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## RUSH OF RECRUITS WITNESSED TO-DAY

Impossible to Handle All Who Offered Themselves in Motherland.

### FORCED TO EXTEND ATTESTATION PERIOD

Last Day Under Lord Derby's Plan Was an Unqualified Success

London, Dec. 11.—There was an unprecedented rush this morning at the recruiting stations. Physicians and clerks, nearly exhausted by the work of the last three days, were confronted on arrival at their posts this morning by long lines of men—in many cases several hundred—waiting for the opening of the doors. To handle the crowds the staffs at the recruiting stations had been increased.

The crowds became so great that it was manifestly a physical impossibility to examine all the applicants before midnight to-night, when Lord Derby's plan was to end. The authorities therefore decided to permit attestation under the Derby plan until midnight of Sunday. If the rush still continues, recruiting officers will make lists of applicants and these men will be permitted to present themselves for attestation up to midnight of Wednesday.

## MUD AND OIL IN THE MINNESOTA'S BOILERS

Authorities in San Francisco Are Preparing to Hold Investigation

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—No word from the crippled Hill liner Minnesota had been received up to noon today by C. W. Wiley, marine department here for the Great Northern Steamship company. The vessel, still refusing to answer wireless calls, moved past Catalina island late yesterday towed by tugs.

Wiley declared he had not received a message reported to-day to have been sent by Louis W. Hill, president of the company, declaring:

"German spies are on board the ship and have attempted to destroy the vessel."

United States District Attorney Preston and other federal authorities are preparing to-day to conduct an investigation into the crippling of the liner. Supervising Inspector of Steam Vessels Bulger will visit Seattle immediately to investigate the conditions under which Inspectors Whitney and Lord, of that port, permitted the Minnesota to go to sea.

Captain Garlick, of the Minnesota, has reported by wireless that the boilers which went out of commission were filled with mud, oil and scales, which indicates, it is said, either gross negligence or malicious intent to destroy them. In addition to this trouble, according to Superintendent Wiley, a fire raged in the vessel's coal bunkers for several days.

Mr. Preston stated to-day that he had been instructed to make his inquiry aboard the Minnesota, to determine whether the mechanical trouble had been due to a plot to prevent or delay the steamship reaching its destination, Liverpool, with the largest cargo of food products ever consigned here. It is expected he will request the use of a coastguard service cutter to go out to sea with the agents of the department of justice to board the Minnesota.

## TYNINGHAME FORCED TO RETURN TO PORT

Fire Broke Out Again; Carrying Sugar to United Kingdom From New York

New York, Dec. 11.—The British freighter Tyninghame, sugar laden, put back to toward New York soon after she had passed quarantine to-day, fire having broken out aboard.

The Tyninghame was bound for Liverpool. On December 5, while she was at the Erie basin, Brooklyn, fire broke out in hold No. 4, the seat of the flames to-day. Search at the time disclosed fragments of a broken bottle believed to have contained chemicals which had caused an explosion.

The Tyninghame's sugar cargo was consigned to the British government. She is a steamship of 3,740 tons gross.

## GIEVGELI IS NOT IN ENEMY'S HANDS

To 4 p. m. Yesterday No Enemy Force in Immediate Vicinity

### ALLIES FALLING BACK IN GOOD ORDER TO NEW LINE

Reinforcements Sent to British on the Strumnitza Front

London, Dec. 11.—The reported German occupation of Gievgele, Serbia, is premature, says the Salonica correspondent of Reuters. "Up to four o'clock Friday afternoon there was no enemy force in the immediate neighborhood of Gievgele."

### A previous dispatch from Salonica said it was reported there that German forces under General von Gallwitz had occupied Gievgele Friday morning.

London, Dec. 11.—The latest news from the Balkans indicates that the allied forces still are falling back, but without suffering the losses endured on the first days of the retreat, when the Bulgarians attacked the rear-guards repeatedly. Paris reports that in these actions the French inflicted heavy losses on the pursuers by their artillery fire.

### Not Within Range.

The British public received a shock in the form of a Salonica dispatch stating that Gievgele, Serbia, had been occupied by two divisions of German troops. Later reports, however, state that this important position is not yet within range of the invaders' guns. Gievgele is on the Greek frontier, near the Vardar river, and commands the railroad north from Salonica. The town first came into prominence during the present war as headquarters of the typhus hospital of Dr. James F. Donnelly, of New York, who died in February at Nish.

It generally is conceded here that the present forces of the allies are inadequate to cope with Bulgaria and the central powers whose armies, according to a statement attributed to Premier Radostavoff, of Bulgaria, now number one million men. This statement is regarded here as much in excess of the actual number of men the Teutons and Bulgarians have at their disposal.

### Not to Cross Frontier.

Zurich, Dec. 11.—According to German newspapers, the Bulgarian troops are under orders not to cross the Greek frontier, indicating that should an attack be made on Salonica, it would be carried out by the Teutons alone.

### Athens, Dec. 11.—The Bulgarians have inaugurated an offensive along the entire front of the allies, according to advices received here to-day from Salonica.

### London, Dec. 11.—A dispatch to Reuters from Salonica, dated Friday, says:

"Complete calm prevailed yesterday and throughout the night on the front of the entente forces. The retirement of the allied forces is proceeding in good order.

"The political situation engrosses the public."

### More Reinforcements.

Paris, Dec. 11.—The Havas correspondent at Athens, under date of yesterday, states that according to reports received there from Salonica, Bulgarian forces have occupied part of the passes near Demir-Kapu. The French are retreating in good order.

An engagement occurred on the Strumnitza front, where the British are receiving reinforcements, with heavy artillery, from Salonica. The British are preparing a new line of defence near the Greek border.

### French reinforcements continue to arrive at Salonica.

Before leaving Demir-Kapu, the French destroyed the railway tunnel and the bridge over the Vardar.

### Salonica, Dec. 11.—British engineers who arrived here last night from the front are aiding in the work to-day of fortifying Salonica.

"We hope," said a British officer to-day, "that the Teutons and Bulgarians will attack Salonica. With the fleet supporting our land defences, the enemy is certain of defeat."

It is thought Salonica will remain the allies' base and that they will launch their campaign in the spring from here.

## CHARGED WITH PART IN BIG BOMB PLOT



**BARON VON BRINCKEN**  
Who says he is an attaché of the German consulate-general in San Francisco. Representatives of the United States government who have been investigating the bomb plots in San Francisco charge that he was involved deeply.

## FRANZ BOPP SAYS LETTERS ARE OPENED

Germany's Representative in San Francisco Thinks Authorities Watching Him Thus

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Letters addressed to those involved in the government's investigation of bomb plots are intercepted, opened and resealed, according to Franz Bopp, German consul-general here.

Bopp said to-day that he was convinced government agents or private detectives were tampering with his mail, as well as all letters addressed to Charles C. Crowley, Baron von Brincken and their attorneys, J. P. O'Brien and George A. McGowan.

In support of his assertion, Bopp displayed a letter addressed "German Consul, F. Bopp, City," mailed at 1:30 a.m. yesterday. Bopp said: "This letter, after being opened and resealed, was delivered at the Palace hotel with mail addressed to George A. McGowan, counsel for Baron von Brincken."

"The post office authorities surely know where the German consulate is and why should they deliver a letter addressed to me to McGowan?"

"The answer is plain. All mail addressed to myself, McGowan, Crowley, von Brincken and others is being tampered with. It is quite likely that whoever is doing this had all the mail before him at one time. My letter in some way got mixed up with the mail of Attorney McGowan."

Anonymous Note.

Bopp says the letter in question contained only an anonymous note attacking him. The letter showed unmistakable signs, he says, of having been opened.

Postmaster Fay professes to be amazed at Bopp's charge.

"It is a queer surmise," he said. "Certainly it has no justification."

Mrs. Margaret W. Cornell, Crowley's employee, detained as a witness under \$10,000 bonds, may be cited on Monday by the grand jury for contempt in revealing portions of what transpired while she was being questioned in the jury room. United States District Attorney Preston was asked whether Mrs. Cornell had violated the law.

## Austro-Germans Are Driven From Lemberg by Scurvy Epidemic

Kiev, Dec. 11.—A report reached here to-day that Lemberg is being evacuated by the Austro-Germans on account of an outbreak of scurvy.

Owing to the spread of the disease, the military authorities, according to the report, decided on the withdrawal with a view to avoiding panic among the civilian inhabitants of the city.

## U. S. CONSUL-GENERAL AT CAIRO MAY BE RECALLED

Washington, Dec. 11.—Investigation is being made of the conduct of Olney Arnold, of Rhode Island, American diplomatic agent and consul-general at Cairo, Egypt, on charges by American residents which include unneutral utterances. Mr. Arnold's alleged unneutral utterances are believed to have impaired his efficiency as an officer of the United States.

## MANY WERE KILLED BY THE BULGARIANS

Members of Serbian Govt. State Non-Combatants Were Executed

### REFUGEES ARE FACED BY FAMINE AND PESTILENCE

Homes Destroyed; They Are in Montenegro, Albania, Greece and Roumania

Rome, Dec. 11.—From 800,000 to 1,000,000 Serbians are suffering from famine, pestilence and exposure. Men, women and children of all ages, driven from their homes by the invasion of their country, have taken refuge in Montenegro, Albania, Roumania and Greece.

War has ravaged the country completely. Towns, villages and isolated hamlets have been destroyed by the Austro-German and Bulgarian armies. Especial hatred marked the warfare of the Bulgarians and their armies left ruin in their wake. It is charged by members of the Serbian government that non-combatants, women as well as men, were put to death in great batches by the Bulgarians.

Without clothing.

The masses of homeless war refugees that fled into the barren mountains of Albania and Montenegro took neither clothing nor food with them. They are without clothing to withstand the bitter weather. Many of them are living in caves with no means of combatting the disease which is sweeping through them.

Now that the Teutonic allies are attacking Montenegro and Albania the plight of the refugees has become most desperate.

Appeals are being issued by Serbian relief committees in Rome, Paris and London, but little can be done, for there is no agency for distribution even if supplies of food and clothing be sent. The Anglo-French military authorities are doing what they can.

## ITALY WILL INVITE SERBIAN GOVERNMENT

Expected King Peter's Ministers Will Make Capital There

Milan, Dec. 11.—It is reported that the Italian government probably will extend the same hospitality to the expelled Serbian government as France has done to the Belgian.

The Serbian headquarters staff, together with two divisions of the army which are still in good condition, have arrived at Scutari, Albania. It also is reported that nearly 200,000 Serbian soldiers are encamped in the Albanian mountains, where they will be revivified by Italy.

## MORE PEACE RIOTS IN GERMAN CAPITAL

Amsterdam, Dec. 11.—Fresh anti-war manifestations have occurred in Berlin, according to advices received here to-day by the Telegraf. The police are reported to have dispersed a mob of 2,000 persons who were taking part in one of the demonstrations.

## GOVT. ISSUES TEXT OF WAR OBLIGATIONS BILL

London, Dec. 11.—The text of the new government War Obligations bill, which provides for the mobilization of American securities, has just been issued. Provision is made to insure American securities, which may be deposited with the treasury, or may be given to the treasury in exchange for government bonds, notwithstanding that such securities may be subject to any trust and notwithstanding any provisions of trust.

## LORD BRYCE PRESIDENT.

London, Dec. 11.—Viscount Bryce, former ambassador to the United States, has been unanimously elected president of the Pilgrims' of Great Britain, in succession to the late Field-Marshal Earl Roberts.

## GREECE ABOUT TO DEMOBILIZE ARMY

Decree Awaited; Diplomatic Situation Satisfactory, States M. Gounaris

### ENTENTE MINISTERS SAW SKOULODIS YESTERDAY

Preparations for Election; Supporters of Govt. in Athens Province Divided

Athens, Dec. 11.—The Greek government has made all arrangements for demobilization of the army. It is expected a decree to this effect will be issued shortly.

Paris, Dec. 11.—A statement to the effect that the questions at issue between Greece and the entente powers are on the way toward settlement is credited to M. Gounaris, Greek minister of the interior, by the Havas correspondent at Athens. After a meeting of the cabinet council last night, M. Gounaris, the correspondent says, made this statement, and added that he regarded the diplomatic situation as satisfactory.

Will Meet Demands.

It is believed in diplomatic circles at Athens that Greece has decided to accede to the demands of the entente powers relative to the situation of the expeditionary forces at Salonica. It is understood that part of the Greek troops quartered there will be sent away so as not to hinder measures to be taken by the Franco-British forces to put Salonica in a state of defence.

Paris, Dec. 11.—The Athens correspondent of the Havas Agency sends the following dispatch under yesterday's date:

"The electoral congress has opened in the whole of Greece. In the provinces of Athens the government's supporters are divided, and there are likely to be two lists. One supported by the followers of M. Gounaris, minister of the interior, and the other by the adherents of M. Rhalis, minister of justice and communications."

"The French minister, M. Guillemin, had an audience with the king to-day. Ministers saw Skouloudis.

"Subsequently the ministers of the entente powers called on Premier Skouloudis. It is learned on good authority that energetic representations were made for the purpose of inducing Greece to hasten action in regard to the facilities demanded for the allied troops at Salonica. A decisive move on the part of the Greek government is expected momentarily."

"The interview given by King Constantine to the Associated Press has been republished here, and has created a sensation."

## SESSION TO BEGIN WEDNESDAY, JAN. 12

Proclamation Issued in Canada Gazette To-day; New Speaker to Be Chosen

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—The issue of the Canada Gazette this morning contains the proclamation calling parliament for the dispatch of business on Wednesday, January 12. This removes any doubt which may have existed as to the date of the beginning of the session.

No definite decision has been reached as to who will be the new speaker, but the impression is that Albert Severyn, member for Dorchester, Que., will finish out the present parliamentary term.

The forthcoming session attracts great interest because of the fact that the chief matter to be discussed is the length of the extension of the life of the present parliament.

The session has been called to begin on Wednesday this year, instead of on Thursday because of the necessity of electing a speaker to succeed Hon. Dr. Sproule, summoned to the Senate.

## STEAMSHIP HOCKING RELEASED BY COURT

Halifax, Dec. 11.—The Admiralty court has ordered the release of the American steamship Hocking, brought into port by a British cruiser on the ground that the American Trans-Atlantic company, which owns her, was backed by German money.

The vessel will be turned over to G. W. Hensley, of the steamship firm of Pickford & Black, who has been appointed agent for the crown. The order was issued on the application of W. A. Henry, acting for the deputy minister of justice.

## CHIEF CONSERVATIVE NEWSPAPER OF BERLIN HAS BEEN SUPPRESSED

London, Dec. 11.—General von Kessel, commander at Berlin, has prohibited further publication of the Post, the leading Conservative newspaper, says the Amsterdam correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company. "Its offence was an article hostile to any form of peace unless Germany retains all the occupied territory."

## DUKE'S MESSAGE TO CANADA'S SOLDIERS

Gov.-Gen. Sends Christmas Greetings to All Canadians in Uniform

### SIR C. SIFTON GOES TO SEE SONS IN FRANCE

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—The following message to Canada's soldiers has been sent by H. R. H. the governor-general:

"Please convey to all the Canadian troops in the Dominion of Canada and overseas my very best wishes for Christmas. In doing so, I wish to congratulate them on the splendid manner in which they have come forward for the defence of the Dominion and the empire, and I feel sure that those still in Canada, when called to the front, will worthily maintain the tradition of those who have preceded them overseas."

Sifton Goes to France.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—Sir Clifford Sifton has left for France to visit his two sons, one of whom is wounded and the other ill in the military hospital at Le Touquet.

## DISCOVERED GERMAN AGENTS IN CONTROL

Some Who Joined Labor's National Peace Council Realized Their Mistake

New York, Dec. 11.—A quarrel which rent Labor's National Peace council into two antagonistic factions was stated to-day by federal officials to have been largely responsible for the uncovering of the conspiracy, involving Franz von Rintelen, to instigate strikes in munitions factories in the United States.

According to the statement, a number of the members of the council joined the organization believing it was a body formed to work impartially in the interests of peace. Later they discovered that an inner ring of German sympathizers and agents of von Rintelen was in control and intended to use the council as a means to further the strike propaganda. When the government started its investigation into the activities of von Rintelen, federal men who had been officials of the peace council and had resigned, went to the federal authorities and placed at their disposal a mass of information regarding the inner workings of the council.

L. R. Straube, secretary of the council, is said to have been one of these men. He is due in New York from Chicago to-morrow and will be questioned by United States District Attorney Marshall. He also is expected to be one of the principal witnesses before the grand jury when that body reconvenes next week.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, will be another witness. It was stated at the federal building to-day that the call for the reconvening of the grand jury is being held up pending definite information as to when Mr. Gompers can get here.

## NEW YORK FACING SHORTAGE OF MILK

New York, Dec. 11.—The health department announced to-day that New York city is facing a serious milk shortage as a result of the enormous purchases of condensed milk by the allies for the soldiers in the trenches.

### 1,000 INJURED.

Paris, Dec. 11.—According to the Journal des Debats, 1,000 persons were injured in the explosion which destroyed the munitions factory of the Belgian government at Havre, but the number of deaths was comparatively small.

## DECIDE TO HOLD SALONICA AS BASE

Britain and France Will Not Discontinue Campaign in Balkans

### TWO GOVERNMENTS IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT

Announcement Follows Conferences Between Briand, Gallieni, Kitchener and Grey

Paris, Dec. 11.—France and Great Britain decided to-day to continue the campaign in the Balkans, and agreed on military measures designed to assure the security of the expeditionary forces which landed at Salonica.

A semi-official announcement issued this afternoon indicates that the French and British troops are being withdrawn from Serbia.

The agreement, which has reference to concerted military action in other zones as well as in the Balkans, was reached by Premier Briand and War Minister Gallieni, the French representatives, and Foreign Secretary Grey and War Secretary Kitchener, acting for Great Britain, who have been in conference in Paris during the last two days.

The semi-official announcement, issued after the conference to-day, says the principle of maintenance of French and British troops at Salonica was approved by all the participants, and that military measures have been taken to assure the security of the expeditionary corps, which is retreating methodically towards its base.

## PERCEIVE DESIRE IN GERMANY FOR PEACE

Paris Papers Not Misled by Bethmann-Hollweg's Words in Reichstag

Paris, Dec. 11.—Paris newspapers express the opinion that behind the outspoken remarks of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, German chancellor, in his address to the Reichstag, may be perceived a desire for peace.

"Germany's plan is evident," says Gabriel Hanotaux, former foreign minister, in the Figaro. "While the chancellor rattles the sabre and proclaims Germany's undiminished strength and determination to win, the Socialists are put up to feel the ground for peace proposals, through their international connections in neutral countries."

The Mattin asserts that the chancellor, notwithstanding his great ability, has failed to hide the truth concerning the straits in which Germany has found herself.

"The idea that Germany could lack anything suggested astonishing revelations to him," it says. "We learn that our enemies have fabulous quantities of potatoes and that three-quarters of them are used for purposes other than food."

## EXCUSE GIVEN BY BARON ZWIEDINEK

In August, 1914, He Wrote Letter Suggesting Passports Be Bought

Washington, Dec. 11.—Baron Eurich Zwiedinek, charge of the Austro-Hungarian embassy, called upon Secretary Lansing to-day to explain a letter he wrote in August, 1914, in which he suggested that American passports be bought for Austrian reservists. The state department has a photographic copy of the letter.

The charge is understood to have informed Mr. Lansing that at the time the letter was written he was a subordinate in the embassy.

Dr. Dumba, the ambassador who was recalled, was then in charge and it is said that Zwiedinek contended that he was acting upon his own initiative, but under the instructions of the ambassador.

### SMALL STEAMER SUNK.

London, Dec. 11.—The British steamer Budris, 270 tons gross, has been sunk. Her crew was landed.

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### MANY ACTIONS ON THE ITALIAN FRONT

Attempts Made by the Austrians Northwest of Gorizia Failed

Rome, Dec. 11.—The following official communication was issued last night: "There have been minor actions between small detachments north of Leppia, in the Camerata valley, at Adige, in the Calamento valley, at Masobrenta torrent, in the upper Chiazzo, and in the Seebach valley, where some prisoners were taken from the enemy. "Artillery activity continues on both sides. Our artillery dispersed working parties and supply columns in the valley of the San Pellegrino and Avio. "On the night of the 9th the enemy made several attempts to force our positions at Oslavia, on the heights northwest of Gorizia. These attempts were stopped at once. An enemy aeroplane dropped bombs on the Dogna valley, but did no damage."

Austrian Statement. Vienna, Dec. 11.—The following official communication was issued last evening: "Except for artillery fire and small enterprises by infantry, calm has prevailed. The enemy's actions before the fortified sections of Riva continue. In the afternoon Italian infantry attacked our positions on Monte Video and westward, between the Chiese and Conoe valleys. They were completely repulsed, with heavy losses."

### AUSTRIA'S DELAY IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE

Has Sent No Reply to American Note on Sinking of Ancona

Washington, Dec. 11.—It was stated today upon high authority that there is a danger of the government breaking off diplomatic relations with Austria-Hungary. The government expects a prompt reply from Vienna to its communication on the sinking of the liner Ancona. Austria's delay in furnishing answers to the questions submitted to Baron Burian, minister of foreign affairs, by American Ambassador Penfield a few days after the Ancona had been sunk has not served to ease the situation. The foreign office, however, did inform Ambassador Penfield that it desired more time to answer the inquiry, but American officials are unable to understand clearly why it is impossible for the Austro-Hungarian government to secure the information desired. It has been pointed out that even though the commander of the submarine which sank the Ancona took his vessel out on another cruise, he should have returned to his base long before this time.

Reported Long Ago. It is understood that the officials here are certain that it has been possible for the Austrian government to communicate with the commander before now. It had originally been planned not to send a note on the subject of the Ancona to Austria-Hungary before a reply to the inquiry submitted was received. Austria now has no ambassador here, as none was sent in the place of Dr. Dumba, recalled at the request of President Wilson, but the embassy nevertheless is being conducted under the direction of a chargé. The United States desires, of course, to continue diplomatic relations and keep Mr. Penfield in Vienna, if it is possible. It is felt that he has done excellent work there, especially in the cause of humanity, and the United States is especially desirous that he may remain to continue his work along that line. But there are indications today that the United States now finds itself in its relations with Austria in practically the same position it occupied several weeks ago with Germany, when the two nations bordered for days on a diplomatic break over the question of submarine warfare.

In official circles it is plain that everything for which the United States took a stand in the crisis with Germany applies to the situation with Austria. The official circles it is plain that everything for which the United States took a stand in the crisis with Germany applies to the situation with Austria.

### CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—The following casualty list was issued last night:  
1st Battalion: Dangerously wounded—Pte. G. W. Pustiek, England.  
2nd Battalion: Wounded but on duty—Pte. H. Stokley, England.  
4th Battalion: Wounded—Pte. H. M. Wood, Peterboro, Ont.; Pte. Wm. Tyler, Australia.  
5th Battalion: Wounded—Pte. Wm. Bryce, Scotland; Pte. Jas. Abernathy, Ireland; Pte. C. Sappin (no particulars).  
8th Battalion: Died of wounds—Pte. H. Hall, Halifax.  
10th Battalion: Died—Pte. John Clapperton, Scotland.  
Wounded—Pte. Robert Noble, England.  
13th Battalion: Wounded—Pte. W. Meil, Montreal.  
16th Battalion: Returned prisoner of war from Germany; wounded—Pte. F. Long, Peterboro, Ont.  
18th Battalion: Shell shock—Pte. F. Snelly, London, Ont.  
Slightly wounded—Pte. R. Clarke, Stratford, Ont.  
20th Battalion: Severely wounded—Sgt. Victor Davidson, Chippewa, Ont.  
22nd Battalion: Wounded—Pte. R. Potvin, Montreal; Pte. J. Barbeau, Montreal.  
24th Battalion: Wounded—Pte. Douglas Drew, Montreal.  
26th Battalion: Wounded—Cpl. Joseph Lacey, Gloucester, Mass.  
29th Battalion: Wounded—Pte. P. R. Pearse, England; Pte. A. G. Imlay, England.  
43rd Battalion: Seriously ill—Pte. D. Kerr, England.  
50th Battalion: Seriously ill—Pte. K. Baillis, Red Deer, Alta.  
Royal Canadian Regiment: Wounded—Pte. A. W. Richardson, Hamilton, Ont.  
Royal Canadian Dragoons: Wounded—Maj. W. R. Kingston, Toronto.  
1st Canadian Mounted Rifles: Wounded—Pte. E. Matthews, Carleton Place, Ont.; Pte. Geo. E. White, England; Pte. A. S. Martin, England.  
Killed in action—Pte. M. McLeod, Scotland.  
2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles: Wounded—Pte. James D. Harrison, Kaledon, B. C.  
3rd Canadian Mounted Rifles: Wounded—Pte. W. C. Reeves, Roseburg, Alta.; Pte. F. Tomlinson, 574 Nimcoo street, Victoria, B.C.  
Killed in action—Capt. Henry K. Oakes, Medicine Hat.  
4th Canadian Mounted Rifles: Seriously wounded—Pte. R. S. Hodge, Winnipeg.  
5th Canadian Mounted Rifles: Severely wounded—Pte. Richard Prette, White Mountain, Man.  
9th Canadian Mounted Rifles: Died—Sgt. H. M. Ozanne, Channel Islands. Dangerously ill—Pte. R. Cadger, Scotland.  
2nd Field Artillery: Wounded—Sgt. E. A. Whitebon, St. John, N.B.  
Reserve Park: Seriously ill—Pte. Ben. Brooks, Montreal.  
2nd Field Company, Canadian Engineers: Wounded—Sapper Wm. Philp, Edmonton.

