadowed by Mr. Asquith, before any calls are made for the married men who volunteered under the Derby plan.

It is inferred that the government intends to consider the first class, consisting of 18-year-old boys, as corresponding to the class of 1917 in continental countries, and will defer indefinitely putting them in training.

### FRENCH MINISTER'S WIFE WAS SAVED

Mme. Guillemin Rescued as Liner, Thought to Be Djurajura, Sank

### LABOR MEN WILL SEE OTTAWA GOVT. JAN. 6

Deputation From Dominion Trades and Labor Congress Will Interview Ministers.

### COOL RECEPTION FOR FORD AT CHRISTIANIA

Christiania, Dec. 18.—Efforts to make arrangements here for the reception of the Ford peace party, on its way here on the steamship Oscar II, have failed. The hotels are crowded for the Christmas holidays and will not agree to reserve 148 bedrooms from day to day while awaiting the arrival of the travelers.

### TWO WRECKS AT SAME POINT ON THE C. N. R.

Fort William, Dec. 18.—Within the space of a week two freight wrecks have occurred on the Canadian Northern railway at Mabella, a point about eighty miles west of Fort William. This morning at 5:30 o'clock a west-bound freight crashed into the end of another westbound train which had stopped at Mabella to pick up some cars. Conductor Switzer, of Fort Arthur, was injured, but how seriously will not be known until he arrives in Fort Arthur this afternoon. Several cars were smashed badly and one was burned.

### TOOK HYDROAEROPLANE AT THE DARDANELLES

Paris, Dec. 18.—French torpedo boats of the Gallipoli Peninsula shelled two enemy hydroplanes, bringing down and capturing one. The other escaped. Official announcement to this effect was made to-day.

### CITY OF QUEBEC MAY HAVE PROHIBITION SOON

Quebec, Dec. 18.—If Alderman Morret's proposal, put before the city council last night, makes headway, Quebec City will vote on prohibition next February on the day of the municipal election.

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### KILLED GERMAN WHO SHOT HIM; THEN DIED

Corporal Peugeot Was First French Victim of Present Great War

London, Dec. 18.—The first soldier of France killed in the present war was Corporal Peugeot, who was shot by a German officer at Jonchery on August 2, 1914. This fact is revealed by the Gazette de Lorraine, which prints an account of the incident. It will be recalled that in order to avoid any incident which might complicate the diplomatic negotiations which were being conducted at the time, the French government instructed the troops to maintain a neutral zone of ten kilometres between the German and the French frontiers.

In compliance with this order the frontier guards were withdrawn from the villages of Rechesy, Suarce and Courtelevant. Corporal Peugeot, who was a schoolmaster at Pissoux, in the commune of Villars-le-Bac, was ordered to patrol with four men the road leading from Jonchery to Faverols.

The village of Jonchery itself is situated two kilometres from Belle. On August 2, 1914, Corporal Peugeot and his men established themselves in the home of a citizen of Doucourt and a sentry was placed on guard at the road, although no one believed that the German patrols would penetrate that distance, more than twelve kilometres, into French territory, inasmuch as war had not yet been declared. The sen-

### tinel was hailed suddenly by men in a passing automobile, who informed him that a patrol of German chasseurs had passed the frontier and was coming toward Faverols.

The sentry quickly notified Corporal Peugeot, who, however, reached the road too late, as the German soldiers were in front of the house when he came out. The corporal went straight up to Lieut. Mayer, of the Fifth Regiment of German Chasseurs, which had been stationed at Muelhausen, but before he had uttered one word a German officer fired his revolver, point blank, at the corporal, who fell to the ground, fatally wounded. He had sufficient strength left, however, to seize his rifle and empty the charge at his assailant, who fell from his horse. Peugeot died immediately thereafter.

### FRENCH AND BRITISH GUNNERS WERE BUSY

Artillery Engagements Along Whole Western Front Yesterday; Ry. Station Attacked

London, Dec. 18.—The war office issued the following statement last night: "Last night the enemy made a small attack against our line about the quarries north of Loos. This attack was easily repulsed. Artillery activity has continued throughout today, especially north of Ypres."

French Report.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The following official communication was issued last night: "During the day a rather violent cannonade prevailed on the whole of the front."

"In Belgium and in Artois our artillery, including the British artillery, did some lucky firing on the enemy trenches. In Champagne our guns silenced the fire of several German batteries to the north and east of Massigny. In the Argonne, to the north of Malancourt, we caught under the fire of our artillery an enemy convoy."

"At Les Eparges and in the region of the Bois-le-Pretre, our fire did considerable damage to the enemy organizations."

**Bombarded Station.**

"Two of our bombing aeroplanes dropped about twenty heavy shells on the station of Metz-Sablons on the night of December 16-17."

The following Belgian official communication was issued last evening: "Violent actions of the artillery have occurred on the Belgian front. Our batteries have shattered the necessary defensive works of the German positions at Vicloene and disturbed the completion of numerous works to the north of Dixmude."

### WHEAT FROM CANADA SAVING BELGIANS

Relief Committee Needs More, However, for King Albert's People

London, Dec. 18.—It is interesting to note in connection with the study of the war from an economic point that to-day the price of bread in Belgium is the same as it is in England. Bread of the best quality, made from flour ground from Canadian wheat, has been kept at the level price and unaffected by the war, through the good offices of the Belgian relief committee.

This committee received a large share of its wheat and flour from Canada through the generosity of the Canadian people, shipped from the Canadian committee's headquarters in Montreal, and its allotment was so regulated that there could be no advance in the price to the people. Of course, a large part of the bread is actually distributed free to those who have no money—for the committee sees that all have sustenance—but in such cases the commune either pays, or gives an obligation to pay, for the bread at the standard price.

This has been accomplished as a small part of the wonderful and almost incomprehensible work of the relief committee. The committee had seen to it that rice and flour are treated alike in the distribution of bread. No matter what a man's resources may be he can receive only his allotment of bread each day and through the same channels that the poor man receives his.

**Obstacles Overcome.**

When the enormity of the scale on which the business must be conducted is considered, it would appear that the committee has overcome almost insurmountable obstacles to perfect its organization.

"Canada" was the answer of one of the workers in this big organization, when asked how it all had been made possible.

"Without Canada, what would we have done?" he continued. "Without Canada's help, what will we do? We must have wheat if Belgium is to survive. With the local crops reduced to nil, North America is the only source of relief. If Canadians only will send us wheat, we will provide the Belgians with work grinding it and we will feed them with the flour they make."

"We must have wheat and have it soon, or the wives, mothers and children of those brave soldiers who stopped the first rush of Germans towards Paris and Britain will perish of starvation before the winter is over."

M. B. "Imperial" Lager Beer, 6 cts. for 25c.

### MONTREAL EXPECTS OVER 2,000 DELEGATES

Good Roads Congress Will Be Held March 6 to 10

Montreal, Dec. 18.—An announcement of importance to every section of the Dominion is that made here by the executive committee that the Third Annual Canadian and International Good Roads Congress will be held at Schermer Park, Montreal, opening on Monday, March 6, and continuing until Friday, March 10. Over 2,000 delegates from the various provinces of Canada, with representatives from the United States and Great Britain, will be in attendance, and the congress is assured of a success and of beneficial results surpassing those of its two predecessors.

The congress is held under the auspices of the Dominion Good Roads association, with the active support of the provincial associations and governments, and the various motor bodies of Canada.

30,000 Invitations.

No fewer than thirty thousand invitations are being sent out. These go to the ministers, officials and representatives of the governments; county, township and municipal councilors and officials; the officers and leading members of boards of trades, engineers, contractors, goods roads organization, automobile clubs, educational institutions, manufacturers' associations and railroad and steamship companies; the representatives of technical publications, and last but not least, the various agricultural organizations. Many of these already have pledged their active co-operation, and judging by the attendance at the previous conventions, the estimate of an attendance of 2,000 next March is a conservative one.

Schermer Park, where the congress is to be held this year, is one of the largest and most commodious buildings in the city of Montreal. The ground floor, containing 25,000 square feet, will be given over to the Third Annual Good Roads Exhibition, in connection with the congress. Here will be found displays of practically everything involved in the making of roads.

**Executive Committee.**

The executive committee is as follows: E. Michaud, president, deputy minister of roads, province of Quebec; O. Hezelwood, vice-president, president Canadian Automobile Federation, Toronto; Geo. A. McNamee, secretary-treasurer, secretary-treasurer Dominion Good Roads association; Montreal; H. U. Dandurand, past president Dominion Good Roads association, Montreal; W. A. McLean, past president Dominion Good Roads association, and commissioner and chief engineer of highways for province of Ontario; Howard W. Fallow, president Automobile Club of Canada, Montreal; J. Duchastel, engineer, city of Outremont, Quebec; J. A. Sanderson, honorary president, Ontario Good Roads association, Oxford Station, Ont.

### UNCERTAIN HOW TO VIEW APPOINTMENT OF HAIG

London, Dec. 18.—German newspapers for the most part seem to be uncertain how to view the appointment of General Sir Douglas Haig as commander-in-chief of the British forces in France and Belgium in place of Field-Marshal Sir John French. The views of two Berlin newspapers, however, are quoted by Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam.

The Vossische Zeitung characterizes Field-Marshal French as a "pushful, boastful dilettante," while the Lokal Anzeiger says General Haig has had no experience in the command of large masses of troops.

### ANOTHER BOMB FOR ASIATIC DAILY NEWS

Shanghai, Dec. 18.—A bomb was thrown last night at the building of the Asiatic Daily News, a newspaper published in the Chinese language, which was launched last September for the purpose of pushing the propaganda for the restoration of the monarchy. The bomb apparently was thrown from the roof of a house across the street. It exploded on the balcony of the building. The damage was small and there were no casualties.

The front of the Daily News building was blown in by a bomb explosion in September, three persons being killed.

### SUCCESS OF THE LARGE RUSSIAN LOAN ASSURED

Petrograd, Dec. 18.—Details were furnished in financial circles to-day regarding the success of the Russian loan of 1,000,000,000 roubles (\$500,000,000) at 5 1/2 per cent. Six hundred million roubles were subscribed by Russian banks and the remainder was placed at the disposal of the people, who already have taken 300,000,000 roubles worth.

The success of the loan is said to be assured through the popular subscriptions, which are continuing through the state savings banks.

### SCHOONER FOUNDERS ON ATLANTIC; ALL SAVED

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 17.—The schooner Orleans, bound from North Sydney to Montague, P. E. I., coal laden, foundered off Cape Canso, Capt. Blake and the crew got off the vessel before she sank and made a nearby island, where they spent two days and nights without food, water or warm clothing. Yesterday they reached Dover in an exhausted condition. Neither ship nor cargo was insured.

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### CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The following casualty list was issued last night:

**Second Battalion—Killed in action:** Pte. R. Hülbert, Smith's Falls, Ont.

**Severely wounded:** Pte. Jos. Dunn, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

**Wounded:** Pte. C. Wills, Madoc, Ont.

**Eighth Battalion—Seriously wounded:** Pte. L. D. Cardy, England.

**Dangerously ill—Pte. Thos. Kelly, England.**

**Thirtieth Battalion—Wounded:** Corp. H. C. Wood, England.

**Wounded self-inflicted—Pte. Edward Walker, England.**

**Fifteenth Battalion—Killed in action:** Pte. R. Nichols, Bushby street, Victoria, B. C.

**Sixteenth Battalion—Seriously ill:** Pte. R. S. Morris, St. James, Man.

**Wounded:** Pte. C. J. Ackers, Brantford, Ont.

**Twentieth Battalion—Wounded:** Pte. T. Yeates, Parry Sound, Ont.; Pte. J. Lambert, England.

**Twenty-ninth Battalion—Wounded:** Pte. E. St. Louis, Montreal.

**Twenty-fourth Battalion—Wounded:** Pte. Wm. Whitford, Montreal.

**Twenty-sixth Battalion—Wounded:** Pte. W. Harris, Point Grey, B.C.

**Died:** Pte. Wm. Lamey, England.

**Forty-sixth Battalion—Died:** Pte. F. Evans, England.

**Fiftieth Battalion—Seriously ill:** Pte. C. B. Langille, Halifax.

**First Canadian Mounted Rifles—Wounded:** Corp. H. H. Ward, Winnipeg; Pte. Geo. Apps, Wakopa, Man.

**Second Canadian Mounted Rifles—Wounded:** Pte. Frank J. Cryderman, Cranbrook.

**Royal Canadian Horse Artillery—Seriously ill:** Driver Thomas W. Dayson, Montreal.

**Wounded—Gunner J. E. Bird, Edmonton; Corp. Chas. G. Prince, England.**

**Railway Construction Corps—Suffering from concussion:** Sapper T. Kentie, Holland.

**Reserve Park—Died:** Pte. Ben Brookes, Montreal.

**Canadian Army Dental Corps—Seriously ill:** Sergt. A. Scott, Minto street, Victoria, B. C.

### DEMAND FOR BUTTER AND CONDENSED MILK

Courtenay, Dec. 18.—The milk condenser here is running full time and part of Sunday to keep up with its orders. It has shipped to Vancouver this month so far 2,500 cases. Besides this it sends 500 cases to Victoria each month and receives from local farmers about 7,500 pounds of milk daily.

The Comox Creamery Co. is unable to supply the demand for butter, as it has double the number of customers it had last year and is turning down telegraph orders daily. Probably the company will extend its output if times continue to improve as they have done the last two or three months.

### SEARCHLIGHTS AT DU PONT WORKS NOW

Tacoma, Dec. 18.—Redoubling their vigilance at Du Pont, the representatives of the big powder works there have placed a number of searchlights about the plant, covering the docks, so that anyone approaching the works can be quickly detected. The lights have been in operation for several nights. Last night they were turned on a number of Tacoma men who passed near Du Pont on their way to Nisqually flats duck hunting.

While it is declared that this branch of the Du Pont works is not making war munitions, all precautions are being taken to prevent deceptions.

### GERMANS TRYING TO GET GRAIN FROM ROUMANIA

Berlin, Dec. 18.—Negotiations for the purchase and importation of Rumanian grain, which have been in progress for some time, are still hanging fire. The terms of sale, it is stated, have been agreed upon in principle, but difficulties remain regarding the method of payment and the valuation at which German marks shall be accepted.

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GERMAN COMMENT ON THE AUSTRIAN NOTE

Berlin, Dec. 18.—Charles I. Persius, naval expert of the Tagesblatt, makes the following comment on the Austrian government's note in reply to the note sent by the United States on the subject of the Aegean: "Washington plainly forgot when it sent its note that its case rested on statements of excited passengers as against sworn statements of Austrian naval officers. The American note shows little diplomatic aptness."

The Cologne Gazette says: "The United States may now choose. If it desires intercourse as a well-mannered state with another large and well-mannered state, it must bring itself to concede to the standpoint of the Vienna note."

SEVERAL ENGAGEMENTS ALONG EASTERN FRONT

Petrograd, Dec. 18.—The following official communication was issued last night: "On our western front, north of Lake Diezmar, there has been several engagements which resulted in our favor. We captured a number of prisoners, some machine guns and searchlights."
"Last night was marked by an enemy movement against the entrenchments at Murawitz, on the Iwka river, fourteen miles north of Dubno. Toward evening the enemy returned to his trenches under our fire. East of Buczacz the enemy twice assumed the offensive against the heights about two miles from the village of Medzibuz, but both attacks were repulsed by our fire."

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H. BOURASSA STILL IS TALKING FREELY

Told Audience in Montreal Canada Should Not Assist the Empire

Montreal, Dec. 18.—Cries of "Shame" and hisses were mingled with applause at the Monument National last night when Henri Bourassa gave one of his anti-participation-in-the-war speeches. Bourassa told his hearers that in-tolerable because of the political truce, and that Canadian statesmen of the past had ever been against participation in the empire's wars.

"We have been asking ourselves for fifteen months why Canada is at war," he said, after a brief preamble. "Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa are in the war without any effort to increase their territory, to make any gains, only because they are British countries. For the first time in the history of the British empire autonomous countries are at war without knowing why, except that they are British countries."

His Idea. "There is no principle whereby Canada, Australia and other parts of the empire should be held to participate actively in the empire's wars except for the defence of their own territory, and until the South African war no one in Britain or in Canada pretended that this was their duty to help Britain except in a purely moral way."

"There are many people to-day who accuse French-Canadians for not rushing to arms and shedding their blood for England, for not being martyrs. We have not to keep together with our blood—the empire which Britain has not the force or ability to keep herself."
"To maintain that we are obliged to participate in this war is the work of the opportunists of both parties. It is to fool the people. I will tell you this. The British empire would sacrifice all its colonies, Canada, Australia and the others, for India. The reason we are behind in this country, that we have only seven millions of a population, is that we played for a hundred years with the splendor of the British empire. Before Confederation the public men of Britain wanted to find means to get rid of the colonies, but after Confederation they thought they could use us, and they began to love us with all their hearts."

Militaristic Britain? "The militarists of England do not differ from the militarists of Germany, of Russia, or of other countries. They are for the acquisition of the great amount of land, the most people, the most nationalities, the greatest spoils—all for the benefit of the dominant race. They are not using brute force to accomplish their ends to-day; they are handing out flattery and favors to colonial ministers and the results are the same, glory and riches for the dominant race. We hear the statement that no force is used to make us go to war. True, but it is the servility of our representatives."

French Civilization. "We are given many reasons why we should enlist. We are told to save French civilization. That is well, but French civilization extends wherever a French word is spoken, and we have a portion of it to save in this country, and when we have done so we can cross the ocean and help to save that in France. French civilization! Does it need England to save it—England, whose armies devastated France time after time and who carried more ruin and destroyed more churches in France than the Germans could do in ten years?"

PROFITS IN FRANCE TO BE TAXED HEAVILY

Paris, Dec. 18.—Addressing the chamber of deputies, M. Ribot, minister of finance, made the announcement that as one measure of financial relief, the government had decided to propose an extraordinary tax on exceptional profits realized during the war.

CASH OR BONDS.

London, Dec. 18.—The government has decided definitely to offer to those prepared to sell American securities outright, either cash or bonds, according to preference.

ALL ATTEMPTS BY AUSTRIANS FAILED

Artillery Duels Continue Along Whole Front, Says Report Issued at Rome

Rome, Dec. 18.—The following official communication was issued last night: "Small encounters are reported in the Tonale zone, the Amoreta Pass, the upper Pettorina Valley and at Lagazuoli, northwest of the Falgarego Pass, but the enemy everywhere was repulsed."

"The artillery duels continue along the whole front, with a constant tendency on the part of the enemy to fire upon dwellings. Our artillery has destroyed enemy observation posts, harassed provision columns and dispersed working parties."

"On the Carso front great enemy activity in defence works has been noticed. Yesterday afternoon, after a lively throwing of bombs, enemy detachments tried to advance toward the central portion of our lines, but were repulsed."

