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CONSTANTINE WILL LOSE GREEK THRONE

ITALY EXPECTED TO THROW LARGE FORCE INTO BALKANS SOON

Will Be Great Change in Situation There Following Deposition of King Constantine; Entente Diplomatic Circles in Washington Not Surprised by the News From Rome

Washington, Jan. 16.—No surprise was shown in entente diplomatic circles here when the ambassadors were told of the dispatch from Rome telling of the plan to depose King Constantine of Greece and place the Duke d'Aosta on the throne. The diplomats naturally refused to comment on the dispatch or to confirm it, but their attitude expressed neither ignorance nor doubt. The proposed change, it was admitted, would solve many of the difficulties which have been hampering the allies' campaign in the Balkans.

It was pointed out also that the recent measures of the allies toward Greece are exactly such as would have been taken if they were preparing the way for some such coup.

Ever since the opening of the Gallipoli campaign King Constantine has been one of the worst thorns in the side of the allies. It was his refusal to abide by the agreement made by Venizelos, the premier, to strike at Turkey with a Greek army when the allies attacked the Dardanelles that caused the campaign to fall short.

Later it was he who prevented Greece living up to her treaty with Serbia and sending an army to her assistance against Germany that made the invasion of Serbia possible, and his hampering of the entente landing forces that prevented reinforcements reaching the hard pressed Serbs in time to prevent the subjugation of the country.

Within the last few months it was he, again, who threatened a blow from the rear and held the allied troops stretched across Macedonia. In their trenches at the time when a general attack by the German lines between Vienna and Constantinople, and thus the wrecking of the whole German Balkan policy.

Supported by Minority. The king has been supported in this policy by a part, apparently a minority, of the Greek people, chiefly from the aristocratic faction. Opposed to him throughout have been Venizelos and his followers, who won nearly three to one at the last Greek election, which the king permitted. Their resentment finally led to open revolt, and for months sporadic warfare has been going on throughout Greece, the authorities throwing into prison Venizelos's adherents, and the latter deserting to the revolutionary forces and engaging in guerrilla warfare.

The announcement that M. Venizelos has agreed to the proposed change is entirely in line with his policy, but it is certain that the revolution can not take place peacefully. Though the Venizelos people apparently are in the majority, the royalists hold the government and a violent convulsion is expected when the change is made.

Recent Measures. The recent entente measures in Greece, apparently have been directed toward minimizing this danger. The ultimatum to Greece sent immediately after the Rome conference required that the Venizelos adherents be released, and that the armed forces north of the Isthmus of Corinth, that is, within reach of the capital and the scene of operations, be greatly reduced and almost disbanded. When these conditions have been complied with the Greek king and his adherents will be almost powerless to resist the Venizelos attack.

Question of Albania. The placing of an Italian prince on the Greek throne also will remove another danger which has been a seriously disturbing factor in allied diplomacy and strategy in the Balkans—the territorial rivalry between Italy and Greece. It concerns chiefly southern Albania. This territory Greece claims as hers, through the presence of a considerable Greek-speaking population in the interior. Italy also claims it, by virtue of the Italian population on the coast. Moreover, she needs it to strengthen her hold on the Adriatic, control of which is almost vital to her existence. Her great naval base, Avlona, is located there and its safety requires a considerable territorial backing.

The allies, in their negotiations with Venizelos early in the war, undertook to compensate Greece for the loss of

WILL BE DEPOSED; KING CONSTANTINE



Swiss Government Calling Out About Two More Divisions

Berne, Jan. 16.—Official announcement was made to-day that the federal council has decided as a measure of precaution to mobilize on January 24 the second division and the contingents of the fourth and fifth divisions which have not yet been mobilized.

INVALIDED CANADIANS ON HOSPITAL TRAIN

Quebec, Jan. 16.—A hospital train with invalided soldiers from hospitals in England and France passed through Lévis, across the river, at 3 this morning and proceeded west.

ENTENTE ARMY ON SALONICA FRONT WILL BE INCREASED; GERMANY MUST BE DEPRIVED OF ASIA MINOR'S AID

Plan is to Cut Berlin-Constantinople Railway, Writes Correspondent With General Sarrail's Forces; Germany is Drawing Supplies of Food From Asia Minor and Drilling Troops There

London, Jan. 16.—The entente army on the Salonica front will be reinforced as a preliminary to an effort to cut the Berlin-Constantinople railroad, according to a dispatch from a British correspondent with Gen. Sarrail's forces.

The writer lays it down as the most urgent task of the Salonica army to cut the railroad and shut off Germany from the supplies of foodstuffs and men which she is drawing from Asia Minor. He describes Asiatic Turkey as a granary which Germany is developing on scientific lines, while it also is the home of 2,000,000 magnificent fighters who, he says, are being trained and drilled under German instructors.

"Only by cutting the railroad," the correspondent states, "can this process be stopped, and this is the only justification for maintaining our extensive but hitherto inadequate forces in Macedonia. It can only be hoped that the reinforcements that will arrive in 1917 will make it possible by next New Year's day to have got astride the vital trans-Balkan railway."

Must Check Expansion. The checking of German expansion in the Near East is specified by the correspondent as an even greater end to be aimed at by the allied forces. He declares that the German plan to establish themselves at Salonica is a stepping stone to a Near Eastern empire, and that the entente powers must fashion the Balkans so as to "build a Slav dam across the tideway of German ambition."

WORKED AGAINST SIGNING OF CARDS

Why Hooper and Durward, Postal Employees at Winnipeg, Were Suspended

Winnipeg, Jan. 16.—The Winnipeg Free Press says: "The suspension of W. W. Hooper and R. Durward from the postal service is the direct result of their participation in the anti-registration campaign conducted in Winnipeg in recent weeks. "The suspension of the national president of the post office employees' union and Durward was brought about by protests made to the Dominion government by officers of the Great War Veterans' Association in Winnipeg. This morning this association was notified by R. B. Bennett, M. P., director general of National Service, that he had taken immediate action to displace Hooper and Durward temporarily from the government payroll pending an investigation."

ADMIRAL DEWEY IS VERY NEAR DEATH

Washington, Jan. 16.—Admiral Dewey's condition at 3:30 o'clock to-day was said by his doctors to be "dismal," and it was feared he would not live through the day.

LIKELY DUKE D'AOSTA WILL BE KING WHEN CONSTANTINE REMOVED BY ALLIED POWERS

VON FALKENHAYN IS IN GREECE NOW

German General Traveled From Kavala in Submarine, It is Reported

WENT TO LARISSA AFTER HE HAD LANDED

London, Jan. 16.—The presence in Greece of General von Falkenhayn, former German chief of staff and of late in command of part of the forces engaged in the campaign against Roumania, is reported in French official quarters at Salonica, according to a report by Reuter's. General Falkenhayn is said to have embarked on a submarine at the Greek port of Kavala, now in the hands of the Germans, and to have landed at a point on the Greek coast, whence he made his way to Larissa. The absence of his name from the official Berlin war reports has been noted for some days.

Previous messages from Salonica said it was General Baron von Falkenhayn, a member of the German military commission which went to Greece in 1915, who had made the trip in the submarine.

MACEDONIAN FRONT ATTRACTS ATTENTION

Sharp Fighting May Fore-shadow More Extensive Operations There Soon

London, Jan. 16.—The news that von Falkenhayn had been dispatched by the German high command to Larissa to confer with King Constantine makes it appear in the opinion of military observers here that the Germans may attempt a drive through Macedonia upon Salonica as their opening step in a spring campaign in the east.

A report of the meeting of the German commander and the Greek king were received here from Rome to-day. Simultaneously, the increasing activity of the Teutonic forces in Macedonia indicates that a move against Gen. Sarrail's forces is contemplated shortly, which may be anticipated, however, by an attack by the allied forces.

Sharp fighting has broken out on the Macedonian front in the last few days, possibly presaging more extensive operations by either Gen. Sarrail's forces or the enemy.

Berlin claims that Teutonic troops launched a strong counter-attack on the Monastir front yesterday morning and succeeded in driving the Serbs back across the Cerna. It is added that in the region south of Lake Ochrida detachments of three French regiments, including Indo-Chinese forces, assailed the Austro-Hungarian positions, but did not gain. In front of Zvezda, in the same sector, other detachments pressed forward, however.

The Italian front has been exposed to sharp attacks, but the Italian lines have not been broken.

Violent bombardments on the Vardar front led to the belief that the Germans are planning a general attack there soon.

British raiders succeeded in penetrating the village of Akinjall, on the Doiran front, and inflicted severe casualties on the enemy. A German aeroplane was brought down by British gunners near Neochari, which has been under heavy fire from the land and naval forces of the entente.

Reported in Rome Decision to Depose Wilhelm's Brother-in-Law Was Reached at Entente Conference in That City; Venizelists Have Agreed; d'Aosta Cousin of Italian King

Rome, Jan. 15.—King Constantine, of Greece, brother-in-law and would-be ally of Kaiser Wilhelm, is to be deposed and a relative of the king of Italy placed on his throne, it is understood here. This is regarded as the most momentous decision reached at the conference of entente chiefs held here ten days ago.

The leaders of the Venizelos faction are understood to have agreed to the revolution, and in fact they have long desired the deposition of Constantine. Envoys from the great Greek leader took part in the conference here, and Gen. Sarrail also was present, coming direct from Salonica, where the Greek revolutionaries make their headquarters.

FINE NEW RIFLE CANADIANS' WORK

Fires 400 Shots a Minute; Weighs Only Twelve and Half Pounds

DISCLOSED BY CASE IN AMERICAN COURT

New York, Jan. 16.—The existence of a new army rifle, which, it is said, for combination of weight and magazine capacity, is perhaps the deadliest weapon ever invented for war, came to light to-day. It is virtually a machine gun which can be carried with ease by a soldier. It weighs only twelve and a half pounds and is reported to be capable of firing 400 shots a minute.

The new rifle is the invention of Paul Dreinholt Weden and William Marshall, of Toronto. The secrecy was lifted in a fight in the supreme court. A financial backer of Weden and Marshall sought to enjoin them from disposing of their invention to a foreign government. "No foreign power was named, but it is believed that the allies have been negotiating."

The inventors denied that they had sold the rifle to any power, but said that arrangements had been closed with the Westinghouse company for manufacturing on a royalty basis for them.

Of Great Value. General staff officers in Washington and ordnance experts on Governor's Island expressed a profound interest, saying that an automatic rifle so light and firing so fast would be of greater value than any heretofore known.

The present American army rifle weighs about eight and a half pounds and carries six cartridges. The Lewis rifle, now used by Great Britain, weighs between 25 and 28 pounds and fires about 800 rounds a minute. Army officers here agree that the Weden and Marshall rifle, if it should prove to be what is claimed for it, would be much more efficient than the Lewis gun.

PRACTICALLY ALL MEN OF CITY OF WINNIPEG ANSWERED QUESTIONS

Winnipeg, Jan. 16.—With practically all the local cards collected, it is announced to-day that considerably less than 1 per cent. of the male population of Winnipeg refused to sign the national registration cards.

ENTENTE TO SWISS AND SCANDINAVIANS

London, Jan. 16.—The reply of the entente powers to the Swiss and Scandinavian notes endorsing President Wilson's inquiry of the belligerents regarding their war aims will be limited to a brief and formal acknowledgment. It will refer to the reply to President Wilson and will undertake no further discussion of the questions at issue.

The man who will take the throne has not been definitely chosen, but the first choice is the Duke d'Aosta. He is considering the offer, and his cousin, King Emmanuel, is urging that he accept.

The Duke d'Aosta is the elder brother of the Duke of Abruzzi.

Paris, Jan. 16.—A Havas dispatch from Salonica dated Jan. 13 says the Greek government has constructed hastily a wireless station at Larissa and is in constant communication by code with Berlin.

The entente ministers are still on ships in the harbor at Keratsin, near Athens.

SHORTAGE AFFECTS HEALTH OF GERMANS

Information Given by Neutral Who Left Germany Two Weeks Ago

London, Jan. 16.—The Times publishes the following information supplied by a neutral who left Germany the end of last month: "I lost 15 pounds in weight in a month. All the time I was in Germany I saw no butter. Saccharine, which is used instead of sugar, affects the gums and causes diarrhoea, as also does artificial coffee, which is horrible to drink. The people are living mainly on potatoes and fish. The latter comes from Holland and Sweden. A very small fish costs 1s. 2d. A goose is 8s. 5d. per pound. The only thing fit to eat is chocolate.

Everyone is showing characteristic signs of jaundice, with a yellowish tinge in the skin and the whites of the eyes. "Money will not buy food, and the millionaires are as badly off in that respect as the poor man, but the poor are under the impression that the officials are getting food from Belgium, presumably food intended for relief of the Belgians. A lady in Dusseldorf who expressed the belief that however much the people suffered the burgomaster had enough to eat, received six months' imprisonment.

Against Prussia. "Very strong anti-Prussian and anti-Berlin feeling is growing outside of Prussia. The Prussian authorities already are taking precautions for maintaining Prussia's position after the war. One of the objects of the national service law is to send to the front as many non-Prussian young men as possible, so as to be able to release and send home the Prussians to keep Prussia's end up when the time comes.

"It is a remarkable fact that in the free city of Hamburg, which has always considered itself very superior to and independent of Berlin, the police are now Prussians. They no doubt are more willing than the natives to suppress any serious riots. At Hamburg the soldiers say nothing will induce them to return to the front. "Socialism is raising its head wherever it dares to do so. In one well known district on the Rhine we actually are made to take off one's gloves in a train, for to wear gloves is a mark of non-Socialism. Germany is feeling severely the lack of artificial manure. Nitrates made from the air are good only for making nitric acid for munitions purposes and do not act properly when made into fertilizers for the soil, which is becoming exhausted."

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REV. JOHN M'DOUGALL DIED AT CALGARY. Calgary, Jan. 15.—Rev. Dr. John McDougall, the "western pioneer" Methodist missionary, died at his home here on Sunday night after a few weeks' illness. Rev. Dr. McDougall was known throughout Western Canada as a preacher and author. He was born in Owen Sound, Ont., and came West in 1860. His father was Rev. George McDougall, also a noted missionary, who perished in a snowstorm in 1871. Entering the ministry in 1866, John McDougall spent the remainder of his life at work among the Indians and whites of the western prairies, and probably no man was more widely known throughout the West. He was the author of several books dealing with his missionary work and his adventures.

SNOW ON THE SOMME; SPIRIT OF SUNDAY

Description of a Day That Seemed Just a Little Different From Others. With the British Armies in France, via London, Jan. 15.—Yesterday was one of the strangest days in the strange world war. It was a wonderfully white day—a day of snow, white fog, white fields and strange white trees glistening. The remorseless mud of the Somme—the mud that has been almost the master of the war for the last two months—had hidden its treacherous depth for the time at least beneath the soft, fleecy flakes that had come during the night to spread a Sabbath vestment of purity over the wretched squalid and sombre battlefields of Northern France. In most of the front line trenches there was the mystic quiet that comes with snow. No Man's Land had been lifted for the moment out of its degraded and abject state of melancholic desolation and placed on a picturesque white equality with the untrammeled lands that lie about the fighting zones. The tortuous rusted barriers of barbed wire on the front of the enemy positions had been transformed into tangled and graceful strands of crystal ice and clinging snow. Back of the lines the British guns that never seem to tire or sleep—guns that winter can't muzzle nor frosts subdue—spoke with a white hot breath from hiding places screened and doubly secure beneath the white cover of the newly-fallen snow. Under the spell of the snow and the mists there was what is not often the case out here, an almost tangible touch of Sunday in the air. Whether it was the white fog that enveloped so much of the front or whether it was just some shadowy spirit of the Sabbath, the strident voices of the guns seemed more muffled, than usual and farther away. But the messengers that the guns sent smashing through miles of glacial space spoke to their foes in the same determined tones that have been heard with unrelenting regularity during all these wintry days. The year that stretches out over the years is a war that necessarily resolves itself into a routine of much the same thing over and over again. On Sunday, however, in all its whiteness it seemed just a wee bit different.

GREEK GOVERNMENT DECIDES TO YIELD

Is Willing to Repeat Acceptance of Allies' Ultimatum Categorically. Athens, Jan. 15.—Via London, Jan. 15.—The entente powers, through the Italian minister, have demanded an unqualified acceptance of the last entente ultimatum, considering the Greek government's reply equivocal. It is stated in government circles that while maintaining that the observations accompanying Greece's reply in no wise constituted reservations vitating the fullest acceptance of the ultimatum, the government is willing to repeat its acceptance categorically, as desired. A dispatch from Athens on January 10 said Greece's acceptance of the entente ultimatum contained certain reservations. A dispatch from London two days later said the reply was for entirely satisfactory and Greece would be informed that, although it was gratifying as far as it went, more definite acquiescence was necessary. An examination was cited in the case of the Venizelist prisoners, whose release was demanded by the entente immediately. The Greek reply agreed to free them, but did not specify when their release would take place.

BOUND TO REDEEM ITALIAN SECTIONS

Italy's Aspirations in War Explained by Minister of Public Instruction. Rome, Jan. 15.—Italy's territorial aspirations in connection with the war were explained and defended by Francesco Ruffini, minister of public instruction and a historian of prominence, in a statement to the Associated Press. "In the note of the allies to President Wilson," he said, "they make a point which is understandable to neutrals and particularly to the United States. Italy, no less than her allies, awaits with calm confidence the realization of the aims set forth in that message of the note which refers to the redemption of Italian subjects in Austria. The German press seeks to depict Italy as desirous of conquest, but American public opinion, so far-reaching, so well educated to freedom and to a deep spirit of national unity, cannot confound brutal lust of conquest with a justified claim to territories with populations like those of the Trentino, Istria and Dalmatia. "These territories have had only one conversation in their history, that of Italy, and only one great humiliation, which must cease—that of foreign domination, which attempted to destroy the principle of nationality. The United States knows well that Italy, notwithstanding these just claims, abstained from any provocation before the European conflagration, being occupied only with her peaceful development. Austria was responsible for the outbreak of the conflict, having willed war with Serbia after provoking Italy, a hundred times with violent persecutions of Italians of Trent, Trieste, Fiume and Zara, whom she denied even the right to educate themselves in their own language. "Completing Duty. "Once the conflagration was ignited, Italy felt that fate called her to complete her national unity and resume her just and holy work and her wars of independence. Only those who are ignorant of the history of Austria's violent usurpations were surprised by Italy's action, inflamed by her victorious armies, or considered her just claims to be ambition for conquest. Italy faced the terrible sacrifices of blood and riches imposed by the war with that same religious spirit which animated all the deeds of her national resurrection. Italy counts on the consideration and frank judgment of American public opinion, which, while justly desiring the return of peace, cannot, if it examines the origin of the conflict and the problem raised thereby, wish that the European equilibrium, broken by violence in 1914, be replaced to-day by a premature and unfruitful peace containing the germs of graver conflicts in the future."

STEADY PROGRESS ON TIGRIS FRONT

British Report Successes; Minor Operations in France and Macedonia. London, Jan. 15.—The war office last night announced the capture of a town on the Shatt-el-Hai river, south of Kut-el-Amara, on the Tigris front, and stated that the right bank of the Tigris east of Shatt-el-Hai now is clear of Turkish troops except for a small strip of land in the bend of the Tigris north-east of Kut-el-Amara. The text of the report follows: "Operations on the Tigris front have been hampered by the waterlogged condition of the country. Our cavalry on January 11 occupied a town on the Shatt-el-Hai, and on the same day our artillery sank in the Tigris four enemy boats, one of which contained troops. "During January 11, 12 and 13 we made further progress on the right bank east and west of Kut-el-Amara and captured two trench mortars, two machine guns and other material. "With the exception of a small strip of ground in the bend of the river northeast of Kut-el-Amara, where the enemy still is holding out, the whole right bank east of the Shatt-el-Hai now is clear of enemy troops." Turkish Statement. Berlin, Jan. 15.—Further assaults by British troops on Turkish positions near Kut-el-Amara, on the Tigris, were repulsed. It was announced by Turkish army headquarters in a report dated January 13. In a counter-attack the British position was entered and prisoners and machine guns taken. Front in France. London, Jan. 15.—An official report on operations on the British front in France issued last night said: "During the night a party of our troops entered the German lines east of Loos. Many casualties were inflicted on the enemy, his dugouts were bombed and some prisoners were secured. North of the Ancre an enemy transport was successfully engaged by our artillery. "In addition to the usual artillery activity along our front, the enemy's positions were effectively bombarded southeast of Loos and opposite the Bois Grenier." French Report. Paris, Jan. 15.—The following official report was issued last night: "Reciprocal bombardments occurred on both banks of the Somme, on the right bank of the Meuse and in Lorraine. "After a bombardment last night between the Aisne and the Argonne, German troops attacked our posts. They were driven back after a spirited combat with grenades. "On our side we carried out several surprise attacks on the enemy lines, capturing material and prisoners." Macedonian Front. London, Jan. 15.—An official communication dealing with the operations on the Macedonian front issued last night said: "We bombarded Neochari, in connection with the navy, and brought down and captured undamaged an enemy aeroplane with its German pilot and observer near Lahn (Palmon). "On the Doiran front our raiders entered the village of Akinjali, inflicting casualties on enemy detachments." Enemy Statement. Vienna, Jan. 15.—An official report issued last evening said: "Southeastern war theatre—On January 11 detachments of three French regiments attacked the Austro-Hungarian positions on the southern end of Lake Ochrida from the eastward. The attack was repulsed. Yesterday our troops launched a counter-attack and drove the enemy back across the River Cerna."