### INTEREST IN THE AUDITORS' POSITION

W. E. Hodges, of Dominion Trust's Auditors, to Be Examined for Discovery

Vancouver, Dec. 11.—The interest which has been taken in the position of the auditors of the Dominion Trust company—ever since the Trust company collapsed—was increased yesterday, when the Court of Appeal made an order that Auditor Walter E. Hodges, of the firm of Riddell, Stead, Hodges and Winter, auditors for the Dominion Trust, submit to examination for discovery. The auditors' names were not mentioned in the report of the provisional liquidator, and since the permanent liquidator was appointed a similar reticence has been shown in regard to them. They were not made defendants with the other officers of the company in the misfeasance proceedings now before the Supreme court.

Auditors' Report. At the last annual meeting of the Dominion Trust, held in 1914, a balance sheet was submitted showing a very satisfactory state of affairs, accompanied by the following certificate over the name of the auditors: "We have audited the books of the Dominion Trust company. All the company's investments and securities were verified by us, and are in order. We have examined the securities for trust funds invested, and we report that they are properly dealt with, and are in good order, and filed separately under the client's name and apart from the company's own investments. "We report to the shareholders that in our opinion the above balance sheet is a full and fair balance sheet, and is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the company's affairs according to the best of the information and explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the company. We have obtained from the officers of the company all the information and explanations we have required." (Signed) "Riddell, Stead, Hodges and Winter."

In spite of the reassuring report of the auditors as published in the annual report of the Dominion Trust company, as above, it is contended by the solicitors for the Mutual Life and other insurance companies in which Arnold took out over \$250,000 worth of life insurance shortly before his death, that Mr. Hodges became aware of the unsound state of the company, and communicated his views to Mr. Arnold. It is claimed by the companies that at the time Arnold took out the insurance he was aware that the Dominion Trust was about to collapse, and his own conduct became the subject of public exposure, and that he concealed the material facts from the insurance companies.

Before Mr. Justice Macdonald. The motion by the insurance companies to examine Mr. Hodges was originally made before Mr. Justice Macdonald. In the course of the argument it was stated that the insurance companies intended to raise the defence that Arnold had committed suicide and that the object of the move to examine Mr. Hodges was to show that Hodges had communicated certain facts to Arnold which left him little choice besides suicide. Mr. Martin, for the Dominion Trust, resisted the application on the technical ground that the Dominion Trust was a plaintiff as executor of the Arnold will and not as the Dominion Trust in liquidation. This view was upheld by Mr. Justice Macdonald, who, however, said he desired an expression of opinion of the Court of Appeal. His lordship's reason for judgment was embodied in the order of the lower court.

Before the Court of Appeal yesterday Mr. Martin revived the same argument, contending that it was "a mere accident" that his client, the Dominion Trust company, executor of the Arnold estate, happened also to be the Dominion Trust company in liquidation. He argued that the insurance companies had no right to demand that the Dominion Trust company in liquidation submit one of its officers for examination in a suit brought by the Dominion Trust as executor for the Arnold estate.

Mr. Justice Gallihier and Mr. Justice McPhillips each pointed out that the Dominion Trust liquidation was interested not merely as executor, but also as a beneficiary of the Arnold estate.

ALLIED FORCES FORMED NEW FRONT IN SERBIA. Paris, Dec. 11.—The following official report on the operations in Serbia was issued last night: "As soon as it was demonstrated that the junction that had been attempted with the right wing of the Serbian army was no longer possible, the commander decided to evacuate the advance positions occupied by our troops on the Cerna River and toward Krivolak. "The successive manoeuvres connected with the retirement were carried out without any great difficulty, notwithstanding the fact that the Bulgarians attacked us several times. "As a consequence of the violent fighting on the 8th and 9th, in which the Bulgarians were repulsed with heavy losses, we have occupied, in connection with the British troops, a new front, extending approximately toward the Bojma river."

Vienna, Dec. 11.—The following official statement was issued last night: "To the south of the northern frontier of Montenegro, we are still in pursuit of the enemy, who is fighting a rearguard action." H. B. "Imperial" Lager Beer, quarts for 50c.

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**SOLDIERS WERE GIVEN POOR FOOD IN QUEBEC**  
Winnipeg, Dec. 11.—Several returned soldiers testified yesterday before the board of officers appointed to investigate complaints as to the treatment of returning soldiers. The soldiers declared that any disadvantages had been offset by generous treatment in other respects. They had been fed well and they had had good accommodation on board ship and on route west by train, but they had been unable to get underwear before leaving England. They believed the morning parades on the decks of the troopships might have been shortened advantageously and they stated they had been given poor food in Quebec.  
Lieut.-Col. Rowley, one of the members of the board, explained that the Canadian authorities could not discharge soldiers in England unless it was certain that they would not become a charge on the British authorities.

**FRENCH AND BELGIAN ARTILLERY ACTIVE**  
Paris, Dec. 11.—The following official communication was issued last night: "Our artillery has been active today, especially in Artois, where we silenced two enemy batteries which were firing on Le Bois-en-Hache. We did some effective firing on the enemy's works in the region of Quenneviers, between the Oise and the Aisne, and in the Argonne, in the sector of La Fontaine-aux-Charmes."  
The following official communication was issued last evening: "The day has been marked by violent artillery engagements. Our batteries have done some effective firing against the enemy's concentration points, and also towards Spermalle, Nessen and Woumen."  
"In the region of the Ferryman's House our guns have silenced the German mine-throwers, which had displayed some activity."

**AMERICANS WANT LOGWOOD FROM BRITISH INDIES**  
Washington, Dec. 11.—Headed by Senator Hughes, Paterson, N.J., silk manufacturers visited the state department yesterday and asked that representations be made to Britain to remove the embargo which forbids shipment of logwood from her West Indian possessions except to British ports. The manufacturers said that if the embargo were not removed the big silk mills at Paterson probably would have to shut down within three months on account of lack of dyestuffs. More than 40,000 workmen would be affected.

**WILL REMOVE GERMAN PASSENGERS FROM SHIPS**  
San Juan, P.R., Dec. 11.—Four blank shots and two solid shots were fired by the French cruiser Descartes in stopping the American steamship Caumo on Thursday for purposes of search.  
A French lieutenant who boarded the Caumo said orders had been given to take all subjects of Germany and her allies from ships' crews beginning December 8, and to take all such persons from among the passengers after December 15.

**KAISER IN BRUSSELS FROM DEC. 20 TO 22**  
Amsterdam, Dec. 11.—Kaiser Wilhelm will visit Brussels from Dec. 20 to 22, according to the Belgian correspondents of Dutch newspapers. He also will visit the neighboring parts of Belgium, including the field of Waterloo, it is said. Special police already have arrived at Brussels to act as a guard for the Kaiser.

**ATTACKED BY SUBMARINE; BY AEROPLANE LATER**  
Marseilles, Dec. 11.—The officers of the French steamship Harmentis, which has arrived here, state that the vessel was attacked recently by an Austrian submarine. The submarine fired two torpedoes, without effect. The next day the Harmentis was attacked by an aeroplane, which flew overhead for a quarter of an hour and dropped six bombs, all of which fell into the sea.

**POPE BENEDICT SENDS MESSAGE TO KAISER**  
Rome, Dec. 11.—Cardinal Felix von Hartmann, Archbishop of Cologne, has left Rome after again seeing Pope Benedict. The cardinal said that he was the bearer of a papal message to Kaiser Wilhelm and also a recommendation for peace. It is understood that Cardinal von Hartmann probably will see Prince von Bulow, German ambassador to Italy, in Switzerland.

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**PETROLITE'S PROVISIONS TAKEN BY SUBMARINE**  
Washington, Dec. 11.—The American tanker Petrolite, attacked on Sunday in the eastern Mediterranean by an Austrian submarine, arrived safely at Algiers yesterday with the report that the submarine had forcibly taken her provisions.

**RADOSLAVOFF SAYS ENEMY HAS 1,000,000**  
London, Dec. 11.—The Bulgarian premier, M. Radoslavoff, stated in an interview that the central powers have over a million men at their disposal in the Balkans, says a dispatch to the Central News from Amsterdam.

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## MR. LANSING'S PEPLY SATISFIED KAISER

Washington, Dec. 11.—In informing Secretary Lansing yesterday afternoon that Kaiser Wilhelm had recalled Captain von Papen, naval and military attaché of the German embassy here, Count von Bernstorff said the American reply to Germany's request for reasons for asking the recall had been satisfactory. After leaving Secretary Lansing the count refused to make any statement.

It was made plain that the recall of the attaché was perfectly satisfactory to Kaiser Wilhelm, who handled the case personally.

## BELGIAN MUNITION PLANT AT HAVRE DESTROYED

Havre, Dec. 11.—The munitions factory of the Belgian government here was destroyed to-day by an explosion. Extensive damage was done and many persons were injured.

## FIRE IN TORONTO.

Toronto, Dec. 11.—Loss amounting to \$100,000 was caused early this morning by a fire in the three-story building at 59-61 Clifford street, owned by H. P. Ritchie & Company, manufacturers of lace; Pugh Specialty company, manufacturers of stationery, and Young Brothers, makers of fancy linens, etc.

The fire started on the top floor, from a cause not yet ascertained, and was got under control about 1.30 o'clock, after most of the forces in the city had been engaged in fighting the fire.

## NO UNION YET, SAYS

### REV. DR. A. B. BAIRD

Principal of Manitoba College Speaks of Trend of Presbyterian Vote

Winnipeg, Dec. 11.—Rev. Dr. A. B. Baird, principal of Manitoba college, who in all probability will be elected moderator of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church when it meets in Winnipeg next June, said to-day that the church union cause was lost. Dr. Baird has been for many years a most devoted advocate of this great proposal and his deep regret when he announced the failure of the plan was apparent.

Dr. Baird said that so far as Manitoba was concerned there was not much difference of opinion.

So far as the vote has been taken in the presbytery of Winnipeg the result is about ten to one in favor of the union. In certain congregations in this city the vote is still in process of being taken and the returns are not in Dr. Baird's hands, he being clerk of the presbytery, but he has no doubt about their character.

Some arrangement might be made whereby a large measure of co-operation might be undertaken in the west, but union, he said, was out of the question. The vote in the maritime provinces and in Ontario was, insofar as it had been taken, much less favorable than on the previous occasion, when 70 per cent. was favorable. He believed that unquestionably there would be a majority for union at the present time, but it would be small and under the circumstances no doubt the entire project would be given up.

## TAKING NO PARCELS OVER SEVEN POUNDS

Post Office Dept. Issues Statement Regarding Parcels for the Front

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—An important memorandum limiting parcels sent to the front to seven pounds was issued yesterday afternoon by the post office department. The result is made an account of the strain on the transport system and the congestion of mail matter. The memorandum is in part as follows:

"The number of parcels is so great and the strain on the transport system so heavy at the present time that the British government has notified the Canadian post office department that temporarily all parcels are reduced to seven pounds, that is, no parcels weighing more than seven pounds will be carried for the present.

"The British war office has informed that the post office department of Canada that it is necessary to limit the number of parcels during the Christmas and New Year season in the interest of military efficiency. The war office points out that the great bulk of the mail dealt with in normal times is already a heavy tax on the transport service, that the amount which the roads will carry without breaking up is limited, that ammunition and food supplies for the army must necessarily have preference over the mails, and that any increase of the volume of mail traffic must cause delay in the forwarding of the necessary equipment for war.

"The public, therefore, are appealed to in their interests as well as in the interest of military efficiency, to limit the use of the parcel post to articles of great utility.

"Fragile perishable articles of all kinds, bottles and earthenware jars and like articles are prohibited, and will not be accepted for transmission and, until further notice, no parcel exceeding seven pounds can or will be accepted for transmission to the forces in France or Flanders.

"All parcels must be strongly and securely packed in covers of canvas, linen or other strong material. Parcels which do not comply with these requirements are unlikely to reach their destination in safety, and it is observed in the course of posting will be returned to the sender. The name and address of the sender must be written on the outside, and parcels which do not comply with this condition will be refused."

## RUSSIAN TROOPS HAD SUCCESS IN PERSIA

Petrograd, Dec. 12.—The war office issued the following communication last night:

"On our western front there is no change in the situation. Near Khumskelt and Kremenets an Austrian aeroplane fell inside our lines.

"On the Caucasian front there is no change.

"In Persia, half way between Teheran and Hamadan, our troops defeated a Russo-German detachment, consisting of several members of the rebel Persian gendarmerie and armed bands, having artillery and machine guns. The enemy was driven from a series of positions and fled, leaving a large number of men, killed and wounded, on the field."

## AIRMEN VISITED ANCONA.

Ancona, Italy, Dec. 11.—Austrian aeroplanes flew over this city yesterday afternoon and dropped bombs which killed two people and injured several. No material damage was done.

## SAYS RUBBER, FAT, COPPER ARE SCARCE

Neutral Correspondent of London Times, Back From Germany, Gives Impressions

London, Dec. 11.—The "neutral correspondent" of the Times, who has just returned from a second visit to Germany, says:

"I have been asked whether there is much obvious difference between Berlin of to-day and Berlin before the war, and frankly I must say there appears to be very little.

"I had gathered in Stockholm some impressions of the undisturbed confidence of the German people and I very soon found confirmation of it in the dinner talk at my boarding house. Our company consisted of officers passing through Berlin, their wives, two German-American women and the usual mixed company. Their conversation was of the war and how well things were going, and of concerts, shopping and ordinary affairs.

"It is best that I say at once that I found none of the extreme views as to shortages and sufferings in Germany that are held in Britain and France to be justified, but, on the other hand, there are many inconveniences that eventually may become grave difficulties.

"Throughout Germany and Austria, wherever I went, there was a general impression that the war would be finished in two or three months. Serbia was finished; Constantinople was within reach. There was to be a rapid advance to Egypt by lighters now being constructed. The entente nations probably would succumb one by one. Britain last.

## Different Opinion.

"But everywhere I found a very different opinion of Great Britain from that which prevailed when I was a student at Berlin university. At that time when the British army was mentioned it was treated as a joke. But it is gradually being recognized to-day throughout the whole German empire that the British Tommy is a man of amazing determination and fighting qualities.

"The French also have proved a surprise to the Germans, who had expected a repetition of 1870.

"The wife of a professor in close touch with government development directly concerned with the procuring of figures relating to the subject, let drop a remark which she afterwards said she feared would have annoyed her husband had he known of it, that owing to the dearth of fat and oleaginous substances the highest authorities believe Germany could not continue the war for more than twelve months unless she obtained supplies of this kind.

## Copper and Rubber.

"Among the shortages which I personally observed was that of copper, of which, however, Germany has not yet called upon her full supplies. It cannot be too well understood that numbers of the German regulations are precautionary. It also should be understood that in regard to certain commodities the scarcity is often more or less local and prices vary greatly throughout Germany.

"Of the rubber shortage I had abundant evidence everywhere. The use of motor cars has been more and more restricted. India rubber tires are permitted only in rare cases. Taxicabs are gradually disappearing. No new tires are allowed to be sold for them and as the tires wear out the vehicles are withdrawn from the streets.

"The thrifty German housewife has her full share of domestic duties, though I must confess I heard very little more than the ordinary feminine grumbling."

## LUMBERMEN ARE IN SESSION AT CALGARY

Calgary, Dec. 11.—At the opening session of the Western Lumbermen's convention yesterday, attended by lumbermen of the prairies and British Columbia, it became evident from statements of speakers and attendant delegates that the purpose of the convention would be to organize the Alberta-lumber retailers and to conduct a propaganda for the purpose of promoting the sale of native British Columbia and other Canadian lumber as against United States lumber.

One of the factors which makes it most difficult for the Canadian lumbermen to meet American competition on all grades of lumber is the fact that the Canadian prairie consumer does not realize the fine quality of some of the native timbers as compared with competing products.

## UNWARRANTED CHARGE BY GERMAN CHANCELLOR

London, Dec. 11.—An official communication states that the circumstances of the destruction of a German submarine and her crew by the British patrol ship Baralong last August are at present the subject of communications between the United States government and the British government.

"The British government," the statement says, "does not propose to make public a statement for the present, beyond repudiating the unwarranted charge which the German chancellor is reported to have preferred against the British navy in his speech."

## COMING AFTER CHRISTMAS.

Winnipeg, Dec. 11.—Brigadier-General J. Hughes, inspector-general of the forces in Western Canada, will not make his trip of inspection through to the Pacific coast until after Christmas.

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- White French Evening Gloves, kid, best quality, 12-button length. Per pair .....\$2.50
- White French Evening Gloves, kid, best quality, 20-button length. Per pair .....\$4.25
- Evening Kid Gloves, in pink, sky, champagne, 16-button length. Per pair .....\$3.25
- Black Kid Gloves, 20-button length .....\$4.25
- 16-button length .....\$3.25
- 12-button length .....\$2.50
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## FRENCH CRUISER TOOK OFF TWO PASSENGERS

New York, Dec. 11.—The steamship San Juan, of the New York and Porto Rico line, was held up and searched by a French cruiser while she was bound from New Orleans to San Juan, P. R., according to a message received by the line to-day. Two second-class passengers were removed. The San Juan flies the American flag.

## GREECE MUST GIVE A PRECISE ANSWER

Paris, Dec. 11.—The newspapers of Paris publish a report that the entente powers, in view of contradictory statements concerning the attitude of the Greek government, are likely to request Greece to give a precise answer to the notes presented by the entente ministers.

## FIRE IN G. T. R. SHOPS AT MONTREAL YESTERDAY

Montreal, Dec. 11.—Fire broke out in the Grand Trunk railway shops at Point St. Charles yesterday afternoon. It was feared for a time that the shops devoted to making war munitions might be destroyed, but the firemen kept the blaze confined to three buildings. The fire originated in the tube-shop.

## GERMAN PRESS MENTIONED VON PAPEN YESTERDAY

Amsterdam, Dec. 11.—The German government on Friday permitted the publication of the fact that the American government had demanded the recall of Captain von Papen, military attaché of the German embassy in Washington. It was added that the detailed reasons for President Wilson's action was unknown to the German government.

## SIR ROBERT BORDEN TO VISIT NEW YORK

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—Sir Robert Borden contemplates a brief visit to New York just before Christmas. While there the prime minister will address the New England society on December 22, and the Pilgrims' society on December 23. It is probable that before the opening of the session Sir Robert may spend a week or so at Virginia Hot Springs, though this has not been definitely decided.

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**MORE COMPLICATIONS COMING.**

Those who think the German sword has solved the puzzle of the Balkans will have to alter their views before many moons have passed. Prussian diplomacy cannot solve anything as long as those opposing it hold out. The Teutonic-Bulgarian campaign has not cleared up the historic complications of that unruly peninsula. On the contrary, it has increased them. For instance, one objective of Austrian Balkan policy for years has been the possession of Albania, which would give Austria an important stretch of coastline on the Adriatic. Another was the extension of her boundaries to the Aegean. To gain both it was necessary to conquer and absorb Montenegro and Serbia and to compel Greece to cede to her Macedonia, including Salonica. But the successful campaign against Serbia has not yet established Austria in either of these directions. True, it has eliminated Serbia for the time being, but in Serbia's place it has planted Bulgaria squarely on the line of march to the Adriatic and Aegean. It has cost Bulgaria many thousands of soldiers to gain possession of Macedonia, and it may be taken for granted that she will not release it to Austria without a fight.

But while Austria finds that the removal of one obstacle to her aims in the shape of Serbia has erected another in the form of a larger Bulgaria, Bulgaria has discovered that she in turn has improved the prospects of her hereditary enemy and oppressor, the Turk. Under the pretext of protecting Bulgaria's rear from the allies while her soldiers were engaged in the Serbian campaign Turkish troops established themselves in Bulgarian Thrace so comfortably that it is evident they intend to stay there. And this particular territory is Bulgaria's only strip of coast-line on the Aegean. To protect their Bulgarian ally against a Russian attack Turkish troops also have installed themselves along the Black Sea coast-line, and we think we may safely announce their determination to remain there. The truth is that the central empires and Turkey have simply made a catspaw out of Bulgaria, which when the time comes, is destined by Berlin and Vienna to be disposed of Austria of what she took from Serbia recently and by Turkey of what she had taken from the Ottoman empire Russia's help in different struggles during the last thirty years. That process actually is now in progress. Austrian troops are in Macedonia and Turkish troops are in southern Bulgaria. There are faint signs, however, of a gradual realization by the Bulgarians of the seriousness of the situation into which their crooked king has led them. They are commencing to see that they are in grave danger of being reduced to the position of subordination to Turkey from which the Russians rescued them in 1878. Between Turkey and Bulgaria, Germany would not hesitate. Bulgaria is merely a temporary convenience. Turkey is the corner-stone of one of her most deliberately calculated policies of world expansion.

**WILL BE DEMOBILIZED.**

According to a definite dispatch from Athens the Greek army is about to be demobilized. If the report be correct, the line of a possible retreat through Macedonia to Salonica by the allies will be secured against treachery. Demobilization in that zone is what the entente powers have demanded; the Germans, on the other hand, pressed for a Greek attack upon the French and British rear and even sent officers to Greece to conduct it. There is not the slightest doubt that Constantine would have given that stab in the back if he dared. Evidently he has been brought to realize that swift and irrevocable disaster to himself and nation would follow. But whether the demobilization of the Greek army

will be of more than momentary value to the entente powers, depends upon developments of the immediate future. If they contemplate a renewal of their campaign in Serbia it will ensure the security of their lines of communication; if, on the other hand, it is their intention to abandon the Serbian campaign altogether, even leaving Salonica, what Greece does or does not do with her army is of no consequence to them.

The intentions of the allies in regard to the Balkan campaign have been shrouded in mystery. It is known, however, that they are retreating from untenable positions in Serbia, and that an attempt at this season to reconquer Peter's kingdom, now almost wholly under enemy control, would be extremely costly. Not only is it one of the most difficult countries in the world, especially in winter, but the railroad from Salonica is a narrow, rickety little affair which could not serve any great forces adequately. The bulk of the Serbian army has retired to Albania and Montenegro, and is being re-equipped and supplied from Adriatic ports. Greece's co-operation cannot be expected. But there is one important consideration which would induce the allies to maintain large armies based on Salonica. That consideration is joint military action with Russia against Bulgaria.

Were Russia to intervene the maintenance of British and French forces in Macedonia would hold a large part of the Bulgarian and Austro-German armies on that front, and greatly facilitate a Russian invasion of Bulgaria. But preliminary to this Russia would have to gain permission to pass through Roumania, and there has been no assurance that with the military outlook in the Balkans as it is Roumania will accede to the Russian request.

**WILL HELP VENIZELOS.**

The Greek army was mobilized at the instigation of Venizelos, who intended that it should co-operate with forces landed by the entente powers at Salonica on the invitation of his government. With Constantine in supreme control, however, that mobilization assumed a different aspect. Not only was it a menace to the allies but it enabled the king to suspend constitutional government, to the maintenance and protection of which Greece, Great Britain, France and Russia were bound by treaty. It is not unlikely that the entente representatives at Athens insisted upon the fulfilment of that treaty; that they demonstrated most convincingly that they were in a different position from Serbia, which had no recourses against Greece's betrayal of her covenanted obligations, while they had the power to enforce their demands and would use it without hesitation. Through their sea-power they dominate the Mediterranean; they can close the door to Greece's expansion for all time. It may be assumed, too, that they have insisted that the Greek people be given a fair, unprejudiced opportunity to record their will in the forthcoming elections. With the army mobilized this could not be done, because candidates and voters known to oppose the king's course would not be permitted to participate in the contest. It was in recognition of this that Venizelos a fortnight ago advised his followers and supporters to take no part in the election. Demobilization of the army, however, would give them a fairly clear field, and no doubt they will take advantage of it.

**THE LIFEBOAT CREW.**

"We wish to make plain the following facts: The Clayquot life-boat did not leave the slips of the station, either the day of or the day after the wreck. Neither did the crew rescue any of the survivors of the wreck. We believe that the crew did their best in all but one point. After returning from a fruitless search to False Bay, they went to bed, knowing that there was a wreck somewhere between Tofo and Long Beach, and that lives were in danger. While they slept the rescue was effected by Severin Bredvold, Carson McLean and Alfred Vikan, residents of Tofo. This is a description of the rescue as given by them."