"An enemy aviator dropped bombs in the Giudicaria valley, but without doing damage."

Vienna Statement. "Vienna, Dec. 18.—The following official communication was issued last night: "In the coastal district thus far the Italians have not resumed their great attack, which, after a relatively short interval, was re-opened on November 11, and lasted until the end of November and still proceeded in the first week of December at several points. This engagement may be described as the fourth Isonzo battle."

"More than in former battles, the enemy's efforts this time were directed toward the capture of Gorizia and against the Gorizia bridgehead, where finally seven Italian divisions of infantry were in action. The attacks of these strong forces, as well as all attacks massed in the neighboring sectors, collapsed before the tenacity of our troops, who firmly retained in their hands the Gorizia bridgehead, the Dobberdo plateau and all remaining positions. By the destruction of the town—the position was severely hit, but this expression of impotent fury had no influence upon the military situation."

"In the fourth battle in the coastal district the Italian army, according to reliable statements, lost 79,000 dead and wounded."

"Yesterday we repulsed on the Isonzo front an attack against the northern slopes of Monte San Michele and on the Tyrolean front an attack by an Alpine battalion against the Col di Lana."

NO COD LIVER OIL FROM NEWFOUNDLAND

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 18.—Restrictions by the Newfoundland government on the export of cod liver oil from this colony were announced yesterday. Because information had been received that a large quantity of oil had found its way to Germany, where the glycerine contained in it could be utilized in the manufacture of explosives, the government cancelled all the licences under which traders formally exported the product. The normal export of this oil from the colony each year is about 87,500 gallons, valued at \$200,000.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS' ATTEMPT WILL FAIL

London, Dec. 18.—The German Socialists have made an attempt to bring the Social party of France into an agreement for an early peace, says the Amsterdam correspondent of the Express. The correspondent cites an appeal in Vorwarts to French Socialists to renounce France's claim to Alsace-Lorraine, promising that the German Socialists will urge the Imperial chancellor to patch up an early peace.

VICTORIA DOCTOR A VICE-PRESIDENT

Spokane, Dec. 18.—The North Pacific Surgical association, meeting here yesterday, elected Dr. J. D. Yokum, of Tacoma, as president, and selected Tacoma for the next meeting place. Doctors G. S. Gordon, of Vancouver, and G. L. Whitehead, of Victoria, were elected vice-presidents. Dr. E. H. Rich, of Tacoma, secretary-treasurer; Dr. M. G. Sturgis, of Seattle, recorder, and Dr. R. E. McKechnie, of Vancouver, counselor.

GERMAN PATROL BOAT WRECKED IN BALTIC

London, Dec. 18.—The German patrol boat Hunz was wrecked on the island of Langeland, in the Baltic, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Copenhagen. The bodies of several German officers were found on the shore, the dispatch adds.

EARL KITCHENER DOES NOT INTEND TO MARRY

London, Dec. 18.—It was announced officially last night by the private secretary to Earl Kitchener, secretary for war, that the report of the engagement of Lord Kitchener to the Dewager Countess of Minto was untrue. The private secretary said: "The report is absolutely untrue and without any foundation."

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SEVEN KILLED WHEN CAR FELL INTO RIVER

Bridge at Spokane Collapsed To-day; Ten Persons Were Injured

Spokane, Dec. 18.—Seven people were killed and ten injured to-day when a street car crashed through a bridge over the Spokane river. The injured were removed to the emergency hospital. Two street cars were on the bridge at the time of the accident. They were owned by the Washington Water Power company. One of the cars was just leaving the bridge when the structure collapsed. One end of this car fell into the water and the other end rested on the abutment. The car crew and the two passengers were rescued uninjured. The Astor division car, which fell into the river, was inbound and carried about 20 passengers. A heavy steel beam fell lengthwise on the car just as it went into the river. The beam crushed the passengers on one side of the car and held them under the water. The beam ripped the top off the car

CHICAGO POLICE ARE SHIELDING CRIMINALS

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Roused by a recent wave of crime, including murders and numerous robberies and holdups nightly, Mayor William Hale Thompson to-day charged the police department with shielding criminals and grafting. "I know the police department is absolutely rotten," said the mayor. "It is honeycombed with grafters. I know hold-up men, murderers and pickpockets known to the police are walking the streets every day and are not arrested. It would not be surprising to learn that in the department are men who have planned murder." Mayor Thompson said he would immediately start a wholesale cleaning-up and rid the police department of crooks, "even though it costs my life."

ITALY IS DETERMINED.

Rome, Dec. 18.—Following a discussion of the statement of Foreign Minister Sonnino on December 1 before the senate and chamber in which he declared it to be the firm determination of all Italy, army, king and country, to continue the war until all national aspirations have been satisfied, the senate yesterday unanimously passed a resolution of confidence in the ministry. Two hundred and twenty-one members were recorded as voting.



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**ANOTHER WAR OF NOTES.**

The Austrian note on the Ancona case is a transparent attempt to liberate another torrent of polished diction which, like the tons of jurisprudence that hurtled between Washington and Berlin in regard to the Lusitania, will end nowhere. It does not dispute the statements of the recent Lansing note. It does not even attempt to discuss the details of the case or the case itself. It simply says in effect: Your note will not do. It is rather crude, and you will have to send another one more to our liking or we will not argue the matter at all. Who are your witnesses, anyway? You will have to convince us of their veracity. When you have done these things our royal and imperial selves will condescend to debate the question with you. Another thing: We do not know, neither do we care, what you said to Berlin or what Berlin said to you about the Lusitania.

President Wilson, of course, is preparing another note. Such an elegant opportunity to annihilate an adversary in a cable controversy may not present itself again. It is a cinch. Here is a proud, arrogant autocracy laying itself open to a broadside from a young democracy which will tilt the venerable crown to the side of the venerable head of its wearer. The dual monarchy, however, will not succumb easily. It has marked recuperative powers. Baron Burian will return the fire; Washington will come back, and will win on points, but the Ancona massacre will not be disavowed nor will the submarine commander be punished by the Austrian authorities.

**MR. PRICE'S TRIUMPH.**

Mr. Price is still the supreme arbiter of his party in Victoria. The Conservative Association on Wednesday night declined even to consider a recommendation that he be asked to resign the secretaryship. It practically gave him a vote of confidence. This was after Mr. Price had raked his critics in the party fore and aft. He showed the mailed fist; he convinced the association that not only was he the head machinist but that he was the machine itself. He was the whole works. He was the party's sole asset in this city. Who had won their elections for them? Aye, indeed, who? Who had the key to the box of tricks? Who had got them jobs on the dredges, in the civil service and on the police force? Who helped them to land fat government contracts? Royal commission exposures, etc., etc.? Absurd; like the flowers that bloom in the spring, they have nothing to do with the price—or rather, the case. The association was impressed by the strength of the secretary's position. A bye-election is in the offing with a general election behind it. It would be a calamity if the engine were derailed at this critical moment. How could they expect to get an unbiased expression of the will of the intelligent electorates without the benefit of the rare knowledge and ripe counsels of their old-time secretary?

Mr. Price's triumph came six hours after the Hon. W. J. Bowser's "businessman's ministry" was sworn in. Whether there was any connection between the two incidents we are not now in a position to say, but we shall know before long. If Premier Bowser defers to Mr. Price's recommendations in regard to party patronage in Victoria, we shall know that the association on Wednesday evening expressed the Premier's wishes. And the other members of the "business administration" will govern themselves accordingly. It is not improbable, indeed, that before this Mr. Price has brusquely told Mr. Bowser that he will stand no nonsense from him even though he be the Premier of the province. Taming premiers is no new experience for Mr. Price.

**AFTER THE BANTAMS.**

Vancouver, true to its kleptomaniac instincts, is trying desperately to "hit" our regiment of Bantams and slip it into its capacious, and it present empty, pockets. There is no logical reason whatever why Vancouver should be permitted to perform this contemplated act of thievery except the one reason that Vancouver has an acquired habit of misappropriation. When she wants a thing badly, she goes after it determinedly, utterly unmindful of any ethical considerations. The idea of a Bantam regiment was originated in Victoria, and its organization was begun here. Therefore what reason in morals, justice or common sense has Vancouver for setting up a claim to it? Furthermore, physical conditions in Victoria are much more favorable for the accommodation and training of the men than they are in Vancouver, as everybody who honestly considers the situation knows and admits, consequently the assurance of the demand for a change of the regimental location is exasperating. The business men of this city have been requested to meet and take measures to circumvent the movement. There should not be any necessity for such action. Let our representative in parliament do his duty. Let him lay the facts of the situation before the minister of militia in a forcible manner, and we are convinced that no such act of injustice will be perpetrated.

**THE PARLIAMENTARY TERM.**

The life of the British parliament, which in normal times would have ended in January, 1916, has been extended for a year, or until January, 1917. If the war has not been concluded in that period the term will be prolonged another twelve months. Sir Wilfrid Laurier favors the adoption of a similar plan for the Canadian parliamentary term which, however, will not expire until October of next year. This arrangement would prolong the life of our parliament until October, 1917, or almost two years from the present time. If at that date the war has not been ended Sir Wilfrid will agree to a further extension of a year. This surely is a reasonable proposal, but it is not acceptable to Sir Robert Borden. The Prime Minister wants the life of parliament extended for a year and a half or more after the expiration of the war. If the conflict ended in August of next year, this parliament, which was elected in September, 1911, might not consult the electors until early in 1918. In similar circumstances such a cool proposition was suggested in the United Kingdom. It would be rejected in derision. There was considerable objection even to the extension of the term for a year, and some critics thought six months would be sufficient.

**THE USUAL WAY.**

The Dominion government was urged to use the Transcona car shops as a national munitions factory, where shells could be manufactured at cost. The shops were established in connection with the National Transcontinental Railway at a cost of \$4,000,000. They are among the most modern and efficient machine shops on the continent. D. A. Thomas, who was in Canada as the representative of the British ministry of munitions, advised the government to convert the establishment into a national munitions factory. The Dominion Trades and Labor Congress made a similar recommendation. The government, however, has turned the shops over to a private company recently organized.

When Mr. Thomas first approached the Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Railways, on this subject, he was led to believe that his recommendation would be adopted. In fact he publicly thanked the minister for the assurance while in Montreal, saying: "In the same spirit Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Railways, has placed the Transcontinental Railway shops at the disposal of the Imperial government for the manufacture of munitions. They have done that without provision of profit to anyone, and I thank the Canadian government for the splendid spirit they have shown." But the dread spectre of the Dominion government operating a national munitions factory as Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy, Japan and Australia are doing, and Belgium and Serbia did, was too much for the controlling interests. They put their feet down hard. If the magnificent plant of the Transcona shops were available for the manufacture of shells they would run it themselves, and for their own profit. And the government which had a striking opportunity of rendering a service of incalculable benefit to the imperial cause, meekly permitted them to do it.

What are the chief problems with which Great Britain is grappling? Finances, munitions and men. The financial problem is now the most serious of the three, and every super-profit extorted from the empire's purse is a valued aid to the enemy. Some of the profits secured under the dispensation of the late Shell Committee are alleged to have been as high as 400 per cent. That body, which was selected by Ottawa, was entrusted by the British government with the award of large orders for the making of shells. No competitive bids were asked for and the committee divided the con-

tracts among firms in which its members were interested at \$5.15 per shell. The work could have been performed profitably for \$1 per shell.

Mr. Thomas, who came over to investigate these high charges, managed to get some sort of competitive bidding, whereupon the committee reduced its own earlier prices fifty per cent, and again awarded the contracts to its members, notwithstanding the offer of a Hamilton firm to machine the shells at cost. Is it any wonder that Mr. Thomas demanded the reorganization of the Shell Committee? Had the government engaged in the manufacture of munitions in a national sense it could have put an end to profiteering in contracts. It would have contributed to the solution of two of the problems which have occasioned the imperial authorities the greatest concern.

**FEDERAL BYE-ELECTION.**

W. F. Garland, ex-M.P. for Carleton, and A. Dewitt Foster, ex-M.P. for King's, Nova Scotia, were found guilty of promoting grafting in connection with war contracts. The disclosures in their cases were nauseating and Sir Robert Borden read them out of his party while the pressure of public opinion forced them to resign their seats. They since have declared that they will offer themselves as candidates in the bye-elections to be held to fill the vacancies. If they do so they will be opposed by the Liberals. If the Conservatives of those constituencies nominate other candidates and the government announces that it will not recognize Garland and Foster as party representatives the seats will not be contested. This surely is just and reasonable, yet Sir Robert Borden has asked Sir Wilfrid Laurier to permit the seats to be filled without an election irrespective of the identities of the candidates. Were the Liberal party to permit the re-election of Garland and Foster without a contest it would be guilty of condoning the disgusting practices which resulted in the vacating of their seat and encouraging more of them. Under no circumstances will the opposition ally those men to go back to parliament without a struggle. In most other countries they would have found themselves in an altogether different institution.

We gather from the proceedings connected with the detention of the Peace Ship at Kirkwall that she carried supplies that might be very useful to the German government, and was not released until a bond had been exacted guaranteeing that a portion of her cargo would not be discharged save at a British port. Which confirms our suspicion that Mr. Ford, perhaps unwittingly, had permitted himself to be made a tool of the active, resourceful and unscrupulous German propagandists.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser calls attention to the presence of two Vancouver men in the new provincial cabinet, and cites the fact as evidence of the determination of the premier to "keep Vancouver in the front." Wonder what the Colonist, twin sister of the News-Advertiser, thinks about it. Perhaps it will maintain that Mr. Plumcroft is at least equal to two men of the calibre of Messrs. Bowser and Tisdall.

Premier Bowser and Sir Richard McBride declare that Mr. Turner's resignation has been on file since October. Well let us have a look at it. We remember being told last spring that the legislature was dissolved. Most of the people of this province are pronounced Missouriians when it comes to government announcements.

Some wag, it appears, has been asking the editor of the Colonist to print something "funny" in his columns. As if Colonist editorials were not a perennial source of enjoyment.

Mr. Price, evidently, is in command of the submarine which symbolizes the Bowser party, and is determined that the whole outfit, as it is going to be submerged, must be submerged together.

Austria cannot very well punish the commander of the submarine who sank the Ancona. He happens to be a German.

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Serious inconvenience was caused by the crossing of the wires owing to the gale, which set telephone and fire alarm exchange wires ringing constantly.

On Monday evening the ladies of the Women's Christian Temperance Union intend to hold a flower festival in the Temperance hall, at which there will be flowers suitable to all descriptions and colors, besides other decorations, suitable for Christmas.

The Victoria Single Tax Club will hold a meeting to-morrow, when the attitude of the club to the forthcoming municipal election will be defined. The examination of pupils attending the High School will be held to-morrow. After the oral examination, the results of the written examination will be read.

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Naval and Military Methodist Church, Esquimalt—Rev. Robert Hughes, chaplain. Subject to-morrow evening, "Christmas, the Unanswerable Argument of Christianity."

Pastor Russell's Teachings Examined—A series of lectures will be delivered in the Rex Theatre, Esquimalt, commencing Sunday at 3 o'clock.

The first lecture will be "A critical examination of the teachings of Pastor C. T. Russell, by Mr. Clifford Roberts, of Victoria. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Offer of Park.—A report is to be made to the city council on the taxes owing on the lots at the corner of St. Charles street and Chandler avenue offered by E. H. Anderson for park purposes. An inspection of the property is also to be made.

Organ Recital.—At the Metropolitan Methodist church on Sunday evening the usual half-hour organ recital will be held, commencing at 7 o'clock. The following programme will be rendered: Grand Choeur (Henliker); Chanson de Nuit (Elgar); Cortège (Faulken); and Largo in G (Handel).

Granted a License.—The Globe and Rutgers Fire Insurance company has received a license from the federal superintendent of insurance to add to its business in Canada that of insuring property against loss or damage by explosion, except upon steam boilers, engines and machinery.

Vote on Church Union.—Rev. J. G. Inkster announces the following result of the vote on Church Union taken in the First Presbyterian church: For union, 285; against union, 47. There were 342 members of the congregation declared in favor of it and 37 were opposed. Among the adherents there were 32 for and only one against.

Change of Name.—The name of the Fort George Board of Trade has been altered to Prince George Board of Trade by authority of the governor-general-in-council.

Whist Drive.—The Purple Star lodge 1017 L. O. E. A., will hold their regular whist drive in the Orange hall, Yates street, on Wednesday at 8 p. m.

Chapter in Charge.—The Florence Nightingale chapter will be in charge at L. O. E. A. headquarters, 733 Fort street, next Monday. The regent hopes as many members as possible will attend a special committee at 2.30 p. m. to make arrangements for the next day.

Foresters Meet.—Companion Court Far West, No. 279, Independent Order of Foresters, will meet on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Blum, Douglas road (Gorge car). The special business will include the election of officers for 1916.

Ladies Aid Meet.—The Ladies Aid of the First Baptist church will meet on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the temporary building, corner Yates and Quadra streets. Collectors for the Calendar club will report so that the treasurer may close her books for the year.

Christmas Service.—To-morrow morning at the James Bay Methodist church a Christmas service especially for the children will be held. The Junior-Aids will sing appropriate songs, and the Christmas story will take the place of the sermon. At the evening service the pastor will take for his theme, "Brighter Aspects of the War."

First Presbyterian Church.—Rev. J. G. Inkster will preach at the First Presbyterian church to-morrow at both services. In the morning he will preach on "Our Supreme Concern," while in the evening his theme will be "Moral Decay," the sermon being the second in the series, "Minor Prophets and Modern Problems."

Lecture on the Moon.—On Tuesday evening F. Napier Denison will deliver the second of a series of illustrated lectures at the Girls' Central school, commencing at 8 o'clock. His subject will be "The Moon." These lectures are under the auspices of the Victoria Society of the Royal Astronomical Society, and a general invitation is extended to all city teachers, and those attending the Normal school.

Officers Elected.—At the regular meeting of Lodge Princess Alexandra No. 18, Daughters of England, the following officers were elected for the coming year: W. P. P. Sister Hilliard, president; Sister Palmer, vice-president; Sister Cornish, secretary; Sister Catterall, treasurer; Sister Pomeroy, surgeon; Dr. J. F. Grant, guides; Sister Dent, Coleman; Borden; Sister Scholze; Inner guard, Sister Hibber; outside guard, Sister White. It was decided to hold a social dance in the Orange hall, Yates street, on Thursday, Dec. 30.

The Choral Society.—Last Tuesday the Choral society held the last rehearsal for the present year. The first half of the evening was spent in trying through some numbers with a view to their inclusion in the next concert programme. The second hour was spent in a social manner, refreshments in the form of tea, coffee, cakes and sandwiches being provided. Opportunity was thus given for the members to become better acquainted with one another. A report on the result of the recent concert was presented and a letter of appreciation was read from the management of the Y. M. C. A. at the Willows camp. Short speeches of an appropriate nature were made by the president, J. G. Brown, the conductor, J. Douglas Macey, and the past conductor, Gideon Hicks. A very pleasant evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King." The next rehearsal will be held on Tuesday, January 4, 1916 in the usual place.