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CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS. Ottawa, Jan. 15.—The following casualties have been announced: Infantry. Killed in action—Pte. E. Bellair, Montreal. Died of wounds—Pte. Chas. Wilson, Battleford, Sask. Previously reported missing; now reported killed in action—Pte. Wm. Farquhar, Scotland; Pte. I. M. Berkovitz, Toronto; Pte. Wm. Gaston, Quebec; Pte. J. M. Wood, River Hebert, N. S. Previously reported missing; now presumed dead—Pte. C. H. Silvester, Toronto. Previously reported wounded; now reported wounded and missing—Pte. C. J. Meers, British West Indies; Pte. A. Mudd, England; Sgt. N. H. McLennan, Cambridge, Mass.; Pte. R. Davidge, Winnipeg; Pte. J. Eyer, England; Pte. G. H. Tutton, Toronto. Previously reported missing; now officially reported prisoners of war—Pte. Wm. Apps, Rochester, N. Y.; Pte. W. Neale, Thorold, Ont.; Pte. C. F. Moore, Thorold, Ont.; Pte. S. Simpson, England; Pte. H. Wood, Coronation, Ala.; Pte. Geo. Sheppard, Montreal. Dangerously ill—Pte. A. W. Mitchell, Albany, Vermont. Seriously ill—Pte. D. Joshua, Fisher, Home, Alta.; Pte. V. Bouchard, Montreal. Previously reported missing; now not missing—Pte. A. Martin, Campbellford, Ont. Wounded—Lieut. H. B. Trout, Richards Landing, Ont.; Pte. G. L. McClaughlin, Ceylon; Pte. G. W. Hutchings, Montreal; Pte. W. Baxter, Fredericton, N. B.; Pte. M. J. Guerin, Peterborough, Ont.; Pte. H. Friesen, Hague, Sask.; Pte. T. G. Clarke, Blairmore, Alta.; Pte. G. D. Campbell, Brantford; Pte. A. E. Purvis, Toronto; Cpl. J. R. Johnson, Essex, Ont.; Pte. T. G. Beaty, Scotland; Pte. M. R. Burnett, Rossland, Minn.; Pte. F. Buckley, Moose Jaw; Cpl. J. F. Stevens, Brockville, Ont.; Pte. R. Taylor, Chemung, Ont.; Pte. W. L. Dillabough, Frankville, Ont.; Cpl. H. L. Sileox, Winnipeg; Pte. H. Clear, England; Pte. R. L. Campbell, Scotland. Mounted Rifle. Wounded—Cpl. H. Anderson, Winnipeg; Pte. Henry Hampton, Lakesfield, Ont.; Pte. T. Goulding, Winnipeg; Pte. C. H. Bamborough, Toronto. Reported wounded but on duty—Cpl. Wm. Shariand, Medicine Hat; Cpl. Edmund Hives, Fenold, Alta.; Pte. J. M. Murray, Hillcrest, Alta.; Pte. G. F. Clarke, South Vancouver, B. C.; Pte. D. Rieckts, Vancouver, B. C.; Pte. E. Blaisley, Toronto; Pte. H. G. Booker,

INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT CANADA. Ottawa, Jan. 15.—The monthly report on industrial conditions by the department of labor states that December was an active month in nearly all branches of industry. Production, however, slackened toward the end of the month in a number of large manufacturing concerns on account of holiday-taking and stock-taking. Railway transportation was very active, with congestion of freight and a shortage of cars. Mining was active and the coal mines worked to the capacity of working hours, a continued shortage of help being reported in this branch of industry. Lumbering operations were very active on the Pacific Coast, but many eastern mills were closed down for the winter. Unemployed labor was reported in some localities. Only three strikes were started during the month, as compared with fourteen in November. Settlements were effected in four strikes previously started. Toronto, Ont.: Cpt. W. Guinness, Artillery. Wounded—Major H. H. Donnelly, England. Engineers. Wounded—Sapper Chas. Paget, Santa Cruz, Cal.; Sapper T. R. Chappel, England; Sapper B. F. Meares, England.

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SORGE'S CLAIMS ABOUT GERMAN "HOME ARMY"

Civil Chief of Staff at Berlin Says People Volunteer Freely

Berlin, Jan. 15.—Volunteers for Germany's "home army" are many in number and are volunteering so steadily and so fast that compulsion under the terms of the civil service law of November will not have to be resorted to in the near future, and may never be necessary.

Women, though unaffected by the civil service law, have volunteered in droves, and the bureau has even had to exert a check on the youthful population, so large have been the number wanting to leave school in order to work in some way for the fatherland.

Only a small percentage of volunteers has been accepted so far, but the aggregate is large enough to release several thousand soldiers weekly who have been engaged in interior, garrison duty, bridge watching service and on posts.

According to Dr. Sorge the opposition which the war bureau anticipated at the start from various sources, such as labor unions, has failed to materialize. On the contrary, he says, the unions are aiding the civil service plan enthusiastically, as are almost all branches of trade. Dr. Sorge says that the percentage of shirkers has been growing smaller each week, and has now dwindled to such an extent that compulsion is not even being considered.

A notable proportion of the volunteers are from men in the upper classes of society who ask for war work regardless of the wages paid, or at wages far less than their former incomes.

SMUTS WILL ATTEND LONDON CONFERENCE

Brilliant General Will Represent South Africa at Great Gathering

London, Jan. 15.—The war office makes the following announcement: "The imperial government has acceded to the South African government's request that Lieut.-General Smuts, commander of the British expedition against German East Africa, represent South Africa at the coming imperial war conference in London, instead of General Louis Botha, the South African prime minister, whose presence is urgently required at the coming session of the South African parliament."

"Accordingly General Smuts will be replaced in the military command in East Africa, where the situation is now so well in hand that the necessary reorganization in the command will be comparatively a simple matter."

London, Jan. 15.—According to an unconfirmed report received by Lloyds, the British steamship Brookwood, of 3,093 tons gross, and the Norwegian steamship Theims, of 1,894 tons gross, have been sunk.

The Norwegian steamship Graafveld, formerly the Alfred Dumois, of 729 tons, has been destroyed through striking a mine. Eight members of her crew lost their lives.

THREE SHIPS SUNK

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FOR CHILDREN OF SUFFERING BELGIUM

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brutally refuse to feed the Belgians, dare not commandeer the commission's relief supplies.

There have been two and a half years of famine and captivity in Belgium. There may be two years more.

The Belgian relief committee is appealing to all Canadians to bear these facts in mind, and to give out of their plenty towards helping on the great work of succoring this nation until the time of its deliverance.

"Share your good cheer and fortunate freedom with the children of our allies in Belgium who are underfed and in captivity. The consciousness of a duty fulfilled and of mercy bestowed will surely bring to you the highest and truest form of happiness," the appeal says.

Contributions should be sent to the local Belgian relief committee, or to the Central Belgian Relief Committee, 59 St. Peter Street, Montreal.

MONARCHS REPLY TO GOVERNOR GENERAL

Russian Emperor and Montenegrin King Answer Canada's New Year Messages

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—Sunday was New Year's Day for four of the allied nations, Russia, Roumania, Serbia and Montenegro. His excellency the governor-general, on behalf of the Dominion, recognized the event by sending messages to the rulers of the four countries.

The message to His Imperial Majesty the Czar of Russia was in part as follows:

"The government of Canada desires to express the profound appreciation of the people of this Dominion for the great services rendered by the heroic Russian armies to the cause of the allies. It rejoices with his imperial majesty that the great difficulties and disadvantages under which the Russian armies have struggled so magnificently and heroically are being overcome."

The message to the King of Serbia expressed the appreciation of the Canadian people of the splendid services rendered to the cause of the allies and sincere and profound sympathy for the sufferings so heroically endured by the Serbian nation.

The message to the King of Roumania and the King of Montenegro were along similar lines.

Replies.

The Czar of Russia replied: "Pray give to the government of Canada my best appreciation of its New Year's message on behalf of the people of Canada. My country and my armies follow the wonderful efforts of the Dominion as well as the splendid gallantry displayed by the Canadian troops with deepest sympathy and admiration. May God bless and crown our combined efforts with final victory and glorious peace. (Signed) Nicholas."

King Nicholas of Montenegro replied from Paris, where he is now staying, as follows:

"Deeply sensible of the cordial and sincerely appreciated telegram that your grace has sent me on the occasion of the Montenegrin New Year, I beg your lordship to accept and convey to the government and people of Canada in my name and that of my unfortunate countrymen my heartfelt thanks and the expression of my admiration for the glorious contribution that the Canadian soldiers, whom I recently visited on the French front, are giving to the certain victory of the allies. (Signed) Nicholas."

ARMORY BURNED.

Troy, N. Y., Jan. 15.—By a fire of unknown origin, the armory of the Second Regiment, New York National Guard, of this city, was destroyed today. The total loss was about \$600,000.

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SPECULATION AS TO COURSE OF COMMONS

Bickerdike Has Bill Regarding Capital Punishment; Eighteen Seats Vacant

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—Robert Bickerdike, Liberal member for the St. Lawrence division of Montreal, will have first place on the order paper of the House of Commons with his bill to provide for the abolition of capital punishment in Canada. Mr. Bickerdike has been trying for several sessions to induce parliament to abolish the hangman in Canada, but without success. Last session a score of members voted for the general impression appears to be, however, that the debate on the address will last for ten days or two weeks and that by the time it is over the government will be in a position to bring down its main estimates and the bulk of its legislative proposals for the session. Opinion appears to be divided as to whether or not there will be an adjournment of the house during the absence in London of Sir Robert Borden, who will leave about the middle of February to attend the imperial conference. Members of the opposition who are here say that they will not object to an adjournment if one is desired by the government.

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The following seats in the House of Commons have become vacant by death or resignation:

In Quebec—Bellevue, Lavelle, E., resigned; Brome, Col. H. Baker, killed at the front; Montserrat, D. O. Leaper, resigned; Nicolet, P. E. La Marche, resigned; Quebec county, Hon. T. Chase Casgrain, died; Stanstead, G. H. Lovell, died.

Ontario—Carleton county, W. F. Garfield, resigned; East Hamilton, Hon. S. Barker, died; Lincoln, E. A. Lancaster, died; London, W. M. Grey, died.

Nova Scotia—Antigonish, W. M. Chisholm, resigned; Kings, A. Foster, resigned; Yarmouth, B. B. Law, died.

New Brunswick—Restigouche, Dr. James Reid, died.

Prince Edward Island—Prince, J. Richards, died.

Manitoba—Brandon, Sir James Aikins, resigned; Lisgar, W. H. Sharpe, resigned.

Saskatchewan—Regina, Hon. William Martin, resigned.

It is difficult to say who will be absent at the opening of the session because of military duties, but a number of members are returning. Practically certain absent members will be Sir George Perley; W. F. Carroll, Cape Breton; Harry Macleod, York, N. B.; H. H. McLean, St. John, N. B.; George Fowler, Kings, N. B.; Sam Sharpe, North Ontario, and Dr. Beland, of Beauce, still a prisoner of war in Germany.

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DEPOSING CONSTANTINE

If the announcement from Rome that Constantine is to be deposed and the Duke of Aosta of Italy raised to the throne at Athens in his place is correct, it is evident that the recent war conference of the allies was marked by decisions of great magnitude affecting the Near East situation

Constantine should have been deposed long ago, and his retention of the throne after it was clear that he was officiating as a field marshal in the German army rather than as the sovereign of Greece has been a mystery to the outside world

It is not improbable, also, that Italy insisted upon the adoption of stronger measures against Constantine as a condition upon which she was prepared to play a larger part in the Balkan situation

operation, but it is dictated by urgent internal conditions at home. A formidable entente movement against Bulgaria and Turkey, therefore, must necessarily be inaugurated to divert a considerable part of the force mobilized for von Mackensen's Russian campaign

THAT CORRESPONDENCE

According to the correspondence between Sir Robert Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the fall of 1915 regarding the life of parliament, the Prime Minister at first made the astonishing proposal that the period be extended for a year after the conclusion of peace

Sir Robert Borden also asked that no by-elections be contested during the war. Sir Wilfrid agreed upon the principle of acclamation in cases where vacancies arose through death, but not from other causes

STRONGER THAN EVER

A dispatch from London yesterday quoted Viscount Hylton as saying in an address to an audience of Canadians that "the problem of Imperial Federation had to be faced now or the empire could not continue long to hold together"

Whether it is possible to strengthen the empire in the real essentials by organic union is a very debatable question. The present war is the most trying test to which the existing system has been subjected

is a vivid illustration of this fundamental fact. The extreme imperial federalist always regarded that union with suspicion. The granting of self-government to the Boers was declared by the Milner school to be an imperial disaster

The Duke of Aosta might be well qualified to reign over Greece, but the only man big enough to direct the affairs of that country is Venizelos, whose provisional government has only just been recognized by the entente

The announcement by Italy of the capture of two hostile submarines may indicate a change in policy on the part of the entente powers in regard to the losses sustained by the enemy's under-water fleet

The authority that elevated Constantine to a throne apparently has decided that it has the power to kick the throne from under him. As a king Tino has proved himself nothing more than a vassal and tool of Germany

A number of Conservative contemporaries and some Conservative members of parliament are clamoring for a "National Government." They realize that the Borden administration has been a lamentable failure, but they naturally are not prepared to admit the fact that its logical successor should be a Laurier government

The golden sunshine of this British Columbia winter seems to have proved too exhilarating for a number of motor car drivers. There have been a number of accidents, some of them fatal, due to various causes

Looks as if President Wilson may be kept quite busy for a time attending to his domestic affairs. A stiff "note" to son-in-law McAdoo might not be inopportune

The new city council is going about its business in a business-like manner. And it will have some "big business" to attend to before the expiration of its term

Didn't we point out that if Little Tino were given enough rope he would hang himself?

Apparently there is nothing for it but to wring German kultur out of Greece

ITALY EXPECTED TO THROW LARGE FORCE INTO BALKANS SOON

This territory by the cession of the Greek portions of Asia Minor, the old Magna Graecia. Venizelos agreed, but Constantine refused. With an Italian on the throne this arrangement could be consummated

This makes possible an Italian cooperation in the Balkans such as has been impossible. The Italian forces based on Avlona have hardly moved for months, since the allies could not assure them permanent possession of the territory for which they were fighting

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SERIOUS CHARGE AT CITY POLICE COURT

Three Cases of Stealing Against One Man; Slocum Committed for Trial

Alexander Robertson, who has lately arrived in the city from California, was arraigned before Magistrate Jay at the city police court this morning on three distinct charges. He is accused of stealing from George McDonald, residing in a downtown hotel, the sum of \$58 and a pocket knife, a gold watch and chain valued at \$10, and a gold rosary and cross also valued at \$10

The preliminary hearing of the charge against William Slocum, who has elected to go to the higher court, was completed this morning and was disposed of after police evidence relative to the searching of Oestricher had been heard

CHANGE IN LANGUAGE OF STATUTE IS FELT

Annual Loan By-laws of Municipalities, Being Passed Now, Are Modified

The first act of the incoming councils is to deal with the raising of money to carry on the municipalities till the taxes are collected, and the law on the subject is constantly changing. The original language of the last Municipal Act (1914) was changed the following year, and again last year there was another alteration, which is the guiding standard for councils in 1917

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effort will be made to get the interest rate lowered from six per cent, and in view of the fact that the city is in a far better financial position to-day than it was twelve months ago, it is expected the Montreal representative of the B. N. A. directors will agree to it. Certainly the city has been a good customer of the bank in recent years. An early arrangement is necessary, since the city has to make interest payments on debentures next week. Some of the banks are insisting on the municipalities passing individual by-laws for each loan from the bank, which, while apparently within the letter of the statute, adds unnecessarily to clerical work, and serves to tie up with red tape laws which should be simplified

VANCOUVER JOINT MEETING

A meeting will be held at Vancouver this evening of the Board of Trade and the British Columbia Manufacturers' Association to consider the advisability of approaching the government to prohibit the export of raw salmon from this province. Some declare that such a move would bring additional trade to the community at large, and consequently put more money in circulation; but fears are expressed on the part of the fishermen that any action of the sort would be detrimental to their interests. However, it is urged that if all of the salmon caught in B. C. waters are utilized in the province the fishermen would not suffer at all

There are several other matters of importance which will be brought before the meeting this evening, such as: The Workmen's Compensation act, the consideration of a freight bureau, alien-ownership of B. C. mines and industries, appointment of a council on scientific and industrial research, the Vancouver Harbor Commission, report of the Dominion government re A. E. Howard. Demand Phoenix Beer. Home product.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, Jan. 16, 1892.

A motion of condolence to Her Majesty at the death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale has been sent by the city council.
U. S. Consul Myers has received word that a consular agency is to be established at Union, Comox.
Two noted actresses, just arrived from China, made their debut at the Chinese theatre last evening. The appearance of females on the stage is an innovation in Chinese dramatic methods, so all the theatre patrons have been taking a lively interest in this event.

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Elk Lodge.—The installation of officers will take place on Wednesday next, Jan. 17. Owing to the meeting the monthly social will not be held. A masquerade dance will be held in the clubrooms on Jan. 25.

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Renews Application.—Another effort has been made with the advent of a new council to secure a lethal chamber for homeless cats, through the S. P. C. A. Last year the proposal was turned down. A report will be received on the subject from the pound committee.

"Rotary—a Civic Asset."—will be the subject of a five-minute talk by Alderman Peden at the weekly gathering of the Rotary Club on Thursday, George McGregor, ex-revee of Saanich, will also speak on civic government. A typical Rotary "stunt" is promised after the speeches.

Referred to Committee.—The question to which reference has already been made, as to the adoption of the Grade A certificate for dairymen, and upon which the provincial department of agriculture has made some suggestions, was turned over by city council last evening to its health committee.

Asks for Old Papers.—Supplementing the appeal for waste paper, Chairman F. W. Jones, of the local branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society, has applied to the city council for old papers to be set aside for the society's collectors. It has been decided to leave the subject to the various heads of departments.

Assessment Roll for 1917.—A formal report on the assessment for 1917, as already published, was received in city council last evening, and accepted. Alderman Cameron stated that the court of revision should sit at once. He congratulated the assessor on the prompt return of the roll to council. The communication was received and filed.

Oak Bay Liberals.—The annual meeting of the Oak Bay Liberal Association will be held this evening in the committee rooms at the corner of Newport and Saratoga avenues, at the end of the Oak Bay car-line. The outgoing officers will present their reports and officers will be elected for the coming year.

Referring Card.—A beautifully-made dump cart, small enough to be drawn by a large dog, a goat or a boy, has been made by Chafe & Jones, carriage builders, of Discovery street. They have presented it to the Red Cross Society, who have decided to raffie it. The cart is on view in the window of the Canadian Pacific ticket office, corner of Port and Government streets, where tickets can be purchased.

Wish to Restrict Sales.—The retail grocers of Vancouver propose to ask the provincial government to restrict the number of articles which drug stores may sell on the weekly half-holiday. The grocers claim that it is unfair to permit the druggist to sell other goods besides drugs during the time that other stores are closed in accordance with the by-law. It is anticipated that the Pharmaceutical Association will oppose any action in this regard.

Saanich Committee.—The following committees were appointed by Reeve Borden at an inaugural meeting held yesterday afternoon: Works—Councilor Tanner and whole council. Finance—Councilor Somers (chairman), Diggon and C. B. Jones. Health and morals—Councilor D. W. Jones (chairman), Councilors Plin and Carey. Water and sewerage—Councilor Diggon (chairman), Carey, D. W. Jones and C. B. Jones. The first regular meeting of the council will be held on Tuesday next.

Canadian Northern Works.—It is announced by D. O. Lewis, divisional engineer of the Canadian Northern Pacific railway, that steel for the reinforced concrete arch, which will carry Burnside road over the tracks of the Patricia Bay line, is now on the ground, and that concrete will be poured in as soon as the weather permits, probably next week. Progress is being made on the ferry slips at Patricia Bay, the completion of which is necessary before the scows, which are to operate until the car ferries are ready, can load or unload cars.

Engineers to Form Institute.—A charter institute of members of the engineering profession is being formed in British Columbia. Already about fifty have enrolled and the prospective membership will include architects and land surveyors, as well as civil engineers. One of the chief aims of the institution is the bettering of the status of its members and the establishing of some arrangement as to uniformity of remuneration. It is also hoped that the movement will, to a certain degree, combat the tendency to appoint engineers from the States to public positions. L. P. MacRae, of this city, has been appointed secretary. It is expected that as soon as an organization is complete application will be made for a provincial charter.

FLUCTUATION OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Figures for 1916 Are Published To-day; Status of Teachers' Qualifications.

With the compilation of the figures for the month of December, it is now possible to publish the high and graded schools enrolment for the year for the purpose of comparison, together with the average attendance. The figures for all city schools (22) in December were 4,915, an increase of 41 on twelve months ago.

There are to-day in the city schools 20 teachers holding academic certificates, 21 of whom are in the High School, and 9 in graded schools. There are 49 first class, 55 second class and 12 third class certificates held by city teachers, with two possessing special authority under the department.

The accompanying are the figures:

Month	Enrolment	Attendance
January	624	507.57
February	602	502.42
March	581	535.29
April	569	529.18
May	547	491.58
June	527	482.27
July	502	464.72
August	482	443.16
September	475	438.79
October	469	432.56
November	459	409.30
December	495	392.58

Month	Enrolment	Attendance
January	4,915	3,521.89
February	4,824	3,719.53
March	4,418	3,288.12
April	4,302	3,974.12
May	4,423	4,000.13
June	4,304	3,975.81
July	4,274	3,901.19
August	4,113	4,008.74
September	4,113	4,138.18
October	4,290	4,003.30
November	4,285	3,972.58

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ANNUAL MEETING OF VICTORIA LIBERALS

Central Association Meets in Knights of Pythias Hall on Thursday Evening

The annual meeting of the Victoria Liberal Association, the members of which are the members of the five ward associations, will be held on Thursday evening.

The meeting will be held in the Knights of Pythias hall, North Park street, and will commence at 8 o'clock, with President A. B. Fraser in the chair. Reports from the officers on the work of the past year will be submitted.

Election of officers for 1917 will take place, and also of members of the executive committee which will assist these officers in the conduct of the affairs of the association. It is desired that there shall be a large attendance of members from all the wards, as there is this business and also other matters regarding plans for educational work.

OAK BAY COUNCIL

Reeve Gordon Meets Councilors for 1917 in First Meeting of the New Term.

At last evening's meeting of the Oak Bay council preliminary routine business was dealt with.

