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BRITISH ARMY IS IN EXCELLENT CONDITION

London Times Correspondent Finds Much for Commendation in Reviewing Situation

ARTILLERYMEN KNOW EVERY RANGE TO AN INCH

Airmen Have Missed Only Six Days Since August; Still Maintain Supremacy

London, Feb. 17.—The military correspondent of the Times writes as follows: "Now that two-thirds of the winter months are passed and the weather shows signs of mending in its manner, the opportunity is favorable for the reviewing of the general situation of the army under Field Marshal Sir John French.

"The district in which our army is operating is at present practically a swamp, and more or less unfit for the passage of troops. Large sheets of water cover some areas. Water stands on the stiff, slippery and holding clay, rendering the movements even of infantry across country next to impracticable. For weeks on end it has rained, and when it has not rained thick mists have enveloped the country, presenting an aspect that can only be described as forbidding. The deep trenches are in many places filled with water up to the men's waists. The cold water and deep mud in which some troops have to fight produce frost bites which have cost us many casualties. It is only upon slightly rising ground, in some woods, and in the villages and farms, that life is at all supportable.

"The roads have, on the whole, stood well, and the pavements are a blessing. If the pavements were six feet wider it would more easily permit the passage of two motor lorries abreast, but as this is not the case, there is a good deal of mud churned up at the sides. Frost or a fortnight of fine weather may alter the conditions rapidly at any time, but it is necessary to realize the difficulties under which operations, if they can be dignified by the name, have been conducted during the past few weeks.

"The fronts of the rival armies are everywhere covered by a labyrinth of trenches, resembling the Hampton Court maze in plan. On both sides of the front line are only posts of observation. In the rear stretch many lines, zigzag, and communication trenches, while acres of barbed wire cover most of the positions. Breastworks have been constructed by both armies on the top of the ground to meet the present difficulties of holding flooded trenches, while strong posts, defended villages and farmsteads and other arrangements complete the positions.

"In the rear masses of guns of all calibres, so well concealed that they are practically invulnerable, and joined up by telephones to all the advanced trenches, make a strong trenchwork for the defence. During all the months that we have occupied this district not more than three direct attacks have been made by the Germans. An attack has to deal with our artillery, which has every range known to an inch, so that assaults like those of Monday last by the Germans along the La Bassée road are very welcome.

"A forward trench may often be assaulted or mined by either side, or it may be knocked to pieces by heavy shells, or cleared by trench mortars and hand grenades, but a local success of this character has no consequence, and nothing serious can be effected by these methods. The battling in front is very largely between snipers and men in the sapheads. Our snipers' organization makes progress. Expert marksmanship, good eyesight and pluck, combined with telescopic and periscopic sights and match rifles, will eventually enable our snipers to beat the Germans at this game, as we have beaten them at others. We are busier than we were with saps and mines, while our grenades and trench mortars are already doing work.

"As for the flying corps, despite the weather and masses of hostile anti-aircraft guns, it has maintained its supremacy in its own element, and has only missed six days in the air since August. It has proved an invaluable aid to the higher command, and both by its organization and its conduct has won golden opinions.

"Not very easily will any hostile strategical surprise escape the notice of our active airmen.

"Our army is not accustomed to winter campaigning and it is not inured to it. Our campaigns usually take place in warm climates. Many of our troops have come from such climates and we have had no experience since the Crimean days of trench fighting in the winter. We had our lessons to learn, and it has cost us some of our best men. In spite of these circumstances the army has stood the test upon its endurance remarkably well, and is probably in better health than any other, friendly or hostile, operating in the region.

"Many causes contribute to this favorable result. The admirable manner in which the army has been fed and clothed by the quartermaster-general's

AVIATORS RETURNED FROM RAID UNHARMED

Two Portions of Trench Between St. Eloy and Ypres Canal Recaptured

SEVERE ATTACK IN THE ARGONNE WAS REPULSED

In Champagne Trenches Were Taken; Gains Made at Several Points

Paris, Feb. 17.—The French war office this afternoon issued the following statement on the progress of the war: "In spite of an active cannonade, the French and British aviators who yesterday threw bombs in the region of Ghistel and Ostend have been able to recapture our lines unharmed.

"The Belgian artillery has carried out some effective shooting against gathering of troops and shelters.

"In Champagne ten of the enemy's counter attacks were repulsed during the night.

"In the Argonne there was considerable activity. Near Fontaine Aux Charnes we have destroyed a blockhouse and 100 metres of trenches. A German attack launched by at least three battalions between Four de Paris and Hill 203, west of Boureuilles, has been very severe. We have entirely repulsed it, inflicting on the enemy huge losses and taking some prisoners.

"More to the east, in the forest of Melancourt, we have captured 100 metres of trenches.

"From the Meuse to the Yonnes nothing noteworthy has occurred."

Paris, Feb. 17.—The French war office issued the following statement yesterday afternoon:

"The British troops captured yesterday the two parts of the trench which they had lost the night before between St. Eloy and the Ypres canal.

"On the front of the French armies the day of February 15 was, on the whole, calm. No infantry actions have been reported and particularly important success of our artillery are confirmed.

"The official communication issued by the war office last night says that German trenches, three kilometres in extent (nearly two miles) have been taken in Champagne, to the northwest of Perthes and north of Beauséjour. The text of the communication follows:

"Along the whole front of the day of February 15 has been favorable for us. In Belgium there has been an artillery engagement.

"A small French air squadron has bombarded a German aviation park at Ghistel. A small British squadron has bombarded Ostend.

"To the south of Ypres the British are masters of a number of trenches where for two days a rather spirited fight has developed.

"Between the Oise and the Aisne, near Bailly, a very efficient shelling has been carried out by our artillery against gatherings of troops, automobile convoys and bomb throwers.

"In the neighborhood of Rheims we have made progress near Louvre.

"In Champagne, on the front which stretches from the northwest of Perthes to the north of Beauséjour, we have captured about three kilometres of German trenches, and have taken several hundred prisoners, among these being five officers.

"In the Argonne infantry actions have occurred from La Four de Paris to the west of Boureuilles; the fighting continues under favorable conditions.

"To the north of Pont-a-Mousson we have occupied several of the enemy's blockhouses in the forest of Le Pretre."

BIG LIBERAL MEETING AT VANCOUVER TO-NIGHT

H. C. Brewster, John Oliver, M. A. Macdonald and Ralph Smith Will Speak at Dominion Hall.

Vancouver, Feb. 17.—This will be the big Liberal night. At Dominion hall, the largest meeting place obtainable, Liberals will hold open house, and they as well as many Conservatives, no doubt, will listen to the expounding of Liberal principles and the criticisms of the Conservative government at Victoria, by such able speakers as H. C. Brewster, leader of the Liberal party; M. A. Macdonald, president of the Provincial Liberal association; Ralph Smith, president of the Vancouver and District Liberal association, and John Oliver.

branch at the war office and in the field in the first cause. No army was ever better fed, and the fresh supplies of clothing which have always been at hand when needed have enabled the troops to be refitted constantly and well. The efficient control of the line of communications and the excellent work of the army service corps and the transport service have been highly commendable and on all this side there is not a word of criticism to be made except with regard to some of the boots.

"No less good has been the work of the army medical service and of the numerous and distinguished civilians who have joined it and worked for it.

SUCH A NOISY ANIMAL



Why does the donkey bray, papa?
Why does the donkey bray?
The reason for the donkey's bray
Is because the beast is built that way.
And so he has to bray.
—FATHER GOOSE

PLANS MUST AWAIT DECISION IN EAST

Resumption of German Offensive in West Depends on Contest With Russians

STUBBORN FIGHTING AT BOTH ENDS OF EAST LINE

London, Feb. 17.—Berlin is again celebrating the success of Field Marshal von Hindenburg, as further details of the East Prussian operations are received. It is officially claimed in Berlin that fifty thousand Russian prisoners were taken, while all dispatches agree that the Russians are still being pressed farther eastward, fighting a rear-guard action in an endeavor to prevent the Germans from surrounding their wings. In the Carpathians the fighting has not yet reached a decision. The western end and the centre of the Russian line is holding, notwithstanding repeated and violent attacks, but in Bukovina the Austrians have pressed on to within twelve miles of Czernowitz.

It is believed that a recurrence of the general German offensive in the western theatre depends largely upon the outcome of the present eastern situation. Opinion here is divided whether the Germans are planning a great invasion of Russia, or whether their chief desire is simply to free Austrian territory of hostile forces and make secure their lines in Central and Northern Poland.

Petrograd, Feb. 17.—The following official statement from the general staff of the Russian commander-in-chief was made public last night:

"In the region of Augustowo (Northern Poland) our troops on February 15 stubbornly fought numerically superior German forces who were attempting to envelop both our wings.

"A German column is advancing from Grajewo across the East Prussian border in Poland from Lyck to Osowatz.

"Between the Vistula and Skrawa rivers the enemy has reached the front of Plock-Pactow.

"On the Buzra we have repulsed attacks of little spirit by the Germans near the Zylin farm. On the other positions on the left bank of the Vistula there has been only cannonading.

"In the Carpathians the situation is virtually unchanged. Our troops have made progress on the left bank of the Upper San. We captured several officers and 600 soldiers. We also repulsed successfully stubborn German attacks near Kozniwka and Wyszok.

"In Bukovina the enemy has captured Nadworna, across the Sereth river."

Damaged Airship Was Seen Drifting Toward Zuyder Zee

London, Feb. 17.—A big airship, believed to be of the Parseval type, apparently damaged by gunfire, flew over Amsterdam this morning, says a dispatch from that city to Reuter's Telegram Company. The airship was flying at a height of about 600 feet and its crew was unable to keep it in a horizontal position. Assuming a vertical position, the aircraft drifted in the direction of the Zuyder Zee, an arm of the North Sea, carrying with it telegraph wires with which a dangling rope had become entangled.

The air vessel was later sighted minus its gondola.

ANXIETY GROWING IN GERMAN CAPITAL

Italian Paper Calls Germany's Efforts to Cause Blockade 'Ridiculous Manoeuvres'

Rome, Feb. 17.—Commenting on the diplomatic exchange between the United States and Germany on the question of the submarine blockade of the British Isles, the Giornale d'Italia says:

"The German note to the United States does not deny the rights of neutrals, of which the great American republic has become the champion, nor does it renounce the threatened reprisals.

"The German purpose has not been revealed. All the noisy and somewhat ridiculous manoeuvres of the imaginary maritime blockade had for their sole object the compelling of neutrals to make their voices heard in Britain, asking the British government to permit provisions to enter Germany. Germany has been asserting that the danger of famine was absolutely non-existent; as a matter of fact Berlin is seriously anxious. The scarcity of food already is being felt among the less well-to-do of the German civilian population."

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ATTEMPT AT BLOCKADE WILL NOT STOP SHIPS TO AND FROM BRITAIN

Majority of Shipping Lines Will Continue Usual Sailings; Government Has No Intention Whatever of Relaxing Pressure on German Trade; Announcement Awaited.

London, Feb. 17.—At the stroke of midnight the waters surrounding the coasts of the United Kingdom will become, so far as lies within the power of Germany to make them, a war zone, which all vessels, neutral or otherwise, will penetrate at their peril. Some of the services across the Channel probably will be curtailed, but a majority of the neutral shipping lines will accept the risk and continue their sailings. The names and nationality of the vessels and the flags of their nations will be painted on their sides in the hope that German submarines will not sink them by mistake.

Britain's announcement of the details of her proposed retaliatory policy by which she plans to shut off the German food supply from the outside is expected momentarily, and apparently there is not the slightest prospect that she will accept the German proposal to call off the blockade if Britain will relax naval pressure on shipping.

It is not expected that there will be any immediate and widespread activity by the German submarines, but the developments regarding neutral ships should bring to a head one of the most interesting and threatening situations of the war.

Britain was noticeably cheered by the second big air raid on the German bases on the Belgian coast, but, as was the case at the previous raid, the official report does not state the extent of the damage.

SAW SUBMARINE AS IT HASTENED AWAY

Sailors of Collier Dulwich Did Not Save Belongings; Two Men Unaccounted for

Have, France, Feb. 17.—The British steamer collier Dulwich, bound from Hull to Rouen, was torpedoed at night by a German submarine twenty miles northwest of Cape de la Heve. As the crew took to the boats, the submarine which torpedoed the ship was seen speeding away. The Dulwich sank in twenty minutes.

Twenty-two members of the crew of thirty-one men were picked up by the French destroyer Arquebuse and brought to Havre. Seven others rowed to Fecamp. The fate of the other two is unknown.

The weather was clear, but a heavy sea was running when the Dulwich was blown up. The torpedo struck under the waterline and the explosion was terrible. The ship began to settle immediately and a hasty examination showed Captain Hunter that his vessel could keep afloat only a few minutes. His first concern, therefore, was to assure the safety of his men. He ordered the boats launched, and the sailors tumbled in without taking time to save their personal belongings. While pulling toward the French coast seeking a ship which might rescue them, the crew of the Dulwich saw the submarine rise to the surface several times as if watching them, and then disappear again.

The Dulwich was a vessel of 3,283 tons owned by the British Steamship Company.

BERNHARDT REMAINS CHEERFUL IN ADVERSITY

Injury to Knee Has Made Amputation Necessary; Operation Next Monday.

Bordeaux, Feb. 17.—Sarah Bernhardt, who is in a hospital here awaiting the amputation of her leg, necessitated by an injury to the knee, continues to maintain her strength and spirits. Her cheerful courage has won the admiration of all her friends. In answer to one of hundreds of inquiries regarding her condition, she telegraphed that her limb would be amputated next Monday, and after that she would be quite happy.

GERMAN SUBMARINE MAY HAVE MET DISASTER

London, Feb. 17.—A Dunkirk dispatch to the Daily Mail says that a life buoy inscribed U-12 has been found on the shore at Zuydote, near Dunkirk. It is thought to have belonged to a German submarine, which possibly met with a disaster.

LANDSLIDE BURIED HOUSE

Rome, Feb. 17.—A landslide caused by the torrential rains at Varcoschino buried a house occupied by eight persons. None of those entombed has been rescued.

VANCOUVER MUST HOLD NEW ELECTION FOR MAYOR

Mr. Justice Clement Decides That Taylor's Qualifications Were Not Sufficient.

Vancouver, Feb. 17.—Vancouver city is without a mayor. The election of Louis D. Taylor as mayor was this morning declared by Mr. Justice Clement to be null and void, on the ground that Mr. Taylor did not at the time of the January elections possess the necessary property qualifications. A new election is to be held at a date to be fixed later on.

The costs of the proceedings to unseat Mr. Taylor are to be assessed against the unseated respondent, who was not present in court to-day, owing to his being required at Victoria on civic business.

Mr. Taylor will be given another opportunity to contest the election if he can show the necessary qualifications.

HAS GERMAN WARSHIP SUNK BRITISH STEAMERS?

Buenos Ayres, Feb. 17.—It is reported here to-day from credible sources that the German steamer Holger was sighted yesterday heading for Buenos Ayres, and having on board the crews of several British steamers sent to the bottom by some German warship, probably off the coast of Brazil.

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FORTY AEROPLANES IN RAID ON GERMANS

British and French Aviators Badly Damaged Enemy's Positions in Belgium

London, Feb. 17.—Forty British and French aeroplanes and seaplanes yesterday attacked the German positions at Ostend, Middlekerke, Ghisteltes and Zeebrugge, in Belgium, and according to the official report, with good results.

Bombs were dropped on gun positions, trawlers and barges and on an aerodrome.

The official statement concerning the air raid says: "The air operations of the naval wing against the Bruges, Ostend and Zeebrugge districts were continued this afternoon. Forty aeroplanes and seaplanes bombarded Ostend, Middlekerke, Ghisteltes and Zeebrugge. "Bombs were dropped on the heavy batteries situated on the east and west sides of Ostend, on gun positions at Middlekerke, on transports on the Ostend-Ghisteltes road, on the mole at Zeebrugge to widen the breach effected in former attacks, on the locks at Zeebrugge, on barges outside Blankenberche and on trawlers outside Zeebrugge.

"Eight French aeroplanes assisted the naval machines by making vigorous attacks on the Ghisteltes aerodrome, thus effectively preventing German aircraft from cutting off our machines. It is reported that good results were obtained.

"Instructions are always issued to confine attacks to points of military importance, and every effort is made by the flying-officers to avoid dropping bombs on any residential portions of towns."

The official report makes no mention of the airmen engaged, so it is presumed that they are all safe. The day was bright and clear, conditions being more favorable than last week for a raid.

TREASURY BILLS.

London, Feb. 17.—The Bank of England, it was announced yesterday will receive tenders for treasury bills amounting to \$100,000,000 on February 23. They will be dated February 27, and will be payable one-half in six months and the remainder in twelve months.



British Tommy (returning to trench in which he has lately been fighting, now temporarily occupied by the enemy) "Excuse me—any of you blighters seen my pipe?"

CABINET CHANGES UNDER DISCUSSION

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Speaks; Dismissals and Appointments in the West

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—Sir Robert Borden's promised statement in regard to ministerial changes led to considerable breeze in the house yesterday. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, were the principal participants. The premier explained that Hon. L. P. Pelletier had retired owing to ill-health, to be succeeded by Hon. T. Chase Casgrain, and that Hon. Bruno Nantel had gone to the railway board, his successor being Hon. F. E. Blondin.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in the course of a criticism, remarked that while Mr. Pelletier had retired from the ministry owing to ill-health, to take a place on the bench, Hon. C. J. Doherty had reversed the process by retiring from the bench to become a member of the government.