Red Cross Workrooms Closed.—From Tuesday, December 21, until Monday, January 3, the workrooms of the Victoria branch of the Canadian Red Cross society, Temple building, Fort street, will be closed, according to a statement made last night by F. W. Jones, vice-president of the organization. The holiday is being taken for these twelve days over the Christmas season. But although the rooms are to be closed the workers in most instances will continue their needlework at home, and arrangements have been made for the handling of correspondence and the reception of parcels sent from outside during the Christmas holidays. The sub-committee rooms at Esquimalt, Oak Bay, and Ward II. (Cloverdale) will be closed part of the time. The Oak Bay rooms will close on Tuesday evening and will re-open on January 2. The Ward II. rooms will close on Tuesday to re-open on Wednesday of the following week for two days, re-opening on Monday, January 3, after closing over the New Year holiday. The Esquimalt sub-committee rooms will be closed only for Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Donations for the Victoria branch will be received during the twelve days that the rooms are closed at Messrs. Bullen & Jamieson's, below the Red Cross rooms, Temple building.

**LIBERALS READY FOR BYE-ELECTION FIGHT**

**Party in Victoria Keenly Set and Prepared to Face Any Eventuality**

Whether Mr. Bowser intends to make an appeal to the people at large by a general election, or to try to secure the election of his three new ministers at bye-elections, the Liberal party is ready for the fight.

The leader of the party has made that very clear in his statement of its readiness to meet any eventuality, and the temper of all Liberals since the announcement of the cabinet changes was made is one of the most strenuous opposition to the new government, with its legacy of responsibility for the results of McBride-Bowser misadministration, and to the election of the ministers he has brought in with the promise of giving a business government.

If the local organ of the government is to be taken as stating its plans in this connection, there are to be no bye-elections for some weeks. It is not usual for a government to be so uncertain of itself as not to have the dates of necessary bye-elections set at the time the new ministers are announced, and this is giving rise to some speculation as to the likelihood of a general election being held after all.

There will undoubtedly be a contest here, the feeling of many members of the Liberal party being that Mr. Flum-merfelt should be opposed when he presents himself for election. So far as is known here the same spirit animates the party in Vancouver and Rosland. It is realized that the government is taking an unfair advantage in bringing on bye-elections within four months of the time when parliament expires by laps of time, and that there will be every dodge of the machine used in the endeavor to down the Liberal candidate, but nevertheless Liberals are not daunted.

The machine will to some extent be offset by the general sentiment that there should be a change, and in any event that as there is a need for an opposition in the legislature those first opportunities of getting in members of the Liberal party should be utilized for the purpose. In spite of the adulation of the "new ministry" which is to be found in the party-subsidized press, the expression of opinion on the streets is distinctly unfavorable to it. There are many sturdy old Conservatives who refuse to vote for the choice of the premier as the representative of Victoria in the cabinet, and while some of them anyway will not vote for the Liberal candidate, they will abstain altogether from going to the polls.

In labor circles the minister of finance is not likely to find any support, as his attitude towards white labor in his shoe factory here and the wholesale employment of aliens in the Granby works will not be forgotten, and cannot be explained away.

H. C. Brewster, leader of the Liberal party, has received numerous encouraging statements during the past three days from men of all shades of politics. Some of them seemed to have got an idea that the Liberals would not contest the seats in the event of there being bye-elections, but this was very soon dispelled by a chat with the leader or any member of the party.

Should there be a bye-election here it will be in order to call a nominating convention of the Liberal party for the purpose of selecting a candidate. There is practically no doubt, however, that the choice will fall on the leader. This would be greatly to his mind, as he is a strong believer in fighting for principle, whatever the result may be, he trusts the people, and he has the personal courage of his convictions at all times.

Lost.—A black, smooth-haired retriever puppy, about four months old, on Rockland avenue last night. Finder will be rewarded. Reward \$10. G. H. Barnard, 1462 Rockland.

Christmas Glasses.—For mother or father. The idea is making a hit. What could be more pleasing? Get a certificate from me. Frank Clugston, optician, 654 Yates street (corner Douglas) upstairs.

A Clean Sheet.—There was nothing for the police magistrate to do this morning in police court, there not being a single case on the docket.

Dr. Scott's Sermons.—The pastor will preach at both services at the Metropolitan church to-morrow. The morning subject will be "Hope's 'Derelicts'."

Agricultural Products Committee.—A meeting of the agricultural products committee of the board of trade is called for Tuesday morning at half-past ten o'clock, this being the last until after the holidays.

Christmas Social.—The Young People's Society of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church will hold a Christmas social on Monday evening in the church hall. The committee in charge has arranged an excellent programme and hope for a large attendance.

Prohibition Organization.—The regular meeting of the central organization and campaign committee of the People's Prohibition movement will be held on Monday at 5 o'clock in the new premises of the organization, rooms 101-102 Union Bank building instead of the Y. M. C. A. building as formerly.

Organization Meeting.—A public meeting under the auspices of the People's Prohibition movement will be held at Langford on Monday, Dec. 20, for the purpose of organizing a central executive for the electoral riding of Esquimalt. Representatives from the various districts of the riding will attend. The meeting is being held in the church hall at Langford station.



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**PROHIBITION SENTIMENT**

Ward Two, Saanich Organizes, and Similar Meeting Will Be Held in Ward One on Tuesday.

Two prohibition meetings indicate interest in Saanich in that movement. One was held last evening at St. Mark's hall, Maywood, when an organization for Ward Two was discussed. The officers chosen are: Messrs. Bird president; C. Pointer, vice-president; and R. Chave, secretary-treasurer. An address was given by H. J. Knott, local organizer for the movement. A further meeting has been set for Tuesday to complete organization, and arrange for a canvass of the ward.

A meeting of the Ward One prohibition association will be held at the Temperance hall, Cedar Hill, on Tuesday next. Dr. Hall will give a lecture on prohibition. A general invitation is extended.

**N.H.A. OPENS TO-NIGHT.**

The National Hockey Association league schedule opens to-night with the Canadians opposed to the Toronto team at Toronto, and Quebec playing the Wanderers at Montreal. Ottawa drew a bye.

Phoenix Beer—2 qts. for 25c  
H. B. "Imperial" Lager Beer, quarts, \$3.00 per dozen.

County Court.—Following chamber applications on Monday morning in the county court, Judge Lampman will hear the suit of Peden against Olt-phart.

For the Red Cross.—The sum of \$84 has been handed in to the Red Cross society by St. Jude's Mission, as a result of the sale of tickets for the hand-worked tealoth. The owner of ticket No. 42 has won the tealoth, which is at the Red Cross headquarters, Temple building.

**GRAFT?**

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**BRIEF NEWS OF THE CITY**

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Clean the Chimney for Santa Claus with Imp. two for 25c. R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas St.

Phoenix Stout—2 qts. for 25c.

Cameron & Colwell's Auto Ambulance, the most up-to-date ambulance in the city, is at your service "Phone 693, 155 or 186. The same numbers will bring that taxi-cab, express wagon or anything else you may want in the trucking or draying business.

Have you noticed Standard Steam Laundry branch, office in Dominion Hotel block.

The Umbrella Shop, 610 Pandora St.

Grandpa Would Like One.—An earthen hot water bottle. They keep warm all night. 75c. and \$1.00 at R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas St.

Silver Spring Beer, 2 qts. for 25c.

Retrench by having things repaired at Wilson's Repair Shop, 514 Cormorant, Gramophones especially.

Sepia Photos for Xmas at a special reduction, \$7.00 Sepias for \$5.00 per dozen, at the Skene Lowe Studio, 654 Yates St.

Those of us are left behind Must be something more than kind.

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I am six years old, and have been a good boy all the year, and would like you to bring me a Bicycle at Christmas. They have a lot of small Bicycles at Plimley's store in Johnson street. One of them just fits me. Will you get it for me, please? Mama and Dada don't expect much, but I would like that Bicycle.

Yours truly,

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### TAILORED SUITS AND SOME EVENING FROCKS

Emerald Green is a Favoured Color Just Now; Three-Quarter Coats

New York, Dec. 18.—New York's social season is in full swing; it opened in a blaze of glory with the swinging back-of-the-Metropolitan's doors late in November. This first night, as always, drew the usual brilliant, operating audience, wonderfully gowned in the soft shades so much favored for formal evening wear this winter. The white throats, beautifully dressed hair, and gleaming jewels distracted the attention more than once of even the "dyed-in-the-wool" music lovers, who are usually immune to clothes when Caruso is to be heard.

Among the prevailing shades worn by the gorgeous "first-nighters" were pink, blue, and white, with here and there a stunning black frock, or one of vivid emerald green. This shade of green is an exception to the rule of white, or pastel shades, now so modish; there were several entire gowns in this shade at the opera, and the most striking and artistic costume noted.

Buttons are attractive trimming, in novelty metals, gold filigree, nickel, and the like. The majority of these coats are made with normal shoulders and set-in sleeves, although there are many regular models. One especially pretty coat was of broad, ed brown velvet, loose and falling easily to the skirt hem, belted at the waist with brown leather. Several leather costumes were noticed at the horse show.



Dark Green Duvetyne Suit

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### Attractive Suit of Gabardine

one afternoon: they were worn by mannequins from one of our large dressmaking establishments, and created quite a bit of comment. Leather suits are a novelty and as such are attractive, but in all probability they will not become popular with the general run of people.

The matter of Fans and Gloves.  
 Among the most fascinating accessories accompanying these attractive costumes were the fans; these were not the small, useless fancies of several seasons past, but large, graceful fans of ostrich, curled and uncurled. Many were in white, or the pastel shades; one especially attractive fan was of midnight blue, uncurled ostrich. The matter of gloves with the sleeveless frocks, and all were sleeveless with one or two exceptions, has probably been a problem with many; white gloves, coming just above the elbow, were generally worn; pink and then one noticed a pair in pale pink or deep cream to match the frock; one or two pairs of black, too, were worn. The universal use of tulle, malines, or the fine-meshed net, was very noticeable; it was used to veil the neck and arms, as a scarf, in the hair, or billowing, panner-fashion, over the hips. The men with their black suits and white fronts made an excellent background for these pretty women and their delicately colored frocks.

The daytime costumes at the horse show were quite as interesting as those worn in the evening. While there were many attractive one-piece dresses worn under smart separate coats of cloth or fur, the tailored suit, as in days-gone-by, was most in evidence. Not the straight mannish suit entirely, although there were many of these, too, but the easy-lined, semi-tailored suit of broadcloth, gabardine, duvetyne, whipcord, and novelty checks and stripes. Many dull-colored mixtures were worn, trimmed, of course, with fur or braid.

An exceptionally effective suit of dark green duvetyne was made with a flounced skirt and flaring peplum on the coat. A wide soft collar of dark fox and a barrel muff of fox accompanied the suit. Other effective details were the matching spats, the wide velvet hat, and the nifty stick. Another tailored suit, worn the same afternoon, equally simple and chic, was of dark blue gabardine, made with a Russian blouse coat, and flaring skirt, trimmed with narrow bands of seal; a small ball muff of beaver and seal was carried, and spats of white corresponded with the white fallie ribbon on the stiff-brimmed hat.

The Three-Quarter Coat.  
 This length prevails in the separate coat for daytime wear. They are of fur, or cloth, fur-trimmed. When the coat is made of cloth it may contrast with or match the frock. One notices a box-back now and then, but the belt in some form is most generally favored.

**Sir James Watson's Opinion Considered Most Valuable**

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A school teacher has lately been instructing her pupils in Greek mythology. The children read the tales aloud, and the next day recited them in their own language. One lad, to whom was given the task of telling the story of "The Gorgons," did so in these terms:—"The Gorgons were three sisters that lived in the islands of the Hesperides, somewhere in the Indian Ocean. They had long snakes for hair, tusks for teeth, and claws for nails, and they looked like women, only more horrible."

Lend a hand and trust to luck; Something's due to Jack Canuck. Patriotic Aid Society, 1210 Broad St.

### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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

G. W. Barry, of Cobble Hill, is a guest of the Dominion.  
 H. Newmarch, Vancouver, is staying at the James Bay hotel.  
 Captain Palmer, of Ottawa, is staying at the Empress hotel.  
 W. J. Carson, of New York city, is a guest at the Empress hotel.  
 H. Clouston, of Duncan, is registered at the Hotel Strathcona.  
 W. Moffat, of Winnipeg, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday.  
 Mrs. T. Moore, of Nanaimo, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.  
 Mrs. McPherson, of Cobble Hill, is a guest at the Strathcona hotel.  
 John Morrison, of Yellow Grass, is registered at the Empress hotel.  
 R. P. Edwards, of South Salt Spring Island, is staying at the Dominion hotel.  
 S. Yates is down from Shawnigan, and is stopping at the Strathcona hotel.  
 Parker Williams, M. P. P., of Ladysmith, is registered at the Dominion hotel.  
 F. J. Norie, of Duncan, is in the city, and is registered at the Strathcona hotel.  
 F. W. Ferguson, of Yorkton, Sask., registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.  
 Mrs. G. Bartlett, and Miss Bartlett, of Comichau-Bay, are stopping at the Dominion.  
 James Finley, proprietor of the hotel at Shawnigan Lake, is staying at the Dominion.  
 P. E. Caverhill, wife and family, of Vancouver, are stopping at the Dominion hotel.  
 Mrs. J. R. Bell from Alberta is visiting in the city, and is staying at the Strathcona hotel.  
 H. T. Ravenhill, from Shawnigan, is in the city, and is a guest at the Strathcona hotel.  
 Miss J. W. Hanson and Miss G. Turner, of Nanaimo Bay, are staying at the Dominion hotel.  
 F. J. Brophy, from Bow Island, Alta., registered for himself and Mrs. Brophy at the Strathcona hotel.  
 H. Hewitt, from E. Sooke, is spending a few days in the city, and is registered at the Strathcona hotel.  
 Mr. and Mrs. G. Lawrence and Master Desmond Lawrence, of Winnipeg, are guests at the James Bay hotel.  
 A. W. Drake and Kenneth Willis, of Salt Spring Island, were among yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion.  
 Lady Emily Walker, Lionel Walker and Rupert Walker, of Ragley, East Sooke, are staying at the Dominion hotel.  
 T. Sowerbutts and Mrs. Sowerbutts, of Calgary, who are on their honeymoon trip, are staying at the Dominion before proceeding to California.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Rust, of Trutch street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Evelyn, to Mr. Obre Brabazon Bourne, son of the late Mr. Robert B. Bourne and of Mrs. Bourne, of Winnipeg. The marriage will take place the first week of February.

The engagement is announced of Miss Mary Elizabeth Mackenzie, B.A., eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rott, Mackenzie, Warwick, Ont., to Mr. Everett Stanley Farr, B.A., LL.B., Vegreville, Alberta, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Farr, Gainsborough, Sask., the marriage to take place in Warwick late in December.

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**AT THE THEATRES**

**NEW WALLINGFORD TALES TO BE PICTURIZED HERE**

An announcement is made by the management of the Royal Victoria that they have secured George Randolph Chester's new stories converted into films in a highly comic and interesting series. Each of the series has a complete story of its own, at the end of which another name is crossed off the list of prospective victims. Members of the cast that will take the principal parts in these features are well-known to Victoria audiences, as they have appeared before the footlights in several road productions. Max Fignon will be seen as "Blackie Daw," Burr McIntosh as J. Rufus Wallingford, and Lolita Robertson as Violet Warden. The first of the series will be shown next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and for the first three days of each week hereafter. The title of the first picture will be "The Bungalow Tangle."

**DOMINION THEATRE.**

"The Eteral City" will be shown for the last time at the Dominion theatre to-night. "The Eteral City" is the season's big picture. More than that, it is the big picture of many seasons. It has set a brand-new standard in picture-making, and any film that may be referred to as "Another Eteral City," will need to comprise the best of photography, a bigness of story, a finished cast with an artist of undisputed dramatic ability in the lead, interiors and exteriors that will occasion no challenge from even the most critical. It will need to furnish the spectacular, the awesome and the

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**GLOVES**  
 Black Chamoisette Gloves, 2-button, **75c** pair.  
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 New Aprons in fine muslin, trimmed lace, in the latest styles. Prices from **25c, 50c, 75c, 85c, \$1.00** up to **\$3.50**.

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merely human, and its camera work will have to be that of a technical expert and its direction bespeaks a master hand and mind.

Into Rome and London went the company which made "The Eteral City." And the glory of the settings, of the wonderful light and shadow effects, and the weaving into story form the reproduction of the world's most renowned wonder spots are but a few of the qualities that make for the film's splendor of Hall Caine's best work.

For Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week another big attraction has been secured in Mary Pickford in Madame Butterfly. The production is by the Famous Players Co. and is one of their latest and most successful features.



HAZEL DAWN

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**HOLD DAILY SALES**  
 Superfluity Auctions Every Day Next Week: \$300 Realized for Red Cross Yesterday.

From now until Christmas Superfluity sales will be held in the Belmont house every afternoon beginning at 2 o'clock and continuing until 4 p. m. The honorary auctioneers will sell many articles suitable for Christmas presents. The last sale will be on Christmas eve.

There was a fairly successful sale held yesterday afternoon when a number of lots in jewelry and ornaments were offered. These were very suitable for presents, and were sold at low prices. The auctioneer did not get very large bids, and the afternoon's sales brought in \$211. During the day there was sold from the stores about \$90 worth of things making yesterday about \$300 for the Red Cross society.

Lists are being prepared of the articles that will be put up for sale on Monday, and these things can be inspected to-night and on Monday before the sale.

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**GRAFT?**

Sentry—Halt! Who goes there?" Rustic—"Friend!" Sentry—"Pass, friend. All's well." Rustic—"Thankee, sir, I'm sorry to 'ave woke 'ee, str." Punch.

French Red Cross Tea, Oak Bay hotel.

ADVERTISE IN THE TIMES

"GRANARY OF WORLD," SAYS CAPT. M'INTOSH

Victoria Resident Returns From Lengthy Trip in Prairie Provinces

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"Evidently the farmers are accepting their good fortune..."

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EDISON RECORD RECITAL

Fletcher Bros. Now Established in Spacious New Quarters in Arcade Building. Interesting Concert.

The first of many recitals of the kind that probably will be given by Fletcher Bros. in their handsome new store, Arcade Building, 1211 Government street, was held yesterday afternoon.

The recital was prefaced by a little lecture on the advantages of the Edison system records.

The records chosen for the recital were selected with a view to displaying the perfection of the Edison system in reproducing the various instruments, voice, piano, cornet, cello, etc.

