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## KUT-EL-AMARA IS TAKEN WILSON HAS TAKEN STEP

On Ancre Front Germans Forced to Yield Ground and British Push on Toward Bapaume Asks Congress to Allow Him to Use Naval and Military Forces to Cope With Submarines

### WILSON ASKS FOR POWER TO USE NAVY AND LAND FORCES AND TO PUT GUNS ON SHIPS

**Wishes Congress to Provide Funds to Make Measures Effective; Without Being Specific, He Requests Legislators to Give Him Authority to Meet German Submarine Menace**

Washington, Feb. 26.—President Wilson appeared before Congress at 1 o'clock this afternoon and asked for authority to place the United States in a state of "armed neutrality" to resist the German submarine menace. Continued invasion of the plain rights of neutrals on the high seas, further sacrifices of American lives and shipping, the intolerable blockade of American commerce—almost as effectual as if the country were at war—have taken the place of a dreaded "overt act," which was expected to shock the world, and have forced the President into the next step toward war.

President Wilson in asking to be empowered to take such steps as are necessary, which include the arming of ships and the conveying of merchantmen by war vessels, made plain again that he wanted peace, but at the price of American lives and ships, or the driving of the American flag from the seas.

Devoutly expressing the hope that it would not become necessary to "put armed force into action," the President specifically asked for authority to supply American merchant ships with defensive arms and "with the means of using them," and to "employ any other 'dispositionalities' as well as 'a sufficient credit' to enable him to provide 'adequate means of protection.'"

Navy and Army.  
This, without being specific in terms, was a request for the use of the army and navy and the necessary money to make them effective.

Behind the rights of Americans, the President declared, he was thinking of the rights of humanity, but through it all he proclaimed to the world a policy of peace, if peace be possible. He disclaimed thinking of war or steps that might lead to it, and declared that the American people wanted "to exercise none but the rights of peace."

"No course of my choosing, or of theirs," said he, "will lead to war. War can come only by the willful acts and aggressions of others."

Added Emphasis.  
News of the sinking of the Cunard liner Laconia with Americans aboard was received here as the President was on his way to address Congress. Although without details, its grave possibilities added emphasis to the President's words.

With a full realization of the solemnity of the occasion, the President took his action to-day with the calm confidence that Congress and the country will stand behind him.

The Senators and Representatives heard to-day in tense silence and grave attention the words which carry the American Republic a step further in its stand against ruthless sacrifice of neutral rights and lives, and a step nearer war if it must be.

What President Said.  
President Wilson arrived at the Capitol just before 1 o'clock. He spoke as follows:

Gentlemen of the Congress:  
I have the honor to acknowledge the privilege of addressing you because we are moving through critical times during which it seems to me to be my duty to keep in close touch with the Houses of Congress so that neither counsel nor action shall run at cross purposes between us. On the third of February I officially informed you of the sudden and unexpected action of the Imperial German Government in declaring its intention to disregard the promises it had made to undertake immediate submarine operations against all commerce, whether of belligerents or of neutrals, that should seek to approach Great Britain and Ireland, the Atlantic coast of Europe or the harbors of the eastern Mediterranean, and to conduct those operations without regard to the established restrictions of international practice, without regard to any considerations of humanity which might interfere with their object. That policy was forthwith put into practice. It has now been in active execution for nearly four weeks.

Are Suffering.  
Its practical results are not fully disclosed. The commerce of other neutral nations is suffering severely but not, perhaps, very much more severely than it was already before the first of February, when the new policy of the German Government was put into effect. We asked the co-operation of other neutral governments to prevent these depredations, but I fear none of them thought it wise to join in any common course of action. Our own commerce has suffered, is suffering, rather in apprehension than in fact, rather because so many of our ships are timidly keeping to their home ports—than because American ships have been sunk.

Two American Ships.  
"Two American ships have been sunk, the Housatonic and the Lyman M. Law. The case of the Housatonic, which was carrying foodstuffs consigned to London, was essentially like the case of the Frye, in which, it will be recalled, the German Government admitted its liability for damages, and the lives of the crew, as in the case of the Frye, were safeguarded with reasonable care.

The case of the Law, which was carrying lemon box staves to Palermo, disclosed a ruthlessness of method which deserves grave condemnation, but was accompanied by no circumstances which might not have been expected at any time in connection with the use of the submarine against merchantmen as the German Government has used it. In sum, therefore, the situation we find ourselves in with regard to the actual conduct of the German submarine warfare against commerce and its effects upon our own ships and people is substantially the same as it was when I addressed you on the third of February except for the tying up of our shipping in our own harbors because of the unwillingness of our shipowners to risk their ships at sea without insurance or adequate protection and the very serious congestion of our commerce which has resulted, a congestion which is growing rapidly and more serious every day.

A Blockade.  
"This in itself might presently accomplish, in effect, what the new German submarine orders meant to accomplish, so far as we are concerned. We can only say, therefore, that the overt act which I have ventured to hope the Germans would in fact avoid has not occurred.

"But while this is happily true it must be admitted that there have been certain additional indications and expressions of purpose on the part of the German Government, and the German authorities, which have increased rather than lessened the impression that our ships and people are spared it will be because of fortunate circumstances or because the commanders of the German submarines which they may happen to encounter exercise an unexpected discretion and restraint rather than because of the instructions under which those commanders are acting.

Gravest Dangers.  
"It would be foolish to deny that the situation is fraught with the gravest possibilities and dangers. No thoughtful man can fall to see that the necessity for definite action may come at any time, if we are in fact, and not in word merely, to defend our elementary rights as a neutral nation. It would be most imprudent to be unprepared.

"I cannot in such circumstances be unmindful of the fact that the expiration of the term of the present Congress is immediately at hand by constitutional limitations and that in all likelihood it would require an unusual length of time to assemble and organize the Congress which is to succeed it.

Wants Backing.  
"I feel that I ought, in view of that fact, to obtain from you full and immediate assurance of the authority (Continued on page 9.)

### FLOOD TAKES LEAD IN MOVE TO GIVE WILSON AUTHORITY

Washington, Feb. 26.—Senator Flood, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, announced that he would introduce late to-day a bill granting power to the President to arm merchant ships and all other authority necessarily to meet the submarine situation.

### KUT CAPTURED BY BRITISH; TURKS PURSUED; HAIG'S MEN MOVED NEARER TO BAPAUME

**Victory on the Tigris Front Announced in Commons by Bonar Law; Miraumont, Petit Miraumont, Butte-de-Warrencourt, Pys and Serre, On Ancre Front, Are Held By British Forces Now**

London, Feb. 26.—Kut-el-Amara has been captured from the Turks by the British forces, according to a statement made in the House of Commons to-day by Rt. Hon. Andrew Bonar Law, a member of the War Council. The Turkish forces are in retreat toward Baghdad, 24 miles to the west of Kut-el-Amara, pursued by British cavalry.

London, Feb. 26.—An official report issued last night said: "During the past 24 hours the enemy continued to yield ground along the Ancre. Meeting with little opposition, small bodies of our troops pushed forward on a wide front, occupying Serre village and several other important points farther east."

British Headquarters in France, Feb. 26.—(From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.)—On one portion of the British front at least the war yesterday became a war of movement. Under cover of fog and mist which had been particularly heavy during 24 hours, the German forces carried out the greatest retirement they have made on the western front in the last two years and the British troops swept into possession of Pys, Serre, Miraumont and Petit Miraumont, including the famous Butte-de-Warrencourt, which has been the scene of some of the fiercest fighting of the war and in places is deep with the bones of dead men.

Three Miles.  
The exact extent of the German retirement is estimated at a depth of three miles at some points. British patrols hurried out in all directions, harassing the Germans and keeping in touch with their movements.

It can be stated that the British now are, or soon will be, in a position possibly to force the evacuation of Bapaume, which has been the key to the German position since the beginning of the Battle of the Somme.

The British had been waiting for a clearing of the foggy weather before pressing the advance, but meantime it is apparent that the German high command decided to retire without any further fighting for stronger positions prepared well in the rear. On Friday fires were observed in the German front line trenches. They were only dimly visible through thick mist of a particularly black night, but it was discovered that the flames were issuing from burning German dugouts. Patrols sent forward reported the evacuation of the German outposts. Similar reports came from north of Ancre, and by nightfall on Saturday, the British had established themselves in Petit Miraumont and advanced all along the line, meeting only with sniping resistance here and there.

Way Was Opened.  
Yesterday the British patrols pressed forward, keeping in close contact with the Germans, who had retreated a further 2,000 yards during the night. Thus the way was opened to the ground which for months had been contested. There were bursts of resistance still from German obstructing parties, which had been scattered in the rear of the retiring columns. Early yesterday a big mine was exploded in the main street of Miraumont just before the British advance patrols entered.

To the Rear.  
It is evident now that the Germans, taking advantage of the last days of the recent heavy frost and hard ground, moved a great many of their guns well to the rear, leaving others forward to keep up a show of resistance. This they had been noisily doing for the past three or four days, firing more rounds than any German guns in recent months. The reason for this is considered as probably a desire to shoot up stores of ammunition which there was not time to remove.

The foggy, misty weather was ideal for the beginning of the German retirement, as it completely hid the purpose of the movement from the prying eyes of aeroplanes which otherwise would have daily searched out the German positions.

Noise Their Scheme.  
Germans made prisoner on Saturday and yesterday said they had been left behind to walk about and fire their rifles and make as much noise as possible. They were delighted to be relieved from their thankless task.

### LOCATION OF NEW BRITISH FRONT IN REGION OF ANCRE



### CUNARD LINER LACONIA SENT DOWN WITHOUT ANY WARNING BY A GERMAN SUBMARINE; 278 SURVIVORS LANDED

**Germany's Submarine Scheme Leads to Another Barbarous Attack; American Consul at Queenstown Wires Early Reports Give Some Persons as Missing and One Dead**

Queenstown, Feb. 26.—The Cunard liner Laconia, of 18,000 tons gross, which sailed from New York Feb. 18 for Liverpool, was sunk without warning by a German submarine at 10.50 last night.

London, Feb. 26.—Wesley Frost, American Consul at Queenstown, telegraphed the American Embassy here to-day: "Cunarder Laconia torpedoed 10.50 Sunday night. Two hundred and seventy-eight survivors landed. Details lacking, but known some missing and one dead."

Queenstown, Feb. 26.—The survivors of the Laconia are said to number 270. They will be landed to-night.

No Warning.  
London, Feb. 26.—It is stated officially that the liner Laconia was torpedoed without warning.

One Casualty.  
New York, Feb. 26.—The Cunard line officials here announced at 1.30 p.m. that they had received confirmation from the British Admiralty of the destruction of the Laconia, and that their advisers stated there was only one casualty thus far known. She was torpedoed last night, the officials announced.

100 Passengers.  
New York, Feb. 26.—The Cunard liner Laconia sailed from New York Feb. 18 with 100 passengers, among whom were 10 or more Americans.

Americans and Mail.  
New York, Feb. 26.—Twenty Americans, all native-born, were members of the crew of the liner Laconia.

Five thousand sacks of United States mail were carried by the Laconia, of which 1,500 were transferred from the American liner St. Louis when it was decided to hold the latter vessel in port here. Many valuables and documents sent by American business firms were supposed to be in the mail bags from the St. Louis.

The Laconia was built in 1911 at Newcastle. She was 690 feet in length, with a beam of 71 feet and draught of 40 feet. Her port of registry was Liverpool. She was one of the very well-known vessels in the Trans-Atlantic service of the Cunard Line, being a popular ship with the traveling public.

### CONSERVATIVES LOSE IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Twenty-Three Liberals and Twenty-One Conservatives Elected Saturday

### FOUR REPRESENTATIVES BEING ELECTED TO-DAY

St. John, N. B., Feb. 26.—With polling in four of the forty-eight seats in the province taking place to-day, the Conservative Government of New Brunswick formed just four weeks ago by the Hon. J. A. Murray, who succeeded Hon. George J. Clarke in the premiership when the latter resigned because of ill-health, apparently has not been sustained.

Elections took place on Saturday in 44 constituencies. Twenty-three Liberal candidates and 21 Conservatives were elected. In the last Legislature the representation was overwhelmingly Conservative. There were 3 Liberals and 2 Independents out of the total membership of 45.

The election of four representatives from Gloucester County is being decided to-day. Gloucester, in the same way as Gaspe in the Province of Quebec, under the statute does not elect members of the Legislature on the same day as the other counties.

Three Ministers Beaten.  
W. F. Foster, the Liberal leader, who was chosen for the leadership of the Provincial Liberal party after the decision of the new Government to hold a general election had become known, was defeated in St. John County. The present Premier, Hon. J. A. Murray, was re-elected, but three of the Conservative Ministers were defeated.

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### FRENCH PENETRATED ENEMY LINES NEAR VILLE-SUR-TOURBE

Paris, Feb. 26.—"Late yesterday French detachments broke into the German lines near Ville-sur-Tourbe (25 miles west of Verdun) destroyed a number of shelters and brought back prisoners and materials," says an official report issued here this afternoon.

Two surprise attacks by enemy troops, one on one of our trenches north of Beaulne, northeast of Soissons, and the other one on one of our posts northwest of Avocourt, were broken up. We took prisoners, including one officer."

### TWO WOMEN FROM VICTORIA REPORTED ON THE LACONIA

Winnipeg, Feb. 26.—It is believed here that the passengers on the Laconia included Mrs. Gore-Langton, of Victoria, B. C.; Mrs. J. Max Reid, of Victoria, and Arthur Alban Wright, Mrs. Wright and Master Wright, aged one year, of Vancouver.

### FORMER PREMIER OF NEW BRUNSWICK DIES

George J. Clarke Succumbs at Home in St. Stephen; Born in 1857

St. John, Feb. 26.—George Johnson Clarke, K. C., until recently Premier of New Brunswick, died at 3 o'clock this afternoon at his home in St. Stephen. Mr. Clarke was speaker of the Legislature, at the time Premier Flemming retired and succeeded him as Premier.

His health had been poor since then and his condition forced his retirement at the beginning of this month, when he handed over the reins of government to Hon. James A. Murray. Since then his condition had grown worse and for weeks his death had been anticipated.

He was born in St. Andrews in 1857.

### FRESH INDICATION BERLIN DESPERATE

Brazil Informed German Submarines Will Not Abandon Their Campaign

REPLY TO PROTEST SENT BY SOUTHERN REPUBLIC

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 26.—Brazil's declaration to Germany that she does not recognize the submarine "blockade" and leaves with Germany the responsibility for all acts from which Brazilian merchantmen may suffer in violation of international law, has elicited from Germany a statement that the "blockade" will not be abandoned.

It is announced officially that the German Foreign Office has declared to the Brazilian Minister in Berlin that it regrets neutral interests should suffer from German military measures, but that nevertheless Germany has reached the unchangeable resolution to maintain the submarine blockade, to abandon which would involve national annihilation.

In case of the loss of Brazilian ships, the German Government, the Foreign Office says, will suggest diplomatic negotiations.

### GERMAN DESTROYERS BOMBARD MARGATE

Also Broadstairs To-day; One Woman and One Child Killed

London, Feb. 26.—German destroyers bombarded Broadstairs and Margate early this morning. One woman and one child were killed and two persons were injured. Two houses were damaged. This announcement was made in the House of Commons to-day by Sir Edward Carson, First Lord of the Admiralty.

Margate is one of the most popular watering places in England. It is situated on the Isle of Thanet, in the North Sea, a few miles from the North Foreland, and 89 miles southeast of London. It has a population of about 24,000.