The foregoing is an extract from a letter received by the Times from a number of Clayquot residents who ought to be in a position to know the facts. Their statement calls for the fullest investigation by the government. Is it true that no attempt was made to launch the Clayquot life-boat? If an attempt was made why did it fail? Was it because the sea was too rough or because the crew was incompetent? If the life-saving facilities at that point are only for fair weather they might as well be abandoned and the expense of maintaining them saved to the country, for the possibility of a wreck in such circumstances is very remote. But assuming that the life-boat could not have reached the wreck in the hands of a competent crew, what explanation have the men to offer for retreating to their beds after an unsuccessful walk along the shore as far as False Bay? They knew that somewhere between Tofo and Long Beach a vessel was pounding to pieces with its crew in imminent danger of destruction.

The lifesaving station at Clayquot costs the country \$5,000 per year. The

crew consists of a coxswain, who receives a salary of \$85 per month, and a crew of eleven men, who are paid \$65 per month. In addition to their wages the men are allowed sixty-five to seventy cents per day for board. They are paid to do their utmost to save life in cases of shipwreck even at their own grave risk. Their duty in this case was to have persisted in the search all night and all next day for that matter—until, in fact, they found indisputable evidence that the ship had gone to pieces and that there were no survivors needing help on the shore.

According to the memorandum given by the sub-contractor for the outer wharf excavation to his bookkeeper the estimates for payment were not determined by the amount of work done on the contract but by the financial exigencies of the contractor. The following instructions could have meant nothing else: "Get out amount of pay rolls for July. Get estimate for July made up that will show at least 33 1/2 per cent. profits for the month, including insurance, rental, repairs, payrolls, automobile, note, etc., and three thousand gross, and note approximately there is three thousand five hundred dollars to be paid on notes; money borrowed on Vancouver contract with Henry McPhee is to be attended to."

In all his speeches in Quebec Sir Wilfrid never fails to denounce in scathing terms the disloyal propaganda of Henri Bourassa, Lavergne and their Nationalist followers. He has fought them tooth and nail for years and has not hesitated to attack them in constituencies where their main strength lies. Has anybody ever heard Sir Robert Borden or any member of his cabinet whisper one word of condemnation of Bourassa and Lavergne? These two agitators are trying to obstruct recruiting and their activities in that direction should be drastically suppressed, yet Bourassa is permitted to continue his disloyal campaign and Armand Lavergne still wears the uniform of the colonel's rank to which Sir Sam Hughes promoted him.

If an inconclusive peace arose from this war, there is not the slightest doubt that the next country with which Germany would cross swords in the United States. Failing to extend her boundaries in Europe or anywhere else at the expense of the entente powers and having lost her colonies, she would seek compensation in South America, thereby challenging the Monroe Doctrine which President Wilson has just nailed more tightly to his country's mast-head. The United States well may pray that the allies do not sheathe their swords until Prussianism has been destroyed; in fact it would be to Uncle Sam's advantage to help them put the outlaw out of business once and for all.

Had the German chancellor admitted that the shortage in Germany was caused by the effective blockade of the British fleet, von Tirpitz would have been confronted with a demand by the German people that their "invincible navy" put to sea and break the blockade. That, of course, would not do, so Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg had to say that there was plenty of food; the only difficulty was one of distribution. This, we think, was the cause of the disagreement between Cain and Abel. It was settled by bloodshed in their case and it cannot be settled in Germany except by bloodshed.

We thank the Vancouver News-Advertiser for calling attention to a very important point in connection with that much-discussed and ill-defended ferry contract—thank it all the more heartily because the assistance is altogether unexpected. Our contemporary asks why, if there is necessity for haste in construction of the boat, the contract was not awarded sooner. The question is pertinent, because it is a long, long time since Sir Richard gave his "undertak-

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ings," and ferry connection was part of them.  
 Mr. F. W. Jones, writing on behalf of the Canadian Red Cross, makes a special appeal for help, of which there is an abundance in the neighborhood of Victoria and the giving of which involves no great sacrifice.

As for Senator Hoke Smith, we suspect the first part of his name should be spelled with a "J."

**THE EGG MEN'S PLIGHT.**  
 Rochester (N. Y.) Union and Advertiser. Few of us will sympathize with the men who are left with millions of cold storage eggs on their hands that they are unable to sell at a profit. It is not that there is no necessity for the cold storage of eggs or that the business of so storing them is in itself bad. But it has become the means of gouging the people by means of prices, when it should be the means of bringing prices nearer to a reasonable basis. It has also been used as the vehicle for foisting upon the people unseasoned food that was detrimental to their health and of providing dishonest bakers and others with a means of cheating the public.

**LET HIM STAY IN BRITAIN.**

Richmond (Vt.) Times-Dispatch. That officer of the interned German cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich who broke his parole, escaped from the vessel at the Norfolk navy yard and has just been captured in the North Sea, should be allowed to stay in British hands. We don't want him. There is no legal punishment for an individual whose conduct proves that in accepting his word of honor, as that of an officer and gentleman, this government was mistaken in at least one particular.

Captured by the British he is now a prisoner of war. In Britain he can be locked up and probably will be. Under the circumstances, it is unlikely that Britain will repeat the error of judgment that was made by the United States.  
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Many Christmas Gift problems have been solved during the past week by women taking advantage of our specially reduced prices on Table and Fancy Linens. For to-day we make further special price inducements.

Hand Embroidered Irish Linen Runners and Squares go at big reductions. These are all of the finest linen, hand woven and finished with hemstitched and scalloped borders. There are also very prettily embroidered designs included. Qualities that will wear and be a lasting remembrance of the giver.

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Easter term commences Wednesday, Jan. 5, 1916. Warden—Rev. W. W. Bolton, M.A. (Cantab.) Headmaster—J. C. Barnack, Esq. (London University)

The Sons Dees Dancing Club will meet every Tuesday evening in the Alexandra ballroom. Admission, 25c. By invitation only.

Tel El Mahuta.—A business meeting of the Tel El Mahuta Temple, No. 155, D. O. K. K. will be held in K. of P. hall, North Park street, on Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

Passports Necessary.—It is announced from Ottawa that hereafter, until further notice, passports will be required from all British subjects, without any exceptions, entering the United Kingdom.

St. Andrew's Ladies' Auxiliary.—Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Andrew's and Caledonian society will hold their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. McInatoh, Henry street, on Monday, December 13. A big attendance is requested, as the installation of officers and other business is to take place.

Service for Women.—A service especially for women will be held to-morrow evening in the First Presbyterian Church. There will be a choir of women, and special musical numbers will be given. Rev. J. G. Inkster will preach on "The Prodigal Wife."

Contest Closes.—In connection with the awarding of the prizes for the essay on "Should British Columbia be Dry?" an entertainment is to be held on December 17 in the auditorium of the Girls' Central school under the auspices of the W. C. T. U.

Centennial Epworth League.—The monthly missionary meeting of the Centennial Epworth League will be held on Monday evening in the parlor of the church. The speaker of the evening will be Pte. Garnet Gibson, of "B" section, No. 1 Field Ambulance, who will give an address on "Mission Work Among the Indians of British Columbia."

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, December 11, 1890.

There was a very large attendance at St. John's church bazaar, which opened yesterday at Philharmonic hall. A splendid collection of articles were on sale.

Letters from Ottawa state that the head of the department of marine, Hon. C. H. Tupper, is highly gratified over the exhaustive report sent by Collector Milne regarding the fur sealing industry.

The attention of the city council having been called last evening to the moral condition of the city, Mayor Grant resented the aspersions of the organizers of the Moral Reform Council. However, the aldermen overruled him in regard to an application for an audience on the following Wednesday.

Rev. A. Beauland gave an address last evening to the Calvary Baptist Y. P. S. on the history of pottery.

THE EARLY BIRD GETS—

In the case of the early Christmas shopper, he or she gets choice of larger fresher stocks, better service and a great deal more comfort.

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H. B. "Imperial" Lager Beer, pints, 4 for 25c. Save Your Money by purchasing Xmas Gifts at Wengers, 25 per cent. discount, 621 Yates.

What About the Millennium?—The second sermon on religious fads, at the Naval and Military Methodist church, Esquimalt, next Sunday evening. Cordial invitation to readers of Russell's Literature.

Phoenix Beer—2 qts. for 25c. A Difficult Question.—At the meeting of the streets committee of the city council yesterday afternoon some method of separating for the purpose of taxation the cost of repairing macadam streets from the other permanent paved streets under local improvement was urged by Alderman Todd. Most of the other members stated that such a course was impossible, but Alderman Todd declared something could be done. No action was taken.

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New Trustees.—Notice is given in the Provincial Gazette of the appointment by the Rithet Proprietary Co., Ltd., of Harry Theodore Barnes, insurance manager, as a new trustee of the trust deed to secure certain debentures in place of the late James H. Lawson.

Court Cariboo.—Court Cariboo, No. 743, Independent Order of Foresters, will meet next Tuesday evening in the K. of P. hall, No. 5. Special business will include the election of officers, and the reception of new members.

Spruce in Demand.—Advices received by the minister of lands are to the effect that the demand for spruce is growing, and that two mills on the coast are being opened for the purpose of supplying the eastern market and admiralty orders.

Oak Bay Police Court.—Two defendants were convicted in Oak Bay police court yesterday and fined five dollars each. Bulca, a Hindu, had driven his cart across a sidewalk, and J. Smith drove a motor car without having the proper lights.

Belief and Conduct.—At the First Unitarian church on Sunday morning, the pastor, Rev. Walter G. Latham, B. A., will preach on "The Relation Between Belief and Conduct." The sermon will endeavor to show what place intellectual belief occupies in the ethical conduct of life.

"Jehovah and the Huns."—To-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. lobby, Rev. J. G. Inkster will give an address entitled "Jehovah and the Huns," to which all men are invited to come. There will also be a song service with solos by Miss Bell and W. E. Pierce, followed by fellowship tea, to which all are welcome.

Homes for Soldiers.—The provincial committee which is acting with the Military Hospitals commission is considering offers to use the Indian industrial school on Kuper Island and the public hospital at Port Steele for the purpose of housing returned soldiers. The advisability of securing these will be considered by the provincial executive.

Royal Oak Women's Institute.—The usual monthly meeting of the Royal Oak Women's Institute will be held on Monday at 3 o'clock in the institute room, when Mrs. E. Chamberlain will give an address on "Food Values." A new stove has been installed in the institute room, which is now much more comfortable, and it is hoped that all members will attend the meeting.

Organ Recital.—The usual half-hour organ recital will be held in the Metropolitan Methodist church on Sunday evening, commencing at 7 o'clock. The programme will be as follows: War March of the Priests (Mendelssohn); Andante Cantabile from the 4th Symphony (Widor); Barcarolle (Stern-dale-Bennett); and evensong (Johnston).

Lake Hill Presbyterian Church.—Every Sunday evening during December special evangelistic services will be conducted by the minister, Rev. J. Johnston. The subject for to-morrow evening is "The Inner Life." The meetings are held in the mission hall, corner of Quadra and Rock streets, and commence at 7.45, with a fifteen minutes song service, led by the choir.

Anti-German Union.—A meeting of the executive of the Victoria branch of the Anti-German union will be held shortly to decide upon a definite policy to adapt the principles of the union to local conditions. The membership of the branch is growing. The executive consists of Beaumont Boggs, chairman; R. W. Perry, secretary; Col. the Hon. E. G. Prior, J. A. Mara, Richard Hall, F. B. Pemberton and Charles Castle.

W. H. O. Class.—The W. H. O. class of Fairfield Sunday school will give an entertainment in Fairfield church, corner of Fairfield road and Moss street, next Wednesday evening in aid of their "Helping Others Fund." A rainbow drill by sixteen girls, a grandma's tea party, several very interesting tableaux, and illustrated song and readings, recitations and instrumental music will go to make up a programme that is a bit out of the ordinary. The entertainment begins at 8 o'clock.

Vacancy for Chemist.—There is a vacancy for an assistant engineering chemist for the department of mines, to be filled by the civil service commissioners after December 27. Candidates must be graduates of recognized universities, who have specialized in chemistry. They should have proved their ability to carry out original research, and have had at least two years practical chemical experience since graduation. Familiarity with the methods of analysis of solid and gaseous fuels and of ores, and with fire-assaying is required. Evidence of reliability and accuracy in work should be submitted.

Entertainment for Chapter.—A very delightful affair was the varied entertainment held in St. John's hall, Harold street, yesterday afternoon and evening under the management of Mrs. George Simpson, the proceeds of which will be handed over to her chapter, the Florence Nightingale Chapter, I. O. D. E. Auction bridge, over which Mrs. Sidney Child reigned, was prettily arranged in rooms decorated in holly and Christmas bells. The tea room was very tastefully decorated in pale yellow and white plants. A candy table was under the capable management of Mrs. H. Leiser, and there was a work table over which Mrs. Harpur and Mrs. R. W. Clark presided. The for-tune-tellers were Mrs. Gales and Mrs. George Ager. During the evening a delightful informal concert was held, among those helping being Mrs. R. H. Pooley, Mrs. C. E. Wilson, Miss M. Fraser, Mrs. W. Jameson, and Messrs. Gillian F. Sehl and H. Morton. Afterwards there was an informal dance for all, and Mrs. Simpson will be able to hand in quite a nice little sum from the proceeds.

88th Band Concert.—The programme to be offered by the 88th battalion band at the Variety theatre to-morrow evening is as follows: March, Indienne, Sellenick; overture, Italians in Algeria, Rossini; Song of a Song of Canada, Semen, L. O. Meehan; concert waltz, Immortellen, Gung; comic, Funeral March of a Marionette, Gounod; song, Land of Hope and Glory, Elgar; L. O. Meehan; Reminiscences of Verdi, Godfrey; Galop, The Hussars, Ellenburg; Musician Gaskill, Conductor; accompanist, Bandmaster Rumsby.

Fifth Regiment Band.—The following is the programme to be given by the Fifth Regiment band at their regular Sunday evening concert to-morrow at the Royal Victoria theatre.—Miss Phyllis Burrell, Mrs. Kershaw Edmonds (soprano), and Mr. Pearce (basso), will be the vocalists. God Save the King; Marche, Militaire No. 1, Schubert; overture, Tancréd, Rossini; vocal, "Lead Kindly Light," Miss Phyllis Burrell; Reminiscences of Wales, Godfrey; vocal, selected, Mr. Pearce; Gavotte, the Magician, Hill-dreth; vocal, "The Slave Song," Mrs. Kershaw Edmonds; selection, Bohemian girl, Balfe; Miss A. Murrisset will be the accompanist, and W. J. Smith the bandmaster.

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Civic Retrenchment Assn.—There will be a meeting of the executive committee of the Civic Retrenchment association, on Tuesday next at 5.30 p. m., at the office of Cross & Co., Belmont building. Copyright is Granted.—Winnifred Crump, Vancouver, has been granted copyright of a book entitled "The Autobiography of a Dog," to which Bernard McEvoy, formerly of the Vancouver Province editorial staff and well-known as a writer under the non-de-plume of Diogenes, has written an introduction. I. O. D. E.—The Field Comforts committee of the Municipal Chapter, I. O. D. E., are hoping to send off several cases of field comforts this week, direct to the trenches, through the Canadian field comforts commission. Any contributions of socks, sweaters, mufflers and mittens sent to the I. O. D. E. rooms, 723 Fort street, before Thursday next will be most gratefully received and would go with the consignment. Scott Act in Brome.—The vote taken recently in the county of Brome, Quebec, having been favorable to the Canada Temperance act is proclaimed as in force in that county from the date when the existing liquor licenses expire. Brome is one of the counties in

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## SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS SHOWN IN FASHIONS

Costumes for Shopping and Afternoon Tea; Hip Draperies and Pantalettes

New York, Dec. 11.—Christmas is in the air! We are reminded of its nearness at every street corner; even the most matter-of-fact among us must feel its spirit and anticipate its cheer. Safe and sane Christmas shopping has been preached for ages but, nevertheless, each year sees the same crowd in the shops and hears the same question on every side "what shall I give for Christmas?" It is easily answered this year if the intended recipient is feminine. There are all sorts of wearables that may be laid at the dainty maid's door on Christmas morning to be received with little exclamations of delight.

The Shopper's Costume. If one has time to tarry a moment or two at the main entrance of one of the big shops on one of these busy afternoons, they will have a revelation in clothes. Serge rules in the matter of suits and simple frocks; furs are much in evidence and never have we



The New Gauntlet Sleeves.

had a season when they were so becoming and so much within the reach of all pockets. There are wide soft collars and cuffs; small round muffs, and any number of other accessories which may be made at home if desired, and added to the suit of serge to enhance its charm and style. Scarcely a suit or frock, passing in and out on its Christmas mission but shows this touch of fur, braid, too, in having its day on tunic and coat; one cannot but remark the wonderful variety in collars and sleeves. The majority of the suits show the high collar, and many of the dresses too, although one often glimpses beneath top-coat, and suit-coat, a dainty, sheer blouse of crepe de Chine or crepe Georgette with open throat, dainty in its softness. The flare is the thing on collars, cuffs, tunics, coat edges and skirt hems. On many of the rippling coats and skirts, tape holds the ripples gracefully in place; this tape is arranged around the lower edge of the lining and is in the same color; oftentimes too a narrow taffeta or picot-edged ribbon is used instead of tape.

In the Way of Sleeves.

There is the leg-of-mutton, the gauntlet sleeve, in many variations, the bell-sleeve, the angel sleeve, and the sleeve gathered at armhole and wrist. It is quite a novelty, the sleeve gathered into the armhole; and it is true to its old-time inspiration, even to the slight puff at the shoulder.

One of the most graceful sleeves of all is the gauntlet with wide, tight-fitting cuff, flaring slightly over the hand. The ugliest hand in the world must gain in grace with such a cuff. The full gathered sleeves are particularly graceful and pretty in the transparent fabrics now so much favored for sleeves in all sorts of frocks.

The serge coat dress is a general favorite for shopping and street wear. A particularly chic model is made with long, pointed tunic, gauntlet sleeves, high collar and a novel surplice closing. Blue serge trimmed with small braid-covered buttons and loops and a wide band of Herculons braid edging the tunic is the most attractive combination.

The Charm of Hip Draperies.

We have always admired the grace and delightfully feminine note in the puffed and pannered figures of Watteau and our own colonial days; these have returned in the smart hip draperies, panniers, and hoops of recent production. A soft satin, in dark tone, draped gracefully over the hips with wide loops suggestive of pockets, was trimmed with a bright, contrasting brocade very effectively; the costume was worn at a recent charity bazaar for a Christmas fund and received considerable attention because of its simplicity and good style.

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skirt, or have the dainty pantalettes, introduced quietly and cautiously at the beginning of the season, entirely usurped its place in the hearts of well-dressed women? One must admit that the soft, frilly pantalette, or trouser-petticoat, is delightfully practical as well as fascinating. The full skirt may billow and blow in the wind to its



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## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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

Fred Parlett, of Revelstoke, is at the Hotel Strathcona. ☆ ☆ ☆  
J. McNeill, Vancouver, is at the James Bay hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆  
Geo. Kingsley, of Shawnigan lake, is at the Dominion. ☆ ☆ ☆  
J. Kellow, of Duncan, is stopping at the Dominion hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆  
Mr. and Mrs. Edwards are guests at the James Bay hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆  
Dr. W. F. Luton, of Ladysmith, was in the city yesterday. ☆ ☆ ☆  
G. N. Short, of Vernon, is stopping at the Dominion hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆  
G. McLeod, Vancouver, is registered at the James Bay hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆  
B. H. Pitts, of Seattle, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday. ☆ ☆ ☆  
Capt. Bloomquist, of Shawnigan lake, is at the Dominion hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆  
H. B. Whittall, of Burnaby lake, is a guest at the Empress hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆  
Mrs. R. A. Wicks, of Duncan, is staying at the Dominion hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆  
C. M. Haverstock, of Chilliwack, is a guest of the Dominion hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆  
Harry Scott, of Kamloops, is registered at the Hotel Strathcona. ☆ ☆ ☆  
N. F. O'Neil, of Edmonton, has arrived at the Hotel Strathcona. ☆ ☆ ☆  
A. Charlson, of New Westminster, is staying at the Dominion hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆  
Chimaria Weber, of Vancouver, is registered at the Hotel Strathcona. ☆ ☆ ☆  
A. E. Risk and Mrs. Risk, of Regina, are registered at the Dominion hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆  
M. R. McArthur, of Vancouver, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday. ☆ ☆ ☆  
Mrs. L. F. Norie, of Cowichan station, is staying at the Hotel Strathcona. ☆ ☆ ☆  
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Weymouth, of Seattle, are guests at the Empress hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆  
George Lawrence and Mrs. Lawrence, of Winnipeg, are stopping at the Dominion. ☆ ☆ ☆  
J. H. Messervy and Mrs. Messervy, of Vancouver, are staying at the Dominion. ☆ ☆ ☆  
Chas. Pelter and Mrs. Pelter, of Wetaskiwin, are stopping at the Dominion hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆  
J. Jones, of Vancouver, registered for himself and Mrs. Jones at the Hotel Strathcona. ☆ ☆ ☆  
Mr. J. Tomlinson, of New Denver, has returned from San Francisco, where he had charge of the B. C. mineral exhibit. He is a guest of the Dominion. ☆ ☆ ☆  
Prior to his leaving with the Field Artillery for overseas, Gunner Ball was entertained at 851 Broughton street by his friends. A very enjoyable evening was spent, patriotic songs and music being the chief feature. All wished the popular gunner a safe return to Victoria. ☆ ☆ ☆  
Mrs. Roy Troup is leaving to-morrow for Vancouver, and on December 14 will take part, as soprano soloist, in "The Messiah," which is to be given in Chalmers church, Vancouver, on that date. A very big choir will present the famous oratorio on the occasion, and the director is singularly fortunate in securing Mrs. Troup to sing the big part which falls to the chief soprano. ☆ ☆ ☆  
Rev. Dr. MacRae, at his residence, 212 Dundas street, yesterday united in marriage Gertrude Alice, daughter of the late John Watterson, "The Hut," Fort Erin, Isle of Man, and F. Llewellyn Lewis, of Victoria. After the ceremony the immediate participants in the event proceeded to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis, parents of the bridegroom, at 88 Government street, where an informal reception was held. A dainty supper was served before Mr. and Mrs. Lewis left by the midnight boat for Vancouver. On their return from their honeymoon they will take up their residence in Victoria. ☆ ☆ ☆  
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## AT THE THEATRES

### DOMINION THEATRE.

That delightful Famous Players production, "Still Waters," in which Marguerite Clark has won golden opinions, will complete its three days run at Dominion to-night. Seldom has a picture met with such universal approval and success. With its rare mixture of comedy and pathos, it constitutes a feature that is well worth seeing. From an entertaining point of view it would be hard to imagine anything more enjoyable.

### COLUMBIA THEATRE.

"Nedra," one of the most interesting photoplays ever seen in Victoria, will be presented for the last time to-night at the Columbia theatre and those who have not seen this remarkable picture should not miss this last opportunity of doing so.

The story is taken from George Barr McCutcheon's famous novel of the same name and features the well-known actor, George Probert, supported by the Pathe star, Fania Marinoff.

The great storm scene, the native dances, and the diving of hundreds of natives from a high cliff into the sea are some of the thrills of the picture.

### PANTAGES THEATRE.

Laurie Ordway, who has proved a big sensation at Pantages this week, will be seen for the last time at the usual performances this evening together with other big vaudeville numbers including the Doree Grand Opera Co., Alice Teddy, the wonderful bear, Laura Winston & Co., and the Big Four.

To follow this week's attractive programme the Pantages management has

provided another notable musical act to head the new bill for the coming week. Frank Bohm's big instrumental and vocal production of "Colonial Days" will have the place of honor. This is a musical specialty of unusual quantity as well as quality. There are ten in the company, five women and five men, who dispense abundant melody from many kinds of musical instruments. Several of the company are also talented vocalists. The rich costumes are typical of old Colonial days.

A mystery act billed as Cero, the twentieth century enigma, will be one of the added attractions of the bill. In this turn, Richard Bolke, a clever artist, accomplishes the apparent creation of a handsome young woman.

Another added attraction will be a particularly clever and amusing black-face act in which S. H. Dudley and his company appear—said company including, besides other artists, a trained mule. The sketch, "The Stranded Minstrel," abounds in funny dialogue and situations, in which the trained mule does his share.

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A small attendance owing to a cold afternoon resulted in poor prices at the superfluties sale held at the Belmont house yesterday afternoon, where Henry Pearce and W. P. Dickson sold fifty lots. They then decided to stop the sale and put the remainder of yesterday's goods in the sale to be held on Wednesday next at 2.30 o'clock.

Two very handsome lapetaries were sold at the sale for \$25, this being about the best value of the afternoon. There was a well-made settee with in-laid frame that sold for \$10.50, about one-fifth of its value. A handsome oak hall stand brought a bid of \$10, a heavy electro tray worth \$100 did not bring a bid, and was put back for the next sale.