The report of the returning officer with regard to the election of the council and school trustees was received and filed.

As a result of the vote on the half-holiday by-law, the council passed a motion to the effect that Wednesday afternoon will now be observed as the weekly half-holiday throughout the municipality of Oak Bay.

It was decided to allow the reports of the auditor and that of the water commissioner to lay on the table until the next meeting, the former to be referred to the finance committee.

Two committees were appointed: Finance, and works. The former is composed of Councilors Burdick (chairman), Wilson and Niven; and the latter of Councilors Brown (chairman), Jamieson, and Toms.

Before the meeting adjourned Reeve Gordon congratulated the councilors on their election and expressed the hope that the coming term in office would be a successful one. The policy of the council, he said, would be one of "economy with efficiency." It would be his aim, he said, to keep the taxes as low as possible and to see to it that no public works were carried on so long as financial conditions remained in their present state.

WANT LETHAL CHAMBER

Joint Appeal From Natural History Society and S. P. C. A. Made to City Council.

At the meeting of the city council last night a letter was read from the secretary at a joint meeting of the Natural History Society and the S. P. C. A. and Women's Auxiliary of the latter. The letter was as follows:

"At a joint meeting of the Natural History Society, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and the Women's Auxiliary of the S. P. C. A. held on January 9, the enclosed resolution was passed:

"Whereas there are a great many homeless and starving cats in and around Victoria; and whereas these cats are destructive to the bird life of Victoria; be it therefore resolved that this committee appoint a subcommittee to call upon the city council and ask them to establish a lethal chamber for the purpose of mercifully destroying cats, and that the city be notified in writing of this resolution." This was moved by A. R. Sherwood, president of the Natural History Society, seconded by G. W. Palmer, secretary of the S. P. C. A.

The letter and resolution were accompanied by plans of the lethal chamber used for such purposes in Seattle. It was not the purpose of the societies, a note in the letter explained, to advocate the wholesale destruction of cats. They simply urged the provision by the city of a lethal chamber which would make the merciful destruction of homeless and starving cats, which are not only a nuisance in themselves but destructive to bird life, possible.

Some years ago the S. P. C. A. furnished a lethal chamber to the city for such uses as those now suggested, and the societies in joint meeting appealed to the council on this occasion to supply what is now again felt to be an urgent need.

ISLANDS MAIL SERVICE

C. P. R. Not Continuing Contract; Expires in a Few Weeks.

A question of interest to Victorians generally is the fact that the Gulf Island mail contract expires during the next few weeks. It is understood that the Canadian Pacific railway, who are at present operating the service, do not intend to continue it and will in consequence not tender. Full particulars as to the various routes, places of call on the respective days, are given in the tender form and information points to the fact that there will not be any lack of bids. It is highly desirable that this service be continued, and it is in fact an important matter for both the residents of the islands as well as people in the city, that the service be carried on by such vessels as are suitable for passengers and freight and thoroughly seaworthy.

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ROYAL VICTORIA.

As a star away from any programme and shining all alone, Mary Pickford is seen at the Royal Victoria again to-night in the new picture "Less Than the Dust," which will be viewed with additional interest because of the fact that it is the first production made by the famous and loved "Our Mary" since she took the head of her own company, the Mary Pickford Film Corporation. Written by Hector Turnbull and with the fine direction of John Emerson there has been provided for Mary Pickford in this new picture a production that is the real attainment of the best work and art of the best brains in this wonderful art industry.

It is by far the largest production in which Miss Pickford has ever appeared and it has been made under her guidance and ever present influence in the perfection of every detail. The scenes are laid in India and England and all are of great beauty, while several will have startling effects without stepping beyond the possibilities of the plot. Mary Pickford will be seen as a little orphan girl who deserted in India by her father, an English officer who has become a social derelict, is adopted by a sword maker and reared as a native of the lower caste—less than the dust.

THE VARIETY.

Jeanne Eagels, who is starred in "The World and the Woman," a Pathe Gold Rooster Play, produced by Thalhouser, and to be seen at the Variety theatre to-day and to-morrow, made her first appearance on the stage in Kansas City, her home town, as a member of the Woodward Stock Company. She was given her first speaking part when she was twelve years old—which was not so very long ago. Miss Eagels played in many stock companies and finally attacked New York and captured a part in "Mind the Paint Girl," with Billie Burke. After a successful season with Miss Burke, Miss Eagels became "Julian Eltinge's" leading woman in "The Crinoline Girl." Later she was engaged to succeed Elsie Ferguson in "Outcast."

Joseph Brooks saw Miss Eagels in "Outcast" in New York, and immediately signed her for a long-time contract. She was a member of the all-star cast in "The Great Pursuit," and is now a full-fledged Broadway star. In "The World and the Woman," Philip Lonergan, the author, has given Miss Eagels a most difficult part—one of those so prized by great actors who love to "run a gamut of human emotions." Miss Eagels plays a woman of the streets who, through the influence of a little child, is spiritually reborn. The scenes taken on Broadway, New York, and in the Adirondack mountains are especially fine.

BIG CIRCUS FEATURE

Gruber's Animal Act is Chief Drawing Card at Pantages This Week.

The biggest thing at the Pantages this week is Gruber's elephant, both in proportions and from a box office standpoint. This sagacious brute of the jungle, which balances the scale at 7,200 pounds, is by far the largest animal that has yet departed itself on the boards of the local playhouse. In fact the claim is made, and it can hardly be disputed, that the elephantine artist is the largest that has yet set foot on the soil of Vancouver Island. This highly educated animal has already established itself as a big favorite, particularly with the younger element, and will prove just about the best drawing card that has been featured in the city in many moons.

The keen intelligence displayed by this gigantic pet is most remarkable, as all the tricks assigned to the beast are performed with the greatest ease and a certain amount of grace. While the elephant looms large in the circus act, equally good is the horse, pony and colt, each doing their share in making the turn amusing and entertaining.

The work of Gruber's animal quartette reflects years of patient training. The horse, a superb equine, waltzes to orchestral accompaniment, permits the elephant to execute some clever foot-work over its prostrate partner, begs from its hindquarters, feigns a broken fetlock and accomplished other tricks with almost human intelligence. The Shetland pony performs some remarkable feats in co-operation with her giant partner of the forest.

A skipping exhibition, with the elephant at one end of the rope, is a feature of the tiny animal's work. The act is put on with gorgeous Oriental trappings making it intensely realistic and effective. Of the many animal acts that have appeared on the circuit, Gruber's pets easily take first place.

A delightful vocal and instrumental melange is offered by the Metropolitan five. The sweet soprano of Louise Gilbert is at its best in "For You Alone," while a pleasing rendition of "When Dreams Come True" is given by the soprano, Sylvia Pilibert. Herbert Bailey has a rich baritone voice and is heard to advantage in "On the Road to Mandalay." The tenor is Thornton Flynn, who makes a decided hit in singing that old ballad, "Macusha." Action is given by the quartette in grand opera numbers. Arthur Neebitt's pianoforte solo, Paderewski's "Polonaise," is a masterly effort.

Nan Gray, a dainty lassie, with a good repertoire of Highland songs and a variety of costumes, makes an instantaneous hit and is always good for an encore. Her dialect is perfect. The Wilson brothers are billed as effervescent fun makers. They have the happy faculty of keeping everybody in a good humor with a line of patter and songs. Cumby and Brown are blackface comedians who maintain a merry crossfire of banter and do some really good footwork. Gaston Palmer, in dexterous diver-

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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.

F. J. Tonkin, of Winnipeg, is staying at the Dominion.

F. Greenfields is at the Metropolis hotel from Seattle.

H. Sharp, of Koksilah, is registered at the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. Staples, of Chase, B. C., is registered at the Dominion.

Thomas E. Cuffe, of Toronto, is a guest at the Empress hotel.

E. C. Seely, of Seattle, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

C. G. C. Reid, of Vancouver, is a guest at the Hotel Metropolis.

S. C. Pierce is a guest at the Metropolis hotel from Eugene, Ore.

Mrs. G. H. Hardy is at the Metropolis hotel from Port Angeles, Wash.

J. W. Wanless, of Belmont, Sask., is a guest at the Strathcona hotel.

A. C. Cole is here from Estevan, and is stopping at the Dominion hotel.

L. L. Kidd and wife are at the Metropolis hotel from Seattle, Wash.

L. E. Biggs and wife registered at the Metropolis hotel from Winnipeg.

A. W. Smith and Mrs. Smith, of Los Angeles, are at the Dominion hotel.

Dr. G. Edward Duncan, of Vernon, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday.

R. Trimble and Mrs. Trimble, visitors from Seattle, are at the Dominion hotel.

J. A. Copley and Mrs. Copley, of Calgary, are registered at the Dominion hotel.

E. A. Geow has arrived from Kamloops and is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

Mrs. E. Bonneau, of Willow Bunch, Sask., is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

John M. Dickson and E. Vallen are at the Metropolis from Dewar Lake, Sask.

A. McLellan, Mrs. and Miss McLellan, of Calgary, are at the Dominion.

W. F. Hansford, of New Westminster, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

E. Gardner-Smith is down from Duncan and has registered at the Strathcona hotel.

C. J. Waddy is down from Cowichan Bay and has registered at the Strathcona hotel.

C. R. Gordon and W. O. Rowan are amongst the Vancouver arrivals at the Strathcona hotel.

E. W. Walsh has arrived from Toronto, Ont., and is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

Wm. Govenlock and Mrs. Govenlock, of Govenlock, Sask., are new arrivals at the Dominion hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Porter, of Regina, Sask., are visiting the coast and are staying at the Strathcona hotel.

A. McDonald, M. P. P., of Lillooet, has returned from a trip to California, and is staying at the Dominion hotel.

E. F. Church and family, of Lethbridge, Alta., are visiting the coast and are staying at the Strathcona hotel.

Vancouver registrations at the Empress hotel yesterday included John Rose, M. N. Kelly and E. R. Ballert.

Mrs. Frank and W. Spink, of Edmonton, Alta., who are on their way south, are registered at the Strathcona hotel.

The Vancouver arrivals at the Metropolis hotel include Geo. Madden, J. W. Henderson and R. C. Crankanthorp.

A. P. Jamison, J. G. Jamison and R. A. Jamison, of Calgary, are prairie visitors staying at the Strathcona hotel.

James Hamilton, Mr. Hamilton and Charles Hamilton, of Stockton, Man., are amongst yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion hotel.

The WEATHER
Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Jan. 16.—5 a. m.—The barometer remains abnormally high and fine, cold weather is general on the coast, extending from Northern B. C. to California. Zero temperatures prevail in Cariboo, Kootenay and the prairie provinces and as far south as Memphis 12 degrees of frost are reported.

Forecasts.
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday. Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, continued fine and cold.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, continued fine and cold.

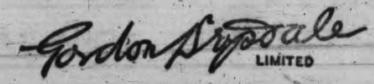
Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 30.58; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 30; wind, E. 2 miles N.; weather, clear.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.60; temperature, maximum yesterday, 36; minimum, 24; wind, E.; weather, clear.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.78; temperature, maximum yesterday, 5; minimum, 8 below; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.60; temperature, maximum yesterday, 14; minimum, 3; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.55; tem-



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ARMY MEDICAL CORPS DRAFT IS LEAVING

Constant Demand for Men in This Branch of Service

The next draft of the Canadian Army Medical Corps, 35 strong, are about to leave for their journey overseas. On inquiry at headquarters last evening it was learned that there is a perpetual order running for men to fill in the necessary places at the front, and so long as the authorities here are able to supply the demand there will always be vacancies for recruits. There is plenty of inducement to join the medical corps for the simple reason that the drafts are comparatively small in number, which means speedy departure. Then again the work of the corps is not only of an interesting nature, but the knowledge imparted by the medical instructors is at once valuable not only for service at the front, but in the everyday walk of life.

Another draft will be filled up immediately draft No. 11 departs. It should also be understood that men from outside points, who are examined and found to be medically fit, may get transportation to Victoria without cost to themselves. All the training, as a rule sufficient for active service, is given in the Willows camp, and recruits need not possess any previous knowledge. Any recruiting sergeant may be applied to for information.

Capt. O. Morris will be in charge of draft No. 11 which is composed of the following: Serjts. J. Manning, R. A. Royston, Cpls. F. C. Boyes, C. M. Proulx, Lance-Cpl. L. V. Masters, Ptes. O. C. Adair, R. H. Ashmore, W. F. Austen, E. Baker, J. C. Barnard, G. A. E. Baxter, E. W. Boswell, T. Cromarty, A. M. Esley, H. Fessler, W. Fisher, P. L. Glover, J. T. Gray, R. K. Gunkle, H. Hartnup, H. Hyams, W. W. Inglis, B. R. Mains, T. H. Manktelow, G. J. Morrow, J. McNeil, C. E. Newling, E. A. Odium, W. Ranka, A. B. Rawlins, H. Russell-Hamilton, A. H. Taylor, R. F. Watson, G. Kinney, H. Boyer.

STORY OF CASEY

Officer Who Inspired His Men Shot With a Dum-dum

Most veterans of the present war have in mind some particular officer to which they look up and if that man is killed they mourn deeply because of it. In this case it was an officer of the 7th Battalion known as Major Casey. "Yes, Casey was one of the fighting race," said Serjt. Babin. "He enlisted as a private, went to France as a corporal and rose to the rank of major. He was a prince among men, and there's considerable blood over on the western front at that, when you commence to size up the fellows you meet. Well in one big scrap Casey was killed. The boys knew he was killed, but none had the nerve to break the news to the O. C."

"Where's Casey?" was the first question the colonel asked when we got it. "He's killed," replied one of the boys. "I didn't ask if he were killed or alive, but I asked where he was," returned the battalion commander. "Well I guess he's out in No Man's Land in a shell hole," one of the fellows replied. "Well, go get him," came the sharp answer. "I don't care a curse if it takes this whole brigade we've got to get Casey."

"Well, we obeyed orders, and we got Casey. We found him lying dead in a shell hole as the fellows said, with a bullet through his head, an explosive bullet at that. We carried him in and the hearts of the men who carried him I guess were a good deal heavier than the weight of the dead man. "Casey has been dead now for months, but Casey still lives in the spirit of the boys of the battalion; he will never die, 'Charge for Casey,' they say when they go over, and by G— the German who gets in the way when we charge for Casey, well he's listed as killed the next day in Berlin."

Presented With Pen.—At the annual meeting of the teachers and officers of the First Baptist Sunday school, which was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Brown, of Arnold avenue, last evening, Dr. Russell, the superintendent, was presented with a very beautiful fountain pen. The gathering was well attended, the programme being concluded by refreshments very daintily served by the hostess.

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WILL NOT REACH ODESSA, HE THINKS

Stanley Washburn, Times Correspondent, Gives Opinion on Roumanian Situation

Few men know more about the eastern front than Stanley Washburn, for the past two years correspondent of the London Times with the Russian armies. He passed through on the Empress of Russia yesterday morning to Vancouver with Mrs. Washburn, to take a rest at Lakewood, N. J., for three months.

Has Thorough Knowledge.
He has been over the entire front from Riga to Roumania, being the only journalist to go where he chose. He has been attached first to the headquarters of the Grand Duke and later to the headquarters of the Czar, after the Emperor of All the Russias took over the supreme command of his forces.

Mr. Washburn claims the distinction of being the world's foremost evacuator. During the spring and summer of 1915 when Mackensen and Hindenburg were driving through Galicia and Poland, he says that he evacuated more towns than any other man in his country. "I evacuated every place I slept that summer," he declared in an interview. Last summer, however, his evacuating average slumped to near the zero mark, for the Russian troops were turning the tables.

"Germany has passed the zenith of her strength. Russia is still gaining; Britain is still gaining; France has not lost much. With the situation thus, it is not possible that the allies will make peace until Germany is beaten and Prussian militarism crushed."

Odesa Safe.
Mackensen's forces in Roumania will not reach Odesa, Mr. Washburn believes. He believes that the Russo-Roumanian line will hold on the line of the River Pruthi, if not further west than this stream, which marks the eastern boundary of Roumania. The country which lies between Mackensen and the great Russian port on the Black Sea is difficult, traversed by many rivers, and lacking in roads. It will have to be crossed before the spring thaw comes, or it will become impassable for an army with heavy artillery. Besides, the Russians will have the advantage of interior communications, while the German line will be tremendously long and difficult. The Roumanian army is not done for, Mr. Washburn believes, and with time to recuperate should put into the field at least ten effective army corps.

The loss of Odesa, while important, would not be a vital blow to Russia. The Black Sea port has not been of great value since the straits were closed. Kiev, for instance, would be a loss of much greater importance.

"The Roumanian campaign has been the great misadventure of the war," Mr. Washburn says.

Lack of Experience.
"The Roumanian army had never been in war. It was also deficient in artillery, especially in comparison with the Germans and Austrians. In the battle of the Predel Pass, which I witnessed a few weeks ago, the Roumanian artillery was unable to get within five kilometres of the German batteries. The Roumanians were shelled from one position after another, while the Germans were able to advance without losing a man. The Roumanians were driven back before irresistible artillery superiority.

"Another factor in the Roumanian disaster was the fact that the Roumanians did not give the alarm until the conflagration was well under way. The Germans have not bettered their feat position greatly by their adventure in Roumania. I understand that most of the stocks of grain and oil were destroyed. The campaign has had the effect of greatly lengthening the German line. Of course, it has made the Russian line longer too, but the Russians can afford this; the Germans can't."

German Man-Power Shipping.
"It is becoming more and more evident that the Germans are finding it hard to supply the man-power demanded. The ingenuity with which they have shifted their forces and created new units shows this. In 1915 new forces were arriving on the eastern front in corps. Now the new units are battalions and regiments. They are creating new divisions out of old ones, and when we hear of the 212th appearing on the Roumanian frontier we learn later that this was formed by taking a regiment out of a division on the Riga front, another from the Baranovichi front, another from the Kovel front."

"Even if Germany should get the peace she asks for now, on her own terms, she will be overwhelmingly defeated. Russia's losses are small compared with the loss of the German nation, in its economic and intellectual life, has sustained. Germany is paying dearer for every death to-day than any other nation.

"It is shocking to see the German dead. You can tell at a glance that the men the Germans are sending to the front now are older men, men of intellectual calibre, producers. The Germans that are being killed now are the men who would make Germany's economic recuperation after the war possible."

Is Optimistic.
When it comes to the purely military situation on the eastern front, Mr. Washburn is optimistic. The Russian forces, he says, will reach the zenith of their strength, in men and material, in April of this year. In this he agrees with Brussiloff. How much the Russians will achieve will depend largely on their guns, but in this respect they will at least be much better placed

than when the great drive last summer began. "This is a war of artillery," says Mr. Washburn. "In former struggles they counted on the artillery to support the infantry. In this war they talk of the infantry supporting the artillery. The artillery has become the dominating arm, and the army that has the advantage there can offset big differences in numbers."

MORE VICTORIANS WIN DECORATIONS

Lieut. Kennedy, Military Cross, and Private Mullin, Military Medal

Twenty-seven members of the local branch of the Merchants' Bank of Canada have joined the army since the outbreak of war and Lieut. L. A. Kennedy, who has recently been awarded the Military Cross, was one of that number. Lieut. Kennedy left Victoria with the 80th Battalion under Col. Hall and spent a considerable amount of time training at Shorncliffe, and while there received his promotion. After gaining his commission he crossed to France and became attached to the 2nd C. M. R's. In the engagement in which he distinguished himself he was badly wounded in the arm. The limb being literally shattered. Lieut. Kennedy came to Canada from Scotland about seven years ago and is now only twenty-six years of age. The last four years of his residence in Victoria he was with the Merchants' bank.

Of a fighting family, father and three sons having already seen service at the front, Pte. G. H. Mullin has been awarded the military medal. This is the cheerful news received by his mother late yesterday. Cpl. Mullin, a brother, was recently killed in action, while another brother is at present in the city disabled, having returned some little time since. During last month Pte. Mullin was entrusted with a dangerous sniping mission in an advanced trench, and it was during the carrying out of this work that he accounted for no less than twenty Germans, including two officers. The feat was considered a remarkable one and has brought its just reward.



CAPTAIN GEORGE BLACK
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LIEUT. HINCKS KILLED

Left With First Draft of 50th; Promoted in England.

H. A. Hincks has received advice to the effect that his brother, Lieut. Bertram Hincks, has been killed in action during an engagement in December last. The deceased soldier came out to this country about five years ago and was associated with his brother at his extensive poultry farm at Langford Station. He left Victoria with the first overseas draft of the 50th Highlanders, later merging into the famous 16th Battalion. After a year of service with the Canadians he was given a commission in the King's Royal Rifle. He was appointed battalion snipers' officer and it was during a spell in that capacity that he was fatally wounded by an enemy sharpshooter. Lt. Hincks was for four years at Christ College, England, and while there served with the Cadet Corps.

BURNS ENTERTAINMENT

Annual Celebration of Scotia's Bard's Birthday Arranged for 25th.
The approaching celebration of the anniversary of Scotland's national bard, to be held on the 25th of the present month, promises to be well up to the high standard set by the previous efforts of J. G. Brown and the First Presbyterian church. On this occasion the Rev. J. G. Inkster, whose reputation as a lecturer is well known in the city and whose talks on Scotland show rare descriptive power as well as wit and humor of a very high order, will lecture on "Homes and Haunts of Burns." The lecture will be illustrated by slides and songs. In addition to the lecture and its accompaniments there will be a short programme of Scottish songs by a number of the leading vocalists in the city. This part of the entertainment will be under the direction of J. G. Brown, and it is anticipated that between the various attractions there will be a full house.

STORY OF CANADIANS IN "MAPLE LEAVES"

One of Latest Books From Smith, Elder & Co. About First Division

A true story written by an author with a pseudonym and about real people with fictitious names is found in "Maple Leaves in Flanders and France," one of the latest books to hand which tells the story of the First Canadian Division. The book is published by Smith, Elder & Co., London.