Broadstairs is also an English watering place on the east coast of the Isle of Thanet. It is two miles northeast of Ramsgate, and has a population of about 6,500.

WILSON'S DESIRE.

Washington, Feb. 26.—When the President was at the Capitol, it was learned late to-day, he gave Chairman Flood, of the Foreign Affairs Committee, a draft of his idea of what the resolution to be adopted by Congress should be. The resolution was broad and embodied exactly what the president hoped for from Congress.

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**POTATOES MORE THAN IN UNITED KINGDOM**

Are \$3 in Ottawa; Commissioner Moving Against New Brunswick Exchanges

Toronto, Feb. 26.—An Ottawa dispatch to the Toronto World says: "The operations of New Brunswick potato exchanges have been attracting considerable attention at Ottawa. It is understood that these exchanges, which constitute a combine, are largely responsible for the high price of potatoes, and that large quantities still are being held for a further increase. One of the members of the New Brunswick exchange is Hon. B. P. Smith, a member of the New Brunswick cabinet, and W. F. O'Connor, the commissioner on the high cost of living, has applied to the Attorney-General of New Brunswick for leave to institute criminal proceedings against not only these exchanges, but the members individually. Mr. Smith therefore will be indicted also. "The price of potatoes in Canada has been running more than double the price in the United Kingdom, although the difficulties and cost of importation there have been so great. The Imperial Government has fixed the price at \$1.17 a bag, but in Ottawa to-day the price is \$3 and more, wholesale."

**BALLOT SYSTEM NOW IN NEW ZEALAND**

How Reinforcements Are Raised; Country Has Sent 70,000 Overseas

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—New Zealand, the smallest of the Overseas Dominions, with a population of 1,000,000 has sent 70,000 men overseas, according to W. A. Hedderley, Canadian trade commissioner at Auckland. A monthly quota of 2,400 men is being raised now as reinforcements to a ballot system. New Zealand expects to be able to continue to supply reinforcements at this rate for some time to come, although the problem of not unduly depleting the man-power of the country is becoming serious.

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**A DOMINION TRUST DIVIDEND PERHAPS**

Should Liquidator Succeed in Insurance Cases Before Privy Council

Vancouver, Feb. 26.—Should the Dominion Trust Company succeed in the insurance cases before the Privy Council in which it is claiming \$200,000 from three insurance companies, it is probable that a dividend will be announced before the end of this year. This prospect was held out to-day by Liquidator Andrew Stewart, who says that the question as to whether there will be a satisfactory dividend or not depends almost entirely on the result of the Privy Council cases. Not only is the liquidator suing for \$200,000, but he also is resisting a suit by Mrs. Blanche Arnold, widow of W. R. Arnold, for payment of the \$75,000 legacy out of the \$12,000 insurance moneys already collected by the liquidator. The list of creditors has not yet been settled by the court, the most important question and the one which is to be dealt with next being to decide whether the depositors are creditors or not. There has been some litigation already on the point but only to decide whether the liquidator's counsel could force the depositors to put up security for his costs before consenting to allow certain test cases to come before the court. In the end the liquidator's counsel succeeded in maintaining his contention. Not Harshly. Mr. Stewart made it clear, however, that he does not intend to use in any harsh manner the power he has to make each individual depositor appear before the registrar and prove his claim individually. Although the full list of depositors' claims will be filed with the registrar as being not admitted by the liquidator, there will be no effort made to force the thousands of depositors to appear and prove their claims individually. By arrangement with the members of the depositors' committee, when the list comes before the registrar the liquidator will call on only about half a dozen depositors to appear and prove their claims. These cases will be selected as typical of the classes of depositors. Should the registrar admit the depositors it will be a question for the creditors and counsel to decide as to how far the registrar's decision should be appealed, as it is stated all parties admit the moral claim that the depositors have to be admitted as creditors. There is little likelihood of the liquidator carrying the appeal past the Supreme Court. It is thought, unless he is instructed to do so. While a dividend will be in sight in the event of an early settlement of the list of creditors and of a successful issue in the insurance appeals, there is said to be no prospect of the liquidation being ended by the end of the year, though the staff of the liquidation is being reduced as the work is being brought nearer an end. There is the prospect of a fight with certain of the directors who are not willing to make a settlement in the misfeasance suit, and also two lawsuits to collect \$400,000 in bonds held by the Government to secure the fulfilment of the obligations of the Dominion Trust. These two suits are being conducted by the Government and in the event of the Government succeeding, the liquidator proposes to bring suit to have the proceeds of the judgment declared a part of the general estate.

**COUNCIL OF DUNCAN PRACTISING ECONOMY**

H. R. Gerrard, of Alberni, Made City Engineer; Road Bee is Being Planned

Duncan, Feb. 26.—H. R. Gerrard, of Alberni, has been appointed city engineer of Duncan, and electrician in place of Leighton Wade, who recently resigned whom it was proposed to increase his work without increasing his salary, which had been reduced some time ago. The city council and the school trustees have found it necessary to retrench in various departments in order to make the revenue cover the expenditure. In the schools manual training and domestic science were cut off several months ago, and the staff recently was reduced by one teacher. Road Bee. Several farmers have offered their teams and labor to mend the streets in and around Duncan, and it has been suggested that the Women's Institute provide lunch if the bee is held. The majority of the ratepayers consider this a better way of dealing with the reduced revenue than going into debt or increasing taxation at the present time. Home Industries. A committee of the Women's Institute is taking up the study of what may be done with regard to home industries. Some progress has been made with regard to home-made jams and bottled fruits and possibly a small canning outfit may be bought which could be moved about to the different orchards. Toy making and basket weaving are being considered, and the growing of seeds. One woman of the district is putting in half an acre of Yellow Globe Danvers onions. To prepare for this she had her ground tested. Last fall a cover crop of rape was sown. When this has been ploughed in, the ground will be rolled hard and 400 pounds of her own first prize onions of last fall will be put in. It will be necessary for her to see that no one else within half a mile lets any other variety of onion go to seed, for fear of cross fertilization. The gathering and selecting of the seeds will be easy and pleasant work. Owing to the fact that the supply of seeds from France has been altogether stopped, and that from England probably will be greatly reduced, it is expected that the market for all varieties of home grown seeds next year should be quite good, provided a sufficient, not excessive, supply of each kind be available. Cowichan Library. At a book ten given under the auspices of the library committee there was a good attendance and books of fiction, a large proportion of which were published within the past two years, were added to the library. Beautifully illustrated copies of wild flowers and farm weeds and gardening books for 1916 were given, as well as a number of war books, history essays and biographies and scientific works. Thirty-six new books have just been bought by the committee, so the Cowichan library is well over 200 volumes ahead.

**FOURTH LOAN BEING RAISED IN AUSTRALIA**

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—According to advices received here, Australia in 13 months has raised three internal war loans aggregating \$281,333,440. A fourth internal loan of approximately \$70,000,000 now is being floated. The loan is being issued at par, bearing interest at 4 1/2 per cent a year, free from all taxation and is redeemable on Dec. 15, 1925.

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**DUNCAN LADIES WIN FROM CHEMAINUS**

Duncan, Feb. 26.—A basketball match between the Chemainus ladies and the Duncan ladies, played Saturday, resulted in a score of 5 to 2 in favor of Duncan team. The Red Cross Society benefits by \$26.50 from door receipts, and the Women's Institute by \$12 through catering for the supper. The Chemainus ladies playing were Misses J. Ventress, captain; M. Hill, McInnes, Porter and J. Long; and for Duncan Misses A. Robertson, N. Booth, L. Campbell, M. Booth and K. Macadam. The goals scored were: Two free shots by M. Hill, Chemainus,

and two fields and one free by A. Robertson, of Duncan. In a previous match the Chemainus ladies defeated the Duncan team.

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**MINERS' CONVENTION.**

Fernie, Feb. 25.—The miners' convention made little progress on Saturday with its officers' committee's reports, President Graham's report and that of Vice-President Biggs being the only ones to be completed and laid before the gathering. The scales committee is busy with its arduous task and its report will form the basis of the demands of the district when the operators are met for the purpose of making a new agreement to take the place of that which has caused so much negotiation, with demands and counter propositions, since last July. The convention has another strenuous week's work to perform if it is to succeed in concluding the work still to be done before it adjourns finally.

**Indigestion Resulted From an Inactive Liver**

The Bowels Became Constipated and the Whole Digestive System Upset

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The building was the property of C. H. Gibson, of Ashcroft, and was not insured. The fixtures and equipment were the property of P. Burns & Company, and were covered by insurance.

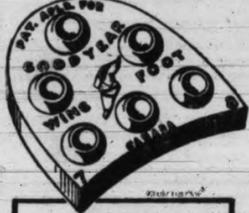
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GOODYEAR

BRITISH CARRIED OUT RAID IN BELGIUM

Troops Entered the German Trenches on a Front of 500 Yards

London, Feb. 26.—An official report issued last evening said:

"We successfully raided last evening east of Vierstraat, in Belgium, enemy trenches on a front of 500 yards. Our troops remained in the German trenches for an hour, inflicting heavy casualties, destroying several dugouts, a mine shaft and three machine guns, and capturing 55 prisoners and one machine gun."

"We also entered enemy positions during the night east of Armentieres. A hostile raiding party reached our trenches early this morning east of Ypres, under cover of a heavy bombardment. The raiders were immediately driven out with loss."

"The enemy blew up a mine this morning east of Ypres. There was considerable artillery activity on both sides, south and north of the Somme."

French Report. Paris, Feb. 26.—The following official report was issued last night:

"Our artillery was active in the region of Le Mort Homme (west of the Meuse). Our shelling was attended with good results. Intermittent artillery actions occurred at various points along the front in Lorraine and the Vosges. Quiet prevailed everywhere else."

A Belgian communication said: "Bomb fighting was resumed with violence in the region of Steenstraete and Het Sas. The usual artillery actions occurred along the entire front."

AFFECTS TO REGARD THE STATES LIGHTLY

Attitude Bethmann-Hollweg Assumes Regarding Participation by the Republic

London, Feb. 26.—Participation in the war by the United States on the side of the Entente would not materially increase Germany's difficulties, declared the German Chancellor in a conversation with the leaders of the Centre and National Liberal parties in the Reichstag, according to a Stockholm dispatch to the Daily Telegraph.

"The blockade," said Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, "if it succeeds at all must succeed within a limited number of weeks, within which the United States could not effectively participate in the operations."

"Our decision to apply our submarines unshrinkingly is based on the Admiralty's estimation that the world tonnage, which is practically all on the disposal of the Entente, has reached the minimum below which the Entente can not continue the war."

"Even if our aim to force England to conclude peace should not be attained, participation by the United States would not materially increase our difficulties. The United States can turn out an indefinite amount of munitions and an indefinite number of soldiers, but as the result of the limitation of tonnage she could not send and maintain an army in Europe without injuring the transport and supply of the existing Entente armies and jeopardizing the feelings of the Entente people."

"For practical purposes we need only fear that the United States will be within a visible time a help to the Entente with her lighter war vessels for combatting our submarines. These considerations did not apply at the time of the former disagreement with the United States over the sinking of the Lusitania. At that time American antagonism would have meant a vast increase of men and munitions for the enemy."

MEXICO'S ATTITUDE. Vancouver, Feb. 26.—F. J. Leveson, a Vancouver business man who formerly lived in Mexico City, to-day received the following telegram dated Mexico City, Feb. 24, via Galveston, from Luis Cabrera, Minister of Finance in the Carranza Government:

"An authorized state Mexican attitude is ready and sincerely desired notwithstanding what press may say."

CONSERVATIVES LOSE IN NEW BRUNSWICK

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In Conservative circles the result of Saturday's voting apparently was completely unexpected, and in Liberal circles the rally to the party gave rise to pleased surprise. The general opinion appears to be that two main causes contributed to the result. The first was the general dissatisfaction over the management of the Intercolonial Railway. All the Intercolonial Railway counties went to the Opposition except King's. Secondly, the Prohibition advocates failed to rally to the support of the Government. Having obtained Prohibition from this Government, the great majority of them apparently voted according to political preference.

All eyes are turned on Gloucester to-day. In St. John City, which elects four members to the Legislature, three Conservatives were returned. This was the only instance in which the vote was split. All other constituencies at large returned either a solid Opposition, or complete Conservative representation.

C. W. Robinson, Liberal, elected in Moncton City, a former premier of the province. It is regarded as more than likely, however, that if the Liberal victory is sustained to-day in Gloucester a new constituency will be found for the defeated Liberal leader, who failed of election in St. John County yesterday.

List of Elected. The following is a list of the successful and defeated candidates and the votes:

Albert—L. Smith (Govt.), 955; W. Caruath (Opp.), 929; J. L. Peck (Govt.), 980; S. Ryan (Opp.), 902.

Carlton—F. B. Smith (Govt.), 2,817; W. J. Jones (Opp.), 2,021; G. White (Govt.), 2,414; W. F. Todd (Opp.), 1,864; S. Gupta (Govt.), 2,379; H. Lawrence (Opp.), 1,847; H. Smith (Govt.), 2,376; J. Gaskill (Opp.), 1,834.

Kent—Hon. D. V. Landry (Govt.), P. Melanson (Opp.), elected; G. A. Hutchinson (Govt.), A. Dymart (Opp.), elected; F. Richards (Govt.); A. Bordinge (Opp.), elected.

King's—Premier Murray (Govt.), 2,151; F. Sharp (Opp.), 1,763; G. B. Jones (Govt.), 2,214; Dr. G. Pearson (Opp.), 1,728; H. Dickson (Govt.), 2,076; E. S. Carter (Opp.), 1,658.

Madawaska—C. L. Cyr (Govt.), 878; L. Duval (Opp.), 1,829; J. Clair (Govt.), 780; J. Mitchard (Opp.), 1,807.

Moncton City—Dr. O. Price (Govt.), 1,248; C. W. Robinson (Opp.), 1,338.

Northumberland—J. L. Stewart (Govt.), 1,674; Hon. J. Burchill (Opp.), 2,322; F. D. Swimm (Govt.), 1,585; Dr. McGrath (Opp.), 2,235; L. Doyle (Govt.), 1,663; R. Murray (Opp.), 2,125; J. Gallant (Govt.), 1,401; D. Allan (Opp.), 2,109.

Queen's—Hon. A. Shipp (Govt.), 1,055; G. H. King (Opp.), 1,094; A. West (Govt.), 1,064; J. Hetherington (Opp.), 1,096.

Restigouche—Hon. A. Culligan (Govt.), 1,329; A. J. Leblanc (Opp.), 1,501; D. A. Stewart (Govt.), 1,421; W. Currie (Opp.), 1,489.

St. John City—D. Campbell (Govt.), 2,685; W. R. Roberts (Opp.), 2,542; L. Tilly (Govt.), 2,532; W. Scully (Opp.), 2,430; F. Potts (Govt.), 2,547; W. Barnaby (Opp.), 2,397; P. Grannan (Govt.), 2,483; J. A. Sinclair (Opp.), 2,349.

St. John County—Hon. John Baxter (Govt.), 1,141; W. Foster (Opp.), 993; T. Carson (Govt.), 1,084; A. Bentley (Opp.), 973.

Sunbury—P. Glasier (Govt.), 537; D. Mersereau (Opp.), 602; G. Perley (Govt.), 533; R. Smith (Opp.), 596.

Victoria—A. Kuppke (Govt.), 964; J. Burgess (Opp.), 1,323; J. White (Govt.), 860; J. Tweedale (Opp.), 1,380.