The superfluties sales from the store yesterday were about \$50. Goods are displayed in the windows, and prices marked. They can be purchased without attending the sales.

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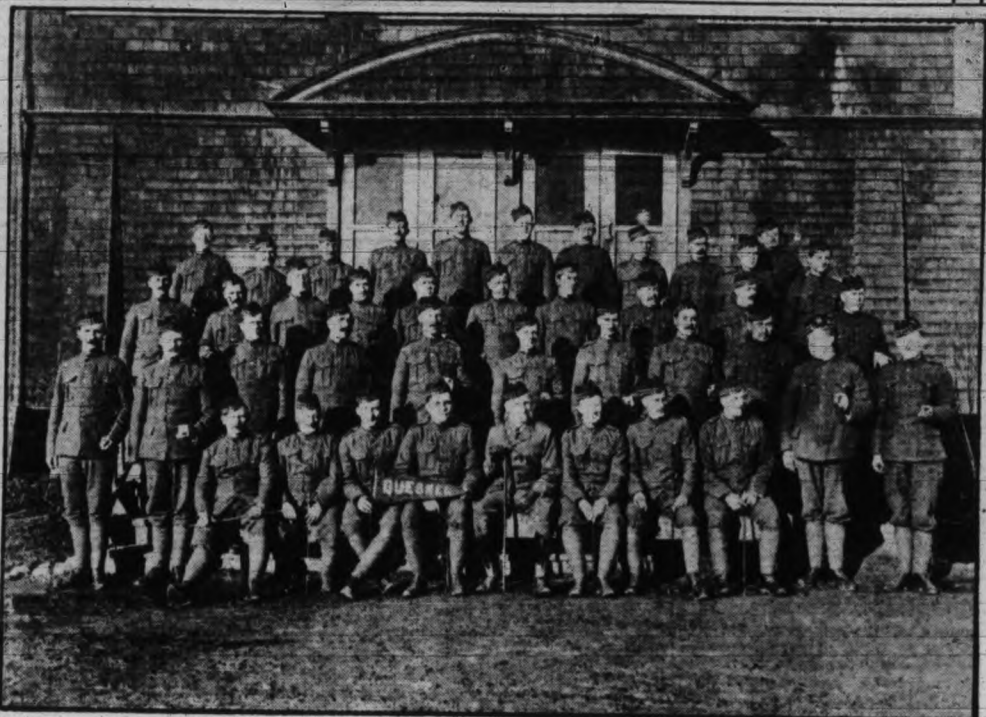
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A certain physician in Dublin, we will call him Dr. Blank, was so extremely corpulent that he could only just manage to squeeze himself into his brougham. He was a very well-known character in the Emerald Isle, and his huge size was the cause of much amusement. One day, Father Healy, a witty priest, was questioned by a sceptic on his belief in some of the stories in the Bible. "Surely," said the sceptic, "you cannot possibly believe that Jonah was ever incarcerated in a whale?" "I don't know," answered the priest, with a twinkle in his eye, "I saw something quite as peculiar to-day. I saw Dr. Blank getting out of a fly!"

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The above group is of the men from Quesnel, B. C., who have enlisted in the Western Scots. Capt. Nicholson is seen in the middle of the bottom row.

## ADVOCATES BUILDING OF SHIPS AT HOME

### Prominent Local Lumberman Would Have Government Guarantee Bonds

"If we could only get transportation our problems as lumbermen would be practically solved," said J. H. Moore, vice-president of the Canadian Puget Sound Lumber company, on his return from a visit to the principal United States cities.

Mr. Moore told a Times man this morning that the demand for lumber was improving, not only overseas to repair the ravages of war, but in the United States for domestic consumption.

"What we want in British Columbia," he said, "is some assistance to secure tonnage. Lumber is the most important asset of the province, and if the provincial government thinks it is a wise public policy to guarantee railway bonds to an enormous extent for the encouragement of transportation, then it should help with the marketing of our lumber. What is wanted is a company with about \$3,000,000 capital, into which the lumbermen would put some \$300,000, and raise bonds for the balance, the provincial government guaranteeing them in the same way as the railway bonds were backed. I am sure the bonds could be easily taken care of back east."

"With that money we could build suitable boats for transport, which would be of the kind used for overseas shipments, and it should be remembered that in the province is almost all the material required for building sailing ships." It was gathered that Mr. Moore had in mind vessels of the schooner type capable of carrying about one million feet.

He had in his hand an inquiry from mine timberings from a Scottish firm, which he said easily could be supplied if there was only tonnage to send them to the old country. With the great demand for fuel for the British marine interests, mine furnishings were in demand, yet the mills, he said, could not supply the orders of this kind. It was the great opportunity for British Columbia lumber, which could not be used to advantage without ships, and in building ships the government could stimulate another industry.

Mr. Moore in his eastern trip visited New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Pittsburg, Washington and other important cities, and everywhere found a remarkable industrial activity due to the supply of munitions for the allies. Every factory from those making match boxes to big guns was sharing in the activity created by the floating of the great Anglo-French loan.

### SHOULD DEFINE GIFTS

Donors to Soldiers' Children Xmas Tree Asked to Say Age of Child Gift Intended For.

Giant preparations are being made to have a really jolly party for the 1,200 small boys and girls between the ages of 3 and 14 who are to attend the Christmas tree for soldiers' children to be held on December 25 under the auspices of the Women's Canadian Club. Members and the public generally are asked to send their gifts for the tree to the committee which will be in charge of the collecting at the Alexandra club next Tuesday all day. In order that the parcels need not be unwrapped, and the contents inspected, donors are asked to designate on a slip of paper attached to the parcel whether the gift is for a girl or boy, and the age of the child for which it is intended. As there should be many hundreds of gifts the task of going over these, unwrapping, noting the contents, and rewrapping would be heavy, and givers can greatly facilitate the work of the organizers by attending to these simple directions.

The committee has not yet decided on the hall in which the tree and entertainment will be held, but it is now under consideration and the place will be announced in due course.



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

### HOLLY IN DEMAND.

To the Editor.—May I through your paper make another appeal on behalf of the Red Cross society for berried holly clippings, both green and variegated.

A considerable quantity has been received already. We have been authorized to cut a good deal more, which will be taken care of next week, but still we are short many hundreds of pounds to fill the orders already received. We also expect further large orders.

The requests published in the daily papers for delivery from various districts on specified dates were arranged to prevent congestion, and distribute the receipts so that orders might be filled as required without a chance of waste.

Now, however, we want as much berried holly as possible from all districts tributary to Victoria, to be delivered during the coming week. Arrangements have been made to dispose of several tons, while deliveries to date have been less than one ton. Every pound of berried holly given to the Red Cross society means so much additional comfort for the sick, the wounded and the prisoners of war.

May I ask that everyone who can will deliver holly next week at 755 View street, or telephone 284, and it will be sent for.

F. W. JONES,  
Vice-Chairman.

### SUBMARINES.

To the Editor.—It may interest your readers to see what the editor of the Scientific American has to say in regard to submarines of a very similar type to the famous ones we have in Esquimaux.

In an editorial entitled "The Valor of Ignorance" that appeared in the Scientific American for December 4, 1915, the editor refers as follows to the submarines of the United States navy:

"Just a word more on the subject of the submarine. Representative Kitchen evidently belongs to that school of lay thought which believes that in the small and relatively cheap submarine we have an economical means of defence which will enable us to laugh at a fleet of costly battleships and hold it by mere threat of destruction from our waters. The matter was tested out pretty thoroughly in the fall manoeuvres referred to, when a group of our latest submarines were told off to string themselves out in line, one hundred miles or so south of Nantucket, and intercept the enemy if he tried to make his approach toward Boston or Newport. The flotilla developed troubles before it reached its assigned position, and on being notified in the evening that it was to proceed one hundred and twenty-five miles to the southward, it was in such bad shape that by morning, instead of having covered the distance, it had made only twenty-five miles at an average speed of some four or five knots. More than half of the boats were able to use only one engine at a time, and ultimately they received notification by wireless to get back to a home port as best they might."

Of course it will be claimed that the vessels we have were built to special designs for the Chilean government, and are a different type to those built by the same contractors for the United States navy. However, we may note that it is the engines that are defective in the United States boats; at least they are mentioned as giving trouble, and it is exactly this same engine we have in our boats, as at the time they were built only one firm was building submarine engines in the United States and these were built to design of the M. A. N. Co., of Germany. This is a two-cycle heavy oil engine that has

Krupp and Vickers for their respective German and English submarines of latest type.

Twice the writer has seen these boats in motion, and on both occasions he is quite willing to take oath that the engines were not functioning properly. In fact they gave in no undecided manner evidence that combustion was far from complete in the engines.

It is possible our engineers at Esquimaux have been able to make more out of these engines than the Americans have been able to do themselves. It is to be hoped that now they are "perfectly satisfactory submarines." However, it seems to the writer that as we had an investigation of a sort, it is too bad it was not more thorough, and that qualified engineers had not been employed to do a little cross-questioning.

ENGINEER.

Dec. 10.

### PTE. LYNCH BACK

Soldier Who Was Victim of German Poison Gas Now at Convalescent Home.

Pte. E. Lynch, one of the Canadian victims of German poison gas, is at the Convalescent home, Esquimaux. He returned yesterday to Victoria on the Princess Adelaide, and was welcomed by a number of delegates from the Welcome committee who were down at the G. P. E. dock, as well as a large concourse of citizens who cheered him as he came off the boat.

The returned soldier was through the fighting of the early spring, and was gassed at Ploegstreet. He was also wounded in the leg.

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# SPORTING NEWS

## WEIRD GOAL DECIDES HARD-FOUGHT GAME IN FAVOR OF VISITING TEAM

### Seattle Gained Early Substantial Lead, and Were Never Headed; Locals Make Desperate Rally in Third Period

A questionable goal awarded to Seattle shortly before the end of the second period decided the opening game of the local ice hockey season last night in favor of the visitors. It was a weird goal that brought the Seattle total up to four goals while the Victoria could do no more than three. Those sitting near the Victoria goal agreed with goal umpire Hewitt that the rasher was inside the goal line, but it was impossible to judge from the press stand as to the position of the puck. Although Manager Strick of the locals, put up a stubborn argument, the goal umpire's hard decision was an indication that the net had been bulged, and the score was lowered. Had not this misfortune befallen the locals the game would have been an extra time.

It was not until the third period that the Victoria team really hit their stride when they came on with a rush. While they succeeded in breaking in with a couple of goals, they were unable to equalize the score. No hockey struggle since the formation of the P. H. A. has furnished greater thrills than the grand rally of the locals in the last minutes of play. They pressed hard, but the Seattle defence was sound, and goaltender Holmes was turning aside shots that looked like certain goals.

The visitors outclassed the Aristocrats in the first stages of the game. Her combination was superior, while Victoria's passing was very ragged. As the game progressed the locals improved. Seattle's early substantial lead, when they scored three goals in the first period, was too great for the locals to overcome, although they came within an ace of doing so on a number of occasions. In the early stages of the game the teams roughed it, and the referees were kept busy sending the men to the bench.

Wild Cheer Greets Players. It was 8:35 o'clock when the teams took the ice. A wild cheer greeted the Victoria team, attired in their red, white and blue uniforms, while Seattle received a great ovation. Colonel Ross, commanding officer of the 12th battalion, Western Scots, was escorted to centre ice to face off the puck, and a few moments later the game was set off on their strenuous and Victoria was the aggressor at first, but their offensive lacked dash, most of their passes being blocked by the Seattle players. Morris and Kerr were banished for roughing and spent three minutes on the bench. Five minutes and thirty seconds play has elapsed, when Wilson broke

through the Victoria defence, and bulged the net. The puck was faced off, and Wilson again secured the disk. He was tripped by Mallen, who was sent to the boards for a three-minute term. During his absence Walker made an individual rush through the Victoria team, and scored a second goal for the visitors. Most of the local attacks were broken up by Walker's effective poke check. Wilson and Carpenter made a splendid rush on the Victoria goal, which resulted in the former taking the pass and scoring.

Little Cully Wilson, who had been getting his bumps, and set out to do a little slashing on his own account, was sent off for three minutes. The period closed with the score 2 to 0 in favor of Seattle. Victoria Shows Improvement. Victoria set out in the second period to overcome the lead the visitors had gained, but play had been in progress but a few seconds when O'Leary was sent to the bench for tripping Wilson. Kenny Mallen was also banished for roughing it with Cully, and a second later the latter was cleared from the ice for slashing. During the absence of these players Victoria opened an offensive. O'Leary took the puck down the right wing, passed it to Patrick at centre, who beat Holmes for Victoria's initial goal. After the faceoff the visitors pressed in, and in a mixup in the local net McCulloch batted the puck into the net while attempting to clear. The goal was substituted for Mallen and the gong sounded for the closure of the period, with the visitors leading 4 to 1.

Local Lineup Switched. Two substitutes were placed on the ice at the commencement of the final period. Box and Riley replaced McDonald and Kerr. The locals worked hard to overcome Seattle's lead. O'Leary was hit on the knee, and was replaced by McDonald. Kerr returned to the ice to replace Riley. Victoria's combination and checking were greatly improved. They were pressing hard, and kept Holmes on his toes. A tremendous uproar went up from the crowd when Patrick took a pass from Kerr and scored. A few minutes later Genge made a strong individual rush and sent in a hard shot, which Holmes blocked. McDonald secured, however, and before the Seattle net guardian was settled he had brought Victoria's total up to 3 goals. The crowd was cheering madly for another goal. Both teams were working hard, and from this stage until the gong sounded for the closure of the game honors were even. Bobby Rowe made several individual rushes towards the end, and was leggy when he arrived in the dressing-room he collapsed on the floor. A doctor was summoned and the player was restored to consciousness. For the locals Manager Patrick, Goaltender McCulloch and Bobby Genge

### LEADING SCORER



LESTER PATRICK

Hard-working leader of the Victoria team, who is tied with Jack Walker for the point-scoring honors. Lester and his defence mate, Genge, were last night the stars of the Victoria team.

started, while Holmes, Wilson and Walker were the outstanding players on the visiting lineup. The lineup: Seattle. Holmes, Goal; McCulloch, Rowe, Point; Genge, Carpenter, Cover Point; Patrick, Foyston, Rover; Mallen, Morris, Centre; O'Leary, Wilson, Right Wing; McDonald, Walker, Left Wing; Kerr, Haas, Sub.; Riley, Sub.; Box, Officials—Referee, Tommy Phillips; Judge of play, Charlie Waleley; goal umpires, Charlie Burnett and Jimmy Hewitt; time-keepers, J. A. Taylor and C. Walker; penalty timer, W. H. Wilkerson.

Goal Summary. First period—1, Seattle, Wilson, 5:35; 2, Seattle, Walker, 4:10; 3, Seattle, Wilson from Carpenter. Second period—4, Victoria, Patrick from O'Leary, 6:15; 5, Seattle, 1:50. Third period—3, Victoria, Patrick from Kerr, 12:40; 7, McDonald, 2:05. Penalties. First period—Kerr, Morris, Mallen, Wilson, 3 minutes each. Second period—O'Leary, Mallen, Wilson. Third period—None. Total—Victoria, 12 minutes; Seattle, 9 minutes. League Standing. Won. Lost. For. Against. Seattle 2 0 7 5. Portland 2 0 4 1. Victoria 0 2 5 7. Vancouver 0 2 1 4.

## PORTLAND WIN CLOSE GAME FROM VANCOUVER

### Visitors Were Badly Off in Their Shooting; Lehman in Rare Form

Portland, Dec. 11.—In a rough, defensive game the Portland club gained a narrow victory over the visiting Vancouver team last night in the opening game of the local season. Six Griffiths switched his lineup last night in an effort to reverse on the Rosebuds for the defeat handed the Millionaires early in the week at Vancouver, but again last night they were forced to acknowledge defeat, the final score being 2 to 1.

Portland were the aggressors in the opening period and rained shots in on the Vancouver net, but Hughie Lehman was like a stone wall in defence, and staved off apparent decisive defeat for the visiting delegation. Tommy Murray in the local nets had very few shots to stop. No scoring was done in the opening period. Shortly after the commencement of the second period Micky McKay made an individual rush through the Portland defence and bulged the net, which was the first goal that had been scored on Murray in two games. About five minutes later Tommy Dunderdale sent in a hard shot from centre ice equalizing the score. Portland were bombarded by the Vancouver net hard, but Lehman was in rare form.

The final session opened with the score 1 all. The teams battled hard to break the tie. Vancouver were off in their shooting while the locals' color in their net was very accurate. Three minutes of play had elapsed when Captain Oatman took the puck through the Vancouver defence and made a neat pass to Harris, who slipped the rubber past Lehman for the deciding goal. The locals scored a total of five goals but three of them were thrown out for being offside. While the opening and final sessions were clean, the second period was very rough, a total of 27 minutes being spent on the fence. In addition to four minor fouls, three major fouls were committed. Tommy Dunderdale spent 5 minutes on the fence for slashing, while Johnson and Duncan were ruled off for 10 minute sessions for dirty work.

Lineup. Portland. Position. Vancouver. Murray, Goal; Lehman, Irving, Point; Griffiths, Johnson, Cover Point; Seaborn, Oatman, Rover; Taylor, Tobin, Right Wing; Duncan, Harris, Left Wing; Cook, Dunderdale, Centre; Mackay. Officials—Referee, Fred Ion; Judge of play, Jas J. Blance. Goal Summary: First period, no score. Second period—1, Vancouver, McKay, 2:30; 2, Portland, Dunderdale, 6:05. Third period—3, Portland, Harris, from Oatman, 3:00. Penalties: First period—None. Second period—Oatman, 3 minutes; Cook, 2 minutes; Johnson, 10 minutes; Duncan, 10 minutes; Griffiths, 3 minutes; Dunderdale, 5 minutes; Seaborn, 2 minutes. Third period—None.

## TO DEFEAT HOPPE IS A BIG PROBLEM NOW

### Promoters Scheme to Overcome the Champion's Great Advantage

How to enjoin William F. Hoppe from appropriating all the capital prizes offered for billiard events is a problem before promoters of billiard tournaments and billiard enthusiasts in general. The carefully arranged handicap, which governed the recent 18.2 tournament was ruthlessly disarranged by the performances of the champion.

Reviewing that recent tournament Charles P. Miller, of the Brunswick-Balke-Collender company, said: "Owing to the superlative work of Hoppe and the mediocre playing of the other five contestants interest was not sustained. When Hoppe played the attendances were large. Other games were not attractive. The handicap, designed to give every player an equal chance and produce actual contests, was made to appear ridiculous. This result, however, does not establish that the handicap system is a failure. It is the only system upon which billiard tournaments between professionals can at present be sensibly conducted." "We gave \$2,500 to this handicap affair. We would not give \$25 to bring about a tournament in which other American players would have to compete against Hoppe on even terms. To even consider such a project would be absurd. This proposition is emphasized by the record of the recent series of games. The exhibition given by Sloan Sutton and Yamada were particularly disappointing. We did not expect much from Mayer and Cochran, because it was their first experience in championship company. Nevertheless Cochran obtained second prize.

New Champion Possible. "What manner of player will we have to get to beat Hoppe? That question was discussed this evening last week at the Liederkranz by a number of men who take an active interest in billiards. One of the party was J. Ferdinand Poggenburg, who holds the American emblem of amateur international championship at 18.2 ballkine. His version of the consensus is: "First—We will have to find an intelligent young man who is in love with billiards, and comprehends the principles involved in the science of the game. "Second—Such a young man must be industrious and practice diligently. "Third—He must acquire execution corresponding to that of Hoppe. "Fourth—He must have a good physique and keep himself in perfect physical condition, as Hoppe does. "Fifth—He must be as temperate in every respect as Hoppe is."

Among the many women who witnessed Hoppe's run of 208 was Mrs. George Clay, of Plainfield, N. J. Mrs. Clay, enthused over the wonderful playing she had witnessed, she could not repress her admiration of Hoppe's appearance and action. His agile and graceful carriage, his clear skin and bright eyes caused her to pronounce him an ideal champion of an ideal game. Hoppe's playing delights spectators. He rarely affects close position play. On the contrary, he keeps the balls in rather open order and drives frequently and accurately. Generally he is controlled, but occasionally he is confronted by tough breaks. Then his resourcefulness is revealed. He goes after the most difficult shots without hesitation, usually counts and keeps counting until he regains control. He has been pertinently said that he gets in difficulty just often enough to be compelled to show his strength as an open table player. To check Hoppe's domination of ballkine I believe we will have to get back to 18.1 and make the games shorter than they were for the championship, 400 points instead of 500. Then there will be a better chance to handicap him so as to make his defeat possible. It is hard to calculate what will stop him. The large anchor space doesn't seem to bother him. That run of 208 was much better than his previous record of 207, which was made with the anchor three and a half by seven instead of seven inches square as it is now.

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## HARVARD HAS ENLARGED THE NEXT YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 11.—The Harvard football team next fall will play ten games, instead of nine. Fred W. Moore, graduate treasurer of athletics, announced to-night. The last five dates of the schedule follow: October 28, Cornell; November 4, University of Virginia; November 11, Princeton; November 18, Brown; November 25, Yale. The first half of the schedule is still in the making, Mr. Moore said. It has been decided that Pennsylvania State college will not be on the Harvard list next year. Tufts probably will take its place on October 7. Colby, University of Maine and Massachusetts cultural colleges will probably obtain dates.

Reports that the Harvard eleven would go to West Point for the other games, developed no statement from Moore. "I can neither confirm nor deny it," he said.

## MURRAY IS BACK.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Fighting Billy Murray, the local middleweight, has returned from Australia on the steamship Ventura. Murray lost his last start in the land of the kangaroo to Les Darcy, but prior to that defeat he met with much success. He plans to take a long rest and to undergo treatment for his eyes, which have been troubling him of late. With Murray were Don Dunleavy, a clever Australian lightweight, and Jack Clunie, the Australian welterweight, who was quite a card before the anti-boxing law went into effect. Both boys plan to invade the east and try their luck.

## CLUB NOT YET SOLD.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—President B. B. Johnson, of the American League, returned to-day from Cleveland, where he had discussed the proposed sale of the Cleveland American league baseball club with a representative of the bankers' committee in charge of the financial affairs of C. W. Somers, owner of the club. President Johnson said that there was nothing to announce, that no decision concerning the sale had been reached, but that some action in that regard might be taken at the annual meeting of the American league here December 15.

## O. H. A. OPENS DEC. 18.

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—The Ottawa section of the Ontario Hockey association was launched at a meeting held last evening. The teams entered are Comaughts, the 7th Battalion and the Aberdens. Through the City league announced that it would bar clubs which competed in the O. H. S. Aberdens and the 7th Battalion decided to take a chance. All the profits from the Ottawa teams will be turned over to the Sportsmen's Patriotic association. The association will open on Saturday, Dec. 18.

## O'BRIEN TO BOX WRIGHT.

Portland, Dec. 11.—Danny O'Brien, the local lightweight, will meet Billy Wright of Seattle in the second main event of the charity boxing smoker to be staged in Tacoma under the auspices of the Moose, December 15. Tex Vernon and Leo Houck will meet in the headliner. Waterproof Coats, half-price. J. N. Harvey, Ltd.



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JORDAN DOING WELL. San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Billy Jordan, the veteran prizefighter announcer, who has been in bad health for a long time, was operated on at a hospital to-day. It was announced to-night that he was resting easily.

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### FANS DISAPPROVE OF POP DILLON'S DISPOSAL

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—The fact that Frank Dillon, for ten years manager of the Los Angeles team of the Coast League, has been disposed, has resulted in a lot of criticism among the friends of the veteran. That Dillon, as they point out, is one of the most popular baseball men on the coast is not denied. Admirers of "the old fox," as he is termed by them, express the opinion that he will be a distinct loss to the club in more ways than one. James Callahan, the former White Sox manager, who supplants Dillon, is expected to arrive on the coast shortly.

### ANNOUNCE RACING DATES.

New York, Dec. 11.—The Jockey club has adopted the following amendment to the rules of racing: "No horse foaled in 1915 or thereafter shall run in any race before April 1 of his two-year-old year, under penalty of thereby disqualifying himself for all races under these rules until December 31 of his two-year-old year."

### MIKE GIBBONS ILL.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 10.—Mike Gibbons, who was to have fought Young Ahearn to-day is suffering from bronchial pneumonia, according to his physicians who to-day gave it as their opinion that Gibbons would not be able to fight for at least thirty days. The Gibbons-Ahearn fight may be held late in January if Gibbons recovers rapidly.

### CHAMPION FIGHTS DRAW.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 11.—Freddie Welsh, lightweight champion, and Benny Palmer, of Tucson, Ariz., fought an eight-round no-decision bout here last night. Both boxed cleverly and at no time did either appear in serious difficulty. Palmer forced the fighting in several rounds.

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

A meeting of the Contributors of the said Company will be held at the same place and for the same purpose at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon of the said 22nd day of December, 1915.

A meeting of the Shareholders of the said Company will be held at the same place and for the same purpose at 5 o'clock in the afternoon of the said 22nd day of December, 1915.