Mr. Doherty resented the statement of the leader of the opposition that he had retired from the bench owing to ill-health. He said it was untrue. The speaker intervened, and Mr. Doherty explained that he did not mean to say that Sir Wilfrid knew it to be untrue, but he ought to have known it. He had retired, he said, after fifteen years' service and was entitled to the annuity which he is drawing.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier then remarked that the Quebec law provided for the retirement of a judge after fifteen years in the event of poor health, but the minister of justice had made it clear that he retired when in good health and accepted a pension.

Mr. Doherty replied that the opposition leader was bolstering up his case by a misrepresentation of the statute.

Supply was taken up later in the day, several millions of the estimates being voted.

During consideration of the interior department vote, Mr. Martin, of Regina, complained of the number of government appointments in the west. Up to March 10 last, there had been 202 dismissals and 1,094 appointments. This number had been increased. In Regina district there were four homebased inspectors doing the work of one. Dr. Roche in reply said that the returns did not include temporary employees, of whom there were a great number. He believed there was considerable work to do at the Regina office, and that the head officer had gone to the front.

Votes for the department of trade and commerce, customs, interior, and health were taken up, approximately \$11,000,000 being voted.

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux has given notice of a resolution providing for the sending of all mail matter to Canadian soldiers on active service free of postage.

FORCED TO TAKE OFF STOLEN BRITISH COAT

German Prisoner Told Captors He Did Not Wish to Fight

London, Feb. 17.—One of the most interesting sidelights in connection with the desperate conflict in France and Flanders, and the outbreak of humor that takes shape even in the most tragic circumstances, is from the pen of C. G. Harper, English artist and author, who is at the front with the British troops. In a letter he says: "There came slowly into view a straggling squad of bandaged warriors. He was bareheaded, he wore the gray trousers of a German soldier, and yet he had a short, thick khaki overcoat. "What is it, Scotty?" asked one of the soldiers of the foremost among this new party, whose shoulder straps with the letters S. G. proclaimed him one of the Scots Guards. "Guess what it is, an I'll give it yer," said Scotty, adjusting a bandage where his cap ought to have been. His hand came away from it red. "They've jaded some out of you, too?" "Yes," said Scotty, indifferently. "I caught it on the napper. But you guess what it is, Adolphus, an' you shall 'ave it," and he jerked a hand toward the prisoner, for such evidently he was. "Adolphus walked up to the prisoner, looked him up and down, and said, with characteristic humor, 'Don't want it; I've got' up the curio business.' "The prisoner puffed out with suppressed wrath at this, and uttered one ejaculation, 'Damfoll!' "Owe! Adolphus sprang back with well simulated horror, 'It's alive! and then, with intense conviction, 'It's German!' "You've guessed it in once," said Scotty. "It's yours." "Well, then," said Adolphus, "I'll trade it away for a penny packet of fags (cigarettes). . . . 'Speak all at once,' he added sadly, when no offers were forthcoming. "Look here," he suddenly and fiercely to the German. "Who did yer get them togs off?" "It's got on," he explained, turning to me. "That's what they do when they captures some of our chaps. . . . Takes their overcoats an' cuts 'em short, like that, an' wears 'em. An' look at me!" "I looked at him, as desired; he was certainly well worth a glance. A military blanket with a hole cut in the middle of it for passing the head through served him by way of a flowing cloak, and a belt restrained it at the waist. Convenient slits gave play to the arms. "You'd better off with that coat, quick," he said to the German. "Some of our chaps if they catches yer wearing it might shoot yer." (The prisoner made haste to take it off). "There, yer see," continued Adolphus, triumphantly, "ye unnerstan's English as well as you or me. . . . Lor, I'd like to boot 'im, so I would, and he aggressively lifted one of his substantial wide yewelled eighteen and six-penny Northampton-made army boots. "Oh, come off it! exclaimed one of the group, Adolphus, accordingly, came off, and took the coat, grumbling. The German, thus stripped of his borrowed pinnacles, stood fully revealed. "Ow did yer get it?" asked Adolphus, of the Scots Guard, nodding toward the prisoner. "Picked 'im up 'lyn' on 'is face. Thought 'e was wounded, but 'e was only dain' a mike. Shammin' dead, wasn't yer?" he said. "The prisoner smiled amiably, as though he was rather proud of it than otherwise. "Ja, you take me prisoner. I shall not want to fight, no; and I do not want to be kicked. Gottfordam! How hard the commandant kicks!" "That was it. Here was one of the many thousands that the German military machine had put into the field against their will. He had been in Bloomsbury, he told me, before the outbreak of the war, lodging in one of the innumerable German boarding houses

BRITISH LIST GIVES FOUR OFFICERS AS DEAD

London, Feb. 17.—The following list of casualties has been issued from the headquarters of the expeditionary forces:

Killed—Alban, Lieut. H. C. Leinster Regiment; Milburn, Second Lieut. R. G., East Surrey Regiment; Penn, Second Lieut. G. M., Rifle Brigade; Sichel, Lieut. G. M. J., Middlesex Regiment. Wounded—Dobbs, Lieut. W. C., Middlesex Regiment; Hunsley, Major S. H., Middlesex Regiment; Hunt, Captain T. E. C., Royal Berkshire Regiment; Robertson, Second Lieut. E., King's Own Scottish Borders.

RESIGNS LEADERSHIP.

Quebec, Feb. 17.—J. M. Tellier, member for Joliette, leader of the Conservative opposition in the Quebec legislature, announced his resignation as party leader in the house yesterday. He will be succeeded by P. Cousineau, member for Jacques Cartier. Mr. Tellier will still represent Joliette in the local house, but there is a rumor that he will later be a candidate for the federal house.

FIRST LORD STATES CASUALTIES IN NAVY

London, Feb. 17.—Replying in the House of Commons yesterday to a request for details regarding the total British naval casualties since the outbreak of the war, Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, gave these figures:

Killed—348 officers and 5,812 men. Wounded—45 officers and 352 men. Missing—8 officers and 5 men.

To this list Mr. Churchill said should be added the casualties of the First Royal Naval division which participated in the defence of Antwerp, which were:

Killed—5 officers and 34 men. Wounded—4 officers and 184 men. Missing—7 officers and 868 men. Interned—39 officers and 1,524 men.

WRESTLING WITH FOOD QUESTION IN GERMANY

Berlin, Feb. 17.—The bunsderrath has increased the maximum price of potatoes from four marks (16) to five and three-fourths marks (18 1/4) for fifty kilograms (110 pounds). It was feared the former low price, in view of the scarcity of fodder, would result in farmers feeding their stock potatoes fit for food.

The bunsderrath set a maximum price of ten marks (22 1/2) for early potatoes harvested between May and August 15. The purpose of the action was to encourage gardeners to devote a large acreage to early potatoes. Another decree of the bunsderrath limited the amount of malt which may be used by brewers after April 1 to sixty per cent. of the former quantity.

SUSPECTED MEN RETURNED.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 17.—Fourteen men who enlisted with the first Canadian contingent for service with the British army have been brought back in bonds as "alien suspects." It was learned yesterday. All are of foreign parentage, but some have lived in Canada for more than a quarter of a century. The party was disembarked under a strong guard. On the march to the citadel, each man was handcuffed to a soldier.

NEUTRALS ARE BEING EXPELLED BY GERMANS

Geneva, Feb. 17.—Seventeen Spaniards of means, expelled from Lorraine, in Baden, by the German authorities, have arrived in Geneva. The Germans have expelled also several hundred citizens of neutral states—Swiss, Italians and Hollanders, from Alsace.

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FOUR MEMBERS OF FIRST CONTINGENT ARE DEAD

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—The following casualties in the Canadian expeditionary force were announced by the militia department last night:

Deaths—February 2—Private E. L. Inderwick, 17th Battalion, at Salisbury, from inflammation of the brain. Next of kin, Mrs. Inderwick, Perth, Ontario.

February 16—Private Thomas E. Trull, 3rd Battalion, Netheravon, from meningitis. Next of kin, T. E. Trull, Osawa, Ont.

Killed—February 13—Private E. H. Norris, 4th Battalion, by train, near Buchy, France. Next of kin, Mrs. E. H. Norris, London, England.

Accidentally killed—Corporal John Thomas McMaster, 1st Battalion, at Gare d'Orleans (no date given). Next of kin, Thomas McMaster, Hesper, Ont.

REPRESENTATIVES MAY LEAVE MEXICO CITY

Washington, Feb. 17.—American attaches of the United States embassy in Mexico City, lately attached to the Brazilian legation, will leave Mexico City if all other diplomatic representatives depart. The state department has informed the Brazilian minister, who has been in charge of American diplomatic interests, that it presumes he will be guided by instructions from his own government with respect to leaving, but has asked him to advise the American attaches that they may leave if others do.

All the diplomatic representatives there have asked their home governments for authority to abandon the legations if the situation warrants.

Confirmatory dispatches telling of the capture of Guadalupeh by Villa forces and a steady movement toward Mexico City have been received.

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PROTESTS AGAINST EXCESS OF POWER

Parker Williams Again Points to Danger of Too Much Control for Attorney-General

In the legislature yesterday afternoon Parker Williams got in another protest at the persistent gathering up of the strings of administration, not only of provincial business, but of private or semi-private affairs as well, into the hands of individuals or departments which are under the control of the attorney-general. The rally of the member for Newcastle finally got the premier to his feet.

The occasion came when the attorney-general moved the second reading of his bill to amend the Pool Room Act so as to prevent orientals getting licenses and to make being on the voters' list a requisite. Mr. Bowser explained the difficulty which has arisen through many aliens running places of this kind, and he desired to get this act in conformity with the Liquor License Act as to licensees being adult males of the Caucasian race and voters.

Parker Williams admitted that there could be no criticism of a proposal to restrict licenses to British subjects, but as between British subjects he insisted that there was a power left in the hands of the superintendent of provincial police to refuse a license at his own will, which was too much power for him to have.

"It is just as in other cases," said Mr. Williams, "it is a gradual leading of every phase of public business into the hands of some individual or department directly or indirectly under the control of the attorney-general. The business of the province of British Columbia is rapidly being centralized by legislation in such a way that the attorney-general's department can be said to be a key-board from which the whole business interests of British Columbia, large and small, can be manipulated. It places at the disposal of the attorney-general the power to cripple, wreck and destroy or build up any individual. This is out of sympathy and touch with the principles of British justice."

"The attorney-general, as he told us the other day, is human, an ordinary individual open to motives like myself. The presumption is that I have a political axe to grind. That precludes me from handling matters in which I would have to benefit or injure people. We should impose as little as possible of that upon the attorney-general. If he ever caught the drift of British institutions he would refuse to shoulder so much responsibility. He is the head of the political machine of the government and it is too much power to give him."

"Assuming that he is a good churchman like myself he would not misuse this power, but the next attorney-general might be a very ordinary individual and might misuse powers now quite safe to place in the hands of the present attorney-general, and use them to profit himself or benefit his party. I am emphatically objecting to placing those powers in his hands."

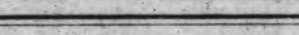
Mr. Williams cited a case from South Wellington, which, he said, seemed to show that there was not much sense in the operation of the law at times. In the recent fire there the local pool room was burned out. Plans of the new building were sent down to the superintendent of police, but that official is being burdened with so much power that it took him about six weeks to decide whether the plan should get a license to reopen in the new premises. Then when it came to get the license the man, who had already paid his license fee for the year, and lost money during the time he had been out of business, was called upon to pay for the one month left of the year the full fee for a year. It would seem that in these details there was room for the application of a little common-sense, the member for Newcastle said.

Sir Richard McBride told the house that he had again to enter his protest against the anticipated abuse of authority which was in the mind of the member for Newcastle. About the first thing any minister would think of, he said, would be the administration of public business along the lines Mr. Williams had suggested. As the provincial liquor laws had been mentioned in passing by Mr. Williams, the premier took the opportunity to say that there had never been any complaint as to the way in which they were administered. It had been fairly and impartially applied. As regarded pool rooms one heard a great deal, some people going the length of denouncing them an abomination. For himself, he believed that they were well conducted, took the place of social clubs and were a source of pleasure and profitable attraction. But since so many of them had gone into the hands of aliens it was sought to restrict them that the persons running them could be held responsible, and he knew no more efficient means for this than enacting that a person to get a license must be on the voters' list.

On the second reading of his bill to amend the Master and Servant Act, W. H. Hayward (Cowichan) said it was not necessary to add much to what he had said the other day about contractors who made deductions from the

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Wages of the men they employed for the purpose of medical attendance. His bill simply proposed to add to the act a provision that each contractor, who was compelled to keep a separate account of the moneys he so deducted, must make a semi-annual statement to the provincial secretary of the account, so that any person interested could see what was being done with his money. The act said a man had a right to inspect and audit this at any time, but it was only common-sense to realize that the men were not likely to ask for an inspection if there was a chance they would be "fired."

If the claim the workmen made as to the whole of the money not being spent for their benefit was correct the men were being swindled. If it was being spent, the contractors and the house-owners were swindled. There was no reason why his bill should not become law. If it was not, and if for the one-dollar month deducted from each man there was not given a quid pro quo, it was the duty of the house to give the men a chance to see for themselves without fear of the loss of their employment whether they were being swindled or not.

The debate was adjourned on the motion of Dr. Young. Hon. Dr. Cameron (Granby) in the reading of his bill amending the Civil Service Act in the direction of giving power for the appointment, under order-in-council, of officials without regard to age limit, explained that with the growing business of the province it was necessary experts should be appointed, and not always could men be got of an age which complied with the Act.

Mr. Williams thought the problem would have been to get rid of experts, for two reasons: the practical uselessness of the experts and the necessity for chiselling down expenses. In the act as it stood could be found all the power needed.

In committee the bill amending the Benevolent Societies Act was considered. T. D. Cayton (Granby) in the chair. This gives the registrar of joint stock companies power not only to grant his endorsement of applications for incorporation under the act, but to refuse it if he finds, after investigation, that he should do so. The attorney-general had a clause added, giving the right of appeal to the lieutenant-governor-in-council from any refusal of the registrar.

The attorney-general secured second readings for his bills amending the Creditors' Trust Deeds Act, to clear up a doubt as to the voting of all creditors and to restrict it to those with claims of \$25 or over, and amending the Execution Act, to simplify it especially as to the registration of judgments in the registry office and renewal of judgments.

The annual report of the provincial game warden was laid on the table by the attorney-general.

Hon. Dr. Young introduced a bill to amend the Health Act in regard to waterworks, sewage disposal and the manufacture of mineral waters. On the recommendation of the premier the bill was extended the time for the presentation of petitions from February 15 to February 22, and for presenting reports on private bills from February 15 to Feb. 25.

Prayers were read yesterday by Rev. F. A. Chadwick.

COURT OF REVISION

First Sitting Will Be Held To-morrow; Important Cases Up for Consideration.

The first court of revision of the year will be held to-morrow morning, a number of important cases being up for the consideration of the court.

The cost of expropriating on the south side of Fort street, between Linden avenue and Craigdarroch, and on the north side from Yates street to Ormond, is set at \$90,135. The portion of Fort street, between Cook street and Linden avenue, which was recently paved with asphalt, cost \$21,692.

Another by-law deals with Bay street, at a cost of \$38,000. The paving of Herald street from Government street to Blanshard avenue is estimated to have cost \$35,000.

The cost of cluster lighting on Pandora avenue from Douglas street to Vancouver street, will be assessed at \$15,000. Vining street, between Belmont avenue and Pandora avenue, has cost \$14,778; Leonard street from Cook street to Cambridge street, \$10,790; and Stanley avenue, between Fort street and Pandora avenue, \$12,000.

Another street which will probably be contested will be Blackwood street, from Hillside avenue to Cook street, costing \$29,300.

Minor assessments are Shasta, boulevards; Stanley avenue, boulevards; Fort (Richmond to Powl Bay) sidewalks; Duchess (Fort to Leighton), paving; Dallas (Cook to Busby), sidewalks; and Pandora (Douglas to Amelia), sidewalk.

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Saanich School Board Returns Teachers' Salaries to Old Schedule

"It is a serious matter, and unless someone takes action I will challenge the disqualified member of the school board myself," said Councillor Grant yesterday at the meeting of the Saanich council, in speaking of the school estimates, re-submitted by the board.

The Saanich school board has reduced its estimates very little as a result of the appeal from the council, conveyed at the conference on Saturday week last. The revised estimates were before the municipal council yesterday afternoon, when the salaries, instead of being cut ten per cent, as had been originally recommended, have been put back to the former figure, and the manual training vote is retained with a small cut in the total. There is a reduction in some items of maintenance.

Councillor Tanner regretted that the board had shown themselves to be weak-minded men in allowing themselves to be bluffed by the school teachers with whom, he understood, they had had a conference. He moved that the council should again return the estimates, objecting to the removal of the cut in the total estimates for salary (\$7,300) and for lumping the election, board expenses and secretary's salary in one item.