Westmorland—F. Black (Govt.), 2,923; E. A. Smith (Opp.), 2,624; A. Trites (Govt.), 2,972; F. Magee (Opp.), 2,510; Hon. P. Mahoney (Govt.), 2,904; F. Sweeney (Opp.), 2,322; A. Legere (Govt.), 2,856; C. M. Legere (Opp.), 2,591.

York—J. Pinder (Govt.), 2,512; E. Bertt (Opp.), 2,897; S. Hunter (Govt.), 2,726; A. Kitchin (Opp.), 2,565; Dr. W. Crockett (Govt.), 2,527; P. Hughes (Opp.), 2,659; J. Young (Govt.), 2,325; W. Lawson (Opp.), 2,497.

In Kent the three Opposition candidates were elected by about 500 majority. The figures of the vote in this case are not available as yet.

EDWIN GOULD KILLED

Brunswick, Ga., Feb. 26.—Edwin Gould, jr., son of the New York capitalist, was accidentally killed while hunting near Jekyll Island Saturday night.

Mr. Gould was hunting coon. He struck a coon on the head with the butt of his gun and the weapon was discharged, fatally wounding him. His body was recovered by a small boat for help.

THE FOOD SITUATION IN THE UNITED STATES

Washington, Feb. 26.—Appropriation of \$6,000,000 for federal relief in the food situation and future investigation to devise better distribution methods was proposed in a resolution introduced to-day by Senator Borah, of Idaho. Action upon the resolution will be deferred.

Canada has adopted the wattle for its emblem, and Canada the maple leaf; but the inhabitants of the United States possess neither a national anthem nor a national flower. "The Star-Spangled Banner," "Dixie," and "Hall, Columbia!" are used indifferently for an anthem. Mr. Roosevelt wants to see these discarded in favor of Julia Ward Howe's "Battle Hymn of the Republic." For a national flower the columbine has been suggested on the ground that "its common name suggests Columbus and Columbia, whilst its botanical name, 'aquilegia,' associates it with the bird of freedom. It can be raised from seed in almost any American garden, and it is native to nearly all the states."—London Chronicle.

The capital story of Russell's efforts during his editorship of the Scotsman to exclude from its pages any of Hill Burton's allusions to his theory about Scotch cheeses makes one curious to know what that theory was. We know very little about these cheeses, which are seldom sent south of the Tweed. Scotland is not famed for them, and even gives them another name—Keb-buck. We only know that they improve by keeping, for in "The Cottar's Saturday Night" the wife boasts that her "weel-hained" one was 12 months old "sin it was I' the bell."—London Chronicle.

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THE GERMAN RETIREMENT.

The Germans are furnishing the explanation of the series of advances recorded by the British on both sides of the Ancre during the last few weeks. Within the last twenty-four hours they have abandoned the Serre-Miramont ridge, north of the rivulet, and Petit Miramont, Pys and Butte de Warlencourt south of it. This is the most material retirement the enemy has made since the Somme offensive began. It is extremely important not only because it exposes Bapaume to the application of tactics which must squeeze the enemy out of that key position, and pave the way for the flattening of the whole Arras salient, but because it is an admission by the Germans of the superiority of the army opposed to them in human and material resources. It shows that the German chief command is too doubtful of the morale of the present grade of German troops to risk heavy fighting except in positions which may be considered as guaranteeing a successful resistance. The enemy no longer persists in desperate, costly counter-attacks. Hindenburg's message to the troops in the Verdun region and the lying admissions of the German press about the "barbarities" practised by the British, French and Russians upon prisoners, had already reflected in the minds of Germany's leaders a great anxiety concerning the ability of the German army to stand punishment.

The German retirement from Serre to Butte de Warlencourt is the sequel to three skillful tactical operations following the flattening of the Beaumont-Thiepval-St. Pierre Division angle last November. One of these was aimed at Serre, two miles, and a half north of the Ancre, the second was against the height commanding Miramont, east of Beaumont, and the third was against the high ground near Petit Miramont, across the brook from Miramont. Farther east Le Transloy and Sailly-Saillisel were also garnered, but these have to do with wider operations. Notwithstanding their desperate resistance the Germans south of Serre had to let go of a strong position which brought that place under fire from three directions. The British secured themselves on the height north of Miramont and made appreciable progress towards Petit Miramont. They thus had the enemy's position from Serre to Miramont, which faced southwest, under the enfilading fire of their artillery, and the Germans hastened backward under the cover of fog. How far they will retire in this single operation remains to be seen. They may be even abandoning the entire Arras salient and falling back upon the line of Lille-Cambrai-St. Quentin. Certainly they must now lose more than the points already enumerated and we should hear of the occupation of a number of other places on both sides of the Ancre within the next twenty-four hours. The capture of Miramont and Butte de Warlencourt disposes of the last formidable enemy position west of Bapaume. Warlencourt is not more

than a mile and a half southwest of that place, which is now in a predicament closely resembling that of Serre a few days ago and whose communications are commanded by British artillery. Attacked from the west, south and southeast, Bapaume very soon must be lost to the enemy, who probably already has made arrangements for its evacuation. Its capture by the British will require a lot of explanation to the German people, especially as it must be followed by a comprehensive retirement which will involve the loss of Peronne and other positions on the French front as well. These retirements are being conducted under the cover of more than fog and mist. They are taking place also under the cover of the submarine campaign which is now being dangled before the eyes of the German people as their main distraction of the moment. But even the formidable total tonnage sunk, grossly exaggerated though it is by the Germans, will not console Germany for the loss of Bapaume and Peronne.

THE BRITISH IN KUT.

The announcement of the capture of Kut-el-Amara will be received throughout the Empire with particular satisfaction. It removes from the slate the smudge of the reverse suffered by the gallant Townshend through no fault of his own and opens the way to more extended operations in the direction of Baghdad, the chief immediate objective of the Army of the Tigris. At the time of this writing no details of the victory have been received, but the brief statement that the enemy had retreated to Baghela, twenty-five miles west of Kut, would seem to indicate that, following his defeat in the Dabra Bend on the right bank of the Tigris west of Kut, the Turk anticipated a crossing by his forces in the rear of the stronghold and skipped out to avoid investment.

Whether the forces in Kut and around it have been joined in their retreat by the troops which have been holding the left bank of the river at Sannayat, fifteen miles east of Kut, it is impossible to say at this moment. These forces composed the main body engaged in the defence of the Turkish position. They were formidably entrenched on the narrow front between the Suweike marsh and the Tigris and it was only after a number of strong attacks by the British to penetrate this line and relieve Townshend failed that the operations on the right bank were undertaken. During the last few days the British have scored several advances against the Sannayat front and their attacks would indicate that the Turks there, fearful for their line of retreat seriously threatened by the British success south and west of Kut, were preparing to retire.

The locality to which the enemy has retreated is much less favorably adapted to defence than the ground before Kut. In the latter case the situation of the swamps, particularly on the left bank of the river, enabled the Turks to consolidate themselves on a narrow front, making flank movements by the British extremely difficult. Indeed, on the left bank, along the Sannayat position, this manoeuvre could not be attempted at all. The swamp areas on the right bank were not so extensive and these obstacles were overcome after many weeks of careful preparation, in which every facility of river-fighting science was brought into use. There is a much better opportunity for movement on both banks of the river at Baghela and it is improbable that the Turks will be able to do more than to fight a delaying battle there pending the organization of their defences about Bagdad itself.

THE PRESIDENT ACTS.

President Wilson's request to Congress to empower him to take steps to protect American lives and shipping, which must mean the arming and convoying of merchantmen between America and Europe, is a step into war. It is euphoniously described as introducing a state of "armed neutrality," but it is actually nothing of the sort. If an armed American vessel is threatened by a German submarine the gunner aboard her will try to sink the Hun craft, and that, of course, is war. We shall be very much surprised if Germany will await an exchange of shots between merchantman and submarine before precipitating the crisis. Indeed, the President's action to-day in all probability will be followed by instructions to commanders of Hun underwater-craft to sink at sight every American vessel they can approach. The enemy is not likely to wait until the United States has perfected its arrangements for the protection of its shipping. He is in too great a hurry for that.

Notwithstanding the severance of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany it was believed in many quarters that war between the two countries would not result from this development. They overlooked the fact, however, that pronounced though the President's aversion to intervention in the conflict was, the pressure of economic conditions and national sentiment was bound to be stronger still. The German proclamation of unre-

stricted submarine warfare virtually created a blockade of the United States. It caused dislocation of industry, unemployment, congestion of traffic, heavy financial loss and unquestionably bulked considerably among the causes of the food-demonstrations. American interests are too closely interlocked with those of the Entente to be even partially interrupted without seriously disturbing the republic's economic life, besides weakening its prestige in this hemisphere. No matter what the President may call his action to-day it is a move for intervention in the great war.

THE N. B. ELECTION.

The electors of Gloucester hold the key to the political situation in New Brunswick, and they are rendering their verdict to-day. The polling on Saturday left the Murray Government in a minority of two, the standing of the parties being, Conservatives, 21, Liberals, 23. If the four Gloucester seats are won by the Government Premier Murray will return to power with a majority of one, which, of course, will mean another election, for he could not carry on with that margin, especially in view of the fact that it would be absorbed in the Speakership of the House. On the other hand if Gloucester goes Liberal the new Government will have a working majority, with a very narrow one.

Whether they are victorious or not the Liberals of New Brunswick have gained ground second only in extent to the striking progress made by the Opposition in this province in the recent election. In the last Legislature, out of a membership of forty-eight they held only three seats. There were two Independents. The Government seems to have been confident of success, and it is doubtful if the Liberals expected to do more than to return a formidable Opposition. The election was bitterly contested as usual, and three ministers were beaten. At this distance the issues that played the decisive part are not clear. Aside from local questions, however, the loss of prestige sustained by the Government following the disclosures involving the resignation of former Premier Fleming, considerably weakened the ministry's position.

If the Liberals win New Brunswick, only two out of the nine provinces will remain in the Conservative column. These are Ontario, where the Opposition is rapidly increasing in strength, and Prince Edward Island, where the Liberals made substantial gains in the last general election. Within the last year or so four provincial elections have been held, apart from the present contest in New Brunswick, and all of them have resulted in victories for the Liberal party, in every case by sweeping majorities. This record, culminating in the developments in New Brunswick, must baffle alarmingly in the eyes of the Government at Ottawa.

The esteemed Colonist publishes a fairy tale almost daily dilating with evident relish upon the alleged conflict between the Liberal executive of Victoria and the Executive Government in the matter of appointments to the provincial service. Cannot our contemporary understand that if the stories it prints are true, all the more credit attaches to the Government for making appointments according to merit rather than in accordance with the demands of politicians?

War is just what General Sherman said it was. At least that is the opinion of men who have to do with newspapers. Look at the size of the London and provincial papers to-day. In Germany over twelve hundred papers have died, but they doubtless deserved death. However, eight hundred "neutral" sheets in the neighboring republic also have been extinguished by the pestilential breath of war. High cost of material did it.

The crisis at Washington is slowly developing into something approaching the real thing, but there is probably no truth in the report that Bro. Bryan is thinking of applying the war paint.

The deadlock in news has been broken. There probably will be a deluge of it until the grand finale of the war. Now is the time to subscribe for the paper that gets it.

It had been suggested that Hon. Robert Rogers reached England as a stow-away in the ship which carried Sir Robert Borden across to attend the Imperial Conference.

The "contemptible" little British army evidently has become a force that the All-Highest no longer can speak of in contemptuous terms.

Away down by the sea on the other side of the continent there are signs of going in the political mulberry bushes.

For the time being at any rate the Huns and their congenial allies the Turks are on the run.

It may be that that "overt-act" was on the Laconia.

London Daily News: It was now to be a war of endurance, but France, with her coal and iron areas in enemy occupation, might have found endurance beyond her.

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ance beyond her in the critical months at the end of 1916, had not Lord Kitchener's energy and organizing capacity ensured her a supply from England of the materials, without which her armies could not have been munitioned. Even when full credit is given to the statesmen and administrators on whom it fell in each country to control the swift conversion of the machinery of peace into machinery of war, Lord Kitchener's figure still stands out as that of the man conspicuous, perhaps above all others, for the swift and sure decision that saved Europe from a disaster for which history could supply no precedent.

PREPARATION.

A fortnight since the Kaiser sent a note to Uncle Sam. Conveying the impression that he did not give a damn

What happened to our citizens who sailed for British shores? What help for us if Wilhelm cares to plunge us in his war?

Our ships are at Guantanamo, Our men just out of Mexico; Thank God for Britain's navy that is watching at our doors!

A foxy guy, the Kaiser, and he talks for yards and yards. And all the time he's talking he is stacking up the cards.

We listen to his chatter and forget the hate of Huns-- But what will stop his aeroplanes from blowing up our sons?

Our ships are at Guantanamo, Our men just out of Mexico; Thank God for Britain's navy with its anti-aircraft guns!

The War Lord does not always fight exactly by the book; His submarines may be to-night due east of Sandy Hook.

We've had two weeks of warning to prepare against his whim. What fate should overtake us if we're not in fighting trim?

Our ships are at Guantanamo, Our men still close to Mexico; Thank God for Britain's battleships that stand 'twixt us and him.

A. R. F. in New York Tribune.

ASSESSMENT QUESTION IS UNDER DISCUSSION

Important Matter Engages Attention of Civic Court of Revision To-day

A subject which interests every taxpayer engaged the attention of the civic Court of Revision, this morning at a private meeting, to talk over with Inspector Baird the question of assessment, particularly in reference to the interpretation of the Shalcross amendment of the Municipal Act requiring a reduction of ten per cent. each year till the war terminates.

The impression appeared to be that the cut of over thirteen per cent. on the assessment of lands, as returned on January 16, meets fully the requirements of the case on the general principle, although specific cases will of course have the consideration of the court when the formal sessions open next month. The question of a pro rata cut, such as the court adopted last year, was, however, not specifically mentioned, but it is presumed there will be no change in this regard.

The whole question of assessment was before the members. The meeting discussed the position of taxation of

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## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, Feb. 26, 1892.

The secretary of the congregation of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Spring Ridge has been in communication with Rev. J. McEwan of the East, with a view of getting him to accept a call to the church to take Rev. Mr. Townsend's place.

The city has followed the banks in refusing to accept American silver coin except at a discount of 5 per cent. Therefore tax collectors and officers at the City Hall will hereafter refuse to take it except under the above conditions. The cause of the banks' action is the bill now before Congress providing for the free coinage of silver.

The Indians of this city have received an invitation to attend a grand potlatch that is to take place at North Arm on May 24.

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Admiralty Court.—Justice Martin left the city on this afternoon's boat for Vancouver, where he will hold a sitting of the Admiralty Court.

Nelson vs. Bradstreet.—In an action for damages for libel brought by J. Arthur Nelson against Bradstreet in the sum of \$50,000 the statement of claim relates that the trial will be heard at New Westminster.

### Lost Property.—The muff and umbrella, which were left last Friday or Saturday at the room in the Pemberton block, where the ping-pong tournament was being held, may be had by the owner on application at 121 Pemberton block.

Case Remanded.—The case of G. A. Atkinson, an advertising solicitor, was remanded in the police court this morning. It will be heard to-morrow. Atkinson is accused of obtaining by false pretences \$5 from Rudolph Margison of the Victoria Plumbing Company.

To Elect To-morrow.—Private Daniel Ford, of the 50th Gordons, who was committed for trial by Magistrate Jay in the Police Court on Thursday last on a charge of attempted suicide, was to have elected in the County Court this morning. The matter, however, has been adjourned until to-morrow.