"It is the story of Canadians by a Canadian, and is well and graphically told," pronounces Admiral Sir Albert Markham, K. C. B., who has written a congratulatory introduction. This preface very aptly suggests the readable character of the book, which is less technical than human in its interest. "One does, something of the formation of the continent in Canada, the organization of the unit at Valenciennes, its training on Salisbury Plain, and its final arrival on the battlefield. To those who do not know the Canadian it reveals much in the way of his character, his thirst for adventure, his love of fun, his physical endurance, his humor, his loyalty, camaraderie and daring. Incidentally there is a paragraph which has to do with one of his reputed faults, viz. lack of discipline.

"One was perpetually hearing it said what a fine body of men the Canadians were, but what a pity it was that they had such poor discipline," says the author, who proceeded to give a thoroughly plausible explanation for this seemingly bad behavior: "I think that the very people who said this frequently had very little understanding of the persons they were criticizing. In the ranks of the first division were many men who not only had plenty of money at their command, but who had never in their lives been subjected to any form of discipline or restraint. The Canadian on leave, whether he was a full private or a general, patronized the finest hotels and dined at the best restaurants. To our rank and file it was incomprehensible that because he might be dressed as a private he should be excluded from various pleasures which he was in the habit of enjoying at home. In consequence of this our other ranks were much more in evidence than those of other units, and accordingly came in more for criticism. The good people of England were also to a certain extent responsible. Their hospitality, which is proverbial, was in our case so lavish that it was in itself at times the cause of some of our lapses."

There is an intimacy of character revelation within the pages which will make the story doubly appealing to those who knew many of the officers and men who went overseas with the First Canadian Contingent. Even the changed names cannot disguise the characters which betray "Brigadier" as Major-General A. W. Currie, "Capt. Hardwick" as Capt. R. V. Harvey, "Lieut. Beaumont" as Lieut. H. Beaumont Bages, "Theophilus Goodchild" as Lieut. W. Scudamore, plain "Padre" as the Rev. William Barton, Lieut. "Pillows" as Lieut. Bellow, "Major Meldrum" as Major Odium, "Colonel O'Shea" as Lieut.-Col. W. Hart McHarg, "Lieut. Bromfield" as Lieut. H. A. Bromley, and a lot of

others who are known to the memory of every man in that heroic first army of Canada. Tragedy is not evaded. How could it be in the history of a unit which passed through such trial by fire, emerging but a gallant fragment of what went into battle? But the incidents are cited by the pen of one who loved his comrades more than he hated his enemy, and these "Maple Leaves" will make treasured souvenirs of the hurricane of war into which Canada was swept with the rest of the empire by a ruthless foe in August, 1914.

GALLIOLI NIGHT HAVE BEEN SUCCESS

Wounded Veteran Here During Week-End Speaks of Aus- tralia's Part in War

Realizing a limb crippled by shell fire in the Gallipoli peninsula, James Elder, of Melbourne, who went with the first Australian contingent to Egypt, and thence to the ill-fated expedition, was in the city over the week-end. He arrived on the Makara on Saturday, and left yesterday afternoon for the south, with the intention of visiting California. He went to Gallipoli with the 14th Infantry, a Victorian regiment, and all that has been said about the conditions which prevailed there he bears out in his description of the campaign. Like so many others he shares the view that a very slight deflection of the circumstances would have turned a failure into a success, and that the campaign would have been a military gain. "We had so small a hold on the peninsula," he said, "that we were always under shell fire, even when the hospital ships were steaming away with the wounded, and throughout the medical arrangements were very unsatisfactory. The dysentery in the summer months was a great trial to our fellows, due largely to the pest of flies."

Mr. Elder says the Australian governments have acted drastically not only in the rounding up of aliens in the Commonwealth, and the control of the metal supply of the country, but in the acquisition of raw products for the imperial authorities. The pooling of the wheat, and the purchase of the wool clip at a standard quotation has checked the making of large profits at a time when the commodities are very valuable, but it has been carried out vigorously. There is a tremendous call, he says, for wool now on account of the demands for military clothing, and the Australian clip is therefore selling in large quantities.

Mr. Elder states there is a very positive inclination in all parts of Australia to hold on to the islands which were seized by the Australian navy at the outbreak of the war, and have since been occupied by the Commonwealth authorities. They regard these islands in Melanesia as a protective barrier against aggression from the north. The alliance with Japan, however, he thinks will force some rearrangement about Oriental immigration in the near future.

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RED CROSS FORMS TWO NEW BRANCHES

Fairfield Organization Meet- ing to Be Held To-night

In connection with the formation of new branches of the Red Cross the organizer announces that the organization meeting of the Fairfield branch will be held this evening at 8 o'clock in the Sir James Douglas school, corner of Moss and Fairfield.

The organizer is anxious to obtain a few charter life members for each branch that he is starting, and anyone now subscribing would be known as charter life members of the branch which is being formed. Also if anyone wishes to lend a sewing machine or anything that is useful in the formation of this branch, or any of the other branches, if they would phone the organizer, 4859, or call at 511 Union Bank building, the information of the same would be thankfully received.

At James Bay, this branch will be started in the South Park school on Thursday evening, at eight o'clock, January 18. North Ward branch will be formed in the North Ward school on Monday evening, January 22, at eight o'clock. It is earnestly hoped

that a number of citizens who are not now life members of the Canadian Red Cross society will come forward with their subscriptions for life membership and help in this way this most important work."

PRaise FOR NEW DEPUTY

Prince Rupert Paper Speaks Highly of George R. Naden, Now of Victoria.

The Prince Rupert News speaks very highly of the new deputy minister of lands, George R. Naden, of that city. In an editorial reference to the appointment the News says: "As was to be expected, the appointment of George R. Naden as deputy minister of lands is hailed with the liveliest satisfaction, and Hon. T. D. Pattullo is to be congratulated on his choosing north to find his deputy. That Mr. Naden a happier choice could not have been made. He has an experience of timber and land matters pertaining to this province extending over a long period of years, and should be able to render yonder service to the minister and to the province in his new sphere."

"Though Mr. Naden's duties will naturally cover the whole province the greatest land and timber problems to be faced by the government are in the northern part of the province. There will be much hard work ahead for the deputy minister, but he will tackle it with energy and experience, and the results should be highly beneficial to northern British Columbia and to the province generally."

"Almost a miracle!"

That is what Rabbi M. Shallit of Edenbridge, Sask., says regarding a cure by Zam-Buk, of which he gives the following particulars:

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FIRE EXTINGUISHED ON TSUSHIMA MARU

Survey Discloses Comparatively Little Damage; Resumes Voyage Saturday

San Francisco, Jan. 14.—After six hours' fight the flames aboard the Japanese steamer Tsushima Maru were extinguished late last evening. A survey made of the Tsushima by the insurance surveyors disclosed very little damage to the steamer. The cargo in the hold where the fire was located was considerably damaged by the blaze and the steam forced in to smother it. It is expected that the vessel will be ready to resume her voyage for New York Saturday.

With hatches battened down to check a fire which for ten days had been eating into a \$2,000,000 cargo and scorching the hold of the ship, the Tsushima Maru arrived here with the fire under control but still burning. Firemen and longshoremen worked for several hours squirting water on the smouldering freight and removing it from the hold. The captain said about 750 tons of cargo had been more or less damaged by fire and water.

The fire was discovered early January 3 and for three days the crew fought to subdue it. Then the hatches were battened down and steam was pumped into the hold every six hours. In this way the fire, which had started in a case of camphor oil, was kept under control.

TO BE RELEASED

Steerage Passengers Ex-Russia Will Leave To-morrow for Vancouver.

The Chinese steerage passengers of the Empress of Russia will be released from the William Head quarantine station to-morrow and arrangements have been made to transfer them to this port by the Princess Mary. The party will arrive here in time to catch the Princess Adelaide bound for Vancouver.

ESTEVAN FOR WEST COAST.

The Dominion lighthouse tender Estevan, Capt. Barnes, will leave port early to-morrow morning for the west coast of Vancouver Island, her itinerary taking her as far north as Triangle Island.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific standard time) at Victoria, B. C., for the month of January, 1917.

Table with columns for Date, Sunrise (Hour, Min.), and Sunset (Hour, Min.).

O.S.K. LINERS TO OMIT VANCOUVER CALL

Panama Maru Will Permanently Replace Tacoma Maru in Victoria Service

Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., local agents for the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, have been notified by the head office of the company that Vancouver is to be eliminated as a regular port of call by the vessels of the fleet plying between Japan and this coast.

It was shortly after the big Empress liners were commandeered following the outbreak of war that the ships of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha were sent to Vancouver, after discharging here and on Puget Sound, under an arrangement with the C. P. R. for the delivery of Oriental cargo.

The Seattle Maru is making an extra trip in the service and is expected to reach here on Thursday night or Friday morning with general cargo and passengers from the Far East. Prior to being dispatched across the Pacific the Seattle Maru was engaged in the Yokohama-San Francisco trade.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Seattle, Jan. 15.—Arrived: Str Inaba Maru, Kobe, via way ports; str F. S. Loop, San Francisco, via Port Angeles; str Inaba, San Francisco; str Senator, Tacoma. Sailed: Str Queen, San Pedro, via San Francisco; str Jefferson, Southeastern Alaska.

Cordova, Jan. 15.—Sailed: Str Spokane, southbound.

San Pedro, Jan. 15.—The str Fairhaven arrived from San Francisco, bound south with general cargo for J. E. Davenport. The str South Coast, carrying partial cargo for Fair & Moran, lumber carriers arriving today, were the motor-ship Sierra, from Portland, and the str Daisy Freeman, from Grays Harbor.

Port Angeles, Jan. 15.—The str E. S. Loop arrived from San Francisco and sailed to-day up-Sound. The str Bee arrived during the night from up-Sound and will be at the Puget Mills & Timber Company until Wednesday.

Port Angeles, Jan. 15.—Arrived: Str Empress of Russia, from Hongkong, via Yokohama; str Admiral Farragut, from Seattle, via Tacoma.

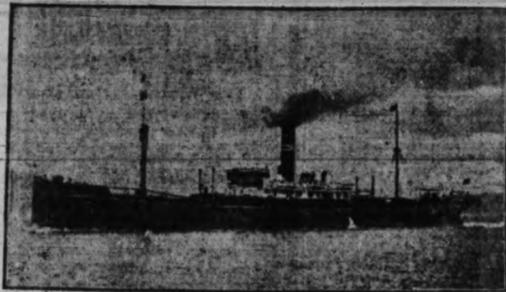
Point Wells, Jan. 15.—Sailed: Str D. G. Seofield, for San Francisco.

Tacoma, Jan. 15.—Arrived: Str Admiral Goodrich, from San Francisco. Sailed: Str Senator, for Seattle. Aberdeen, Jan. 15.—Arrived: Str Coronado, from San Francisco. Shanghai, Jan. 15.—Arrived: Str Fearless, from Bellingham, thence November 2.

TANKER PASSES UP.

The tanker El Lobo passed up at 9 a. m. to-day bound from Peru to Vancouver with oil for the Imperial Oil Company.

COMING IN O. S. K. SERVICE



JAPANESE LINER SEATTLE MARU

CRUISER MILWAUKEE

IS NOW TOTAL LOSS

Commander of U. S. Pacific Fleet Reaches Eureka to Conduct Investigation

Eureka, Cal., Jan. 16.—Admiral Caperton, commander of the Pacific fleet, arrived off here to-day on the flagship San Diego to investigate the stranding of the cruiser Milwaukee on the beach north of here last Saturday while attempting to salvage the submarine H-3.

The H-3 has been stuck in the sand several hundred yards north of the Milwaukee since Dec. 14. The Milwaukee, commanded by Lieut. W. F. Newell, began with other naval vessels the work of salvaging her after a \$18,000-bid by a private salvaging firm had been refused. The Milwaukee cost \$4,000,000.

WOULD ABOLISH THE CANNERY MONOPOLY

People of Prince Rupert Are Up in Arms Against the System of Attached Licenses

The people of Prince Rupert appear to be out to smash, if possible, what they call the cannery monopoly, and last week they had a meeting on the fishing situation at which there were present F. H. Cunningham, of the Dominion fisheries service, and D. N. McIntyre, deputy commissioner of fisheries in the provincial service, members of the advisory board, which meets once a year at Ottawa, and who went east after the meeting to attend the board meeting yesterday.

Mayor McCaffery summed the situation up as being one of monopoly versus democracy, and the crux of the whole thing the cannery boat-railings and the closing of the rivers to independent fishermen, independent cannerymen. In their determination to break up the combine and throw the fishing open, the mayor said, the people were only exercising their democratic rights.

The meeting was remarkable for its plain speaking. Mayor McCaffery told Messrs. Cunningham and McIntyre that though they were supposed to represent the province's interest at Ottawa they had ignored these. The limit had now been reached and the people were not going to stand it any longer.

A deputation was appointed to go to Ottawa representing the city council, the board of trade and the citizens committee, to appear before the advisory board and press the claims of the north against the monopoly. The people of Prince Rupert want the salmon fishing thrown open to all fishermen and cannerymen, they desire the same license rates for herring fishery as on the Atlantic coast, that a chief inspector of fisheries be located at Prince Rupert, that the use of gasoline boats be permitted as in the south, and that the system of attaching boat-railings to canneries be abolished.

It was mentioned that this system shuts off the only market the independent fishermen have, and that if it were not for this the fishermen would get fifty cents instead of eighteen cents for sockeye salmon. The fishing at present is carried on almost wholly by Japanese, and it was charged at the meeting that they are virtually slaves to the canneries to which they are attached.

H. S. Clements, M. P. for Comox-Atlin, was present at the meeting but did not remain long and did not take any part in the discussion.

INBOUND JAPANESE BOATS

Liners Seattle Maru and Tamba Maru Expected Here on Friday.

Two Japanese liners are looked for on Friday, but up to the present no wireless message has been received from either. The Seattle Maru is returning in the Osaka Shosen Kaisha trade after a year's absence from the run, and the Tamba Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha fleet, is also expected from Hongkong on January 13. Both ships have full cargoes, the bulk of which is for Seattle and Tacoma. The Tamba Maru will discharge over 1,100 tons here.

THIRD DRAFT WILL LEAVE THIS MONTH

Rush of Applicants for Service With Inland Water Transport

The recruiting of the third Victoria draft for the Inland Water Transport is well under way and Sergt. H. W. Fry, officer in charge of the local recruiting office, expects to have a large list signed on for the draft which will be dispatched at the end of the month. Men who have been engaged in water transportation work are flowing in from all parts of the island and an average of six daily are being accepted for this section of the Royal Engineers.

Already a large number of master mariners and marine engineers have joined up with the unit and many more have signified their intention of doing so. Included in the draft which left here Sunday night was Capt. T. G. Honess, one of the best known river steamboatmen of the North; John Robertson, master mariner; John Maclean, master mariner; A. H. Bishop, a local policeman holding second mate's papers; J. Iverson, master mariner, and J. Daggert, marine engineer, who saw considerable service on the Hill liner Minnesota. It is this type of men that are urgently wanted for the navigation of rivers on the Tigris and other waterways of the Near East.

WIRELESS REPORTS

Jan. 16, 8 a. m. Point Grey—Clear; calm; 30.41; 26; thick seawards. Spoke str Chicago, 6.30 a. m., five miles west of Anchorage island, northbound.

Cape Lazo—Clear; calm; 30.50; 25; dense seaward.

Pachena—Clear; calm; 30.45; 30; sea smooth.

Estevan—Clear; calm; 30.20; 23; sea smooth.

Alert Bay—Clear; calm; 30.29; 22; sea smooth. Passed out str Princess Beatrice, 1.40 a. m., southbound; spoke str Jefferson, 7 a. m., off Ripple Point, northbound.

Triangle—Overcast; calm; 30.64; 39; sea moderate. Spoke str City of Seattle, 9.30 p. m., off Pine island, northbound.

Dead Tree Point—Overcast; calm; 30.53; 27; sea smooth.

Ikeda Bay—Clear; calm; 30.23; 26; sea smooth.

Prince Rupert—Clear; calm; 30.52; 39; sea smooth.

Noon.

Point Grey—Clear; calm; 30.44; 30; sea smooth.

Cape Lazo—Clear; calm; 30.51; 30; sea smooth. Spoke str Princess Beatrice, 10.10 a. m., off Cape Mudge, southbound; fishing str abeam, 11 a. m., northbound.

Pachena—Cloudy; calm; 30.45; 44; sea smooth.

Estevan—Cloudy; calm; 30.30; 26; sea smooth.

Alert Bay—Cloudy; calm; 30.28; 35; sea smooth. Spoke str Jefferson, 10.25 a. m., off Banza Cove, northbound; str Prince George, due Alert Bay, 1.30 p. m., northbound.

Triangle—Overcast; calm; 30.65; 40; sea moderate.

Dead Tree Point—Overcast; calm; 30.53; 38; sea smooth.

Ikeda Bay—Overcast; N. E. light; 30.27; 26; sea smooth.

Prince Rupert—Cloudy; calm; 30.52; 28; sea smooth.

PREFERS SAILING TO DRAWING TEETH

Dr. C. A. Darling, a resident of Bellingham for 27 years, and a practicing dentist for many years, has gone out of business to become master of the brigantine Harriet G., a vessel owned by the State Navigation Company, of which he is president. Dr. Darling will sail March 1 for Honolulu with a cargo of lumber. He is an experienced navigator and is a keen yachtsman. The Harriet G. is now bound from Peru for Puget Sound.

INDICATES PRESENCE OF ENEMY DIVERS

All Lighthouses and Aids to Navigation Extinguished in British West Indies

In a circular sent out by the governor of the Panama canal, bearing the routing title of "Notice to Mariners," shipping men see a warning of the presence of one or more German submarines somewhere in the neighborhood of the West Indies. The circular states briefly that all lights forming aids to navigation through the British West Indies have been extinguished until further notice.

It is further stated that the governor of Barbados wishes it to be known that vessels should not enter Carlisle Bay at night. Ships from the Pacific coast bound through the Panama canal, are expected to govern their movements, after they reach the east side, in accordance with the notice given.

MAKURA'S SAILING

Australian Liner Expected to Sail To-morrow for Auckland and Sydney. After a fast coaling trip to Union Bay the Canadian-Australian liner Makura has returned to Vancouver and is now loading cargo for the outward voyage. She is due to get away from Victoria to-morrow night for Auckland and Sydney with a fair list of passengers.

TOKEN OF ESTEEM.

Before leaving for overseas service, Harold Brown, formerly of this city and latterly G. T. P. dock agent at Vancouver, was presented with a pair of binoculars by the members of the company's staff, the presentation being made by Capt. C. H. Nicholson, manager of coast steamships.

TAKES LUMBER SOUTH.

Taking a cargo of lumber south the Vancouver steamer Turret Crown passed out at Cape Flattery yesterday bound for Balboa. The steamer, which is owned by the Coastwise Steamship & Barge Co., and commanded by Capt. Park, formerly of the steamer Ventura, loaded the lumber at Mukilteo, Tacoma and Bellingham. At Port Townsend she picked up the company's barge St. David, with 1,500,000 feet of lumber loaded at Port Angeles. The Turret Crown has 2,000,000 feet on board.

On her return voyage the Turret Crown will carry a cargo of canal machinery for use at Anchorage, Alaska. Having seen the seppella relic, visitors to Burnitt Fields might well spare a few minutes in the old burial-ground itself. John Bunyan, Defoe, William Blake, Dr. Thomas Goodwin, the famous Puritan divine, who ministered to Cromwell on his deathbed, General Fleetwood, the Protector's comrade-in-arms and son-in-law, Dr. Daniel Williams, founder of the library that bears his name, Dr. Isaac Watts, the hymn-writer, and Susannah Wesley, mother of John and Charles, are among the worthy dead who rest in the old non-conformist cemetery; and in the Quaker section lie George Fox, the founder of the Society of Friends, and Daniel Quare, who invented the repeating movement in watches.—London Chronicle.

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Arrivals and Departures table with columns for Service, Ship Name, and Time.

SPORTING NEWS

CONTRACTS TURNED DOWN BY PLAYERS

Janvrin and Smith Refuse to Sign Till Dave Fultz Gives Permission

Boston, Mass., Jan. 16.—Two instances of support by major league of the baseball players' fraternity demands in behalf of minor league members developed here yesterday. Harold Janvrin, who played second base for the Boston Americans in the last world series, announced dissatisfaction with the terms of his proffered contract, and said he would not sign it until permission was given him by President David L. Fultz, of the fraternity.

Smith Refuses to Sign. His statement followed closely the refusal of J. Carlisle Smith, third baseman of the Boston Nationals, to sign a contract during the conference with President P. D. Houghton, although Smith said the terms were satisfactory.

Alexander Is a Hold-out. Grover Alexander, of the Philadelphia Nationals, has also refused to sign his contract, declaring that he is dissatisfied with the terms offered. Other players are reported to be ready to stand behind the players' fraternity in the war now being waged by that organization.

THREE BASKETBALL MATCHES TO-NIGHT

Starting at 7:30 this evening three games in the Sunday School Basketball League will be played in the gymnasium of the First Presbyterian church. The first match will be between the Belmont and Reformed Episcopal ladies. The following games will be in the intermediate division: the James Hays and the Congregationalists will play first and will be followed by a match between the Metropolitan and the Presbyterians' (A) team. The second game of the evening will start at 8:15 and the last at 9:15.

MANAGERS FOR 1917 IN MAJOR LEAGUES

American League.
Boston—John J. (Jack) Barry.
Chicago—Clarence H. Rowland.
New York—William A. Donovan.
Detroit—Hugh Jennings.
Washington—James J. Griffin.
Cleveland—Lee Fohl.
Philadelphia—Conde Mack.
St. Louis—Fleider Jones.
National League.
Brooklyn—Wibert Robinson.
Chicago—Fred Mitchell.
New York—John J. McGraw.
Pittsburgh—James J. Cowherd.
Philadelphia—Patrick J. Moran.
St. Louis—Miller Huggins.
Boston—George Stallings.
Cincinnati—Christy Mathewson.
*Playing manager.