The most beautiful and perfect was a violin record of Itala's "Cavatina," played by that master of the instrument, Andre Bonolis.

Some records of vocal duets were added, these showing the impressionability of the Edison system in its very highest form in fixing the sound waves of the human voice.

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WATER AGREEMENT BEFORE COMMITTEE

Arrangement Concerning Oak Bay Water is Discussed; Council Matters on Monday

A deputation from the Oak Bay Council, composed of the reeve, Councillor Gordon, the municipal engineer and solicitor, this morning met Mayor Stewart, Water Commissioner Rust, City Comptroller Raymur, and City Solicitor Hannington, to discuss the terms of the agreement for the sale of water in bulk to the municipality.

The new rate of six cents a thousand gallons, as compared with the old rate of ten cents for the same quantity, becomes effective on January 1, and the committee desired to discuss the agreement ratifying the negotiations.

As a result of further consideration of the proposal to consolidate the city stores departments at Garbally road, Alderman McNeill has posted notice of motion for the meeting of the council on Monday for leave to introduce a by-law, diverting the sums remaining to the credit of a number of by-laws to the purposes of the stores building.

Ten partial assessment local improvement by-laws will be introduced. A formal motion will be put through making the arrangements for the municipal election, nomination on January 10, and the polling on January 13.

The delinquency certificate proposal will be before the council in an application for an opinion from the Union of B. C. Municipalities. Estimates committee will meet after the council session.

The reply to this request is being awaited with interest. Following the official authorization by Ottawa of Lt.-Col. Bruce Powley's appointment as commander of the 142nd battalion, C. E. F., which came through yesterday, everyone interested in the new unit has been anxious to hear where the organization is to be mobilized.

Victoria would seem to have premier claims, both climatically and in point of accommodation. She certainly has better facilities with respect to training grounds. All the available park areas of any size in Vancouver, which is understood to have made strong claims for consideration, are already occupied by troops, and the surrounding districts do not afford sufficiently large clear spaces for manoeuvring and field exercises.

Lieut.-Col. Bruce Powley has just returned from ten months on active service, during which he was twice wounded. It is natural to assume that he would prefer to be in his home town as long as the new unit which has been placed in his command is in training in this country.

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Ogilvie, D. O. C., finally obtained authority from Ottawa to form the battalion in this military district. Recruiting will commence immediately after the new year.

In the matter of training it is Lieut.-Colonel Bruce Powley's intention to inaugurate a system based on his observations during his service at the front. The principal objective will be discipline, and he hopes to turn out one of the smartest and best disciplined regiments in the whole Dominion.

By discipline is meant in this instance not mere obedience to the law, but the military interpretation of the word—military bearing, alertness, quickness in obeying orders, smartness in executing commands. These things are vital in modern warfare.

That this board is strongly of opinion that the Bantam Battalion, C. E. F., the formation of which originated with some of the citizens of Victoria, should be mobilized and quartered here, inasmuch as much money has been spent locally on advertising the battalion, and general disappointment will be felt if the authorities decide to station it elsewhere.

At George Jay school, at which Principal Charlesworth presided, he had as visitors Mrs. George Jay, Miss Jay, and the Rev. William Stevenson.

The principal feature was a Christmas tree, to which contributions had been made by children for donation to public institutions like the Day Nursery, Protestant Orphanage, and Friendly Help society.

In addition to these gifts, 50 pairs of mitts and 50 facecloths were sent to the Red Cross society. During the term which has just closed the sum of \$75 was collected by the pupils for the Red Cross funds and the concert in aid of cadet uniforms held recently resulted in a balance of \$110 being available for their purchase.

Short addresses were given by the principal and Rev. William Stevenson. The programme opened with "O Canada," sung by all the pupils.

Regina Waxstock sang "Take Me Back to Canada," and the Red Cross song "Boys of the King," the well known patriotic song, an item which was greatly enjoyed. There were a number of parents and old pupils of the school present.

On Thursday afternoon at Victoria West school the junior classes presented a well-prepared and enjoyable entertainment to a large audience of parents who showed hearty appreciation of the singing, drill and dances of the children.

Following is the complete programme: Carol, "Gently Falls the Winter Snow"; hayseed drill by division 10; song, "Sing Little Children, Sing"; song and dance by division 8; doll drill by division 7; wand drill by the girls of division 6; short play, "Xmas Carol," by division 5; carol, "Good King Wenceslaus," solos by Louis Baker (the king) and Wesley Strickland (the page). The proceedings concluded with the National Anthem.

The upper divisions of Victoria West held their closing exercises on Friday morning. Among the numerous parents and friends present were Rev. Dr. McTear, Rev. Robert Connell and Rev. Dr. Maclean, who, in brief speeches, expressed their pleasure at being present at so delightful an entertainment and wished all present a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

The purpose of the attempt to block the Welland canal, it is charged, was to prevent the movement of supplies down the Great Lakes and through the canal and the St. Lawrence river to the entente nations.

The names of workers in San Francisco, Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit, Boston and other cities are said to have been discovered among documents seized by the authorities in a raid upon the offices of Koenig and Layendecker.



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REGIMENTAL ORDERS

NATIONAL RESERVE. Lieut.-Col. Gregory, commanding, No. 2 company will parade at headquarters, Bastion street, Wednesday, December 22, at 8 p. m. sharp.

Legion of Frontiersmen. Frontiersmen's Headquarters, Camosun Building, 1203-05 Langley street, Victoria, B. C., Dec. 18, 1915. Meeting.—A general meeting will be held at headquarters on Wednesday, December 22, at 8.00 p. m. sharp.

Parades.—A mounted parade will be held at the riding school, Willows camp, on Thursday, Dec. 23, 1915, at 8.00 p. m. sharp, all Frontiersmen to report at McEwen's stables at 7.45 p. m.

SEYMOUR ROWLENSON, Major, Commanding Vancouver Island Associated Commands and Sub-Units.

B. C. BANTAMS SHOULD TRAIN IN VICTORIA

Mayor Stewart Wires Minister of Militia; This City's Claims

Mayor Stewart this morning telegraphed to Major-General Sir Samuel Hughes, minister of militia, as follows, with regard to the training of the B. C. Bantam regiment in Victoria.

"As the idea of forming a battalion to be known as the B. C. Bantams first originated in Victoria, and all preliminary work has been carried out by Victoria citizens, it is felt very strongly that battalion should be organized, recruited and trained in this city.

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SPORTING NEWS

ARISTOCRATS DECISIVELY DEFEATED CHAMPIONS LAST NIGHT; SCORE OF 8 TO 2

Locals Completely Outclassed Millionaires; Trooper Box is Again Prominent Factor in Victoria Victory

Playing brilliantly and at all times apparently with plenty of strength in reserve, Victoria last night shoved the Vancouver hockey team further down into the cellar of the P. C. H. A. standing, a berth which the Millionaires seem destined to retain permanently. Last night's victory was clean-cut and decisive, the locals netting 8 goals, while the visitors scored but twice. While the score would indicate that the opposition was very feeble, this was not the case. Every minute of the game the Millionaires were dangerous, but their shooting was not as accurate nor as forceful as that of the locals. From the first blast of the whistle for the commencement of the hostilities until the gong sounded, bringing the game to a close, the pace was terrific. Checking was hard, and only the brilliant work of the goal tenders kept the score down.

While there is absolutely no argument as to which team was superior, the brilliant work of the Victoria defence kept the visitors from getting in at close range to shoot. The Aristocrats were because they worked like a machine with every part true. Most of their attacks on their opponents' goal were advanced by combination, and not by individual effort. The stick-handling of the locals also was better than that of the visitors. Trooper George Box was again a prominent factor in the Victoria victory. He was all over the ice at once, and figured in five of the eight scores, twice tallying, and having three assists to his credit. His work was certainly the long wanted centre ice man. Although the score of last night's combat would not indicate that the game was as fast as the last local fixture between Seattle and Victoria, it was far more thrilling. Against Seattle, the locals played fifty per cent worse than they did last night. Lester Patrick gave Jimmy Riley a chance to show his worth, and the big prairie boy gave a very creditable exhibition. He checked well, and made several spectacular rushes, once passing the puck to Box in the Vancouver goal mouth, from which the latter scored. Riley has all the earmarks of a corner. Ranny McDonald and Mallen played in their usual brilliant manner, while Dubble Kerr uncovered some of his old-time speed and was always dangerous. Lester Patrick and Genge, on the defence, played strong games,

while the real star of the evening's performance was Freddie McCulloch in the net. This boy played a sensational game, and out of the scores of hard drives rained in on him, only two bulged the twine. Often the opposing players had only McCulloch to beat, but his big club warded off all their attempts. Probably the star of the visitors was Lloyd Cook on the left wing. While he failed to break into the scoring column, he was always dangerous. He checked well and his drives on the net were-ly no means feeble. Barney Stanley, who played only a part of the game, also was in rare form. Victoria got off with a flying start, and had scored five goals before the visitors had broken into the scoring column. After the game had gone half the distance the result was never in doubt, Victoria playing strongly at all times.

First Period. Immediately after the face-off Victoria started out to establish an early lead. McDonald made a couple of strong attacks, but his shots were blocked by Lehman. About one minute after the start of play McDonald bulged the net with a wicked shot from the right wing, which Lehman had no possible chance to save. Vancouver were working hard to offset the goal margin the locals had attained but all their attacks were beaten back. Lester Patrick brought the crowd to its feet by a spectacular individual rush, while Kerr also attacked vigorously. Mackay and Cook were the only members of the opposition who were really dangerous.

Four and a half minutes had passed when Victoria added another goal. Kerr took the puck up the left wing, and centred to Box, who easily beat Lehman. A third goal was added near the end of the period when Genge took a pass from Box and scored. It was a fast period.

Second Period. Vancouver's skating was strong, but their shooting lacked power. They attacked frequently, but could not score. Jimmy Riley was on in place of Kerr, and he made a brilliant individual rush through the entire Vancouver team, but his hard drive at the net was well blocked by Lehman. The champions rained shots in on McCulloch, but he saved them all with ease. Three minutes had elapsed when Riley passed to Box, who scored Victoria's fourth goal, and three minutes later Mallen took a pass from Box and brought the Aristocrats' total up to five goals. Vancouver was now working hard to avoid a "whitewash." Si Griffis and Taylor were responsible for Vancouver's first score. Just five minutes before the interval Patrick made an individual rush through the Vancouver defence and scored Victoria's sixth goal. Before the gong sounded ending the period, Mackay was hurt in a collision with Kerr near the Vancouver net. He revived and resumed playing, only to collide with Kerr again, this time being rendered unconscious. He was carried from the ice, and Seaborn was substituted. While it appeared that the affair was purely accidental, Kerr was sent from the ice for ten minutes. Third Period. Play in the final period was very even. Cook and Stanley were dangerous for the opposition, while Riley, who replaced Kerr, Lester Patrick and Genge were working hard. After six minutes of play Victoria increased the lead. Genge going through alone and scoring. Twenty seconds later Vancouver scored a goal. Duncan passed to Stanley, who beat McCulloch with a hard shot. About two minutes from time Lester Patrick took a nice pass from Box in the Vancouver goal mouth and scored. Vancouver were the aggressors when the gong sounded for time.

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M'GOVERN MAY COACH UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON. Seattle, Dec. 15.—Dean Milnor Roberts, of the University of Washington, to-day partly confirmed reports from Portland that John McGovern, former captain of the University of Minnesota football team and All-American quarter-back in 1913, might be chosen successor to Gilmore Doble as football coach at Washington. Dean Roberts declared that so far as he knew no positive offer of a contract had been made to McGovern, but admitted that the former Minnesota star was being considered by the Washington authorities. J. Arthur Younger, graduate manager, is first of the city and could not be reached to confirm or deny the report.

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LID DOWN ON JANUARY 1

Tacoma, Dec. 18.—There will be no more boxing after January 1. When the lid descends upon the saloons and breweries it will also take in the knights of the padded gloves. This was the announcement made by Prosecutor Remann yesterday. "I have tried to give the boxing fans a certain amount of license, but the promoters have gone on constantly overstepping the bounds laid down at the time they first started the game," Remann explained. "The smokers scheduled between now and January 1 will be permitted with certain restrictions, but after that the lid goes on."

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ROSEBUDS TIED FOR LEAGUE LEADERSHIP

Defeated Seattle Last Night in Hard-Fought Game; Score 5 to 2

Portland, Dec. 18.—By virtue of their defeat of Seattle last night by the score of 5 to 2, the Rosebuds have re-established themselves on an even standing with the Metropolitans for the P. C. N. A. league leadership. Last night's defeat, was Seattle's first reverse this season, and had they returned victorious they would have had a comfortable lead in the league race. The game was very stubbornly fought throughout, neither team having a decided advantage until the third period, when the home team demonstrated their superior staying powers and forged ahead. Portland were the first to register in the scoring column, Tommy Dunderdale making an individual rush after eight minutes of play. Wilson equalized three minutes later. Moose Johnson put Portland out in front just before the interval, taking the puck through by himself, and leading Holmes with a hard shot. The first period closed with the Rosebuds leading 2 to 1. Neither team succeeded in scoring any further goals in the second period. Harbour, a substitute, was being tried out by Manager Savage, and he made good. Twice in the third period he broke through the Seattle defence and scored, putting Portland two goals to the good, while Tommy Dunderdale completed the night's scoring by an individual rush just a few moments before the blast of the whistle signalled the close of the game. Bobby Rowe and Charlie Tobin were banished from the game and fined \$3 apiece for rough work. The teams: Portland Position: Seattle, Murray ..... Goal ..... Holmes; Irvine ..... Point ..... Carpenter; Johnson ..... Cover Point ..... Rowe; Dunderdale ..... Rover ..... Poysten; Harris ..... Left Wing ..... Walker; Tobin ..... Right Wing ..... Wilson; Outman ..... Centre ..... Morris; Sub. Harbour ..... Sub. Haas.

Officials: Referee, Fred Ion, Seattle; Judge of play, James Ritchie, of Portland. Summary: First period—1, Portland, Dunderdale, 8:05; 2, Seattle, Wilson from Morris, 2:36; 3, Portland, Johnson, 4:00. Second period—no score. Third period—4, Seattle, Morris, 3:06; 5, Portland, Harbour from Outman, 4:46; 6, Portland, Harbour, 5:05; 7, Portland, Dunderdale, 9:33.

CALLAHAN TRADED TO BROWN FOR GISLASON. Star Southpaw Has Been Turned Back by Cincinnati; Raymond May Change. Seattle, Dec. 18.—It is very probable that Tealy Raymond, who piloted the Seattle team last season, will manage Spokane next summer. It was announced at the Northwestern league meeting here that President Farr, of the Indians, was anxious to secure Raymond's services, and as the latter wants a change, President Dugdale is agreeable to let him go to Farr. A real deal was pulled off between two seasons when President Bob Brown, of Vancouver, and President Farr, of Spokane, had a talk, after which it was announced that Vancouver had traded Shortstop Gislason, to Spokane in exchange for Pat Callahan. Gislason played a wonderful game at second base for the Beavers, but he joined some other Vancouver players in the strike, and was suspended by Brown. Callahan was formerly a member of Portland, and was sent to Spokane last season. At the close of the Northwestern league he was sold to Cincinnati. As the Reds have a number of recruits on their hurrying staff they turned Pat back.

O'LEARY STOPS MACKENZIE. Saskatoon, Dec. 18.—In the fight for the lightweight championship of Canada here last night, Johnny O'Leary outclassed Billy Mackenzie, of Nova Scotia, in 12 rounds. The bout was stopped by the referee in the twelfth round to save Mackenzie from further punishment.

STILL NO AGREEMENT FOR PEACE IS REACHED

Meeting Adjourned Without Any Terms Having Been Completed

New York, Dec. 18.—The peace meeting between organized baseball and independent interests adjourned to-day and Ban Johnson announced that no definite action had been taken. The committee will meet in Cincinnati next Tuesday. Approval of the tentative baseball peace plans having been given by representatives of the National, American and Federal leagues, the details of the treaty were considered in a conference here to-day of the members of the national commission, with a committee from the Federal League. Meanwhile the negotiators are awaiting the result of efforts which are to be made in Chicago to-day to obtain the consent of Judge Landis to dismiss the suit brought by the Federal League against organized baseball. Once Judge Landis's consent is obtained, it is understood that the national commission and the Federal League committee have the authority to adjust details and sign the peace agreement. Aside from the members of the National and Federal league clubs in Chicago and St. Louis, one of the most important clauses in the agreement, it is stated authoritatively, is a provision that seventy-two Federal league players who now have contracts with the Federal league shall be fully protected by organized baseball. According to the same authority, other Federal players will be given ten days' notice.

Garry Herrmann was the only member of the national commission to appear up to 10 o'clock. Herrmann said nothing had been heard from the lawyers sent to Chicago to ask Judge Landis for permission to withdraw the Federal's suit against organized baseball. If the permission is granted it will lead to a quick settlement of the peace conditions. Many of the various league magnates were on hand early, and the chief topic of discussion was the terms which became public early to-day. Several of the owners denied that the terms had been as far advanced as the report stated. It has been virtually agreed, it was learned, that George S. Ward, owner of the Brooklyn Federals, will receive four per cent, and not five per cent, as previously stated, on his investment at Washington park for a period of twenty years. Organized baseball will not agree to reimburse Ward for any loss due to players' contracts or expenses of conducting the club. Each club of the two leagues will contribute \$1,200 annually to meet the reimbursements. Charles Weeghman, of Chicago, will buy a controlling interest in the Cubs. It is understood that the New York Giants are not for sale at any price. An official of the club is authority for the statement that Mr. Hempstead has recently turned down four tempting offers.

It was stated to-day that both the St. Louis Browns and Nationals were on the market, and that tentative offers had been made for each team. The owners of the Baltimore Federals insist that the St. Louis Nationals be transferred to Baltimore. Mr. Gaffney, owner of the Boston Nationals, stated to-day that the night conference disclosed that the Federals had lost more than \$2,000,000 since its entry into the baseball world. This amount was more than the combined losses of all previous baseball wars, it was stated.

BENNY LEONARD LANDS MANDOT SLEEP-PRODUCER. New York, Dec. 18.—Benny Leonard, of New York, knocked out Joe Mandot, of New Orleans, in the seventh round of a ten-round match here last night. Leonard weighed 135 and Mandot 134½ pounds. Ad Wolgast, of Cadillac, Mich., was unable to toe the mark in the seventh round of a ten-round match with Leach Cross, of this city. Wolgast entered the ring with a patch over one eye, the result of a cut received in a recent fight. Cross took the first two rounds and the former champion the fourth and fifth. Wolgast received a severe beating in the seventh round, and was unable to continue. Joe Welling, of Chicago, outpointed Young Brown, of this city, in ten rounds.