The motion passed, the clerk declaring that he regretted the new return, because he had promised the board at the conference to pass the estimates provided they were in a suitable form.

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LIQUOR LICENSE ACT, 1910

NOTICE is hereby given that, on the first day of January inst., application will be made to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for renewal of license for the sale of liquor by wholesale in and upon the premises known as Redner & Janlon, Ltd., situate at 1213 Wharf street, in the City of Victoria, B. C. Dated this 1st day of January, 1915. (Sgd.) E. F. RADIGER, Applicant.

DISCUSSED ASSESSMENT

Deputations Are Assured by City Assessor That Figures Will Show Small Change This Year.

A deputation from the Civic Retirement association and the Real Estate exchange waited on the city council late yesterday afternoon to present a case for the maintenance of the assessment at an approximate figure like that of last year, any reduction to be made by a reduced tax rate, rather than by lowered assessment.

The assessor alluded, in explaining his position, to the uncertainty of values at the present time, and stated that he anticipated a reduction of some eight or nine millions on land, which last year were over \$99,000,000, there would be, however, an increase of about \$2,500,000 on the improvements, now exempt from taxation. The result of the assessment, he stated, would be to strike a middle course between the assessment of 1912 and 1914.

The aldermen who spoke took the view that the public would be better satisfied with a high assessment and a low rate than with a change in both directions, as otherwise it would be a serious barrier in the transfer of property.

Among the speakers for the two associations were P. R. Brown and C. T. Cross for the Real Estate exchange, and H. H. Jones, H. E. Levy, F. B. Pemberton, James Forman and J. Keith Wilson for the Retirement association.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore subsisting between us, the undersigned, as Machinists and Bicycle Specialists at number 246 Douglas street and 574 Johnson street, in the City of Victoria, Province of British Columbia, was dissolved on the 31st day of January, 1915, by mutual consent.

The undersigned, Antoni Fredrik Marconini, has taken over and will carry on the business at the premises, number 246 Douglas street aforesaid, and the undersigned, Alfred Gustave Marconini, has taken over and will carry on the business at the premises, number 574 Johnson street aforesaid.

All debts owing to said partnership, past or present, are to be paid to the Merchants' Protective Association, 204 Hibben-Bone Building, Victoria, B. C. Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 31st day of February, 1915. ANTONI FREDRIK MARCONINI, ALFRED GUSTAVE MARCONINI, Carrying on business under the firm name of Marconini Brothers.

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THE WAR.

Germany's psychological blockade will go into force at midnight; also Great Britain's retaliatory measures. The difference between the two is that one is a state of mind and the other a very tangible demonstration of physical force. We observe that the German authorities have intimated that the effect of the new order may not be apparent for some time, for the campaign will not necessarily be initiated to-morrow. The date was named merely as the time limit of the period of notification.

So far the German admiralty announcement has not had the effect that was hoped for it. Its purpose was to terrorize neutrals to such an extent that they would exercise pressure upon Great Britain and cause a relaxation of the stranglehold which is gradually regaining the German people to despair. Instead, however, it has confirmed the universal detestation of Germany's methods held by most of the neutrals and converted friendly sentiments in others into unconcealed antagonism. Italy, the United States, Scandinavia, Denmark, Holland, have stated practically that if one of their ships is sunk by a German torpedo they will reply with guns. Moreover, they will continue their trade connections with the British Isles. The fact that Germany anticipated an altogether different result indicates the peculiar moral and mental astigmatism, with which her authorities have been afflicted.

The material consequences of the much-touted "new" campaign of the German navy will be negligible. The Berlin fulminations on this point remind us of the bragging and blustering announcements about capturing Paris and Calais, invading England, the big gun with the range of twenty-six miles, the new monsters with which their fleet was being armed, and, more recently, the grave assurance that measures would be taken to interrupt the transportation of British troops to France. The admiralty's quick retort to the last announcement is the conveying of thirty thousand Canadians and as many more British troops to France without the loss of a man.

Petrograd reports the advance of the Germans north of the Vistula and from East Prussia, and frankly announces the progress of the Germans and Austrians in Bukovina. Neither of these movements causes any misgivings in the Russian capital, which knows that it can be checked when the time comes. In the Carpathians, however, Russia still holds her grip.

The growing pressure of allied reinforcements in the west has been reflected in the French bulletin during the last two or three days. Our troops have retaken the trenches lost at Et. Eloi, south of Ypres, as we predicted they would, and the "Princess Fats" will feel happy again. France has made a very important advance towards Bethel, having captured two miles of German trenches northwest of Bethel, which is northeast of Rheims. It is clear that at this salient point and in the Argonne Joffre is concentrating large forces of fresh fighting men. The advance on Bethel is particularly important, for it menaces the line of communication of the German armies north of Rheims. The French must be within easy artillery range of the railroad. We look for a big battle there within the next few days, for no doubt German reinforcements are being rushed from other parts of the front to guard this line.

Another allied air raid on the Belgian coast points yesterday seems to have done considerable damage. The objective of these dashes is the Zeebrugge canal, which the German submarines use as a base and which affords them protection during a bombardment. The activity of allied air men on both wings in the west has become very marked of late, the French being as enterprising in Alsace as the British are in Belgium.

ON THE BRINK.

"When the German government announced its paper blockade of the British Isles the New York Herald printed a leading article which attracted no little attention in the capitals of Europe. The Herald spoke 'right out in meetings' as follows:

In the early part of 1861 there was still a strong effort to avert civil war in this country. Indeed, many persons hoped that the greatest of American tragedies would be prevented. Whether this would have been possible had there been a stronger and more forcible man in the Presidency than Buchanan is beside the question.

The whole Northern portion of the nation hoped for the best, but when the attempt was made to send to Fort Sumpter provisions and supplies and the Star of the West was fired upon by the armed forces of the seceding states all hope of peace vanished. The bombardment of Fort Sumpter came later, but it was the attack upon the Star of the West that tore the bandages from Northern eyes. Suppose the Germans in their attempt to terrorize neutral commerce going to England should destroy American ships and grown American crews; suppose without having enough ships to give notice of a blockade and turn back ships the German submarines ran amuck like a mad Malay and destroyed the ships and crews of any neutral, would Germany not then have to reckon with that neutral as an enemy? She is on the brink of her most momentous blunder—a war with the United States of America.

HOW WE ARE GOVERNED.

Discussing an amendment to the Pool Rooms Act yesterday, Parker Williams commented on the extent to which power had been centralized in the Attorney-General. This is due partly to the autocratic disposition of that minister, which cannot bear the delegation of authority or responsibility to subordinates, and partly to the desire to keep the political machine in operation with all its pristine smoothness and efficiency. But what is true in the case of the Attorney-General is true of the whole administration of the affairs of the province. We are governed by order-in-council. The legislature, saving the two opposition members, is nothing but a mutual admiration society, which lacks only the service of tea and wafers at four o'clock to be a complete society function. In every important bill introduced nowadays runs the familiar refrain that the Lieutenant-Governor-in-council "may, by proclamation" do this and that. The legislature, the "parliament of the people," is reduced to the status of the dummy directorate of a Harrison railroad.

As an example of its handiwork we invite attention to Bill No. 16, "an Act to enable the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council to grant relief from penalties and forfeitures in relation to moneys payable to the crown and in relation to similar matters." The purpose of this bill is to exempt speculators in natural resources from the uncomfortable necessity of paying for their holdings. These are the gentlemen who, Sir Richard contends, should not be frowned upon, or "where would we get our revenues?" The legislature, however, is ordered to pass a bill empowering the government to dispense with the collection of those revenues for twelve months if it so desires.

The bill proceeds that notwithstanding anything contained in any statute the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council shall, in respect of any instrument made or issued before or after the passing of the Act, under the provisions of the Coal and Petroleum Act, the Mineral Act, the Placer Mining Act or "any act to which the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may by proclamation extend the provisions of this section," postpone payment of moneys due or accruing to the crown, remit penalties for non-payment, extend the time for the performance of anything required by statute dealing with these matters, fix the period for the renewal of or reinstatement of any instrument and any right under it which may be on point of expiration. Land obligations are not specifically mentioned, but the omission deceives nobody, for land and everything under the sun where moneys are due the crown are covered by that remarkably comprehensive provision "or any act to which the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may by proclamation extend the provisions of this section."

The bill is intended as a substitute for the moratorium, but in principle it is worse. It expressly empowers the executive to discriminate between debtors to the crown according to its own sweet will. It can apply the gaff to political opponents or anybody else it wishes to squeeze and spare the elect of the gods. The favored speculators who owe millions of dollars on land, considerable areas of which were obtained by fraud, need not bother their heads about so unimportant a trifle, but the unimportant farmer will be pursued from post to post for his taxes.

As the administration grows older such legislation—if the term can be applied properly to measures of this character—becomes more frequent. As the political prospect gets more unpromising the necessity of desperate expedients to maintain its grip on the treasury benches becomes the dominant

idea in the government mind. It must have the means of coaxing or clubbing the electorate, as the case may be. Every administrative service which directly touches the public must be controlled from the cabinet without statutory encumbrances. Pool rooms, liquor licenses, payments due on petroleum, coal, minerals, land and timber, must be supervised and directed in such a way as to whip or cajole every recalcitrant voter into line. This is Prussianism with a vengeance. Why not pass a bill authorizing the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council to proclaim the perpetuation of the present legislature and thus dispense with elections altogether?

SWITZERLAND'S DEMAND.

A dispatch from Berne yesterday stated that Switzerland had demanded from Germany an apology for the action of one of her airmen in flying over Swiss territory. While Germany in that respect may have been guilty of a technical violation of Switzerland's neutrality, it does not impress one as being so serious a matter as to require an apology. It is not very easy for an aviator to avoid flying over neutral territory, for there are no boundary outposts in the air and if he is in flight or pursuit of a foe he is not likely to give the question of his locality any consideration. Both German and allied airmen have erred—if it is an error—in this way.

But if the Berne report is correct it shows how determined the little state is to maintain both the substance and shadow of its neutrality. This is a difficult and trying task, for a part of Switzerland is strongly under German influence. Other districts, again, favor the allies, but the German propaganda has made progress, especially along the northeastern border. At the same time if Switzerland should depart from her neutral attitude, it would not be to favor the Germans. There is not a small state in Europe which would cast its lot with the Huns. The fate of Belgium is to all of them an object lesson of Germany's policy towards little nations. Rather than see the triumph of the bully of Potsdam, Denmark, Holland, Switzerland and Scandinavia would sacrifice their last man.

The Swiss army has been mobilized for six months. Its chiefs knew that Germany originally contemplated marching through their territory instead of Belgium and that the pros and cons of the two routes to Paris had been debated in Berlin for years. The fact that Belgium was chosen was not due to any consideration for the welfare of Switzerland. In the German mind the Alpine state has no right to exist. Anything that is not cumbersome, elephantine, has no merit in the eye of a power which aspires to rule the earth. Whether the earth itself is large enough is the question. The Kaiser transformed the Almighty into his private secretary some years ago.

The mobilization of the army has almost bankrupted Switzerland and she has nothing to gain and much to lose by the prolongation of the war. Like that other little state, Denmark, she could affect immediately the issue by intervention more substantially than could the participation of the United States. Switzerland at war with Germany would be a pistol at the heart of the Reichsland, menacing the chief industrial part of the empire. It would be a fortress, which no siege gun could reduce, that would threaten the valley of the Rhine, exposing the German armies in Alsace, Lorraine, and the Vosges to an attack from the rear. The Swiss army, with reserves, numbers three hundred thousand men, splendidly equipped and very proficient in the use of artillery and small arms. All things considered, we think Germany will swallow her pride just now and make an apology if one has been demanded. Six months ago the Kaiser would have hurled one of his numerous declarations of war at this small but extraordinarily formidable mountain nation.

If Britain refuses to raise the siege of Germany—which is altogether probable according to our understanding of the British character—real naval warfare, directed principally against non-combatants, will begin to-morrow. That is the purport of the latest German ultimatum. Of course von Tirpitz's navy as yet merely has been "resting on its oars" waiting for an opportunity to strike! Just as though all the world did not know that it has been doing its worst. We do not think that after to-morrow there will be any appreciable change in the situation—unless the Malays of Europe, running amuck, should happen to or deliberately sink a ship of a neutral power.

An eminent German naval critic says the tactics of the British admiral in a late engagement which Germans have reason to remember were defective. Possibly so. But will von Tirpitz send his cruisers out again just to give the British an opportunity to

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profit by experience and improve their defective tactics? As one of the Kaiser's ships is at the bottom of the North Sea and others are in dock undergoing extensive repairs, we have some doubts on the matter.

Says the New York Tribune: "If the German government is looking for trouble with the United States, or Spain, or Italy, all it has to do is to permit a submarine to torpedo an American, Spanish or Italian vessel entering the German admiralty's psychological war zone."

After calmly surveying the situation we can safely conclude that Germany is about as popular among the nations as a certain fur-coated little animal of strongly marked characteristics would be at a picnic on a warm day.

THE DIVINE PROBLEM.

New York Tribune.

Once upon a time when every nationality had its own particular deity or deities, to call upon them for victory could cause no confusion in the empire. Each god had but one side to take in a battle, on whose outcome his own existence often depended. But in these days, when all of Christendom worships the same God, his choice of sides in war is subject to as many interpretations as there are belligerents involved. Each nation at war in Europe has asseverated its faith in the possession of divine favor. So far their reasoning, in some cases rather bewildering, has followed in a rough way, though without public avowal for obvious reasons, a certain ecclesiastical cleavage. The priests of France have called for the blood of the German heretics. Catholic Austria would have God annihilate the Slav minions of the Greek church. Protestant Prussia has ignored British followers of deca-dent Catholic France. And Cardinal Mercier has expressed confidence that God would punish the Prussian despoilers of Catholic Belgium.

MUST ENFORCE ITS LAWS.

New York Sun.

If Horn carried explosives to Vancouver, took them across the river and discharged them with intent to blow up or damage the railroad bridge on the Canadian side as an "act of war" it is not a case for extradition; it is a case for the enforcement of the neutrality laws by the United States government. The Dominion of Canada ought not to be allowed for its own purposes to construe such an offence as an extraditable felony. The fact that punishment by the United States for violation of neutrality is lighter than punishment by Canada for the felony defined in its statutes has nothing to do with the case. It is the duty of the United States to compel respect for its neutrality laws, lest its territory be made a base for warlike operations on any scale against a friendly state.

LOOKING FOR TROUBLE.

New York Tribune.

If the German government is looking for trouble with the United States, or Spain, or Italy, all it has to do is to permit a submarine to torpedo an American, Spanish or Italian vessel entering the German admiralty's psychological "war zone." Every neutral is bound to respect a real blockade and to accept a belligerent's warning as to the presence of mines in any particular area. But it must reject as a piece of unwarranted arrogance the suggestion that a German naval officer may happen to be careless enough to torpedo a neutral ship making a voyage which it is clearly within its rights to make. We are confident that the United States will meet this issue as it ought to be met.

SCIENCE AND BARBARITY IN WAR.

New York Tribune.

Science is supposed to be the handmaid of civilization. But if the Germans are right, scientific progress can be turned in time of war to the service of pure barbarism. The German public is described as exulting at the success of the ship-raid of the English east coast. But any satisfaction exhibited over injuries inflicted haphazardly on the defenceless civilian population of half-a-dozen English towns, without the slightest shadow of military necessity, is strangely out of touch with the twentieth century feeling.

ONE FOR THE GERMAN.

Montreal Mail.

Here is a good story from Brussels. In a populous quarter of the city a German officer undertook to correct the pronunciation of a street vendor. "It isn't Brussels you must say now. To-day your city is German, and its name must be pronounced 'Brussel,'" he said. "If I were in your place do you know what I'd do? I'd learn to pronounce 'Berlin in Russian,'" was the swift and apt reply. The sequel I have not heard.

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A Great Hockey Player.—Lester Patrick has a world-wide reputation as a great hockey player. There is just one thing Lester can do better than play hockey and that is recite Dr. Drummond's poems. It is surely a treat to hear him. Don't miss him at Old Victoria theatre, Wednesday, Feb. 17. Reserved seats, 50c at Shortt, Hill & Duncan's.

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The Umbrella Shop, 510 Pandora St.

Phoenix Beer, dozen pints, 75c.

The Orchestra that will furnish the music for the James Bay Methodist church concert at the Old Victoria theatre on Wednesday, the 17th, will be led by Mr. Alex. Ingram. Don't fail to hear this orchestra. Tickets 50c at Shortt, Hill & Duncan's.

Phoenix Stout, dozen pints 75c.

It All Depends.—It depends on when and how you spray your trees as to what fruit you will pick. Better spray now with a Meyers Sprayer. It sprays thoroughly. \$4.50, \$5.50 and \$6.50, at R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas Street.

Dies From Injuries.—Patrick Whalen, a laborer who fell from the second story of the post office building on Monday, died at the Jubilee hospital from his injuries yesterday. He had no relatives here. An inquest is being held this afternoon to determine the cause of death.

W. C. T. U. Olympic Union.—The W. C. T. U. Olympic union will hold a meeting to-morrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. H. Parson, 140 Moss street, commencing at 3 o'clock. All members are requested to attend.