DARCY SAYS HE WILL JOIN ONTARIO UNIT

New York, Jan. 16.—Les Darcy, the Australian champion pugilist, who fled his native land to avoid possible military service, Saturday picked the British battalion he probably would join when he gets ready to fight for his king. In response to an invitation from Bobby Carr, a captain of the 26th Sportsmen's Battalion at Hamilton, Ont., Darcy said he would join that battalion when he gets ready to enlist.

MITCHELL AND WELSH.

Milwaukee, Jan. 16.—Ritchie Mitchell, Milwaukee lightweight boxer, tonight will endeavor to wrest the championship title from Freddie Welsh by the knockout route in a 10-round no-decision bout before a local club. A knockout would be the only method by which Mitchell could win the title in Wisconsin as the law prohibits decision by a referee. The men, under the agreement, are a Welsh not more than 135 pounds at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

METROPOLITAN PLAYER



JACK WALKER

Of the Seattle hockey team, who collided with big Jim Riley and is now carrying a limp around with him as a result of the collision. He will probably be out of to-night's game against Portland.

SEATTLE PLAYERS HURT ON EVE OF CONTEST

Walker and Carpenter May Not Play Against Portland To-day

On the eve of a game which Manager Muldoon thinks will be one of the hardest of the year, the Seattle hockey team left for Portland last night with three men on the Red Cross list. The Metropolitan, who are now hanging onto the lead in the race, have missed the services of "Cully" Wilson for several weeks because of an injured knee, but yesterday two more men were hurt in practice—Jack Walker and Ed. Carpenter. Walker injured his knee in a clash with big Jim Riley, and is carrying a limp around with him as a result of the upset. The club physician says it is doubtful if the clever forward can get into the game with Portland. Carpenter wrenched his back in workout, and although Muldoon expresses a fear that he will be without the services of the defence man, Carpenter thinks he will be able to get into the game. In case Walker and Carpenter will both be unable to play, Rickey and Riley, the two utility men, will play, and "Cully" Wilson, who is about recovered from his hurt, will be forced to get into the struggle.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 16.—Pete Muldoon's Seattle team, leaders in the race for the championship of the Pacific Coast Hockey League, will face the Rosebuds to-night at the local rink in an important game in the hockey race. The locals have triumphed over Seattle in two of the three games played between the two teams this season, and the fans think the Puget Sounders are liable to suffer defeat again to-night, as the Buds play like champions of the world on their home ice.

The double official system, for which the local fans have been clamoring since the opening of the season, may be tried to-night, provided a competent man can be secured for the position. Jack Herman, former player of the Copper League of northern Michigan, has been asked by the local management to work in the game against Seattle.

MANY SPORTSMEN ARE KILLED IN ACTION

Famous British Athletes Pay the Supreme Sacrifice on Continent

London, Jan. 16.—Every branch of British sport is represented in the latest list issued of casualties on the Somme, champions of hockey, boxing, swimming, rowing and football having been killed or wounded in action.

Noted Rowing Coach Killed. Wilfrid G. Vint, killed, was a famous coxswain and created a record at Shrewsbury by steering the eight to victory against Bedford Grammar School five years running, 1900-1904, and also coached the winning boat in the university trial eights in 1905, and his college crew in the summer eights in 1907.

Hockey Player Among Fallen. Lieut. Lionel King-Stephens, killed, was the well known hockey player of the Teddington club, for which he acted as secretary for several years. He also played many times in the representative games for the south against the north of England.

Champion Swimmer Killed. Swimming has lost a splendid champion in Edward (Ted) Wickham, who has also made the big sacrifice. Wickham scored many of his successes in Australia, notably the Australian 100 yards championship in 53 seconds at Melbourne in February, 1913, when A. W. Barry was second, and S. W. Longworth third. In the New South Wales championship held the month before he was beaten by Longworth in the 100 yards in 57 4-5 seconds, but won the 220 yards breast stroke in 3 minutes 19 1-5 seconds.

Famous Boxer Falls. The death is also reported of Sergt. F. Glenner, the famous middleweight boxer of the Royal Irish Constabulary, and the Irish navy and army champion.

Footballers in Casualty Lists. Sergt. Nolan Evans, the well known Clapton Orient soccer player, has been badly wounded and is at present in hospital at Blackburn. Two operations have been performed on his knee, but it is feared his football days are over. Sergt. Baker of the Plymouth Argyle club, and Oscar Linkson, of Manchester United, both of the footballers' battalion, have fallen in action.

BOWLING MATCH FOR RED CROSS SOCIETY

What it is claimed will be the greatest bowling tournament ever held here is to take place to-night at the Arcade Bowling Alley, in the Pemberton building. This is a fancy dress tournament, and the contestants are "The Rainbow Funny Party" and the "Silver Springs."

The match is for blood and other valuable considerations, and, although at present the result is very much in doubt, the one sure winner will be the Canadian Red Cross Society, for the benefit of which an admission fee of 25 cents is being charged.

There will be an orchestra in attendance, either Alexander's Ragtime Band, or some other aggregation.

This bowling match has created much excitement in naval circles, as well as arousing all followers of the game throughout the city. A large attendance is assured.

Carries Powerful Punch. Smith's admiration for Wilde increased when he saw the tissue-weight champion fight at a benefit for a war fund and tackle six men in succession.

"They were all heavier than Wilde," asserted Smith, "but it made no difference to Wilde." He waded through the mob and, though the contests were only three-round affairs, he managed to end half of them with knockouts.

Wilde is so oddly put together that it is hardly probable he will put on much, if any, weight within the next five years. He is in such great demand at boxing shows that he is always in good shape. The most remarkable thing about him is that he is married and is the father of two husky kiddies. According to indications each of the kiddies will grow up and double their daddy as far as width and weight are concerned.

WILDE IS MYSTERY OF BOXING RING

English Flyweight Champion Carries Great Punch With His Blows

Jimmy Wilde, the flyweight champion of England, will probably go down in history as the mystery of the prize ring. A tall, anemic looking, thin, spidery legged creature defines Wilde to the dot. He stands five feet six inches, and weighs around 105 pounds with his clothes on. His legs can easily be circled by one's hand, and his arms are as thick as three-eighths inch gaspipe. But this peculiarly constructed individual can fight and fight like a demon.

With one exception, Wilde won all his battles. His only defeat was a knockout, which Wilde repaid by returning the compliment in the next encounter. This pale, sickly-looking individual has mesmerized the British fans by his uncanny skill and strength when in action. His recent tussles with English talent all ended with the Wilde rivals taking the long count. In most cases Wilde was compelled to fight a man ten or fifteen pounds heavier.

Wilde Makes 105 Pounds. A fair line on his ability can be judged out from the manner in which Wilde handled Young Rosner and the Zulu Kid when they climbed into the ring to do battle. Both the lads weighed 112 pounds at 3 o'clock the afternoon of the scrap. In each case Wilde jumped on the scales with his clothes on and tipped the beam at 105 pounds. This didn't encourage the American fighters as much as one would imagine. In these two fights Wilde ended the proceedings in eleven rounds with the haymaker for which he is famous.

George Smith, who took Rosner over to England to fight Wilde, holds a very exalted opinion of the boxing freak.

"In my opinion," remarked Smith yesterday, "the only man near Wilde's weight that might tickle him is Johnny Kilbane. The featherweight champion might be able to wear down the skinny Englishman with his terrific pounding body blows. No other man within fifteen pounds of Wilde can conquer this human lath."

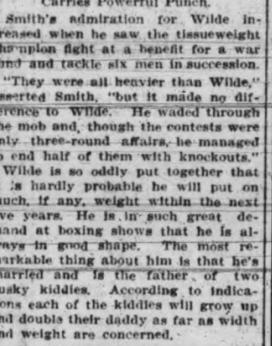
"A remarkable peculiarity of Wilde," added Smith, "is that his arms resemble whittened gaspipes. And what is more wonderful, when he lands a blow the party hit is sure he was struck by a piece of iron. Wilde doesn't play for any particular part of an opponent's body. He hits when there's an opening and hits like a ton of bricks. He's always after his man, carrying him along at a lightning pace. With the lightning speed and the crushing wallops he never fails to wear down his rival."

Smith's admiration for Wilde increased when he saw the tissue-weight champion fight at a benefit for a war fund and tackle six men in succession.

"They were all heavier than Wilde," asserted Smith, "but it made no difference to Wilde." He waded through the mob and, though the contests were only three-round affairs, he managed to end half of them with knockouts.

Wilde is so oddly put together that it is hardly probable he will put on much, if any, weight within the next five years. He is in such great demand at boxing shows that he is always in good shape. The most remarkable thing about him is that he is married and is the father of two husky kiddies. According to indications each of the kiddies will grow up and double their daddy as far as width and weight are concerned.

SEATTLE STAR



ED. CARPENTER

Of the Metropolitan, who wrenched his back in a work-out and may thus be prevented from playing in to-night's game at Portland.

Terrysodas—The fountain dances with new enthusiasm. Working fine. Terry.

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3 Boys' Overcoats. Size 26. Regular price \$7.50 to \$8.50. Sale price \$5.25	3 Boys' Overcoats. Sizes 33 to 35. Reg. \$7.50 and \$8.00. Sale price \$4.75
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BOWLING NEWS.

The following are the scores made at the Arcade alleys last night:

Commercial League.

Wilson Hotel	1	2	3	TL
Heidel	82	116	123	291
Brown	162	136	129	427
Childs	135	118	162	415
McAvoy	104	104	111	319
Kennedy	100	202	136	437
Totals	663	626	620	1909
High score—Kennedy, 202. High average—Kennedy, 136.				
Cameron Lumber Co.	1	2	3	TL
McDonald	119	136	134	403
McKenzie	109	99	115	312
Wilson	124	129	106	359
Dixon	104	167	162	433
McMillan	142	100	87	329
Totals	617	624	622	1863
High score—Dixon, 167. High average—Dixon, 114.				

Junior League.

Togery Shop	1	2	3	TL
Doherty	82	104	123	311
Webster	114	86	106	306
Brown	91	96	90	277
Anderson	109	126	94	329
Spence	124	125	80	329
Totals	500	546	494	1540
High score—Spence, 125. High average—Spence, 113.				

N. H. A. Standing.

W. L. For. Agst. Pts.			
25th Battalion	2	42	78
Canadians	4	27	27
Ottawa	4	23	25
Torontos	3	28	23
Quebec	2	4	20
Wanderers	1	2	28

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—Terry—The fountain dances with new enthusiasm. Working fine. Terry.

BRINKER AS COACH.

Seattle, Jan. 16.—Dode Brinker, last year captain of the Vancouver club in the Northwestern League, will act as baseball coach at the University of Washington again this spring. Brinker worked in a like capacity last season, and turned out a fast aggregation at the Seattle institution.

Brinker has secured permission from Bob Brown to report late to the Beaver squad, as the big outfielder will get into condition chasing around with the college boys, and will be ready to jump into the harness when he does report.

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Modern eight-room house, corner Simeos and St. Andrews streets. Apply

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Answers to Times Want Ads.

The following replies are waiting to be called for: 872, 963, 967, 976, 995, 1083, 1104, 1153, 1156, 1202, 1231, 1281, 1333, 1371, 1375, 1408, 1411, 421, 1426, 624, 6314, 6415, 6534, 6535.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

DIGONISMS—"Beware of the person who has a mania for offering apologies. Digon Printing Co., 705 Yates street. Printing for concerts, dances, etc. Reasonable prices, and we know just what is wanted."

LETTERS and Canadian office, and pocket diaries, T. N. Hibben & Co. FULL LINE of Phillips' chocolates in boxes from 25c. up at Phillips', 142 Government street.

THE MIRELLA SHOP has removed to 101 Douglas. Covering and repairs. Waites & Knappton, Phone 1420.

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157 TIDE TABLES, T. N. Hibben & Co. BLOUSES that will stand inspection reasonably priced, Mrs. Horner's, 714 Yates street.

LOST—On Douglas street, parcel containing returned soldier's khaki cap with badge. Finder please notify, Phone 10218.

LOST—From 288 Orilla, white wire-haired terrier, brown face, black spots. P. O. Box 1415, or Phone 29214, cashier.

PRIVATE TUITION given by expert in mathematics, shorthand, bookkeeping; fees moderate. Apply in first instance, Box 1454, Times.

SEWING MACHINE SNAPS—White, \$5; Singer, \$11; Domestic, \$12; Standard, Rotary, \$15. 714 Yates.

TO RENT—Four roomed cottage, conveniences, modern, 1174, Mitchell street, Mt. Courtnay.

WANTED—Good horse, wagon and harness for ranch; cheap for cash; good home, 1232 Acton street.

BOY WANTED, Apply Victoria Plumbing Co., 132 Douglas street.

LADY BOOKKEEPER, thoroughly experienced; accept nominal wages, Box 1454, Times.

FOR RENT—Four roomed house and barn, Rudin street, \$8. Apply Currie & Power, 1214 Douglas street.

PAHALI'S, B.F.D., are noted for their really high-class cigars, etc. Always ask for Fairall's, Phone 212.

WANTED—Bungalow or house, four or five rooms, nicely furnished, modern, near city, south of Fort, State terms, Box 1454, Times.

FOUND—Purse, in auto, containing small sum of money, on 13th inst. Apply Vernon Auto Stand.

HAND MACHINES from \$9 up, 714 Yates.

RESTAURANT KEEPER—KR has left, forget which restaurant, Write J. W. Goss, 1301 Douglas street.

GOOD, STEADY MAN, to work in grocery store, 164 Fort street.

BEST GARDEN LOT, near Gorge, deep black soil, fenced and cultivated, water, light, plants, only \$50, terms, Owner, Box 1454, Times.

ONE ACRE, best soil, Victoria suburbs, ideal location, near Gorge, water, light, phone; half former price, Owner, Box 1454, Times.

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GRAPHOPHONES on weekly or monthly payments, 714 Yates.

FOR SALE—Oliver typewriter, nearly new, perfect condition, extended card, base-board and metal cover complete, owner no further use, \$135 machine, \$85 cash, Phone 25781.

HELPING TO COLLECT VICTORIA'S \$200,000

Committee of I. O. D. E. Ladies Appeal for Volunteers for Work

The committee of I. O. D. E. ladies who undertook, in response to an appeal from the patriotic aid fund campaign committee through R. J. Swinerton and James Forman, to assist with the work of collecting the \$200,000 which was allocated to Victoria as its portion of the fund necessary to raise during the coming year, will commence its work immediately, and within the next fortnight hope to visit everyone in the residential part of the city. The ladies will carry the necessary credentials, viz., prepared official lists bearing the seal of the patriotic aid society and the signature of R. J. Swinerton and one of the trustees of the fund. Receipts will be given for all the moneys collected.

Miss Mara is convener of the general committee, and a "weedy" committee will deal with the work of organizing the sub-collections. Up-to-date—the following ladies are working in co-operation with Miss Mara: Mrs. Andrew Wright, Mrs. Gunther, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Beakwith, Miss Thomson, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Belsom, Mrs. Dolg, and Mrs. J. H. Gillespie. Each of these ladies is convener of a committee.

An appeal is being made for volunteers, either men or women, to help with the work, which requires many more helpers to carry it through efficiently. Volunteers may apply either to Miss Mara or any of the abovementioned ladies, or to Mr. Swinerton or Mr. Forman. The amount already raised is about \$150,000, and within a couple of weeks the ladies hope to collect the additional \$50,000 required to bring the amount up to the sum required.

RECEPTION TO BISHOP

Welcome Extended at Annual Meeting of St. Saviour's Parishioners.

The annual meeting of St. Saviour's parishioners was held last night, when the reports of the last year's work were presented showing excellent progress on the part of the congregation. Mr. B. Lloyd was re-appointed by the rector as warden and C. F. Banfield was re-elected to the same office by the people. The church committee was also re-elected. At the conclusion of the meeting a reception was tendered to Bishop and Mrs. Schofield. Words of welcome were spoken by the rector and wardens, C. F. Banfield reading a formal address signed by the wardens and church committee on behalf of the congregation.

The bishop in reply expressed his great pleasure at being present, and gave a very practical talk on the leading characteristics of a good parishioner, as essential to the well-being of parish and diocese.

A pleasing feature of the evening was the singing of four songs by Mrs. Macdonald Fahey, which were greatly appreciated by the audience and hearty expression was given to the sense of her kindness in thus adding to the interest and pleasure of the evening. The schoolroom was well filled, over a hundred of the parishioners being present. Refreshments were served by a committee of the Ladies' Work society. Among the visitors was the Ven. Archdeacon Sweet.

OBITUARY RECORD

News has been received by E. J. Harwood, of this city, of the death of his mother, Mrs. J. J. Harwood, at Ormsby Island. The deceased lady was very well known here and elsewhere on Vancouver Island and among the people of the neighboring islands. A native of Newton Abbot, England, she came to this part of Canada five years ago. She was sixty-five years of age, and was a sister of the late George Howe, who died recently at Hornby Island. Her husband, she is survived by three sons, W. G. and G. H., living on Hornby Island, and E. J., who is an employe at Brackman's, in this city; and a daughter, Miss L. Harwood, who lives at Hornby Island. Interment will probably be at Sandwick.

The Choral Society will hold their rehearsal to-morrow night at 8 o'clock in the studio of the B. C. Academy of Music, corner Fort and Cook streets. Instead of in the usual place. Members are requested to bring copies of "The Messiah."

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

FOR RENT—One heated apartment, Cowper Block, corner Connelley and Simcoe; for sale; suit starter, 87 Fort street, Victoria.

ENGLISH LADY requires position as housekeeper for two or more gentlemen, or widower with one child; good economical cook, needlewoman and musician, Box 678, Times.

LOST—Monday afternoon, small, black, long haired poodle. Anyone returning same to 1812 Richmond avenue will be rewarded.

THE FORTNIGHTLY WHIST DRIVE of the Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Society will be held at Mrs. Denger's, 414 Bay street, to-morrow evening, 7th. Prizes and refreshments.

JAMES BAY—\$15; \$200, cottage, phone, 624, Phone 4297.

LOST—Silver purse, in city. Finder please return to Mrs. Roberts, 9194 Pandora street.

COMMISSION LOOKS AFTER RETURNED MEN

Many Soldiers Already Pass Through Provincial Department

Neither the returned soldier nor the public at large seems to have more than a very hazy idea of the actual provision which is being made for the broken and disabled soldiers of the great emergency army sent from the Dominion overseas since August, 1914, and who are now filtering back in ever-increasing numbers to their homes in the European battlefields.

The British are not a military people, in the accepted sense of the word, and Canada even less than the Motherland has given thought previously to the organization of departments which have to do with the equipment or pensioning or restoration to civilian life of such an army. It has been a giant task with which the government has been confronted, and it was to be expected that more or less impatience would become evident from time to time at apparent shortcomings in administration. On the whole, however, the officials of the departments, whether government or volunteer, which have come into existence to deal with the returned soldiers and their welfare have been only too anxious to do their utmost in the interests of men who have so splendidly sacrificed themselves to go to the defence of their country.

The Returned Soldiers' Aid Commission (British Columbia), appointed by order in council in November, 1915, represents the governmental department in this province officially deputized to make provision for the welfare of returned members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

The outstanding objects of this organization were outlined in the first report submitted in March of last year by Dr. H. E. Young, chairman of the commission. In brief these duties were summarized as follows:

- 1. To find immediate employment for those discharged soldiers already returning to Canada, who are able to work.
2. To provide any special or technical training or treatment necessary to assist disabled soldiers who might be unable to take up their former employment to secure work more suited to their physical condition.
3. To devise a practical method of placing returned soldiers on the land under such conditions as will enable them to provide comfortably for themselves and families.
4. And to find employment for the large number of soldiers who, within a short space of time, would be returning to Canada on the conclusion of the war.

Actual Results. The history of the provincial department, which has its headquarters at Parliament buildings, is, necessarily, very much occupied with the history of the Military Hospitals Commission, Ottawa, which has to do with pension regulations, scale of pay and allowances for men undergoing vocational training, from which department the local department receives its instructions on these matters. But something of the actual work of the Provincial Returned Soldiers' Commission of British Columbia may be seen from the following figures, issued on January 13 by J. H. Hill, the secretary.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Number. Includes: Total number of men on the commission's records (976), Men undergoing treatment in hospitals and sanatoria (175), Men undergoing treatment at their own homes (81), Men diverted to other provinces for treatment in hospitals and sanatoria (21), Number of applications received for employment at the various returned soldiers' employment committees throughout the province (549), Men on our committees' files awaiting employment (46), Pensions awarded to returned men (164), Pensions awarded to dependents of men killed on service (43), Pass Through Department (11), All men who enlisted from B. C. as they return, whether on their arrival here disabled or not, are supposed to come before the commission. Reports, necessarily brief, are received from the discharge depot, Quebec, and distributed to the various local sub-committees, of which there are about 50 operating in this province alone.

Vocational Training. The work of organizing vocational training classes for returned soldiers who are unable to take up their old occupations owing to physical disability has occupied considerable thought. In this province this particular department came under the direction of John Kyle, who is proving a very energetic, sympathetic and understanding head of vocational training. At the Esquimalt Convalescent Home where men are retained pending their restoration to relative good health, many are attending one or other of the training classes which have been arranged. Mr. Kyle last

Saturday gave the following figures concerning the number of such returned soldiers who are fitting themselves for new occupations by such means: Men in the gasoline engine class, carpentry class, commercial work and gardening and poultry at the Esquimalt Convalescent Home, 43. Men undergoing vocational training outside the Home, 14.

It is interesting to note that one of the returned soldiers, after taking a course in secretarial work, is now established in the returned soldiers' commission department at the parliament buildings, where, it should follow, he will be able to give valuable assistance in connection with the furthering of the welfare of men who are coming back in ever increasing numbers. The question of settlement on the land has not yet reached an entirely satisfactory point, but the commission which has just finished its sessions in Ottawa may have some further results to report. In this province the number of men with previous agricultural experience who have applied for land is 28.