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BERG INJURED. Spokane, Dec. 18.—John Berg, the favorite light-heavyweight wrestler, who had been looked upon as the logical opponent for Jack Taylor, the ex-Canadian policeman, threw out his right knee in a practice scuffle with Nick Daviscourt at the Y.M.C.A. the other day and will not be able to wrestle for two or three weeks.

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Creditors are required to file their claims against the said Company showing what security is held by them in respect thereof, and duly verified by Statutory Declaration, with Thomas Henry Slater, 511 Union Bank Building, Provisional Liquidator of the said Company, before the said 22nd day of December, 1915.

A meeting of the Contributors of the said Company will be held at the same place and for the same purpose at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon of the said 22nd day of December, 1915.

A meeting of the Shareholders of the said Company will be held at the same place and for the same purpose at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the said 22nd day of December, 1915.

**MACFARLANE & BOYLE, Solicitors for the Provisional Liquidator, Union Bank Building, Victoria, B. C.**

**NEWCASTLE LUMBER MILLS, LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION**

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**CAMERON VALLEY LAND COMPANY, LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION**

A meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held at the office of Macfarlane & Boyle, 106-107 Union Bank Building, corner of View and Government streets, Victoria, B. C., on Wednesday, the 22nd day of December, 1915, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of nominating an Official Liquidator.

Creditors are required to file their claims against the said Company showing what security is held by them in respect thereof, and duly verified by Statutory Declaration, with Thomas Henry Slater, 511 Union Bank Building, Provisional Liquidator of the said Company, before the said 22nd day of December, 1915.

A meeting of the Contributors of the said Company will be held at the same place and for the same purpose at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon of the said 22nd day of December, 1915.

A meeting of the Shareholders of the said Company will be held at the same place and for the same purpose at 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon of the said 22nd day of December, 1915.

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**HOW SHELL AND OTHER COMMITTEES PLAY THE GAME**

By H. F. G.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The foxy guessers are predicting that the government will not invent any new taxes at the coming session of parliament, the idea being to postpone these burdens on the people until another general election decides which party is to be the goat. Meanwhile there may be another war loan or two while the borrowing is good and the Canadian people looßen up readily.

Rumor has it that the finance minister was fairly knocked flat by the tremendous answer to his first appeal to the people. He had no idea that they would dig it up that way, and when he saw the amount subscribed twice over it gave him a new light on the Liberal doctrine that the best way for a government to get along is to trust the people. Wonderful things happen, as history shows, when a government makes a policy of trusting the people, but Mr. White never had the lesson brought home to him with great personal force until he floated his Canadian war loan. He not only got what he asked for, twice over, but a very broad hint with it that there was plenty more where that came from.

Up to a month ago the Borden government was trusting everybody but the Canadian people. It seemed to have got the notion into its head that it had a stroke of luck in 1911, and that the people must not be allowed near enough to discover what a fluke it was. At any rate they had little confidence in the people at large and when the war came along they proceeded to make it a strictly party affair, only patriots of the right Conservative complexion being admitted to the close communion of profiteers. How the party patriots behaved was uncovered by the scandal committee, a scandal story which need not be repeated here.

Undaunted by these experiences, the government proceeded to trust the shell committee, which was formed after parliament had prorogued and the scandal committee had shut up shop. It was natural to suppose that the shell committee would get in most of its fine work before the next session of parliament and that consequently it would be able to trust out. So the shell game went along merrily for months and Mr. Sam never had a suspicious thought about it, and as for the government, it went on trusting from day to day, as the hymn says, simply trusting, that was all. It trusted the steel pirates on the committee not to be too kind to themselves when they were distributing the plunder, and it would have gear old Mother England had not quit first. The shell committee had in fact made such a hole in the resources of the British empire that John Bull, accustomed as he is to deep calls on his pocket, set up a roar that could be heard across the Atlantic ocean. Whereupon David Lloyd George sent Canada his two apostolic delegates, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Hichens, who straightened the shell committee out, took it out of the hands of a too confiding government and reorganized it generally on the basis that they would trust it as far as they could see it. If you asked Mr. Thomas or Mr. Hichens for their opinion as to how

far the original shell committee could be trusted, they would probably reply that it could be trusted to help itself to anything that wasn't nailed down.

Another thing the government is disposed to trust is royal commissions of one sort or another. It's a dull week when the Borden government doesn't invent a new commission to take over part of its work. And when it comes to royal commissions it is worth noting how much trust the government places in certain men who will be found on nearly all the commissions. Evidently as far as the Borden government is concerned, Mr. J. W. Flavell is a Rock of Ages on whom it can always lean. No doubt Mr. Flavell deserves this great trust. He helped turn the wicked Grits out in 1911 when they contemplated giving the people a chance to buy their bacon at some other shop than Mr. Flavell's. He has organized the hog industry on a systematic and highly profitable basis and is acknowledged by hog raisers and others with whom he comes in contact as a Napoleon of Business.

Incidentally he is a moral uplifter of great repute and a decided acquisition to any royal commission to which he may belong. He is now a member of the Dominion resources commission, its leading member one might say, and is also chairman of the munitions board, so that he is pretty well spread over the field of national endeavor. No one attempts to deny that he is equal to these grave tasks, but certain other members of the Conservative party, themselves no mean performers, are wondering how Mr. Flavell happens to be so big that the government can't see anybody else. This may be jealousy, of course, but when one considers that the Ontario government has chosen another Flavell, J. D., to sit as chairman of the provincial license commission, it does begin to look like a run on the Flavell family.

The Flavell shoulders are broad and they have four shoulders between them, so they may be able to bear the load, but they are getting the governments with which they mingle into lazy habits, not to mention the fact that there are other men in the party who are willing to take over some of the chores. Meanwhile the two Lindsay phenomena remain in favor as headlines and their special stunt might be sketched—Responsible Government, A Sketch by the Flavell Brothers.

Curiously enough before the government decided to trust the Canadian people to a limited degree it had trusted the United States, with whom it was sworn to have no truck or trade, to the extent of borrowing \$10,000,000, which, of course, not only takes our money out of the Empire of which we form a part but helps to deplete the British gold reserve. However, war loans in Canada will put an end to that. Incidentally, Mr. Brand, another of Lloyd George's missionaries, has thrown out the suggestion that the Canadian government trust itself to finance British war orders in Canada by issuing Dominion notes against British treasury bills—taking John Bull's F.O.T., as it were, for war supplies—and it may pluck up enough to do it.

**GRANDFATHERS OF HUNGARY AT FRONT**

**Dual Monarchy is at the End of Its Man-Power**

Budapest, via London, Dec. 18.—In all the many tragic days of the war Austria-Hungary has just reached its most pathetic and deeply moving period. The men between forty-three and fifty years have had to join the colors. These figures are not to be judged according to the military value they represent. What they really represent is the commercial and economic backbone of a nation, and those who have to sacrifice this strength for a comparatively small military value know best what an immense loss the difference indicates. The man of forty-three to fifty years is a father, in some cases a grandfather. He is established in life and business, and upon him the future of some and the happiness of many depend.

The man in this class in Austria-Hungary, especially in the districts inhabited by nationalities, is not the kind of man one finds in Western Europe of the same age. The Englishman, for instance, at this age is robust, healthy and young. He looks thirty-five and often has the advantage over his juniors. The peasant in Transylvania, Croatia, even in some parts of the Hungarian districts, is an old man at forty-five to fifty years. He is badly fed all his life, lives in unhealthy houses, works hard from his childhood up, lives under political and economic oppression and never hears of sports; the women are old at thirty-five; one would take them for sixty. Yet the recruiting committee worked havoc among men of this age, and, according to figures to hand, fifty per cent. of them were found fit. In ordinary times this is the average with men of twenty-one to twenty-four years.

**Tearful Scenes.**  
The tearful scenes recorded in the Budapest and provincial press over the leave-taking of "the grandfathers," as they are being styled, are most pathetic and heartrending. Even such newspapers as the *As Est*, a subsidized government organ, which ought not to wait at anything, gives vent to feelings of utmost despair. It wants to console its readers, as a good subsidized paper

should, yet the consolation is very bitter indeed.

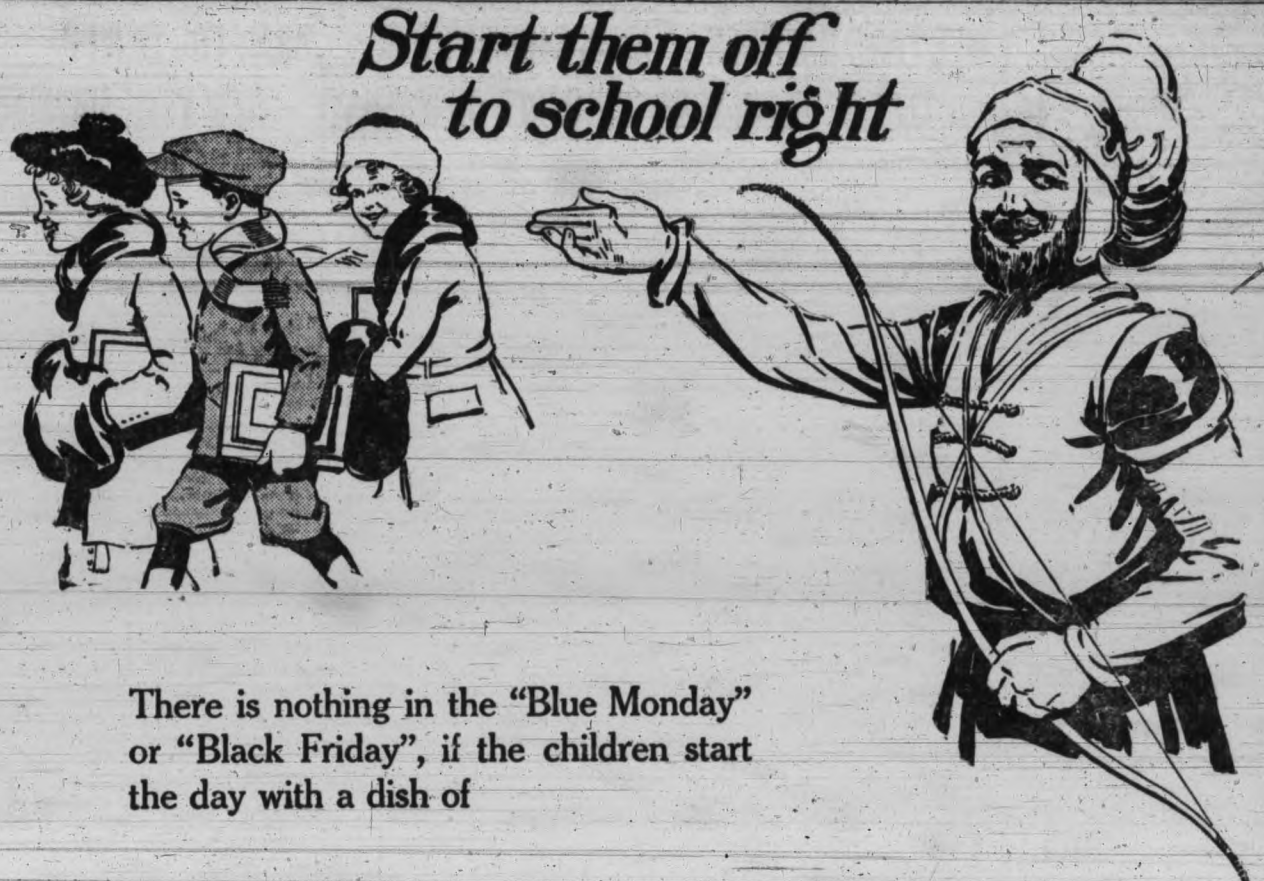
"We are pouring out the last waves of the ocean of blood," it says. "The bleeding of the world is nearing its end, for by all law, all signs, all instincts, the day cannot be far away when the flood is to regain its bed. In the mist of the horizon we can distinguish already the feathers of the white dove. Yet we have to sacrifice another winter and the fathers of our nation before we can reap the benefits of our efforts. We have to gather our final resources, strain our muscles to the last for the concluding stages of the struggle."

**Man-power Exhausted.**  
And in this key it goes on for a column and a half. The gist of the article is that the war is going to be over with this last levy, for the man power of the country being exhausted, the war cannot go on any longer.

The pathos of the great event lies not in its political or military significance, nor in the flowery and pathetic editorials of the newspapers, but in the thousands and hundreds of thousands of individual tragedies connected with it. Of these many are found in the *Szepesava*. The writer of them went to see the very tragedy itself. No playwright could have invented scenes more tragic.

The scene is the pavement before the great barracks on the Ulloi, in Budapest. It is 7 o'clock in the morning and the men are coming from all directions with their small bundles, wives and children. They stop before the barracks and take leave.  
"On-avay, fact on can detect the feeling that the parting is forever," says the article. "I stop among the groups and listen. One of the men talks to a grown-up girl, evidently his daughter: 'I think you will not have to wait for months for the separation allowance. Don't weep, but see that mama is consoled, and take care of her if anything happens to me.' He could not utter another word."  
"An elderly woman stands at the gate. She is ill-looking, and weeps bitterly. I try to soothe her. 'My husband just went in there,' she says. 'I tell her to go home. It is very cold, but she insists on staying. He might come out again for a minute,' she says. An hour later I saw her still standing there."

**National Hari-Kari.**  
Not the least interesting question in connection with the "grandfathers" joining the colors is the military value and significance of the new levy. Especially is it the more interesting as this is supposed to be in all circumstances the very last resource of the monarchy apart from the 17-year-old boys, who are to be called up early in the spring. The number of these does not exceed 150,000. On the authority of

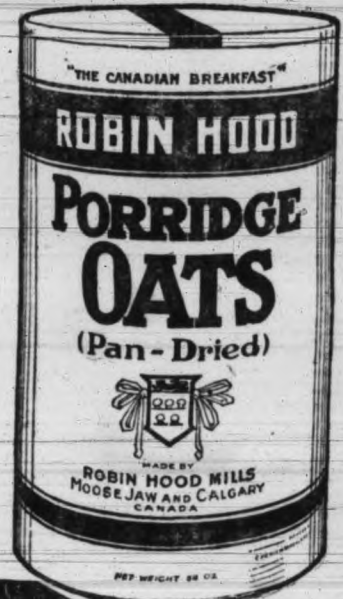


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**A FEW DELEGATES AT BERNE DISCUSS PEACE**

Berne, Dec. 18.—After many vicissitudes in getting across the frontier, enough delegates to the international congress to study the basis of a durable peace arrived yesterday to permit of a meeting of the executive council. A long session was held behind closed doors, the purpose being to give out a statement later. Seven nations were said to be represented, but the names of the delegates and the countries they represented are being withheld for the present owing to the embarrassments and dangers resulting from participation in peace meetings.  
Officials of the council maintain, however, that they are not conducting peace propaganda, and are not seeking to influence propositions toward that end, but are preparing solely for the international social and economic conditions which will result after the belligerents make peace. Resolutions to this effect probably will be adopted to free the organization from the difficulties it is experiencing in carrying on its work.

**FORTIFYING SALONICA QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE**

Salonica, Dec. 18.—Dispatches received by entente army officers here report the arrival at Sofia of eight battalions, each made up of three 7½-inch guns, which are bound for Salonica. The work on the fortifications here is being pushed as rapidly as possible. The entente officers are advertising in the newspapers for workmen, and are employing on the work all Serbians who are not subject to service in the army. It is expected that complete control of the railways and the railway yards will be taken over by the Anglo-French forces on Sunday.  
Entente troops and munitions continue to arrive here.

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**AETNA ACTIVE.**

Catania, Sicily, Dec. 18.—Mount Aetna is considerably active again and is emitting red-hot lava, which, streaming the sides of the mountain and melting the snow, produces a wonderful effect, especially at night. In addition glowing cinders and smoke form an umbrella-shaped cloud above the volcano.

**GUESTS DRIVEN OUT.**

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 18.—A fire that destroyed the Capitol avenue theatre was brought under control at 6 o'clock to-day. Mayor Lafontaine and Walter Bradley were injured slightly, and forty guests, thinly clad, were driven into the icy streets when the blaze threatened the Plains hotel adjoining.

**BREAD IN HUNGARY.**

Zurich, Dec. 18.—The Hungarian government has decided to introduce the bread-ticket system throughout the kingdom owing to the shortage of flour, coupled with transportation difficulties.

**TO ROGERS PASS.**

Calgary, Dec. 18.—Chief Engineer J. G. Sullivan, of the C. P. R., with a party of railway men, passed through here yesterday en route for Rogers Pass, to witness the "breaking through" of the tunnel, which is due to happen Sunday or Monday.  
"I. B. 'Imperial' Lager Beer, pints, \$1.00 per dozen.

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O'Leary, V.C., is bright as well as brave. To a young fellow who begged him for one of his buttons as a keepsake, Michael said: "It is one button only you're wantin' Sure, if ye'll just cross the road a bit, there's a fine 'boym' sergeant there who'll give you a coat full of buttons for the asking; and you'd look mighty fine in khaki, me-lad." The souvenir-hunter disappeared.



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SAILS ON LAST TRIP FOR WINTER MONTHS
Prince Rupert Cleared for North To-day; Will Be Replaced by Prince John.

Cleaving on her last voyage for the winter, the G. T. P. steamer Prince Rupert, Capt. De McKenzie, sailed for Prince Rupert this morning at 10 o'clock.

The Prince Rupert, with her sister-ship the Prince George, has been in constant service since last spring and during the summer months helped maintain the fast schedule of three trips a week to Prince Rupert.

The people of Prince Rupert have sent a petition to the head office of the G. T. P. asking them to have the steamer tied up at that port.

Wearmouth Takes John.
Capt. Wearmouth, who has been sailing as pilot of the Prince George, will take command of the Prince John.

SCHOONER BLOWN UP
Washington, Dec. 18.—The fishing schooner Manomet was blown up and sunk about 12 miles off Thatcher Island, near Cape Ann, yesterday.

TIMES SHIPPING CHART
DEEP SEA ARRIVALS
Steamer Master Tonnage Agents From Due
Muskelin Dunn 2,847 Balfour Guthrie Hongkong Dec. 17

MEN FROM MAVERICK
TELL OF WEIRD TRIP
Three Officers and Five of Crew at Frisco From Batavia; German Influences.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—The German government through its San Francisco agents, paid the cost of the mysterious cruise of the Maverick.

These statements were made by members of the crew of the Maverick who returned to San Francisco yesterday on the steamer Seiso Maru.

There she is being watched by Dutch and British warships, and it is the belief of the returned seamen that the Maverick's purpose was the establishment of a naval base.

The party is composed of Oscar Erickson, first officer; William Reed, second officer; and T. M. Kenny, assistant cook, all of San Pedro.

The ship touched first at Socorro Island, where she waited for twelve days, after failure to meet the steamer Annie Larsen.

Later the Annie Larsen reached Hoquiam, Washington, with the ammunition and rifles aboard, and was held by the federal government.