Fifth Regiment Band.—The Fifth Regiment Band has so perfectly established itself in popular favor that many patrons of the weekly Sunday night concerts at the Royal Victoria Theatre will have nearly any kind of element in order to be present at the entertainment. These regular attendants constituted the greater part of the somewhat diminished audience last night, and it was a great satisfaction to those who went to be able to listen to one of the best programmes of the season. The soloist was Mrs. Robert Baird, who contributed as her first number Liddle's beautiful setting of "Abide With Me," a sacred song primarily suited to a concert of such rich quality and so artistic in finish. As an encore to this "Spring Awake" was given, and for a second number later on in the programme the soloist gave Pellissier's "Awake," followed by the even better-liked "Mother Machree," another number which Mrs. Baird made very appealing. A euphonium and cornet duet by Bandsman J. W. Green and G. H. E. Green, "Baird's 'Excelsior'" was admirably played and won favor of no small kind with the appreciative audience, the musicians being recalled. The band played no encores last night, a fact which was not in any way due to the lack of appreciation of the listeners, who very enthusiastically applauded "Semiramis," "The Quaker Girl," and "Reminiscences of Wales." Mrs. Gibson accompanied the solo numbers very nicely, and Mr. Smith, with his unwavering punctiliousness, wielded the conductor's baton.

## RED CROSS RECEIVES HANDSOME DONATION

Cheque for \$5,000 Sent by Liberal Anonymous Subscriber.

The sum of \$5,000 has been received by the Red Cross Society from a subscriber who prefers to remain anonymous.

This handsome gift is proof of the very deep interest and sympathy of one citizen, at least, and it is safe to assume that the Red Cross Society would be glad to have many similar surprise donations within the coming months. Such a subscription is wonderful encouragement to the committee in its campaign for the \$30,000 which is required to insure the payment of bills for the very considerable supplies being made to enable the Red Cross depots overseas to meet the demands of this year's offensive.

It is earnestly hoped that there will be further large subscriptions and many small ones this week to prevent the chance of a stoppage, or even slowing down of work on the supplies so urgently needed.

## CONSENTED TO ORDER

Gavin H. Burns Will Undertake to Pay Indebtedness into the Wyllie Estate.

The adjourned application in Supreme Court Chambers with regard to the action between the Official Administrator and Gavin H. Burns, in respect of the estate of the late C. G. Wyllie, to compel the defendant to pay the sum of \$50 in to the estate of the deceased or to show why he had neglected so to do, was disposed of this morning. Mr. Meredith, solicitor for Mr. Burns, informed His Lordship that his client had consented to an order being made upon him to pay the said sum to the Official Administrator into whose hands the estate has passed. It will be recalled from the report of the earlier proceedings that Gavin H. Burns was indebted to the late C. G. Wyllie to the extent of \$50 at the time of his appointment as executor of the estate.

## COUNTY COURT LIST

Long List of Stood-Over Cases; Ten New Cases for Ensuing Month.

The list of County Court cases set down for hearing during the month of March are as follows: *Hyves et al vs. Troup; Davis vs. Kenny; Burgess et al vs. British Columbia Electric Railway; Webb vs. Harris; Weiler Brothers vs. Watson; McInnes vs. Stewart; Allen vs. New Method Laundry; Deeds vs. The Warren Construction Company; Young vs. Lustig; Amar Singh vs. Tait.* The following is the list stood over from the February Court: *Baker vs. Kennedy et al; Langford Stores vs. Campbell; Ford vs. Edwards; Union Bank vs. Fraser et al; Leigh & Sons vs. Canadian Mosaic Tile Company; Burdick vs. Carruthers; Lock vs. Canadian Pacific Railway Co. et al; Wilson Brothers vs. Luesley; Thacker & Holt vs. Gray; Dominion Carriage Company vs. Meston.*

Members of Canadian Order of Foresters are asked to attend special meeting Monday, Feb. 26, to hear report of Organizer Rand re proposed increase on rates.

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Wanted Name Women Candidate.—The Women's Liberal Association of Vancouver has passed a resolution deploring the death of the late Hon. Ralph Smith and urging that as a memorial to his work for women and his wife's long years of public work the Liberal convention nominate Mrs. Ralph Smith for the vacancy.

Post Office Closed.—The post offices at Patricia and Shortford have been closed on the inauguration of a rural delivery route on February 17. Only one new post office has been opened in the province in the month, that being at Blue River, 140 miles north of Kamloops, which will be served from the latter city three times a week by C. N. P. train.

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Thanks to Helpers.—The organizers of the Ping-Pong tournament held last week under the auspices of the Oak Bay Red Cross extend thanks to J. D. Pemberton & Sons, to Wellers for crockery, to Lee Dye for screens, etc.; and to Woodward's for flowers. The management are particularly gratified to be able to announce that there was not a single item of expense attached to the undertaking, this meaning that the total proceeds are going to the Red Cross.

## QUALICUM BEACH INN

### FOR OFFICIAL SERVICE

Liquidator Gets Order to Negotiate for Lease to Hospitals Commission

Disciples of Isaac Wilton and other holiday enthusiasts who have regularly patronized the Qualicum Beach Inn will find some interest in an application concerning its fate made in Supreme Court Chambers before Mr. Justice Gregory this morning. A. D. MacFarlane, appearing on behalf of the liquidator of the Cameron Valley Land Company, asked that the liquidator be authorized to enter into and complete all necessary details and arrangements with the Military Hospitals Commission and its duly authorized officers, for an agreement to lease the Qualicum Beach Inn, together with certain nearby buildings, well-known as the Bungalow and flats, at the monthly rental of three hundred dollars. The arrangement is asked to come into effect on the first of March and to remain good until one year after peace has been declared. The terms of the agreement have already been submitted to J. S. H. Matson, of the Military Hospitals Commission, Esquimalt, and duly filed.

A further order was asked to empower the liquidator to make such other and necessary arrangements, incidental to the granting of the said lease, with A. Scott Innes and Albert F. Griffiths and the Bank of Toronto and other parties. Mr. MacFarlane also included in his motion to His Lordship the request that service of the notice of this application upon the creditors, contributories and shareholders of the said company be dispensed with. The complete order was made, A. E. Luxton appearing for the mortgagees (Messrs. Innes and Griffiths), and H. A. Maclean, K.C., for the creditors, offering no objection to the granting of the application.

## HERE ON VISIT

Leading Resident of Bella Coola is at Coast on Business.

A prosperous season in connection with the Bella Coola district is promised by B. Brynildsen, the well-known merchant and proprietor of the Courrier, who has arrived in the city on a purchasing trip, and also on departure of the district where he resides. He reports exceptional activity at Ocean Falls, where the new pulp plant in course of erection will be the largest on the coast, and will occupy many months in construction. The salmon pack last year was very large, and the promise for this year is also good.

The Bella Coola district being the centre for a rich stock-raising country, considerable activity is being devoted along those lines, and the promise for the future is better than is usual at this early period of the year.

While the district has a weekly mail service, in connection with the outer world by telegraph, and possesses a local telephone service in the valley, improved transportation would be welcome in assisting development, according to Mr. Brynildsen.

The visitor being a pioneer, and leading citizen of the district, is taking up while in the city a number of matters of interest to the welfare of the community with the government departments. He said the people are a prosperous community, and are confident of the future of the valley, as the natural highway into the interior, and the route by which the Indians long before Sir Alexander Mackenzie's historic trip, had found the waters of the Pacific.

## HINDU ATTACKS GIRL

Case is Remanded Till Wednesday by Magistrate Jay.

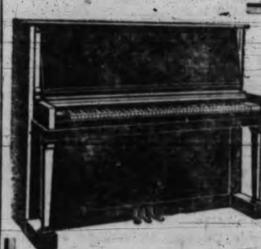
John Brown, a Hindu, was brought before Magistrate Jay in the police court this morning on a charge of having, without any provocation, so far as is known, made an attack on Miss Edith Bailey at her home at 1515 Camosun street, on Saturday evening shortly before 8 o'clock. It is alleged that he drew a knife with which he inflicted a serious wound over the temple. It appears that the Hindu called at the house to collect a bill, but the real cause of the cutting is not as yet clear. Although the accused made the statement in court this morning that Miss Bailey had refused to pay him and that she had been the wielder of the weapon. It appears that when wounded she screamed and thus brought her father, who was in the house at the time to the door. The Hindu, however, departed without attempting any further acts of violence. Miss Bailey was taken to the Royal Jubilee Hospital, where she was attended by Dr. Fraser.

## ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Soldier Becomes Dependent and Tries to Do Away With Himself.

Word has been received from Winnipeg that Pte. John Day, aged 35, of Victoria, attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a razor while on a train a few miles from the city. He is now in the General Hospital undergoing treatment, but it appears that the wound is of a rather serious nature.

Pte. Day left this city a week ago with a draft of twenty from the 5th Royal Canadian Garrison Artillery, bound for Halifax. Friends of his in the city can give no reason for the ac-



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LOCAL COUNCILS ARE HOLDING CONFERENCE

Interesting Papers and Subjects for Discussion Are on Two-Days' Programme

The programme for the third provincial conference of the Local Councils of Women of British Columbia, which is to be held on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week at the Y. W. C. A., suggests that a wide range of subjects of particular interest at the present time will be discussed by the ladies. There will be morning and afternoon sessions both days, and an evening session on Tuesday. The outstanding features will be as follows:

Tuesday morning session (commencing at 10 o'clock): Registration of delegates; address of welcome by Miss Crease from the Victoria Local Council of Women, and replies by Vancouver and New Westminster; consideration of amendments to constitution set out by the National Council.

Afternoon session, 2 o'clock—Paper, The National Council in Its Relation to British Columbia. Mrs. T. D. Scott; consideration of subjects selected by local councils from the syllabus forwarded by the National Council; papers

and discussion, "Citizenship," Mrs. J. H. MacGill; "Problems of Emigration," Mrs. J. J. Banfield; "Social and Moral Reform," Mrs. O. J. Perry.

Evening session, 8:15 o'clock—"The Conservation of Resources," M. B. Jackson; "The Conservation of Labor," Parker Williams.

Wednesday morning session, 10:30 o'clock—"Papers and discussion, "Conservation of Life"; "Preparation for Motherhood," Mrs. H. C. Flinn; "The Conservation of Child Life," Mrs. R. S. Day; "Dental Clinics," Mrs. MacLachlan.

Afternoon session—"Women Prepared for Home Life," Mrs. J. R. Gilley; "Women Prepared for Public Life," Mrs. Wm. Patchell; "Women in Industrial Life," Mrs. J. D. Gordon; "The New Spirit in the World," Mrs. Cave-Brown-Cave.

Vancouver, New Westminster and other mainland points are expected to send about twenty-five delegates. A cordial invitation is extended to the public, both men and women, to attend any of the sessions.

The "fortified locality" of Southwold, as the Germans foolishly call it, is a place of some historical importance. Southwold Bay (or Sole Bay) was a frequent naval station during the Dutch wars. It was here that the allied fleets of France and England were "lying in a very negligent posture" when the Dutch fleet with De Ruyter arrived and a memorable "scrap" took place, in which the gallant Earl of Sandwich was blown up in his ship. The sheltering headlands of this once famous bay have unfortunately long since been washed away by the sea.—London Chronicle.

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New York, Feb. 24.—Nothing has been more talked of during the past seasons than sports clothes, so much so, that nowadays they have come to be just as essential a part of the modern woman's wardrobe as her evening gown. In the styles shown at present for Southern wear, there is distinctly a strong accent on the type of dress; for fashionable women at Southern resorts wear their sports clothes from early morning until it is time to change to evening gowns. As a result of this rage, the variety to be found under the label of sports clothes is nothing short of amazing. As a rule, bright colors or blouses are worn with white or light colored skirts. Included in the list of gay colors that are used, red is often found, which is rather unusual, as this color has been looked upon formerly as more appropriate for fall and winter than for spring and summer.

Sports clothes of silks and satins ap-



A Sports Frock Developed in the New Plain and Dotted Silks.

pear in greater numbers this season than those of cottons. There are, however, some novelties in cottons which promise to prove very popular. One of these is cotton gabardine brightly striped and plaided in colors. Basket weaves which have the new striped and dotted designs also have a fair showing, and the heavy linens will undoubtedly be worn.

The sketch shows one of the favorite models with the smart hip-length blouse. Stitched box pleats, starting from under a deep yoke and disappearing beneath the pleated pockets, give the Norfolk effect which has always been considered a good style for outing wear.

Separate coats of fuzzy white material, somewhat like blankets, with stripes of many colors around the edge, and also on the collar and cuffs, are among the latest offerings in sports attire. The color stripes are also carried out in the same way in coats of oyster-white tussur.

New Notes in Frocks.

Wide girdles crushed softly about the waist are quite often seen on the new dresses. They are generally of satin or silk in some bright contrasting color and almost invariably end in tassels, for tassels are very much worn at present both on dresses and hats. The vogue for tassels is almost on a par with that for beads and braid, the two most fashionable trimmings that have taken with such tonacity.

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decoration in pale blue, black and white.  
 Chiffon is rapidly taking the place of Georgette, the best authorities say, but Georgette dresses are still in evidence and two shades of this sheer material are often combined in a dress. One dress combining light and dark tan, and another of white and pale pink were recently seen. The result was exceedingly attractive.

Some of the new chemise dresses have their straight lines broken by deep-furrows. One of these is illustrated here. It has a side pleated flounce which comes above the knees and the waistline is defined by a deep Paisley girdle in soft crush effect. Further



Charming Dress With Deep Flounce and Widely Paisley Girdle.

trimming is added in the simple touch of braiding around the neck and armholes.

Rumors of a New Silhouette.  
 Rumors of a new silhouette have been causing a stir in fashionable circles. In fact, the rumors have been turned to reality, for the new barrel skirt has already been seen in Paris and New York. The barrel skirt which produces this new silhouette, wide below the hips and narrowing down toward the ankles, is a strong contrast to the straight-line frocks inspired by the medieval fashions. Whether or not it will be accepted is still a matter of doubt. The barrel skirts that have been seen so far appear in different forms and some are not unlike the "peg-tops" which were fashionable some two or three years ago. It is very likely that the barrel skirt, if it takes at all, will not at once replace the straight frocks. It may be just a fad of the moment and it may be taken seriously by those who are tiring of the chemise dresses. Time only will tell, but in the meantime we need hardly have our peace of mind disturbed about it.