J. F. BLEDSOE IS CANDIDATE CHOSEN

Alberni Liberals Select Him Unanimously to Contest Coming By-Election

At a largely attended convention of the Liberals of the Alberni riding, held at Port Alberni last evening, John Frank Bledsoe was unanimously chosen as the Liberal candidate at the by-election which must be held to fill the vacancy caused by Hon. H. C. Brewster, who was returned for Victoria and for Alberni, electing to sit for the former seat. His acceptance of office, of course, vacated both seats.

The choice of Mr. Bledsoe by the delegates who had come from every part of the riding places in the field an excellent candidate, and there is no doubt but that at the by-election, which will be held some time next month, he will hold the seat for the government. He is well-liked throughout the constituency, is a good platform speaker and is thoroughly versed in affairs. Mr. Bledsoe has been a resident of the Alberni district for over a quarter of a century, and both as a mining engineer and a newspaperman he has been over every part of it, and very familiar with the needs of the district and will be a live member in the representation of its people.

In the Newcastle district, where a by-election will also be held about the same time, James Wilks, a native of the district and well-known in labor circles all over the province, is being compared with those obtaining in Victoria, and I say without hesitation that under normal conditions you have here all the virtues possessed by Los Angeles, and what is more you have no faults, which to the cinematographer in the California city," continued Mr. Nelson. "If we want a mining scene, if we want a whaling scene, if we want to include the halibut industry in the setting of any piece we decide to film we have here all the advantages of natural surroundings." You will see Hindu villages and you will see Indian villages go up on the site we propose to use. Then again we can reproduce all the romance that surrounds a Hudson's Bay post. All these various matters were dealt with by Mr. Nelson in such a manner as to prove his assertion that Victoria was the logical place for a film city.

MEETING OF TAX COMMITTEE TO-DAY

Policy on Tax-Sale Redemptions; Representation of Various Societies

Tax delinquency, the theme for theories in the recent municipal campaign, came before the aldermen, reinforced with a body of citizens, at the third meeting of this organization in progress this afternoon. Mayor Todd has placed Alderman Andrews, a banker, in the chairmanship to succeed the late chairman of the finance committee. Since the last meeting the theorists on the subject have been joined by the practical complainants of dissatisfied ratepayers, which have been filed for reference. The mayor announced his intention to-day to have brought up his resolution of December 18 on tax sales at this meeting. This resolution would enable the council to sell land acquired by tax sale back to owners or executors at cost plus the delinquent taxes and ten per cent. additional, and to provide for sale by tender of property to others.

Few of the bodies who have been invited to participate in the deliberations of the committee have so far made a return, but on behalf of the board of trade James Forman and Andrew Wright have been nominated and J. O'Reilly and F. Landsberg for the Civic Retrenchment association. T. Edward Clark, solicitor, has offered to serve on behalf of shareholders in local companies in which he is interested. Doubtless an effort will be made to have the nominations completed as soon as possible. A private meeting of the aldermen was held this morning to discuss some legal and financial matters with officials.

The request of the provincial department of railways for the use of city plant to proceed with work on the Songhees reserve was taken in hand to-day. The city has both air compressors and drills which would be of service in the work now threatened with suspension, and every effort will be made by the officials to prevent it being abandoned.

No Class To-night.—There will be no class in the Central Domestic Science department of the night school this evening.

COUNCIL TO DECIDE FATE OF FILM CITY

Greater Business Luncheon Unanimous; Distinguished Company Endorses Action

By providing twenty-three acres for the Film Corporation which is desirous of establishing an industry in the city of Victoria and raising, as half payment therefor, either by municipal grant or by some other means to be devised by the committee convened for that purpose the sum of nine thousand two hundred dollars, and giving Mr. J. Nelson the president and manager of the company in question an affirmative answer to that effect on Thursday next, Victoria will succeed in creating for itself a film city, with all its attendant commercial benefits directly and indirectly. This is the proposal in a nutshell as put before the "Greater Business" luncheon which took place at the Empress Hotel to-day. The film company on their part will undertake to spend the sum of ten thousand dollars on the site in question and during two years to expend the sum of one hundred thousand dollars. As a security for this undertaking, those guaranteeing the initial nine thousand two hundred dollars retain half interest in the land in question.

Large Company Present. Four cabinet ministers, several members of parliament, officers of all the progressive institutions in the city, representatives of all the business activities of Victoria as well as members of the general community assembled to hear whether Victoria was going to secure the moving picture industry for herself, or whether the work of the committee had all gone for naught. From the time Joshua Kingham introduced Mayor Todd as the chairman of the luncheon to the singing of the National Anthem there was unmistakable evidence that Victoria really wanted the industry. Two volunteers wanted to subscribe one hundred dollars each on the spot. It was, however, pointed out by George Bell, M. P., that the proper method was to secure a municipal grant for the simple reason that it was going to be of equal benefit to the citizen generally and in consequence there should be an equal levy. "I can see an enormous advantage coming out of it, and is it not a fact that the reason the film company wants to come to Victoria instead of going elsewhere is because of the very sun shining through the windows this very minute?" Mr. Bell could see a great advertisement in this alone in addition to the pecuniary benefit that would follow as a matter of course.

Mr. Nelson, manager and president of the Universal Film Corporation, gave as his expert opinion in the production of films that Victoria was the logical spot for a film-city. "There is no spot in the whole Dominion of Canada where the light conditions can compare with those obtaining in Victoria, and I say without hesitation that under normal conditions you have here all the virtues possessed by Los Angeles, and what is more you have no faults, which to the cinematographer in the California city," continued Mr. Nelson. "If we want a mining scene, if we want a whaling scene, if we want to include the halibut industry in the setting of any piece we decide to film we have here all the advantages of natural surroundings." You will see Hindu villages and you will see Indian villages go up on the site we propose to use. Then again we can reproduce all the romance that surrounds a Hudson's Bay post. All these various matters were dealt with by Mr. Nelson in such a manner as to prove his assertion that Victoria was the logical place for a film city.

Big Payroll. He had said on a previous occasion that the weekly payroll would amount to about \$2,000 a week, but he was more inclined to believe that it would be nearer six times that amount. He also told his auditors that at the present moment upwards of \$30,000,000 were going over the line annually, and that he was here to help to keep some of that money in Canada. He looked for the Canadian market to welcome the film, and he stoutly declared that he could be independent of the American market for his only two copies of a film, came over from the other side on account of the heavy-duty, he would use ten copies, and thus insure the Canadian public five times better service, five times as fresh, and a Canadian product at that. Several members of the large assembly warmly supported the project, and one of the speakers likened Victoria as possessing one talent wrapped up in a napkin, and urged that it was now time to take it out and add to it.

Will Wait on Council. The whole of the discussion crystallized into a resolution for the appointment of a committee to wait upon the city council at 2.30 on Thursday afternoon and to lay before that body every phase of the question, requesting that the city make the grant of \$5,500 in order that the Film Corporation can govern themselves accordingly. It is understood that many limited contracts must be concluded and the film on the market before the end of April. Mr. Nelson will remain in the city to hear the verdict of the city council on Thursday.

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AEROPLANE VISITS CITY THIS MORNING Unusual Craft Seen by Many Oak Bay Residents

An air machine, very clearly observed but only very indistinct particulars of which have been given, was seen a few minutes before noon to-day by Oak Bay residents who enjoyed a brief excitement watching the swift manoeuvring of the visitor. Authentic eye-witnesses were numerous enough, as among the privileged spectators were not only many adult residents of Oak Bay but a number of the boys from Mr. Sparks' school on Monterey avenue, who saw the advent and disappearance of the aircraft. Coming from the direction of Cadboro Bay, apparently, the machine circled round toward Fowl Bay, circling rapidly again and passing directly over Oak Bay. It evidently flew very high, as none of the details could be observed very well, although the descriptions given indicate that it was a bi-plane. After a swift reconnoitering of the areas above Oak Bay the machine circled again and went off rapidly southward in the direction of the Olympic mountains, "traveling very fast," as one of the adult witnesses avouched. Evidently neither the admiralty nor military headquarters knew anything about the arrival of the airman. At Esquimalt, however, a request was received recently from a Vancouver aeroplaneist asking permission to fly over Vancouver Island and Victoria. The request was provisional, and the answer was couched in the same terms, the admiralty informing the inquirer that he was perfectly at liberty to fly over the district at any time he liked, "provided he first apprised both the military and naval authorities." As the airman in question had subsequently had an accident which would deprive him from flying for some time, they understood, and as they had had no later intimation of his intention to bring his machine over this part of the Island, they assumed that the visitor to-day came from another direction entirely. Should the latter assumption prove correct there is an infringement of international etiquette. The air, unlike the sea, has no "three-mile limit," and no matter how high a machine flies over a country it is, if an alien, "out of bounds."

INTEREST PAYMENT ON LOAN TO BE MET

Executive Has to Make Provision for About Ninety Thousand Dollars

Another interest payment had to be made provision for to-day by the executive at a council meeting. This time it is the interest for six months on the portion of the loan authorized last season which has been raised so far. This was two million dollars of which half went to the Pacific Great Eastern railway. The Loan Act leaves the making provision for the half-yearly payment of the interest to the lieutenant-governor-in-council, "from time to time," and as the first instalment is now about to fall due, provision has to be made for its payment. There is in the neighborhood of \$50,000 to be paid out on this account, portion of the price which the province has to pay for the McBride-Bowers system of financing, under which it is considered good business to spend two dollars for every one that comes in as revenue, and borrowing the balance.

STEALING OF NICKEL

Quebec, Jan. 16.—Judge Lagier to-day delivered judgment in the case of Ed. Roberts and F. Cote, both charged with stealing scrap nickel and copper from the Dominion arsenal at Quebec. The decision finds the two men guilty, but sentence is suspended. No member of the staff of the arsenal is held responsible for the thefts. The decision further states that it has been amply proved that not an ounce of the metal went out of Canada.

AT COAL CREEK. Fernie, B. C., Jan. 16.—Very few miners went to work at Coal Creek this morning. A mass meeting was held at 2.30 this afternoon, at which the verbal report of Delegate Biggs was submitted to the miners for consideration. It is thought the men will return to work in the morning if Biggs' report is satisfactory to them.

GERMANY WILL NOT ANNOUNCE TERMS

Statement by Zimmerman in Berlin to Associated Press Correspondent

Berlin, Jan. 15.—(Wireless to the Associated Press via Sayville.)—Dr. Alfred Zimmermann, the German foreign minister, informed the Associated Press yesterday that in his opinion the entente powers' reply to President Wilson's peace note bars the possibility for the present of further German steps to bring about peace.

Dr. Zimmermann asserted, however, that the answer of the entente to the president did not finally and completely close the door to later efforts for peace before one side or the other was completely crushed.

The foreign minister, in the course of a conversation with an Associated Press correspondent, said he had declared, although with obvious reluctance, that it was impossible for him to give a more definite statement of the peace programme of the central powers than that indicated in the declarations of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the chancellor, because the German terms were such that the unobscured promulgation of them in their moderate details, after what he characterized as the aspiring programme of conquest and dismemberment outlined by the entente, would be interpreted by the entente powers as a sign of weakness and of a desire for peace at any cost.

Not at Present. Publication of the peace terms of the central powers therefore would defeat its every purpose, said Dr. Zimmermann. The foreign minister expressed doubt whether, after what he termed the refusal to President Wilson's peace efforts given in the reply of the entente, the president could take any further action for the present, adding that the entente answer excluded for the present any possibility of peace.

Expressing a profound conviction that the programme of the entente powers never could be carried into effect, Dr. Zimmermann intimated a failure of the entente offensive this year, which he expected might again make it possible to approach the subject of peace on reasonable terms and with some prospect of success.

"The entente powers gave out for themselves a big programme," said Dr. Zimmermann, commenting on the note to President Wilson. "What more is there for Germany to say regarding it?" "Now that the allies have to a certain extent outlined their plans," said the correspondent, "do you think there is any possibility of Germany declaring in some form or other its programme for a peace settlement?" "No," the minister replied after an instant's reflection. "I think we can do nothing more. We cannot afford to give the impression we are chasing after peace at all costs. After the entente has put out this highly ambitious programme, an announcement of the form and moderate German terms of peace probably would be interpreted by our adversaries as an indication of weakness and would be used by them to encourage their people to fight on. Our people would not understand any further effort by us for the introduction of peace after the entente's declaration. We have to consider public opinion here."

Some Advantages. Dr. Zimmermann said he could obviously see the advantages from one point of view in declaring Germany's terms and letting the world see by contrast with those to which the entente powers have committed themselves the real state of affairs, but seemed to be convinced that such advantages were not sufficient to effect the attitude of the entente powers as to outweigh the effect on public opinion in enemy countries of the announcement of the terms regarding Belgium and the others in this war.

To the question as to whether he saw the possibility of Germany making such a declaration of her intentions, should a further inquiry be made from the neutral side, for example, by President Wilson, the minister replied critically: "But will he make such an inquiry after the entente reply, which in its nature is, shall we say, insulting?" "Do you think that after an interval there will be any possibility of an offer of mediation for peace being accepted by both sides?" the minister was asked. "Yes," he replied. "The desire for peace of all the peoples—peoples, mind you, I say, not governments—is so strong that after the entente has had another try with a new offensive, after it has seen the fruitlessness of all the endeavors to crush the military strength of the central powers, there may be a better possibility of negotiating a satisfactory and reasonable peace."

"Of course, if the entente persists in trying to execute its programme, the war must be fought out to the bitter end."

QUEBEC SHOEMAKERS SUPPORT REGISTRATION

Quebec, Jan. 15.—At a meeting last night of the National Fraternity of Shoemaker Mechanics, a local body with a membership of 1,500, a resolution was unanimously adopted urging all its members to sign the national service cards. The meeting was attended by 250 members, who showed a keen desire to comply with the government's national service measure.

ADMIRAL DEWEY DIED AT WASHINGTON TO-DAY



Washington, Jan. 15.—Admiral George Dewey died here this afternoon.

Admiral Dewey, the "Hero of Manila Bay," was 78 years of age. Lately he had been head of the general board of the navy. He was the best known naval man in the United States.

OTTAWA IS ASKED TO LEASE A WIRE

Newspapers Urge Government to Bridge Gap Between Ottawa and Winnipeg

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—Representative Canadian newspaper publishers assembled in Ottawa yesterday and called on Sir Thomas White, Hon. Robert Rogers and other members of the cabinet for the purpose of urging an appropriation of \$20,000 to assist in the carrying of news dispatches across Canada.

Since the formation of the Canadian Associated Press half a dozen years ago one ideal which the leading publishers kept before themselves was that of chartering a telegraph line from Halifax to Vancouver and Victoria for the full 24 hours each day. It has been beyond the combined financial resources of all the Canadian newspapers so far to accomplish this end. Together with this wire would have to go, of course, branches to numerous cities and a great trunk line from New York to Montreal over which the standard Associated Press report could be brought into Canada. The larger newspapers, such as those in Montreal and Toronto, the Manitoba Free Press in Winnipeg, and the Province in Vancouver, by means of large individual expenditures for special dispatches, cables and by leasing of wires during the early morning when commercial business is slack, have endeavored to make up for the lack of a wire over which Canadian newspapers might receive and exchange news during every hour of the day and night.

The installation of this wire would mean that the news of Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and St. John would be as instantly available to Victoria and Vancouver readers as the news of Seattle.

Unproductive Gap. Heretofore the problem has remained unsolved because of that tremendous unproductive gap of more than 1,000 miles between Ottawa and Winnipeg. There are only one or two small newspapers all the way across the northern Ontario wilderness, while the larger newspapers at either end of this section found it impossible to bridge financially this geographical dilemma. So the publishers yesterday asked the government to assume the liability of that accident of nature which placed 1,300 or 1,400 miles of rock and forest and prairie between Ottawa and Winnipeg. The remainder of the job the newspapers will look after.

The understanding is that if the government will make the required appropriation the newspapers shortly thereafter will provide all the remainder of an imperial news highway from ocean to ocean. The result is expected to be that infinitely more of Canada's own news will be published in newspapers throughout the Dominion and the dissemination of imperial news will be much more prompt, widespread and effective.

Early Reply. The ministers promised careful consideration and an early reply. To the proposals submitted, E. F. Slack, president of the Canadian Associated Press, was leading speaker for the memorial, which had originated in Western Canada.

J. S. H. Matson, proprietor of the "Victoria Colonist" and the "Vancouver News-Advertiser," was spokesman for British Columbia, while other speakers included were William Buchanan, M. P., Lethbridge Herald; J. W. Dufour, editor of the Winnipeg Free Press; J. H. Woods, Calgary Herald; Norman Smith, Ottawa Journal-Press, and Mr. Dennis, of Halifax. Besides Mr. Matson, there were present from British Columbia R. W. Brown, Vancouver Province, and J. Nelson, Vancouver World.

Crawford—"As you watch those kids playing in the snow I suppose you wish you were a boy again." Crabshaw—"You bet I do. Then I could catch that young rascal who just soaked me with a snowball."

"Now, where do you want your speech to come?" "Put me on before the celery is served. Two hundred people eating celery in unison makes it very difficult to be heard."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

TRAGEDY OF ROUMANIA WAS DUE TO FAULTY STRATEGY; RUSSIA IS TRYING TO SAVE SITUATION

French Admiral Returns From Mission to East Front and Makes His Report; Czar's Armies Are Wearing the Enemy Down for the Final Decisive Blow in West; Difficulties of Transportation

Paris, Jan. 15.—Vice-Admiral du Four, former commander of the Anglo-French navy forces in Greece, who has just returned from a special mission in Rumania and Roumania has written the following article on the situation there giving the first official information as to the mistakes which led to the Rumanian tragedy, as well as the improved situation of the allies: "For the future," he writes, "one can expect to see the German armies in the Balkans more mastered by the defending Russians and Roumanians if not immediately and totally stopped. They will be vigorously received on all the eastern fronts that through lead and steel, cold and fatigue, they will suffer increasingly heavy losses that will paralyze any attempt they may make against Salonica, for example, and will make them pay more and more dearly for a victorious irruption in the Balkans.

"German armies will wear themselves out against a continuous stream of Russian reinforcements, like the bull is worn down by the unceasing vigilance of the matadors. Retreating before continued assault or counterattacks when necessary, the Russians will allow no breathing time to the Germans. When the German bull has been worn down its strength against the eastern front in multiplying his furious attack and, overcome with rage, turns on his heel—his mad, redoubtable adversary—he will feel under the blows of the sword that awaits him. This sword is the sword of France, held in hand to-day with only the utmost difficulty, restraining itself to strike in the hour of vengeance. Near it is the sword of Britain, not less ready, not less brave. It will be the eternal glory of the French army to have overthrown on its own soil the German beast.

"The indications I have brought back from the eastern front are of a nature to show that in the future, though it is still clouded, there are comforting perspectives for public opinion, still affected by the misfortune of Rumania and a prey to anxieties inspired by the military situation in the Balkans. Russia had grave doubts about the advisability of Roumanian entering the war. So long as Roumania was neutral, the Russian army, supporting Brusiloff's offensive, had its flank protected by Wallachia and Moldavia, and its rear covered by Dobruja. On the other hand, the Russians thought that if Roumania intervened she would remain on the defensive in Transylvania and attack Bulgaria, whose army was held before Salonica.

"Russia thought that this would give them time for a necessary change of front in order to cover and support a Rumanian offensive against Bulgaria before German reserves could be

brought up. This also was the plan of General Ayres, but unfortunately other views prevailed and the Roumanian first offensive was against Transylvania instead of Bulgaria. Nearly the entire Roumanian army attacked Transylvania, turning its back on the principal enemy and weakening itself every mile of advance into Hungary, which enlarged the front. Then the Roumanians encountered the German reinforcements hurrying to the defence of their ally. Ferdinand's forces were thrown back across the frontier, losing more of their artillery and nearly one-third of their effectives.

"Meantime, the Bulgarians, cleverly taking advantage of the opportunity, invaded the Dobruja and easily crossing the Danube, which was guarded on a front of several hundred miles by but a single division of Roumanian militia, marched on Bucharest. Under the conditions, the capture of Bucharest and the conquest of the most of Roumania were inevitable. The Russian army, surprised by the quick reverse of the Roumanians, left off the Brusiloff offensive to send reinforcements to Roumania. These were so placed, however, that they could not cover their own flank in Wallachia nor the rear in Dobruja fast enough to stop the advance of the Germans.

"It was only on the Sereth that the Russians could deploy the first corps of Sakharoff to arrive, supported by several good Roumanian divisions. Resistance on this front and the supporting points behind it coupled with the arrival of a number of reinforcements allow it to be hoped that the worst is now over.

"The czar himself gave me this assurance in telling me that in a few weeks the situation in the Balkans would begin to change. A few days after the czar told me this he learned of the Russian troops calling for war to the knife. And immediately after that the Russian offensive in the Niga district began.

"There is no reason to doubt the firm purpose that animates the czar and Gen. Gourko, his new chief of staff, who is one of the best qualified soldiers in the Russian army. Going through Roumania, which I covered by automobile, I found all the roads filled with soldiers, finely equipped in excellent physical condition and high good humor, their discipline being perfect.

"To get a proper understanding of the difficulty the Russians had in bringing up reinforcements, it must be remembered that they had at their disposal only a single railroad and a single practicable wagon road. The infantry had to march the full distance in order to let the artillery use the railroad."

MORGAN TO TESTIFY ABOUT THAT "LEAK"

Other Financiers to Give Evidence; Lawson on Stand Again To-day

Washington, Jan. 15.—The "leak" investigation committee spent another session on Thomas W. Lawson to-day and then extended its field of inquiry by summoning J. P. Morgan, Henry P. Davison, Frank A. Vanderlip, Sol Wexler and Arthur Lipper, all nationally known bankers. The exact purpose of summoning these heads of the financial centre was not disclosed.

Lawson's testimony was an amplification of his sensational statement of yesterday, in which the committee understood him to say that Chairman Henry of the rules committee, was the mysterious congressman who had told him a cabinet member, a senator and a banker were engaged in a stock gambling pool and that the cabinet member was Secretary McAdoo, and that the senator's name began with "O." To-day Lawson declared his information had come from another source, which he did not disclose. He declared emphatically that Henry had not mentioned McAdoo's name and that the only names Henry had mentioned were those of Bernard Baruch, a Wall Street operator; Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, and Secretary Lansing. Henry, he said, had repeated a rumor that the ambassador made \$2,000,000 in the market and that Mr. Lansing and Baruch had had conferences in New York. Archibald A. White, Lawson said, added that he had heard about McAdoo's alleged relations with Fiske.