It is expected that the Maverick sailors will be called before the federal grand jury in neutrality investigation.

XMAS CARGO WILL BE UNLOADED ON MONDAY
Musician Now Is Steaming North From Frisco; Freight Wanted by Merchants.

With her anxiously-awaited cargo of Christmas foodstuffs and toys, the Harrison liner Muscian sailed from San Francisco on Thursday evening at 6 o'clock on the last leg of her voyage.

The Muscian has all told for Victoria 1,000 tons of cargo. Included in it is a very large shipment of water pipe for the Sannich municipality.

Other ships due next week include the R. M. S. Empress of Japan, which is paying her first visit since the outbreak of war.

The Muscian was expected here early last November, but just as she arrived at Colon the gigantic slides took place in Gaillard and Culebra cuts.

Five whaling captains attached their names to the movement yesterday: Capt. J. Christian and Capt. J. Anderson.

The fishing fleet in British Columbia waters is being rapidly increased and the number of vessels operate off the west coast banks.

The Pacific Coast Steamship President, which sailed last night at 10 o'clock from San Francisco, carried 221 passengers.

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MILKY FOG TIES UP NEW YORK SHIPPING
Ferryboat in Collision and Sailing Ship Goes Ashore; Movement of Trains Impeded.

New York, Dec. 18.—Heavy rain and a milky fog practically tied up marine traffic in New York harbor early to- day and impeded the movement of rail- road trains.

The municipal ferryboat Manhattan, on her way to Staten Island, collided with a steamship at anchor off the Statue of Liberty and part of the ferry's cabin was carried away.

Whalers and Fishermen Would Like to See Life-Saving Service Improved.

No difficulty is being experienced by the Times in securing the support of seafaring men to the movement for the improvement of life-saving facilities.

Capt. Hawes, master of the whaling tender Gray, said: "I am certainly in favor of the movement and will lend my name to it."

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SIX SHIPS CARRYING WOOL TO GOLDEN GATE
Steamships Are En Route From Australian Ports; General News From Frisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Advice received by the marine department of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday announced that six big freighters, heavily laden with wool from Australian ports, will arrive here within the next sixty days.

The Harrison Direct liner Muscian left this port late Thursday night for Victoria, Vancouver and Seattle to discharge part of her cargo brought from Liverpool and Glasgow.

The barquentine Planter, laid-up in Oakland creek, holds the Pacific coast record for continued illness.

The French barque Notre Dame d'Arvor, 2,282 tons, has been chartered to carry wheat from the Columbia river to the United Kingdom at 110s by Strauss & Co. (re-let).

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REFORMED EPISCOPAL

Church of Our Lord, corner Blanshard and Humboldt streets. Rector, Rev. A. deli. Owen.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

St. Joseph's church, Esquimalt. Holy communion at 7 a. m.; mass, sermon and benediction at 11 a. m.

BAPTIST.

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First, corner Quadra and Fisgard streets. Minister, Rev. J. G. Inkster, B. A., will preach at both services. ... St. Paul's, corner Fisgard and Mary streets.

LUTHERAN.

Corner Princess avenue and Chambers street. Services at 11 a. m. The Luther League and friends will meet at 7 p. m.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Nazarene, corner Fisgard and Chambers. Preaching, 11 a. m., by the pastor; Sunday school, 10; class and prayer meeting, 7 p. m.

UNITARIAN.

First, corner Fernwood road and Fisgard street. Service at 11 a. m. Rev. Walter Letham, pastor.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 224 Pandora avenue. Services are held on Sundays at 11 a. m.

METHODIST.

Metropolitan, corner of Pandora and Quadra streets. Pastor, Rev. C. T. Scott, B. A., D. D. Class meeting, 10 a. m.; public worship at 11 and 7.30; Sunday school, 2.30; Brotherhood, 7.45.

Centennial, Gorge road, one block from Government street. Rev. A. S. Colwell, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school and Bible classes at 2.30 p. m.

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OTHER MEETINGS

Connaught Seaman's Institute. J. Wright Hill, secretary and port missionary. The Psychic Research Society will hold their Sunday services in the hall, 715 Courtney street, at 3 and 7.30 p. m.

Christians gathered to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ meet in Victoria hall, 1415 Blanshard street, near Pandora street, Sunday, 11 a. m., breaking of bread; 3 p. m., Sunday school; 7 p. m., gospel meeting.

Christians meet in Oakland Gospel Hall, corner Hillside avenue and Cedar Hill road. Lord's day, 11 a. m., breaking of bread; 3 p. m., school and adult Bible class; 7.30 p. m., bright Gospel service.

Seventh Day Adventist, corner Hillside avenue and Graham street. Services Sabbath (Saturday), 10:30; prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7.30 p. m.

Welsh services, Knights of Columbus hall, Fort street, 7.30 p. m. Strangers' Rest. Service will be conducted on Sunday evening at 7.30 by Mrs. Bury and Miss Smith.

CONGREGATIONAL

First Congregational church, corner Quadra and Meeson streets. Rev. Charles A. Sykes, B. A., pastor. Regular services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.

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

BIBLE STUDENTS.

Associated Bible Students meet in I. B. S. A. hall, Yates street. Bible study, 11 a. m. and 2.45 p. m.

SYNAGOGUE.

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



Monday-Colfax Sewing Circle, 2 p. m. General relief committee, 7.30 p. m., Victoria lodge, No. 1. Tuesday-Vancouver Encampment, No. 1.

The regular meeting of the circle will be held on Monday afternoon next at 2 o'clock. General Relief Committee. The regular semi-monthly meeting of the general relief committee will be held next Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

The officers for this association for the ensuing term are as follows: President, Sis. K. P. Simpson; vice-presi-

dent, Sis. G. Livingstone; secretary-treasurer, Sis. J. J. Pilgrim. Vancouver Encampment, No. 1.

The regular meeting of the encampment will be held next Tuesday evening, when the whist tournament will be continued. Columbia Lodge, No. 2.

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Canon Victoria, No. 2. On account of next Friday being Christmas eve there will be no meeting of the canon next week. Has Recovered From Illness. The membership generally will be pleased to learn that Bro. J. Wilby, P. G. of Columbia lodge, has recovered from his recent illness, and is able to be around again.

SONS OF ENGLAND. Lodge Pride of the Island held their annual meeting on Tuesday evening. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Bro. Carpenter; vice-president, Bro. Ferriday; chaplain, Bro. Cobbett; secretary, Bro. Whitley; treasurer, Bro. Norman.

Bro. Henderson; 5th, Bro. J. E. Taylor; 6th, Bro. J. Hall; inside guard, Bro. Jackson; outside guard, Bro. Hill; auditors, Bro. Pomeroy, P. P., Smith and Gilmour; trustees, Bro. Chadwick, B. E., Gardner, P. P., Bussey, P. P., and Danforth; advisory board, Bros. Pomeroy, P. P., Chadwick, P. P., Gardner, P. P., and Smith; arbitration board, all executive officers and committeemen. S. O. E. hall representative, Bro. Carpenter; Supreme lodge delegate, Bro. Brindley.

The secretary read an interesting letter from Bro. Jack Davey, of the 39th battalion, who is in hospital in England. Juvenile lodge, Young England, No. 87, held the election of officers on Wednesday, and the following were elected: president, Bro. Thorne; chaplain, Bro. L. K. Howlett; 1st guide, Bro. Blacklock; 2nd guide, Bro. Trowsdale; 3rd guide, Bro. Loffs; 4th guide, Bro. McKernon; inside guard, Bro. H. Smith; outside guard, Bro. Brown. The other officers are chosen by the advisory board.

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ARREARS IN WATER RATES.

To the Editor.—It appears that if a tenant leaves owing arrears of water tax, the landlord must pay the arrears before the water company of Victoria will consent to turn on the water supply. This seems to me to be wholly unfair and a great hardship in such times as stress as the present. If the water company were to charge a deposit before turning on the water, and cut off the supply when arrears equalled the amount of deposit, there would be no necessity for loss, and the innocent would not have to assume debts they never incurred. It is surely the duty of the city companies in protecting themselves to also protect the ratepayers, or not to oppress them. Let the city companies reduce their rates in special cases sooner than extend charity at the expense of other people's pockets!

Victoria is widely known as a residential city, but it will not continue as such if the ratepayers are to be unnecessarily squeezed by civic maladministration. I have before me the reply of the city water company on the matter thus suggested to them, and their refusal to alter the prevailing conditions.

It is for the ratepayers and landowners in Victoria to take the matter up and exert sufficient pressure to have any injustice removed. It can be done. The money spent in paying arrears which should never be permitted to be incurred—can all be spared; and as far as I can see, I personally, may leave my rented residence owing arrears which I need never trouble to pay, as I understand the city waterworks take no measures to trace absconding tenants who leave in arrears to them, and the city will not bear the loss whoever else may suffer.

I note the motto of our city is "Comper Liber." I should be glad to see further expression of opinion on the subject of this letter in the press by ratepayers who have suffered from existing conditions herein-quoted.

December 15, 1915. DORA WOOD.

He who postpones the day for living as he knows he ought to do is like the fool who sits by the river and waits till it flows by; but it glides and will glide on till all time.—Horace.

I had awful sharp pains in the lower part of back and left hip. Could only walk.

Rheumatism and Lumbago

Mr. Wm. Parker, 105 Cayuga street, Brantford, Ont., tells in the following letter of his remarkable experience with Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills:—"My doctor treated me for some time for Sciatica, Rheumatism, Lumbago, but to no purpose, for I had to lay off work. The visiting officer of Sick Benefit called to see me and advised the use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, stating that he had been cured of the same trouble by their use. I asked the druggist about them and he recommended them highly. Not being satisfied with this, I went back to my doctor, and when he said they were good I began their use. The promptness with which they enlivened the action of the kidneys and bowels was wonderful, and it was not long before I was rid of all my trouble. I had awful sharp pains in the lower part of my back and left hip, and was so bad that I could only walk by hanging on to a chair or the wall. My wife had to lace my shoes. Only those who have had this ailment can realize the way I suffered. I am writing this letter to let people who have my trouble know of these pills. You are at liberty to use this letter, and if anyone interested will call or write to me I will give every detail."

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FIRE CHIEF OFFERED NEW APPOINTMENT

An Apparatus Manufacturing Company Anxious to Secure His Services
Fire Chief Davis has been invited to accept the agency of a large firm of fire apparatus manufacturers for portion of the Western States and Western Canada. He has been asked to take over his duties in February.

Knowledge of motor apparatus is particularly desired in the holder of the appointment now vacant, and as the chief has specialized in this regard this has been an important factor in the recommendation of the president of the company to his board of chief Davis's appointment.

ALLOWANCES FOR WORKERS' FAMILIES

Department of Labor Says Money Will Be Paid on Proof of Identity
Deputy Minister of Labor Auckland has wired to John Day, who was active in assisting the Barnes-Windham commission to secure armament workers here, that dependents of the workers in Great Britain who have not received the British grant, are to file their claims.

New Thought Lectures.—At the Progress temple to-morrow, Dr. Butler will deliver two addresses, respectively at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. His morning subject will be "The Power of Police," while in the evening he will speak on "The Majority of Man."

Meeting For Men.—At the usual 4 o'clock meeting for men at the Y. M. C. A. to-morrow Rev. Robert Connell will speak on "Wartime Thoughts on Religion." The address will be followed by a fellowship tea to which all the men are invited.

Back From Front.—Private Robert Wilson, of the Seventh Battalion, invalided home after being wounded at the front, arrived in Vancouver from the afternoon boat for this city. He was met at the wharf by members of the Wel-some Club.

Social Dance.—In the Knights of Columbus hall, Fort street, the Victoria Review, No. 1, Women's Benefit association of the Macabees, will hold their regular social dance on Tuesday evening, Dec. 28. All friends will be welcomed. Prof. Heaton will supply the music. Light refreshments will be served. A short meeting will be held at 7.30 o'clock.

Welcome Club.—At a meeting of the Welcome club on Friday evening, the secretary was requested to write to Ottawa and ask the military authorities to specify some officer to meet returning soldiers, and to hear and attend to their grievances. Delays between arrival here and payment of back military pay had left men practically stranded, it was said.

Phoenix Beer.—2 qts. for 25c.
Centennial Epworth League.—The monthly Epworth league will be held on Monday evening in the parlor of the church, when William Stubbs will give an address on "Charles Dickens' Exports from some of his best work" will be read, and an interesting meeting is anticipated. The members of the missionary committee are asked to meet at 7.30 sharp, as there is important business to transact.

B. C. Federation of Labor.—The sixth annual convention of the British Columbia Federation of Labor will convene in the Labor temple, Vancouver, at ten o'clock on Monday, January 17. Victoria is entitled to one vice-president and Vancouver Island one vice-president. The outstanding feature of the convention will be workmen's compensation legislation for industrial accidents and diseases.

Saanich Municipal Election.—It may be assumed that of the eight members of the Saanich council six will be re-nominated on January 10. While the men in power are willing to step out, they think that having raised the money for public works, and becoming conversant with every detail of the existing contracts, they should finish their work to which they have put their hand. There is a general sentiment in the municipality such as occurred two years ago anxious for a change of policy, although partisan feeling still is fostered in some quarters.

MRS. REVELY'S FUNERAL

Vancouver Lady Who Was Well Known in Victoria
The funeral of the late Mrs. F. Revely, who passed away in Vancouver on Wednesday, took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of Dr. Farish, her son-in-law, 755 Bute street. The impressive services of the Church of England were conducted at Christ church by Rev. C. S. McGiffin, the rector, and the interment was in the family plot at Mountain View cemetery. The pallbearers were: H. T. Lockyer, Gilbert Blair, W. H. Ker, Col. Thos. Tracy, E. A. Thomas and J. W. Hackett.

The late Mrs. Revely belonged to a well-known Victoria family. She came to this city as an infant with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Gowen, and resided here until twenty years ago. Captain Revely, whom she married, was British Columbia agent of the marine and fisheries department, and was widely known among the shipping men of the Pacific coast. He died some years ago. Mrs. Revely had a large circle of friends on both the island and mainland. She was an ardent church worker and was long actively interested in benevolent movements in Vancouver. She leaves two sons and a daughter, whose earlier years were spent in this city. One son, Fred, is in Cariboo, and the other, Charles, lives in Vancouver. The daughter is Mrs. Dr. Farish, from whose home the funeral took place. Mrs. Revely is survived also by her aged mother, Mrs. C. N. Gowen, and the following brothers and sisters: C. N. Gowen, and F. A. Gowen; Mrs. H. Cooper, Mrs. Thain, Mrs. F. Carne, and Miss Gowen, all of whom, with the exception of Mrs. Cooper, who resides in Portland, are living in this city.

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BATTALION PARADE

The 88th Battalion, Victoria Fusiliers, Lt.-Col. Rous Cullin, O.C., will parade from the Willows to the city to-night, marching through all the downtown thoroughfares. The route of march will be by way of Yates to Blanshard, Fort street, Douglas and Humboldt, coming out opposite the post office. From the post office they will turn back up Government street as far as Figgard. By way of Figgard they will reach Douglas, thence marching along Fort as far as Blanshard. At the corner of Blanshard and Yates, in front of the 88th Battalion recruiting office, the men will be dismissed. The parade should be particularly imposing as the unit is now over 800 strong, and will make a good showing. The men will leave the Willows at about 7 o'clock, and will reach the downtown streets a little before 8.

LOST

A black, smooth-haired Retriever puppy, about four months old, on Rockland avenue last night. Finder will be rewarded. Reward \$10.00. G. H. Barnard, 1462 Rockland.

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Monday Next
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Present entries: 3-year-old Jersey bull, 3 cows, fresh, 4 grade, and 1 Jersey cow; 4 horses. SPECIAL LOT of Poultry, which includes 100 purebred Rhode Island Reds and Barred Plymouth Rock pullets, 4 pigs, about 50 lbs. each; wagon, furniture, etc.

LOCAL NEWS

Steel Die Embossing—We do it. Sweeney-McConnell, Ltd., 1010-12 Langley street.

Silver-Spring Beer, 2 qts. for 25c.

Pythian Sisters.—The Pythian Sisters will hold a whist drive in the K. of P. hall on Monday evening at 8.15. Prizes and refreshments will be provided.

Sum For Christmas Box.—The B. C. Protestant Orphanage has received, through Chief Langley, a subscription from the Victoria and Quadra A. F. & O. U. lodge.

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Ebony Brushes in Mirrors Hair Brushes Sponges—Natural and Rubber Cloth Brushes

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PIANO—\$500, cost \$650; cabinet grand piano, \$100, cost \$250. Gibson mandolin, \$25, cost \$50. All in perfect condition and as good as new. Suite 1, Montreal and Michigan.

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PASSED AWAY
REVELY—At Vancouver, B. C., on the 15th inst., Catherine Elizabeth, daughter of Mrs. Gowen and the late Charles Gowen, and relict of the late Captain Revely, all of this city. (Holy Gassette please copy.)

CARD OF THANKS
The widow and family of the late Mr. John Geldard tender their sincerest thanks to the brethren of Victoria Columbia, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., and Far West Lodge, No. 1, K. of P., for their practical sympathy, and to the many friends for their kind letters and messages of condolence and beautiful floral offerings.

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TOURNAMENT ENDS
VERY SUCCESSFULLY
MANY MORE WILL BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE

Second Night's Entertainment
by Naval and Military a Big Achievement

The second night of the naval and military tournament, which has been such an interesting attraction at the Horse Show building at the Willows for the past two evenings, brought a crowd no less enthusiastic than that which greeted the opening night. The semifinals and finals in a number of the events were worked out in the contests last evening, and in one or two instances not a little surprise was occasioned at the results.
The naval field gun display and the musical ride were repeated, and even those who had seen them on the previous occasion were watched with interest. The escalating, a spectacular performance by the 67th Battalion, was another of the interesting numbers that was given again.
The funny part of the programme was slightly negated by the greater skill of the competitors in the blindfold drill contest. The laughable contortions of the evening before, when the men wandered into all manner of strange positions, were not so numerous. Only three teams were in the final, Sgt. Norris, of the 5th Regiment, winning the decision in favor of his squad. The judge was Major Vershure Bunbury, of the Royal Military school of instruction.
Again the tug-of-war brought about one of the noisiest demonstrations of the whole evening. Despite their good showing on the first night the 11th C. M. R. and the Rainbow men were put out in the semifinals, the 57th battalion, and the 88th coming together at opposite ends of the rope in the final pull. The former won, amid a wild demonstration from the men of the Western Scots, who lined the galleries. After the judges' decision was given a slight discussion took place, the 88th entering a protest that the 67th had changed a man since the previous evening. Reference was made to the rules, this having been conceded, and it was found that the Western Scots were entitled under the catch-weight conditions to do this.
The winners of the wrestling on horseback were the 11th C. M. R., who first disposed the men of the 5th Regiment and then displaced the Rainbow men from their mounts.
The centipede race winners were the "B" section, Field Ambulance Corps. The disparity in the size and temper of the contestants' mounts was responsible for one of the chief features of interest in the tug-of-war on horseback. The competitors in this were the 11th C. M. R. and the 5th Regiment, and undoubtedly the practiced riding of the former was responsible for their defeat of the 5th, whose mounts were adamant, and in this respect at least aided them considerably.
A second exhibition with 6-inch loaders was given by the Rainbow team, which won the highest number of points on Thursday, and by two teams from the R. C. N. V. R. The Rainbow men received their challenge cup from the hands of Lady McBride during the evening, amid much applause.