Envelopes, with which government departments are now being so economical, are generally supposed to have been the invention of S. K. Brewer, a Brighton bookseller. He found himself overstocked with some small sheets of paper upon which it was difficult to write the address. For these he devised small envelopes and metal plates for cutting them to size and shape, and Brighton ladies signified their approval in the usual manner. That was in 1830, but they had to wait until 1840 and the establishment by Sir Rowland Hill of the penny post to make their use general. And it was Edward Hill, Rowland's brother, who patented in 1846 the first envelope machine.—London Chronicle.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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

John S. Freeman, of Cobble Hill, is at the Dominion.  
 A. McBean, of Winnipeg, is staying at the Empress hotel.  
 W. A. Hills, of Moose Jaw, is staying at the Dominion Hotel.  
 F. R. Nichols, of New York City, is a guest at the Empress Hotel.  
 Philip J. Job, of Calgary, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday.  
 R. H. Carley, of Montreal, arrived at the Empress Hotel yesterday.  
 B. Brynildsen, of Bella Coola, is a guest of the Dominion Hotel.  
 M. Louis, of Calgary, registered at the Dominion Hotel yesterday.  
 A. Urquhart, of Lacombe, Alta., is stopping at the Dominion Hotel.  
 H. Davitt and Mrs. Davitt, of Golden, B. C., are at the Dominion Hotel.  
 A. G. Tillesen, of Edmonton, Alta., is registered at the Dominion Hotel.  
 W. Grant Mackay and son, of Calgary, Alta., are at the Dominion Hotel.  
 E. S. Channell and Mrs. Channell, of Saskatoon, are at the Dominion Hotel.  
 Dr. Wills and Mrs. Wills, of Edmonton, are guests at the Empress Hotel.  
 W. H. Dawson, of Wilmington, arrived at the Empress Hotel yesterday.  
 Henry F. Mytton, of Kamloops, registered at the Empress Hotel yesterday.  
 Joseph W. Vipond is down from Nanaimo and is a guest of the Dominion Hotel.  
 H. J. Johnston and R. D. Sullivan, of Kelowna, are registered at the Dominion Hotel.  
 Mack Eastman is over from Vancouver and is staying at the Strathcona Hotel.  
 J. S. Glover, of Edmonton, is visiting the coast and is a guest at the Strathcona Hotel.  
 Mrs. S. B. Ham is over from Washington and is staying at the Strathcona Hotel.  
 Mrs. George Skinner, of Winnipeg, is in the city, registered at the Empress Hotel.  
 E. O. Boyd and Mrs. Boyd, of Hamley, Sask., are new arrivals at the Dominion Hotel.  
 Mrs. John Veiss and the Misses Veiss, of Winnipeg, are staying at the Empress Hotel.  
 Geo. Coates has arrived from Buffalo, N. Y., and is staying at the Strathcona Hotel.  
 Mrs. P. J. Nolan and Miss Lee, of Calgary, arrived from the Mainland yesterday afternoon.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Samuel F. Haxton, of Philadelphia, registered at the Empress Hotel yesterday.  
 Mrs. J. W. Day and son, of Halifax, N. S., are visiting Victoria and staying at the Dominion Hotel.  
 G. Stelly and Mrs. Stelly are down from Cowichan Lake and are stopping at the Dominion Hotel.  
 Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Chubb have arrived from New York and are staying at the Strathcona Hotel.  
 Donald McNeven and Mrs. McNeven, of Yellow Grass, Sask., are new arrivals at the Dominion Hotel.  
 Vancouver registrations at the Empress Hotel included Mr. and Mrs. G. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Easton and Mrs. R. C. Boyle.  
 Mrs. A. M. Vallery and Mrs. G. Petrie, of Munson, Alta., are registered at the Dominion Hotel. They are accompanied by Miss Lois Hall, of Sunbridge, Alta.  
 J. W. Gibson, of this city, director of elementary agricultural education, will give a series of four lectures in the Municipality of South Vancouver on the subject of "Home and School Gardening." The series will commence to-morrow. Teachers, parents and senior pupils are particularly invited to attend.

UCLUELET CONCERT

Indians Contribute to Patriotic Fund at West Coast Entertainment.

A concert was held in the Indian Mission schoolroom, Ucluelet, on Wednesday, Feb. 21, in aid of the funds of the Patriotic Society. Mr. Ross, the resident missionary, in the chair. The following ladies and gentlemen sang, recited or had a part in the orchestra which gave selections during the evening: Mrs. Dawson, Miss S. M. Nowlan, Miss Elsie Karn, Miss Lillian Littleton, Miss Helen Kvarno; Messrs. Grant, Field, Janson, Olsen, Johnstone and Fraser. The schoolroom was filled to the door and the contributions came to \$43.55, the Indians share of that being \$11.50. As Mr. and Mrs. Ross stood all expenses the full sum is at the disposal of the Patriotic Fund. The evening's entertainment ended with the audience singing "Rule Britannia" and "God Save the King" and giving three hearty cheers for the "brave men at the front."

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ROTARIAN RAINBOW OF NATIONAL SERVICE

Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick Addresses Conference on "Service to Your Country"

Selecting subjects from the spokes of the "rotary service wheel" a speaker from each of the visiting Rotary clubs assembled in conference in Vancouver on Saturday, was allotted ten minutes at the afternoon session.

Welcome to U. S. Rotarians. Service had always been a vigorous and forceful word, and as the occasion arose, it shone with increasing glory.

Seven Phases: Sacrifice First. The speaker then took his auditors through seven distinct phases of Rotary service, composed as he described it, of seven ingredients, suggested to him by the letters of the word itself.

Efficiency. The best kind of service could be rendered through efficiency in each man's particular line of business or profession.

Righteousness. Personal uprightness and honor in life was a contribution to the country's welfare demanded by the highest Rotary ideal.

Virtue. By virtue was meant manliness, manhood was a precious element these days, and not only should every Rotarian present his own to the broad sphere of service to his country, but he should strive that, by his own example and sympathy and teaching, the boys of the land should be shown the way to become manly men.

Ideals. Rotary was practical, not nothing, but it was found actuated by ideals. No man could read the Rotary Magazine without realizing that every Rotarian should be directed by the vision of a very lofty ideal.

Constructiveness and Enthusiasm. Sixtieth and seventieth, constructive and enthusiasm. These might well be considered together.

Over six hundred, ladies and gentlemen, sat down to the banquet in the ballroom in the evening, the proceedings being punctuated by five-minute speeches.

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FIFTY YEARS' SERVICE AS PUBLIC OFFICIAL

William Henderson, Resident Architect of Public Works, Honored by Colleagues

For fifty years William Henderson, resident architect of the Department of Public Works of Canada for British Columbia, has been a member of the public service, and the jubilee of his first appointment was taken advantage of by his colleagues in the federal service here to tender him a complimentary banquet.

This took place in the Dominion Hotel on Saturday evening, when half a hundred officials assembled around the board, at the head of which J. G. Brown presided, with the veteran guest at his right.

The toast to the guest of the evening was enthusiastically honored, with the singing of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow," and three times three. The chairman proposed this toast, and from his sixteen years' association with Mr. Henderson as his assistant he was able to speak with knowledge of his many fine qualities, both as a man and as an official.

A gold-mounted ebony cane, inscribed with an inscription commemorative of the occasion, was presented to Mr. Henderson, together with a beautifully illuminated address, which had been designed and executed by H. E. Nelson, of the Public Work Department.

Mr. Henderson expressed his great pleasure at such a mark of honor from the men with whom he worked from day to day. He accepted it as a token of their friendship and esteem, of which he had no reason to doubt, as it had been manifested during all the years he had been in the service.

Other toasts, honored, in addition to the loyal ones, were: "The Naval and Military Forces, Department of Marine and Fisheries and Dominion Wireless Department," proposed by Capt. E. H. Fletcher, post office inspector, and responded to by Mr. Stanford, of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, and E. J. Haughton, of the Radio-Telegraph Service.

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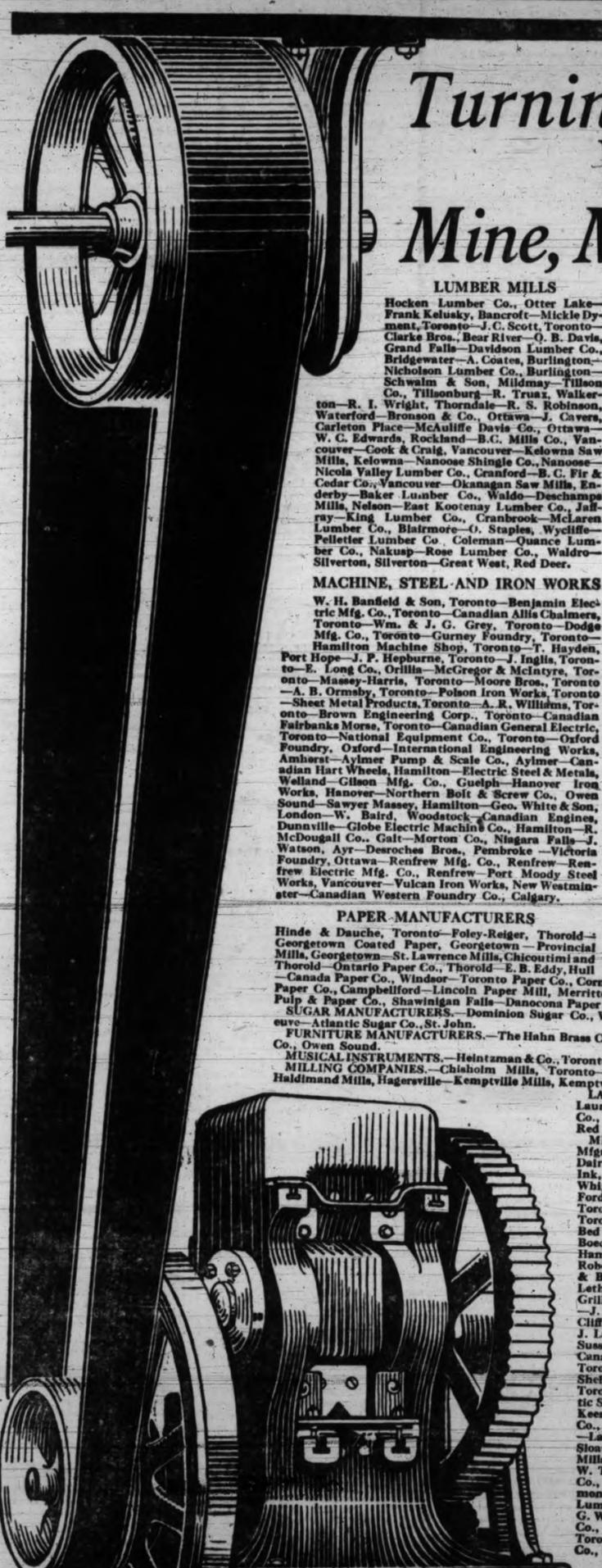
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### FUNMAKER HEADS

#### PANTAGES BILL

Frank Fogarty's Celtic Personality Puts New Meaning Into His Irish Jokes

Frank Fogarty, beloved the world around as "The Dublin Minstrel," heads the new bill at the Pantages which opened with the matinee this afternoon. Fogarty has a way all his own in the matter of dispensing large portions of Irish wit, and it is a well-known fact that there is not a more popular son of Erin before the public.

Fogarty is a gattling gun of jokes. He frightens his audience into quiet; they are afraid to laugh out loud for fear of missing the point of his next story. While they sit listening eagerly and choking down the roaring of mirth, Fogarty takes them through cyclonic meanderings with Kerrigan and O'Brien, concerning whose haps and mishaps he relates tale after tale of hilarious character.

Another act entitled to headline honors is that of the Six Berlo Girls, all of them beauties and all aquatic marvels. Medals denoting championships have been won by these clever maidens, in recognition of their cleverness in the water. Scenery specially designed graces the act and one of the largest portable tanks ever carried by a vaudeville act accompanies the production, something sensational is given in the way of diving acts and there is a surprise finish which contributes to its great popularity.

"The Mystic Bird," presented by Master Paul, the boy violinist, makes a novel and entertaining attraction which shares popularity honors. Grace Edmond is a very pretty and healthy girl, singing songs in a manner that is original. Her personality wins favor and she is one of the very popular items on the new bill.

Mack and Vilmar, a man and girl of unusual cleverness, appear in a skit of polite comedy, and sweet singing. There is also some very good instrumental music offered with the splendid repertoire of songs, and altogether the act is an attractive feature.

Dix and Dixie offer a hot pourri of singing, dancing, juggling and wire walking, making a versatile turn of unusual class.

The fifteenth and last installment of "The Shielding Shadow" completes an interesting programme which is destined to go a long way toward drawing capacity houses to the Pantages all this week. Have you guessed the identity of Revenger? If you have, you may yet be surprised when it is revealed in this chapter. Much of the tension and thrilling scenes which have characterized the whole story are accentuated in this installment which makes a suitable climax in its dramatic and heart interest.

"The Shielding Shadow" will be followed on the Pantages screen by a return of the popular Pearl White in her new serial, "Pearl of the Army," the first episode of which will be shown next week.

### SOME PLEASURES OF PICTURE MAKING

Star at Variety Theatre Picture Play Talks About Weather

"Of course it is nice of the weather man to furnish rain storms whenever motion picture people want them, but I wish he would also furnish a nice warm breeze along with them," laughed House Peters, the Morosco star who with Myrtle Stedman will be seen at the Variety Theatre to-day, Tuesday and Wednesday in the Oliver Morosco Photoplay Company's picture-ization of Albert Payson Terhune's story, "The Happiness of Three Women," the latest Paramount Picture.

"The place where we went to get those scenes is miles away from any where, and as you know, I had to get out of the car and run through the downpour. I only had on a light summer suit and promptly was drenched to the skin."

"You really would have thought the rain storm was made to order. I was comfortably ensconced in my downy when about 11 o'clock the phone rang and the director informed me that it was raining and we would have to take the scenes, so I crawled out of my little bed, got the car and drove to the location where the others were waiting."

"A charming young lady in an evening gown came towards us and was presented as Miss Myrtle Stedman. 'I didn't mind the rain storm so much,' she said, 'because I was quite comfy in the car.' Of course getting up in the middle of the night, like a fireman, to answer a call to take some scenes is not pleasant, but I did not mind that as much as I did the unexpected bolt of lightning. Mr. Peters and I were driving along and he had just remarked that the bolt of lightning was about due, when suddenly there was a blinding flash out of the sky and a shower of sparks. A tree fell directly across our path and I displayed fright without a minute's rehearsal, as it was completely unexpected—just as the director had planned. It's a great life—this photodrama, when we even have the heavens working for us."

### LOCAL MADE FILMS

#### AT ROYAL VICTORIA

"Fighting With the Allies" to Benefit Red Cross All the Week

Under distinguished patronage and the profits to be devoted solely to the funds of the Red Cross Society "Fighting With the Allies," including a zeppelin raid cartoon, will be shown at the Royal Victoria Theatre this afternoon and will continue to form the programme there for the remainder of the present week. These pictures have been voted as the finest examples of the cinematographer's art under war conditions. So recent are some of the scenes that many of the incidents film- ed occurred on the western front less than four months ago. There will be six shows each day commencing at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The prices of general admission will be 25 cents, while tickets for children at 15 cents may be obtained at the Superfluties Shop in Belmont House.

Films Made in Victoria. Superfluties Motion Pictures, Limited, have guaranteed all the expenses in connection with the securing of these films, and this is to be regarded as the first venture of the local film company. If the weatherman is on his best behavior during the afternoons of the week it is the intention of the company to film the patrons of the theatre as they arrive and enter the building, subsequently throwing the result of the operation on the screen. Included in the programme will be pictures of local interest, and the first public display of films made by the Superfluties Motion Pictures, Limited. The departure of the Bantams and the procession of the Yukoners to the wharf will be shown for the first time as will also several pictures of work in the studio.

Very Realistic. London Opinion, in a recent issue, gives a notice of the film "Fighting With the Allies," and quotes an officer, who had recently returned from the Somme front, extolling the perfection of detail so much so that while he was watching them from the comfortable box seat he almost lost touch with his surroundings, and instinctively reached out for his trench periscope.