Grand Concert.—The Young People's society of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church will hold a concert in the lecture room, on Monday, March 1. The programme arranged will be most enjoyable in every respect and will include some of Victoria's best talent.

Special Services.—In connection with the series of special services being held in the Douglas Street Baptist church, Ensign Merritt, of the Salvation Army and members of the band, will have charge of the meeting, Thursday evening commencing with a song service at 7.30 p. m.

History of Music.—H. Charlesworth, organist of the First Presbyterian church, will deliver one of his popular illustrated lectures entitled "Music, Its History and Development" in the schoolroom of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church next Monday at 8 p. m. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

West End Branch, W. C. T. U.—The West End branch of the W. C. T. U. will hold their regular meeting to-morrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock in Wesley church, Victoria West. On Friday evening a play will be held in Semple's hall under the auspices of the West End branch in aid of the Men's mission.

Appoint Superintendent.—The deadlock over the appointment of a market superintendent was broken yesterday afternoon at an adjourned session of the city council, when Andrew Forbés was selected by six votes to three. He will immediately take over his duties in succession to Mr. Dalby. The new superintendent has been a resident of the city for years.

Lumber Committee Met.—The board of trade lumber committee met yesterday afternoon to talk over affairs concerning the lumber trade of the province. The meeting adjourned until Tuesday, and beyond the fact that there was a meeting no public announcement was made. R. H. H. Alexander, secretary of the coast lumber association, came from Vancouver to attend.

"Samson" Rehearsal.—Another splendid rehearsal of Samson was held last night under the direction of J. G. Brown, a total of 125 voices taking part, composed of sopranos 54, alto 29, tenors 18 and basses 24. The total number on the roll is now 156. It is understood that a number of chorists, on account of prior engagements, were unable to attend the first rehearsal, and the one last night. These will be given an opportunity to join next week, when it is hoped that all who intend connecting themselves with the chorus will be present.

Will Dispose of Bonds.—The Esquimalt council has decided to dispose of \$100,000 worth of sewer bonds at the best price obtainable on the market at present because it is considered essential to the welfare of the municipality that the sewer system be continued. The council also hopes to be able to reduce taxation and to continue employment at the present rate. The council has decided to proceed with the laying of some sidewalks in the village and near the canton ground. Lights are to be erected at the south end of Constance avenue.

Cathedral Branch Donation.—The cathedral branch of the Women's Auxiliary to Missions yesterday afternoon held their annual donation party, the hostesses for the afternoon including Mrs. Hiscocks, Mrs. J. C. Roper, Mrs. Doull, Miss E. C. Moore, and Mrs. Nivin, all officers of the branch. The room was charmingly decorated with daffodils, pussy-willows, and other emblems of early spring. Mrs. Chion having the arrangements in hand. The donations were generous, and a very creditable sum was added to the Dorcas society funds as well as quantities of useful materials which will be made up into garments for the mission work of the society.

Among the visitors during the afternoon was Lady Crease, also Mrs. Pemberton and Mrs. Robert Beaven, who were given a very cordial welcome.

Soldiers.—All "Jitneys" and Willows cars stop at the Skene Lowe Studio, corner Yates and Douglas. Head quarters for Soplas.

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Hon. Justice Drake has rendered a decision in the case of Baxter vs. Jacobs which asserts British rights and holds that sealing in the Behring sea is privileged, except within a marine league of shore. Baxter was awarded \$4,161 damages. Both defendant and plaintiff are American citizens, and the schooner concerned is an American vessel.

A telegram received in the city to-day from Barkerville, Cariboo, announces the death of Sergt. Lindsay. He was found dead in bed yesterday. For a long time he acted as chief constable of Cariboo. He was one of the Royal Engineers who came here in 1858.

The great contest over the appointment of a consul for the United States at Victoria, B. C., says our Washington correspondent, was settled to-day by the appointment of Levi W. Myers, of Iowa. A number of the applicants for the position stated they wanted it because they could get a foothold in the new state of Washington, for speculation in the new towns along Puget Sound.

MAYOR'S GREETINGS TO PRESIDENT WILSON

His Worship, on Behalf of Victoria, Tenders Felicitations on Peace Centenary

On behalf of the city Mayor Stewart yesterday sent the following message to President Wilson in view of the celebration of the hundred years' peace between the United States and Great Britain:

"At the close of one hundred years of peace between the United States of America and Great Britain, the city of Victoria, capital of the province of British Columbia, desires to tender you, as the official head of the great republic to the south of us, our heartiest felicitations on the completion of a centenary of peace between the two great families of the English-speaking world. On the occasion of the celebration of this memorable chapter in the history of mankind, we desire afresh to express our sentiments of esteem and good will for the people of the United States, and our ardent hope that the prevailing spirit of comity and concord between the two nations of the North American continent will continue to the end of time.

"A STEWART, Mayor."

Victoria, through Mayor Stewart, also sent messages as follows to the Honorable Ernest Lister, governor of the state of Washington; the Honorable Orin West, governor of the state of Oregon, and to the Honorable Hiram Johnson, governor of the state of California:

"Victoria, the capital city of the province of British Columbia, embraces with pleasure the opportunity now afforded of renewing expressions of esteem and good will for the people of the United States and, especially of uniting with them in celebrating so memorable an epoch in the history of mankind as a centenary of peace between the two great English-speaking nations of the world.

"A STEWART, Mayor."

Greetings were sent by his worship to the mayors of various leading cities on the Pacific coast, expressing the hope that the centenary of the peace between the two countries might be a precursor of a time when peace should be universal.

Chapter's Annual Meeting.—The annual meeting of the Navy League Chapter, I. O. D. E., will take place in the Alexandra cafe at 2.45 to-morrow afternoon.

Ambulance Association.—The first meeting of the newly-organized class in first aid for men will be held to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock in the police courtroom at the city hall. All members are asked to attend.

Will Lecture To-morrow.—"The Life and Work of Dr. Robertson, Pioneer Prophet and Prospector" is the title of a lecture to be delivered in the First Presbyterian church to-morrow evening by Rev. R. G. MacBeth, who has been preaching and lecturing in practically every Presbyterian church in Victoria. His lecture on Dr. Robertson is probably his best on account of the fact that his subject is a great one, and because the lecturer was personally acquainted with him.

Lake Hill Institute.—At the last meeting of the Lake Hill Women's Institute, Mrs. Palmer, the secretary-treasurer, reported in connection with the masquerade dance held recently in Cedar Hill hall under the auspices of the organization. The proceeds were considerable, and have been handed to the patriotic fund. Mrs. Tolmie, the president, was in the chair at the meeting, which took place at the home of Mrs. Hall, Quadra street. It was announced that the ladies had been asked to organize some entertainment in aid of the funds of the Saanich Friendly Help society, which badly requires funds for the alleviation of distress in the neighborhood.

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Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick Formally Installed at St. John's Church; Many Clergy Present.

Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick was last evening inducted rector of St. John's church. The impressive service took place in the presence of a very large congregation of parishioners and clergy from various parts of the city.

The sermon was preached by the bishop, who selected as his text: "They shall go from strength to strength," using the words as a symbol of the growth which would take place in the parish in the years to come.

Accompanying the Bishop of Columbia when he escorted the newly-inducted rector to font, lectern, prayer-book, pulpit and holy table, was the Venerable Archdeacon Scriven. Other clergy present at the services were the Rural Dean, Rev. W. Baugh Allen, also Rev. F. H. Fatt, J. H. S. Sweet, H. A. Collinson, J. W. Flinton, E. G. Miller and C. R. Littler. After the services many parishioners tendered their good wishes to the new rector who, during his year's work in the parish, has won many close friends through his sympathetic attitude and untiring labors in behalf of the church.

Cymadorion Society.—The regular monthly meeting of the Victoria Cymadorion society will be held on Thursday evening when business of an important character will be brought before the members. A good attendance is hoped for.

Daughters of England.—Primrose Lodge, Daughters of England, held another of their popular dances in St. John's hall on Monday evening when many friends as well as members were present. All the arrangements for the dance were under the management of an untiring committee, consisting of the following ladies: Mesdames Wyman, Oddy, King, Stafford, McKenzie, Hill and James, who provided a tasty supper which was served at 10.30. The tables were decorated with Union Jacks, and the duties of masters of ceremonies were very ably carried out by Messrs. Chater and Ferriday. Dancing was kept up until 1 o'clock to the accompaniment of Miss Drinkie's orchestra.

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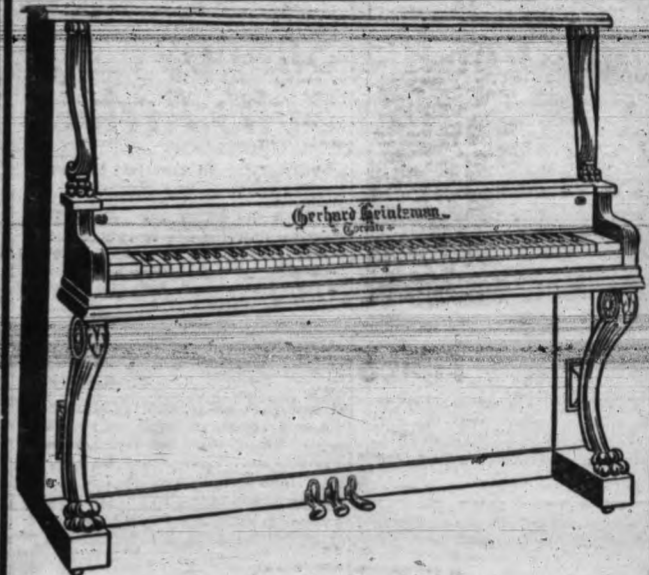
This large figure represents the value of the Company's plant and equipment, all of which is located in the southwestern portion of the province.

The Company has expended its millions on a constructive basis. It did not enter a field which was already served by another company in the same class of business and seek to build up its own interests by taking business which was already adequately served.

The millions expended by the B. C. Electric were laid out without the idea of immediate adequate return but with the expectation of developing new fields and creating new demands.

Is not this contribution to the development of the province worthy of careful consideration of every resident of Victoria?

Summer in Yukon.—Mr. White, superintendent of Methodist missions in British Columbia, gave his illustrated lecture on a summer trip in the Yukon, last evening at Esquimalt Methodist church. The event attracted a large audience of young people and older members of the congregation. The slides were the same as shown the previous evening at the Metropolitan church, and gave a graphic idea of the beauties described.



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The result is an instrument worthy of the best ideals of piano making. When you think of buying a piano you owe it to yourself to see and hear the Gerhard Heintzman. We shall be delighted to have you call at any time for that purpose. We can arrange extra good terms just now.

Victoria Man Wins Dollar Day Grafonola Outfit

The holder of Ticket Number 294, drawn in the Dollar Day contest for a \$40 Columbia Grafonola and six Double-Disc Records, was Mr. G. Edwards, of 975 North Park street. Mr. Edwards was already a Columbia enthusiast, owning a fine grafonola but, on claiming his Dollar Day prize yesterday, he said that two Columbias are better than one, and he will find good use for both of them.

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E. Cornelius, of Skagway, is at the Ritz hotel.

A. P. Reid, of Toronto, is a guest at the Empress hotel.

W. H. Read, of Nanton, Alta., is at the Dominion hotel.

Ray W. Jones, of Seattle, is staying at the Empress hotel.

J. B. Brady, of Detroit, is registered at the Empress hotel.

W. E. Cryer, of Chemainus, is registered at the Ritz hotel.

Miss C. Lalonde, of New Westminster, is at the Ritz hotel.

R. E. C. Stephens is registered at the Ritz hotel from Duncan.

W. Harrison, of New Westminster, is a visitor at the Ritz hotel.

W. C. Mitchell, of Edmonton, is staying at the Empress hotel.

William McConnell has taken up his residence at the Ritz hotel.

F. A. Mitchell, of Chilliwack, is staying at the Dominion hotel.

R. B. McLellan, of Vancouver, is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

M. A. Haslett, of Vancouver, is spending a few weeks at the Ritz hotel.

Mark Fetherstonhaugh, of Vancouver, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

F. Leming and Mrs. Leming, of Vancouver, are at the Dominion hotel.

E. S. Robinson, contractor of New Westminster, is at the Dominion hotel.

S. H. Cavston, of Vancouver, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

H. L. Harker, of Chicago, is a guest at the Empress hotel, arriving yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Trotter have taken up their residence at the Strathcona hotel.

D. P. Roberts, of Vancouver, is among those registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Miss E. Robinson, of New Westminster, is spending a few days in town at the Ritz hotel.

J. L. Denholm and Mrs. Denholm, of Chilliwack, registered at the Dominion hotel yesterday.

Mrs. R. E. Jones, of New Westminster, on a visit to the city, is registered at the Ritz hotel.

L. W. Shaifon, M. P. P., with Miss Pugh and his daughter Vera, arrived in the city yesterday.

H. A. Turner, of Pentlton, arrived in the city yesterday and is a guest at the Empress hotel.

R. H. H. Alexander has arrived in the city from Vancouver and is registered at the Empress hotel.

C. F. Sprott, of Burnaby Lake, and T. Sanderson, of Central Park, are guests at the Empress hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Kirk and family arrived in the city yesterday and registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Mrs. F. M. Bryant, 273 Linden avenue, will receive for the first time on Saturday, February 20, from 3 to 6.

Mrs. J. B. McCallum, who underwent an operation in the Royal Jubilee hospital on Monday, is progressing favorably.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Housman and children arrived in the city yesterday from Parksville, and registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Amongst the passengers leaving today by the S. S. Niagara is Miss Jessie S. Laker, of the government naval service, who is taking an extended holiday trip through the Antipodes.

An interesting wedding took place

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RUSSIAN OPERA IS TOPIC OF LECTURE

Mrs. Van Ogle, of Seattle, Speaks Before Women's Canadian Club

With remarkable gifts for expression both as a speaker and as a musician Mrs. Van Ogle, of Seattle, who yesterday addressed a big audience of members of the Women's Canadian club, made a memorable impression by her talk to that organization of the subject of Russian opera.

In introducing the lecturer to the audience Mrs. Jenkins, president of the club, called attention to the fact that Mrs. Van Ogle had recently spent a year in Russia studying music, and that, being English, she readily assented to speak of one of the great operas of a great nation which was now Britain's ally in the present war.

In commencing her talk Mrs. Van Ogle stated that Russian opera was very little known outside of its own country, only one or two, in fact, having been heard either in England or the United States. Perhaps the chief reason for this neglect was that there was so much in Russian character that was not comprehensible to the more western (European) mind; even Missing had said that there was a great deal of Oriental in Russian art. Certainly Russian characteristics were many-varied and contradictory, and the operas required immense stages, wonderful scenery, and gorgeous costumes, the scale of production in every point being larger and more lavish than the productions to which the more western European mind was accustomed.

One very important characteristic which distinguished Russian opera was the size and training of the chorus, which took a relatively much more important part in their productions than would be given them in any city outside of Russia.

The opera especially selected by Mrs. Van Ogle for the subject of her lecture was Moussorgsky's "Boris Godounov," taken from Pushkin's great drama of that name.

Realism was one of the chief characteristics of all Russian art. Russian dramatists tried to depict the great moments of life, and to show the ethics which underlay all art and music. One of the outstanding things in Moussorgsky's music was the denial of his own personality, the suppression of any desire to strive after musical effect other than in the compositions he gave as the mouthpieces of the Russian people. It was in this that his strength lay, and it was owing to this desire to express the masses that in his first version of "Boris Godounov" there was absent any central woman interest owing to such not having appealed to him as at all essential to the story.

Later, however, the opera was revised and a whole scene introduced for the purpose of giving this almost necessary addition.

The several scenes of the opera and the dramatic climax in which Boris' own death takes place were all vividly described by the lecturer, who illuminated her discourse by detailing some of the minor incidents of lighter character which threaded their way through the opera. Several of the more dramatic passages in the music were played by her at the piano, her execution and interpretive power being revealed even in the short passages given, and suggesting very strongly the beauty of the composition. Fragments in lighter vein, belonging to the scene in which an old nurse describes to her charges a fight between a rat and a fly, were played with pleasing descriptiveness. A beautiful passage was that in which the mingled voices of people and clanging church bells told of the rejoicing of Moscow at the crowning of the king.

At the conclusion of her delightful lecture Mrs. Van Ogle was accorded a very hearty resolution of thanks, coupled with the request that she consent to appear at some future time before the club and tell further about Russian music.

Before Charley had pursued his studies a week he caught a fine case of chickenpox and had to take a temporary vacation, during which he shared his affliction with his younger brothers. But all were well at the end of the third or fourth week, and he started to school again. In a few days he came home with the mumps. He shared this likewise with the other juveniles of the family, and had to take another protracted vacation; but all outlived the mumps, and in due time he went back to school as before. All went well for about two weeks. Then he caught the measles. Having plenty to spare, he passed a few of them to his little brothers. But at last the doctor ordered the warning sign taken down from the door, and the boy was permitted to go to school once more. "Mamma," said little Jamie as his elder brother took his books and his departure, "I wonder what Yalley 'll bring home dis time!" "Pencilicite, I bet yuh!"

The prophet of despair will always be popular, if only because it is easier to despair than to hope.—Canon Alings.

Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick officiated at the marriage at St. John's church recently of Frederick Valentine Clark and Lillian Mae Cassel. The ceremony was witnessed by a few friends of the principals, the bride being given away by James Gadsden, and the Misses Moore singing "The Voice that Breath'd Our Edens." Mr. and Mrs. Clark on their return from the honeymoon will make their home at 670 Esquimalt road.

A delightful at home was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. McTavish, under the auspices of the ladies of the congregation of the Church of Our Lord, among the numerous guests present being Rev. and Mrs. A. de B. Owen. The reception rooms were very seasonably decorated, spring flowers making bright the dining room and carnations being the flowers used in the decorations of the drawing room. Those who assisted in serving tea were the Misses McTavish, Mrs. Turner, the Misses Helmsken, Mrs. Norris, and Mrs. Walter Fraser, and during the afternoon delightful musical numbers were given by Mrs. Helmsken, D. C. Hughes and Miss Harris.

Rev. W. Leslie Clay, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, officiated yesterday at the marriage of Ruth, daughter of Captain and Mrs. Scott, Pembroke street, and Frederick S. Grimm. The ceremony took place at 2.30 p. m., at the residence of the bride's sister, 764 Princess avenue, the bride, who wore a very becoming gown of ivory satin with overdress of lace, and the pearl and ruby necklace being given her by the bride-groom, being attended by her sister, Miss Nellie Scott. C. H. Grimm acted as best man. The bride, wearing a handsome travelling costume of Allee blue, and bridegroom left by the 6.30 boat for Seattle, and on their return will make their home at 2341 McBride avenue.

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SPORTING GOSSIP

Dubbe Kerr is playing brilliant hockey these days. Shortt, Hill & Duncan seven may play at Portland soon. Wests state that they will go through the Jackson cup series without a loss. Archie Muir claims his Thistle eleven will cop this trophy. Slim Smith has been given permission to make a deal for himself. Victoria may trade the veteran to Aberdeen. Shamrocks and Wanderers will play off that postponed game after the end of the schedule. That Canadian team is making a brilliant finish. Meek and Hoffman have both signed with the Los Angeles club. Vancouver certainly misses Sibby Nichols' back checking. This little Hornet is now on service in the Orient. Fairfields look to have the Church league basketball title. The Civic A. A. have a strengthened soccer team for the Jackson cup series. N. H. A. champions will make a trip to the coast next month. Two of the three games will be played at the seven-man style. Bayley is a slight favorite over Burns for to-night's fight. Ritchie now weighs 141 pounds, but will make 135 pounds for Welsh. Victoria may slip up on the pro. hockey title, but the chances are bright for the amateur honors. Both the Savans and Coy cups go to the winners of this series. Alex. Straith, in the local club's nets, is one of the best net guardians on the coast. Coast league hockey magnates have their eye on this clever youth. A great bunch of hockey tickets have been disposed of for this match. Charlie Wakeley, the "C" rover, is the finest amateur stick handler in the city. Seattle has signed Boocock, who was formerly a side kick of Marty Nye. Con. Jones states that there will be only one pro. league in the east this summer. Col. Coy will face the puck in to-night's big amateur hockey feature.

SPORTING NEWS

FRASER MILLS PLAY HERE TO-NIGHT

KERR A CERTAINTY FOR DEFENCE

Amateur Clash Will Draw a Big Crowd; Bernie Morris Unable to Practice

Everything is ready for to-night's amateur hockey fixture at the Arena. Colonel Coy will face the puck, while Messrs. Poulin and Gorman have been selected as referees. The teams will line up at 8.30 p.m. as follows: Victoria. Position. Fraser Mills. Straith.....Goal.....Dunbar. McSpzie.....Point.....Burnett. McDiarmid.....Cover.....Lett. Archibald.....Rover.....Box. Wakeley.....Centre.....Jefford. Stewart.....Right Wing.....Scott. Davidson.....Left Wing.....Sanderson. Smith.....Spare.....Jefford. Dubbe Kerr is a certainty for the Victoria defence that will line up against the Vancouver club on Friday night. Kerr has been working alongside Cap. Patrick for the past few days, and the Victoria manager, is satisfied that he will deliver the goods at point. Kerr's remarkable ability to break away and his stick handling will prove a valuable asset, while Manager Patrick figures that Genge's weight and his checking should strengthen the line. "I am making an experiment that should prove a success" said the local manager yesterday. "If it does not work out as I expect it, Kerr will be able to take his usual place on the line, while Genge can drop back to point." Bernie Morris did not turn out to yesterday's practice, being unable to get into a uniform because of a severe cold. Morris has not been feeling well since he came to the coast and was troubled for a time with a sore heel, this is better now but a slight touch

of a gripe laid him low yesterday. Skinner Poulin had to referee at Portland but he will be back for the final brush to-day.

The coming world's series is already arousing considerable interest all over the northwest. Although no definite dates have been set as yet, the National season ends on March 2, and the team will leave two days later, on March 5. It will probably require five days for them to reach the coast, as they will stop off at some point and play an exhibition game, in order to break the monotony of the trip and to keep their muscles limbered up. They will arrive about March 10, and the games would likely be played on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, probably starting on Friday, March 12. The next dates would be March 15, 17, 19 and 22, should it be necessary to play a five-game series, as one team must win three games.

All of the coast players are under contract until March 31, so they would be held until after the world's series had ended and then meet the eastern title holders in an exhibition series of probably two games, a similar series being staged at Victoria. It is too early to fix any dates, which would be determined by the length of the world's series. "Moore" Johnson, who has played on three championship aggregations in the National Hockey Association, hopes that one of the games will be played March 12, which is St. Patrick's day. On two different occasions the Wanderers won from Ottawa on this date in the deciding contest, which gave them the title, and once with the Wanderers, when they clinched the title by defeating Kenora at Winnipeg on this date. Johnson starred in all these engagements, according to the newspapers, and is inclined to believe that it is his lucky day.

NEW TROPHY FOR LACROSSE CLUBS

Effort Will Be Made to Revive Senior City League; Pro. Gossip

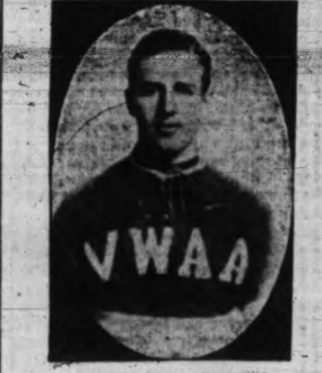
A handsome silver trophy for the Senior City Lacrosse league will be donated this spring to the local body by the Phillip Morris Cigarette company. Through their local representative, this company has decided to put up a one hundred-dollar cup, and this will be competed for by the senior city clubs. The trophy will be a perpetual one and trustees will be chosen by the City league officials just as soon as the trophy has been donated.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—Percy Quinn, who was president of the D. L. A. last season, was interviewed in connection with the lacrosse prospects for next season. "I am out of sport altogether in an official capacity," said Mr. Quinn. "Why, I have not even been to one game of hockey at the Arena this winter." "Have you heard anything of the proposed amalgamation of the N. L. U. and D. L. A. this summer?" he was asked. "You can take it from me, there is

REMARKED ON THE SIDE

Horse Racing and Fight Game Doing a Come-Back. Now that racing is to be permitted in Nevada, it is interesting to learn that the California promoters are also after legislation that will permit them to operate under the pari-mutuel system. The machines have proved the salvation of the running game in Canada, and while there are still a few tracks where the books operate, the greater proportion of the track owners have installed the machines. The "Iron Man" will be allowed to operate at the Idaho tracks, and this is the privilege that the California racing men are after. The thoroughbred and fight game are now coming into their own in the South, while in New York betting will be permitted this year. After Twenty-Round Boxing. The Gotham boxing promoters may be allowed to stage twenty-round non-decision bouts, and if that goes through, the many art will be right back where it started, with the exception that the sport will be controlled by the state authorities and all rough-necks eliminated from the game. Arnet Will Try Again. Australian professional sculling is still very much alive, in spite of Paddon's failure to take the championship home from England. Last month Alf Felton defeated Harry Pearce in a £200 race on the Middle Harbor course at Sydney. Felton, who rows at 190 pounds, is ten pounds heavier and ten years younger than Pearce. He was assisted in his training by Dick Arnet, who is preparing for a return match with Barry on the Thames. May Make the Team. Merkle, the "Iron Doorkeeper," is good for several years as a big leaguer; "Fingers" Fletcher, the lank-legged, lantern-jawed picket of the short field, is just in his heyday. Only Doyle is a doubtful quantity along the inner line of the Giant defence, so far as prospective form is concerned. With the round Lobert keeping cases correctly down around third base, the McGraw infield will be about as good as any in the National League. Lobert may make the team anew. Indoor Golf School in East. Davie, Black, the Ottawa Golf Club's pro, has opened an indoor golf school in the Booth building. The equipment for getting two hundred yard drives, seventy-five yard approaches and twenty-foot putts, in a limited space is remarkable. All the variations of the game are introduced and the duffer can foolie and the scratch player go round in the seventies with the same ease either pulls on a full six thousand yard course. To Appoint Neutral. It is stated next season President Quinn of the N. H. A., will be given permission to select his own referees carte blanche, and the present method of clubs nominating men for the board be done away with. This innovation is the only solution to the vexed question, as Mr. Quinn is now fully cognizant of the capable and incompetent men around the circuit.

HOCKEY FEATURE



"MAC" M'DIARMID Local soccer and hockey star, who will play in to-night's amateur hockey clash at the arena when Fraser Mills play here in the Provincial Amateur Hockey Series finals.

CARNIVAL PROVES A HUGE SUCCESS

Splendid Crowd Attends Benefit Gala; Many and Varied Costumes

Swiftly gliding knights of old, fairies, snow shoe girls, Chinese ladies and a bewildering galaxy of other masqueraders, combined to make last night's benefit carnival one of the most enjoyable ever held in the capital. The three hundred or more well over three hundred, while a thousand spectators and friends witnessed the attractive panorama from the seats. It was a splendid evening for those who love the gala carnivals, and the affair was a huge success, a tidy sum of money being collected for the Navy League Chapter, I. O. D. E. All praise is due the untiring committee for their efforts, and to the regent, Mrs. Roper. Splendid music was provided by the full bands of the Fifth Regiment and 88th Fusiliers, the latter, also playing a special waltz selection for the waltzing competition, that was enjoyed very much. The judging was a difficult task, the three hundred or more costumed skaters making it a difficult problem. Uncle Sam was there in all his stripes, while the archers, baseball players, tambourine ladies, colored girls, Esquimaux, jockeys, soldiers, Chinese ladies, boy scouts, Spanish ladies, Highlanders, Mephistopheles, tennis players, cowboys, Zulus, Persian lady, chimney sweep, Dutch girls, Indians, French chiefs, sailors and countless others combined in a dazzling scene as the skaters slowly wound their way through the mazes of the grand march. Miss Bate and Mr. Dunsford captured first honors in the waltzing competition, the other competitors being Dr. and Mrs. Hermann Robertson, Norman Lees and Miss McLeod, Miss Mara and Mr. Coulthart. Splendid prizes were donated to the various costume winners, the donors including: His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Richard McBride, Mrs. W. J. Roper, J. C. Shaw, M. P. P.; H. F. Bullen, the Navy League Chapter, Lester Patrick, Messrs. Shortt, Hill & Duncan, and W. H. Wilkinson. Mrs. Barnard, wife of the Lieutenant-Governor, presented the prizes, being presented with a huge bouquet of red and white rosebuds. The carnival being held under the patronage of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Richard McBride, Admiral Story, Sir Clive Phillips-Wolley, president of the Federated Navy League of B. C.; W. E. Oliver, president of the Victoria branch of the Navy League, and W. Blakemore. Prize Winners. Best dressed lady—1, Miss H. Archibald, Red Hussar; 2, Mrs. T. J. Goodlake, Early Victorian. Best dressed gentleman—1, J. C. Lowe, Red Indian; 2, H. Blakemore, Cannibal. Best original costume—Miss Vesta Pommerville, Black Bat. Best comic—A. Gougan, Irishman. Best girl—Miss Marguerite Sehl, Chinese Girl. Best boy—Master Wesley Nelson, Flags of the Allies. Judges—Messrs. Bowser, Hove and Blakemore. Committees—Reception, Mrs. W. J. Roper, Mrs. Dennis Cox and Mrs. Appleby; decorations, Mrs. Appleby, Mrs. Banerman and Mrs. Cove; refreshments, Mrs. Guy Langton, Mrs. Boggs, Mrs. Pethick, Mrs. Rickaby and Mrs. Henry, Miss Hewlings, Miss Appleby and the Misses Henry. Seventh troop of boy scouts, under command of assistant Scout Master Grant, had charge of the tray refreshments.

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RALEIGH SIGNS WITH LOCAL CLUB

SLIM SMITH STILL A HOLDOUT

Crack Southpaw Completes Victoria Twirling Staff; Mack May Trade Oldring

Johnny Raleigh, one of the finest left-handers on the coast, has sent in his signed contract to the Victoria baseball club. The local management have been dickering with Raleigh for some weeks and his signature completes the Victoria twirling staff for this season. Raleigh was a free agent last year, but worked for Victoria in 1913, taking part in thirty-three games for an average of .545. Harry Smith's contract has also been received, while Roy Grimes, the Oakland youngster, has also accepted terms.

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of the Los Angeles club will be tendered to him. Joe Birmingham has one rookie who is reasonably sure of a job. This is Bill Rodgers, a second-baseman from the Pacific Coast league. He will have to fill Lajoie's shoes, as there is no other candidate for the position. Charles J. Gurtz, a star last year in the Three I league, is not likely to be retained by the White Sox. A short time ago Gurtz lost his reason through worry over religion. It is understood that Earl Yingling has consented to go to Salt Lake City of the Pacific Coast league, after all. August Herrmann has guaranteed to the former southpaw of the Reds the difference between the terms of his major and minor league contract for the next two years. Philadelphia writers declare that Bill Donovan has sounded Connie Mack on the possibility of securing outfielder Rube Oldring. They add that the Bronx slugger is likely to come to New York. Donovan says the deal is all news to him. Charles A. Comiskey believes that the South American tour of the White Sox and Giants next winter will eclipse the late junket around the world of these well known clubs. The Old Roman has invited Tommy Connolly, dean of American league umpires, to make the trip.

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R. E. Walker, the well-known sprinter of Natal, who figured so conspicuously in the London Olympic contest, is in the 7th Mounted Infantry, as also Leonard Richardson, another Olympic man. A man, if he is a man, must in some way or shape do a man's work. If after making all the effort that his strength of body and of mind permits, he yet honorably fails, why, he still is entitled to a certain share of respect because he made the effort—Hooverist.



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AN UNFORTUNATE PRACTICE.

To the Editor.—Through the medium of your columns I wish to call public attention to the following facts: Since the occupation of the new Provincial Jail has been the common practice of sending prisoners to that institution by way of the Saanich division of the B. C. Electric railway. No attempt is made to shield these prisoners from the public gaze nor protect the unfortunate offender. Single or in numbers, handcuffed together or to their escorts, as occasion requires, this never-ending horde of criminals when conveyed are hustled through the car just before leaving time, and arrive at Wilkinson road, where the jail is located.

Vile-faced degenerates; hardened criminals, defiant and sullen; boys scarce more than children; first offenders, shamed and humiliated; oriental, solemnly viewing the Christian (?) assembly, are all in evidence and with variations.

Only those who have witnessed these scenes can adequately appreciate their repulsiveness. Several times when these trapped humans were being marched in and out I have seen sensitive men instinctively turn their backs to avoid the sight, which evoked coarse jests and laughs among the unthinking and ignorant. Timid children hid their faces, but the bulk of the highly educated or expectant mothers only the future can reveal.

This practice is undoubtedly without a parallel in any other civilized community, to say nothing of a city of the size and culture of Victoria. It certainly must be unknown by those who have a proper regard for human dignity. Surely a government that is so proud as to unilaterally favor protection by excluding all women from the contaminating atmosphere of the ballot box would not thus affront the social conscience or public morals of all Saanich.

This protest is made by the request and with the concurrence of several women, among the number mothers of school children who daily go to and from the city. It will undoubtedly have the support of all those who believe in the precepts embodied in the Golden Rule.

MRS. M. E. MCKICKER,
Prospect Lake Road.

THE MORATORIUM.

To the Editor:—Apropos the provincial relief bill regarding land and mortgage contracts (somehow generally but erroneously called the "Moratorium bill") lately brought in by the government, but not yet in force, I understand that there is a strong opposition by certain parties and that strong pressure has been brought to bear upon the government to throw it out.

The proposed relief bill, such as it stands to-day, is a fair and reasonable act, and would, I think, do no harm to the province. As is generally known, it is different from the Moratorium act which is in force in Great Britain, France and the province of Manitoba, in which cases everyone, whether able to pay or not, is exempt from payment of certain debts. This is not the case with the provincial moratorium bill, which takes a case of failure to make payment on its own merits. The case is brought before a judge, and if the debtor is proved to be in a position to pay, then execution of judgment would be ordered. If, on the other hand, the debtor can prove that he is without the means of satisfying his creditors, then the court would order judgment to be stayed.