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A meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held at the office of Macfarlane & Boyle, 106-107 Union Bank Building, corner of View and Government streets, Victoria, B. C., on Wednesday, the 22nd day of December, 1915, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of nominating an Official Liquidator.

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

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

A meeting of the Shareholders of the said Company will be held at the same place and for the same purpose at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon of the said 22nd day of December, 1915.

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

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## Political Refugees at Ottawa—Deal in Wheat

By H. F. G.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—Close observers affect to discern in this Borden government certain small belated fruits of repentance. These acts of grace, scarcely visible to the naked eye, apparently did not materialize soon enough to satisfy wise old boys like Pelletier and Coderre, who made haste to become judges, and Dr. Sproule, who foregoes at least one session of his speakership in order to take refuge in the senate.

All these gentlemen have a keen eye for the political weather and evidently believe in the wrath to come. The way Dr. Sproule takes time by the forelock and gets out from under while the getting out is good is perhaps the most significant omen of all. Obviously the doctor does not expect that the next general election is going to leave his party in a position to keep him in parliament in those circumstances of dignity, comfort and public emolument to which he is accustomed. Dr. Sproule is an old timer. He has a record of thirty years continuous service in parliament and naturally he doesn't want that continuity broken in the sunset of his long and useful life. It is a matter of pride with Dr. Sproule to serve his country to the latest breath, and though life is not as exciting in the senate as it is in the green chamber, there being no Dr. Michael Clarke to "name," the veteran member for East Grey probably figures that he can get along without such turbulent joys now that old age is in sight and his strength wanes.

However, that is not the chief reason why Dr. Sproule abandons active hostilities in the Commons for the torpor of the upper house. The doctor has plenty of fight in him yet, can give as good as he takes, and if they hadn't spiked his gun by making him speaker, would perhaps be occupying half the annual volume of Hansard as he used to do in the good old days. It is no weak desire for rest that hurries Dr. Sproule into the senate one full session before his term as speaker of the Commons is up, no sluggish impulse to hibernate after his long, fierce struggle with the rule book. No, it's not that. A more powerful motive is behind the doctor's quick get-away—self preservation, which is the first law of nature. As I said before, Dr. Sproule has been thirty years in parliament, and he can smell what is going to happen as well as the next man. One thing he has determined on is that it is not going to happen to him if he can help it.

As a philosopher he knows that it is better to be safe than sorry and that a sure-thing senator is better than an extinct member of parliament. Safety first—that's the word. The senate chamber has a red carpet which is not unpleasant for cold feet; the senators' rooms are comfortable, even luxuriously furnished; the servants are polite and obliging; the sessions consist mostly of adjournments, so there is plenty of time for gossip; the atmosphere is one of ripe wisdom, unfavored by fear of poverty or hard work; the talk between senators, that work in public, is mellow and reminiscent; and there is a gymnasium in the basement to stir the liver. Life in the senate may be monotonous, but it is far from being the deadly dull thing pictured by jealous newspapers. A member of parliament might go farther and fare worse. The senate is the most comfortable spot in Canada for storm-driven wanderers and tears for Dr. Sproule has reached harbor at last. It may be that another career stretches before him even there. In the course of nature Speaker Landry must surrender his speakership of the senate at the end of this parliament, and what's to prevent Dr. Sproule becoming his successor and establishing a precedent—namely the translation of the House of Commons speaker to the senate speakership when he is nervous enough to feel like it. Such a practice, combining as it does the principles of seniority and hereditary right, would have many advantages.

The rush for senatorships, judgeships and other secure retreats, goes to show how much stock the weather wise members of the party take in the Borden government's laggard efforts to please the people. The government's parliamentary supporters are not deceived and there is no reason to believe that the public at large can be hoodwinked either. The outstanding fact is that the Borden government trusts the people only as a last resource—it pleases the people only after the rich corporations have been asked if they have no objections. In no case does the Borden government aim to offend the powerful and wealthy persons who put it in.

A conspicuous example of this is the recent Canadian war loan. It was only after great pressure from the Liberal newspapers that Finance Minister White realized that there might be other people than the note-writers of the United States from whom to borrow money. It came upon him as a fierce and sudden light that Canadians might have money to lend to Canada not only because they wanted to show confidence in their own country, but because five per cent was a healthy rate of interest. But, of course, the banks had to be seen first and assurances given that the loan would be handled in such a way as not to disturb the sacred union rate of three per cent as delivered to Moses on Mount Sinai and by him passed along to the Canadian Bankers' association. The loan is handled that way, subscribers to the loan draw cheques on their respective banks, the money is transferred from the drawers to the finance minister's credit, and the banks experience no disturbance except a little bookkeeping. All of which is quite as it should be and as everybody would have it, but it only goes to show that domestic war loans are not as spontaneous on the part of the Bor-

den government as they might appear to the casual observer.

Another hollow mockery is the purchase by the government of fifteen million bushels of wheat now in eastern elevators. Fifteen million bushels in an export crop of two hundred millions is a mere drop in the bucket. It is not bought from the farmer, but from the speculator, who is holding wheat and it helps him out of a hole by lending him government assistance to get rid of his stuff at the best Winnipeg price. Such a policy helps nobody but the wheat speculators and the millers. It helps them by knocking down the price paid to the farmer. Such is the wheat policy of the Borden government—an ineffective compromise over which the old flag will probably be waved and shouts raised of "helping the empire." This is what the northwest farmer gets instead of the American market.

H. F. G.

### HIGH LIVING IN BERLIN.

Professor Zimm declared that by boiling wood with diluted acids the whole mass becomes appetizing and highly nutritious. "It is thus seen," he said, "that German forests contain enormous treasures of food material, the cheapest and most easily obtained varieties, such as will yet put shame to the wicked hopes of the enemies to force us into submission through starvation."—Berlin Dispatch.

On Mondays let us forego meat, And though it may seem hard, The patriotic 'not to eat' Food that is fried in lard.

On Tuesdays butter, margarine, We'll put beneath the ban, And any meat, or fat or lean, Cooked in a frying pan.

On Wednesdays if by chance we should Be famished for a meal, We may eat portions of boiled wood, And try to think it's veal.

On Thursdays we'll have sawdust pie, Or shavings made of pine; An old gray shingle stew or fry 'Tis said is very fine.

On Fridays it is well to fast, Least one should seem a glutton; We'll live that day on dreams of past Delights of beef and mutton.

On Saturdays we'll take birch stew, Or roasted slabs of oak— (Be sure to see they are cooked through, So splinters will not choke.)

On Sundays, ah, we dine in style, And with rare gusto gulp Planked cedar, a la camaille, Washed down with paper pulp.

If when within us we have stored These viands and are able, To eat some more, we'll clear the board And masticate the table.

N. A. J.

### BATTLEFIELD FATHERLINESS.

A pleasing incident occurred the other day at the French front, when General de Maud'huy was decorating half-a-dozen braves.

The general, who is beloved by his men for his bonhomie and the fatherly interest he takes in their well-being, turned to one of the six "braves" and asked: "And what part are you from?" "I am from X, general." "Why, it's only a few miles from here. I suppose it's a long time since you saw your family, eh?" "Not since the war broke out, general." "Well, take my notes, eat, so embrace them, and be quick about it."

## SHE PATIENTLY BORE DISGRACE

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How She Cured Him With a Secret Remedy

"I had for years patiently borne the disgrace, suffering misery and privations due to my husband's drinking habits. Hearing of your marvelous remedy for the cure of drunkenness, which I could give my husband secretly, I decided to try it. I procured a package and mixed it in his food and coffee, and as the remedy was odorless and tasteless, he did not know what it was that so quickly relieved his craving for liquor. He soon began to pick up flesh, his appetite for solid food returned, he spoke to his work regularly, and we now have a happy home. After he was completely cured I told him what I had done, when he acknowledged that it had been his saving, as he had not the resolution to break off of his own accord. I hereby advise all women afflicted as I was, to give your remedy a trial."

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Mabel—"Was your bazaar a success?" Gladys—"Yes, indeed; the minister will have cause to be grateful." Mabel—"How much were the profits?" Gladys—"Nothing. The expenses were more than the receipts. But ten of us got engaged, and the minister is in for a good thing in wedding fees."



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## From the Agony Columns

Some Recent Extracts of the Peculiar Advertisements Appearing in The London Times

In the great tragedy being enacted in Europe what are the little units doing? If you wait for the censor to lift the ban, which might permit you to know you will never find out. But the most perfect of machines occasionally slips a cog, and the censorship machine seems to have done so.  
Buried in the personal columns of the London newspapers are little paragraphs that have eluded the censor. They are neglected, overlooked; but in them is revealed the heart of the British nation. Stories of noble sacrifice, hero-admiration, the warrior spirit, and the eternal love of woman for the fighting man are revealed. Look at this one from the London Times:

LADY, fiance killed, will gladly marry and give up life to the care and happiness of man blinded or otherwise incapacitated by the war.—Box Y 495, The Times.

The women cannot fight, but they are doing their part in encouraging those who can. Wounded soldiers are idolized. The measure of a man's worth is his service to his country. Sympathetic women throughout the empire seek to comfort and cheer the men, and their hearts are opened in the little personals. Here are a few, also from the London Times, that illustrate the point:

WILL longly colonial soldier (gentleman), at the front or otherwise, who wishes for correspondence, write to advertiser (lady)? Box L 273, The Times.

LADY, middle aged, social position, would willingly correspond with lonely officers. Box Y 454, The Times. WOULD a wounded officer, one who is lame and unable to get about much, like gay and sympathetic letters from a lady living in the country? Box L 290, The Times.

In the little birth notice below is a volume of sentiment. Baby McLaughlin was fatherless nearly four months before he was born!  
M'LAUGHLIN—On the 8th September,

the wife of the late Edmund C. McLaughlin, lieutenant Sixth City of London Rifles (killed in action, France, 18th May), of a son.

The personal columns are literally crowded with appeals from mothers, wives and sweethearts who want to know how their dear ones died. They are self-explanatory.

IF ANY of the survivors of the transport Royal Edward can give any information attending the circumstances of the loss of Major Cuthbert Bromley, First Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers, in the sinking of that ship, his mother, Lady Bromley, of Sutton Corner, Seaford Sussex will be deeply grateful.

A MOTHER is anxious for news of the last hours of 2322 Lance-Corporal Thomas Pace, London Rifle Brigade, who died of wounds, Ypres, 24 Field Ambulance, Belgium, 4th May, S. P. 99 Holland-rd., London, W.

In the conglomerate mass of personals for a single day we find revealed young soldiers eager to start for the front, but without equipment and anxious to buy revolvers and other weapons from disabled officers; one who is invalided and wants a dog for a pet; a third who is anxious to get to the front, but has to find someone to care for his pet dog before he goes, and many other real human situations.

WILL anyone sell cheaply lieutenant going front revolver, periscope, prismatic compass, flash light, mackintosh with detachable lining, mackintosh sheet? Box M 84, The Times. CHAPLAIN at the front desires use of small car, also a gramophone and records for the men. Box L 298, The Times.

WILL any disabled officer sell army for the duration of the war, a piano for use of wounded soldiers at the Brook war hospital, Woolwich? Tobacco, games and books are also greatly needed.

WILL any disabled officer sell army revolver, compass and binocular cheap

## They count on you!

Our boys in khaki are fighting or dying—as fate wills—in the greatest war the British Empire has ever been called upon to share. They are cheerful in the face of danger because they sincerely believe that YOU WHO CANNOT GO are seeing to it that their dear ones do not want. Are you going to betray that trust?

## CAN THEY TRUST YOU?

If you feel that you can't spare anything; if you feel that it is not up to you to give anything; if you feel that the Victoria boys at the front are asking for charity

DON'T GIVE A CENT

They don't want charity! All they ask is for us at home to do our duty as they are doing theirs.

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to young officer? Box 385, Harrod's Advertising Agency, 22 Hans-crescent S. W.

WILL any kind person give young officer £5 to pay pressing debt and make life worth living? Box M 92. TO ANY PATRIOT—Will you guarantee £5 per month for the support of a subaltern's wife and little girl whilst he fights for them and you? Box M 94, Times. All is not tragedy, however, in the

lines that catch the "Personal" reader's eyes. We had, for example, glimpses of gay guardsmen who turn their thoughts from soldiering to dancing occasionally. Here's a little subaltern who would fain trip the light fantastic: SUBALTERN wants introduction to dancing set, Kensington or West; interview. Box L 227, The Times.

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## SERVICES in the CITY CHURCHES

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT.**

**ANGLICAN.**

Christ Church Cathedral, Burdett avenue. Holy communion, 8 a. m.; choral communion and sermon, 9.30 a. m.; preacher, Rev. M. F. Hilton; matins and sermon, 11 a. m.; preacher, the bishop of mid-Japan; children's service, 3.30 p. m.; evensong and sermon, 7 p. m.; preacher, the dean.

St. Matthias' Mission, Wolsely street, Fowl Bay. Sunday school at 2; evensong with sermon at 7 p. m.

St. Barnabas, corner of Cook street and Celestina avenue. Holy eucharist at 8 a. m.; choral matins and sermon, 11 a. m.; choral evensong, 7 p. m. Rector will preach at both services.

St. Mark's, Bolensink road. Rev. J. W. Plinton, vicar. Holy eucharist at 8 a. m.; matins and sermon, 11 a. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m.; evensong and sermon, 7 p. m.

St. Mary's, Burns street, Oak Bay. Holy communion at 8 a. m.; military parade, 10 a. m.; matins and sermon at 11 a. m.; Sunday school, 2.30; evensong and sermon, 7 p. m. Rev. G. H. Andrews, M. A., rector.

St. Saviour's, Victoria West. Rector, Rev. Robert Connell. Morning prayer and litany, 11 a. m.; evening prayer and intercession at 7 p. m. Preacher in the evening, Right Rev. Heber J. Hamilton, D. D., bishop of mid-Japan.

St. John's, corner of Quadra and Mason. Rector, Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, M. A. Holy communion, 8; morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.; Sunday school and Bible class, 2.30; evensong and sermon, 7.30.

St. Paul's Royal Naval Station and Garrison church, Esquimalt. Rector, Rev. W. Baugh Allen. Holy communion at 8 a. m.; matins and sermon, 11 a. m.; Sunday school, 2.30 p. m.; evensong and sermon, 7.

St. James', corner Quebec and St. John streets. Rector, Archdeacon of Victoria. Holy communion, 8; matins, litany and sermon, 11 a. m.; Sunday school, 2.30; evensong and sermon, 7.

Oaklands Church of England Mission. Rev. H. A. Collins, B. A. Sunday school at 8 p. m.; evening prayer and sermon at 7.

Pemberton Memorial Chapel. Regular service, 10.30 a. m. Nurses, patients, members of hospital staff and residents of the neighborhood cordially invited to attend.

St. Jude's Mission, Obed avenue. Rev. M. J. Hilton. Sunday school, 2.30; evensong and sermon at 7.

**REFORMED EPISCOPAL**

Church of Our Lord, corner Blanshard and Humboldt streets. Rector, Rev. A. deB. Owen. Morning service, 11; evening service, 7; Sunday school, 2.30 p. m.

**BAPTIST.**

Emmanuel, corner Fernwood road and Gladstone avenue. Fernwood car terminus. Rev. William Stevenson, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school and Bible classes, 2.5 p. m. Branch Sunday school, Shelburne street and King's road, 2.30 p. m.

First Dominion Theatre building, Yates street. Rev. J. B. Warnicker will conduct the services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school and adult Bible classes at 2.30 p. m. Douglas street, at car terminus. Services will be held Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school, 2.30 p. m.

Tabernacle, Fairfield road and Chester street. Rev. Robert Cameron, D. D., pastor. Morning service, 11; evening service, 7.30; Bible school, 2.30.

**PRESBYTERIAN.**

First, corner of Quadra and Fisgard streets. Minister, Rev. J. G. Inkster, R. A. will preach at both services. Sacrament of Lord's Supper at morning worship. Popular people's service at 7.30. Sunday school and Bible classes, 9.45 a. m.

St. Columba, Mitchell and Grant streets, Oak Bay. Rev. R. A. MacConnell, minister. Services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school at 2.30 p. m.

Gorge, corner Tillicum road and Walter avenue. Minister, Rev. S. MacNeil. Services at 11 a. m.; Sunday school at 2 p. m. Knox, 2025 Stanley avenue. Services, 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Bible class at 9.45 a. m.; Sabbath school at 2.30 p. m. Rev. J. McCoy, M. A., pastor.

St. Paul's, corner Henry and Mary streets, Victoria West. Rev. Donald MacIae, D. D., pastor emeritus; Rev. H. N. McLean, M. A., pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 2.30 p. m.; organized adult Bible class, 2.30 p. m.

St. Andrew's, corner of Douglas and Broughton. Rev. W. Leslie Clay, B. A., D. D., minister. Public worship at 11

### ROMAN CATHOLIC.

St. Joseph's church, Esquimalt. Holy communion at 7.45 a. m.; mass, sermon and benediction at 11 a. m.; Sunday school at 2.30 p. m.; weekday mass at 8 a. m.

St. Mary's, Victoria West. Mass and sermon at 9.30 a. m.; Sunday school at 10.15 a. m.; rosary, short instruction and benediction at 7.30 p. m.

### OTHER MEETINGS.

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

The Psychic Research society will hold their Sunday services in the hall, 715 Courtney street, at 3 and 2.30 p. m. Conference by pastor Mrs. L. D. Combs.

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

Christians meet in Oakland Gospel hall, corner Hillside avenue and Cedar Hill road. Lord's day, 11 a. m., and add Bible class; 7.30 p. m., bright Gospel service.

The Theosophical Society meets 8 to 9 p. m. Friday, and from 3 to 4 p. m. Wednesday, at 292 Campbell building.

Seventh Day Adventist, corner Hillside avenue and Graham street. Services Sabbath (Saturday), 10.30; prayer meeting Wednesday, 7.30 p. m.

Welsh services, Knights of Columbus hall, Port street, 7.30 p. m.

Strangers' Rest. Services will be conducted on Sunday evening at 7.30 by Mrs. Bury and Miss Smith.

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

The Divine Psychic Society will hold service at 715 Herald street on Sunday evening at 7.30. Soul-messages after lecture. Mrs. L. Reese will lecture.

Universal Spiritual Church. Every Sunday, 8 p. m., in Old Fellows' hall 127 Douglas, corner Johnson. Pastor, W. E. Anley, Vancouver.

Coventry Hall. Gospel service, Sunday, 7.30 p. m. Sunday school and Bible class 3 p. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 8 p. m. at the Strangers' Rest.

Shelburne Street Hall. Sunday school and adult Bible class at 2.30.

Christadelphians meet in Orange hall, formerly A. O. F. W. V. Yates street, every Sunday evening at 8. A lecture will be given every two weeks at 7.30, commencing Sunday.

Christadelphian meeting at 104 North Park street, Sunday school, 10 a. m.; breaking of bread, 11 a. m.; lecture, 7.30 p. m.

### LUTHERAN.

Corner Princess avenue and Chambers street. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 10.30 a. m. Pastor, O. G. M. Gerlich.

### NAZARENE CHURCH.

Nazarene, corner Fisgard and Chambers streets. Preaching, 11 a. m., by the pastor; Sunday school; 12; class and praise meeting, 7 p. m., followed by preaching by the pastor.

### UNITARIAN.

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

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 33 Pandora avenue. Services are held on Sundays at 11 a. m.

### METHODIST.

Metropolitan, corner of Pandora and Quadra streets. Pastor, Rev. C. T. Scott, B. A., D. D. Class meeting, 10 a. m.; public worship at 11 and 7.30; Sunday school, 2.30; Brotherhood, 2.45.

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

Burnside, corner of Burnside and Millgrove roads. Services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.

Fairfield, temporary premises, corner of Fairfield road and Moss street. Rev. A. A. Sykes will preach at 11 a. m. and 7.30. Sunday school and Bible class at 2.30.

Hampshire road. Services: Junior league, 10 a. m.; preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school and Bible class, 2.30 p. m. Pastor, Rev. A. W. Currie.

Wesley, McPherson avenue, Victoria West. Pastor, Rev. S. J. Thompson. Anniversary services at 11 and 7.30 p. m. A. Sykes will preach in morning and pastor in evening.

James Bay, corner Menzies and Michigan streets. Rev. F. N. Stapleton, M. A., B. D., pastor, at 11 a. m. Sunday school and adult Bible classes, 2.30 p. m.; evening service, 7.30.

Oaklands, Gosworth road. Sunday school and adult Bible class, 11 a. m.; evening service, 7.30.

Belmont avenue. Rev. John Robson, B. A., pastor. Services at 11 and 7.30 by the pastor. Sabbath school at 2.30.

Garden City, Carey road. Sunday school, 2.30 p. m.; preaching service, 7.30 p. m. D. Anderson will preach.

Esquimalt, corner Admirals' road and Lyall street. Pastor, Rev. R. Hughes. Morning service at 10.30 o'clock; Sabbath school and adult Bible class, 2.30 p. m. Evening service at 7 o'clock.

### CONGREGATIONAL.

First Congregational church, corner Quadra and Mason streets. Rev. Charles A. Sykes, R. D., pastor. Regular services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sabbath school, 2.30.

### SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.

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

### BIBLE STUDENTS.

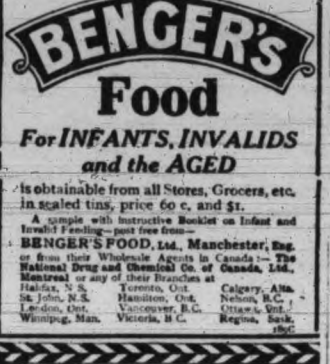
Associated Bible Students meet in I. B. S. A. hall, Yates street. Bible study, 11 a. m.; special lecture on Theatre by J. H.



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This lodge last Thursday evening, the business being completed at 9 o'clock.

Canton Victoria No. 2.

There were quite a number present at the meeting of the Canton last night, and much business of a routine nature was disposed of.

Returned From East.

Sister A. Forneri, P. N. G., and family, who have been visiting in eastern Canada for the past summer, have returned home.

### SONS OF ENGLAND.

Lodge Pride of the Island will meet on Tuesday evening. This being the annual meeting and election of officers, all members are requested to attend. Juvenile Young England will meet on Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. The election of officers will take place and all members are asked to be present. Adult members are specially invited on this night. Lodge Alexandra meets the same evening at 8 o'clock. The members of this lodge are reminded that after January 1, 1916, the meetings will be held on the first and third Thursdays, in the A. O. F. hall, Broad street, so that the first meeting in January will be on Thursday, January 6. A special W. R. D. meeting of Lodge Alexandra will be held on Wednesday, December 29.



**OUR LETTER BOX**

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

### UNION QUERY.

To the Editor.—I notice in last night's Times that Mr. Day persists in stating that he has a list of capable machinists waiting for work. Perhaps he will tell us if his list comprises those who failed to pass the recent British mission test, and if so, does he honestly expect Victorian employers to be less critical than British, to whom they are responsible in the matter of manning. And, anyway, why should employers be under the necessity of applying to agitators when in need of men?

WALTER FOSTER.  
Maywood, Dec. 10.

### RED CROSS HOLLY SHOWER.

Arrangements have been made by the Red Cross society with the B. C. Holly Export Co. for the shipment of berried holly clippings, and variegated berried holly is wanted particularly. Arrangements can still be made for delivery from those who through the recent rain or any other cause have been unable to make their contributions.

To avoid congestion or loss by delay, deliveries are requested as follows:—

From area between Fort street and Hillside avenue on December 13 and 14.

From area between Hillside avenue and Saanich boundary on December 15 and 16.

From Saanich and other districts not covered by above list, deliveries are asked as may be convenient up to Dec. 16.

Contributors are requested to cut only berried clippings, to make these as large as convenient without spoiling trees or including too much heavy wood, and not to crush the holly, and to deliver it at 755 View street the same day as cut.

Those who cannot deliver their gift at 755 View street, are requested to telephone No. 284, and a motor will call for it.

Those who cannot cut the holly should telephone the same number, giving name, address and number of trees, and whether or not a ladder is required. Experienced men will then be sent to cut it.

To lose money is indeed often a crime; but to get it in a worse one, and to spend it in worst of all—Ruskin.

### WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 11—4 a. m.—The barometer remains low on the coast, and rainy, mild weather is general west of the Cascades, while snow is reported in Kootenay. Zero temperatures prevail in the prairie provinces.

**Forecasts.**

Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to strong southerly and westerly winds, unsettled and mild, with rain.

Lower Mainland—Easterly and southerly winds, unsettled and mild, with rain.

**Reports.**

Victoria—Barometer, 29.64; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 28; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, rain.

Vancouver—Barometer, 29.68; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 38; wind, 8 miles E.; rain, 32; weather, rain.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.74; temperature, maximum yesterday, 34; minimum, 24; wind, 4 miles N.; snow, 64; weather, snow.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.80; temperature, maximum yesterday, 14; minimum, 10; wind, calm; weather, fair.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.46; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 36; wind, 16 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

Tatsoah—Barometer, 29.64; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 38; wind, 8 miles E.; rain, 88; weather, rain.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 29.54; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 38; wind, 14 miles S.; rain, 52; weather, fair.