Woman Disappears. Mrs. Ruth Visconti, who wrote Lawson a letter offering information that one of the White House correspondents had profited by the "leak," suddenly disappeared to-day and the sergeant-at-arms of the House, after making a fruitless search with a subpoena, reported he was unable to locate her. Members of the committee said there were inklings that she had "disappeared."

LABOR MEN WAIT ON OTTAWA CABINET

Several Requests Made by Deputation From Dominion Trades Congress

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—The annual delegation of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress waited upon the prime minister and his colleagues this afternoon and presented a lengthy series of requests for legislative reform on behalf of organized labor.

The delegation again urged the repeal of the Lemieux Industrial Disputes and Investigation Act on several grounds. The men claimed that they were opposed to the compulsory feature of the measure, that the delay called for in the act gave opportunity to the employers of labor to secure strike-breakers and that they did not always receive justice from arbitration boards appointed.

An increase in wages of 50 cents per day for all letter-carriers to meet the increased cost of living was called for in a special resolution.

The metal trades also had a special request to make. The government has requested them to secure mechanics and the trade desired the government to give an assurance that there would be no industrial conscription of any kind as in England. They declared themselves opposed to any law which would compel a man to work for a boss.

James Simpson, of Toronto, urged that one of the terms of peace should provide that civil and religious rights should be preserved everywhere to the Jewish people. The British Labor Congress, he contended, had asked for the same thing.

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PROHIBITIONISTS TO TAKE ACTION NOW

Will Investigate Whether There Were Irregularities in Voting Overseas

8,483 VOTES POLLED

Committee Named at Vancouver to Lay Data Before Mr. Brewster

Vancouver, Jan. 15.—The receipt of a cable yesterday at prohibition headquarters revealing a vote of 8,483 polled overseas subsequent to September 14, has created a situation which from a prohibitionist standpoint is most disquieting. As a result of this information a hurried call of the soldiers' vote committee was sent out for a meeting. There was a good representation of the members, who after the situation was thoroughly explained by the chairman, William Savage, expressed themselves in no uncertain manner as to the alleged irregularities in connection with the taking of the vote during which time Sir Richard McBride's part in the affair was critically referred to.

A committee was appointed to gather data on such irregularities, this to be laid before Premier Brewster on his return from the east. In the meantime instructions are being sent to the prohibition scrutineers in London, W. D. Hayley, to secure details of personal information, which is alleged to have been carried on in a wholesale manner. Letters are said to be in hand already giving details of personal and in at least one case the name of the man impersonated is given.

One of the chief matters for complaint is the operation of the order-in-council providing for one week's notice of the government's intention to hold a poll. This, it is claimed, was not done in all cases, although fairly closely adhered to in the voting in Canada. Mr. Hayley is reported to have had considerable trouble in inducing Sir Richard McBride to agree to abide by the order. The latest cable states that these conditions were not observed latterly, with the result that the greatest number of votes came from those polls at which there were no scrutineers. The same applies to the requirements with regard to the showing of each soldier's identification tag when voting.

Prohibitionists generally are very much concerned over the receipt of the latest news and say they will leave no stone unturned until those guilty of misconduct, if any be found, are brought to justice.

MARKET WAS STRONG AT CHICAGO TO-DAY

Chicago, Jan. 15.—Reports that Kansas City had an enormous export business during the last twenty-four hours and that there are three governments in the market bidding for wheat were the cause of the strength of the market to-day. May wheat advanced four points over last night's close and closed strong about half a point below its high level for the day. Exporters were in the market this morning for corn in large quantities. A good deal was bought, which advanced the price about a point. Oats was steady with very little change.

Table with columns: Wheat, Open, High, Low, Close. Rows for May, July, Sept, Corn, Oats, etc.

NEW YORK CURB PRICES

Table with columns: Commodity, Bid, Asked. Rows for Ariz. Copperfields, Can. Copper, Crown Reserve, etc.

NEW YORK SUGAR

Table with columns: Commodity, Price. Rows for New York, Jan. 15, Raw sugar quiet, etc.

"Biggie says he got on by burning the midnight oil. Well, keeping late hours did help him some. He danced all night three or four times a week, till finally he met a rich girl and married her."

Mrs. Mullins—"What's the matter, Mrs. Jones?" Mrs. Jones—"Why, this young varmint 'as swallowed a cartridge, and I can't wallow 'im for fear it goes off."

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FINANCIAL NEWS

MONTREAL STOCKS SHORT COVERING CAUSED BY REPORT

Montreal, Jan. 15.—There was a better bond all around in to-day's local trading. The steady strength in New York was the chief influence. Canada-Car securities gained on the statement by the president of the company that its fire loss at the New Jersey plant would be less than \$1,000,000. Dominion Bridge became active to-day and secured a substantial advance. The bridge directors meet to-morrow and the regular dividend and bonus are expected. Fluctuations in Brazilian Traction were erratic, but the close was strong. Most stocks closed practically as at the day's best.

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Close. Rows for Ames Holden, Do., Bell Telephone, etc.

TO-DAY'S TRADING IN THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, Jan. 15.—Wheat closed 2c. higher for May and 1c. up for July. Oats was 1c. down in May and 1c. higher in July. Flax was 1c. higher. Though the market was very strong to-day, the business during the session was light. The locals did practically nothing but scalping, following about 1c. behind the lead of the American markets. There was no good buying to speak of, with most of the conservative traders out of the market. The general news had a bullish tone, but the chief factor was the report of a big export trade in the south. Cash wheat was moderately fair in demand, but not so good as yesterday. Oats was strong and about one-quarter cent better in premium.

Table with columns: Commodity, Open, High, Low, Close. Rows for Wheat, Oats, Flax, etc.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Table with columns: Commodity, Price. Rows for Ariz. Copperfields, Can. Copper, Crown Reserve, etc.

METAL MARKET

New York, Jan. 15.—Copper firm; electrolytic, first, second and third quarters, \$27.50-\$28.00. Iron steady and unchanged. Tin strong, \$49.40. Lead, \$7.00 bid; spelter not quoted.

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CANADIAN PRIVATE FIRST UP MT. ROBSON

George Kinney, of the Army Medical Corps, Tells of Scaling Dizzy Heights

Sitting in the barracks allotted to the Army Medical Corps at the Willos last evening was Private George Kinney and before him a long black box in which deft fingers were busy themselves with a careful arrangement of one hundred of the most precious slides ever made. It may not be generally known that wearing a private's uniform, without even so much as a mark save the Red Cross, is the first man living who tapped the great secrets of majestic Mount Robson. More than a dozen leading geographical associations and clubs devoted to the higher realms of mountaineering have heard the story of how George Kinney climbed Mount Robson with only one companion and he without previous alpine experience.

Civilization Far Behind. "When we were making the last stretch to the peak itself we had the last of our provisions on our backs and we were then several hundred miles from civilization, and for a week or more afterwards we shot our own food, ranging from squirrel to grouse," said the Army Medical man to the Times last night.

From the moment of starting from Victoria—Mr. Kinney was the pastor of James Bay Methodist church at that time—everything that could go wrong from the initial attempt at formation of a party to accompany him on his perilous mission to the top of his final entrance into the mysterious Athabasca valley, did go wrong. It was the more serious to the intrepid climber since he had planned to capture Mount Robson in the early days of June, 1909, but arrangements failed him several times.

Two letters from the president of the Canadian Alpine club warning him of parties of Americans who were also coveting the honors to capture this unexplored peak was too much for Kinney to delay longer. Leaving Victoria, he made for Calgary, with one last attempt to get a party together. He was unsuccessful; no one would take the risk. He went on alone, conscious of the fact that if Mount Robson, a Canadian giant that had glared down defiance through the ages, were to be a Canadian conquest he must needs press on. In the early days of June he left Edmonton with three pack horses, three months' provisions, with nothing ahead but hardship, difficulties and perhaps disappointment and even death. Difficulties soon commenced to present themselves. Torrential rains, cloud bursts and the like caused the whole of the Athabasca valley to resemble one roaring, raging torrent. Indians and prospectors at the Yellowhead Pass laughed at him, while the more serious warned him that he was going to certain death. They tried their utmost to dissuade him from his resolve. Nothing daunted, however, Kinney with his little team of pack horses went on.

Company at Last. Two days' progress was made when he met a man named Donald Phillips, who became interested in his plans and agreed to accompany him. Flooded areas had to be negotiated with the utmost care, and many times disaster was literally snatched away by pure luck. Eventually the Mount Robson country was reached. It was well on in the month of July before the ascent was commenced and the main camp pitched at the timber line, situated at an altitude of 5,500 feet. Private Kinney explained that this was regarded as the permanent base until his object had been achieved. "It was at this time," he continued, "that fortune began to smile upon us, since the climbing conditions were ideal, a factor that gave us considerable encouragement to reach the main object before the Yankees could claim it as their own."

Describing the experimental trips from the timber line to a point roughly 10,700 feet up, whence it was judged the final scaling of the peak could be reasonably undertaken, Mr. Kinney stated that no less than four ascents and descents were made before it was found possible to capture the summit. It was ultimately accomplished, and in Private Kinney's own words "on a day of all days, Friday, the thirteenth of the month." That was in August, 1909. The individual with leadings to the summit should be duly shocked in view of the foregoing.

Chinook Set In. Twelve hours were needed from the 10,700 feet mark to the summit and back, and it was at this altitude that the two mountaineers rolled themselves in their blankets to contemplate their prospect of a perilous descent with a sadly depleted ladder. It is remarkable to note that during the twelve hour journey referred to a chinook sprang up, the descent taking seven of the twelve hours in consequence of the ice crusts becoming quickly affected by the changing atmosphere. To give an idea of the position of the body when attempting to stand erect in a one and a half inch foot-hold hewn by an ice axe, Mr. Kinney says that the mountain side is scarcely twelve inches from the forehead and it was by this process of hacking a toehold, with a gaping chasm below, that practically seven thousand feet of the actual ascent was made. "There was no going back so long as we knew that other parties were out for the spoils of conquest, and this knowledge helped us to forget the nothingness below us," said Mr. Kinney.

The explorer has much to tell of the startling grandeur of the previously

undiscovered glaciers and the numerous fantastic waterfalls. Mr. Kinney was the first human being to have explored the dizzy heights of Mount Robson, and he was rewarded by the geographical department at Ottawa by the naming after him of a lake discovered by him at an altitude of 6,000 feet.

DIED IN SAN JOSE

C. F. Green, Well-Known Here in the Sixties, Passes Away in California.

The death occurred in San Jose, California, last week of C. F. Green, who lived in this city many years ago, and was well-known to residents of the 'sixties and early 'seventies. The deceased gentleman, whose funeral will be held to-morrow, came to this country in 1862, previously having lived at Newcastle-on-Tyne. He lived in Victoria for about ten years, then removed to Ladner, making his home there until 1886, when he went south to California on account of ill-health. He is survived, besides his widow, by a son, J. G. Green, and two daughters, Mrs. E. Lefroy and Mrs. H. N. Rich, living at Ladner; a second son, C. F. A. Green, living at Terrace, B. C.; and four other daughters, one of whom, Mrs. A. M. Carter, lives at 1150 Monterey avenue, this city; Miss Green, at San Jose; Mrs. A. G. Crane, of St. Joseph; and Mrs. J. Peacey, of Vancouver.

INTERESTING LECTURE BY NOTED ALPINIST

Private Kinney Tells of Wonders of Mt. Robson at Metropolitan Church

Before a dozen or more of the most noted geographical and alpine societies of the world has Private (Rev.) George Kinney related his experiences during his ascent up Mount Robson. It was this same lecture that Mr. Kinney delivered at the Metropolitan Methodist church last evening. One hundred lantern slides, the cost of whose manufacture by the best house in the world was borne entirely by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, and faithful reproductions of subjects photographed from heights varying from one and a half to two miles, were thrown upon the screen and the accompanying story told in the most entertaining style by the intrepid alpinist himself. Mr. Kinney told his audience of the wondrous discoveries and the indescribable grandeur of the scenes in the hitherto unknown Robson heights. To give some idea of the task which he accomplished he described to his auditors the methods of comparatively perpendicular ascent through ice crusted snow and solid ice. He said that the average angle of Mount Robson from base to summit would be about sixty degrees. One of the most remarkable features of the mountain he declared was the fact that it rose sheer out of the water with very little or no slope to detract from the severity of its precipitous slopes, for a height of eleven thousand feet.

Private Kinney explained the difficulties which preceded his arrival in the Mount Robson country and his subsequent ascent with only one inexperienced companion. He likewise paid eloquent tribute to a party of experienced alpinists who had come from England with Swiss guides to attempt the ascent and who, on hearing in advance from Indiana that he had been proceeding along two routes in order that they would not miss him to offer congratulations on his feat. This party had come with the most notable of guides and one of the party in fact had journeyed from Central Africa to take part in the ascent.

Mr. Kinney is a private in the Army Medical Corps and will leave for overseas to-morrow. At the time of his ascent of Mount Robson, in August, 1909, he was the pastor of James Bay Methodist church.

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PROHIBITIONISTS ARE DISSATISFIED

Claim There Were Irregularities in Taking of Soldiers' Votes

A cable received at prohibition headquarters in Vancouver conveys the information that the total vote polled overseas from September 14 to the closing date, December 21, was 8,482, made up as follows: 4,131 in France and 4,351 in England. From other information given in the cable it is inferred by the prohibitionists that grave irregularities have occurred. William Vague, chairman of the Soldiers' Vote Committee of the People's Prohibition Movement, says: "On January 6 the soldiers' vote committee received a cable from Mr. W. D. Bayley, official scrutineer in London, that the entire vote was under five thousand, since September 14. 'To-day a cable has been received,' says Mr. Vague, 'stating that the vote is 8,482 and showing that on January 3, Mr. Bayley was officially notified that 20 polls in France totalled 2,100 and on January 8 he was officially informed that the English vote was approximately 1,500.'"

"Since that time returns have been received of which Mr. Bayley had no notice, showing 2,081 additional votes from France and 2,035 additional votes from England, and also showing that the order-in-council requiring notice to Mr. Bayley and requiring identification of voters and other regulations were often neglected. 'This means that not having notice of a number of the polls, Mr. Bayley was unable to appoint scrutineers. There is accumulating evidence of impropriety, which will be submitted to the government. Mr. Bayley has already requested an investigation in England. In the meantime prohibitionists will have to wait for further details by letter.'"

On the basis of 8,482 votes, the prohibitionists would have to poll nearly 1,400 votes to make the verdict safe. This "antis" however, are claiming 8,750 votes overseas. Nothing definite can be hoped for until the ballots are counted some three weeks hence.

STILL EXCLUDE LABOR

Federal Authorities Will Not Rescind Restrictions on Immigrants.

The federal government appears to fear an influx of alien labor should it abrogate the order which has been in effect for a couple of years. Since it was passed to help out the Maritime government here at a time when the latter was facing a serious problem of unemployment, several boards of trade and other public bodies have tried to get the order rescinded, but in vain, and the reply of Hon. W. J. Roche, minister of the interior, to such a resolution from the southern interior of this province gives the attitude of the government on the matter. The minister says: "In view of the possibility of a sudden change in the situation and conditions which obtained a couple of years ago on the coast, the department considered it inadvisable to relax any of the regulations as we would thus lose control of the character of our immigration into British Columbia."

"What we have been doing is to grant a special concession in each case where the facts warrant. In doing this we admit only the class and number really required by any industry or concern in British Columbia. A general relaxation would undoubtedly result in an influx of the many who are not wanted and for whom there are no present openings. I am of opinion that the concessions we have made have relieved the situation in every really needy case brought to our attention. 'The municipalities in the west were not prepared to accept much responsibility when the bottom fell out of the labor market some time ago, but placed the responsibility on the Dominion government, where, of course, it properly belongs. Since we have control of the situation, I think it would be wise to keep the matter well in hand, more especially as reports have already begun to appear in Vancouver papers, that, owing to the closing down of certain industries for the winter months, some classes of labor are fairly plentiful.'"

HAYDN'S "CREATION"

First Presbyterian Choir Will Present Famous Oratorio During April.

Haydn's "Creation," the famous oratorio which is to be produced some time during April by the First Presbyterian choir of this city under Mr. Jackson Hanby, is one of the finest of the more famous works of this kind which have survived down to the present day with almost unvarying popularity. The words were originally an adaptation by Linley of Milton's "Paradise Lost," and as a complete work the oratorio was first heard on March 19, 1793, when Haydn was in his 66th year. It was so successful that Haydn was afterwards induced to undertake the music of another text prepared from Thomson's "Seasons," which, however, failed to receive the measure of appreciation of the first mentioned work.

As leader of the First Presbyterian church choir, Edmonton, until three years ago, Mr. Hanby had considerable experience in giving oratorios and concerts before coming to this city. Unfortunately since coming here, although it was his expressed intention annually to give an oratorio with the First Presbyterian choir, he has undertaken necessary to suspend such undertak-

ing in order not to conflict with previously designed undertakings on the part of other musical organizations in the city. Consequently the choir has given entertainments of more general character.

Rehearsals are now being held for the "Creation," about 60 voices coming forward for the first, which was held last night. It is hoped that at least 100 singers will be recruited during the next week or two, as a choir smaller than that would hardly do justice to the work. The soloists have not yet been selected. The "Creation" will be the first big thing attempted by the choir since the new organ was installed.

FULL WEIGHT IS GIVEN CUSTOMERS

Useful Work of Fair Weights Department; Boulevards Would Carpet 90 Acres

"An office of prevention is worth a pound of cure," runs the old saying, and in dealing recently with Chief Davis's annual report, special reference was made to the emphasis laid by the chief on fire prevention work. Another city official, the fair weights and measures officer, in his annual summary, argues along the same line. Mr. Robertson points out that the efficiency of his department depends on inspection rather than on prosecution, and it has only been necessary to take one coal dealer to court in the 12 months, and have him punished for short weight. In addition to the marking of carts and wagons, in 1916 he has weighed 6,000 pounds of butter, 8,000 pounds of bread, 1,000 pounds of other articles of food, examined 800 milk bottles, had 1,150 tons of coal and coke weighed, and 3,900 cords of wood.

The standard of articles shows a general improvement in keeping to standard weight, he says, and is a protection to the honest merchant, and a detriment to dishonesty. According to the report of the superintendent of parks and boulevards, the parks have been maintained in satisfactory shape. Only about half a mile has been added in length, but the maintenance of 65 miles of boulevard has been necessary. The cost is now shown in a detailed chart on file at the city engineer's office, this being a subject about which there has been criticism. If the boulevards of Victoria were stretched along the E. & N. railway, they would form a green strip from Victoria to South Wellington, and if ranged in strips side by side like a carpet, they would cover 96 acres of territory, quite a substantial lawn. Last year 1,000 trees were distributed from the park nursery at Beacon Hill, and 4,000 flowering plants to the various institutions.

Very little has been done in the parks owing to the curtailment of the appropriation, still the report, brief as it is, indicates the value of a work being done by Mr. Purdy, which is more appreciated by citizens than the many of the parks is a department of the city in which the aldermen, with the exception of Alderman Dilworth, show little interest, and this is reflected when appropriations for the department come before them.

MINES AND MINING

At the annual meeting of the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company of Canada, Limited, held in Toronto yesterday, the report of the directors stated that the net profit is \$96,496.35, after writing off \$278,386.44 for depreciation of plant and equipment and charging profit and loss account with \$58,745.85 expended in development on your properties. The balance to the credit of profit and loss account now stands at \$2,278,458.73. The operations at the smelter, refinery and mines are continually expanding, entailing increased responsibilities. Especially is this so when the demands for lead, copper and zinc for war purposes are so insistent. The output of these metals is sold for months ahead.

The Ruby Mines, Ltd., is the name of a new corporation just gazetted, organized in Trail with a capital of \$10,000 for the development of the Ruby Trail group of copper claims on Look-out mountain, three miles south of Trail.

Considerable development is expected at the Ikeda mining properties on Queen Charlotte Islands, following a visit to them by S. F. Castleman, head of the syndicate which controls the mines, and H. H. Hedley, a well-known mining expert. Several weeks have been spent by these gentlemen at the mine and in going over the property. The Ikeda has been a good producer, but the lack of stripping has interfered with the production. There are now about forty men at work.

Carl Mohr and associates, of Minneapolis have bonded a couple of properties in the Nelson district. M. C. Monaghan and L. H. Snyder have bonded the Falls Creek Mining Company's property at Bendale to the syndicate for \$10,000, and William Maher and his associates in the ownership of the St. Anthony group of claims, a free-milling gold proposition near the city of Nelson, have bonded them to the Mohr syndicate for \$45,000.

At the annual meeting of the Slocan Star Mines, Limited, held in Vancouver, the board of directors was re-elected. It consists of R. S. Lennie, Vancouver, president; A. C. Burdick, Victoria, vice-president; T. S. McPherson, Victoria; J. Elliott, Vancouver; J. B. White and J. R. McGoldrick, Spokane; and J. M. Harris, Sandon.

ESQUIMALT COUNCIL HOLDS FIRST MEETING

Abolition of Post Office in District is Condemned; Other Business

The first meeting of the 1917 Esquimalt council was held last evening, and several matters of importance were considered. The reeve appointed the standing committees as follows: General works committee—The whole council, with Councillor Anderson as chairman. Finance committee—Councillors Cave (chairman), J. R. Saunders, J. F. Mesher. Sewer committee—Councillors Mesher (chairman), Saunders, Bridle. Light and fire committee—Councillors Saunders (chairman), Jones, Cave. Health and morals committee—Councillors Bridle (chairman), Anderson, Jones. Intermunicipal committee—The reeve (chairman), Councillors Saunders and Mesher. Returned soldiers' committee—The reeve (chairman), Councillors Bridle, Jones.