### DOUBLE ATTRACTION AT DOMINION THEATRE

"Devil's Double" and "The Lady Drummer" Make Well-Balanced Programme

For the first three days of the week the offering at the Dominion constitutes a strong double attraction. The feature film, "The Devil's Double," is one of those rare screen stories which deserves a very high rating, because of the satisfying harmony and balance in all its parts. Great credit is due to the author for fine conception and construction; to the director for admirable handling, and also to that notable actor in the leading role, W. S. Hart, for his intelligent interpretation of an exceedingly difficult role, which is without doubt the best work Mr. Hart has ever done. Enid Markley, another splendid artist in this production, very tenderly impersonates the artist's wife. The whole story moves with a grace and ease of high quality. A strong and delightful contribution to the best screen stories of the year. The comedy attraction is equally good. Fay Tincher in her latest success, "The Lady Drummer," is brimful of humorous situations and laughable incidents, which are sure to amuse.

### CHARLIE CHAPLIN IN

#### "THE FLOORWALKER"

Farce Comedy at Columbia Theatre is Vehicle for Acrobatic Comedian

"The Floorwalker" is a farce-comedy coming under the general heading of "Vehicle," having been written to order and directed solely for the purpose of exhibiting the talents of Charlie Chaplin, who made his reputation as an acrobatic comedian and has improved to a point where he deserves better opportunity than has ever been afforded in a "vehicle" of any kind. It is true that his greatest value is as a drawing card. His name on the billboard is what counts with both producer and exhibitor. But that value would not be lessened if he appeared in something better than a mere "vehicle," nothing more or less than a machine-made screen story, with artificiality written all over it, and stale burlesque written all through it.

Chaplin is an artist of larger capacity of greater versatility than is apparent to those who know him best. A great many of the screen stories in which he appears are little more than repetitions, or thinly disguised variations of what he has already done, compelling him to repeat from lack of new business; whereas he would be more effective in some bright and new comedy in almost any role it offered. He has discovered the secret of what brings the laugh, the portrayal of plain, ordinary stupidity. This is illustrated in "The Floorwalker," where he is chased down a moving staircase

which is going up. Some pure psychology there makes it the funniest incident of the story. He needs bigger opportunity, but his personality is so convincing that "The Floorwalker" will win and keep many an audience laughing after it is well under way.

### COMEDY PROGRAMME

#### AT MAJESTIC THEATRE

Chaplin Riot This Week With Two-Act Farce, "The Beach Combers"

A Chaplin riot best describes the bill offered at the Majestic Theatre the first three days of this week. An all-comedy show consisting of 7 reels of fun is certainly an unusual attraction for Victoria, and in these days of stress and anxiety a very welcome one. Charlie is a sure cure for the blues, and those who take advantage of seeing this revue of his most successful hits will endorse that fact. The "Beachcombers" (in two acts) is a roaring farce, and is being shown for the first time in Victoria with such a programme offered the many patrons of the Majestic have a big treat in store.

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## WILSON ASKS FOR POWER TO USE NAVY AND LAND FORCES AND TO PUT GUNS ON SHIPS

(Continued from page 1)

which I may need any moment to exercise. No doubt I already possess that power without special warrant of war, by the plain implication of my constitutional duty and powers, but I prefer in the present circumstances not to act upon general implications. I wish to feel that the authority and the power of Congress are behind me in whatever it may become necessary for me to do. We are jointly the servants of the people and must act together and in their spirit, so far as we can divine and interpret it.

Duty Plain.

"No one doubts what it is our duty to do. We must defend our commerce and the lives of our people in the midst of the present trying circumstances, with discretion but with clear and steadfast purpose. Only the method and the extent remain to be chosen, upon the occasion, if occasion should indeed arise."

"Since it has unhappily proved impossible to safeguard our neutral rights by diplomatic means against the unwarranted infringements they are suffering at the hands of Germany, there may be no recourse but to armed neutrality, which we shall know how to maintain and for which there is abundant American precedent.

Desire Peace.

"It is devoutly to be hoped that it will not be necessary to put armed force anywhere into action. The American people do not desire it, and our desire is not different from theirs. I am sure that they will understand the spirit in which I am now acting—the purpose I hold nearest my heart and would wish to exhibit in everything I do. I am anxious that the people of the nations at war also should understand and not mistrust us. I hope that I need give no further proofs and assurances than I already have given throughout nearly three years of anxious patience that I am the friend of peace and mean to preserve it for America so long as I am able. I am not now proposing or contemplating war or any steps that need lead to it. I merely request that you will accord me by your own vote and definite bestowal the means and the authority to safeguard in practice the rights of a great people who are at peace and who are desirous of experiencing none but the rights of peace to follow the pursuit of peace in quietness and good will—rights recognized time out of mind by all civilized nations of the world.

In General Terms.

"You will understand why I cannot make no definite proposals or forecasts of action now and must ask for your supporting authority in general terms. The form in which action may become necessary can not yet be foreseen. I believe that the people will be willing to trust me to act with restraint, with prudence and in the true spirit of amity and good faith that they have themselves displayed throughout these trying months, and it is in that belief that I require that you will authorize me to supply our merchant ships with defensive arms, should that become necessary, and with the means of using them and to employ any other instrumentalities or methods that may be necessary and adequate to protect our ships and our people in their legitimate and peaceful pursuits on the seas. I require also that you will grant me at the same time, along with the powers I ask, a sufficient credit to enable me to provide adequate means of protection where they are lacking, including adequate insurance against the present war risks.

For Humanity.

"I have spoken of our commerce and of the legitimate errands of our people on the seas, but you will not be misled as to my main thought—the thought that lies beneath these phrases and gives them dignity and weight. It is not of material interest merely that we are thinking. It is rather of fundamental human rights, and chief of all the rights of life itself. I am thinking not only of the rights of Americans but also of those of their proper business by way of the sea, but also something much deeper, much more fundamental than that: I am thinking of those rights of humanity without which there is no civilization. My theme is of those great principles of compassion and of protection which mankind has sought to throw about human lives—the lives of non-combatants, the lives of men who are peacefully at work keeping the industrial processes of the world quick and vital, the lives of women and children and of those who supply the labor which ministers to their sustenance. We are speaking of no selfish material rights but of rights which our hearts support and whose foundation is that righteous passion for justice upon which all law, all structures alike of family, of state and of mankind, must rest, as upon the ultimate base of our existence and our liberty. I can not imagine any man with American principles at his heart hesitating to defend these things."

Reception of Remarks.

From Republicans and Democrats who have been pressing for forward action in the situation there were vigorous notes of approval. The element

classified as pacifist heard the address in silence and when it was over refrained from expressions, saying they were "thinking."

To the very end of the address there was no applause, but when it was concluded there was a storm of cheering and handclapping.

## BACK IN WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, Feb. 26.—R. Mackenzie, secretary of the Canadian Council of Agriculture, has returned to Winnipeg after attending a number of organization meetings held by farmers in British Columbia. Mr. Mackenzie states that the United Farms Council of British Columbia is now well organized and a strong body and will be a welcome addition to the Dominion council.

Editha was admiring her new summer frock. "Isn't it wonderful," she said, "that all this silk comes from an insignificant worm?" "Editha, is it necessary to refer to your father in that way?" her mother inquired reproachfully.

## AMERICAN MONEY

### A WELCOME HELP

Remarks by Man Who Writes  
as Editor of London  
Economist

London, Feb. 26.—"Should the United States, with all her treasures of gold, come into the war against Germany, she would be of incalculable help to our allies, regardless of anything she might do as a fighting force. If she should stay out, as now, with broken relations with Germany, she would be an equally potent support to us. The wealth and

financial aid of the United States mean much to the Allies."

That was the opinion expressed by Hartley Withers, the financial expert who succeeded F. W. Hirst as editor of the Economist, in reply to a question as to what part the United States is likely to play in the financial viewpoint in the near future in the world war. Mr. Withers, who has traveled extensively in the United States, did not hesitate to say that American sympathy, turned into a golden support, would be a welcome aid in driving the war to a victorious end for the Allies. What was needed to push the war to a successful conclusion was money, and of that the United States had great supplies.

"What Great Britain has just done in the matter of the immense war loan running up well beyond \$3,500,000,000, shows to the world that Britain is financially solid," said Mr. Withers. "That loan means the support of all Britons in financing the war. But beyond the loan is the necessity of having a market

where Britain will be able to turn should her finances become strained. We can run the war for months on the money the Britons have just put into the loan, but we must maintain the stability of foreign exchange."

## AMERICAN LINE SHIPS WOULD OPERATE AGAIN WITH GUNS ON BOARD

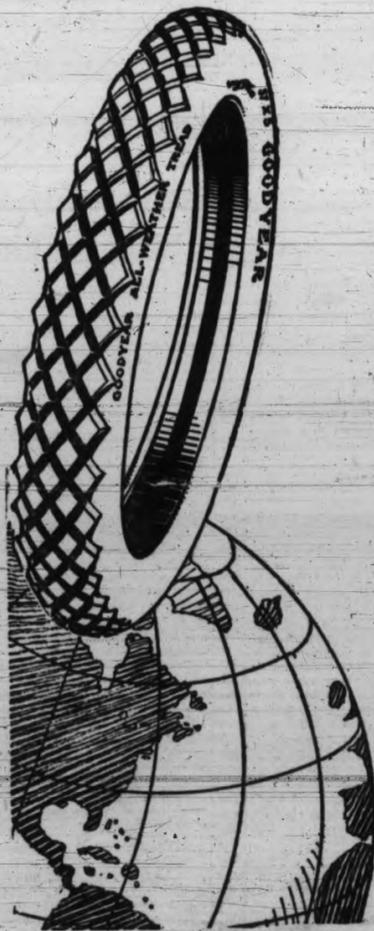
New York, Feb. 26.—If President Wilson should be authorized by Congress to arm ships to protect American merchantmen on the high seas, the American-Line steamships tied up here will resume sailings as soon as guns can be procured, it was stated by the line's officials here to-day.

The quiet-looking boy at the foot of the class had not had a question, so the teacher propounded to him this one: "In what condition was the patriarch Job at the end of his life?" "Dead," was the calm response.

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NOT VICTORY, BUT PEACE, THEIR HOPE

Man Lately in Germany Tells How Germans Look on Submarines

STRANGLING CENSORSHIP HOLDS SWAY, HE SAYS

London, Feb. 25.—Late and accurate information regarding the German threat on the Dutch frontier has been obtained by the Rotterdam correspondent of the London Daily Mail.

"It is perfectly true," said the informant, who had just returned to Holland from Germany, "that the towns and villages near the Dutch frontier are crowded with troops. For instance, Emmenich, which usually has had 300 men, now has three regiments. I have seen and spoken with many of these men and also with their officers. They are fighting troops and a very inferior lot at that, but very numerous."

"I asked why on earth they were doing trench digging and making all sorts of preparations. Usually I was told that they were intended partly to suppress smuggling and partly to protect the German frontier against invasion by British forces. This concentration of troops, however, has led to a well founded belief that they may be intended to invade Holland."

"The German people believe devoutly that Holland sends ten times as much food to Britain as to Germany, and since they know what huge quantities go to Germany you can see how they regard Holland as a country simply blacked up with spare food."

"The state of health of the German people? I watched the children fairly closely for a time. They do not look ill, but there is a striking look of listlessness about them. Among girls of 14 to 20 one notices that the eyes are flat and have no sparkle, and that the whole attitude is listless and lifeless. Despite demerits, I know that the death rate is very high, and the reason is that if illness or disease gets hold of a person there is no strength or stamina left to throw it off. Consequently, despite German medical science and precaution, quite harmless illnesses frequently take the fatal turn."

"With regard to public spirit—I was in Germany until after the new submarine campaign started. Frankly the Germans generally, both military and civilian, with whom I talked, think of the submarine less as a means of achieving final victory than of securing peace."

"But they make gods of the U boats. They consider them sure to isolate Britain. I frequently pointed out to Germans that Britain has daily some 200 ships at sea, and even submarines can not sink all, but they always replied: 'Yes, if England has 200 ships at sea we shall sink all, and within two months England also will have nothing more to eat.'"

"They believe the wildest legends about their submarines. Thus I was seriously informed by a grave and perfectly serious person that Germany had launched 120 submarines on one day. They disbelieve that the Bremen was sunk or lost. At Christmas time Tietz's big stores at Cologne had a great window display of huge dolls showing the arrival of the submarine Bremen at Hamburg. Now that was not the Bremen, but the Deutschland."

"The newspapers are so strictly censored that if there is an explosion the people learn nothing about it, save those who come across evidence of it themselves. For instance, on Kaiser Wilhelm's birthday, Saturday, January 27, I was walking on Prinz Adolfe Allee near Dusseldorf, near the Pechor Brewery at 11 a. m., when I heard a heavy explosion. Everywhere windows were smashed, glass was all over the place. The shock was over in a few seconds, but I knew that there must have been an explosion somewhere, though I knew not where. The next day people from the place where the

explosion occurred, namely, the ammunition works about two hours' journey from Cologne, arrived at Dusseldorf, and said that forty people had been killed and a large number injured.

"It was a very big explosion, and the whole place was utterly wrecked, but next day the Dusseldorf General Anzeiger had only about three lines to say that two persons had been killed and two seriously and two slightly injured, while considerable damage had been done to property. Not one word was allowed to appear of the damage done in Dusseldorf."

"I was told that Munich, as well as Dresden, is closed to foreigners. Sick of War.

"The people of Germany are frankly sick of the war, and even among the soldiers and junior officers and non-commissioned officers, with whom I often talked, the only ones who show any war keenness are those who have not yet been to the front."

"But the general talk is all of the great German attack on Britain. They say the crisis of the submarine campaign is to coincide with a great German attack on the western front, the idea being that just at the crisis of the fight in the west the submarine campaign will cut short the supply of ammunition to the British front in France."

"Naturally there is much discontent, but there is no rioting for the reason that the system of police espionage and information by amateur spies is amazing. If a discontented person begins murmuring he or she is seized and taken before a magistrate before there is time to do more than utter the incriminating words."

INDICATES BRITAIN'S ENORMOUS STRENGTH

London, Feb. 25.—In the Commons today Rt. Hon. Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced that the total of applications for the war loan, treasury bills and war savings certificates during the period of the war loan applications was £1,000,312,950—new money.

FOOD RIOTS AGAIN IN NEW YORK CITY

New York, Feb. 25.—Food riots broke out again here to-day on the East Side. Police reserves were called out to disperse several hundred women who attacked a vegetable wagon and started to dump barrels of potatoes and onions into the street. The women were resisted by the owners, who drew a revolver and threatened to shoot. He was arrested and was followed to the station by a menacing crowd of women.

TURKS ADMIT LOSS OF KUT-EL-AMARA

Constantinople, Feb. 25.—The War Office to-day announced the withdrawal of the Turkish forces at Kut-el-Amara. The announcement follows:

"According to a pre-arranged plan and in order to effect a junction with reinforcements which had arrived, our troops which had held for a year advanced positions at Kut-el-Amara as well as positions to the east and west of the town, have been withdrawn to the rear in an easterly direction. The movement was entirely unnoticed by the enemy."

ON S. S. LACONIA

New York, Feb. 25.—Among the second-cabin passengers on the Laconia was W. H. Thacker, of San Diego, Cal.

GERMAN-TURK ALLEGATION

Berlin, Feb. 25.—According to the official news agency at Constantinople, the losses of the British in the recent fighting along the Tigris exceed 20,000 men. Several steamships crowded with wounded British soldiers have been sent away, the news agency says.

Mr. Dolby was found engaged in vigorously polishing his shoes. "What are you doing that for?" the intruder asked. "I always thought you were patent leather shoes. These are patent leather," replied Dolby, faintly bringing his spinal column into normal position. "But the patent on them has expired."

A HERO FOR A DAY



MASTER—Now, tell me some important event in history that occurred in 1904. SCHOOLBOY—Please sir, I was born.