Seattle—Barometer, 29.74; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 40; wind, 12 miles S. E.; rain, 68; weather, rain.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, maximum yesterday, 54; minimum, 48; wind, 4 miles S.; rain, 02; weather, cloudy.

**Temperature.**

Entrance	Max.	Min.
Cranbrook	42	32
Penticton	37	27
Nelson	32	22
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Edmonton	14	4
Qu'Appelle	16	6
Winnipeg	28	18
Toronto	26	16
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Montreal	24	14
St. John	32	22
Halifax	34	24

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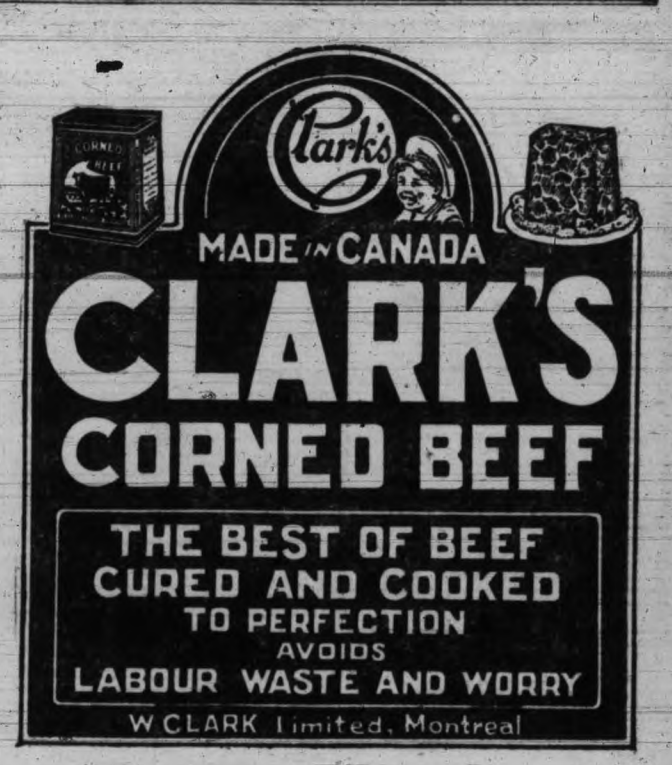
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Rain, trace.	
General state of weather	cloudy.

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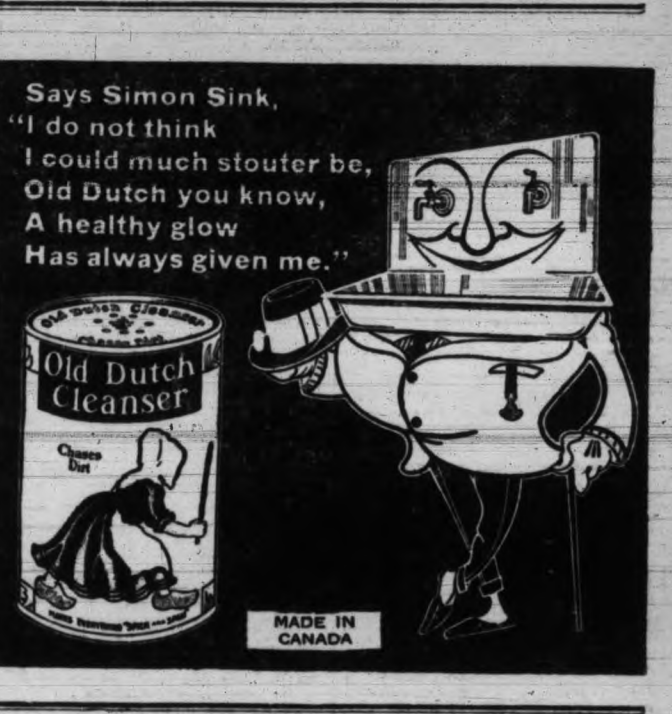
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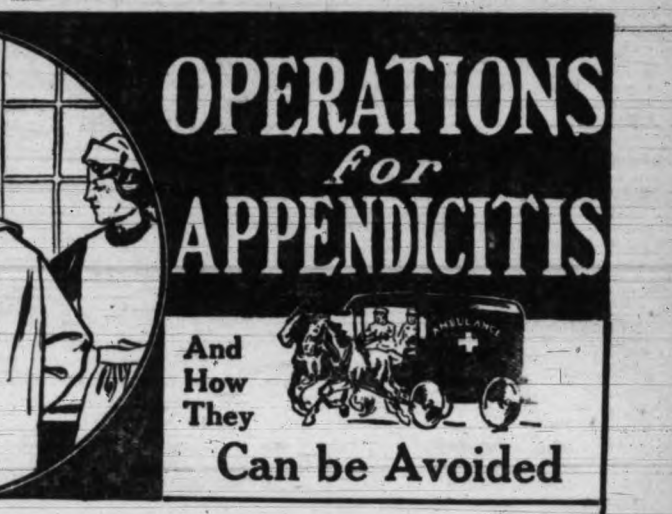


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Dr. David H. Reeder writes as follows of appendicitis:—"In considering the treatment of any condition of sickness it has always been my rule to first find the cause. To my mind, it's the only logical way. Many people seem to think that if they have had an operation for appendicitis they are forever immune, and need have no further fear along that line, but I say emphatically, and I think you will agree I am right, that after an attack of appendicitis, even though you have been successfully operated upon and the appendix removed, your troubles have only just begun unless you remove the cause. What was the cause of the appendicitis?"

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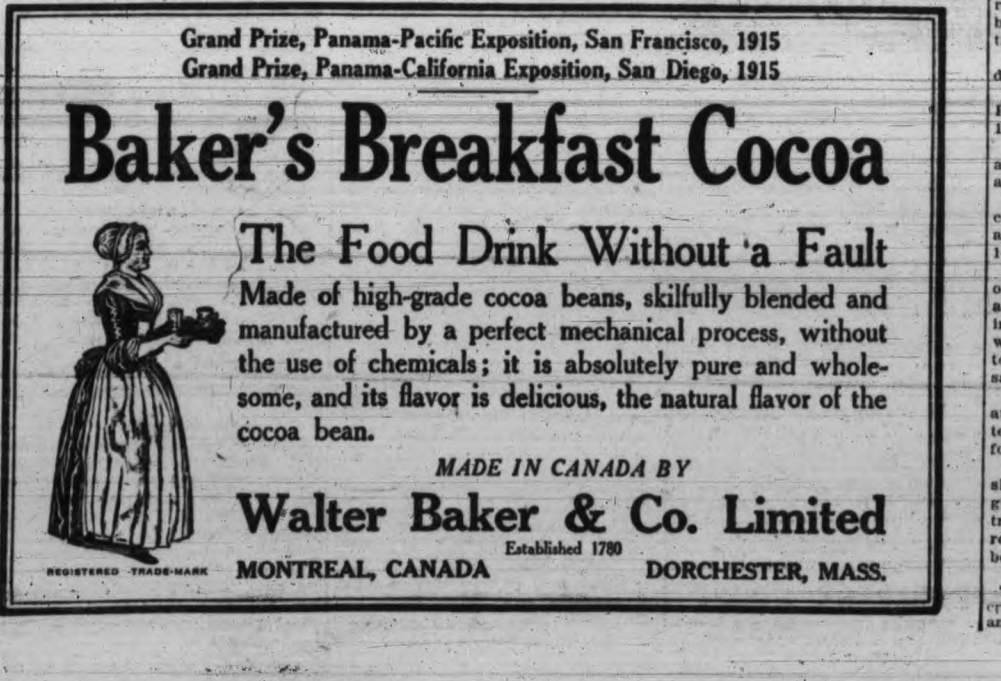
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Of the qualities of the Royal Irish Rifles, Major Wheeler was more than eloquent. Naturally he is proud of a corps which carries on its colors such campaigns as India, Cape of Good Hope, Talavera, Fuentes d'Onor, Ciudad Rodrigo, Badajoz, Salamanca, Vittoria, Nivelle, Orthes, Toulouse, Peninsula, Central India, and all the latest and most glorious in the present war.

Of the conflict and the valor of the troops Major Wheeler resolutely refused to speak further than he has already been quoted. But that Ireland has not been negligent in supplying men for the fight he is positive. Of this he has personal knowledge. When he was recalled from British Columbia by his old commander, Lord Kitchener, upon his offering his services in World War, Major Wheeler, then a sergeant-major, was appointed as a sub-lieutenant and was placed in charge of the organization of supplementary battalions of the Royal Irish Rifles, with his headquarters in Belfast.

In this capacity Major Wheeler had a leading part in the organization and training of the Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Fifteenth, Seventeenth and Nineteenth Battalions of the Royal Irish Rifles. In addition to this he had to superintend the forwarding to reservation for the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Battalions as on the ordinary establishment.

When this portion of Lord Kitchener's new army was in shape to take the field Major Wheeler was placed in charge of the equally important and onerous task of seeing that they got to the front. For this purpose the war office named him as transport officer, in which capacity he has been traveling between his Irish headquarters and headquarters at a certain point on the Mediterranean for some months with Major Wheeler inevitably saw something of the fighting in the Gallipoli region and not infrequently had to shoulder a rifle in the trenches himself. It is for this reason that he is able to speak from knowledge of the courage of the troops under fire in that region.

REDA CROSS HOLLY SHOWER.

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poultrymen in England and to them, as to all inquirers, he expatiated on the climate and beautiful situation of Victoria and the suitability of Vancouver island for all agricultural pursuits. He is convinced from what he has learned that there will be a great influx of a producing population here as soon as the war is over and things begin to settle down into the normal.

Several Presentations. Before leaving for Canada on furlough Major Wheeler was the recipient of several gifts which demonstrate plianter than words the esteem in which he is held in his regiment. His brother officers gave him a purse of gold, the non-coms of the double platoon which he commanded presented him with a silver-mounted cane, and the men gave him a solid gold watch and chain. Major Wheeler was warmly welcomed back yesterday afternoon by his friends, and especially by the members of the National Reserve of Canada, in the formation of which he was one of the leading spirits, as he was in the organization here, in conjunction with Captain Trean, the first home guard in Canada. He carried as a tallman throughout the period since he left here his National Reserve badge, of which he declares himself to be as proud as his Royal Irish Rifles badge. On March 18 next, the day following the festival of the Irish National Saint, Major Wheeler has to report at the depot of the regiment in Belfast.

Y.W.C.A. PAGEANT SUCCESSFUL EVENT

Work of Association in Oriental Countries. Portrayed Entertainingly

Under the stage direction of Robertson Cairns the Y. W. C. A. pageant held last night at the old Victoria theatre, Douglas street, was a brilliant success. The four acts proceeded without a flaw, and at the close of the evening the audience was prepared to concede at least a measure of histrionic ability to the interpreters of even the slightest parts.

Act I, China, was effective particularly because of the costumes, while quite half the characters were secured through the Oriental Home in the city and were really Chinese. Dr. Wu carried the heaviest part in a manner which deserved all praise.

India could not be anything else but a success, considering the ability of the girls who took the principal parts. Mrs. E. Greenaway, a graduate of Alma College, St. Thomas, and Miss Grant, a graduate of Whitty College, are known throughout dramatic circles as clever elocutionists. The Indian mother was excellently portrayed also.

South America drew from the audience the first spontaneous applause. The chief characters were the teachers belonging to Esquimalt school. The different types of womanhood were so well represented that the spectators could not fail to distinguish the subtleties of contrast. Miss McEneaney was the capable, clear-headed business woman, an ideal Y. W. C. A. secretary. Miss Robb, as the dainty vivacious French girl with powder-puffs, chiffon bows, etc., brought laughter from the audience, being the first of the burlesques of types which included the English girl with her dog, (Miss Sheridan), the independent American girl (Miss Carson), the assistant secretary (Miss Hilda Murray), etc.

When the curtain went up on the last act the audience testified its appreciation of the pretty Japanese scene by insistent applause. Still more hand-clapping greeted the entrance of Miss Budd, the American secretary, the one western element in the midst of Oriental color.

Kita San, the little Christian girl, had the chief part in the set. In the centre of the stage, seated beside Ona San, she tells in a very appealing and earnest manner the old story of the Master who cares for the little ones. As she concludes there is heard from the distance the strains of "Abide With Me"—Gospel finally accepts Christianity; Miss Janet Sutherland, who took the part of the Christian girl, is to be heartily congratulated.

Mrs. Scales was at the piano, and played the Tannhauser Chorus. Miss Grant recited the epilogue and the prologue, which were so important in explaining the meaning and moral of the pageant. Miss Cairns took solo parts during the evening. Mr. Cairns was a very able stage manager, and Miss Robb was invaluable in general details.

The event had distinguished patronage. The purpose of the pageant was to portray the work of the Y. W. C. A. in the Far East in educating the native girls. The committee of arrangements was Robertson Cairns, Miss Mauring Robb, Miss Collins, Miss Ryall, Miss Cottrell and Mrs. Scales. The scenes and the acts were as follows: China—Ming Yu, Miss Janet Sutherland, Miss Howard, Miss Lella Caragan, Miss Ling, Miss Myrtle Morrison; Dr. Wu; Miss Belle Eilers; Anna, Miss Hilda Murray.

India—Mother, Miss Ethel Hardie; Ambu, Miss Edna Grant; Kuribat, Miss Bona Greenaway; Miss Everett, Miss Violet Graham.

South America—Miss West, Miss Gladys McNeill; Miss Thompson, Miss Hilda Murray; Felice Venoso, Miss Maurine Robb; Wane Chomondoley, Miss Corinne Sherriff; Gertrude Ryan; Miss Lella Carson; chorus, Miss Mary Williams—M. Fabrit, M. Porter and M. Graham.

Japan—Ona San, Miss Maurine Robb; Kita San, Miss Janet Sutherland; Simi San, Miss Stokes; Kiehl San, Francis; Matanaba San, Miss Myrtle Morrison; Miss Norton, Miss J. Budd. In the Chinese act physical drill was included, in which several Chinese girls from the Oriental Home took part.

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H. B. "Imperial" Lager Beer, quarts, \$2.00 per dozen. Lend a hand and trust to luck; Something's due to Jack Canuck. Patriotic Aid Society, 1210 Broad St.

Bank Clearings.—The bank clearings for the week ending Thursday were \$1,837,356.

Trades and Labor Council.—The executive committee of the Trades and Labor Council is to meet this evening at Labor hall at 8 p. m. for important business.

Committee to Meet.—The platform committee in aid of the labor candidates at the municipal election will hold a meeting at the Labor hall this evening.

Prohibition Meeting.—For the purpose of organizing a prohibition committee in the Maywood district of Saanich, a meeting has been set for Friday next at St. Mark's hall.

Vote of Thanks.—The general board of the W. C. T. U. desires to thank all those who by their donations and patronage contributed to the gratifying success of their recent bazaar.

Rummage Sale.—At the rummage sale, which the Fairfield Methodist Ladies' Aid intend holding on the afternoon of Thursday, Dec. 16, in the Scott building on Douglas street, there will be numbers of excellent bargains.

Wenger's for Xmas Presents. 25 per cent. discount on all goods.

Brief Police Court.—There were but three cases of intoxication in the city police court to-day, in which the usual fines were imposed.

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

Christmas Entertainment.—The little ones of Kingston Street school are holding their Christmas entertainment on Thursday, Dec. 16, at South Park school at 3 p. m. A new play has been prepared for the occasion and many pretty songs, quip costumes, and dainty dances will be introduced. The children taking part are very young, some of them being only six years and very few over eleven. They are already well-known as entertainers, and hope to draw a large crowd.

Rummage Sale.—A rummage sale will be held in the Scott block, Douglas street, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. on Saturday, December 18, from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Donations of a miscellaneous character, including toys and games, will be gratefully received, and previous to the sale may be left at the Woman's Industrial Centre, back of Scott block; at the Men's Mission, Store street, or in charge of the collecting committee, which is as follows: Madames Harte (convener), Gillespie, Eilers, Norman, Gidley, Sherk, Shepherd and Greek.

Express Thanks.—The girls in the cast of the Y. W. C. A. pageant wish to express their thanks to Robertson Cairns for his splendid help and professional services. For the last couple of weeks Mr. Cairns has been giving a great deal of his time in training and helping the girls in every way possible, and this invaluable assistance has been very much appreciated by everyone connected with the Y. W. C. A. A great deal could also be said for the hearty unflinching support and cheerful response to every appeal for help which Miss Cottrell has been giving the girls since the pageant was first proposed. For assistance given the following must be given due credit: Wellers Furniture store, who for over a week advertising in the daily papers; the Victoria Transfer company, the 85th Fusiliers band, who furnished much incidental music; Miss Agnes Spencer, who did many kind and helpful things; the scene-shifters, ushers, etc.

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BISHOP IS VISITOR

Dr. H. J. Hamilton, Bishop of Mid-Japan, Will Speak at Two Services to-morrow.

Dr. Heber J. Hamilton, Bishop of Mid-Japan, who passed through Victoria a few weeks ago to the general synod, is returning to his diocese. Advantage is being taken of his presence here to invite him to preach at Christ Church cathedral at the morning service to-morrow, and at St. Saviours, Victoria West, in the evening.

Dr. Hamilton will speak at Christ Church cathedral schoolroom, under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary, on Monday evening. He is one of the diocesan of the Church of England in Japan operating in connection with the Missionary society of the church in Canada. Dr. Hamilton has been in Japan since 1892, and three years ago was consecrated a bishop, the Anglican bishops of the various national churches working in Japan forming the Nippon Sei Kowwai.

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SEEDS THANKS.

Cordial Letter From Lord Rothschild to Local Secretary of Jewish Relief Committee.

M. L. Platnauer, the secretary of the Jewish Relief Committee in Victoria, has just received the following letter from Lord Rothschild, thanking the local Jews for their efforts on behalf of their distressed kinsmen in Russia: New Court St., Switthins Lane, London, E. C.

Dear Sir: I have just received your letter of Oct. 25 addressed to myself and my colleagues of the fund for the relief of the Jewish victims of the war in Russia. On their behalf as well as my own I should like at once to convey to the members of the Emanu-El Congregation and of the Lodge Victoria of the J. O. B'nai B'rith our warmest thanks for the cordial way in which they have acted on our cable, and to the Jewish ladies who so kindly volunteered to make a collection. The result (\$1,700) seems very satisfactory from so small a community, and it is a pleasing feature that your Christian neighbors joined with you.

To answer the two questions you have put to me I cannot do better than send you a printed copy of the appeal we issued here. With regard to the number of people to be provided for, it is now said that they total as many as a million and a half. Whether this figure is correct or not there can be no doubt whatever that the number is extremely large, and the need most urgent in view of the on-coming winter. You need have no hesitation respecting the means by which the assistance is conveyed to the people who are to receive it. The money is sent, in the first instance, to a Jewish committee in Petrograd which is presided over by M. Warschawsky, rich and benevolent Jewish citizen of Petrograd, and Baron de Gumburg, one of the leading bankers of that city. The Petrograd committee, in its turn, send the relief to 129 local Jewish committees from whom it is passed on to the recipients themselves.

I trust this information will be satisfactory to you and your friends, but if there is anything more I can tell you, please let me know. With renewed thanks, believe me, Yours faithfully, Leopold de Rothschild.

CITY OF DUNCAN

WANTED. A Shift Engineer for (Diesel Oil Engine) Electric Light Plant. Salary \$200.00 per month.

Applicants to state age and experience, and to submit application to the undersigned (sealed and endorsed on the outside "Shift Engineer"), not later than 5 p. m., Monday, December 13, 1915. Canvasing the Council, either directly or through friends, is strictly forbidden. JAMES GRIFFIN, C. M. C.

OBITUARY RECORD

The funeral of the late Benjamin Jamieson took place yesterday at 2:30 p. m. from the Thomson Funeral chapel, many of the deceased's friends being present, and the pallbearers being as follows: Messrs. E. Reid, T. Burns, I. Rose and S. Duff.

Louis Stanislaus Wilson died yesterday morning at the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. C. Kosche, 822 Craigflower road. The deceased, who was 65 years of age, was born in Russia, but had been living in Victoria for over thirty years. He was very well known, having been a waiter at the New England restaurant for many years. The remains are at the B. C. Funeral Parlors, and the services will be held at 10:30 on Sunday from the above address and interment later at the Jewish cemetery.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Ada Marian Sedger will take place at 2 o'clock on Monday afternoon from the family residence, corner of Lamson and Lyall streets.

The funeral of the late Pierce Randall Williams took place yesterday afternoon at 2:15 from the B. C. Funeral chapel, and later from St. Luke's church, Cedar Hill, where Archdeacon Collison officiated. There was a big attendance of the deceased man's friends, and many beautiful flowers were sent. The pallbearers were Messrs. W. R. Hick, P. Walsh, A. H. Gray and J. Jones.

Many attended the obsequies yesterday of Alexander Vaughan. Among those present were deputations from the Commercial Travellers' Association and from the Native Sons, Post No. 1. The funeral was held from the residence, 1750 Oak Bay avenue, at 3 o'clock, Rev. J. G. Inkster taking the service. The hymn, "Nearer, My God to Thee," was sung. The pallbearers were Messrs. George Kingsley, R. H. Cook, P. C. Gullip, W. E. Fraser and Robert Jesse.

The remains of the late Rev. Dr. John Reid arrived from Seattle at 1 o'clock to-day.

PERSONAL

G. E. M. Hunter, a preventive officer of the department of customs, is in the city from Ottawa, registered at the Empress hotel.

"On the Side of the Angels."—There will be a special service of intercession for the soldiers and sailors and the cause for which they are fighting, in St. John's church, on Sunday evening. The subject of the sermon will be "On the side of the Angels." The service will be preceded, as usual, by an organ recital, commencing at 7:10 p. m.

D.O.K.K

A business session of Tel El Mohuta Temple No. 155, D. O. K. K., will be held in K. of P. hall, North Park street, at 8 p. m., Monday, December 13. All votaries welcome.

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**MILITARY TOURNAMENT**  
Elaborate Plans being Made For Event To Be Staged in Horse Show Building.  
Most elaborate plans have been made for the military tournament to be given on Thursday and Friday, December 16 and 17, by the Willows camp. The programme is varied, and will be participated in by practically every unit in the two services in the district. Two of the most important are the naval field gun display by the R. N. C. V. R., and the musical ride by the 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles, C. E. F.  
Another very important feature will be the calceading to be put on by the 67th battalion, which has had some very fine training and is in the fittest possible condition. There will be 19 connection with this feature, a blank ammunition array, and wall-scaling which will show the practical character of the training the men have had.  
The entertainment is to take place in the Horse Show building, which is undergoing renovations and remodeling and lighting for the event. For the convenience of patrons temporary sidewalks are being laid from the tramcar to the building wherever there is a muddy spot, and in order to facilitate the departure of the crowd at the close of each evening chautauffs are being given numbers and may be called quickly.  
A great deal of the "atmosphere" of the tournament will be furnished by the military bands, of which there will be no less than six: The 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles, the 5th C. G. A., Western Scots, the 88th Battalion, pipes and drums of the Western Scots under Pipe-Major Wishart, and the fife and drums of the 88th Battalion under Drum-Major Rooney.  
"I suppose you were touched when your wife gave you that 50-dollar easy chair for your den?" "I was touched before she gave it."

**PUBLIC MARKET.**  
The following average prices prevailed at the week-end public market held today:  
Fruit—Apples, No. 1, \$1.25; No. 2, \$1.10; pears, 2c. per lb.  
Dairy produce—Butter, 40c. and 45c. per lb.; eggs, 60c. and 65c. per dozen.  
Vegetables—Cabbage, 1c. per lb.; Brussels sprouts, 4 lbs. for 25c.; parsley, 1c. per lb.; leeks, 2 bundles for 5c.; beans, 1c. per lb.; horseradish, 15c. per lb.; best onions, 15c. for 25c.; cauliflower, 2c. and 3c. each; watercress, 5c. per bunch; pumpkins, 5c. each; lettuce, 2 heads 5c.; macarons, 3 for 10c.; squash, 5c. each.  
Meats—Veal, 12c. to 15c. per lb.; pork, 12c. to 15c. per lb.; lamb, 15c. to 20c. per lb.; mutton, 15c. to 20c. per lb.; beef, 10c. to 15c. per lb.; fowl, 15c. to 17c. per lb.; chickens, 2c. to 3c. per lb.; ducks, 25c. per lb.; geese, 35c. and 40c. per lb.; turkeys, 35c. per lb.  
Fish—Salmon, 30c. per lb.; fresh herrings, 3c. per lb.; cod, 15c. per lb.; halibut, 12c. per lb.; salt back cod, 10c. per lb.; smelts, 10c. per lb.; kipper, 10c. per lb.; bloater, 10c. per lb.; fillets, 15c. per lb.; smoked black cod, 15c. per lb.; smoked salmon, 15c. per lb.; finneys, 12c. per lb.; crabs, 15c. each; shrimps, 20c. per lb.