I fall to see why certain parties, namely, the capitalist, loan and trust companies and private money lenders, should put up such a vigorous opposition to this fair and equitable act. If a man has absolutely not got the money, he cannot pay. You cannot get blood out of a stone. The present conditions have placed a large number of our residents in extraordinary circumstances, which temporarily will prevent them from meeting their obligations with regard to real estate and mortgage payments.

If all those people fortunate enough to have money owing to them would act in an equitable and honorable manner, their less fortunate brothers would have nothing to fear. There are, however, many hard and unscrupulous persons only too glad to take advantage of the present unusual conditions to execute their power of foreclosure and exact their "pound of flesh."

There was recently a case in this city where the purchaser paid a large sum for a property, the balance remaining on mortgage, on which interest had been paid for two years, some interest also having been paid since the beginning of the war. The purchaser or mortgagor, having lately defaulted in his interest payments, received a notice from the mortgagee stating that within so many days the property would be put up for sale. The mortgagee knows very well that the mortgagor cannot at the present time meet the interest and therefore takes an unfair advantage of his neighbor. Considering the universally abnormal conditions prevailing, it is a miserable, selfish and unpatriotic proceeding. There can be only one result, viz.: Property could not be sold to-day for more than one-fifth, or perhaps a quarter, of its value. Why? There are no buyers; not because people do not believe in the future of Victoria, and the value of well selected real estate.

The mortgagee would then take possession, and in the case of a mortgage would obtain the property for the money loaned; or if on a sale, would retain all the money which the unfortunate purchaser had paid. In many

cases the money so paid to the vendor would exceed that which he paid for the property.

The unfortunate owner, if a house were concerned, would be turned out on the streets, whereas, if given time, he would in all probability be able to make good. But, as I mentioned before, there are persons, hard and unscrupulous, who would by no means give their debtors a fair chance to pay up, and only await the time when they may wreck their credit with upon their unfortunate enough to be in their power.

I think it would be a great pity if the government were dissuaded from carrying out their good intentions, as every right-thinking and fair-minded person cannot fail to see the justice there is in a "limited moratorium."

We all should have patience with each other and after the "fog" is over, we, the people of British Columbia, will as a whole be better fitted to carry on the duties of citizenship and the reputation of our province will remain unscathed.

"FAIR PLAY."

To the Editor:—I notice in the Times that the teachers of Victoria are still sore because their salaries have been cut the same as other people's, and have even written on their monthly cheques on account. I wonder if any other of the "cut" professions in this city would have the cheek to do a thing like this. One, below the rest, is about to bring an action to recover the balance. I hope he may get it and be fired at the same time. I cannot understand how a teacher comes to think he is finer clay than any other mortal. He is perfectly willing for the worker to have \$2 a day for eight hours, but thinks he must on no account be short of his \$1 an hour, which is about what it works out at.

Mr. Julien Street has toured Canada on behalf of his newspaper, and this is what he finds the brainy ones of the Dominion are doing to help their country. He didn't include Victoria in his trip, or he might possibly have thought the article not worth writing. He says: "When I was in Montreal fifty-one of the finest McGill University students, taking the Army Medical Service exams, among them such men as the celebrated pathologist, Dr. John George Adams and Dr. John L. Todd, professor of parasitology. McGill, which has already sent 75 men to the front, now has 1,000 men—students, professors—and graduates in its regiment, while the military organization at Toronto, Ontario, reaches perhaps twice that number. The University of Saskatchewan reports that one-third of its entire student body has already gone, and adds, "another third is about to go, and the last third will be ready when required."

Mr. Street investigates the business side of the war also. "How is large business here?" I asked a clerk in a jewelry store. "It is very bad, of course," he replied, "but the employment of this company have been in great luck so far. Instead of being discharged, as many others have, we are being kept on at a 20 per cent. reduction in salary."

So it seems, Mr. Editor, that a 20 per cent. reduction in salary is considered "great luck" everywhere except in the Victoria schools. The same splendid tale of patriotism may be told of the English seats of learning. For the first time in sixty years the Oxford and Cambridge boat race is called off. Why? Because every one of these splendid scholar athletes is off to the front. The humble London school teacher has proceeded to the front in the same way. Learning has to take a back seat for a little while or be done on the cheap. The word "culture" has given up temporarily. We are all working for about a quarter our usual wages, and cannot be expected to help pay the fancy salaries of our teachers. A teacher correspondent was telling us a few weeks ago that the efficient teachers simply could not be got for Victoria. The foregoing explains it somewhat. But when the trustees advertised for men to fill the vacancies created by the opening of the Burnside and Oaklands schools, they got 110 applications. This was a few weeks before the fateful August 4th. Comment is unnecessary.

When the war is over we shall be able to have on the pick of the best of teachers, men with medals, and awards, and let us hope, a few V.C.'s. I am perfectly willing to let my own children's education await the return of these patriots.

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FIVE-ROOM HOUSE for rent, and furniture for sale, \$50; rent reasonable. 2524 Work Street, James Bay. m8

FIVE-ROOM, furnished cottage to let, cheap. Apply to 104 Dallas road. m2

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TO RENT—40 acres in South Saanich, all clear, bottom land. Apply John Ferguson, Turgoose P. O., Saanichton. m2

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TWO NICELY FURNISHED, front, housekeeping rooms, fireplace, range, room, floor, etc.; very reasonable; \$7.50; Hupmobile runabout, recently overhauled, \$20; Davis' Garage, 513 Vancouver St. m1

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VERY COMFORTABLE 3-room housekeeping suite, furnished, nice location, E.T. week; or 3 very large rooms, fully furnished, bath and bathroom, basement, \$5. 735 Times. m12

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MONEY TO LOAN—Three amounts of \$1,000 each at 3 per cent; may be increased. Dalby & Lawson, 615 Fort St.

FOR SALE—LOTS.

SACRIFICE—Waterfront, at Cadboro Bay, best lot on the beach, good house. For full particulars apply Shaw & Co., 331 Stobart-Peace Block.

FOR SALE—HOUSES.

FOR SALE—Fairfield, Woodland road, house, 5 rooms, furnace, all modern; \$2,500, small cash payment, balance mortgage if desired. R. Jackson, 412 Hayward Building.

FAIRFIELD—Husby street, house, 6 rooms, all modern, nice home; \$2,500, easy terms. R. Jackson, 412 Hayward Building.

A RARE OFFER—Very cosy and convenient new room bungalow, modern with all conveniences, open fireplace, part cement basement, choice lot 50x134, all fenced, good soil, fine view, inside city limits, one block from Burnside car. A real nice home for a small family and offered at a big sacrifice. Special price for few days only, \$2,100. Easy terms arranged. National Realty Co., 1222 Government street.

ANOTHER FINE HOME at a sacrifice. Linden avenue, 6-room, modern bungalow, practically new, furnace and all conveniences; house cost \$3,000 to build, lot cost \$2,000. This desirable home is offered at sacrifice price of \$2,100. 1222 cash handles. National Realty Co., 1222 Government street.

FOR SALE—ACREAGE.

ACREAGE SNAP—Ten acres near Nanaimo, first-class soil, will sacrifice at \$450 spot cash for clear title; well worth \$100 per acre. National Realty Co., 1222 Government street.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

DIGGONISMS—A flea in the ear is worse than two on the dog. Diggon Printing Co., Phone 2148.

YORKSHIRE SOCIETY—Attend the annual social dance, etc., Thursday, Feb. 18, Cornsight Hall, 1 to 12 P. M. Admission, gentlemen 50c, ladies 25c. Miss Thain's orchestra. Tickets from committee.

"SPECIAL"—Friday and Saturday, "Familiars," with appropriate music. The great grand opera in moving pictures. Rex Theatre, Esquimalt.

GOOD GENERAL wanted for country, small family; real home for a good girl. Call Dominion Hotel, between 6 and 8 P. M., Room 211.

TO RENT—Seven-room, modern house on Quadra street, near Yates street. No car fare to pay if you live so close in. Apply British American Paint Co. Ltd., Phone 220.

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LARGE HOUSEKEEPING ROOM, low rent, desirable. 1412.

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PRIVATE MATERNITY HOME—Terms reasonable. Phone 692L, 924 Queen's Ave.

DON'T PAY CAR FARE when you can rent a 7 roomed house for \$15 per month on Quadra street, near Yates street. Apply British American Paint Co., Phone 220.

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TO LET—Offices in the Brown Block, on reasonable terms. P. R. Brown, 1112 Broad Street.

WILL GIVE desired lot and cash for 4 or 5 roomed house. Box 1482, Times.

GOOD MUSIC, good pictures, "our motto" at Rex Theatre, Esquimalt.

TO RENT—5 rooms, fully modern, completely furnished, piano, sewing machine, large garden, near sea and park. \$5. 1322 Clover street.

FOUND—Black terrier. If not claimed within 3 days will be sold. 1322 Clover street.

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YOU CAN SEE The Mutual Girl every Friday and Saturday at the Rex Theatre, Esquimalt.

WANTED—To rent, 2 or 4 roomed cottage, modern, close in, Fairfield or James Bay preferred; state rent. Reply early. Box 1482, Times.

50 CASH and 3 clear titled lots in Calgary, value \$1,500, for clear titled house, modern, just outside city limits. Box 1482, Times.

FURNITURE FOR SALE—Select and well-kept furniture of an eight roomed residence for sale privately, whole or part. Apply Box H. M. Times. 117 ft

GOOD HOME for young girl in return for light service. Apply 1429 Woodlands road.

FORMS IMPRESSIONS OF ENGLAND AT WAR

J. C. M. Keith Returns From Mission in Connection With Cathedral Plans

"London by day shows little change, except in the little knots of men drilling in the parks and squares," said J. C. M. Keith, the well known architect, who returned on Monday from several months visit to England.

Mr. Keith referred, however, to the darkened appearance of London at night, and to the strange character of the Strand with the limited light permitted. In various parts of the country he met men closely in touch with the war, and learnt of the conditions which led up to the great struggle.

"A Scottish lawyer told me," he remarked, "of the emplacements for guns, built close to the Fourth bridge under the guise of improvements to the property a German had leased, and in convenient distance to the Rosyth naval base. In another case a so-called chocolate factory in Portobello, near Edinburgh, was found to be a shell containing concrete emplacements for heavy guns. Again the espionage question appeared to be very widespread, but the government is gradually meeting the situation caused by that condition of things.

"There was absolutely no stir in London when the news of the raid on Hartlepool, Scarborough, and Whitby was received, and the public appeared to regard it merely as an attempt to divert the attention of the British fleet from its definite objects. There seems a general impression that the British policy has been to equip the trained French army first, as that force, while well trained was deficient in equipment and clothing, and had to be supplied for field service. Our expeditionary army seems to have been fully ready for the emergency it was called upon to meet, and the men who are following with Kitchener's army are certainly very enthusiastic, drawn from a good class of men, and who will be able to render a satisfactory account of themselves.

"Entering New York we met the Lusitania, then on her outward voyage, at the conclusion of which she used the American flag, an incident which has led to so much discussion since."

The submarine attack had not started when he left England, so he escaped that menace.

The principal business for which Mr. Keith went to England had reference to the plans for the proposed new Anglican cathedral, and he conferred with the architect for the ecclesiastical commissioners on the plans while there.

He is looking well, and is glad to be back in Victoria.

OBITUARY RECORD

The funeral of the late H. C. Lane will take place on Friday morning at 10 o'clock from the Hanna-Thomson Funeral chapel.

The funeral of the late Patrick Whalen, whose death occurred yesterday morning at the Jubilee Hospital following a bad fall which he sustained, will be held on Friday morning at 9.50 from the Victoria Undertaking parlors. At 9 o'clock service will be held at St. Andrew's Cathedral. The deceased man was only 39 years of age, and had lived in the city for nearly twenty-four years. The inquest is being held this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

FOR SALE—As a going concern, grocery business, in good location; good price to right party. Box 1482, Times.

FOR RENT—4 roomed house, Tennyson avenue, near 2 cars; \$9 per month. Phone 5378.

MONEY TO LOAN—\$4,000 at 8 per cent, improved property. Dalby & Lawson, 615 Fort street.

WANTED—A competent legal stenographer. Crease & Crease.

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BORN

ADAMS—On Feb. 18, to the wife of R. H. Adams, 1958 Clare street, a daughter.

DIED

LANE—On the 16th inst., at Jubilee Hospital, Harry C. Lane, aged 26 years, a native of England.

Funeral from the chapel of Hanna & Thomson, 87 Pandora avenue, on Friday, Feb. 19, at 10 o'clock a. m. Interment at Ross Bay cemetery. Friends kindly accept this intimation.

MASQUERADE BALL IS ENJOYABLE FUNCTION

Hundreds Attend Annual Event Under Auspices of Eagles

Connaught hall last evening was the scene of a gay gathering, the occasion being the annual masquerade given by Victoria Aerle No. 12, Benevolent Order of Eagles. Hundreds of masked dancers in varied costumes arrived early in the evening, and remained until the last strains of the Home Waltz gave the signal for departure, dancing being kept up with evident keen enjoyment the entire evening.

The decorations were most effective, the hall being bright with patriotic emblems, Union Jacks, flags of the allies and colored lights. The music was of the best, being furnished by the Heaton-Bantley 4-piece orchestra. About four hundred dancers were present, quite a number appearing later in the evening after the skating carnival at the Arena was over, and augmenting the variety of costumes which were already assembled on the floor of the ballroom. The supper arrangements were in the able hands of Harry Campbell, and a delicious buffet repast was served about 11 o'clock, after which the judges, who had been busy selecting from the list of beautiful costumes (those most entitled to first place, made their decisions known as follows:

Best fancy dress (lady)—Mrs. George Qzard, dressed in Dolly Varden costume.

Best fancy dress (gentleman)—H. P. Hughes, Chinaman.

Best representation of one of the allies (lady)—Mrs. J. L. Hackett, Britannia, and Mrs. John Black.

Best dressed lady representing made-in-Victoria goods—Miss V. Speed, salmon.

Best dressed gentleman representing goods made-in-Victoria—This prize went to R. Harvey, dressed as a Spaniard, owing to no competitor appearing in this class.

Best comic lady—Mrs. H. E. Mills, Irish washerwoman.

Best comic gentleman—H. Plumley, "Yellow Kid."

Tombola prize—Mrs. H. Harper, holder of ticket No. 328.

The floor committee spared no effort to give every guest the maximum opportunity for enjoyment, for their energy receiving the thanks of all who attended the function. The committee was composed of Messrs. J. L. Hackett (chairman), T. M. Brayshaw, W. H. P. Sweeney, D. T. Barnhardt, F. M. Kilner, M. C. Sands and Robert Elliott.

CENTENARY OF PEACE

Allusion is Made in City Schools Today; Messages From American Mayors

At the city schools this afternoon, in accordance with a direction from the municipal inspector, allusion was made to the centenary of peace between the two countries occupying the North American continent, and to the significance of the Treaty of Ghent to Canada.

Mayor Stewart has received the following messages from the mayors of Los Angeles and Olympia in reply to the fraternal messages he sent out yesterday:

From Mayor H. H. Rose, Los Angeles: "Message highly appreciated by all liberty-loving citizens Los Angeles; may peace always prevail between us."

From Mayor of Olympia: "Olympia appreciates your kind greetings on the occasion of the centenary of the peace anniversary between our nations. We hope that all nations will adopt an amendment to their constitutions that no war shall hereafter be declared until the people themselves shall vote for war at a general election for that purpose."

Vancouver Council Qualifications

In the private bills committee this morning the Vancouver city bill relating to the qualifications of candidates for civic office, although City Council J. G. Hay and City Solicitor Jones protested. One clause provides for the qualification being in existence for six months prior to nomination day, instead of thirty days as hitherto. The other clause deals with the certificate which a candidate must present to the returning officer, covering property on which he proposes to qualify. This is designed to clear up any obscurity or conflict between existing sections of the charter.

RESPONDENT IN BOX AT DIVORCE TRIAL

Mrs. Smith Denies Allegations Made Against Her; Sons Gave Evidence

Mrs. Priscilla Smith, respondent in the Smith divorce suit being heard in the supreme court by Mr. Justice Murphy, went into the witness box this morning and denied the allegations made against her by her husband, who is suing for divorce, to reply to his evidence and charge of infidelity. Mrs. Smith gave the court her side of the case, saying that from the time she left her husband's house about a year ago, having been ordered out by him and told not to return, she had been living at Portland sharing an apartment with Mrs. Le Roy, wife of the co-respondent. She said they shared the rent, and she had maintained herself with \$500 she had received from her mother, Mrs. Pearson, of Wellington, and by money she earned from sewing.

Mrs. Smith said her husband had threatened Mrs. Pearson with violence in the Collinson street home, and that witness had jumped in between them and got the blow her husband had delivered at the mother. She had, however, retaliated, and knocked her husband against the wood-box. Her husband had ordered her from her mother from the house. She took her mother to the train and saw her off to her home, but before leaving, her mother had given her \$300. She had returned home, and three days later had left for Portland, where she had remained since.

Mrs. Smith said she and Mrs. Le Roy were good friends.

"I think a great deal of her," she said. "On my birthday, January 4, she gave me a gold card case." Mrs. Smith produced the card for inspection by the court.

She had first met Mrs. Le Roy when Mr. Smith introduced them at a dance. Her husband had introduced her to Le Roy before she was married.