American Authorities Tracing
Those Who Plotted to Blow Up Welland Canal
New York, Dec. 18.—Paul Koenig, head of the bureau of investigation of the Hamburg-American line, and Richard Emil Leyendecker, a New York art goods retailer, were held in \$50,000 and \$30,000 bail, respectively, to-day by United States Commissioner Houghton on charges of conspiring to blow up the Welland canal. Both provided bail and the hearing was set for January 12. Counsel for Koenig and Leyendecker fought hard for a reduction of the bail asked by the government. Assistant United States District Attorney Wood said in reply:
"The amount is not too large. The people back of these men can put up any amount of money that is needed."
The specific offence charged against Koenig and Leyendecker is conspiring to send a military expedition from this country against a friendly nation. The penalty on conviction is three years in prison and a fine of \$5,000.
Frederick Metzler, employed by the Hamburg-American line and said to have acted as stenographer to Koenig, will be arraigned to-day.

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MINNESOTA'S CREW
ALLOWED ON SHORE
No Evidence Found Plotters
Disabled Boilers of
Big Steamship

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Inspectors James Guthrie and Joseph Dolan announced to-day that they had completed the taking of the testimony of officers and members of the crew of the liner Minnesota, and that their next step would be to examine the interior of the boilers of the big ship.
Inspector Dolan asserted to-day that there had been found no evidence that the boilers had been disabled by plotters. Scales discovered in the tubes of boiler No. 3, on the starboard side, indicated a possibility that in some way salt water had passed through the tubes, he said.
The crew of the Minnesota was granted shore leave to-day, and in view of the fact that the Minnesota will remain here several months, it is likely that the men will be paid off. To do this it will be necessary officially to abandon the voyage. Even then, according to local union officials, there are likely to be wage disputes, as many of the members of the crew are of the opinion that they must be paid for the entire voyage to London unless they consent to accept a smaller amount.

CORRESPONDENT SAW
CAMP AT HOLYPORT
Talked With German Officers
Held by the British
There

London, Dec. 18.—Instead of hearing talk of war, an Associated Press correspondent who made a visit to-day to the prison camp for captured German officers at Holyport, was overwhelmed with inquiries concerning the towns of prisoners who lived in the United States before the war.
Among the prisoners is Victor von Borosini, a well-known social worker connected with Hull House, Chicago. He was captured during the battle of Ypres and was eager for Chicago news. Another captive is Dr. Arnold Kohlschuetter, an astronomer at the solar observatory, Mount Wilson, Cal., who was taken from the Italian liner Ancona at the beginning of the war. Captain Kurt Bauer, who resided in Los Angeles, was taken from a steamship at Gibraltar and brought to Holyport. Holyport is 26 miles from London. The prison camp formerly was an army preparatory school. It now holds 150 German army and navy officers, with 52 orderlies selected from the prison camps for enlisted men. Most of the officers have comfortable quarters in the main building. The orderlies are quartered in regulation British army huts.
The prisoners are permitted to move about freely within the camp enclosure. Not one of them has succeeded in escaping, although one attempt was made. Some of the studiously inclined prisoners are continuing their work. Dr. Kohlschuetter, according to the commandant, has done excellent research work in astronomy during his imprisonment. Modern languages are studied extensively. Spanish being the most popular.

VILLA IS THROUGH
WITH REVOLUTION

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 18.—General Villa has quit the revolution, and is expected to return here to-night or to-morrow, according to apparently authentic reports from Chihuahua to-day.
The household goods of General Villa and his brother, Hipolito, financial agent of the Villa government at Juarez, were brought across the border here to-day. The officers' quarters in Juarez were reported dismantled, and troops there were said to be proceeding to Chihuahua City.
Officers of Villa forces in Juarez were told to "take care of themselves."
The advice from the south state that Villa formally announced his intention of proceeding to the United States if permitted to cross the line, or to go to Europe.

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

London, Dec. 18.—Following are the results of scheduled football games played to-day on the grounds of the first-mentioned clubs:
Midland Section.
Burnley 1; Notts County, 3.
Bradford City 3; Lincoln, 4.
Hull City 1; Sheffield Wednesday, 2.
Leeds City 1; Bradford, 1.
Leicester Forest, 2; Grimby Town, 0.
Notts Forest, 5; Derby County, 4.
Sheffield United, 5; Huddersfield Town, 1.
Lancashire Section.
Blackpool 1; Everton, 4.
Bury, 0; Manchester City, 3.
Excelsior Springs, Mo., Dec. 18.—Charlie White announced to-day that he had received a telegram from his manager, Nate Lewis, in New York, informing him that his match with Champlin Freddie Welsh has been called off. No reasons were given, according to White, who has been resting here for several weeks, preparatory to entering training for his bout with Welsh.

SUCCESS WON BY THE
MONTENEGRIN FORCES

Paris, Dec. 18.—A success for the Herzegovinian army of Montenegro in forcing back the Austrians after a hard battle is reported in the Montenegrin official statement received here to-day. The statement says:
"our army in the sanjak was attacked on Dec. 15 by superior forces along the entire front. Our troops were given orders on the day following to execute movements which permitted them to occupy new defensive positions.
"our Herzegovinian army succeeded after several hours of furious fighting in forcing the enemy to the other side of the river Subeska and inflicting on him very serious losses."

EVERY BYE-ELECTION
TO BE CONTESTED

BREWSTER'S STATEMENT
IN VANCOUVER TO-DAY
Convention in Victoria Already
Called; Convention in Vancouver Soon
Vancouver, Dec. 18.—"The Liberal party of British Columbia has decided to contest every bye-election in the province. A convention has already been called to take place in the city of Victoria to select a candidate to oppose Mr. Flumerfelt, arrangements are to be made to call one in the city of Vancouver to oppose Mr. Tisdall, and the party also will arrange to put a candidate in the field to oppose the re-election of Mr. Lorne Campbell in the city of Rossland."

MONTREAL STOCKS

Montreal, Dec. 18.—To-day's two-hour session of the local market was very quiet, lacking even the recent activity in speculative trading. Traders here are imitating the New York element in assuming a waiting attitude, and the dullness promises to prevail over the holidays. The week-end reviews of business conditions are less optimistic, commenting more on the absence of a setback than on the volume of activity in the holiday trade.

BEST STRENGTH IN PIT
WAS ON LAST TRADES

Chicago, Dec. 18.—The influence in the wheat market which created a rise and new top figures on the recent advance was the strong and heavy Liverpool cables. Last action of the market was strong and it was noticeable that large quantities of long wheat were being poured into the market. Yet it was difficult to trace the purchases. It was considered by the trade near the closing that this early buying was by very large shorts who had placed orders to absorb surplus stuff as it was offered. The publication of the government report has been a disappointment to the bulls.

GERMAN GENERAL KILLED

London, Dec. 18.—Major-General von Stockhausen, of the German army, has been killed, according to a dispatch from Amsterdam to the Central News Agency.

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GERMAN MACHINE
FELL INTO THE SEA
Brought Down by French Torpedo Boat North of Nieuport; Officers Taken

Paris, Dec. 18.—The war office report to-day says:
"There were several artillery engagements last night. In the Artois district fighting at close range with torpedoes occurred near Roelincourt. Our batteries bombarded German trenches at Blareville.
Between the Somme and the Oise, in the region of Chaumes, our artillery directed an offensive fire against a collection of enemy transport wagons.
"Two German hydro-aeroplanes from the airship station at Zebruggen were fired upon by a torpedo boat north of Nieuport. One fell into the sea and the two officers on board were made prisoners.
"A French cruiser bombarded and entirely destroyed the German manufacturing plant at Califa (on the Syrian coast)."

VON PAPAN ON DEC. 22;
CAPT. BOY-ED ON DEC. 28

Washington, Dec. 18.—Secretary Lansing announced this afternoon that Captain von Papan, recalled military attache of the German embassy, will sail for Europe on Dec. 22, and Captain Boy-Ed, recalled naval attache, on Dec. 28.

STOCK MARKET DID BETTER AT
SHORT SESSION BUT NARROW
IN FLUCTUATION

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BULL TALK PERSISTS FOR STANDARD LEAD
Arguments Put Forward Favor Strong Motives in B. C. Issue

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**Child's Wagons at cash price of \$3.50.**

**4-Piece Kindergarten Sets, consisting of table, one arm and two small chairs. "Made in Victoria." Well finished, at cash price of \$2.70.**



Pte. J. D. Eddie (on the right) has been reported killed in action. He came to Victoria from the Bulkley valley over a year ago, joined the 50th Highlanders, and later was drafted into the 48th Battalion. When in Victoria he lived with his uncle, W. Eddie, 1691 Bank street, whose son, Pte. James A. R. Eddie (on the left), was wounded some months ago, and is now in the Duchess of Connaught hospital in England.

### TO DISCUSS CITY'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT

#### Meeting Between Directors of Hospital and Civic Finance Committee on Monday

The directors of the Royal Jubilee hospital, at the meeting last evening, decided that the finance committee should meet the finance committee of the city council on Monday with regard to the appropriation for next year. "Grants" in the health committee estimates, because under the existing arrangement the city actually pays only for the patients treated at the rate of \$1.50 per day. The terms of the agreement were that the city should contribute \$1,000 a month, and the managing secretary stated that the hospital had actually earned \$11,338 till November 30, so that the city had not really reached the amount due under the arrangement. President R. S. Day indicated that at the same time the committee should ask for some allowance for maternity cases, along the lines of the agreement just concluded with the government.

On the motion of J. A. Mara the board decided to reply to the formal application of Stanich for representation on the board that the matter was having favorable consideration. It will be necessary to get official sanction to any change in the constitution of the board, which is established by legislative enactment.

Hon. A. C. Flummerfelt has obtained some information with regard to Röntgen ray photographs. The resident medical superintendent, Dr. Hasell, stated that the cost had risen tremendously since the outbreak of the war, because the potash glass used for the tubes formerly had come from Germany and Austria. Recently this glass had been made in England, but the cost of supplies was high. The board, however, decided that it was inadvisable to raise the price of X-ray treatments and photographs.

The board was surprised to learn that some rubber goods could not be obtained in Canada, a leading rubber manufacturer declining to quote a price, and that the article had to be obtained in Seattle. It was stated the article is a standard one used in every hospital, and yet is not made in Canada.

A vote of thanks was accorded Mrs. Dunsmuir for the donation of \$500, and it was decided also to commemorate the furnishing of a room at the building by Miss Dunsmuir by the installation of a donor's plate, such as is placed in other wards.

Messrs. Wright and Kilpatrick brought up the question of larger water pipe for the grounds, and the board resolved to give the matter attention as soon as possible. Final payment on the roof repairs was ordered on receipt of the architect's certificate.

### CONCENTRATION OF MUNICIPAL STORES

#### Matter is Left Over for Further Report to Council on Monday

A report is to be presented on Monday on the economies to be effected by the suggested concentration of the city stores at a central point at Garbally road yard. The matter was before the streets committee of the council yesterday afternoon in a report from the city engineer explaining what work is done by the men of the various stores, and estimating the cost at \$5,500 for a stores building, and for waterworks store and repair-accommodation another building costing \$9,000.

Alderman McNeill strongly favored the project, pointing out that it would be more economical and efficient. Three men would be able to do the work of five under the new arrangements. His remarks applied only to the stores building, for the other building could wait, he said, until a future opportunity. All were part of the general plan prepared in 1913, part of which had been carried out. There were several balances on by-laws for permanent improvements amounting to \$5,500 which could be applied for the building of the stores block, if the necessary diversion by-law was approved at the January election.

Alderman Todd thought if the money was available it might well be spent on the Rock Bay bridge. He favored leaving the whole matter over to a future council, because if as Alderman McNeill said, the scheme would save \$2,000 a year in salaries, the money would have to be expended in providing new pound accommodation, and in other ways.

Alderman Bell supported the concentration of the stores, if it would effect the economies promised.

Alderman McCandless hoped the council would not lose sight of the repair of Rock Bay bridge, and the engineer replied that plans based on alternative schemes were now before the department, with a view to a recommendation.

If the yard could also be moved from the James Bay flat, the scheme would have his cordial support, Alderman Dilworth said.

The cost of a water-bound macadam pavement on Douglas street, between Humboldt street and Simcoe street, was reported to be \$3,500. The owners will be so informed.

Alderman Fullerton brought up the question of the treatment of the street sweepers, and asked if it was necessary to lay off the men on residential streets in wet weather, as they were already on half time.

The matter was promised attention. Alderman Porter stated that the engineer had endeavored to effect some economy, but the results had not been satisfactory.

The committee heard some complaints from individuals who felt they had been badly treated in being released from city work.

### CANDIDATES SUCCESSFUL

#### Lists of Those Who Passed at Recent Civil Service Examinations

Announcement is made of the successful candidates in the recent examinations held in the various centres through Canada by the Civil Service Commission. At the British Columbia centres those who passed were:

- Preliminary.**  
Prince Rupert—John Howard Pringle.
- Nanaimo**—William Edgar Bray; William Percival Leask; Thomas Waring.
- Victoria**—William Walker.
- Vancouver**—George Harold Bland; Harold W. Butler, Decimus Duffy; John Frank East; Erminie Gasperdine; Charles Percival Moody; Cecil Willie McLean; Marden Grosvenor Nelson; Frank Bingham Nicol; Olive Blanche Stewart; Charles Tupper White.
- Qualifying.  
Nanaimo—William Percival Leask.  
Victoria—Thornton Cliffe, John Lynton Mars.
- Vancouver**—Edmond R. Costello; Thure Storme; Henry Percival Hamilton; William S. Taylor.
- Nelson—Thomas Butterfield.

"Hey, Molke, and phwat do ye tink of these new sanitary drinkin' cups?" "Sure, Pat, and soon we'll have to spit on our hands wid an eye dropper."

Shopkeeper: "Yes, I want a good, bright boy to be partly indoors and partly outdoors." Youthful applicant: "That's all right, but what becomes of me when the door slams?"

"How's that black-and-tan dog of yours?" "Dead." "Dead?" "Yes, swallowed a bunch of watch-keys and they wound him up."

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### GOOD PROGRESS IN CAMPAIGN FOR FUNDS

#### Tag Day on Tuesday Expected to Realize Large Amount

A big tag day is to be held on Tuesday on behalf of the patriotic fund. Preparations for the same are already well advanced, and the Daughters of Empire will have full charge. Among other features of interest throughout the day will be a grand military parade, when the men all will be inspected by Col. Ogilvie, D. O. C. Military bands will render selections throughout the city at various points during the day and evening. The tag day, it is hoped, through the tag day, to bring the total of subscriptions to the Patriotic Aid fund much nearer the desired mark of \$200,000. The response to date has been splendid, reflecting great credit on the various committees who have labored so strenuously.

Some substantial subscriptions were received at campaign headquarters yesterday. The employees of the chief engineer's department of the navy yard have contributed a sum which will equal \$1,200 for the year. Sir. John Jackson (Canada) Limited, sent in a cheque for \$1,000. The Greek residents of the city have also contributed a nice sum which has not yet been completed and the figures of which will be announced later. The city employees as well as employees of the different railway companies expect to have their lists in by to-day. Other contributions for the day were as follows:

- Subscriptions from \$500 to \$1,000—Sir John Jackson (Canada) Limited, \$1,000; Weller Bros., Ltd., \$600.
- Subscriptions from \$100 to \$250—Mr. H. T. Shaw, \$120; Agnes Deans Cameron Chapter, I. O. D. E., \$120.
- Subscriptions from \$50 to \$100—Canada West Trust company, \$60; E. C. Sinker, \$75; Judge Luppman, \$75.
- Subscriptions up to \$50—Mr. H. Manie, \$24; Friend, \$1; Mrs. Richard Drake, \$10; Friend, \$50; Miss Irwin, \$12.

### MILITIA ORDERS

#### Appointments to the British Columbia Regiments Are Gazetted.

In the last issue of the Canada Gazette the following militia general orders of interest in British Columbia are published:

- 30th Regiment (British Columbia Horse)**—Provisional Lieutenant N. H. Heber-Percy is permitted to retire.
- 31st Regiment (British Columbia Horse)**—Major H. T. Wilson is granted the temporary rank of lieutenant-colonel whilst performing the duties of officer-commanding the regiment.
- 34th (British Columbia) Regiment, C. G. A.**—George Griffiths Aitken, to be provisional lieutenant (superannuated).
- 72nd Regiment (Seaforth Highlanders of Canada)**—To be provisional lieutenants (superannuated): William D. Butler, Ian Vernon Coote, Herbert G. Wright, John B. Rose, Hector McL. Elliott, Ghent Davis, Roy T. Stewart, James O. Beattie, Donald G. M. Fraser, Sidney L. Johnson, Charles M. Inglis, Alfred W. A. Ulph, Finlay T. McGibbon, Harold Brooks and Donald M. Meekison. The following, having qualified themselves for their appointments, are confirmed in their rank: Lieutenants Superannuated: A. K. Robertson, W. L. Grundy, T. St. E. de Wolf, I. A. Mackenzie, E. M. Dunn, A. C. Lumsden, E. J. H. Cardinal, R. A. Simmons, H. Rendell, G. J. Thomson, E. C. Sheppard and J. Ross.
- 104th Regiment (Westminster Fusiliers of Canada)**—Charles R. Gully, to be a provisional lieutenant (superannuated). Lieutenants Superannuated: R. S. Ross, L. M. Richardson, C. E. Bailey and J. Forbes are confirmed in their rank, having qualified.
- 107th East Kootenay Regiment**—Robert Pruse Macleod Cameron and Edward Otway Davis, to be provisional lieutenants (superannuated).
- Independent Company of Infantry, Nanaimo**—Aubrey Thomas Sanders, to be provisional lieutenant (superannuated).

Hon. Wallace Nesbitt, K. C., who was a puisne judge of the supreme court of Canada for some time, has been granted the honorary rank of lieutenant-colonel in the Canadian militia.

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## ANTI-GERMAN UNION

Local Branch is Proceeding With Organization of Its Work.

In order to extend the work of the Anti-German union the secretary of the Victoria branch, R. W. Perry, is communicating with various local organizations, requesting their co-operation in the objects for which the union is established.