**MR. LANSING ASKS SAFE CONDUCT FOR ATTACHES**  
Washington, Dec. 11.—The state department announced today that it had requested the British and French embassies to grant safe conduct for Captains Boy-Ed and von Papen, the recalled German naval and military attaches.  
The withdrawal of the attaches had been secured by the state department because of their activities, which rendered them persona non grata to the American government.  
There was some speculation today as to whether Great Britain and France would demand that the attaches go from this country under patrol, pledging themselves not to participate in the war.

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**REMARKABLE SCENES IN LONDON TO-DAY**  
Men Flocked to the Recruiting Offices; Streets Were Crowded  
London, Dec. 11.—London, except perhaps in the closing hours of a heated general election, has never witnessed such scenes as virtually the whole city presented this afternoon, with the Earl of Derby's recruiting period extended to-day to close at midnight to-morrow, having little more than twenty-four hours to run.  
In every section of the city recruits came forward in droves to be attracted. Tens of thousands of workmen, clerks and shop-girls spent their half-holiday in the parks and the streets watching and participating in the recruiting work. Among them were thousands of soldiers in khaki, both new recruits and veterans, with many convalescent wounded men, including numerous Australians, Canadians, Highlanders and Indian troops. There was thick mud underfoot and occasional heavy showers fell, but the parks, as well as the streets, remained crowded, while bands marched about playing patriotic airs. All the newboys carried placards calling upon men to enlist.  
In the parks and open squares speech-making was in progress. In the hotels, restaurants, on the trains and buses and on the street corners everybody was engaged in discussing enlistment and the question of voluntary service versus conscription was argued hotly.  
Reports of similar scenes came from provincial towns.  
Announcement of the extension of time for the recruiting plan was cheered when the newspapers spread the news. The official announcement says:  
"It should be understood clearly by every available man, especially single men, at present unattached, that the opportunity offered carries with it an equal responsibility to present himself to-day or to-morrow and so add to the volume of evidence presented to other nations—allied, neutral or hostile—that the determination of the country is resolute to prosecute the war to a victorious conclusion."

**YUAN SHI KAI HAS ACCEPTED CROWN**  
Offered To-day by Chinese Council of State; Coronation Postponed  
Peking, Dec. 11.—Yuan Shi Kai, president of China, has accepted the throne of China, tendered to him by the council of state.  
Acting as a parliament, the council of state to-day canvassed the vote on the question of a change in the form of government of China to a monarchy and found that the votes of 1,993 representatives out of 2,013 qualified to vote on the proposition were favorable to the change.  
The council of state immediately sent to Yuan Shi Kai a petition urging him to accept the throne. It declined at first, but when the petition was forwarded to him a second time he accepted with the proviso that he would continue to act as president until a convenient time for the coronation.  
Friendly Note.  
Tokio, Dec. 11.—It is considered probable here that Japan, in the name of herself and her allies, will send a friendly note to China with regard to the proposed change of China's form of government to a monarchy.  
The entente powers have indicated they do not wish to have the change take place during the war because of disturbances of the peace which it might entail.  
Republic Associations.  
San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Long King Chong, president of the Chinese Republic association here, the controlling body of many similar organizations in North and South America, announced to-day that preliminary measures to oppose the establishment of Yuan Shi Kai as emperor of China would be taken at a meeting to-morrow. He said the association had considered already the necessity of raising a large fund to further such opposition.  
The association, Long King Chong said, had a membership of nearly 9,000 in the United States and large numbers in Canada, Mexico and South America.  
Long King Chong was one of the six senators representing Chinese abroad who were elected at Peking in 1913 by an electoral college of 163 delegates to sit in the last senate. He left Peking, he said, after eight months' service because of warnings that threats had been made against him. He has been one of the leaders here in organized opposition to restoration of the monarchy.

**HENRY FORD LOOMS UP FOR THE PRESIDENCY**  
Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 11.—The name of Henry Ford, Detroit manufacturer and peace advocate, was filed to-day as a presidential candidate in the Nebraska Republican primaries to be held next April. The petition was filed by Omaha Republicans. The names of three candidates for the nomination are now on file in Nebraska. They are Senator Theodore Burton, of Ohio; Mayor W. Hale Thompson, of Chicago; and Mr. Ford. The name of Woodrow Wilson is the only Democratic filing. The names of Associate Justice Hughes, of the supreme court, and Theodore Roosevelt, were filed but nullified by their refusal to be candidates.

**REICHSTAG HAS NUMBER OF RESOLUTIONS ON PROBLEM TO DEAL WITH**  
Berlin, Dec. 11.—With the peace interpellation out of the way, the reichstag will be able to devote its undivided attention to the problem of the nation's food supply, discussed at length by the budget committee. The resolutions of the various party groups presenting their views of how the present subject of food regulation, if it is understood will be debated in an open session of the reichstag, probably on Monday.  
Of the resolutions from the various parties regarding maximum prices before the committee, the most far-reaching is that of the Centre party. This party demands the establishment of maximum prices, so far as possible, for all the necessities of daily life; sweeping authorization for furloughs to soldiers employed in agricultural and other occupations involved in provisioning the nation; and the employment of convalescents and others incapable of regular field service, in such occupations; the encouragement of fodder imports; payment of a part of war allowances to families of reservists in provisions and fuel at low prices, instead of cash; the issuance to families with yearly incomes under \$500 of cards authorizing the purchase of meats, fats and vegetables at reduced prices; limitations on the consumption of butter in restaurants and hotels and a number of other regulative measures.  
The resolutions of the Conservative party demand the establishment of maximum prices for the wholesale as well as the retail trade, the assumption of the agriculturists being that the profits possible at present are largely absorbed by the wholesale dealers.  
The resolution of the Progressive party is directed against high prices. It asked the imperial chancellor to take the necessary steps to bring about lower prices eventually through a further establishment of maximum prices and confiscation. It is suggested, however, that the maximum prices should include sufficient profits for the producers and retailers.

**WILL DEBATE FOOD QUESTION MONDAY**  
Montreal, Dec. 11.—There was a fair amount of business done in Nova Scotia at to-day's short session, mostly at higher prices, although the last sales were at last night's closing prices. The balance of the market was quite dull and generally a fraction lower. Lightly margined holdings seem to have been liquidated, and the market has an even-up appearance, with traders dividing their attention between the excellent industrial outlook on this side and the uncertain European diplomatic situation. The more cheerful news received after the close of the day's trading has helped to help next week's markets.

**BULGARIANS RIOTING IN PHILIPPOPOLIS**  
London, Dec. 11.—Telegraphing the Chronicle from Athens, Martin Donchou says:  
"A heavy German concentration is reported at Uskub, Serbia, and Philippopolis, Bulgaria. At the latter place, the people with banners and icons, marched on the mosque, which was stormed. The gendarmerie was unable to disperse the rioters, and they are still holding the mosque. The government is sending additional troops to quell the disturbance."

**GERMANY WILLING TO HELP FORD PARTY**  
Berne, Dec. 11.—It is learned from Berlin that in case the Ford party is not allowed to land in Holland, Germany will permit them to disembark at a German port and proceed to Switzerland, where they hope to make their headquarters.  
Official—"Why did you order your prisoner to sit down here?" Soldier—"Cos of the thistles, sir."

**HANS GROSS DEAD.**  
Graz, Austria, Dec. 11.—Professor Hans Gross, one of the foremost criminologists and originator of the Gross detective system, well known in America, is dead. He was born in 1847.

**RUSSIA MASSING MEN ON ROMANIAN BORDER**  
Dispatch From Berlin Says Great Preparations Are Being Made  
Berlin, Dec. 11.—Advisers received here to-day indicate that the Russians are hurriedly concentrating troops along the Rumanian border. The Austrian forces in Bukovina also are being reinforced heavily.  
A Bucharest dispatch, forwarded by way of Budapest, says that the harbor at Reni, the Russian Danube port, at which troops have been concentrated for some time, has been closed to passenger and freight traffic since Monday because of the forthcoming arrival of additional transport vessels.  
Three Russian warships sailed Monday night from Reni for Kilia, on the Danube, near the entrance to the Black Sea. The dispatch says that the Russians are erecting large munition depots along the Danube, near the delta. Russian officers assert that an attack is soon to be made on Czernowitz, the capital of Bukovina.  
Railway traffic with Russia over the line through Ungeni, on the northern Rumanian border, has been suspended since Saturday of last week. Telephone and telegraph communication with Bessarabia also has been suspended. Ten thousand Russian soldiers are constructing a railroad line from Reni, thirty miles eastward to Ismail.

**ALLIES PROBABLY WILL SEND A NOTE**  
Tokyo, Dec. 11.—It is considered probable here that Japan, in the name of herself and her allies, will send a friendly note to China with regard to the proposed change of China's form of government to a monarchy.  
The entente powers have indicated they do not wish to have the change take place during the war because of disturbances of the peace which it might entail.  
Republic Associations.  
San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Long King Chong, president of the Chinese Republic association here, the controlling body of many similar organizations in North and South America, announced to-day that preliminary measures to oppose the establishment of Yuan Shi Kai as emperor of China would be taken at a meeting to-morrow. He said the association had considered already the necessity of raising a large fund to further such opposition.  
The association, Long King Chong said, had a membership of nearly 9,000 in the United States and large numbers in Canada, Mexico and South America.  
Long King Chong was one of the six senators representing Chinese abroad who were elected at Peking in 1913 by an electoral college of 163 delegates to sit in the last senate. He left Peking, he said, after eight months' service because of warnings that threats had been made against him. He has been one of the leaders here in organized opposition to restoration of the monarchy.

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Tonapah 1.00 1.00  
Yukon 1.00 1.00  
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**NEW YORK STOCKS**  
(By F. A. Borden & Co.)  
Montreal, Dec. 11.—There was a fair amount of business done in Nova Scotia at to-day's short session, mostly at higher prices, although the last sales were at last night's closing prices. The balance of the market was quite dull and generally a fraction lower. Lightly margined holdings seem to have been liquidated, and the market has an even-up appearance, with traders dividing their attention between the excellent industrial outlook on this side and the uncertain European diplomatic situation. The more cheerful news received after the close of the day's trading has helped to help next week's markets.

**NEW YORK SUGAR.**  
New York, Dec. 11.—Raw sugar quiet; molasses, 41c; centrifugal, 44c; refined quiet.  
**METAL MARKET.**  
New York, Dec. 11.—Copper steady; electrolytic, 19.75@19.80. Iron unchanged.

**TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET**  
Winnipeg, Dec. 11.—The week's market closed 2 1/2 cents down for both December and May. All premiums were off spot wheat, though they held steady and unchanged up to within fifteen minutes of the close. There was good buying, but nothing specially aggressive on any day, and the close was quiet and without feature. It generally was conceded that all steam ships at the head of the lakes would clear before midnight Sunday, and exporters stated that they had been able to return all wheat due the government on loans.  
Winnipeg futures closed at 18 1/2 and 1/4 cent for December and 1 1/2 cent for May.  
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Dec. 11 18 1/2 18 1/2  
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Stats. 18 1/2 18 1/2  
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Cash prices: Wheat—1 Nor. 19 1/2; 2 Nor. 19 1/2; 3 Nor. 19 1/2; 4 Nor. 19 1/2; 5 Nor. 19 1/2; 6 Nor. 19 1/2; 7 Nor. 19 1/2; 8 Nor. 19 1/2; 9 Nor. 19 1/2; 10 Nor. 19 1/2; 11 Nor. 19 1/2; 12 Nor. 19 1/2; 13 Nor. 19 1/2; 14 Nor. 19 1/2; 15 Nor. 19 1/2; 16 Nor. 19 1/2; 17 Nor. 19 1/2; 18 Nor. 19 1/2; 19 Nor. 19 1/2; 20 Nor. 19 1/2; 21 Nor. 19 1/2; 22 Nor. 19 1/2; 23 Nor. 19 1/2; 24 Nor. 19 1/2; 25 Nor. 19 1/2; 26 Nor. 19 1/2; 27 Nor. 19 1/2; 28 Nor. 19 1/2; 29 Nor. 19 1/2; 30 Nor. 19 1/2; 31 Nor. 19 1/2; 1 Dec. 19 1/2; 2 Dec. 19 1/2; 3 Dec. 19 1/2; 4 Dec. 19 1/2; 5 Dec. 19 1/2; 6 Dec. 19 1/2; 7 Dec. 19 1/2; 8 Dec. 19 1/2; 9 Dec. 19 1/2; 10 Dec. 19 1/2; 11 Dec. 19 1/2; 12 Dec. 19 1/2; 13 Dec. 19 1/2; 14 Dec. 19 1/2; 15 Dec. 19 1/2; 16 Dec. 19 1/2; 17 Dec. 19 1/2; 18 Dec. 19 1/2; 19 Dec. 19 1/2; 20 Dec. 19 1/2; 21 Dec. 19 1/2; 22 Dec. 19 1/2; 23 Dec. 19 1/2; 24 Dec. 19 1/2; 25 Dec. 19 1/2; 26 Dec. 19 1/2; 27 Dec. 19 1/2; 28 Dec. 19 1/2; 29 Dec. 19 1/2; 30 Dec. 19 1/2; 31 Dec. 19 1/2.

**CUNARD LINER AGROUND**  
London, Dec. 11.—The Cunard liner Utoula, Quebec for St. Nazaire, France, with a general cargo, is aground in the St. Nazaire Roads, a dispatch to Lloyd's from Nantes states. Her position is not critical.

**LESS PRESSURE WAS WITNESSED IN LIST**  
New York, Dec. 11.—The failure of the market to respond to the exceedingly favorable steel tonnage statement affected sentiment unfavorably and has resulted in scattered selling by profit-takers. The volume of this decreased in dealings to-day, however. There also was less bear pressure. There was less pressure also in trading transactions in the new Anglo-French loan. The Steel Corporation reported unfilled orders on hand Nov. 30 of 7,180,000 tons, or an increase of a little over 1,000,000 tons for the month, which was considerably beyond expectations.  
Alaska Gold ..... 25 1/2 25 1/2  
Allis-Chalmers ..... 31 3/4 31 3/4  
Ann. Agr. Chemical ..... 71 1/2 71 1/2  
Ann. Beet Sugar ..... 29 9/16 29 9/16  
Ann. Car & Foundry ..... 59 1/2 59 1/2  
Ann. Steel Foundry ..... 51 1/2 51 1/2  
Ann. Woolen ..... 48 1/2 48 1/2  
Ann. Locomotive ..... 62 1/2 62 1/2  
Ann. Smelting ..... 97 1/2 97 1/2  
Ann. Tel. & Tel. ..... 124 1/2 124 1/2  
Anaconda ..... 86 3/4 86 3/4  
A. O. ..... 180 1/2 180 1/2  
B. & O. ..... 39 1/2 39 1/2  
B. R. T. ..... 88 1/2 88 1/2  
C. P. R. ..... 180 1/2 180 1/2  
Cal. Petroleum ..... 27 1/2 27 1/2  
Central Leather ..... 54 1/2 54 1/2  
Central Paper ..... 62 1/2 62 1/2  
C. & G. W. pref. ..... 81 1/2 81 1/2  
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Colo. Fuel & Iron ..... 51 1/2 51 1/2  
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Diatlers-See. ..... 49 1/2 49 1/2  
Erie Int. pref. ..... 81 1/2 81 1/2  
Gen. Int. pref. ..... 62 1/2 62 1/2  
Gen. Motors ..... 57 1/2 57 1/2  
Goodrich ..... 74 1/2 74 1/2  
G. N. pref. ..... 128 1/2 128 1/2  
G. N. Ore. cfs. ..... 48 1/2 48 1/2  
Inspiration ..... 44 1/2 44 1/2  
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Kan. City Southern ..... 31 1/2 31 1/2  
Lehigh Valley ..... 84 1/2 84 1/2  
Maxwell Motor ..... 75 1/2 75 1/2  
Mex. Petroleum ..... 81 1/2 81 1/2  
M. K. & T. ..... 41 1/2 41 1/2  
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Pennsylvania ..... 51 1/2 51 1/2  
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Reading ..... 81 1/2 81 1/2  
Rep. Iron & Steel ..... 54 1/2 54 1/2  
S. P. ..... 131 1/2 131 1/2  
S. P. pref. ..... 191 1/2 191 1/2  
Sou. Railway ..... 22 1/2 22 1/2  
Studebaker Corp. .... 164 1/2 164 1/2  
Tenn. Copper ..... 56 1/2 56 1/2  
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## MCDONALD AND HIS DREDGE CONTRACT

How Monthly Estimates of Quantities Taken Out Were Made Up

### OVER-CLASSIFICATION IS THE ALLEGATION

Private Detectives Called in by Contractor to Coerce Employee

The suspicions aroused by the documents in reference to C. E. McDonald's contract on the harbor works, which have been the subject of a trial as to ownership before Judge Lanman this week, are creating a good deal of talk around town. The effort made by the contractor to have the documents kept secret by injunction restraining their publication is adding to the interest taken in the matter.

The documents and the evidence given on examination for discovery by McDonald and his engineer, Gordon E. Mallory, show that the quantities of solid rock for excavating, which the contractor has been paid for are far in excess of what the government engineers estimated was the amount of material to be removed. This result is alleged to have been attained by over-classification—charging as solid rock at seven dollars a yard material that was actually earth excavation at thirty-five cents a yard.

While the court proceedings in reference to these papers were necessarily short, the matters which were dealt with were such as to demand a search inquiry by some other authority. There was brought out by Henry C. Hall, counsel for Mallory, facts and suggestions which call for investigation, and his handling of the case so far as it has become public indicates that there is a good deal yet to be brought out in the public accounts committee or by a royal commission.

John L. Nelson, the former Winnipeg friend of Hon. Robert Rogers, who resigned the position of dredging for this province the other day as a result of the revelations in the coal inquiry held here, was the man who financed McDonald. The latter was working here last spring on the government dredges and had to have assistance financially. This Nelson secured for him. He helped to get the equipment together for the work; there were frequent letters, telegrams and telephone conversations between the pair, and Nelson showed a keen interest in having a generous estimate passed for his protégé every month. In August he got \$2,000 from McDonald—as a loan, the latter says.

McDonald's "Estimates."

What McDonald means when he speaks of estimates of quantities for the purpose of putting in his account for a month's dredging work is not what a contractor who deals with his employer usually means—an accurate measurement of work done and material moved. It appears to have been an estimate of what his financial needs for the next month or two would be, as well as what he had to meet on the month elapsed; what he had to pay out on account of indebtedness that had not the most remote connection with the contract with the Dominion government through Grant, Smith & McDonnell. It is worth while once more to quote the memorandum of instructions to his superintendent, Mallory, as to the estimate which was to be prepared for July last, since this illustrates the method referred to. Here is what McDonald told Mallory he had to provide for:

"Get out amount of payrolls for July. Get estimate for July made up that will show at least thirty-three and one-third profits for the month, including insurance, rentals, repairs, payrolls, automobile, note, etc., and three thousand gross, and note approximately there is three thousand five hundred dollars to be paid on notes; money borrowed on Vancouver contract with Henry McPhee is to be attended to."

Dealing for a moment first with the estimate for June, there is a memorandum among the papers in the case bearing the date of June 30 and headed "liability against time estimate," and "bill payable." Then follows a list of amounts, totalling \$10,724.28, included in which are items for the dredge John A. Lee, two scows, tugboats, supplies, lumber, office, payrolls for May, June and July; and a mysterious amount of \$2,000 for E. Cowdell—whose he may be. Against this the contractor got an estimate, based on an average of four scow-loads a day for eighteen days in June, of 17,286 cubic yards of material removed. This was divided up as five per cent. of solid rock, 864 yards at \$7, 35,045; and 16,416 yards of earth at 35 cents, 5,745.60. Allowing a hold-back of ten per cent. this came to \$10,614.24.

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while the amount actually paid him appears to have been \$10,462.64. The rock, by the way, was not blasted out, McDonald admitted, but was the loose boulders on top that were lifted off.

The instructions to Mallory give an idea of what had to be provided for in July, and it was met by an estimate of 7,881 yards of earth, \$2,740.85, and 3,119 yards of solid rock, \$21,833. Deducting the hold-back this gave the nice little total of \$22,116.46, which was paid to McDonald.

Figures for August.

The August estimate was on a generous scale, being 2,900 yards of earth, \$700, and 11,752 1/2 yards of solid rock, \$82,267.50, or, with the hold-back, a total for the month's work of \$74,670.73.

Over the two months and a half covered, during which Mallory puts the actual dredging done at about five hundred yards, or \$3,500 at the outside, McDonald would stand to be retained out of the hold-back, the handsome figure of \$119,334.95. Of this \$110,748.50 would be for the excavation of rock. The top figure that the taking out of rock should have cost on the whole work, for 4,500 cubic yards shown by the government contour maps, would be \$33,500. If McDonald had kept on at the same rate of over-classification and over-charging the contract would have yielded him half a million dollars anyway.

All through his evidence McDonald professed to know nothing about the quantities of solid rock to be removed. To questions by Mr. Hall as to where the contour maps showed, his answers were: "I could not tell at all," "That is something I was not posted in very much," "I don't remember," "I never did know," "I did not suppose there was any accurate maps of the work." He was very definite, however, that when he took the contract he expected "along about thirty thousand yards." In a contract that he gave for the drilling and blasting of the rock he put the quantity that would have to be handled at approximately forty thousand yards.

In his examination, Mallory said that J. L. Nelson was looking after the changes in classification.

"He managed to get the classification changed from earth to rock," he was asked.

"Yes, he told me, and I heard him expound on it a good many times, that they were going to get thirty thousand yards of solid rock on that contract, and he impressed on MacLachlan that thirty thousand was to be the total quantity, and I heard MacLachlan say: 'I don't see where you get 30,000,' when there is only 4,400 or 4,800 yards of rock in the whole thing." Nelson was over here every month to go after MacLachlan to raise the amount of rock every month.

"You made out the monthly estimates?"

"Yes, working on such instructions as I had from Mr. McDonald to make the estimate in such shape that it would pay all the bills for the month and then double it. I made the estimate come up to the figure that McDonald gave me as being wanted; so much rock and then so much earth to come to the figure in dollars and cents that McDonald had given me. The over-classification was to meet it and give a profit."

Private Detectives Called In.

Mr. Hall endeavored to get out of McDonald some information as to an incident which took place in his office, when Mallory was forced to sign a retraction of all he had set forth in an affidavit, which was a resume of the story as printed in the Times. Two men were with McDonald on that occasion, one of whom he represented as a Vancouver lawyer. It took twenty questions to elicit from the witness who these men were, he fencing all the way through. In the end he had to admit that they were Thiel detective agency men, that he had arranged to have them come over and that he paid them to come, and gave them all the information he could that he thought would give them a hold on Mallory. When Mr. Hall had got him to this point after much questioning, McDonald went on to tell of a conversation he had with Mallory in the office on the morning of October 22 before he dispensed with his services, and continued:

"So at this juncture these two men came in and they asked him into the back room, one of them did, and he came out and the other fellow went in the back room and they had a talk and they both came out and Mallory asked me to go in the back room and I went in. He says: 'What do you want to do with me?' and I says: 'What are you trying to do to me; are you trying to blackmail me into giving you a quarter's interest here?' I says: 'Nothing doing,' I said, 'I will have this thrashed out,' I said, 'Go ahead,' and I walked out. He came out and signed this paper, the four of us in the room together."

"What was this paper he signed?"

"He signed a paper taking back what he said he was going to do, and that all my work was straight as far as dealing with the government was concerned, and all that, and that he knew it, as he was bookkeeper and all that he said about it was false. And when he had signed that I asked him for the key of the office, told him that his services were not required, so I turned round and did not say any more."

"What you got these men for, was it not, was to compel him to sign this document you have referred to, and after he had signed that you did not care?"

"That was the purpose I believe, yes."

"You had these men threaten him with a criminal prosecution unless he signed that document?"

"I don't know what they threatened him with."

"That is what you got them for, was it not?"

"That is what they told me."

McDonald Was "Queered."

"That is what you got these two men for, was it not?"

"I got them more to check up what

was going on and what Mr. Mallory was figuring on. He was in my employ, and when he made this proposition to me he queered me so I did not know what I was up against, I did not know what he was the only confidential man and I did not know what to do. I went to the Pacific Dredging company and they told me to get detectives and see what could be done; they said: 'He is a dangerous man, and considered so, and I got these detectives.'

"And got a club for Mallory's head?"

"To protect myself; I needed protection."

"By threatening him with a criminal prosecution, is not that correct?"

"I suppose you can put it that way, I never thought of threatening him with a criminal prosecution at the time, but that is how it came about."

"These men who were employed by you told you they were threatening him with a criminal prosecution?"

"I believe they gave me to understand that, yes."

"What good was that paper he signed?"

"I don't know, I could not tell you."

"The day following you received a letter from Mr. Mallory repudiating the document he had signed, did you not?"

"Yes."