The matter of the abolition of the Esquimalt post office was one of the questions that came before the council for consideration. Councillor Mesher declared the municipality was being "ignored and put off the map." He pointed out that since the city authorities had taken over the delivery of the mail the Esquimalt post mark had disappeared and that so far as the mails were concerned there was no such place as Esquimalt. While other municipalities, such as Saanich and Oak Bay, are subject to the same state of affairs Councillor Mesher expressed himself as being very much opposed to it. He suggested that a committee be appointed to see what regulations other municipalities were under, and if it was found that Esquimalt was being treated differently from other districts he considered that the time for lodging complaint was at hand.

As a remedy for the present conditions Councillor Mesher recommended the establishment of a central post office in the district with mail boxes distributed throughout the community, the delivery to be in charge of officials within the municipality, and not of the Victoria post office, as is the case for the matter seems to be shared generally by the council, and he was appointed by the reeve as chairman of a committee to investigate the matter.

Solicitor J. C. McIntosh reported that litigation in the townships suit against Thomas Young, contractor, in connection with the over-payment of some \$6,000, had been delayed for two months in order that the evidence of McDonald, who was away with the Inland Water Transport, might be secured. That the Esquimalt council would oppose any movement aimed at the reinstatement of the municipality as part of the city of Victoria was indicated when Reeve Creech made the statement that Mayor Todd had told him that one of the first things that he was going to do was to bring about the union of the two corporations.

High School Trouble. The demand for the payment of \$300 for the attendance of Esquimalt students at the Victoria high school was received unfavorably by the council. The matter was referred to the school board.

It was resolved to take no further action with regard to the alleged illegal installation of sewer connections on the property belonging to Mrs. Searies on Dominion road, as authority for the carrying out of the work appeared to have been given before Esquimalt was incorporated as a separate township. The council decided to allot Thursday, February 22, for the sitting of the court of revision on the assessment roll.

Councillor Cave moved that the officials employed at present by the municipality be reappointed, and after considerable discussion the motion passed. H. F. Bourne, formerly acting engineer, was appointed municipal engineer. Councillor Bridle suggested that the engineer should investigate the conditions of the sewers on Armit road at the continuation of Fraser street, it being stated that the pipes had settled into the ground to the depth of two feet in some places. The motion was endorsed.

In order that the council may be able to tell what was paid out for manual training, domestic science, high school and other individual branches of work, the secretary of the Esquimalt school board will be asked for a detailed account of the expenditures made during the past year.

Military Items

The Forestry Battalion is still hungry for men, and contrary to expectations last week the recruiting office on Government street will remain open in charge of Sergt. Capon, until a further hundred men have been secured. With a view to attracting attention to their already novel window display a change of scene is contemplated and "eligibles" passing by will be pulled up by the glare of about a dozen ovals.

Lieut. Lovelock of the 236th Forestry Battalion left this afternoon for Nanaimo, Courtenay and Alberni on a special recruiting trip. He expects to be away for a few days. Sawyers and setters are urgently needed.

Sergeant McMaisters, of Nanaimo, is the latest local member of the Forestry Battalion to receive a commission af-

ter joining as a private. Sergt. McMaisters is the second recruit to pass through the school at Work Point. He joined the battalion five months ago.

Colonel Bruce Powley states that the organized recruiting campaign being carried on by the 143rd Battalion in Vancouver has been so satisfactory that the unit will go overseas without a single man short of full strength. He also states that officers and men alike are busy at the barracks clearing up for their early departure.

E. P. Kay, of Richmond avenue, has received word from Capt. C. M. Boswell, formerly a barrister of Souris, Manitoba, and a son of the late Major Boswell of the Winnipeg post office, stating that he has been given a commission as captain in the 8th Battalion, British Expeditionary Forces, and is now in France. He left Winnipeg with the 90th Battalion.

At W. H. Morton, of Nanaimo, has received word to the effect that his son Arthur is in a base hospital in France, having been gassed at the front.

Sergt. Hagry Bush, of the 162nd Battalion, who is well known to many on Vancouver Island, having been drill sergeant of the Nanaimo volunteer reeve, has been wounded in action and was compelled to have his right leg amputated above the knee. Writing from No. 3 hospital in Rouen, France, to Mr. W. R. Graham, of Nanaimo, Sergt. Bush wishes to be remembered to all old friends.

OLD RESIDENT WAS BURIED YESTERDAY

Many Attend Obsequies of Late Samuel Creech

Many attended the obsequies of the late Samuel Creech, held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the First Presbyterian church. Rev. J. G. Inkster conducted the services there, the Orange Association taking charge of the rites at the grave with County Master B. E. Lefroy, assisted by R. W. Jamieson, and Rev. J. G. Inkster, as officiants.

At the church, where a very large congregation of relatives and friends took part in the services, two hymns were sung, "The Sands of Time Are Sinking" and "Rock of Ages." Many joined the cortege which went out to Ross Bay cemetery, members of the Orange Association being particularly noticeable. The pallbearers were four sons of the deceased gentleman, and D. Smith and R. S. Trev, of the Orange Association.

The late Mr. Creech was a native of Hamilton, Ont., where he was born nearly 69 years ago. In 1872 he married Miss Isabella Harvey, also of Hamilton, and ten years later they came west, for the first three years making their home in this city. Mr. Creech received an appointment as government agent at Comox, and subsequently he lived there for seven years. In 1894 the family returned to Victoria. Until two years ago he followed the business of builder and contractor here, only retiring when ill-health compelled him to do so. Although never really well during the intervening time, he was remarkably cheerful, and never lost his touch with current events, following the political movements with no less interest than the war, of which he was quite a student. He was a Conservative, and despite his infirmity was driven to the city at the last election in order that he might cast his ballot.

As a member of the Orange Association, with which he had been associated for nearly 50 years, he held several important positions. He was a member of the First Presbyterian church. There survive besides the widow six sons and two daughters: Robert Albert, Vancouver; George Richard and Walter Hamilton, of New Westminster; Arthur Lewis, of Cumberland; Samuel Harvey, on active service with the 102nd Battalion; William Havelock, with the 62nd Battery, C. F. A., now in England; Mrs. L. Casey and Mrs. H. H. Pegler, both living in Victoria. There are fifteen grandchildren, and one of these, Elinore Casey, is in the fighting line in France with the 6th Canadian Artillery Brigade.

Public Market.—The mid-week market will witness a large attendance of growers and full lines of all seasonable produce. Stallholders are looking forward to an improvement in Wednesday's market, as they bring their fresh local vegetables, fruit, meats, fish and all dairy products for sale.

VICTORIA ASSESSMENT DISTRICT. Esquimalt, North Saanich, Victoria City, Islands, Corporations. A COURT OF REVISION AND APPEAL, under the provisions of the "Taxation Act" and the "Public Schools Act" respecting the assessment rolls for the year 1917, will be held as follows: For Esquimalt District.—At Prier's Hotel, Parson's Bridge, Esquimalt, B. C., on Monday, January 22, 1917, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon. For North Saanich District.—At Sidney, B. C., on Tuesday, January 23, 1917, at 2 o'clock p. m. For Victoria City, Islands and Corporations.—At the Provincial Assessor's Office, Rooms 116, 117 and 118 Belmont House, Government street, Victoria, B. C., on Wednesday, February 14, 1917, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. B. C., this 13th day of January, 1917. THOS. S. FUTCHER, Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal.

THE WONDERFUL FRUIT MEDICINE

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"FRUIT-A-LIVES," the marvelous medicine made from fruit juices—has relieved more cases of Stomach, Liver, Blood, Kidney and Skin Troubles than any other medicine. In severe cases of Rheumatism, Sciatica, Lumbago, Pain in the Back, Impure Blood, Neuralgia, Chronic Headaches, Chronic Constipation and Indigestion, "Fruit-a-lives" has given unusually effective results. By its cleansing, healing powers on the eliminating organs, "Fruit-a-lives" tones up and invigorates the whole system.

50c a box, 4 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. At all dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-lives, Limited, Ottawa.

SUPERFLUITIES GREATEST RAFFLE

Tickets 10c

The drawing for the raffle, owing to the work in connection with the Christmas Fantomime and the closing of the Superfluities Shop, has been POSTPONED TILL FEB. 2

Hundreds of dollars' worth of prizes have been added to those already advertised. The list of prizes is as follows:

- Prize No. 1—Breeze Motor Car.
- 2—Pool Table (value \$300).
- 3—Very valuable Tea Set, Benares ware, cost \$6 guineas.
- 4—Cut Glass Flower Bowl.
- 5—100-Day Clock.
- 6—Opal and Diamond Ring.
- 7—Very valuable Chinese Carved Figure (worth \$100).
- 8—Tantalus.
- 9—Silver Jug.
- 10—Gold Watch.
- 11—Olive and Pearl Pendant.
- 12—Fox's Head Compass in 40 carat B. C. gold.
- 13—Linen and Lace Bedspread.
- 14—Cut Glass and Silver Scent Bottle.
- 15—Book in Purple Leather.
- 16—Blue Chinese Vase.
- 17—Yoke and Cuffs, Handmade Lace.
- 18—Gold Bracelet.
- 19—Buckle.
- 20—Picture (valued at \$100).
- 21—Silver Tea Service.
- 22—Picture.
- 23—Gold Medat (gold alone worth \$25.00).
- 24—Bangle.
- 25—Indian War Bag (worth \$100).
- 26—Bangle.
- 27—Buckinghamshire Lace Tea Cloth.
- 28—Bangle.
- 29—French Marble Clock (over 100 years old).
- 30—Violin.
- 31—Camera.
- 32—Picture.

Most of the prizes are on view at Messrs. T. N. Hibben's store, Government street. Mr. Tony Jensen has kindly allowed the motor car to be on view at his garage, Yates street. The pool table is on view at Superfluities store, Belmont House. TICKETS, TEN CENTS EACH

On sale at Hibben's Store, 1122 Government street; Superfluities, Belmont House; O'Connell's, 1117 Government street.

CORPORATION SUPPLIES

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22, 1917, for the following supplies for the current year:

Blueprints, Bread, Coal, Coal Oil, Cordwood, Drugs, Fish, Groceries, Meat, Milk, Vegetables, Portland Cement, Sand and Gravel, Road Oil, Fuel Oil, Sewer Pipe, Asphaltic Cement, Mineral Dust, Sand for Asphaltic Paving. Specifications and particulars may be obtained at the office of the City Purchasing Agent, to whom all tenders must be addressed and marked on outside of envelope "Tenders for Supplies." The lowest and any tender not necessarily accepted.

W. GALT City Purchasing Agent. Victoria, B. C., Jan. 18, 1917.

Corns Applied in 5 Seconds Cured Quick

Sore, blistering feet from corn-plinched toes can be cured by Putnam's Extractor in 24 hours. "Putnam's" soothes away that drawing pain, eases instantly, makes the feet feel good at once. Get a 25c. bottle of "Putnam's" 10c. day.

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LANG'S Grape Fruit or Orange Marmalade

A Local Product of Exceptional Merit
2-lb. tins for 35c 4-lb. tins for 65c

- CHRISTIE'S SOA CRACKERS— 35c
SNIDER'S TOMATO SOUP— 15c
MORTON'S OLD COUNTRY POTATO FLOUR— 15c
BOVRIL CORDIAL— \$1.00
B. & K. WHEAT FLAKES— 30c
PACIFIC MILK— 3 for 25c
GOLDEN LOAF FLOUR— \$2.25

DIXIE ROSS
Quality Grocers, 1317 Government St. Phone 50

Strong Boots For Boys



Serviceable styles for School and play. Finer Shoes for 'best' wear.

- Boys' Sizes 1-5 Youths' Sizes 11-13 1/2
Velour Calf Button Boot, with dull calf top on neat last \$4.00 \$3.50
Calf Blucher, with heavy outsole, strongly sewn \$4.00 \$3.50
Kip Blucher, extra heavy outsole \$3.00 \$2.75
Kangaroo Kip Blucher, nailed sole \$2.65 \$2.45

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Auction Sale

Instructed, will sell at the ESQUIMALT FURNITURE STORE, 941 ESQUIMALT ROAD WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17, 2 P.M.

New and Second-Hand FURNITURE

Mangle, wringers, baby carriages, cots, bedsteads, springs, mattresses, glassware, glass cabinets, cupboards, washing machines, flat top desk, new pump, grass chairs, dressers and stands, carpets, toilet sets, hand sewing machine, quantity of furniture polish, carpenter's bench, electric iron, gun, stove, 4 heaters and quantity of articles too numerous to mention. Take Esquimalt car to Mr. Bullen's gate.

Auction Sale

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS THURSDAY, JAN. 18 2 P.M. MAYNARD AUCTION ROOMS 847 and 849 Yates Street

AUCTION SALE

Instructed, will sell at the ESQUIMALT FURNITURE STORE, 941 ESQUIMALT ROAD To-morrow, 2 p. m.

NOTICE

Estate of Charles Henry Norris, Late of Sooke District, B. C., Deceased. All persons having any claims against the estate of the late Charles Henry Norris, who died on or about the 15th day of July, 1916, and whose will has been proved in the Supreme Court of British Columbia, Victoria, B. C., by the Executor therein named, are required to send particulars of their claims, duly verified, to the undersigned on or before the 14th day of February, 1917, after which date the executor will distribute the assets, having regard only to the claims of which she then has notice.

NOTICE

Estate of Alexander Esson Evans, Late of Victoria, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the estate of Alexander Esson Evans, late of Victoria, British Columbia, deceased, who was killed at the front on or about the 5th day of January, 1916, and whose will has been duly proved in the Supreme Court of British Columbia, are requested to send the same to the undersigned on or before the 14th day of February, 1917, after which date the executor will proceed with the distribution of the estate, having regard only to such claims of which she then has notice.

NOTICE

In the Matter of the Estate of Corporal W. F. L. Pilkington, Deceased, Intestate. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having any claims or demands against the late Corporal Pilkington, who died of wounds on the 25th May, 1916, are required to send by post or deliver to the undersigned, the names, addresses and full particulars, duly verified, in writing of their claims and statements of their account and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

HAVING LARGE SALE

Fiction by Best Authors and Works on the "Great War" Attract Attention.

The sale of books and magazines in the city during the Christmas holidays and the first two weeks of the New Year season has been very gratifying to the local book sellers. The demand for good fiction is ever increasing and publishers are beginning to learn that the reading public will only be satisfied with the very best that they have to offer.

Two class of books are at present getting the largest sales; fiction by the well-known authors, such as H. G. Wells and Harold Bell Wright; and the most reliable works on the "Great War."

Some very excellent books have been published since the war dealing with the world struggle from many points of view. These books have held a very popular place among the public in general ever since the commencement of hostilities.

Turning from the realms of books to that of magazines, it becomes evident that this class of literature is ever becoming more popular. Many people who cannot spare the time to read books of any considerable length find a substitute in the multiplicity of publications that are classed as magazines.

Turning to American publications we find that the most popular magazine, if we may judge from the standpoint of circulation and sale, is the "Cosmopolitan," followed closely by "Everybody's," "Popular Mechanics," "Photoplay Magazine," and "Life."

Perhaps the most remarkable record of sale for any publication of late years has been that of "Fragments From France," and "More Fragments From France." These two volumes of cartoons on trench life in Europe have been drawn by Capt. Bruce Bairnsfather, an officer now serving in the British army on the continent.

Washclean

Washes far better than you can without injury. Soiled linen, curtains, baby clothes, most delicate fabrics.

OF ALL GROCERS

MAYOR ANNOUNCES

NEW COMMITTEES

Alderman Cameron is Chairman of Finance, and Alderman Johns of Streets

The new council settled down to business with Mayor Todd in the chair last evening. The seating is now as follows: To his worship's right, Aldermen Johns, Peden, Fullerton, Andros, and Sargent, and to his left, Aldermen Cameron, Dilworth, Walker, Christie, and Dinsdale.

In striking his panel of committees, the mayor proposed Mr. O'Halloran as a member of the Library board, but it was pointed out by Alderman Fullerton that the nomination lay with the council, and therefore the mayor's nomination was withdrawn.

The list of standing committees is therefore as follows: Finance—Ald. Cameron, Andros, Christie, Johns and Sargent. Streets and Sewers—Ald. Johns and the entire council.

Sanitary—Ald. Sargent, Cameron and Dinsdale. Legislative—Ald. Andros, Cameron, and Sargent. Light and Telephone—Ald. Walker, Fullerton, and Dilworth.

Public Market—Ald. Johns, Andros, and Dinsdale. Labor Bureau—Ald. Sargent, Peden, and Andros. Cemetery and Home for the Aged and Infirmary—Ald. Dinsdale, Dilworth, and Fullerton.

Library Commissioners for 1917—William Marchant and Ald. Sargent. Library Commissioner for 1917 and 1918—Rev. Dr. Clay. As Members of Executive of Victoria & Island Development Association—(if this organization is continued)—Ald. Andros, Cameron, Dinsdale, Johns, and Peden.

The council appointed, in addition to the mayor, who is ex officio, Aldermen Christie and Dinsdale on the hired vehicles commission. J. L. Grimston was reappointed auditor of the school board.

Hudson's Bay "Imperial" Lager Beer, quarts, \$2.00 per dozen. "The preacher says, 'We're made of dust,' Said little Tommy Black, 'I've eaten too much dinner—' 'An'— 'See whis, but dust can ache!'— Soribner's Magazine.

RE-ORGANIZATION

OF WHOLE WORK

Fresh Start is to Be Made on Johnson Street Bridge Negotiations

ENABLING LEGISLATION MAY BE NECESSARY

Reserve Grading Work Will Be Carried Out Under New Plan

An important reorganization of the work on the old Songhees reserve, and the conduct of the undertaking there, together with the bridge negotiations, was forecasted in city council last evening in a letter received from Hon. John Oliver, minister of railways.

"In reference to the construction of the Johnson street bridge and the agreement entered into between the city and the government in respect thereto, I think that it is necessary that a fresh start should be taken in respect of this matter.

"In reference to the arbitration which has taken place as between the government and certain property owners in the neighborhood of the foot of Johnson street bridge for lands for approaches to the bridge, I am of the opinion that there was no authority for the late government to either appropriate or purchase these lands, that there were no moneys available for the purpose of paying for these lands.

"Another matter to which I wish to draw your attention is the fact that the work carried on by the government in connection with the improvements on the Songhees reserve appears to have been carried on with the idea that the moneys expended were for the purpose of relieving unemployment in the city.

"In connection with the opening up of Johnson street, there is some soil and clay on the surface which is now being placed in the dump, which, if these portions are to be used for park purposes, ought to be placed on the surface of the rock rather than being put in the dump as is the case at present.

"In regard to the proposed union depot west of the Johnson street bridge, I may say that the late government sold some 16 acres of land to the E. & N. railway. In this sale there were no conditions whatever attaching beyond that the land was to be used for railway purposes only.

"I am informed that the city has some machinery, such as air compressors and drilling machinery, which could be utilized to good advantage on this work. As the city is being directly benefited, both by the expenditure caused by the employment on this work as well as relieving the condition of unemployment, I think it would not be unreasonable if the city would place this machinery at the disposal of the government for its use on this reserve, the government on its part undertaking to return the said machinery to the city in as good condition as when they received it, or, alternatively, making an allowance for the depreciation thereof.

Has Cost Too Much. "According to the reports made to me by the department engineers the work so far carried on has cost over double what it ought to have done. I propose laying off the men engaged in this work to-morrow evening with a view to a reorganization of the methods used.

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January Sale of Silks, Velvets, Coatings and Dress Materials

- Moire Silks, extra fine quality, for suits and dresses; colors green, tan, mauve, ivory, pink, sky, mahogany and cerise; width 40 inches. Regular value \$2.75 yard. Wednesday, yard 98c
Fentre Satins—This is a heavy quality satin with wool back. Colors green, heaver and sky. Width 46 inches. Original value \$3.50 yd. Wednesday, yard 98c
Silk Poplins, wool warped, a splendid material for suits and coats. Colors green, mauve and strawberry. Width 42 inches. Original value \$3 yd. Wednesday, yard 98c
Satin Deaire, a dainty material for afternoon and evening wear. Colors grey, green, sky and brown. Width 44 inches. Original value \$2.50 yard. Wednesday, yard 98c
Fancy Silks in dark grounds of navy, green, sage and taupe, with dainty floral designs. Width 40 inches. Original values \$2.75 yard. Wednesday, yard 98c

200 Pairs of Women's Black Cashmere Hose in sizes 9, 9 1/2 and 10. Regular value 60c. On sale Wednesday only, pair 39c

Extraordinary Sale of Long Kid and Suede Gloves

- Trefousse Kid Gloves in 12, 16 and 20-button length, with button or pearl fasteners. Colors pink, sky, grey, tan and champagne. Sizes 5 1/2 to 7 1/4. Regular values \$2.75 to \$4.50. Wednesday, pair 98c
Trefousse Suede Gloves, in 12, 16 and 20-button length, fastened with three pearl buttons. Colors tan, champagne, grey and black. Sizes 5 1/2 to 7 1/4. Regular values \$3.00 to \$4.00. Wednesday, pair 98c

Two Big Bargains in Women's Dress Skirts

- Women's Skirts, made of colored corduroy, black and white checks and serges in navy and black. These are cut in wide circular styles with pockets and button and braid trimmings. Sizes 22 to 28 waist. Original values to \$6.50. Wednesday 39c
Women's Skirts, made in novelty styles from serges, velvets, gabardines and silks, in black and colors. Sizes 22 to 28 waist. Original values to \$17.50. Wednesday 59c

Specials From the Bargain Basement

- Clearing Out the Balance of Women's Corduroy Velvet Outing Hats. Colors old rose, sage blue and navy. Regular value \$1.75. Wednesday 98c
Special Offer in Ladies' Corsets—These are made of very strong white coutil, with four hose supporters. Regular 85c. Wednesday 73c
4 Women's Colored Wrapperette Dressing Scaques. Sizes 24 and 26 only. Regular 75c. Wednesday 39c

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