S. S. ORLEANS HAS REACHED FRANCE

American Freighter, Centre of Attention, Entered Gironde River To-day

Paris, Feb. 25.—The American freighter Orleans has entered the mouth of the Gironde, according to a Bordeaux dispatch to the Havas Agency.

The entrance of the Orleans into the Gironde estuary was a triumphal one. The American vessel was saluted by the whistles of other craft and the dipping of their colors as she cast anchor just inside the mouth of the river.

The Orleans and the freighter Rochester were the first American vessels to leave the United States for European ports after diplomatic relations with Germany were broken by the United States.

Paris, Feb. 25.—The torpedoing of the American vessel the Rochester or the American vessel Orleans, of the Kerr Steamship Line, which should arrive at Bordeaux to-day, will constitute the first act of war between Germany and the United States, according to the Lokal Anzeiger, of Berlin, which is the semi-official organ of the German Foreign Office.

The Orleans, if she should escape the U boats of the last leg of her transatlantic journey, will sail up the Gironde River with the tide to-day, according to a dispatch received from the vessel herself by the Bordeaux Chamber of Commerce. No information had been received regarding the Rochester, which is a slower craft than the Orleans.

Meanwhile the citizens of Bordeaux are preparing to give the intrepid craft a rousing reception upon their arrival, having full confidence that the American ships will be able to evade the hostile submarine net which has been spread for them. The mayor of the city and the municipal officials, as well as the French marine authorities, are organizing a welcome for the captains and crews, in which the populace, which has been on the quiver for the last few days, will join, with the greatest enthusiasm.

French Pleas.

The people of France are greatly pleased at the action of the American ships in defying the illegal restrictions of the German campaign, and are impatiently waiting for the opportunity to show their satisfaction. At the same time they are not overlooking the significance of the event from another point of view—the possibility of war between Germany and the United States should the vessels have the misfortune to encounter enemy submarines and be torpedoed. It is felt generally that the German corsairs will overlook no opportunity to attack the two vessels.

Thornton, the representative of the Kerr S. S. Line in France, said yesterday that he had no news of the whereabouts of the vessels, but that he was persuaded, in view of the measures taken, they would both be sailing up the Gironde to-day.

291 PERSONS WERE ABOARD LACONIA

Carried 3,000 Tons of Shell Cases; but No Explosives

New York, Feb. 25.—The first-cabin passengers aboard the Cunard liner Laconia, sunk without warning by a German submarine, totaled 23, and second-cabin 42. The crew numbered 24. There were no steerage passengers.

The Americans aboard were: Arthur T. Kirby, Bainbridge, N. J.; Mrs. F. E. Harris, New York; F. P. Gibbons, of the Chicago Tribune; Mrs. Mary E. Hoy and Miss Elizabeth Hoy, of Chicago, and the Rev. James Wareing, of New York.

The war supplies in the Laconia's cargo included 2,900 tons of shell cases, but there were no explosives on board, it was learned. Other items were 40,000 bushels of wheat, 2,843 bales of cotton, 300 tons of provisions, 1,408 boxes of fruit, 200 steel plates and castings, 150 tons of sundries and 1,000 bars of silver.

A list of 29 Americans in the crew on file in the office of the British shipping commissioner here contains the following names:

W. Wrong, Baltimore; H. Smith, Louisville, Ky.; M. Shugled, J. Williams, B. Redrie, H. Cleveland, F. Smith, J. Pumpkins, J. D. Bral, J. Lewis, J. Bowman, D. Adamson, H. Sheppard, J. Johnson, H. Young, L. Donnell, B. Carter, T. Coffey, A. Dwyer and C. Mesburg, all of New York City.

ALL POSITIONS FROM SANNAYAT TO KUT

When British Had Taken Them They Automatically Got Kut

London, Feb. 25.—Rt. Hon. Bonar Law announced in the House of Commons to-day that as a result of the operations on the Tigris River front of the Turkish positions from Sannayat to Kut-el-Amara had been secured, and that the town of Kut-el-Amara had automatically passed into the hands of the British forces.

Kut-el-Amara, a strategic military position on the Tigris River leading to Bagdad, was surrendered to the Turks on April 29, 1916, after Maj.-Gen. Townshend, with a British force of some 9,000 troops, had withstood a siege since the previous December.

TO DROP ACTIONS

San Francisco, Feb. 25.—Negotiations between the Department of Justice and the Western Fuel Company to compromise federal suits for \$1,800,000 growp out of coal importing frauds reached the point here to-day, it was said unofficially, where the fuel company tendered the Government a cheque for \$95,000 to drop the actions.

CANADA'S PROVINCES TO BE REPRESENTED

Agents-General Will Attend Meetings of Commission on Emigration

BORDEN SITS WITH DEFENCE COMMITTEE

London, Feb. 25.—Sir Robert Borden had an interview with the Colonial Secretary to-day and attended a meeting of the Imperial Defence Committee.

Sir Robert has arranged for the inclusion of the Agents-General of the Provinces of Canada on the Royal Commission on emigration. Bruce Wallace, of Winnipeg, originally was the only Canadian member, although each Australian state was allowed a separate representative.

It is not anticipated that the new import restrictions will effect the sending of parcels from Canada to soldiers, unless, of course, new parcel regulations should be promulgated.

GERMANS KILLED WOMAN AND CHILD

London, Feb. 25.—The following account of the raid by German destroyers early to-day was issued by Field Marshal Viscount French, Commander-in-Chief of the Home Forces:

"Some enemy torpedo boat destroyers approached the Kentish coast last night and fired a number of shells at the unfortified towns of Broadstairs and Margate. The fire was continued for about 10 minutes. The material damage caused was slight. One occupied and one unoccupied house were wrecked and about 10 houses were damaged. It is regretted, however, that one woman and one child were killed and two children were seriously injured."

Sir Edward Carson said in the House of Commons this afternoon that one of four British torpedo boat destroyers on night duty in the English Channel last night had encountered several German destroyers and a short engagement ensued. The destroyer was not damaged, though she was under heavy gun fire and torpedoed.

The German vessels were lost sight of, the first Lord said, but in the darkness another force of German destroyers bombarded the undefended ports of Broadstairs and Margate. British light forces in the vicinity closed in on the German warships, which only remained a short time, he added, and were gone before the approach of the British ships.

GUNS FOR SHIPS; BOND ISSUE OF \$100,000,000

Washington, Feb. 25.—The draft of the resolution handed by President Wilson to Senator Flood, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, as embodying his desires, would authorize the President to supply and man guns for merchant ships, and give authority to "employ any other instrumentality that may be necessary, and provide for a special bond issue of \$100,000,000."

NEW YORK CURB PRICES

Table of New York Curb Prices listing various commodities like Artex, Copperfields, and others with their respective prices.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Table of New York Cotton Market prices for various grades of cotton like Jan, Mar, Apr, etc.

METAL MARKET

Table of Metal Market prices for items like New York, Feb. 25—Lead, Tin, Spelter, etc.

NEW YORK SUGAR

Table of New York Sugar prices for items like New York, Feb. 25—Raw sugar firm, etc.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

MONTEAL STOCKS

(By Burdick Brothers, Limited.) Montreal, Feb. 25.—Except for some activity and strength in Scotia steel, there is very little to be said of to-day's local trading. Scotia sold up to 111 again, but lost a point before the close.

Canada Cement Company's statement for 1916, which is now going out to shareholders, shows an increase in earnings of 25 per cent. over 1915, establishing a new high record.

Table of Montreal Stock prices listing various stocks like Ames Holden, Bell Telephone, etc.

STOCKS STEADY, BUT VOLUME WAS SMALL

New York, Feb. 25.—The stock market opened with some show of strength and prices fluctuated with reports of important events. President Wilson in his message to Congress asked for supporting authority on general terms, and authority to arm merchant ships and credit to enable adequate means of defense.

WAS QUIET DAY ON CHICAGO EXCHANGE

Chicago, Feb. 25.—The wheat market opened without any change over Saturday. The trading was narrow during the day and showed little tendency to any real strength, although there was some buying credited to Wall Street interests, but the traders were inclined to the selling side but were apt to cover on any buying. Also there was a certain amount of short covering after the announcement that President Wilson had asked permission to arm merchant ships.

VICTORIA STOCK EXCHANGE

Table of Victoria Stock Exchange prices for various stocks like Blackbird Syndicate, Canada Copper Co., etc.

### IMPENDING DEPARTURE OF KILTIE BATTALION

231st Receive Stand-by Orders; Give Farewell Tournament in Vancouver

When the first half of the Yukon Company came down from Dawson and became attached to the 231st Seaforth Highlanders it was expected that the Kilties under the command of Lieut. Col. Leach would take their departure before the end of last year. That seemed certain when Capt. Black brought the balance of the company and they became attached to the Seaforths at Sidney in October last. The decision, however, to draft the Northerners as a separate unit for the purpose of reinforcing the Princess Patricia's left the Highlanders sadly depleted in numbers, and the gulf between them and marching orders became appreciably widened.

#### Stand-By Orders

Since the battalion has been in camp at Hastings Park, in Vancouver, recruiting efforts have been redoubled, officers and men having made excursions into the interior towns with considerable success. Latest advices indicate that the men will take their departure overseas during the next week or two, the fact that stand-by orders having been received, suggests that transportation facilities are in sight. While the battalion has not yet arrived at full strength, fully nine hundred are now on the roll. When the 231st leave B. C. it will mark the departure of the last infantry battalion, since all recruiting is now carried on by the principle of reinforcing drafts, sent forward from time to time as required.

#### Will Be Fighting Unit

Col. Leach, the commanding officer, is hoping that the prospect of immediate departure will act as an incentive for recruiting, offering as it does the exceptional opportunity of getting away in the shortest possible time. Any shortage of battalion strength, however, will be made up in England, since official authority was given for the 231st, as was the case of the Bantam Battalion, for it to retain its identity as a complete unit, although in this case its uses will be combant.

#### Went Through Boer War

On entering the Military College at Kingston in 1892, Col. Leach commenced his military career and graduated after a course covering a period of four years. Until the time he left the Dominion for service in South Africa, through which he went with the 1st Canadian Mounted Rifles, he was engaged in military surveys, and for some time after the cessation of hostilities he was retained there engaged on similar duties. He was awarded the Queen's medal with three clasps, and when war broke out in August, 1914, he re-entered active service by joining the Seaforth Highlanders in Vancouver.

#### "Tank" at Tournament

The farewell performance given by the battalion in the Horse Show building in Vancouver on Friday evening was one of the most novel of its kind ever seen in British Columbia. The excitement ran high round the huge building when the spectators beheld their first sight of a night attack on trenches with a "tank" in action. Many first contingent men who have returned recently placed their seal of approval upon the programme, and especially on the concluding scene. Two lines of trenches were built out of sandbags, and in the darkened building the flash of rifle fire was varied by the ghastly glow of the star shells. Then the great, weird tank came into action and the attacking force swarmed "over the top" and into No Man's Land. They conducted a brisk bombing assault while the "tank" kept down the fire of the "Huns," and then a dashing charge brought the spirited action to a close. It was very well done, indeed, and the

### STOP RECRUITING FOR CONSTRUCTION CORPS

Major Marsh, of New Westminster, Assumes Command of Vancouver Forestry Co.

Colonel Duff Stuart, officer commanding District No. 11, returned to the city this morning from Vancouver, where he was present at the departure of the 231st Seaforth Highlanders. The parent regiment has no reason to be ashamed of the latest battalion for the work of the company on parade last night proved that Col. Leach's command is "there." The bivouac scene was another most entertaining event. The men came in singing, were brought to attention, marched into camp, piled arms, dropped packs, flung shelter tents out of blankets and rifles, mounted guard, had a sing-song around the camp fire, turned in—and were then turned out on an alarm brought by a muffled gong.

#### FOUR MEN BACK

Returned Soldiers Met at Wharf by Representatives of Welcome Clubs.

The following four soldiers returned to-day: Ptes. John Thompson, T. T. Milledge, A. R. Hawkins, F. G. Plumridge.

#### HERE IN FEW DAYS

Major Buchanan is Travelling West in Connection With Local Pension Boards.

Major Buchanan, who is touring the Dominion in connection with the establishment in each province of a local pension board empowered to administer this department in connection with the interests of the returned soldiers in the respective districts, is due to arrive in Vancouver to-night. He will be several days on the mainland, according to intimation received here this morning, and possibly may not reach Victoria until the first of next week.

#### IN HOSPITAL WOUNDED

"Bert" Hobbs, Son of H. H. Hobbs, is Injured While in Action.

H. H. Hobbs, of the Parliament Buildings received word this morning that his son "Bert" is wounded and admitted to hospital.

#### JOINS R. N. C. V. R.

Frank C. Brown Leaves Waterworks Staff to Go Into Naval Volunteer Service.

One of the latest recruits to the R. N. C. V. R. is Frank C. Brown, better known to his intimates as "Brownie." For the past ten years Mr. Brown has been with the Victoria Water Works staff, but resigned his place early in the New Year with the intention of making every effort to get on the Pacific Coast guard. He went into uniform a week ago, the casting aside of his "divvy" and the donning of the blue transforming him so effectively that many of his closest acquaintances have passed him by since without recognition.

Mr. Brown was a great favorite with the Water Works staff, and one of the popular members of the Eagles. He is also a member of one of the Prairie lodges of the "Chosen Friends." He is married, his home address being 1732 First street.

### STOP RECRUITING FOR CONSTRUCTION CORPS

Major Marsh, of New Westminster, Assumes Command of Vancouver Forestry Co.

Colonel Duff Stuart, officer commanding District No. 11, returned to the city this morning from Vancouver, where he was present at the departure of the 231st Seaforth Highlanders. The parent regiment has no reason to be ashamed of the latest battalion for the work of the company on parade last night proved that Col. Leach's command is "there." The bivouac scene was another most entertaining event. The men came in singing, were brought to attention, marched into camp, piled arms, dropped packs, flung shelter tents out of blankets and rifles, mounted guard, had a sing-song around the camp fire, turned in—and were then turned out on an alarm brought by a muffled gong.

The object achieved by this alteration is the saving of duplication of officers and clerical staff and the attendant expense. Colonel Duff Stuart states it is highly probable that a draft of the company will go forward overseas in a very short time, without waiting for company strength to be reached.

### Military Items

According to a dispatch from London, Captain R. Bell-Irving, of Vancouver, has now been gazetted commandant of the School of Aerial Gunnery, and for the time he is so employed he will take the rank of temporary major. Lieutenant A. C. Maud, of the Canadian forces and well-known on the coast, has been gazetted a flight commander with the rank of captain.

The Army Medical Corps stationed in Vancouver and quartered in the Woman's building, owned by the Vancouver Woman's Building Society, on Thurlow Street, have made arrangements for beautifying the grounds in which the building is situated. During the tenancy of the corps gardening of quite an elaborate nature is planned and a call has gone out for donations of red and white bulbs.

Captain Gilbert H. Hall, who was resident in Vancouver at the time of the outbreak of war, has been granted leave of absence for two months and is expected in the Terminal City early next month. The captain left for the Old Country in November, 1914, and rejoined his old regiment, the King's Royal Rifle Corps. About fourteen months ago he was transferred to the Machine Gun Corps, and since then has been training and sending away drafts and machine gunners to France and the East. Captain Hall has also been engaged upon confidential work at the front and on special missions from the War Office. He is well known in the city.