Mr. Mallory's evidence on this point is to the effect that the men jostled him about, wrestled with him in the office, and were about to use more severe physical force when he saw it was wise to sign the document presented to him, repudiating it by letter to McDonald as soon as he got free from the place.

Nelson's Former Partner.

When Nelson lived in Winnipeg he was at one time a partner in the contracting firm of Nelson & Cassidy, Cassidy, the former partner, was given a job by McDonald as foreman on the dredge John A. Lee, but he does not seem to have been quite a success. On July 9 Mallory wrote to Nelson in regard to Cassidy leaving the service, apparently in reply to some request for information. He said:

"The district engineer of the outer harbor works called me upon the telephone this afternoon and told me that the dredge was working off line, and went out to the works at once and placed the dredge in the proper position. Mr. Cassidy, the foreman on the dredge, had been instructed where to work, but evidently misunderstood what I told him or was careless. He and I had a heated session about the management of the dredge, and he left for our office to get his time."

"Cassidy was not paid attention to his work in other ways. He has dumped scow loads of dirt in such a position as to allow some of the dirt to settle on the foundations for the pier. I got into trouble with Grant Smith & McDonnell over the dumping of dirt on this pier, and believe that they will charge Mr. McDonald for excavating this material to again level off their pier. I took this matter up with Mr. McDonald at the time. Mr. Cassidy was not discharged, but left on account of the disturbance with me."

In his examination for discovery McDonald stated that he had employed Cassidy through Nelson, who recommended him, and when he was discharged he wanted to explain to Nelson the reason he was discharged. "I did not discharge him; he left on his own accord," he added a moment later.

### HOW YOU MAY REDUCE YOUR WEIGHT

Overstoutness is a very unwelcome condition especially in the present day, when slender figures are so fashionable, and every reader of this paper will realize the tendency of some people to put on an excessive amount of fat.

If you happen to be one of those whose weight is more than it should be, don't try to starve yourself, eat all you want, but go to your druggist and get oil of orlene in capsule form and take one with each meal.

Oil of orlene increases in oxygen-carrying power of the blood and dissolves the fatty tissue in many cases at nearly the rate of one lb. per day. Be sure to get oil of orlene in capsule form. It is sold only in original sealed packages. Any good druggist has it, or a large size box will be sent on receipt of \$1.95. Address: D. J. Little Drug Co., Box 1236, Montreal, Can.

### VALVE COMPANY FORMED

Local Investors Are Incorporated to Manufacture Patent Drain Valve.

The Canadian Vincent Valve Co., Ltd., has been granted letters patent under the Companies Act of Canada, to carry on business in any part of Canada, with a capital stock of \$25,000 and its chief place of business in this city.

The incorporators are Arthur Newham, accountant; Mrs. Edith Marion Newham, Roland H. Powell, hardware merchant; Edward Benner, accountant; and Charles Wesley Buckner, of Balne, Wash., mill manager.

The primary purpose of the incorporation is to acquire certain patents in relation to the Vincent drain valve and to adopt and carry into effect an agreement to that end made on September 14 last between Louis N. Vincent and Charles W. Newcombe, on the one side, and Arthur Newham and Charles W. Buckner, as agents for the company, on the other.

It is also empowered to carry on business as manufacturers of and dealers in all and every kind of drain valve, trade in all kinds of drain valves; carry on the business of iron-founders, mechanical engineers and manufacturers of all kinds of machinery, tool-makers, brass-founders, metal-workers, boiler-makers, millwrights, machinists, iron and steel converters, smiths, woodworkers, builders, painters, metallurgists, electrical engineers, water supply engineers, gun makers, farmers, printers, carriers and merchants; and to buy, sell, manufacture, repair, convert, alter, let on hire and deal in machinery, implements, rolling-stock, and hardware of all kinds; and any other business, manufacturing or otherwise, which may seem capable of being carried on conveniently in connection with the foregoing objects.

## SUBSTANTIAL CUT IN CIVIC ESTIMATES

Commencement is Made by Striking Out Appropriation for Renovating Buildings

Sitting for over two hours last evening the city council in committee of the whole passed in review about half the civic estimates for 1916. The committee determined to take full advantage of the more favorable position of sinking funds through investment in the national loan, which modifies the debt charge by \$13,900. The net gain, as a result of the deliberations last evening including this sum of \$13,900, was about \$75,000. Of this total, however, about \$40,000 represented changes at the city hall and market building.

The works department expenditures were not touched, but will be the subject of conference with the city engineer. In the absence of the health department and the library were not considered. If time permits after council meeting on Monday, the consideration will be resumed.

Ald. Bell questioned whether the council intended to recommend to its successors an additional cut on salaries, because such recommendation would go a long way next year.

Ald. Porter would not support a further cut, because he believed a substantial reduction had already been made.

Some of the aldermen were disinclined to make a further cut at this time, and no action was taken. Naturally the appropriation of \$25,000 to put the city hall into shape, according to the building inspector's estimate, led to some discussion, and feeling that the matter ought to be deferred, the whole vote was struck out. Some additional vote accommodation, however, will be necessary.

Two votes for Garbally road yard were struck out, representing a total of \$13,400. Believing that the motor equipment for the engineering department is too large, the committee decided to reduce the appropriation for maintenance.

As usual another attempt was made, to cut off some share of the parks vote. Ald. Dilworth defended the vote, and said money was wanted for a new bridge at Beacon hill, and a fence at Stadacona park. The committee, however, decided on a reduction.

The mayor rebutted considerable criticism with regard to the expense of the furnishing of the new jail building. His worship stated that scarcely a stick of new furniture had been bought, certainly not an article which was unnecessary.

The committee immediately struck out the item of \$1,000, the estimate for putting the market building and yard into first class shape. The chairman of the committee, Ald. Sargent, described the present building as a dismal, almost a dirty place, and suggested that a committee should visit the market and see what could be done to improve the present appearance of the building. The committee decided to recommend about \$1,500, which will be merely enough to put the place in sanitary condition, leaving nothing for improvements structurally.

On the vote for the legal department Ald. Bell favored a reduction in the maintenance appropriation, contending that if there was a deficit of a small amount, it could well be carried on into 1917, rather than levy a dollar more than is necessary.

The committee passed a resolution recommending to the next council that the departments dealing with construction should be transferred down stairs, and that accommodation should be provided for them. The reorganization of the whole building could then be undertaken.

On the vote for the purchasing department the comptroller said the retention of three store departments (the central, the Yates street and Barbally road) did not conduce to economy, and it should be concentrated in a single department. It was decided to have a report on the matter before the end of the year.

It is understood that the labor bureau will be moved from Pandora avenue to the old detective quarters on Cormorant street. At present it is in rented quarters.

The item for publicity work was laid over, after Ald. Dilworth had moved to strike out the vote of \$7,000.

Ald. Porter, chairman of the Victoria and Island Development association, thought that while some reduction might be made, he was not in favor of the amount being struck out.

Ald. McNell thought if they were to secure tourists to come here something must be done. He was not, however, in favor of discussing the matter now, and would like the subject laid over for attention later.

Ald. Fullerton considered that as the citizens were pledging themselves to large sums, the city's grant ought to be materially reduced.

Ald. Porter stated that the Rotary club had come to the association's rescue because it was thought that the association could not go through to the end of the year otherwise.

Ald. Todd objected to a discussion of the matter before next spring. He was prepared to urge at an opportune time the necessity of continuing the grant.

On the fire warden's estimate Ald. Fullerton, chairman of the committee, said there were 745 hydrants in the city. It was decided to reduce the charge from \$4 per month each to \$2.50 per month each, and to charge up also the water used at the various halls, as indicated by meter.

The question of horse feed also came up, and was to have been referred to the fire chief for a report, but eventually was reduced from \$2,000 to \$1,900. The mayor secured the insertion of a vote for \$1,000 for entertainment of the convention of the Union of Canadian municipalities, for which no provision had been made.

Phoenix Beer—2 qts. for 25c



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 Do not forget to leave your orders for Sidney Island Turkeys, for Christmas.  
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 Pellean Lake Oysters, large tins for ..... 25¢  
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at 11 o'clock, 2.30 and 7.30 each day, until the entire Stock is disposed of.  
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Monday Dec. 20

Entries Solicited.  
 JOSEPH H. LIST,  
 Auctioneer.

#### RED CROSS REPORT

Cash Collections for Week Ending December 11 Total \$725.57.

The following is the report of the Red Cross branch from Dec. 4 to Dec. 11:  
 The membership with the Victoria branch of the Canadian Red Cross society has increased during the month of November by 26 life members, 13 annual members and 3 associates. Doubtless many more will be added as the days pass.  
 Cash donations have been received as follows:  
 Equinault sub-committee ..... \$ 5.27  
 Proceeds of concert at Banfield, per Guy Neville ..... 34.00  
 Proceeds of concert held at George Hotel Nov. 25, per F. Appleyard ..... 19.90  
 Pupils of Sir James Douglas school, per E. Campbell ..... 24.00  
 William Head quarantining station, per Dr. Brown ..... 13.00  
 Mrs. Dunsmuir, per Colwood Rd ..... 200.00  
 Cross ..... 50.00  
 Mrs. Mathieson ..... 1.20  
 Mrs. and Miss Latham ..... 2.00  
 Miss Turner ..... 10.00  
 Miss Woodbridge (monthly) ..... 3.00  
 "No Name" ..... .50  
 Sale of work, St. Mary Magdalene's Guild, Oaklands, per Mrs. Hampton ..... 30.00  
 Sale of pins ..... 1.20  
 By sales ..... 2.80  
 Sale of War Lyrics by Ernest McGaffey ..... 5.50  
 Canadian prisoners' fund—  
 Shawnigan Lake Woman's Inst. .... 1.00  
 Lute ..... 1.00  
 Mrs. Richards ..... 1.00  
**Total ..... \$725.57**

The work committee acknowledges the following donations in supplies, with many thanks: Chapter I. O. D. E. Ganges—5 surgical shirts and 1 day shirt, 27 pairs socks, 5 wristlets, 1 trigger mitt, 4 scarves, 6 kneecaps, 11 pillow cases, 54 cup covers, 20 wash cloths, 6 plate covers, 2 hot water bags, 29 wipes, 19 tray cloths, 11 table napkins, 6 packets "dressings," "Agnes Deans Cameron" chapter—14 surgical shirts, 4 triangular, 4 abdominal and 14 chest bandages. "Lady Douglas" chapter—3 pairs socks, 3 pairs gloves. "The Adult Bible Class federation"—25 pairs socks. The Leado Red Cross committee—13 surgical shirts, 4 pyjamas, 4 pairs socks. Pender Island Red Cross committee—15 pillows, 20 pillow cases, 7 sheets, 1 towel, 13 pyjamas, 19 pairs socks. Gordon Head Red Cross committee—3 kit bags, with fittings complete. The Guild of St. Agnes, Fowl Bay—12 pillow cases, 21 triangular bandages and 3 pairs of slippers. The W. M. S. First Presbyterian church—3 pairs socks, 4 surgical shirts. The Sooke Women's Patriotic Guild—13 pairs socks, 3 mufflers, 1 pair wristlets. Tracing cloth, Mrs. Tigue (city hall). Dr. Price (St. Cowichan) roller bandages.  
 Further socks, scarves, mitts and wash cloths from Lady Crease, Mrs. Richard Elliott, Miss Henry, Mrs. McKeehan, Mrs. Sharpe, Mrs. Lees, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Macrae and Oak Bay; 1 roll absorbent cotton, Mrs. Morency; and 4 pairs socks from the Rockland Park Union of the W. C. T. U.  
 The Red Cross Helpers, Seattle, Wash., per Mrs. A. Coddington (GPH donation)—6 many-tailed bandages, 1 wash cloth, 13 roller bandages and some most acceptable old linen.  
 Twenty-five cases of supplies and two of field comforts have been forwarded as the results of the week's work.  
 Something for mother, father, sister, brother. Also friends, at Wenger's.

### BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT IN MONDAY

Will Be Largely Retrospective in Character as Construction is Indefinite

The principal matter before the city council at its meeting on Monday will be the report on the Johnson street bridge project, which was prepared yesterday. It will be largely retrospective, and as the financial situation prevents any hope of immediate proceeding with the undertaking, the committee will deal with the last two years' negotiation principally from that aspect, leaving action to the council of 1916. The return is made in response to a resolution adopted on Alderman Todd's initiative.  
 An element in the council will probably take the view that beyond securing some right-of-way agreement which must be paid for, the council ought not to retain the options to purchase when they expire next April, in view of the uncertainty of making a start. Or they may think that if the options are retained, they should be based on the price of land to-day, and not of two years ago.  
 The present members of the council are fully conversant with the situation, but owing to several pending changes in its personnel, the object is to review the whole situation, attaching to the report copies of all correspondence and plans before the committee. Alderman O'Keil will introduce the report to the aldermanic attention on Monday, having been chairman of the special committee since Mr. Cuthbert retired from the council.  
 The committee with regard to Selkirk water reclamation met yesterday afternoon, but is not in a position to report to the council on Monday, as a further meeting is contemplated next week. The committee was not altogether satisfied with the terms of the recent letter from the Canadian Northern Railway company, and wants certain points cleared up.  
 As the period during which Christmas shopping hours are unlimited commences on December 15, no attempt will be made on Monday to proceed with the new early closing by-law.

### CANADIAN HIGHWAY

Island Automobile Association issues Attractive Folder for Distribution Throughout Canada.  
 The Island Automobile association yesterday issued a six-page folder in connection with the Canadian highway campaign originated by A. E. Todd, president of the association. Several thousand of these are being distributed throughout Canada in the interests of the movement to have an automobile road built that will link the Atlantic coast with the Pacific coast.  
 The face of the folder shows the Canadian highway post with a note describing it as the Canadian highway sign erected on Vancouver Island. There is a wide map the whole width of the folder, showing the sections of the several provinces through which the proposed highway will pass. It goes through British Columbia to Kelowna, then to Moose Jaw and Regina to Brandon, Portage la Prairie and Winnipeg, across Ontario, where the cities it will touch are not yet named and into Quebec, touching Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec; to Moncton and Amherst, New Brunswick and to Sidney and Glace Bay, N. S.  
 There is a very clear scene of the planting of the first highway post at Albert on May 2, 1912, and a letter from the Island Automobile association setting out the reasons and ambitions of the undertaking.  
 The folder asks for the co-operation of all boards of trade and municipalities in Canada where the road will pass, and asks for suggestions from those who will derive benefit from it.

### COUNTY COURT

Judge Lampan yesterday afternoon reserved judgment in the action brought by the Publishers' Association of Canada against A. W. Bridgman, claiming \$231 for a set of books entitled "Canada and Its Provinces." There are several other cases in which the Publishers' association is the plaintiff, and the defence was in the nature of a test case by which the others may be decided. The defendants claim that the books bought by them are not as represented by the vendors when the agreement to purchase was entered into.  
 On Monday morning Judge Lampan will hear the appeal in Rex against Topp. The defendant is a sur-

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A number of pretty Dresses have been re-marked for quick selling to-day. Included are a large assortment of styles in messaline, charmeuse, crepe de Chine and beautiful brocades, in a range of good colors. This extraordinary offer should not be overlooked.

### Extraordinary Coat Values for To-Day

10 only.	Reg. value \$12.75.	Special.....	\$7.75
35 only.	Reg. value \$20.00.	Special.....	\$10.75
12 only.	Reg. value \$25.00 to \$27.50.	Special.....	\$15.75
18 only.	Reg. value \$30.00.	Special.....	\$18.75
10 only.	Reg. \$32.50 to \$37.50.	Special.....	\$21.75

These Coats comprise a collection that include the smart variations of the season's best models. We find our stock a little too large for this time of the season—this is why we decided to give you this exceptional opportunity, to buy real good coats at these reduced prices.

Sweater Coats Make Serviceable Gifts

### Brushed Wool Sweater Sets—Handsome Gifts

These are well made in a heavy brushed yarn and consist of an exceptionally well made Sweater Coat, Scarf and Cap. Colors are certain, brown, sage, corn and rose. They would make ideal gifts for skaters. Price, set ..... \$8.75

### Christmas Sale of Furs Starts—Our Entire High-Grade Stock at HALF PRICE

Every Fur in our stock is included in this sale. Beautiful Mink Sets, made entirely of the finest grade of skins. You can select from full sets and a large number of odd Throws, Stoles and Muffs in ermine, marten, mink, pointed fox, blue-wolf, squirrel, grey and Persian lamb, and other fine and inexpensive furs. These extraordinary low prices place furs within the reach of all. HALF-PRICE.

### An Erector Outfit for Your Boy

Nothing will please him better—nothing could be better—than an Erector Outfit. Let him learn the principles of construction and make real working models for himself. This toy is like the real steel girders. Hundreds of various models are shown in the instruction book accompanying each outfit. Prices up from ..... \$1.50  
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### SATURDAY BARGAINS FROM TOYLAND

Dolls' Beds at About Half

Finished in green and white enamel, some brass and brass mounted, with castors.  
 Reg. \$1.50 and \$2.00 Values, each ..... \$1.00  
 Reg. \$2.25 Values, each ..... \$1.50  
 Reg. \$2.75 and \$3.00 Values, each ..... \$1.75  
 Reg. \$5.75 Brass Bed, each ..... \$3.00  
 Hardwood Tables, each 50c and ..... \$1.00

Mechanical Toys, Special Value 50c  
 Jumping Hare, Jumping Dog, Large Butterfly on Wheels, Mail Cart with Horse, Dump Wagon with Horse, Performing Elephant, English Pony Cart, Sulkie, Express Wagon, Hay Cart. Special Values at, each ..... 50¢

Mechanical Toys, Special Value \$1.00 Each  
 Double Seat Auto, Friction Gunboat, Friction Delivery Wagon, Dump Cart, Grey Pacers and Large Wagon, Double Team. Special Values, each ..... \$1.00

### ON SALE AT 7.30 TO-NIGHT

Values to \$2.00 Each, for 50c

Sharp at Seven-thirty you can choose from any of these articles. White Dogs, White and Brown Dogs on Wheels, unbreakable Dolls and Dressed Dolls, for Boys and Girls; Clown Dolls, Shooting the Kaiser, and other games. Reg. values to \$2.00 each. Saturday night, 7.30, each ..... 50¢

### Serge Dresses to Clear To-day at \$4.75

Only a few left, and in order to clear this entire line we are offering them to-day at this small price. They are made in a simple but neat Fall style, and should appeal to anyone needing a serviceable dress at a small price.

### Trefousse Kid Gloves

This make of Gloves is the standard of perfection in every way—this is why it is so universally used as a popular gift. Only the finest material is used and the workmanship is superior. They can be had in all the wanted shades and styles. Prices, pair ..... \$1.65 and \$1.85

### 10% Discount off All Fancy Linens

### New Crepe de Chine Waists in Dainty Styles

We have just opened up some beautiful Waists, among which are several of crepe de chine. One is made of shell pink crepe de chine of extra fine quality. The collar is made to fasten high or low and fine tucks are shown in the front. This Waist is especially suitable for gift purposes. Another charming Waist is of white crepe de chine. It is finely tucked in front and back, and is made with a low collar and turned-back cuffs. Price ..... \$5.75

voyor who is alleged to have practiced without a license.  
 The next cases on the list are Bulman Lumber company against White, and Green against Jameson.

### LOGGING ACCIDENT CULMINATES FATALLY

James Bruce Burdes Dies From Injuries Received Near 17-Mile Post

As the result of injuries sustained yesterday morning while directing the loading of logs at the Shawanigan-Lake Lumber yards, James Bruce Burdes, manager of the company, died yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's hospital. The accident occurred at 9.15, in the post on the E. & N. Mr. Burdes was on a truck loading logs which were to be taken down to the shore at Finlayson arm. He was taking an active part in the operations, and it is probable that owing to this fact he was unable to hear any sound, as he might otherwise have done, of the approach of a big log which rolled down suddenly and jammed him between itself and another. The incident was witnessed by several men, who immediately rushed to his assistance and released him. He lost consciousness soon afterwards, and was brought down as hastily as possible to Victoria. Very serious internal injuries were found to have been sustained, and the operation which was performed was unavailing in saving his life.  
 Witnesses of the accident arrived by the noon train to-day to attend the inquest which is being held at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the B. C. Funeral parlors. Pending the report of this no funeral arrangements have been made but the obsequies will be held at Nanaimo on Monday.  
 The late Mr. Burdes came here from eastern Canada. He was 47 years of age, and had lived in the west for many years, much of the time in the Shawanigan Lake district. Amongst lumbermen and timbermen all through the province he was regarded as one of the most efficient men in the business.  
 A widow, one daughter, Mary; and two sons, James and John, survive. Mrs. Burdes has sustained a double loss within a short time, her father, Mr. Dilworth, having died recently as the result of an accident in the Nanaimo mine.

### COL. ODUM WRITES

Thanks Members of Campbell's Patriotic Club for Generous Gifts of Tobacco to Soldiers.  
 The employees of Angus Campbell & Co., Ltd., who have banded themselves into Campbell's Patriotic club have received a letter of appreciation for their gifts of tobacco to the Victoria boys at the front from Lieut.-Col. Odium, O. C. the 7th battalion. The letter, which was sent to Miss Kelly, of the club, is as follows:  
 In the Field,  
 Nov. 21, 1915.  
 "Dear Miss Kelly: I have received your letter of October 29, and have turned it over to our quartermaster with instructions to acknowledge receipt of the tobacco when it arrives. You will hear from him in due course.  
 "In the meantime, I want to thank you and the others with you for your thoughtfulness. The tobacco will be appreciated, I know, and I will see that it goes to the Victoria boys in the battalion. I will also record the gift in orders, so that all may know from whence it comes.  
 "We are extremely grateful to all the good friends behind who have done so much for us. We like and have enjoyed their gifts. But to me and to the officers and men too, I am sure, the most delightful part of all is the thought that we are not forgotten.  
 "Will you please convey this message of thanks to your colleagues, and in doing so, tell them I write personally and by hand because I mean every word I say. I am grateful.  
 "Sincerely,  
 "V. W. ODUM,  
 "Lt.-Col."

### GETS MILITARY CROSS

Lieut. P. D. Booth, Surveyor of B. C. Prior to War, Decorated for Enterprise and Pluck.  
 Lieut. P. D. Booth, who, according to a paragraph in a recent issue of a London newspaper, has been awarded the Military Cross for work done in Galligoli, formerly lived in Vancouver, and is quite well known as a land surveyor in the province. He held a commission in the Canadian Field Artillery prior to the outbreak of the war, and on the declaration of hostilities went over to the Old Country and joined the British forces. He was previously mentioned in dispatches, and his decoration has been awarded for his enterprise, initiative and pluck in pushing forward with his telephone and wires, under heavy fire, to the most advanced trench captured by the British infantry on June 28. He succeeded in establishing and maintaining communication.  
 Lieut. Booth is a graduate B. Sc. of Edinburgh university, and for three years while he was a student in the Scottish institution served in the Edinburgh university battery. He was one of the team that won the Scottish V. English cup for shooting in 1906.  
 Carl Hertz, the great juggler and illusion king, is fond of recalling how he once served a pease-pod, sharp crook was operating the pea-under-the-thimble swindle, and had already reaped a nice harvest from his dupes. Carl Hertz arrived on the scene to hear the following appeal: "Now, ladies, gents, and noblemen, I offer you the opportunity of a lifetime. Here in my 'and I' ave a small pea. You will observe that I shall place this pea under one of these thimbles. Perfectly plain, isn't it? No deception at all. Now, I am prepared to bet any gent present that he won't spot the thimble the little joker is under." "I'll bet you five shillings I can," said the juggler, assuming the expression of a confiding innocent. The bet was accepted with alacrity, the thimble raised and the pea disclosed by the triumphant Hertz. The swindler's expression of astonishment was a study for the gods. Thinking that the slight-of-hand must have failed for once, he repeated the experiment and doubled the stakes, but only with the same result. Again the procedure was repeated, and once again the smiling Carl withdrew the pea from the thimble he had selected. This was too much for the baffled sharp, who, with a despairing gesture and appropriate strong language, cried, recklessly, "Lord lumme, this beats the band! Why, I've got the bloomin' pea in me 'and all the time!" "Quite so," replied Hertz, sweetly, as he moved off, "but, you see, I always make a point of carrying my own pea."

### A LARGE PERCENTAGE

City Taxes During Rebate Period Were Collected to the Amount of \$1,003,770.  
 The city collected within the rebate period the sum of \$1,003,770 out of a levy of \$1,555,414 on the general taxes of the city, or 64 1/2 per cent, according to a report presented by Alderman McNeill, chairman of the finance committee, to a committee of the whole council last evening.  
 The city treasurer had also informed him, the chairman of the committee added, that the sum of \$180,934 arrears of taxes for general funds had also been collected, including tax sale proceeds. This figure was 26.8 per cent of the arrears due.  
 Alderman McNeill thought the total was very good, a view which received the support of the council.  
 Last year 67 per cent was collected in the same period.  
 She—"I suppose you know all the best people in town?" He—"Yes; but I don't have to associate with them."

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