The married life had not been happy, she said. Three weeks after the wedding they had their first quarrel. Her husband had asked her forgiveness, she said, saying "he believed he had been crazy in quarrelling with her. There had been other rows, in fact it was one row after another. In the summer of 1912 he had called her bad names and slapped her face and hauled her round the kitchen by her hair. Her husband's brother was there at the time. She denied she had a knife in her hand. It was a frying pan, she said, and she would have struck her husband with it had she got a chance.

The allegations made against her in connection with the trips to Shawnigan Lake with Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy the witness denied absolutely, saying the shack was thinly partitioned and had no ceilings.

Regarding the visits of Harrison to her home, she said she had asked her husband not to allow it, but he had said he would have whom he liked in his house. In 1908, when she went to a dance, she had asked who would care for the children, and her husband said Mr. Harrison would. She declined to leave her children in his charge, said witness, and her husband then threw a basin at her. She did not go to the dance. The witness said there had been two lodgers in their house. One was a woman, her husband had twice gone for walks with her. She had to get rid of both lodgers.

Referring to the journey east with Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy, the witness said her husband's great objection to her going was that there was no woman to take care of the house. He said she could go if she got Mrs. O'Brien to come.

"What did you do?" asked Mr. Harrison.

"I got Mrs. O'Brien," answered the witness. "Then he let me go."

The respondent's mother, who gave her age as 78 years, occupied the witness box for a few moments while she told of having given her daughter \$300 at the train.

She then related having drawn a cheque for the other \$200 some time after for her daughter. The mother also told of quarrels in the home for which she blamed the husband.

T. A. Atkins, a painter, said he had seen the respondent and the co-respondent about town together and on the way to the train.

The only direct evidence given against the respondent yesterday was that tendered the court by two sons of the petitioner and respondent. They are boys of eleven and thirteen years, and told what they said happened at Shawnigan lake last summer and the summer of 1912, when Mrs. Smith and her two sons were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy at the summer home there.

Frederick A. Smith, a brother of the petitioner, related an occurrence in the Smith home on Collinson street. On one occasion he had left the house to catch a steamer and found that he would have to return for some plans. On arrival at the house he found it locked and the key not in the usual place, under the mat. He entered the house through a window, got his plans, and when leaving saw a coat, vest and hat, which he said were Le Roy's, in one of the downstairs rooms. He also heard Mrs. Smith's voice upstairs.

When cross-examined he admitted slight deafness, but said he was sure about the voice though he could not distinguish the words.

Ernest L. Harrison, who resides at the Young Men's Christian Association building, informed the court that he has long known Mr. and Mrs. Smith, and that he had visited their home, but Mrs. Smith had told him not to come any more because Le Roy had said he would kill Mrs. Smith if she had Harrison coming about the house. Mr. Harrison had been an instructor to Mr. Smith.

Harrison said he had not gone there again, but he had seen Mrs. Smith and Mr. Le Roy about town together and had, from his window in the Y. M. C. A.

building, watched them walking along the street and had seen them at night come from Mr. Le Roy's auction room on View street.

Frank Krown, a painter, told the court that on his visit to Shawnigan he had seen Mrs. Smith and Mr. Le Roy there, and that Mrs. Le Roy had been there also. He had seen Mrs. Smith and Mr. Le Roy on the street together in Portland.

Sophie Smith, a sister of the petitioner residing at Nanaimo, said she had received several letters from the respondent but had burned them. She remembered one passage referring to Mrs. Smith's intended trip away with Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy. Respondent had written that she wanted to go and have a good time while she was young. The witness remembered visiting her sister-in-law at Victoria and going into a store where Mrs. Smith had wanted to spend \$1 on things for her. She had asked her not to do so, and Mrs. Smith had said, "Frank gave it to me but don't say anything." Mrs. Smith had told her, said witness, that she did not get along with her husband, and that Mr. Le Roy did not get along with his wife and therefore Mrs. Smith and Mr. Le Roy were thrown together in sympathy.

In response to lawyers appearing for the respondent and the co-respondent, Mr. Justice Murphy said if it was found necessary he would adjourn the court to allow them to bring Mrs. Le Roy from Portland, where she now is, to give evidence.

Leonard Mills is appearing for the petitioner, C. L. Harrison for the respondent, and H. W. R. Moore for the co-respondent.

RAILWAY ASSESSMENT.

B. C. Electric Company Urges Payment of Percentage to Some Cities as Reason for Lower Figure.

On behalf of Saanich, H. B. Robertson this morning represented to the municipal committee the reasons why there should be such an amendment made to the municipal laws as would enable municipalities to assess properties benefited but not fronting on any local improvement works for an equitable proportion of the cost.

The committee heard him favorably, and it is likely that some amendment will be drafted by the department along that line.

Mr. Robertson, with A. D. King and William Farrell, for the B. C. Electric Railway company, lodged an objection to the flat rate of assessment of \$10,000 a mile, decided upon by the committee as the proper thing for steam and electric railways.

They considered that \$1 a foot in cities and fifty cents in district municipalities, or \$5,250 and \$2,640 per mile respectively, was quite enough in the case of electric roads. It was argued that there was the difference be-

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SHOULD PREFERENCE BE GIVEN OUTSIDERS?

Discussion at Saanich Council on Waterpipe Tender; American Co. Inquisitive

Considerable discussion took place at the Saanich council meeting yesterday afternoon on the question whether a preference for Canadian products would be given when the tenders for cast iron pipe for the waterworks which will be in next month, have been received and tabulated.

The matter came up in a letter from a firm of American contractors and manufacturers of pipe, who stated they had recently received contracts at Winnipeg and St. Vital, Manitoba, and sought information when the tenders are opened about the council's intention in the matter.

Councillor O'Connell was against any discrimination of any kind.

Councillor Grant said there was a limit to his patriotism. While he favored British and Canadian contractors first, he would not support an award of a contract to them as against Americans when there was a large margin of difference of prices.

Councillor Jones supported a preference for British firms.

Municipal Engineer Johnston stated that some eight or nine American firms had offered to submit bids, and he had taken the view that all would receive equal treatment, subject the quality being satisfactory.

Councillor Adams agreed with a limited patriotism, but said there was

a degree beyond which they could not legitimately go.

The Reve believed that the council had an obligation to its taxpayers, and he suggested the inquirers should be informed that the council intended to carry the matter through on business-like lines absolutely.

An answer along the lines of the Reve's suggestion will be forwarded to the firm making the inquiry.

IS GREATLY PLEASSED

Visitor From St. John, New Brunswick, Inspects City Fire Department.

Thomas S. Wilkinson, of Fredericton, N. B., chairman of the fire committee of that council, was a visitor to the city yesterday, and was introduced to Chief Davis by F. E. Winslow.

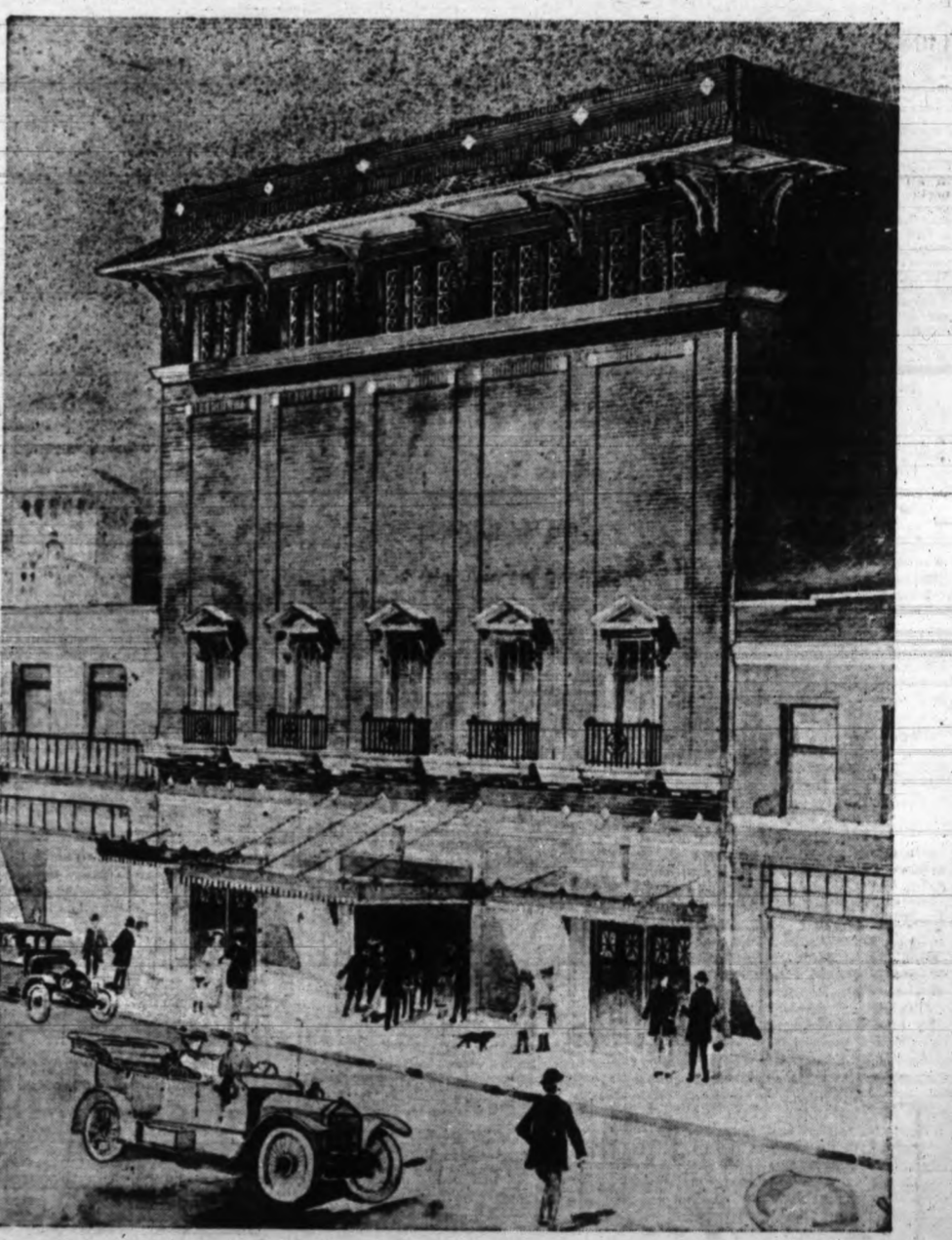
In company with Alderman Fullerton, chairman of the city fire wardens, the chief showed his visitor the various halls in the department, and the modern equipment purchased in the last few years.

He complimented the chief on the efficiency of the department, and stated that the hearing and standing of the men in the department was unrivaled in the numerous departments which he had visited at different cities on the continent. The extent of the motor apparatus here surprised the visitor, and he was warm in his praise of it.

There would have been a drill here but for the bad weather yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson, of Vancouver, are spending a few days in the city.

Mrs. Van Ogie, of Seattle, who lectured yesterday at the Women's Canadian club, was the guest during her visit in the city of Mrs. C. W. Birch, 1572 Vining street.



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QUOTATIONS OF LIST LOWER THIS MORNING

Victoria Stock Exchange Lacked Outside Stimulation; Salt Spring Up

With one or two prominent issues irregularly inclined this morning, including B. C. Refining and B. C. Copper, the local list of prices presented a weak aspect...

Table of stock prices for various companies like Blackbird Syndicate, B. C. Refining Co., etc.

METAL MARKETS

New York, Feb. 17.—Tin dull, \$3.50-3.59; Copper dull, \$14.00-14.02...

Table of metal prices for various grades of metal.

LIQUIDATION SALES IN ALL GRAIN PITS TO-DAY

Table showing liquidation sales for various grain types like Chicago, Corn, Oats, etc.

WOOL SALES AT MELBOURNE

Melbourne, Feb. 17.—Wool sales have been resumed with an improved demand...

GERMANS IN STATES CONTINUE PETTY ACTS

Washington, Feb. 2.—Charges by the German-American alliance and the German Historical Society, of Toledo, that Federal Judge John M. Kilbuck delivered an unneutral speech recently, declaring he "did not care how soon someone dropped a thousand bombs on Emperor William's head," have been referred by President Wilson to the department of justice.

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Advertisement for The Great West Permanent Loan Company, offering 4% savings with details on deposits and interest.

MEXICAN PETROLEUM DREW FURTHER SALES

War News Chief Influence in Stocks and Prices Were Fractionally Off

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.) New York, Feb. 17.—The pronounced weakness in foreign exchange whereby sterling has made a new low record, exerted an unsettling effect on the stock market...

Table of Mexican Petroleum prices and other market data.

WIDE FLUCTUATIONS ON WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, Feb. 17.—After an active opening and wide fluctuations, Winnipeg wheat closed 14 lower for May. Chicago wheat dropped 2 1/2 with a spread of 1 1/2 between bid and ask.

AUSTRIANS ALLEGED THEY TOOK PRISONERS

Vienna, Feb. 17.—An official communication issued here relative to the military situation last night says: "In Russian Poland and Western Galicia the situation is unchanged. Only artillery duels have taken place."

UNITED STATES SHIP USED SPANISH FLAG

Ruse Adopted by Lusitania Was Also Employed During Spanish-American War

New York, Feb. 17.—In June, 1898, during the war with Spain, the converted cruiser Yale, on the lookout for the Spanish fleet, was ordered to blockade San Juan harbor. Captain Charles D. Sigbee, now rear-admiral, the Yale had captured the British collier Resemle, laden with contraband coal, and was then ordered to proceed to Porto Rico to blockade San Juan harbor.

BRITISH AND FRENCH PRODUCTS ARE BARRED

London, Feb. 17.—The Bundesrath's authorization to the chancellor to prohibit the importation and transit of the products of hostile soil and industry across the German frontier, is published in to-day's edition of the Reichs Anzeiger, says an Amsterdam dispatch to Reuter's Telegram company.

ONLY A GUARD PUT ON STEAMER WILHELMINA

London, Feb. 17.—The report which was current last night and received wide publicity, to the effect that a prize crew of three British officers and sixteen men had been placed on board the American steamer Wilhelmina, at Falmouth, proved to be erroneous. The officer commanding the men in charge of the Wilhelmina said the detachment was not a prize crew but merely a guard.

PEOPLE OF BOHEMIA ENGAGE IN BREAD RIOTS

Venice, Feb. 17.—It is reported that bread riots have occurred in Bohemia. A dispatch from Carlsbad says that at Altrouba, near there, no bread has been procurable for several days and that 400 women, bringing their children, came into Carlsbad from that village to beg that the authorities send them food.

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR SAW SIR EDWARD GREY

London, Feb. 17.—The American ambassador conferred yesterday with Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, concerning the German note offering to cease attacks on British ships if Great Britain will permit foodstuffs for the civilian population to enter Germany.

WILL DECIDE OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY AFTER WAR

London, Feb. 17.—The question of the ownership of land and houses in Belgium will be settled by the authorities of Belgium after the close of the war, Foreign Secretary Grey told the house of commons in response to a request for assurance that property which the Germans threatened to transfer from Belgium refugees, unless they returned to their country, would revert to its true owners.

WOUNDED BUT ANXIOUS TO RETURN TO FIGHT

Nephew of South Vancouver Chief of Police Writes of Conditions at Firing Line

South Vancouver, Feb. 17.—Chief of Police Bramwell yesterday received an interesting letter from his nephew, Sergeant Robert Bramwell, of the Second Scots Guards, regarding life at the front. Mr. Bramwell is lying in the hospital at Havre, France, recuperating from a wound.

GERMAN REPORT TELLS ONLY OF SUCCESSES

No Reference Made to Damaging Raid of British and French Aviators. Berlin, Feb. 17.—To-day's statement from the war office is as follows: "Western theatre—Obviously induced to do so by our great successes in the east, the British and French yesterday, and during the night began especially stubborn attacks at many places. In their unsuccessful attempts to recapture positions which they lost on the 16th of February, the British lost in prisoners four officers and 179 men."

SHIP BILL PASSED AT LAST BY HOUSE

Washington, Feb. 17.—The government ship-produce bill, an amendment to the Weeks naval auxiliary bill, was passed by the house at 12 o'clock this morning by a vote of 215 to 121.

DECREASE OF 20,736,000 PASSENGERS IS EXPECTED

Seattle, Feb. 17.—The Puget Sound Trading, Light & Power company, operating street cars in Seattle, estimates, from January business, that it will carry 20,736,000 fewer passengers in 1915 than it hauled in 1914, the falling off being due to the competition of five-cent motor buses. The company is considering placing street cars on outer portions of suburban lines, running cars at infrequent intervals and transferring the passengers to downtown cars. The motor cars do not compete for the long haul.

RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND CHINA

Demands of Tokio Government Were Twenty-One in Number at First, It is Stated

Peking, Feb. 17.—If information from presumably well-informed sources, both foreign and Chinese, is correct, the memorandum recently given by the Japanese government to the diplomatic representatives here of Great Britain, United States, France and Russia, respecting the demands of the Tokio government on China, omits certain of the requirements originally presented to Peking.

PRINCESS PATRICIAS ARE WARMLY PRAISED

Fine Reputation of Regiment Makes First Contingent's Arrival Doubly Welcome. A Point in northern France, Feb. 16.—The Canadian contingent, the safe arrival of which in France has just been announced by the colonial secretary, would in any case have met with a great reception at the front, but after what has been accomplished by the Princess Patricia's, the men are certain to be received with more than ordinary enthusiasm.