Members of both "A" and "B" companies of the 88th Regiment are asked to be in attendance at the Drill Hall to-morrow, Tuesday evening, at eight o'clock sharp, for the purpose of instruction in connection with the duties assigned to the regiment in furnishing a special guard on the occasion of the opening of the Provincial Legislature on Thursday, March 1st. A full turnout is asked for in order that every man may be thoroughly conversant with his duties.

Since the establishment of a recruiting office at 1214 Government Street the 88th Regiment's overseas company has begun to grow and the popular fallacy that the regiment is purely for home service dispelled. It is to be understood that first and foremost the 250 men for service overseas must be recruited as quickly as possible. All who are not fit for active service conditions will, however, be accepted on the home establishment which is intended as soon as practicable to be brought up to full battalion strength.

Those who are anxious to go overseas with the B. C. Cyclists' Platoon, being raised by Lieutenants E. E. Dorchester, here and in Vancouver, are advised to make early application, as only half a dozen more recruits are required to bring the platoon to the required strength. The men will go east during the next two or three weeks. The local recruiting office is situated on the ground floor of the Sayward Building.

Concerning Raasay—to the fore just now on account of German prisoner labor—Boswell writes in his Journal of a Tour to the Hebrides, "They reckon it rains nine months in the year in this island," and the climate has not altered materially since Dr. Johnson and he paid their visit in the year 1772. Boswell's description of the island is detailed, and includes mention of a local belief that Raasay contained coal. It was here that Lady Raasay showed Dr. Johnson the operation of "wawking" cloth—thickening it in the same manner as is done by a mill. "Here it is performed by women, who kneel upon the ground, and rub with both hands, singing an Erse song all the time," writes Boswell, who adds that Dr. Johnson was "asking questions while they were performing this operation, and, amidst their loud and wild howl, his voice was heard even in the room above."—London Chronicle

### ROTARY CONFERENCE ONE HUGE SUCCESS

Splendid Spirit Abroad; Victorians Score With Songs and Stunts

A goodly number of the Victoria Rotary Club assembled at the afternoon boat yesterday for the purpose of bidding au revoir to the delegates from across the line, many of whom took advantage of the brief spell in town to look around in spite of the somewhat unfavorable weather conditions.

Interest in Allies.

Captain Goodlake informed the Times this morning he had no hesitation in saying that the conference which was brought to a conclusion by the religious exercises in the various churches of Vancouver yesterday, was one of the most successful gatherings the organization has held since the inception of Rotary. One of the marked changes that had taken place since the Conference here two years ago, was the entire removal of the reserve maintained on that occasion, with regard to any discussion on the subject of the war. There were no two shades of opinion on the subject this time, and fully half a dozen of the speakers stood on no ceremony about it, and the applause which followed any reference to Great Britain and her allies indicated that the visiting Rotarians from the great Republic had long ago made up their minds on right and might. One of the ministers from Seattle, he declared, seemed to take a keen delight in taking digs at the Hun.

Kept Their End Up.

The energetic secretary of the local club paid unstinted compliment to Victoria's delegation in that all they undertook to do they carried out with the precision of stage veterans. The songs which had been assiduously practiced under the able guidance of Frank Sehl reflected a great amount of credit upon choir and conductor alike. Most of the warblings of the other Rotary Clubs were of songs many of the delegates had heard before, Victoria's

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repertoire on the other hand was intensely original, none the less so their call to order in the shape of a huge foghorn, whose mighty blasts to the non-expectant created a form of stupor which enabled the Victoria songsters to hold the floor alone on practically all numbers.

Seeing Things.

The ten-foot replica of the Spanish telescope was the medium of a good deal of original humor at the luncheon, and provided opportunity for the inventive faculties of Reginald Hineks, both for his use of the instrument for "seeing things," and to dilate on it as a vehicle to detect mythical friends of the company who had passed to the beyond, the instrument invariably pointing downwards.

The business of the session went to show, according to Captain Goodlake, that the Rotary seed has been planted on good ground, since the evidenced good fellowship at Saturday's proceedings was more marked than the author of the movement had ever dared hope for a few years ago.

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Comox Member Here to Attend Legislative Duties; a Prosperous Riding

Bringing a story of considerable activity in the northern section of the island, Hugh Stewart, M. P. F., of Comox, arrived in the city yesterday morning for the legislative session, accompanied by Mrs. Stewart.

Mr. Stewart says the activity in connection with coal mining and with lumbering in the district is having a beneficial stimulus to the agricultural interests of the riding. Not only are the mines increasing their output, but the reopening of the logging camps which supply the Fraser Mills has had a marked effect on the prosperity of Courtenay and district. He states it is understood that if labor is available, the number of men employed in the camps will approximate 600 to 700 this summer. In metalliferous mining considerable interest is being taken in the prospect of utilizing the ores from Texada Island for an iron and steel industry on the British Columbia side, for which they are particularly fitted. Mr. Stewart expects to see such a proposal float on the coal mines of the district, since the Cumberland seams extend easterly under the valley, and while at considerable depth, will pay development when fuel is required for smelting purposes. Mr. Stewart seems to think the greatest need of the district, in common with many other parts of the province, in aiding the clearing up of land for agricultural purposes is cheap blasting powder. He points out that at \$5 a box it becomes an expensive proposition, especially when labor is high, and he thinks the government, by a chain of some half-dozen powder plants located at strategic positions in the province, could meet the situation and sell at \$3 a box. He says the cost of a plant and the number of men employed is not large, and a staff by working two months of the year at each depot could manufacture sufficient powder to relieve the situation materially, aiding the farmers and road builders to buy practically at cost, while forcing down the present rates of the manufacturers. In his opinion there is no other way of helping the clearing up of land more economically than in this respect.

The farmer who has impressed a tribunal with his belief in the luck of the number seven that they exempted his laborer from service would probably have been equally successful before the same body if he had professed confidence in the figure three. Both, in popular estimation, are lucky numbers, and the superstition rests, of course, on the fact that they recur over and over again in mythology and in the Scriptures. And it is always possible to produce evidence in support of the doctrine. The farmer did it by alleging that 1897 and 1897 were "record" years for wheat in Essex and that therefore— it would have been equally convincing if he had pointed out that this is the third year of the war.—London Chronicle.

**AFFAIRS OF MILL COMPANY UNSETTLED**

Representative of Financial Interests Involved in Canadian Puget Sound Co. Here

The reopening of the Canadian Puget Sound mill and associate camps, etc., will be accelerated by the early issue of the final foreclosure order. That is the opinion of H. O. Probasco, of the Michigan Trust Company, who accompanied by F. D. Stevens, also of the same company, was in the city on Saturday in connection with the affairs of the lumber company. Their headquarters are at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Mr. Probasco, seen just before leaving for the Sound, discussed the complicated financial affairs of this company with freedom. He said that the attitude of the Trust Company had been misrepresented, and misunderstood. It had been stated in the courts that it was favoring the side or other of the competing parties who are seeking to gain control for re-organization purposes. "That," he stated, "is not the case. We are going to carry out our obligation to the parties we represent, and who rightly want to get their money, according to the laws of this province, but what I will say is this, that the sooner the final order is issued, the quicker will come the opportunity for a sale of the undertaking to practical mill men who will reopen, rather than allow it to remain in the hands of people seeking to manoeuvre for an advantage."

He declined to offer an opinion as to the various schemes of re-organization which have been in contemplation, on which some light has been thrown in the courts, but stated his firm belief that the foreclosure order, which was spoken to before Mr. Justice Clement on December 19, and adjourned for two months, was the wisest course in the interests of everyone concerned with the mill. He pointed out that the sooner some arrangement is made from the point of view of the bondholders, the better it will be, since there are a number of annual charges, taxes, timber rentals, etc., which must be paid, in order to keep the property alive. It costs about \$50,000 a year to do this, hence they wanted a settlement.

**RED CROSS WORK**

Funds Badly Needed; Various Entertainments Help Swell Coffers.

Money and material are urgently needed for Red Cross work. The Allies are advancing and the wounded have to be cared for. Those who can help should do so now while the need is great.

Two big audiences were attracted to the Oak Bay Theatre last Saturday night on the occasion of the "Pink and White Vaudeville," organized by Mrs. Davis in aid of the Oak Bay Red Cross. There were no expenses in connection with the undertaking, and the entire proceeds (\$35.70), consequently were handed over to the good cause.

An excellent programme was provided. "The Pierrots" opened the entertainment, and subsequently in the programme were R. McKenzie, who sang some Harry Lauder songs; Miss Phyllis Dubois, Irish jig; Mrs. Harry Briggs, "Love's Garden of Roses"; Mrs. D. B. McConnan, "On a Saturday Afternoon"; Miss Erminie Bass, "A Little Bit of Bad"; the Misses L. Eng and Carol Tolmie, Fox Trot; Miss Mamie Fraser, solo and encore, "Some Little Bug Will Get You"; duet from San Toy, Mrs. McConnan and R. McKenzie; Miss Mona Misener, "Mary"; G. Horrocks, "Gilbert the Filbert"; and chorus by the Pierrots. Miss Dumbleton at the piano made a very popular accompanist.

Ping-Pong Tournament.  
The Oak Bay Red Cross will benefit to the extent of about \$50 from the ping-pong tournament which was held under their auspices last Friday and Saturday at 208 Pemberton Block. The play was interesting, and many on-lookers as well as players were present. The results of the various events were as follows:  
Ladies' singles—Miss Lugin beat Mrs. Harris; Mrs. Rickaby beat Miss Newcombe; Mrs. Clute beat Mrs. Rickaby (semi-final); Mrs. Myers beat Miss

Lugin (semi-final). In the final Mrs. Clute beat Mrs. Myers.  
Ladies' doubles—Mrs. Ketchen and Miss Bradford beat Miss Lawson and Mrs. Curtis; Mrs. Clute and Mrs. Rickaby beat Miss Ketchen and Miss Bradford (semi-final); Mrs. and Miss Pennefather beat Mesdames Ross and Hamlet (semi-final); final, Mrs. Clute and Mrs. Rickaby beat Mrs. and Miss Pennefather.  
Men's singles—Virtue beat Ross; Clute beat Burrell; Lewin beat Bone; Ketchen beat Westwood; Goward beat Virtue; Clute beat Lewin; McQuade beat Virtue; Clute beat Lewin; McQuade beat Cove; Goward beat Ketchen (semi-finals); Clute beat McQuade (semi-finals); final, H. A. Goward beat C. G. Clute.  
Men's doubles—Lewin and Rickaby beat Ketchen and Tylor; Bone and Virtue beat Myers and Adams; semi-finals, Goward and Clute beat Lewin and Rickaby; Bone and Virtue beat Hewitt and Boyes; final, H. A. Goward and C. G. Clute beat W. H. Bone and J. D. Virtue.  
Mixed doubles—Mr. and Mrs. Rickaby beat White and Mrs. Myers; Mrs. Harris and Lewin beat Mr. and Mrs. Ketchen; Mr. and Mrs. Rickaby beat Miss N. Lugin and Virtue; Mrs. Curtis and Tylor beat Mrs. Pennefather and Burrell; semi-finals, Mr. and Mrs. Rickaby beat Mrs. Harris and Lewin; Mrs. Curtis and Tylor beat Mr. and Mrs. Clute; final, Mr. and Mrs. Rickaby beat Mrs. Curtis and Tylor.

The Victoria West Amateur Dramatic Society has sent a cheque for \$12.70 to the Victoria West Red Cross branch, this sum having been collected at a Military Five-Hundred party which was held recently.  
The branch is in receipt of a Persian kitten, the gift of Mrs. Ferguson. The kitten will be exhibited in the workroom window, Skinner Street. Raff tickets will be sold for ten cents each.  
The concert committee report that \$48.70 was netted from the concert and dance held recently under the auspices of the branch. The next committee meeting will be March 25.  
James Bay Branch.  
As the result of a "Comfort Bag Shower" held on Saturday afternoon by the "Endeavor Club" girls of James Bay district the sum of \$22.45 was raised in cash, and a very useful collection of the articles necessary for the fitting of eight comfort bags was brought by the visitors. The event was given under the chaperonage of Mrs. F. A. P. Chadwick.  
To-morrow afternoon the James Bay branch will give a "Silver Shower" at the rooms, 218 Menzies Street, the proceeds to be applied to the purchase of a number of articles necessary to complete the comfort bags.  
Sidney Red Cross.  
Ladies of the Sidney branch of the Red Cross Society will open their rooms on Wednesday afternoon for a "silver tea" when a collection will be taken to procure comforts for the returned soldiers at "Resthaven." The tea will be from 3 to 6 o'clock, and any visitors from Victoria will be heartily welcomed.

**COMMITTED FOR TRIAL**  
Preliminary Hearing of Case of Three Men Accused of Wounding Sailors is Held.

The police court was crowded this morning with spectators anxious to witness the preliminary hearing of the case of the three men, Antonio Cathardi, Antonio Stoltare and Pasco Misalho, accused of wounding the two sailors of H. M. C. S. Estabrook, on and Kussifer in a pool room on Johnston Street on the evening of February 13. The prisoners were committed for trial.  
Evidence was given this morning to the fact that on the evening that the trouble took place the two sailors were leaving the room, and as they reached the door and attempted to push it open four men were in the act of endeavoring to shove it in the opposite direction in order to enter the room. Weston then pulled the door open and told the men to "come in then if you are so anxious to" at the same time helping one of them to enter by pulling him in by the coat collar. The result finally was that the six men closed for a regular fight. The sailors relied on their fists while the civilians appear to have resorted to the use of billiard cues. The bluejackets were at length successful in gaining the upper hand in the melee and together they proceeded to the street where they were partially overcome by faintness and discovered that they were wounded in the side in several places.  
Both Weston and Kussifer gave evidence that although they had had "one or two" drinks on the evening in

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**GERMAN AMERICANS LOYAL TO REPUBLIC**

Mr. Schramm for Allies; Seattle Rotarian Member of German Colony

Interviewed in Vancouver on Saturday F. C. Schramm, of Salt Lake City, Utah, one of the delegates to the Rotary Conference, replying to a question regarding his name said that although it had a German sound there was nothing of the German about him or his family. His forefathers, who were Germans, came to the United States so long ago that he has lost the name, but since then the family have been out-and-out Americans and have no sympathy with the Huns or their methods.  
"No, sir," he declared, "we are for the Allies first, last and all the time and so is everybody, generally speaking, down in the States. Even the German papers are beginning to turn about and support President Wilson, and when they commence to do that there is something doing. I want the people of Canada to understand that we look for the Allies to win this war and hope that they will, and in fact are sure that they will."  
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Nothing suggestive by his name H. G. Stone, one of the best known tailors of Seattle, is a member of the German colony of that city. Special concessions were secured from the customs authorities allowing his visit here. Asked as to the feeling of the German-Americans in the States, he said: "The German-Americans in the

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United States are with their adopted country to a man. Previous to the severing of diplomatic relations with Germany I will say that the feeling was to some extent different, but the actual break in relations has created a direct change in feeling and you can count on the loyalty of every one of us."  
Rennes, the happy place where milk is only 2 1/2d a quart and beef 7d a pound, is the ancient capital of Brittany. It retains few traces of antiquity, because in 1720 the town was almost completely destroyed by fire and rebuilt with grey granite in the ugly style of that period. As a result, Rennes is considered "the most hideous capital in Europe," with the possible exceptions of Mannheim and Darmstadt. It is still, however, the most prosperous agricultural town of France, and possesses a university that recently celebrated a centenary, as well as a library which contains a copy of the famous Forged Decretals. But most of us remember Rennes best for being the place where the sentence on Dreyfus was revised.—London Chronicle.