At present the members of the committee are all board of trade members, the branch having been formed as a result of a meeting held at the board, and it is desired that there be a wider representation. To that end the Victoria branch of the B. C. Manufacturers' association will be asked to name two members, the associated friendly societies three, the Canadian club, the

Rotary club and the Trades and Labor council one each.  
The union is having many members apply for enrollment and expects to do much useful work along the lines for which the parent body was formed.

### GENEROUS DONATION.

Pilots Offer Eleven Per Cent of Gross Earnings to Patriotic Aid Fund.

A generous donation has been promised the patriotic fund by the pilots of the port of Victoria. The following letter containing the pilots' generous proposal has been received by A. C. Burdick from Joshua Kingham, secretary-treasurer of the Victoria and Esquimalt Pilots' association:

A. C. Burdick, Esq.,  
Chairman Campaign Committee,  
Victoria Patriotic Aid Society,  
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Dear Sir:—At a meeting of the commissioners of the above authority held this afternoon the pilots made an agreement with the pilot commissioners empowering the latter to pay over to your fund 11% of the gross earnings of this authority monthly. This should net the fund, for the year 1916, approximately \$2,000.

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These are just our regular stock of Coats which has earned such a reputation for high quality at small prices. These small prices have in most cases been cut to less than half, making one of the greatest Coat bargains possible.

### Important Sale of Suits

- Regular values to \$27.50. Clearing price.....**\$14.75**
- Regular values to \$40.00. Clearing price.....**\$19.75**

These substantial reductions should attract attention of women in need of a real smart Suit. At these two prices you will be able to choose from dozens of well-tailored plain and semi-novelty Suits. The most favored materials and colors are predominant.

- Children's Silk Socks in sky, tan, pink, white, black. Put up in neat boxes if desired. Price, pair.....**50¢**
- Little Darling Hosiery for kiddies. Price, pair.....**25¢**
- Trefousse Kid Gloves. The ideal glove and a most serviceable gift. All colors and various styles of stitching. Prices, pair, \$1.65, \$1.85 and.....**\$2.00**
- Children's Kid Gloves in white and tan. Suede gloves in grey and tan; all sizes. Price, pair.....**\$1.00**

### GIFT HANDKERCHIEFS

Ladies' Fancy Handkerchiefs, in a great assortment at 10c, 15c or 2 for 25c, 20c or 3 for.....**50¢**

The Cloister Handkerchiefs are pure linen and are embroidered by hand. Very pretty. Prices, 25c, 35c and.....**50¢**

Real Armenian Lace Edged Handkerchiefs in an assortment of neat designs. Prices, 50c to **\$1.00**

Children's Handkerchiefs, 3 put up in novelty togs. Price.....**30¢**

Children's Colored Handkerchiefs, 3 in a box. Price, box.....**15¢**

We have a Full Line of Initial Handkerchiefs in Several Styles and Prices.

## Good News From TOYLAND

Newly Arrived Toys 25c Marked to Sell at

Well made of steel, these toys will last a long time. The lot consists of wheelbarrows, sailing yachts, trains, dump-cars, popguns and sprinkler carts. You should come and see these as they are wonderful values.

- Silk Waist Lengths in a number of good shades. Nicely tied up in fancy boxes. Price, each, from.....**\$1.50**
- Teddy Bear Blankets—in a number of good nursery designs. Prices 55c and.....**\$1.00**
- Boudoir Caps—in pink or sky silk and dainty laces. Prices 55c and.....**60¢**

China Silk Waists—Very serviceable yet inexpensive gifts. The style is exceptionally smart. A fine washable quality of silk has been used in the making. Price.....**\$2.50**

Creme de Chine and Fancy Silk Waists—We have a very beautiful assortment of fancy Waists suitable for gift purposes. The newest effects are shown.

### A Great Sale of Ladies' and Children's Hats

Women's Hats, which include a number of smart models in colors and black. Regular values to \$10.00. Special value.....**\$3.50**

Children's Hats at.....**HALF-PRICE**

Beavers and Felts in a good assortment of colors and shapes to clear at.....**Half Price**

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The Red Cross and Patriotic Funds Benefit by Your Buying Your Xmas Presents at Our

## BIG CHRISTMAS SALE

We Are Giving the Above Funds 20 Per Cent of the Sale of Goods Advertised Below. This Sale Will Last

### FIVE DAYS ONLY

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

A Choice List of Gifts to Choose From—

- Fountain Pens, all have high-grade nibs, 75c to.....**\$2.00**
- Flash Lights, a wide choice, \$1.50, \$1.80, \$2.75, \$4.50 **\$5.00**
- Razors, best grades, \$1.75 and.....**\$2.00**
- Ever Ready Safety Razors, only **\$1.00**
- Gillette Razors, \$5.00, **\$6.50**
- Razor Brushes, 50c to.....**\$2.50**
- Shaving Soap.....**25¢**
- Carving Sets, more than 50 to choose from. All British made and priced from \$19.25 to, per set.....**\$2.00**
- Scissors, library sets in leather case.....**\$2.50**
- Pocket Knives, 100 kinds, \$4.50 to, each.....**15¢**
- Table Knives, put up in attractive gift boxes at, per half doz., \$4.00 to.....**\$1.75**
- Dessert Knives, per half doz., \$7.00 to.....**\$1.50**
- Table Spoons, per doz., \$8.00 to.....**\$4.50**
- Dessert Spoons, per doz., \$7.00 to.....**\$3.00**
- Tea Spoons, per doz., \$4.50 to.....**90¢**
- Table Forks, per doz., \$7.50, \$3.75 and.....**\$2.50**
- Dessert Forks, per doz., \$7.00, \$3.00 and.....**\$2.25**
- Roller Skates, per pair, \$1.00 and.....**\$1.75**
- Roller Skates, Winslow's celebrated ball-bearing.....**\$2.50**
- Football Boots, per pair, \$3.00, \$3.50 and.....**\$4.50**
- Footballs, \$2.00 to.....**\$7.00**
- Basket Balls to.....**\$7.50**
- Razor Straps, \$2.50 to.....**\$4.50**
- Running Shoes.....**\$4.50**
- Sets of Tools for Boys, \$17.00, \$4.75 and.....**\$2.50**
- Brass Dust Pans, \$2.25 and 90¢
- Skating Boots, \$6.50, \$4.00, \$3.50 and.....**\$3.25**
- Ice Skates, \$1.00 to.....**\$5.00**
- High School Gymnasium Suits at.....**\$2.00**
- Hockey Sticks, 65c, 90c, **\$1.25**
- Hockey Gauntlets, \$3.50, **\$5.00**
- Shin Guards, 50c and.....**65¢**
- Whitely Ideal Exerciser and Expander, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 and.....**\$6.00**
- Football Jerseys, \$1.50 and **\$2.00**
- Football Stockings.....**75¢**
- Sandow's Dumbbells, \$3.00, **\$3.50**, \$4.00 and.....**\$4.75**
- Golf Gloves, \$1.25 and.....**\$1.50**
- Grass Hockey Balls, \$1.00, **\$1.50** and.....**\$2.50**
- Grass Hockey Sticks, \$2.50 and.....**\$3.00**
- Putting-the-Shot.....**\$3.50**
- Whistles, 25c, 30c and.....**50¢**
- Fishing Lines, 5c to, each, **\$1.25**
- Reels, \$6.50 to.....**35¢**
- Fly Books, \$4.50, \$2.00 and **75¢**
- Bait Boxes, 60c.....**35¢**
- All Baits and Flies, Floats and Sinkers.....**\$2.50**
- Hunting Coats, \$7.50, \$5.50 and.....**\$3.50**
- Hunting Caps, \$2.00 and.....**\$1.75**
- Brass Fern Pot, very fine, at only.....**\$4.00**
- Yankee Safety Razor.....**\$2.50**
- Electric Toasters, \$5.00, \$5.50 and.....**\$6.00**
- Fishing Baskets, \$2.00, \$3.00 and.....**\$5.50**
- Leather Dog Leads.....**30¢**
- Landing Nets, \$1.75, \$2.50, **\$5.00**
- Gun Case, all leather, \$4.50 and.....**\$6.50**
- Any Coal or Wood Heater in the store values from \$1.75 to \$29.00
- Brass Fenders, the latest designs, \$16.00, \$20.00, \$21, \$27.50 and.....**\$32.50**
- Thermos Bottles, \$1.25 to **\$4.00**
- Lunch Box with Thermos Bottle, a most useful gift.....**\$2.50**
- Brass Mail Boxes, \$2.50, **\$3.25**
- Cocoa Mats, \$4.50 to.....**75¢**
- Wire Mats, 65c 75c and.....**55¢**
- Steel Matting, 2 ft. wide, any length to 50 ft., per lineal foot.....**\$1.00**
- Aluminum Ware—Sauce Pans, lipped and straight; Tea Kettles, Fish Boilers; per piece, 25c to.....**\$6.00**
- Fit up your kitchen, several hundred pieces to select from. Cut Glass Cream and Sugar, Bonbon, Bowl.....**\$5.00**
- Autostrop Razors.....**\$5.00**
- Coffee Percolators, nickel-plated, \$6.75, \$9.75 and.....**\$10.25**
- Tea-Ball-Tea, the best way to make tea.....**\$7.00**

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be for the earnings in January, and on the 5th of each month following.  
Yours truly,  
(Signed) J. KINGHAM,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

Rowland's Band Popular Concerts.—One of the best programmes of the season has been arranged for to-morrow evening's concert given by Rowland's band at Pantages theatre. The programme will open with the National Anthem, followed by a "Spirited March." Other interesting band selections will be "The Gelshu," "Medley of British Patriotic Airs" and by request a "Grand Overture of Hymns." P. J. Murphy, the Irish tenor, is to sing, and a novelty will be a bag pipe solo by Miss Agnes Wallace. The accompanist for the evening will be Walter Charles.

## LAST WEEK

### Going Out of Business

Messrs. Stewart Williams & Co

Duly instructed by the Oriental Importing Co. will continue the sale at 1691 Government street (corner of Cormorant street).

### To-night and Next Week

at 11, 230 and 3 o'clock each day.  
The stock consists of a good line of Japanese Toys, Ornaments, Jewelry, Silk Handkerchiefs, Em. Slippers, etc., all suitable for Christmas presents; also a quantity of Silks, Cotton Goods, Kimonos, Dressing Jackets, Stockings, Tea Cloths and other goods too numerous to mention.  
All the fixtures in the store are for sale.

The Auctioneer, Stewart Williams

### H. W. DAVIES

AUCTIONEER

Instructed by the owner to sell at 1204 Oscar street (between Linden and Moss street)

### Monday Dec. 20

2 p.m.

### Furniture and Effects

Parlor Set of 3 Pieces in Silk Tapestry, China Cabinet with Bevel Mirror, Heavy Carved Oriental Armchair, Bevel Mirror in Gilt Frame, Centre Table, 2 Jardiniers Stands, Brass and other Jardiniers, Ornaments, fine Axminster Carpet, etc.

Dining-Room—Mission Oak Buffet with Bevel Mirror, Silverware, Pair Silver Candlesticks, 4 Light Candelabra, Bronze Indian Tray, Cut and Other Glassware, 10 ft. Round Mission Oak Extension Table, 4 leaves; Set of 4 Dining-Chairs, 2 Oak-Rocking Chairs, Oak Cabinet.

Bedrooms—2 Brass Beds, 1 3/4-Bed, Felt Mattress, Fine Mahogany and other Bureaus, Arm Rocking and other Chairs, Wicker Hall Table, Oak Folding Card Table, Bedding and Table Linen, Carpets, Rugs, etc.

Kitchen—Dinnerware, Ice Box, 3 Carpet Cleaners, Kitchen Utensils, Electric Iron and Toaster, Tables, Chairs, Linoleum, etc.

Roll-top Desk.  
Monarch Range, 4-hole.  
H. W. DAVIES, Auctioneer

## LEADING MILL CO. IS TO REORGANIZE

### Canadian Puget Sound Company Bondholders' Committee Have Made Investigation

The chambers application on behalf of the Canadian Puget Sound Lumber Company, Ltd., for the appointment of a receiver, which was made yesterday, arises out of negotiations which have been in progress for some time looking to the reorganization of the company. Two representatives of the bondholders' committee, (one of them the secretary of that committee), have been in the city for the past week conferring with the various parties. The secretary authorized a statement to the Times this morning, prior to leaving for New York, where the agents will confer with their principals, that foreclosure proceedings are in progress.

Naturally the public are most interested as to the effect the reorganization of the company will have on the early opening up of the plant at Rock Bay. Of that desired consummation there does not seem to be any immediate prospect, for no hope is held out by officials of a change till the lumbering conditions improve with an increase of tonnage. An interview with the vice-president, J. H. Moore, on his return recently from the east, indicated that improvement in transportation conditions must precede the reopening of the lumber camps and mill.

For a considerable time now the plant, with the exception of one or two minor parts, has been idle, and the loss of payroll in the city accordingly has been considerable. The mill is one of the best known on Vancouver Island, the present company being the successors of the Michigan Puget Sound Lumber company, who took over the extensive Sayward interests a decade ago. E. R. Cadwell, of New York, a well known financier, is head of the present company.

### Shield Presented.—

In connection with the Lamson Street school closing yesterday a shield offered by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bullen for competition among the cadets of the school corps each year was presented. It was explained that the trophy was being given in order to stimulate interest among the cadets in their corps, as the most efficient and competent cadet of the organization each year is to have his name inscribed on the shield, which will be displayed in a prominent place in the school. The principal, with the assistance of Mr. Lea, has secured the photographs of all former members of the school who are now serving in the colors. The collection, which shows the men in uniform, has been arranged in a cabinet which is to be hung in the school auditorium.

## GRAY HAIR

Dr. Tremain's Natural Hair Restorative used as directed is guaranteed to restore gray hair to natural color, or money refunded. Positively not a dye, and non-injurious. On sale at Dean & Hiseo's drug store, Yates and Broad streets, Victoria. Price \$1.00 (postpaid). Write Tremain Supply Co., Dept. "V.T.," Toronto.

## OAK BAY RED CROSS

Donations and Large Quantities of Material Received by Committee in Charge of Work.

- At the last meeting of the Oak Bay committee of the Canadian Red Cross society the treasurer reported that the following donations had been received: Life membership, Mrs. Gibson.....\$25.00  
Donation from proceeds of concert at Hampshire road Methodist church.....10.90  
Proceeds of tea and raffle by Mrs. E. Day.....137.85  
Proceeds of raffia of kitchen by Mrs. Nivin.....12.00  
Donations.....5.90  
Total.....\$219.55

The treasurer was instructed to forward a cheque to the Victoria office for \$219.55.  
Mrs. Lampman, in charge of the work-rooms, reported that the motors loaned by the Canadian General Electric company had been of great assistance in lightening the work of the ladies.  
The following amount of work has been done since the last report was published on August 17: Day shirts, 262; helpless shirts, 197; pyjamas, 113; socks, 107 pairs; cloth slippers, 89 pairs; chest bandages, 328; knee bandages, 189; elbow bandages, 82; triangulars, 67; retractors, 109; binders, 49; scullerettes, 323; eye bandages, 63; wristlets, 26 pairs; wash cloths, 71; personal bags, 31; conv. suits, 9; dressing gowns, 10; scarves, 6; roller bandages, 1,986; gauze bandages, 588; 6-inch bandages, 284.

### WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 18.—6 a.m.—The barometer is abnormally low over Northern B. C., and unsettled, mild weather is general along the coast, while in the interior cold weather prevails. Zero temperatures are becoming general in the prairie provinces.

Forecasts.  
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Sunday.  
Victoria and vicinity—Strong winds or gales, mostly easterly and southerly, unsettled and mild, with rain.

Lower Mainland—Winds mostly easterly and southerly, fresh to strong on the Gulf, unsettled and milder, with rain.

Reports.  
Barkerville—Barometer, 30.05; temperature, maximum yesterday, 43; minimum, 40; wind, 12 miles S. E.; weather, cloudy.  
Vancouver—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 35; wind, 3 miles N. E.; rain, 36; weather, rain.  
Entrance—Barometer, 30.04; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 38; wind, 34 miles E.; weather, cloudy.  
Kamloops—Barometer, 30.05; temperature, maximum yesterday, 35; minimum, 14; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, clear.  
Barkerville—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, maximum yesterday, 34; minimum, 11; wind, calm; snow, 14; weather, fair.  
Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.96; temperature, maximum yesterday, 35; minimum, 34; wind, 16 miles S. E.; rain, 14; weather, cloudy.  
Tatoosh—Barometer, 30.00; temperature, maximum yesterday, 45; minimum, 40; wind, 20 miles S. E.; rain, 15; weather, rain.  
Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.15; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 33; wind, 4 miles N. W.; weather, cloudy.  
Seattle—Barometer, 30.16; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 36; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, cloudy.  
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.16; temperature, maximum yesterday, 50; minimum,

## SPECIAL NOTICE



Mr. E. Mok, the Chicago Foot Specialist, will be in attendance at this store Dec. 18 to Dec. 23, instead of 18th to 20th, as announced in the Times yesterday. Free consultations.

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Every sack guaranteed. Per sack.....\$1.50  
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High Class Jewelry, being sold at 25 per cent. discount at Wengler's.

### Fifth Regiment Band.

At the Royal Victoria theatre on Sunday evening the Fifth Regiment band, assisted by Mrs. Kershaw Edmonds, Mrs. Weaver and Miss Griffiths, and Corporal L. Willis, will give the following programme: "God Save the King"; march, "Social Life," Johnson; overture, "Stradella," Haffner; duet, "Life's Dream is O'er," Mrs. Weaver and Miss Griffiths; charleston solo, "Home, Sweet Home," Rollinson; vocal solo, "Our Miss Gibbs," Monckton; vocal solo, "The Slave Song," (Teresa Dolfigo), Mrs. Kershaw Edmonds; humorous fantasy, "Three Blind Mice," Douglas selection, "On the Shores of the St. Lawrence," Laureadean (a collection of French Canadian airs), Miss A. Muskrat will act as accompanist.

Temperature.	Max.	Min.
Cranbrook.....	33	23
Penticton.....	35	25
Calgary.....	34	12
Edmonton.....	29	10
Qu'Appelle.....	12	—2
Winnipeg.....	4	—4
Toronto.....	42	—
Ottawa.....	28	—
Montreal.....	32	—
St. John.....	42	—
Halifax.....	42	—

Victoria Daily Weather.  
Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m. Friday:

Temperature.	Max.	Min.
Highest.....	43	—
Lowest.....	35	—
Average.....	39	—
Minimum on grass.....	29	—
Rain, .81 inch.	—	—
Bright sunshine, 6 minutes.	—	—
General state of weather, cloudy.	—	—

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

## GRAFT?

Phoenix Stout—2 qts for 25c.