SHIP BILL PASSED AT LAST BY HOUSE

The committee declined to pass the bill in the shape in which the estate notified approval of it, and permitted an adjournment until Monday in order to allow the parties to get together again. It is the belief of the committee, from what the deputation said, that when the ratepayers voted upon the by-law it was with the understanding that the city was getting streets through to the water, and the members took strong ground against any action, even if the city of North Vancouver should consent, which would perpetuate such a condition as exists across the Inlet in Vancouver.

VOTE ON UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MEASURE WAS 215 TO 121; NOW BEFORE SENATE

Washington, Feb. 17.—The government ship-produce bill, an amendment to the Weeks naval auxiliary bill, was passed by the house at 12 o'clock this morning by a vote of 215 to 121.

EPIDEMIC OF FEVER AT POINTS IN BULGARIA

Paris, Feb. 17.—A Sofia dispatch to the Balkan agency says that an epidemic of typhus fever which broke out among Serbian prisoners of the Bulgarian nationality, sent to Sofia by the Austrian authorities, has spread to the civil population and is ravaging the regions around Sofia, Plevna and Philippopolis. Dysentery also is said to be prevalent.

SIXTEEN BOARDERS ALL WENT TO FRONT

War Brought Disaster to Boarding House Keeper in Victoria

How the war in Europe upset the calculations of a Victoria boarding house proprietress was demonstrated Monday when Mrs. Kate A. Taylor who had a boarding establishment, St. Helens, Courtenay street, was assessed \$767.65 and costs, because of failure of her business due more directly than to the war to the fact that she had found it impossible to keep the business going when sixteen of her steady boarders went to the war in one month.

COMMITTEE PROTECTS RIGHT OF CITIZENS

North Vancouver is Stopped From Making a Bad Bargain. The private bills committee this morning made itself quite clear to the representatives of the city of North Vancouver—Mayor Hanes, Alderman Wright and City Solicitor Sutton—in regard to the safe-guarding of the street-ends in an adjoining portion of which the city desires to annex.

GERMANS IN STATES CONTINUE PETTY ACTS

Washington, Feb. 2.—Charges by the German-American alliance and the German Historical Society, of Toledo, that Federal Judge John M. Kilbuck delivered an unneutral speech recently, declaring he "did not care how soon someone dropped a thousand bombs on Emperor William's head," have been referred by President Wilson to the department of justice.

WATERWORKS CORPORATION OF SAANICH

Sealed tenders, marked "Tenders for Materials for Waterworks," will be received by registered post only by the undersigned at the Municipal Hall, Royal Oak, Saanich, B. C., up to noon March 12, 1915, for the supply of materials, including cast iron pipes and special castings, valves and hydrants.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Board of License Commissioners for the City of Victoria at their next sitting for a transfer of the liquor license now held by me in respect of the St. Francis Hotel, situate at the corner of Yates street and Oriental Alley, in the City of Victoria, to Guy M. Stanley, of the said City of Victoria.

COLONEL HOLMES IS BACK FROM MAINLAND

Officer Commanding 48th Busy With Organization of Battalion

Lieut.-Colonel W. J. Holmes, who has been visiting for the past three days on the mainland, has returned to Victoria and is about to leave for the 48th Battalion which is to be mobilized at the Willows within the next two or three weeks, it is anticipated.

It is interesting in connection with the formation of the new unit here that F. P. V. Cowley, one of the provincial land surveyors, has been recommended as one of the captains in the 48th Battalion. These recommendations are passed through Ottawa in duplicate, and in the course of a few days it is anticipated that a full announcement will be possible in connection with the personnel of the staff of the new corps.

An interesting event occurred at the drill hall last evening when fifty men of the Reserve Battalion of the 50th Gordon Highlanders were sworn in to the strength of that regiment, in which they will form a complete company.

After having been passed by Dr. Hall, and signing the roll, the men (who in future will be known as the "H" company) were addressed by the officer commanding the regiment, Capt. C. A. Forsythe, who heartily welcomed the men into the regiment and expressed his gratification at receiving a body of men who had already rendered themselves highly efficient both by steady drilling and by practice on the range. Explaining their duties, Capt. Forsythe pointed out to the men that it was not the intention to interrupt their present occupations, but if sufficient need ever arose in the future he was sure he could rely upon them to do their duty as soldiers of the empire. Many of their original number, he was well aware, had already gone with the overseas contingents.

It is the purpose of the "H" company to continue as heretofore to practice at the range on Saturday afternoons under the instruction of Mr. Williams, until the regular regimental shooting begins in April. Drill will also be carried on at the drill hall one evening a week, commencing on Friday next. Color-sergeant Bevan-Pritchard has earned the congratulations of his officers for the splendid manner in which he has organized and instructed the reserve battalion men, who are alert, ready, and soldierly in bearing.

No word has yet been received as to the departure of the Canadian Mounted Rifles. A regimental smoker is to be held next Monday evening in the Eagles' hall, commencing at 8 o'clock. In order to set at rest some of the unfounded rumors that are abroad as to the destination of the 30th Battalion, which left here last Sunday, it has been stated officially that the men are proceeding direct to Halifax, from which point they will proceed to whatever base has been decided upon.

Home of Book-Binding—Whether large book or small work, print and a large order, Sweney, McConnell, Limited, 1010 Langley. Application Dismissed—An application made by L. D. Taylor for a stay of proceedings in the matter of the sale of the World property as ordered by the courts on the application of the bondholders was dismissed in appeal court chambers this morning.

Passed Winnipeg—Word was received by a local resident this morning from a friend in Winnipeg that his son, who is a member of the 30th battalion has passed through, after making only a fifteen-minute stay in the prairie city. His company had a short march along Main street. The men are highly gratified at the accommodation and victualling on the train.

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All bids must be accompanied by a certified cheque in the amount of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) or five per cent (5 p. c.) of the total amount of tender. Cheques will be returned to unsuccessful tenders as soon as a contract, if any is awarded, is executed.

The Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders in whole or in part, or to accept any bid or portion thereof, as may be deemed advantageous and to the satisfaction of the Corporation. HECTOR S. COWPER, Clerk Municipal Council, Municipal Hall, Royal Oak, Saanich, B. C., January 21, 1915.

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Notice is hereby given that proceedings will be taken against all owners of dogs who shall have failed to pay by Feb. 28, 1915, the annual tax on same for the current year. No further notice will be given delinquents. L. E. GOWER, Collector.

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| Cowan's Cocoa, 4-lb. tin |20 |
| Cowan's Bulk Cocoa, per lb. |20 |
| Small White Beans, 4 lbs. |25 |
| Small's Maple Flavour, per bot. |20 |
| Hudson Lye, large tin, 4 for |25 |
| Royal Crown Washing Powder, packet |15 |
| Domestic Sardines, 6 tins |25 |
| Yellow Hammer Peaches, dozen |25 |
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at 1 o'clock, a number of his registered thoroughbred horses, mares, cows, pigs, etc., including 13 thoroughbred horses and mares, registered; 10 first-class and well-broken saddle horses; 10 grade Jersey Holstein milk cows; 40 pigs; 100 bales of straw, roots, seed oats and peas; 2 buggies; thoroughbred hackney mare, harness and buggy, has won many prizes; and other things too numerous to mention. All cattle have been tested according to Government requirements and are guaranteed free from tuberculosis. Go by East Saanich Road, turn off to the right opposite the Keatinges Temperance Hall, and follow flags. For terms to be given on horses, apply to:

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Of Valuable GABRIOLA ISLAND PROPERTY. Under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage which will be produced at the time of sale, there will be offered for sale by

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On Thursday, Feb. 18, A. D. 1915. At the hour of 12 o'clock noon, at the office of THOMAS SHIRLEY Auctioneer

Davis Chambers, 615 Hastings St. W., Vancouver, B. C. The following lands and premises, namely: All and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises, situate, lying and being in the district of Nanaimo, Province of British Columbia, and more particularly known and described as follows:

Lots one to twenty-six (1 to 26) inclusive in Block four (4); Lots one and two (1 & 2) in Block four "A" (4a); Lots one to twelve (1 to 12) inclusive in Block five (5); Lots two to five (2 to 5) inclusive in Block six (6); Lots one to eleven (1 to 11) inclusive and Lots thirteen to forty-four (13 to 44) inclusive in Block seven (7); Lots one to seventeen (1 to 17) inclusive in Block nine (9); Lots one to thirty (1 to 30) inclusive in Block eight (8); Blocks ten to twenty-five (10 to 25) inclusive and Blocks twenty-nine to forty-eight (29 to 48) inclusive in the subdivision of the North Half (N¹/₂) of section twenty-two (22) and the North Half (N¹/₂) of the fractional Northwest Quarter (N.W. 1/4) of section twenty-three (23), Gabriola Island, according to the Registered Map or Plan of the said subdivision deposited in the Land Registry Office at City of Victoria, Province of British Columbia, numbered 1673, subject to a certain mortgage to one Nora Farrar (wife of F. Percival Farrar) to secure the sum of Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$13,750.00) and interest as therein mentioned, and dated the 17th day of September, A. D. 1913. For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to:

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ABLE-BODIED MEN TO WORK IN SAANICH

Council Decides to Check Policy Tending to Pauperism; Relief Work

The unemployed situation in Saanich came up in two ways at the meeting of the council yesterday afternoon. After considerable discussion the council decided to pay the bills incurred by the Friendly Help association in January, and to notify them that in future no able bodied man was to be given food, but was to be sent to the municipal hall, where he would be found work at \$1.50 a day on ditching, or similar rough work. If the demands from unemployed become excessive under this scheme, a scheme of working alternate weeks will be introduced.

A programme of ward works was subsequently agreed upon in a recommendation from the engineer, among them being the surfacing of Roderick street, Audley street, and the grading of Sinclair street, from Cadboro Bay road to the foreshore.

The basis of employment was defined in a report from the engineer, D. W. Johnston, and adopted by the council as follows:

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labor, I would recommend that wherever practicable the work be done by piece work. It is obvious that a piece work system could not be applied to all public works, but wherever it is possible to predict, measure and inspect the quantity and quality of labor and materials, without undue expense and too elaborate a system, I consider that by introducing a system of piece work whereby an individual workman will be paid at a specified rate per unit of work, much economy will be effected. It is apparent that an effort will have to be made to devise ways and means to alleviate the distress experienced by a large number of ratepayers and residents in the municipality through lack of employment, but in providing work for the unemployed provision should first be made that full value will be received for the money expended.

"Relief work" where the individual workman is paid by the hour and not by the quantity and standard of work executed, invariably gives poor and extravagant results. The above statement applies more particularly to municipal relief works where a large number of the men employed consider the municipality are in duty bound to provide them with a livelihood, and when such a spirit prevails poor and indifferent results must follow.

"If certain classes of day labor can be carried out by a piece work system, whereby each individual will be paid according to the amount of work completed satisfactorily, it must be admitted that more efficient and economical results will be obtained.

"I would recommend that the work of laying sidewalks be done by piece work, the construction of same being paid for at the rate of 1 1/2 cents per lineal foot the price to include the subgrading for stringers and all labor necessary in laying the sidewalk complete, including crossings. The unit rate of payment as proposed would be uniform on all roads, all necessary clearing and heavy grading being done by the ward prior to sidewalk construction being commenced. The above rate, I consider reasonable as I have known men lay from 200 to 220 lineal feet of four-foot sidewalk per eight-hour day.

"Laying sidewalks by this system will be similar to letting small contracts, the wages paid to each individual depending entirely on the amount of work completed satisfactorily.

"It is obvious that by carrying out works such as sidewalks by piece work that more conscientious labor will be obtained, less supervision will be required and all favoritism, save that due to demonstrated efficiency, will be eliminated."

Gift for Belgians.—The citizens of Fort Steele, B. C., have forwarded through the Hon. Dr. Young, minister of education, the sum of \$50 to W. S. Terry, honorary secretary of the Belgian Relief fund. The central committee has, through H. Prud'homme, acknowledged the receipt of \$1,500 which was sent from Victoria recently to assist in purchasing provisions for the ship-load of food, etc., which is being sent to Belgium within the next few days.

Hold Annual Banquet.—The Centennial Boys' club will hold their thirty annual banquet on Friday evening at 6.30. After going over their routine the boys will be addressed by several boy speakers.

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A Final Clean-Up in the Whitewear Section, With the Prices to Be

Values to \$2.50 for 50c

In this lot are Corset Covers, Combinations, Underskirts, Drawers and Gowns; trimmed with lace, insertion and embroidery. Fine materials of cotton, nainsook and long-cloth. Values to \$2.50 for

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LOT 1

Veilings to Clear, Regular to \$2.00 Yard at 10c

Veilings in colors green, blue, brown, white and pink. Fancy and plain mesh. Regular to \$2.00 at

10c

LOT 2

Corsets and Brassieres at 25c

All that's left of them. Regular to \$2.50, to clear at

25c

Crepe Dressing Sacques to \$2.75 at 50c

Crepe Dressing Sacques, in colors blue, pink, grey and mauve; fitted and loose styles. Values to \$2.75 at

50c

Feather Ruffs, Regular to \$7.50, at 90c

A Few Dainty Feather Ruffs, in colors Paddy, cerise, brown, gold, orange, etc. Values to \$7.50 for

90c

Out Go These Beautiful Flowers, Regular to \$3.50, at

A large variety of flowers in silks, linen and velvets, including roses, lilies, lilac, foliage and wreaths, etc. Values to \$3.50, at

10c

All Neckwear Priced to 75c to Clear at 5c

Neckwear comprising linen collars, fancy Muslim Collars, Bows, Collar and Cuffs, etc. Values to 75c at

5c

Velvet Ribbons to Clear at 25c

Velvet Ribbon, in colors black, cerise, orange, green, brown and grey; all silk and satin backed. Values to \$2.00 at

25c

Long Silk Gloves, Regular to \$1.75

Ladies' Long Silk Gloves, including shades of black, tan, sky, pink, Nile, mauve and brown. Values to \$1.75 at

50c

LOT 1

Children's Summer Underwear, 15c

Children's Underwear, in Summer weight; Combinations, Vests and Drawers. Values to 65c at

15c

LOT 2

Children's Cashmere Hose, 5 for \$1.00

Children's Hose, in colors tan, black and white. Regular to 35c, 5 pairs for

\$1.00

Ladies' Underwear Greatly Underpriced for Quick Clean-Up

Combinations, Drawers and Vests to Clear at 50c

Ladies' Cotton and Silk Lisle Combinations. Short and long sleeves, lace trimmed. Values to \$1.50, at

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All sizes Ladies' Summer Knit Vest and Drawers. Values to 50c, at

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50c

LOT 2—Values to \$1.50, at 5c

Millinery, Braids, Rushing, Trimmings, Cords, Etc., in black, white and a few colors. Regular to \$1.50 at

5c

Final Clearance of Waists at 90c

Ladies' White Wash Waists, in fancy and plain styles. Materials lawn, pique and striped crepe. Values to \$2.75 at

90c

LOT 1

Silk Dressing Sacques

In colors sky, mauve, pink, orange and grey. Regular to \$2.50 at

\$1.95

LOT 2—Sale of House Dresses at 90c

In gingham, stripe percale, prints and chambrays. Values to \$2.50 at

90c

Sensational Reductions in the Hosiery Department

Ladies' Silk Hose to \$3.50, at 50c

Ladies' Silk Hose in tan, helio, navy, cardinal, lemon, Nile, sky, and a few black. Values to \$3.50, at

50c

Lisle and Cashmere to 75c Pair, at 25c

Ladies' Cashmere, Lisle and Silk Hose, colors black, tan and white. Values to 75c, at

25c

Eiderdown Kimonos at \$2.95

3-Only, White Eiderdown Kimonos, trimmed with silk collar and buttons, and finished with cord; slightly soiled. Regular values to \$22.50, now

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Children's Underwear, Regular to \$1.50, at 25c

Children's Underwear, Combinations, Drawers and Vests, in mixtures, wool and silk. Values to \$1.50 at

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LOT 1—1 Only, Evening Dress, Regular \$45.00, at \$3.95

In pale blue and pink chiffon, trimmed with daisies, and shirred chiffon; slightly soiled. Regular \$45.00 at

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LOT 2—Also 2 Chiffon Over Dresses, Regular \$25.00

In navy and black chiffon, worked with gold braid and beads; very slightly soiled. Regular \$25.00 at

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Striking Reductions to Clean Up All Ladies' Handkerchiefs

Values to 35c, at 5c

Handkerchiefs in plain lawn, linen and initials; also fancy bordered styles, and a few lace edges. Values to 35c at

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Values to \$1.00 at 3 for 25c

Handkerchiefs in fine pure linen; some hand embroidered, others plain. Also a few fine lace edging. Regular to \$1.00, at 3 for

25c

Sale of Rainproof Tulle for Hat and Table Decoration, 10c

In colors sky, cerise, champagne, brown, tan, grey, rose, green, etc. Regular 50c at, yard

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A large variety of Flowers, in Rosebuds, small French Bouquets, Single Flowers, Foliage, etc. Values to \$1.50 at

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